



MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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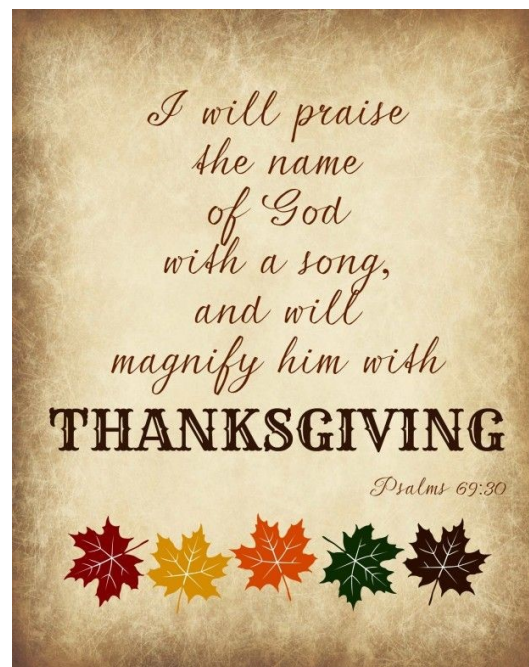
The Norman Chapter of Parents Helping Parents will meet on Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 PM at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, located at 901 North Porter in Norman.

Memorial Presbyterian Church accepts **online donations** through a partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation, via the Presbyterian Mission Exchange. Look for the



The Urban Mission item of the month for November is **Pasta**. Please place your donation in the box by the church information table.

Following worship next Sunday, November 5, you are invited to a brief **remembrance service** at our columbarium. Information about inurnment will be available at that time.



"Give Now" button on our website, www.memorialpres.org, or scan the QR code here. Recurring or one-time donations may be made by credit/debit card or by direct transfer from your bank account (EFT). We will continue to accept cash and checks as well.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

How do you refuel? Or prepare for a coming event?

Many of you know I was able to participate in a clergy retreat last week. It was a great time to get away from my regular routine, connect to colleagues (and even meet a few new ones) and to hear from an engaging leader who challenged and comforted us.

Some vacations are restful; others are adventurous. A vacation can be a time to refuel as well. Though some vacations end up being a lot of effort and work, even those can be regenerative. Maybe its flexing some "muscles" that are rarely used. Maybe it's looking at the world in a new way. Perhaps it is connecting to friends or family in a different way.

I am a big fan of changing up a routine, not just for change's sake, but to use the opportunity to look at things in a different light.

We have an opportunity to look at Advent in a different way this year. That's right, I'm already talking about Advent! For so many of us, Advent has become simply a time of stress and worry as we take on the challenge of having the best Christmas ever, or carrying on some tradition from the past, or maybe it is stressful because of a life event (holidays can be dreaded by those who are grieving or going through a crisis). In the midst of anxiety and worry, we are given hope through promise of the One who is to come. Advent is just such a time for our preparation for the coming of the Christ child into our midst.

I would like you to consider attending a retreat on **Saturday, December 2**. It is my hope that this will be an opportunity to look at Advent in a different way. We have invited Rev. Carol Waters to lead an Advent retreat, entitled "Finding our Way Home: An Advent Exploration of Exile and Return." I attended a day retreat with Carol last summer and came away renewed, delighted and determined. I was so enthused that on my way out the door, I asked Carol to lead an Advent retreat for us!

The retreat will be at the church, from 9:00 to 3:00. There will be time spent in the group being led by Carol, some time alone for reflection, prayer and journaling, and time for looking forward. Food and refreshments will be provided. What a wonderful gift as we enter into the season of expectation and hope!

This is open to the public, and I hope you will invite a friend to attend. There will be a registration fee, though this can be waived if needed. You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks, and please come to me with any questions!

Grace and peace,

Tracy

Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, Oct 17 at 7PM at the church. All of the committees of session are currently working on their 2018 budget requests. The stewardship drive will kick off in early November. There were no special actions taken at this meeting. The next meeting of session will be Tuesday, November 14 at 7PM.

Joan Cole

Clerk of Session

It's that time when we start planning for next year. What does this mean? Every year at Memorial the budget process starts out with two activities. First, the Stewardship Committee visits individual committees to discuss their existing budget and anticipated needs for 2018. Second, in early November pledge packets are passed out to our members so they can consider and commit to a 2018 pledge. These pieces of information will be used to construct the 2018 budget. We ask that you give prayerful consideration to what your financial gift to the church will be in 2018. If we work together we will be able to continue supporting our wonderful church and the many activities with which we serve our community.

Thank you,

John Beck

Stewardship Update			
October 1 to October 31, 2017			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2017 Budget
Pledges	\$141,523.29	\$129,166.60	\$155,000.00
Other Income	\$8,868.09	\$9,166.60	\$11,000.00
Total Income	\$150,391.38	\$138,333.20	\$166,000.00
Total Expenses	\$149,061.78	\$157,932.70	\$189,521.00

BEHIND THE SCENES

Did you ever miss a worship service?

Maybe you were ill or out of town, or perhaps you had family visiting. Or maybe you were so moved by the message, you wanted to share it with friends or family or just hear it again. Whatever the reason, did you know you can still hear the message, or the worship service in its entirety? If you go to www.memorialpres.org, you will find the last five services posted by our very own Doug Forsyth, another faithful member working behind the scenes. Thanks be to God!



Finding Our Way Home: An Advent Exploration of Exile and Return

Memorial Presbyterian Church
Saturday, December 2, 2017
9:00am-3:00pm

Through journaling, prayer, discussion, art and worship, this retreat will explore our own exiles and how to return to that settled place our hearts long for during the season of Advent.

Leader Carol Waters is pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Clinton and First Presbyterian Church, Elk City. She is a spiritual director and enjoys leading spiritual retreats. She and her husband Mark Wesner live in Cordell and have both been active in the work of the presbytery.

November Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Tim Thiessen

November 5

Ushers: Bruce and JoBeth Bailey

Communion Servers: Joan Cole, Jessica and Will Farris, and Kirk Forthman

Coffee: Breanna Upton & Linda Eckel

Sound Booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: Jim Rodriguez

November 12

Ushers: Karen and Paul Upton

Coffee: Joan Thrailkill

Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Loreen Upton

November 19

Ushers: Lucy Lanning and Charlotte Lovett

Coffee: Holly Van Auken & Esau Jangha

Sound Booth: Karen Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Melissa Gill

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Trudy Beard

November 26

Ushers: Tim and Jona Thiessen

Coffee: Ann Forsyth & Eileen Burke

Sound Booth: Will Farris

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard / Karen Girdner

Lock-up: Mike & Joan Cole

Memorial Presbyterian Church volunteers will once again be ringing the **Salvation Army Red Bucket** campaign bell. Memorial volunteers are scheduled to ring the bell on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at the Dillard's (Sooner Mall) east entrance location. There are various one-hour volunteer ringer slots from 10 a.m. through 7 p.m., on that Tuesday. A sign-up sheet is being circulated on Sundays. Consider ringing the bells with a friend *(so you can have someone to talk to between the ringings)*.

If you can't find the Bell Ringers' sign-up sheet, please call Paul Phelps at 405-310-3198 to get signed up. Thanks!



Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 5, 2017. Don't forget to turn your clock back an hour!



Mark your calendar! On November 12, we will have a Thanksgiving potluck following worship.



CROP Walk 2017



MY THANKSGIVING TOP TEN LIST

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P R R M P L R X U B Y N
S D E V B P Z F W S Z M
Y K D H O S A T Y R E U
H W O X C M W R S B R J
E S O P I A T O E R Y X
A E F L S N E L D N X Y
L H Y F U Q G T S S T B
T T L O F R I E N D S S
H O C U O H P G T G I M
C L J Z A Z E N W B I U
Y C L V X G U Z Z J J S

JESUS
PARENTS
FAMILY
FRIENDS
TEACHERS
COUNTRY
HEALTH
CLOTHES
FOOD
HOUSE

Sermons4Kids.com

Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Gene Bergstresser
 Lola Carroll
 Sandy Clarke
 Janice Crump
 Doug Forsyth
 Tamara Iske
 Alice Lanning
 Jayelle Martin
 Harry Wright
 Gerry Harner (Joan Cole's mother)
 Denise Jones (Jayelle Martin's daughter)
 Jan Ferguson (friend of Georjana Mauldin)

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Family of Johannes Feh Tasem, uncle of
 Gladys Jangha, who died October 10
 The Family of Cynthia Robb who passed
 away on September 29

Joys

Seminary Student

Samuel McCann, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary

We lift up in prayer the country of Came-
 roon and pray for the unrest our brothers
 and sisters are experiencing there.

In an effort to stay apprised of our on-
 going prayer concerns, prayer requests of
 those outside the MPC family will stay on
 the concerns list for one month. Please let
 the office know if there is a need to be
 listed longer.




November Birthdays

4	Justus Rambur
7	Vince Leseney Jerel Williams
8	Charles Baker
9	Abigail Jangha
10	Jennifer Eckel
13	Lorraine Annoh
15	David Wilson
16	Sandy Clarke
17	Gladys Jangha
18	Lola Carroll Jan Cunningham Garlett Leann Williams
23	Alice Lanning Ben Jangha
25	Josh Hudson

November Anniversaries

3	Tim & Georjana Mauldin
27	Jim & Linda Rodriguez

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3:00 p.m. Kids' Club 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir	2	3	4
5 	6 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	7	8 3:00 p.m. Kids' Club 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	9	10	11 Veterans Day 
12 12:00 P.M. Potluck dinner 1:00 P.M. Worship Committee Meeting	13 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	14 6:00 P.M. Mission and Evangelism meeting 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting	15 3:00 p.m. Kids' Club 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	16	17	18
19 12:00 P.M. Deacons Meeting 5:30 P.M. Stewardship Meeting	20 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day  Office Closed	24 Office Closed	25
26	27 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	28	29 3:00 p.m. Kids' Club 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	30		