



MEMORIAL MESSENGER

Latest News

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The Food & Shelter item of the month for November is **canned meals** like Ravioli, SpaghettiOs, Beef Stew, Chili, Soups. Please place your donation in the box by the church information table.



The Norman Chapter of Parents Helping Parents will meet on Thursday, November 8th 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



"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,

I am so impressed and excited about what we do here at Memorial!

If you have never been here on a time other than Sunday, you may not have seen all that happens in our building. It is a well-used place. We have 12-step groups (12 meetings each week), Boy Scout groups, Project Outreach which serves autistic children and families, we are a polling location, the League of Women Voters, and of course our new relationship with First Congregational Church. And there are more groups that use the building just occasionally.

All this goes beyond what we do as a congregation, which, if you were paying attention in October, is a LOT of activity for a congregation our size.

Our building is reaching out on our behalf! What a great witness that we have open doors that welcome others in the name of Jesus Christ.

And as you might guess, all this activity takes a toll on the structure. We rely on volunteers where possible, but we regularly call a plumber, electrician or other expert to assist us with care for this building. We work hard to care for this gift of a building we have inherited, and we pray that we are using it wisely.

You will be receiving materials soon for our pledge drive. Each year we ask you to consider prayerfully your support of Memorial Presbyterian Church and its mission. A pledge gives us an idea of what funds we will have to carry out our work as a congregation. The building is a big part of that work.

We call this stewardship. We are stewards of what we have been given by God. Good stewardship calls us to give thanks to God for all we have been given and recognize that God entrusts us with the care of those gifts. We are given time, talents and physical gifts, which include finances. We are called as Christians to return a portion of that to God, which shows our devotion and love for God.

I challenge you to make a pledge this year. Look at your anticipated income and take a percentage of that. If you have never done this, start with just 1%. Make a commitment to give that each week or month, then plan on growing that each year. Traditionally, 10% is considered a tithe to the church. It is what I give to Memorial, and I am grateful to be able to support the good ministry—including caring for the building—which takes place here.

Grace and peace to each of you,

Tracy

Clerk's Corner

Session meet on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 7PM and approved the following actions:

- (1) With the company's termination of the accounting software our church was using, a new product had to be found. With the help of Julie Forthman, Stewardship Committee recommended our church purchase the on-line version of Quickbooks. Session approved this purchase.
- (2) Session approved the Permanent Endowment Fund Committee recommendation to offer honorariums to the hunger panel participants.
- (3) Our church has allowed an outside group (Clay Polymer group) to use our facility for a 3-day workshop for the past several years. After review of our expenses, Session approved increasing the amount we charge this group from \$475 to \$600

Respectfully,

Joan Cole

Clerk of Session



Stewardship Update			
October 1 to October 31, 2018			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2018 Budget
Pledges	\$141,016.68	\$131,250.00	\$157,000.00
Other Income	\$5,844.07	\$4999.9	\$6,000.00
Total Income	\$146,860.75	\$136,249.90	\$163,500.00
Total Expenses	\$152,916.06	\$154,899.50	\$185,881.00

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

No. It is not Thanksgiving yet, but the time for giving thanks is now.

What a wonderful celebration Memorial had for World Communion! So many friends coming together for a worship service! Thanks go out to Lucy Lanning for her time, energy and heart in the planning of the service. Thanks to the several families who brought the water pitchers from north, south, east and west-- Tamara, Linda Eckel, Bella and Odette, the Phelps, and the Tita-Jangha family; to John Beck, Doug Forsyth, Grace Tamukong, and Rev. Evans for reading; and to organist Solena Rizatto for playing the viola during the interlude. Thanks also go to Nick Lindley, Bre Upton, Eileen Burke, Grace, Bella and Lucy for bringing the communion elements forward.

Thanks to the children's choir for praising God so joyously on October 21! Scripture says to "make a joyful noise to the Lord" and they did!

And thanks go to Lisa Coker, in the office, for putting together the bulletins and the inserts; to all the acolytes, ushers, head ushers, nursery attendants, sound managers, and communion servers and preparers; and to the Chancel Choir, Vince, Solena and Tracy for all you do Sunday after Sunday.

On November 4 Memorial will celebrate All Saints Day, both in worship (planned by Joan Cole), and in the service of remembrance at the columbarium. Thanks be to God for the saints among us and those who have gone ahead!

HUNGER PANEL on OCTOBER 14th

MPC and our sister church FCC sponsored a well-received panel on hunger in Norman. Michael Yeager made a super video of the entire program and it is available at: <https://youtu.be/8kMFZGI1qcM>

for those of you who weren't able to attend but are interested in the topic. Much information was given about programs that help the hungry in Norman, and how we can help them.

A follow-up from that panel: Katie Fitzgerald from the Regional Food Bank told us about a recent rule change proposed by the Department of Homeland Security. This rule change would have adverse impacts on legal immigrants by expanding the list of programs those people receive that would disqualify them from receipt of a green card, to include SNAP (food stamps). Please consider making a comment during the 60-day public comment period for this proposed rule change.
protectokfamilies.org

CROP WALK on OCTOBER 21st

Our kids were honored this year to carry the CROP WALK banner at the front of the Walk! They were awesome as you probably saw on the front page of the Norman Transcript.

Thank you for the wonderful support from our congregation for this annual fundraiser. We have raised almost \$500 and it is not too late.

You can still contribute through a check made payable to C.W.S. CROP WALK or by going online to: Cleveland County-Norman CROP Hunger Walk - Donate

Click on Donate to a Team and enter: Memorial Presbyterian Church
THANKS!!!!

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 4, 2018, 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. Soon there will be a sign-up sheet being circulated on Sundays.

Consider ringing the bell with a friend (*so you can have someone to talk to between the ringing*).

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



Nov 4, 2018 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

**Sunday, November 4, 2018, 2:00:00 AM clocks are turned backward 1 hour to
Sunday, November 4, 2018, 1:00:00 AM**



World Communion 2018



Hunger Panel



CROP Walk





IMAGINE

Moving Into the Neighborhood

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.

John 1:14 The Message

November 2-3, 2018 at FPC/Norman, OK

Event begins at 5pm on Friday and concludes at 2:30pm on Saturday



Keynote Speaker: Rev, Larissa Kwong Abazia

We are excited to announce that the Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia will be the keynote speaker for the event. Larissa is a teaching elder and is the Vice Moderator of the 221st General Assembly (2014-2016). Much of her time as Vice Moderator has had Larissa traveling across the denomination to inspire, teach, preach, and listen to the diversity of stories represented in the pews.

A gathering around common mission of all kinds to share, connect with and learn from one another.

Discover mission that is happening in our congregations and presbyteries; share visions of congregation and presbytery mission; generate excitement for mission and enthusiasm for mission connections; experience the breadth of mission within the synod.

All are welcome!

Registration: \$75 per person
(Includes Friday dinner & Saturday lunch)

Deadline for registration is Oct. 10

Reduced hotel rate for event participants (see registration for information).

Synod pays room and board for up to six persons from each Presbytery. Contact your Presbytery for information.

Register HERE:

<http://www.synodsun.org/imagine>

Focus Groups

Moving from "Monastery" to Community Center

Public Worship

Ecumenical Partnerships

Purple People Server: Moving Beyond Divisions and Being Jesus

Internet Neighborhood

Disaster Assistance

Campus/College Town Ministries

Sending the Church Out

Ministering to the Homeless in your Neighborhood.

November Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Carl Forthman

November 4

Ushers: Loreen Upton and Breanna Upton

Communion Servers: Ann Fayles, Eileen Burke, Joan and Mike Cole

Coffee: Lisa Upton and Ann Fayles

Sound Booth: Will Farris

Acolyte Assistant: Melissa Gill

Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint

Lock-up: Doug Forsyth

November 11

Ushers: Mike and Karen Girdner

Coffee: Linda Eckel

Sound Booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Mike Girdner

November 18

Ushers: Ross Robinson and Tim Thiessen

Coffee: Ann Forsyth and Eileen Burke

Sound Booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: John Beck

November 25

Ushers: Bruce and Jo Beth Bailey

Coffee: Grace Tamukong and Holly Van Auken

Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Harry Wright

The Greatest Commandment

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



One of the teachers of the _____ came and heard them debating. Noticing that _____ had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the _____, which is the most _____?"

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. _____ the Lord your God with all your _____ and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your _____. ' The second is this: 'Love your _____ as _____. ' There is no commandment _____ than these."

commandments	heart	Jesus	Love	strength
greater	important	law	neighbor	yourself

Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
 Sandy Clarke
 Jim Eckel
 Laura Eckel
 Doug Forsyth
 Loreen Upton
 Harry Wright
 Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)
 Jan Ferguson (friend of Georjana Mauldin)
 Wilhemina Ngunyah
 Alice Lanning

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Joys

Seminary Student

Samuel McCann, Pittsburgh Theo. Seminary

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

In an effort to stay apprised of our ongoing 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 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1

2

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4

4:00 p.m. UCC
Worship Service

5

7:00 P.M. Boy
Scouts

6



7

3:00 p.m. Kids'
Club
5:00 p.m.
Children's Choir
6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir

8

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11

4:00 p.m. UCC
Worship Service



12

6:00 P.M.
Worship
Committee
Meeting
7:00 P.M. Boy
Scouts

13

6:00 p.m Mission
& Evangelism
Meeting

14

3:00 p.m. Kids'
Club
5:00 p.m.
Children's Choir
6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir

15

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18

12:00 p.m.
Deacons
5:30 p.m.
Stewardship
4:00 p.m. UCC
Worship Service

19

7:00 P.M. Boy
Scouts

20

7:00 p.m Session
Meeting

21

3:00 p.m. Kids'
Club
5:00 p.m.
Children's Choir
6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir

22



23

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25

4:00 p.m. UCC
Worship Service

26

7:00 P.M. Boy
Scouts

27

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3:00 p.m. Kids'
Club
5:00 p.m.
Children's Choir
6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir

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