



MEMORIAL MESSENGER

Latest News

The Food & Shelter item of the month for November is **blankets, sweatshirts and gloves**. Please place your donation in the box by the church information table.

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Community News

The Norman Chapter of Parents Helping Parents will meet on Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 PM at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, located at 901 North Porter in Norman.

*the Lord for His unfailing
love and His wonderful
deeds for mankind, for He
satisfies the thirsty and
fills the hungry with
good things.*

PSALM 107:8-9

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

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Dear Friends,

I was in a store this week and I heard Christmas music playing overhead. I have grown accustomed to seeing all the decorations popping up in stores long before I'm ready. But there was something about hearing a Christmas song being played in October that made me pause.

It doesn't really offend me when retailers move early into their biggest selling days. I understand the need to make quarterly sales projections and business plans. We live in a capitalist society and it is the price (!) we pay.

But it is something different when we try to rush our own seasons. We have seasons of our lives that we need to live into. Too often we believe that if we just "get through X" or "wait until next week" or "when I have a new (job/car/relationship)" things will be better. But only looking ahead and not living the current season takes away the opportunity for growth in our lives. Every season has something to teach us. Even the worst days of our lives—painful though they may be—can bring insight and a deeper sense of God's presence. God seeks out those who need God most, and finds them most often in the depths.

Not long ago I was fortunate to go on a retreat where I learned, played and rested. This time allowed me to reflect on this particular season of my life, especially as it relates to care for my loved ones. I recognized my need to appreciate the time/season I am in and learn from it. It has its own value, beyond just something I wish would go away.

There is a short prayer that I would like to share with you as you go through your seasons:

Christ of Compassion – lead me on this journey.

Living God of Love – draw me near to your heart.

Gentle, Holy Spirit—comfort me, sustain me.

May you find blessings on your journey,

Tracy

Clerk's Corner

The session of Memorial Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7PM. The following actions were taken:

- (1) Session approved the request from the Mission and Evangelism Committee to have 25% of the Peace and Global Witness Offering go to the Women's Resource Center in Norman.
- (2) Larry Upton volunteered to be the elder representative on the Presbytery Coordinating Council. We are so blessed to have elders willing to serve the "larger church." Thank you Larry!

The next meeting of session will be November 19, 2019.

Respectfully,

Joan Cole

Clerk of Session

Stewardship Update			
As of September 30th.			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2019 Budget
Pledges	\$127,350.19	\$113,249.97	\$151,000.00
Other Income	\$18,245.36	\$9,000	\$12,000.00
Total Income	\$145,595.55	\$122,249.97	\$163,000.00
Total Expenses	\$136,688.11	\$148,049.82	\$197,400.00

There will be an All Saints Day service on November 3. You are invited to a brief **remembrance service** at our columbarium following worship. Information about inurnment will be available at that time.



This weekend November 4th at 2:00am is **Daylight Savings** Time. Be sure to set your clock back one hour on Saturday!

Our Thanksgiving Potluck will be Sunday November 17th after worship. Keep an eye out for a sign-up sheet in the hallway soon.



The Worship and Music committee joyfully invite you to assist in preparing the sanctuary for the Christmas season.

Joan Cole and Vince Leseney will be "directing the decorating" at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, November 29. All are welcome!



The carpet in the Parlor room has just been replaced thanks to the Norman Overeaters Anonymous group that meets on Saturday mornings. They generously donated the funds.



Reminder there is **no Kid's Club** on November 27th for Thanksgiving Break.



USHERS AND COMMUNION SERVERS

It is time to begin thinking about 2020. The new schedule will be put together with the 2019 ushers and communion servers. If you are currently on the list but need to withdraw your name, please let Charlotte know by Thanksgiving (360-9832).

If you have not been asked to usher or serve communion but would like to, please contact Charlotte (360-9832) by Thanksgiving. Remember that only ordained elders and deacons can serve communion (but you do not have to be currently on session or the deacon board) and **any** volunteer can usher. Maybe some of our youth would like to usher.

And as we turn to 2020, thank you for what you do for Memorial and to the glory of God!

M.Y GROUP NEWS
NOVEMBER 2019



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12, here is our meeting schedule for November. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. You are always welcome to bring a friend (or two). All meeting times are from noon-2PM unless otherwise stated.

NOVEMBER 24 – Prepare to eat, play and find your artistic side

If you have any questions call or text me: (405) 830-8389).

Joan Cole

Indian Nations Presbytery
October 11, 2019
Trinity Presbyterian Church, OKC

Pastor Richard Mize welcomed us to newly approved *historic* Trinity Presbyterian Church, now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. "Trinity was the first congregation of any denomination in Oklahoma City, if not the state, to formally integrate—in 1960. It came with the merger of all-black Bethany Presbyterian, formed in 1904, and all-white Creston Hills Presbyterian, which started in 1945."

It is with joy that I bring you news of a transitioning presbytery—a presbytery connecting, sharing, guiding. We had a worshipful meeting, led by our moderator Bobbie Heimbach, Stated Clerk Tracy Evans, and the members and minister at Trinity. There was no bickering or animosity as in meetings of the past. Business was conducted with respect.

I am posting my packet on the bulletin board in the hall for anyone wishing to see a more complete picture.

Think about attending the "Healthy Pastors Make Healthy Congregations" Workshop presented by Stephen McCutchan on Thursday, January 23, 2020. The afternoon session "will be addressed to pastors, along with members of congregations (especially sessions) and members of presbytery, which will focus on working together to create a two year plan designed to help pastors grow in their spiritual, physical, emotional, vocational and financial health."

The venue and cost have yet to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Lovett, Commissioner

Below is a celebration of my kidney transplant from one year ago today. Thanks for your help in funding my transplant and praying for me. My husband and I belonged to Memorial from 1977 to 2000. Our son grew up in that church. Memorial and its members hold a special place in our hearts.

ONE YEAR AFTER MY KIDNEY TRANSPLANT

October 29, 2018 to October 29, 2019



Randy Arrington, Donor

Solloway, Recipient

Hiking in the mountains



Elise

Hiking at Boiling Springs

One year ago today . . . God blessed me beyond measure!

God sent Randy Arrington, my former Woodward High School classmate, to give me one of his healthy kidneys. We were a perfect match!

Randy's healthy kidney replaced the function of my two kidneys damaged by advanced Polycystic Kidney Disease. This selfless and generous gift from Randy, kept me from starting dialysis, and improved my quality of life.

365 days later, Randy and I are both healthy and doing well!

I appreciate everyone's prayers, words of encouragement, cards/calls/visits, and transportation both before and since my transplant. Many thanks, too, for the donations to my transplant fund managed by the National Foundation for Transplants (NFT).

The donations to NFT were utilized the first year after my transplant for medical expenses not covered by my health insurance policy. These funds will also be available for the upcoming year's post-transplant expenses not covered by my health insurance.

I am thankful! I am blessed!

Elise Solloway
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Here is a letter from the Dwight Mission Board of Directors. This is a time of transition for Dwight Mission. Please read the letter and feel free to share the information.

Siblings in Christ,

As many of you have heard, this is a time of transition at Dwight Mission. People have reached out to find out more information and to offer help, so the Board of Directors wishes to catch you up on the current situation and what may be in the future.

First, let us make something very clear. Dwight Mission is not closed and is not currently in the process of shutting down. Our intent is to host all activities and groups planned for the remainder of 2019. We have heard some reports of people sharing news of closure, and want you all to know with certainty that this is not currently the case. We are open. If you have plans to attend an event at Dwight Mission in 2019, please come and invite friends to join you.

With that said, Dwight Mission is struggling to sustain ministry long term. For many years now, Dwight has run at a considerable loss. This was made possible primarily by financial assets from the past. That safety net of reserve funds has diminished greatly and is nearly exhausted. This means that if the ministry of Dwight Mission is to continue, significant changes must occur immediately.

The Board of Directors, recognizing our need for help in sorting this all out, has appointed a commission of highly talented and committed individuals to assess the situation and consider the immediate and long term solutions. These people bring financial, legal, and executive experience to the table along with a love for Dwight Mission's ministry and mission. This commission also includes leadership from the three Oklahoma presbyteries, as they are vital stakeholders in Dwight both as a site and ministry. The commission will come up with recommendations to the Board of Directors who will then determine the best course forward.

So, what do you need to know going forward? First, if you would like to host or attend a retreat at Dwight Mission in 2019, please do it! The more people come to camp, the more sustainable the ministry becomes. If you are interested, please call Director of Operations Richie Withycombe at (918)775-2018 and book your event. Please also note that Dr. Rob Duncan is no longer serving on staff and has retired in Florida. What happens after 2019? That is something we do not know at this time. The commission will be looking at a number of possibilities to sustain operations into the future, but we are not able to say what those possibilities might be at this time. The work on that question continues and your prayers are sincerely appreciated.

If you have questions, please contact the Dwight Mission Board of Directors at dwrightmissionboard@gmail.com.

In Christ,
Dwight Mission Board of Directors

November Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Larry Upton

November 3

Ushers: Mike & Joan Cole

Communion Servers: Nick Lindley, Larry Upton, Trudy Beard and Linda Eckel

Coffee: Mike Cole & Trudy Beard

Sound Booth: Mike Cole

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Doug Forsyth

November 10

Ushers: Carl & Julie Forthman

Coffee: Lisa Upton & Ann Fayles

Sound Booth: Will Farris

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard & Karen Girdner

Lock-up: Mike & Joan Cole

November 17

Ushers: Anne & Gilbert Doh

Coffee: Gladys Jangha and Linda Eckel

Sound Booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint

Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

November 24

Ushers: Trudy Beard & Ann Fayles

Coffee: Ann Forsyth & Eileen Burke

Sound Booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Melissa Gill

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Doug Forsyth

Giving Thanks

Decoder

Giving Thanks

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the
correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



B	Y	O	I	V	W	A	E	Z	F	Q	K	H	M	J	G	S	N	X	L	C	U	R	T	D	P
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

1. 17-13-3-22-24 _____
2. 20-3-23-25 _____
3. 8-7-23-24-13 _____
4. 6-3-23-17-13-4-26 _____
5. 16-20-7-25-18-8-17-17 _____
6. 24-13-7-18-12-17 _____
7. 16-3-3-25 _____
8. 20-3-5-8 _____

LORD WORSHIP	GOOD THANKS	EARTH LOVE	GLADNESS SHOUT
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Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
 Sandy Clarke
 Jan Cunningham
 Laura Eckel
 Doug Forsyth
 Blair Lanning
 Judd Lanning
 Jayelle Martin
 Gary Thraillkill
 Jona Thiessen
 Devyn Upton
 Karen Upton
 Janann Yeager
 Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)
 Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's biological father)
 Carole Jo Evans (Tracy Evans' mother)
 Jim Leseney

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Linda Eckel and family whose husband Jim Eckel died October 31.
 John Beck whose mother Mary Jean died on August 19.

Inquirer for Ministry

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 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 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	4 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	5	6 3:00 p.m. Kids Club 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel	7	8	9
10 10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	11 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee meeting 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	12 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting	13 3:00 p.m. Kids Club 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	14	15	16 1:00 p.m. Project Outreach
17 10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service 12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Potluck 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Stewardship	18 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	19	20 3:00 p.m. Kids Club 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	21	22	23
24 10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	25 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	26	27 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	28  Thanksgiving Day	29 10:30 a.m. Decorate the Sanctuary	30