

Memorial Messenger

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October 2015



Latest News

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

The **Mission and Evangelism** Committee is launching its Fall project. We have discerned a need for clothing for many elementary school-age children as winter approaches. If you can help, please purchase pairs of blue jeans, sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, or 14 (all regulars). More information will be forthcoming. Any questions may be referred to committee members: Kirk Forthman, Jan Johnson, Doris Hinson, Dave Iske, Eileen Burke, or Erica Phelps.

World Communion Sunday will be October 4th and the Worship & Music committee has planned a great service. You are invited to wear clothing from a country or area that is meaningful to you. We will take up the Peace & Global Witness Offering on this date as well. This offering supports a range of ministries devoted to peacemaking and reconciliation. This includes bearing witness in communities of conflict around the world, hosting education programs to raise awareness, driving local peacemaking efforts, offering catalyst support to our mission co-workers, and much more. Imagine what a gift it is to those who have been hurt, in both their spirit and their community, to find a lasting peace and resolve conflict in its many forms. When you give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering your true gift is the peace of Christ, for all of God's children. With each gift, we can begin to create a world of peace—together. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize

up to 25% of this Offering to sustain their local peacemaking ministries—MPC will give 25% of our offering to the Women's Resource Center. See page five for a message from Presbyterian Mission Agency.

The World Communion Sunday **Pot Luck Lunch** will be held after worship on Sunday, October 4th. Fellowship & Hospitality, along with our Cameroonian families, will be hosting the pot luck with featured foods from Cameroon. There will be a sign up sheet for desserts and other complimentary dishes. We hope everyone plans to join together for a wonderful meal and fellowship.

Chancel Choir will rehearse on Mondays at 6:30 through October 19. Rehearsal will return to Wednesdays on October 28.

Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. in the front parking lot. There will be a poster presenting opportunities for people to participate in this fun community event. Find the area that you would like to help in, whether it is donating food items for the snack tent, volunteering to assist with the moon bounce or snack tent, or decorating a car trunk and handing out candy. This event is a great way for Memorial to shine a light in our community. Last year we had 13 trunks—let's see if we can top that for this year! Any questions contact Lisa Upton (740-4227) or any Fellowship & Hospitality committee member.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

I was making a payment at an office recently, and the woman taking my money was having some trouble with her computer. She told me they had just upgraded the system and said, "It wasn't broke, but they fixed it."

The only thing constant is change.

And we have change happening in our congregation, don't we? Terry leaving for greener pastures (we really do wish him the best!) means that we will likely have two new people on staff in the near future. They will bring their own gifts and talents and I am certain we will have much to learn from them. And they will learn from us, too. We can look forward to our new Organist/Pianist and our new Administrative Assistant/Financial Secretary joining our family soon, I hope.

Right now, though, we are in the in-between time. It's theological, this in-between time.

Our faith teaches us that we have been given a glimpse of the new heaven and earth, that glorious place that will be our complete union with God. However, we aren't there, yet. We struggle, we know pain and suffering, and wonder what God has in store for us. We don't see the complete picture that God sees. We also know joys in this in-between time. These joys give us brief moments of insight into the true joy of God's presence.

As we journey into fall, take a few moments to observe the in-between, this life you've been given, this place you call home. Note the struggles and the joys that are part of your life and give thanks to God for it all. It's what makes us human, and helps us grow.

Meanwhile, I hope you'll stop by the office and welcome Rebecca Bates who is our interim Administrative Assistant. You may know her as the former Rebecca Cole, daughter of Joan and Mike Cole. I'm looking forward to having her as an office mate!

And if you know anyone who would like to be considered for the permanent position, please have them contact me.

Grace and peace,
Tracy

Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 and took the following actions:

1. Approved a funeral policy for Memorial Presbyterian Church.
2. Approved the following Building & Grounds expenditures:
 - (a) \$500 for tree trimming
 - (b) \$5,345.36 for new carpet in the Parlor, youth room and Sunday School classroom next to the library
 - (c) \$68,000 (maximum amount) for the repair of our parking lot
3. Approved the expenditure of \$336.16 out of the Columbarium Fund for the installation of vinyl tile in the Columbarium
4. Approved the hiring of Emily Ryther as Administrative Assistant on a temporary basis until a permanent replacement can be found.
5. Approved the request from Indian Nations Presbytery for Memorial Presbyterian Church to host the October 7, 2016 Presbytery Meeting at our church.

The next regular meeting of session will be Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Cole
Clerk of Session

Stewardship Update			
January 1 to September 30, 2015			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2015 Budget
Pledges	\$100,301.30	\$112,493.97	\$149,992.00
Other Income	\$18,238.20	\$25,195.41	\$33,594.00
Total Income	\$118,539.50	\$137,689.38	\$183,586.00
Total Expenses	\$136,969.92	\$139,464.00	\$185,954.00

Memorial Presbyterian Church now 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 below. 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.



MY GROUP NEWS

OCTOBER 2015



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12, here is our fall meeting schedule. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. You are always welcome to bring a friend (or two). All meeting times are 5-6:30PM.

OCTOBER 25 – Human Hungry Hippo Game Night

NOVEMBER 8 – Career Information Night

NOVEMBER 22 – Giving Thanks

DECEMBER 6 – Winter Blast

DECEMBER 20 – Christmas Party (and other reindeer games).

If you have any questions call or text me: (405) 830-8389. If you would be willing to provide a meal for our youth, please let me know. All of the above dates are available.

Joan Cole

The Lasting Value in a Gift of Peace

During this Season of Peace, our thoughts turn to the meaning of peace and how, through Christ, we can nurture it inside ourselves and out in the world. Yet, to understand the value of peace, we must also understand the cost of conflict, and the many forms it can take.

Conflict can be individual: 1 in 4 U.S. students reports being bullied at school.

Conflict can be collective: Up to 70% of women experience violence in their lifetimes.

Conflict can be domestic: 1 in 3 women has been the victim of violence at the hands of an intimate partner. 1 in 4 children has been physically abused.

Conflict can be international: Conflict and political violence are on the rise in 48 countries.

Conflict can be historical: Structural racism creates long-term deficits of opportunity.

Conflict can be contemporary: Human trafficking and forced labor affect 3 of every 1,000 people in the world today.

To help address these diverse challenges, the Peace & Global Witness Offering supports a range of ministries devoted to peacemaking and reconciliation. This includes bearing witness in communities of conflict around the world, hosting education programs to raise awareness, driving local peacemaking efforts, offering catalyst support to our mission co-workers, and much more.

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Please give generously:

Through your congregation

Text PEACE to 20222 to give \$10

presbyterianmission.org/give/peace-global

Learn more about issues of conflict:

Bullying: www.stopbullying.gov

Violence against women: www.endviolence.un.org

World conflict: www.visionofhumanity.org

Structural racism: www.boysandmenofcolor.org

Human trafficking: www.unodc.org

October Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Tim Thiessen

October 4

Ushers: Tim and Jona Thiessen

Communion Servers: Harry Wright, Donna Vint, Esau Jangha, Lucy Lanning & Charlotte Lovett

Coffee: Trudy Beard and Charlotte Lovett

Sound Booth: Mike Cole

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Doug Forsyth

October 11

Ushers: Carolyn Montgomery and Harold Conner

Coffee: Jim Rodriguez and Lisa Upton

Sound Booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen

Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: Joe Garlett

October 18

Ushers: Paul and Erica Phelps

Coffee: John Beck and Donna Vint

Sound Booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Mike Girdner

October 25

Ushers: Loreen Upton and Linda Eckel

Coffee: Linda Eckel and Esau Jangha

Sound Booth: Dave Iske

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Mike Cole

Native American Men's Conference

October 30-November 1, 2015

Dwight Mission Camp and Conference Center

Sallisaw, Oklahoma

*.... I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.*

Joel 2:28

Registration fee \$100

Registration deadline October 16, 2015

Registration forms available from Indian Nations Presbytery

(405) 524-0990

info@okinp.org

For more information contact Louis Fife (405) 314-3417

Registration forms also available from the church office or the church information table.



AN INVITATION FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR (PCUSA/UCC), OKLAHOMA CITY
5600 NW 63RD Street, Oklahoma City

BELIEVING Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, the mission of **Solar Under the Sun** is to illuminate our fellow human beings with hope and life through solar energy.

What if you couldn't see to read at school during the dark days of winter?
(And then the lights came on!)

What if you walked 5 miles for just a bit of muddy water for your family's cooking?
(And water could be pumped at the new well across the road!)

What if you had to depend on just the rain to water your fields?
(And the irrigation came on with the flip of a switch!)

COME—FOLLOWING YOUR WORSHIP—**SEE** THE SET-UP IN THE TRAILER AT THE CHURCH
ASK HOW YOU AND YOUR CONGREGATION CAN HELP

Farewell Note from Terry Cast

I would like to express my gratitude to the people of Memorial Presbyterian Church for the opportunity to work with and get to know you over the last eleven years. This church has loved, supported and encouraged me through good times as well as some of the worst times of my life. I will take fond memories of this place with me to Tulsa. Thank you also for the very nice reception on Sunday, Sept. 27th. I wish you all the best.



Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Gene Bergstresser
Lola Carroll
Sandy Clarke
Paula Coffman
Janice Crump
Dave Iske
Vince Leseney
Jayelle Martin
Devyn Upton
Holly Van Auken
Pam Ashley's husband (Pam is Karen Upton's boss)
Cory Beck (John Beck's brother)
Mary Jean Beck (John Beck's mother)
Gail Bender (Jessica Forthman's mother)
Carol Broderon (Karen Upton's cousin)
Britany Clark (Daughter of Paul Upton's co-worker)
Karen Doviak (Jona Thiessen's friend)
Carol Gadd (Ann Forsyth's cousin)
Paul Gallagher (Karen Upton's father)
Emily Hale (Jessica Farris's friend's sister-in-law)
Lee Harlan (Jona Thiessen's uncle)
Deanna Heath (Jessica Farris's co-worker)
Michael Hernandez (Jayelle Martin's second cousin, once removed)
Clark Hollingsworth (son of John Beck's friend Charles Hollingsworth)
Dan Loomis (friend of Bill & Betty Silman)
Tod Luttrell (friend of Doris Hinson)
Andrew Megehee
Savannah Moseley (daughter of Ann Forsyth's cousin)
Kathy Ellison Vanderburg (former classmate of Jona Thiessen)
Keith Vermillion (PE teacher at Jessica Farris' school)

Those who grieve

Nicholine Jangha, whose grandmother passed away
Family of Les Johnston
Family of Jane Garlett (Joe Garlett's sister-in-law)

To receive prayer requests by email,
please contact Jona Thiessen at:
jthiessen2@att.net

October Birthdays

1 Adrien (AJ) Roesel
9 Kevin Eckel
11 Christy Fisher
12 Trudy Beard
Amanda Bliss
13 Joe Garlett
15 Holly McClure
Jimmy Rambur
16 Tracy Evans
Aidyn Pennington
17 Bill Taylor
Dave Iske
18 Tim Thiessen
19 Leilund Autry
22 Erica Phelps
23 Caitlin Stensrud
28 Harry Wright

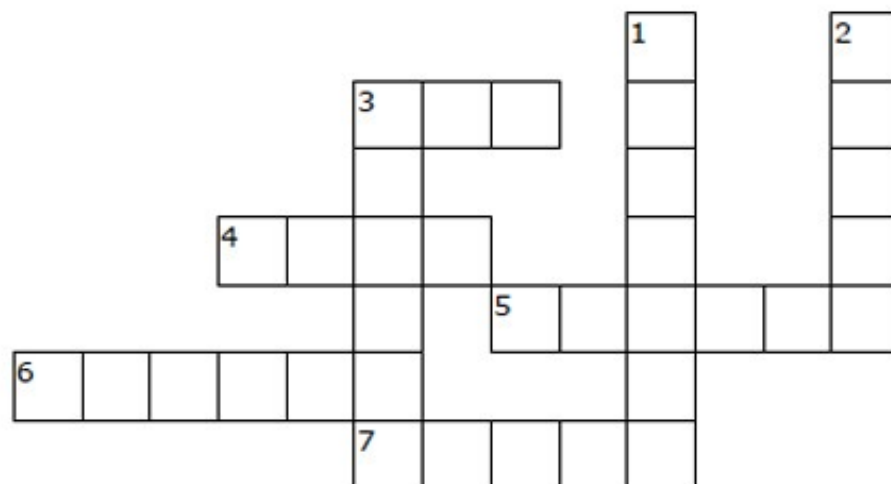
October Anniversaries

10 Mike & Trudy Beard
11 Daniel & Michele Schaub

To Be Like Jesus

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Mark 10:35-45



ACROSS

3. To occupy a chair
4. The direction that is the opposite of right
5. to be in front; to be first
6. A special chair used by a king or queen
7. The direction that is the opposite of left

DOWN

1. A person who works for another person
2. To do something to help someone, often after they ask you to do it
3. To feel physical or mental pain

LEFT	LEADER	SERVANT	FAVOR
RIGHT	SIT	SUFFER	THRONE

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	2	3
4 10:55 A.M. Celebration of the Lord's Supper/ World Communion 12:00 P.M. Traditional Cameroonian Meal	5 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	6 7:00 P.M. Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting	7 6:30 P.M. Worship & Music Meeting	8 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	9	10
11	12 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	13 6:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism Meeting 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Meeting	14 3:00 P.M. Kids' Club 5:00 P.M. Children's Choir	15 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	16	17
18 4:30 P.M. Deacons Meeting 5:30 P.M. Stewardship Meeting	19 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir 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 6:15 P.M. Personnel Committee Meeting	22 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	23	24
25 5:00 P.M. M.Y. Group	26 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	27	28 3:00 P.M. Kids' Club 5:00 P.M. Children's Choir 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	29 10:30 A.M. Bible Study in Library	30	31  6:00-8:00 P.M. Trunk or Treat

SUNDAY REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Fellowship and Refreshments 10:30 A.M.
Worship Service 10:55 A.M.

MIDWEEK REGULAR SCHEDULE

Wednesday: Kids' Club 3:00 P.M.
Children's Choir 5:00 P.M.
Chancel Choir 6:30 P.M.

Thursday: Bible Study 10:30 A.M.