



MEMORIAL MESSENGER

Latest News

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The Urban Mission item of the month for October is **Canned Vegetables (no corn)**. Please place your donation in the box by the church information table.

Speak up for those who
cannot speak for themselves,
for the rights of all
who are destitute.
Speak up and judge fairly;
defend the rights of
the poor and needy.

Proverbs 31:8-9

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



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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,

Why do you come to worship? It's a question I think about often, and I know our Worship Committee does as well.

I have often heard people wonder why they should come to church to worship God, when they feel so close to God when they are in the mountains, at a beautiful lake, or on the golf course. I get that, especially since I just returned from being in the Colorado mountains.

Of course, we can worship God anywhere (and we should!), but we miss something by not being in the community of believers. I usually tell people that God becomes made in our image instead of the other way around when we are in charge. The community helps us understand more fully who God is as we grow as believers.

I recently read an article about this subject that I shared on my Facebook page.* The author raised the question of "Why attend church?" by relating a conversation she had with a student who noted that he could replicate what the church offers through community service projects, book clubs, support groups and the like. Of course, he is right. Much of what the church offers is also found in other places.

But what the church does offer that can't be found elsewhere is a reminder. And we need a reminder because we forget. At least the author and I do. I forget that I am a child of God. "I forget God's epic story of Redemption and Liberation and Renewal and Beauty and Hope."

Did I experience God's profound beauty in God's creation while I was in the midst of the aspen trees' fall colors? You bet I did. But I still need the community of faith gathered as we hear, tell, and experience God's fullness.

I hope you will join me on Sundays as we worship together. And if you want to read the article I referenced, you can find it here: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/tara-woodardlehman/do-you-really-need-church_b_3751147.html?ncid=engmodushpimg00000003

See you Sunday?!

Grace and peace,

Tracy

*Did you know Memorial has a Facebook page? Follow us, won't you?

Behind the Scenes

November marks the fourth anniversary of the Glory to God hymnal as part of Memorial's worship. Memorial donors made possible the purchase of pew hymnals, as well as two sets of large print hymnals, and a spiral-bound hymnal for the organist. The worship bulletin indicates that the large print hymnals are available from the head usher. However, it is worship and music committee member Lucy Lanning who has assumed the responsibility of placing hymns and responses in a clear plastic folder each Sunday before worship. Lucy is another of the many who work behind the scenes to the Glory of God. (Sorry. I couldn't resist.) Thanks be to God!

PET BLESSING

Bring your four-legged / winged / slithering family members to be blessed and introduce them to your Memorial family. This event will be held on Sunday, October 8, 5:00 pm in the courtyard. Plan to stay afterward for cookies and punch.



Session met on September 19th. Minutes will be available at a later date.

Stewardship Update

September 1 to September 30, 2017

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2017 Budget
Pledges	\$126,337.29	\$116,249.94	\$155,000.00
Other Income	\$8,012.09	\$4,249.94	\$11,000.00
Total Income	\$134,349.38	\$124,499.43	\$166,000.00
Total Expenses	\$134,664.25	\$142,139.43	\$189,521.00

As a response to the multiple disasters that have occurred in the last months, the Mission and Evangelism Committee is setting a goal of filling 10 buckets with clean-up supplies. These will be packed and sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance distribution center in Little Rock for current and future disasters. Below is a list of supplies needed; there is a sign up sheet in the hallway to avoid duplication of items. Each of the buckets has a donation value of \$75 and are priceless to those who receive them in their time of need.

- 1 — 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid*(Value \$75)
- 5 — scouring pads
- 7 — sponges, assorted sizes
- 1 — scrub brush
- 1 — pkg. cleaning towels (18 reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- 1 — 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- 1 — liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®), 12 oz.
- 1 — bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®), 24-28 oz.
- 1 — 1 pkg. clothespins, 48-50 Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- 5 — dust masks
- 2 pair — latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- 1 pair — work gloves
- 1 — 24 to 28 count roll heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon, remove from carton)
- 1 — bottle insect repellant (pump, drops or lotion; not aerosol), 6-9 oz.

Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Send only new, unopened materials. Put all items in the plastic bucket, packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape.

October Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Larry Upton

October 1

Ushers: Melissa Gill and Linda Eckel

Communion Servers: Lisa and Breanna Upton, Mike Girdner and Kirk Forthman

Coffee: Esau Jangha

Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: John Beck

October 8

Ushers: Kirk and Jessica Forthman

Coffee: Ann Forsyth & Eileen Burke

Sound Booth: Karen Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Harry Wright

October 15

Ushers: Paul and Erica Phelps

Coffee: Donna Vint & Grace Tamukong

Sound Booth: Will Faris

Acolyte Assistant: Melissa Gill

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard / Karen Girdner

Lock-up: Holly Van Auken

October 22

Ushers: Ross Robinson and Jeff Roesel

Coffee: Loreen Upton & Doris Hinson

Sound Booth: Mike Cole

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint

Lock-up: Larry Upton

October 29

Ushers: Loreen Upton and Diana Johnson

Coffee: Lisa Upton & Trudy Beard

Sound Booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Jessica Farris



Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity highlights critical need for decent housing on World Habitat Day .

In commemoration of World Habitat Day, Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity will host a World Habitat Day

service to help bring attention to the need for adequate housing around the world and in Cleveland County on Monday, Oct. 2.

The service will be held at McFarlin United Methodist Church, at 12 noon on October 2nd in the Chapel off the main sanctuary. Parking is in the South Parking Lot and the entrance is on the South side of the building as well. An elevator is available for those wishing to use it. Please see our group of volunteers for assistance.

Around the world, Habitat for Humanity and its partners will take part in the U.N.-designated day, observed every year on the first Monday in October, to advocate for better shelter. "A home should be a sanctuary that allows us to feel safe and cared for" says Deneka Cain, Executive Director of Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity. "We are honored to participate in a community service that brings attention to the need to eradicate substandard housing in Cleveland County and around the world."

Residents of Cleveland County were assisted by Habitat for Humanity affiliates from around the globe during tornado recovery efforts after the May 20, 2013 tornado devastated parts of northern Cleveland County. "World Habitat Day reminds us of the generous support and assistance we received after countless homes were destroyed by severe weather" said Cain.

Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity will donate 50% of donation proceeds from World Habitat Day to Habitat affiliates impacted by hurricanes Harvey and Irma. "We know what it is like to face the monumental task of rebuilding homes after severe weather" said Cain. "Our goal is to make sure those hit hard in Florida and Texas feel our love and support from Oklahoma."

For more information, please contact Lisa Driskill, Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity, at lisad@cchfh.org or call (405) 366-2813.

About Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity

Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity is a group working toward the elimination of substandard housing in Cleveland County, including Norman, Moore, Lexington and Noble. As a non-profit 501 (c)3 organization, CCHFH has used donations and ReStore proceeds to build 55 new houses in Cleveland County. Individuals selected for Habitat Homes are required to participate in family support activities, put in sweat equity hours, and then purchase the home at a zero percent (0%) interest rate mortgage. CCHFH is proud to partner with individuals, churches, foundations, local and national businesses and civic organizations to improve housing in Cleveland County.



DINNER AND ART AUCTION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017
6:30-8:30 P.M.
\$20 PER PERSON

**JOIN US TO SUPPORT THE
OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES**
with special guest speaker Brad Price

Register [HERE](#)

*NorthHaven Church
4600 36th Avenue NW
Norman, OK 73072*

On **Sunday, October 8**, the First Presbyterian Church of Norman will host a community event called **"Celebrate Diversity!"** All Norman and metro area residents, faith groups, businesses, local organizations and student groups are invited to attend.

The event be at the First Presbyterian Church of Norman at 555 S. University Boulevard, Norman, at 4:00 p.m. A reception with informal conversation will follow at 5:00 p.m.

Jabar Shumate, OU's Vice-President for the University Community, will be the featured speaker. He will speak on the value of a diverse community and offer suggestions on how to create an environment of inclusivity. Shumate comes from a rich background of developing healthy, inclusive, diverse environments.

The event is free and open to the public.

The Parable of the Two Sons

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Matthew 21:31 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:28-32 (NIV)



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MAN	GOD	JOHN	KINGDOM	BELIEVE
THINK	TODAY	WAY	WORK	VINEYARD
SONS	FATHER	TWO	TRUTH	SHOW

Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

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

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Family and Friends of Dave Iske who died on July 19.
 Tim Thiessen family in the death of his father

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 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.

October Birthdays

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| 1 | Adrien (AJ) Roesel |
| 3 | David Paulson |
| 9 | Kevin Eckel |
| 11 | Christy Fisher |
| 12 | Trudy Beard
Amanda Bliss |
| 13 | Joe Garlett |
| 15 | Holly (Forsyth) McClure
Jimmy Rambur |
| 16 | Tracy Evans
Aidyn Pennington |
| 17 | Bill Taylor |
| 18 | Tim Thiessen |
| 19 | Leilund Autry |
| 22 | Erica Phelps |
| 23 | Caitlin Stensrud |
| 28 | Harry Wright
Stephen Wurst |

October Anniversaries

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| 10 | Mike & Trudy Beard |
| 11 | Daniel & Michele Schaub |

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7:00 P.M. Budget Committee Meeting	4 3:00 p.m. Kids' Club 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	5	6	7
8 5:00 P.M. Pet Blessing	9 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	10 6:00 P.M. Mission and Evangelism meeting	11 NO Kids' Club NO Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	12 7:00 P.M Building & Grounds Meeting	13	14
15 12:00 P.M. Deacons Meeting 5:30 P.M. Stewardship Meeting	16 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	17 7:00 P.M Session Meeting 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	18 3:00 p.m. Kids' Club 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir	19	20	21
22 12:05 P.M. Worship Meeting	23 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	24 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	25 3:00 p.m. Kids' Club 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir	26	27	28
29	30 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	31 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir				