October 2018



## MEMORIAL MESSENGER

## **Latest News**

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The Norman Chapter of Parents Helping Parents will meet on Thursday, October 11th at 7:00 PM at the Education Center at Norman Regional Hospital, located at 901 North Porter in Norman. The Food & Shelter item of the month for October is **cereal.** Please place your donation in the box by the church information table.



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,

What a great month we have in store for our congregation and community!

One of my favorite Sundays is this coming one—World Communion! The worship committee has been hard at work to bring a special worship experience as we celebrate our sisters and brothers around the world. Global music, a reminder of our baptism, communion breads from around the world (served in the pews), and beautiful banners and décor reminding us that our world is a big and beautiful place.

Following worship, we will have a potluck. It's been too long since we've had one, so I'm looking forward to joining in a meal with you all! Bring a food from another culture (or one that you just like). It's a true potluck with no sign-up sheet. All are welcome, whether you bring food or not!

The following Sunday, October 14, we will host a panel on hunger. This will be an informative session as we learn what it means to go hungry, and to understand what is being done to work to solve it in Norman. More info is on the flier elsewhere in The Messenger. This would be a great time to invite friends.

Saturday, October 20, from 8:00 to 11:00 am we will spend a few hours at Fall Clean-up. Come give a bit of your time (even if it's just 30 minutes) to spruce up the facility. Fellowship and Hospitality will provide breakfast goodies.

The next day, you are invited to join in the CROP walk for hunger. Adults can join the youth (it's not just a youth event) as we put our feet to work in fighting a pervasive issue. If you're not able to walk, please consider making a donation to those who are.

And just around the corner, November 2-3, the Synod of the Sun will be meeting in NOR-MAN. This is really new thing for our synod, and I'm excited to have the four-state synod gathering so close. You may attend the entire event for \$75 (see the flier) or if you'd rather just see what it's all about, you can attend worship on Friday at 5:30 for no charge. Come see what our church is doing in our area of the country.

Busy month, right? As I look at all the opportunities, I see such variety! There are ways to worship, to serve in the church, to learn and to help our community.

I hope you will join your brothers and sisters at Memorial at some, if not all, of these wonderful opportunities.

Grace and peace,

Tracy

#### Clerk's Corner

Session met September 18, 2018 at 7PM at the church. Session took the following actions:

- 1. Approved the recommendation of the Permanent Endowment Fund to spend \$200 to be an official sponsor of Norman's Crop Walk. The name of our church will be on the back of this year's T-shirt.
- 2. Approved the recommendation of the Permanent Endowment Fund to place \$293.90 in the Seminary Student Fund to replace funds used to pay for Samuel McCann's trip to Oklahoma.
- 3. Building and Grounds Committee informed session of a dramatic change to our church's insurance this year. After discussion of risk, session approved going with the option of a supplemental insurance policy that would reduce our deductible to \$5,000. The net effect of having both our primary and secondary insurance is an increase of \$1800 for a year.

The next meeting of session will be October 16 at 7PM at the church

Respectfully submitted
Joan Cole
Clerk of Session

| Stewardship Update                |                                   |              |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| September 1 to September 30, 2018 |                                   |              |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                                   | Actual YTD Budget YTD 2018 Budget |              |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pledges                           | \$126,511.68                      | \$118,125.00 | \$157,000.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other Income                      | \$5,705.94                        | \$4,499.91   | \$6,000.00   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Income                      | \$132,217.62                      | \$122,624.91 | \$163,500.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Expenses                    | \$137,191.36                      | \$139,409.55 | \$185,881.00 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## BEHIND THE SCENES

Most of us are familiar with the term "movers and shakers." Some may even **be** movers and shakers. One Memorial mover and shaker has been especially busy--- serving on the session, chairing the Mission and Evangelism Committee, organizing Memorial's part in the upcoming Crop Walk and working to set up the October 14 Speaker Panel on Hunger. She also attended the 2018 General Assembly as a principal commissioner from Indian Nations Presbytery. Thanks be to God for Melissa Gill and all she does for Memorial and for this community and for the presbytery!



World Communion is always a special service at Memorial. This year October 7 will be no exception. The Worship and Music Committee is preparing the World Communion service, spearheaded by Lucy Lanning. Thanks to Lucy for

her work toward this service of worship. And thanks be to God for our brothers and sisters in Christ the world over who will also be celebrating God's gifts!

Following worship on October 7th we will be having an international potluck. You are invited to bring food from many cultures



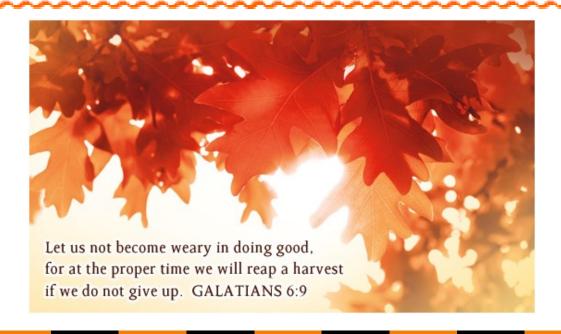
The Mission and Evangelism Committee is looking for some good folks to join to help us out with: Crop Walk; collecting Christmas presents for Women's Resource Center; collecting and transporting food to Food and Shelter; Special PCUSA offerings; Box Tops for Kennedy School; etc., etc.

If you would rather work on one or more individual projects, that's great, too. Just let us know.

Melissa Gill, Chair Jo Beth Bailey, Emily Ryther, Members

Come join us Saturday, October 20, from 8:00 to 11:00 am we will spend a few hours at Fall Clean-up.





## M.Y. (Memorial Youth) GROUP NEWS OCTOBER 2018



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12, here are the upcoming events for the month of October. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. You are always welcome to bring a friend (or two). All meeting times are 12:30PM – 2PM.

October 13 – Scavenger Hunt

October 28 - Mystery Event

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH QUAKE - Grades 5-8 - Nov 16-18

Where: Central Christian Camp in Guthrie, OK

Cost: \$75 (scholarships are available)

ATTN PARENTS – I MUST know by Sunday, Oct 7 if your youth is planning to attend

If you are willing to provide lunch for the youth, please contact me. Both October dates are available.

Can't wait to see you. If you have any questions call or text me: (405) 830-8389). Joan Cole

## Why I Still Go

For all their quirks and quibbles, all their foibles, squabbles, even downright donnybrooks, I find my people there.

Recalcitrant, to be sure, concerning this issue, or that. As reluctant as those first followers to accept what fairest Jesus brought to life. Yet singing the same sweet songs.

Murmuring familiar prayers.

Admitting, as I must, that another week has worn its way, no closer to the kingdom. Hungering, across years of disappointment, for words that ring so clear they melt the frozen marrow, drag you back again — despite — to trust, compassion, even resolution.

For all my weary, reasoned doubt, the continuing disillusion and despair of this already blood-drenched century, for all my anger at her blind echoing of the worst that hides in all of us, come Sunday morning, somehow, I still find myself in church.

- J. Barrie Shepherd

# MEMORIAL PRESYBTERIAN CHURCH AND FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NORMAN

Invite you to a Panel Discussion

# HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 5:30 MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 601 24TH AVE SW, NORMAN

#### OUR PANEL WILL DISCUSS:

- What is food insecurity and how does it impact us?
- How does Cleveland County compare with the rest of the state, and how does Oklahoma compare with the U.S. in finding solutions to hunger?
- · What is being done to fight hunger in Norman, and what remains to be done?

#### PANELISTS

- Katie Fitzgerald, Executive Director, Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City
- Mark Coulter, Food Service Director, Norman Public Schools
- · April Heiple, Executive Director, Food and Shelter, Norman
- Lynne Haynes, Executive Director, Meals on Wheels of Norman, Inc.

We will begin with a short video on hunger, then each panelist will speak on their perception of the problem in our community, how their group works to solve it, how their organizations work together, and how attendees can help with unmet needs. We will then have Q&A.

Light refreshments will be provided

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT 405-329-3640

## MANY PEOPLE, ONE PURPOSE: Cleveland County CROP Walk to Stop Hunger Sunday, October 21

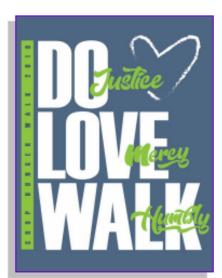
Andrews Park, 201 W. Daws, Norman

1:30 Registration ~ 2 p.m. Step-Off Three-Mile Charity Walkathon

**Donations Benefit --** Food & Shelter Inc. and hunger-fighting and development projects of Church World Service in the U.S. and abroad

**Pre-Walk Fun – Face Painting • Manyawi World Music Ensemble • Antique Cars** 

After-Walk Gelebration – Free Hot Dogs • Free Eskimo Sno Snowcones • Entertainment



## Chalk the Walk for Hunger An Art Contest for Kids Up to 18 and Families

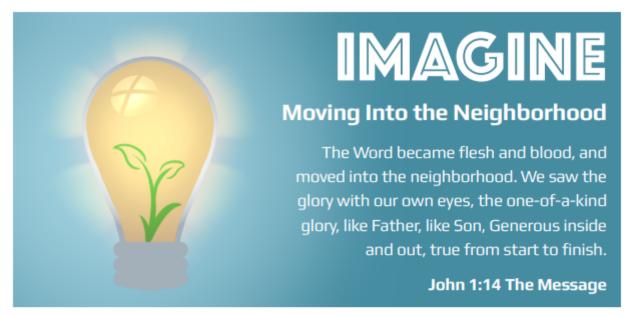
Preceding the walk - 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, Andrews Park Prizes awarded by age group, chalk provided

Faith Groups, Businesses, Organizations Invited to Form Teams

Follow Us on Facebook!

For more information, visit clevelandcountycropwalk.org or call April at 360-4954 or Brenda at 620-1305





## 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.

The Urban Mission Presents

## Music & the Mission

With Special Guest Kyle Dillingham

**BBQ Dinner** 



Music

**Silent Auction** 

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018

COCKTAILS & SILENT AUCTION
6:00 PM
DINNER 6:45 PM
OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER
800 NAZIH ZUHDI DR.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105

TICKETS \$100.00 PER PERSON
PURCHASE ONLINE AT
WWW.URBANMISSIONOKC.ORG
OR SEND CHECKS PAYABLE TO
URBAN MISSION
3737 N. PORTLAND AVE
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73112

## You're Invited to:

## Meet Norman's C.I.T.

Crisis Intervention Team - officers trained to deal with mental health emergencies and more.

When: Thursday October 4, 2018

Where: Norman Regional Hospital,

**Education Center** 

901 N. Porter Ave.

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 pm (Q&A begins at 8:10)

Speakers: Lt. Carl Pendleton, NPD and C.I.T.

partners from Oklahoma Department of

Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Sponsored By:





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## **October Worship Duty Schedule**

Head Usher: Mike Cole

#### October 7

Ushers:

Communion Servers: Nick Lindley, Eileen Burke, Bre Upton, and Lucy Lanning

Coffee: Linda Eckel

Sound Booth: Larry Upton Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: Loreen Upton

#### October 14

Ushers: Melissa Gill and Linda Eckel Coffee: Ann Forsyth and Eileen Burke

Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Trudy Beard

#### October 21

Ushers: Will and Jessica Farris Coffee: Loreen and Breanna Upton

Sound Booth: Karen Upton Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck Lock-up: Mike & Joan Cole

#### October 28

Ushers: Karen and Paul Upton Coffee: Mike Cole and Trudy Beard

Sound Booth: Mike Cole

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard and Karen Girdner

Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett



## **Jesus Loves the Little Children**

And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. Mark 10:16 (NIV)

Based on Mark 10:13-16 (NIV)

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

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## **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

Cassie and Nathan DeClaire who welcomed Ophelia Faye into the world on July 23. Proud sisters are Arabella and Odette.

## **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.

## September Birthdays

- 1 Adrien (AJ) Roesel
- 3 David Paulson
- 9 Kevin Eckel
- 11 Christy Fisher
- 12 Trudy Beard

Amanda Bliss

- 13 Joe Garlett
- Holly (Forsyth) McClureJimmy Rambur
- 16 Tracy EvansAidyn Pennington
- 17 Bill Taylor
- 18 Tim Thiessen
- 19 Leilund Autry
- 22 Erica Phelps
- 23 Caitlin Stensrud
- 28 Harry Wright

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.

## October Anniversaries

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

# October 2018

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu       | Fri   | Sat                              |
|---|---|--|--|-----------|---|----------------------------------|
|   | 1   | 2  | 3<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Chancel Choir  | 4         | 5<br>Meeting of<br>Indian Nations<br>Presbytery in<br>Ada | 6                                |
| 7 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service WOLLD COMMUNION SUNDAY  | 8<br>7:00 P.M. Boy<br>Scouts  | 9<br>6:00 p.m Mission<br>& Evangelism<br>Meeting | 10<br>3:00 p.m. Kids'<br>Club<br>5:00 p.m.<br>Children's Choir<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Chancel Choir | 11        | 12  | 13                               |
| 14<br>4:00 p.m. UCC<br>Worship Service<br>5:30 p.m.<br>Hunger Panel                           | 15<br>6:00 P.M.<br>Worship<br>Committee<br>Metting<br>7:00 P.M. Boy<br>Scouts | 16<br>7:00 p.m Session<br>Meeting                | 3:00 p.m. Kids'<br>Club<br>5:00 p.m.<br>Children's Choir<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Chancel Choir       | 18        | 19  | 20<br>8:00 A.M. Fall<br>Clean-Up |
| 21 12:00 p.m. Deacons 5:30 p.m. Stewardship 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service 2:00 p.m. Crop Walk | 22<br>7:00 P.M. Boy<br>Scouts   | 23<br>7:00 p.m Session<br>Meeting                | 3:00 p.m. Kids'<br>Club<br>5:00 p.m.<br>Children's Choir<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Chancel Choir       | 25        | 26  | 27                               |
| 28<br>4:00 p.m. UCC<br>Worship Service  | 29 6:00 p.m Worship Committee meeting 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts                    | 30   | 31 3:00 p.m. Kids' Club 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir                   | A Jones & |   |                                  |