



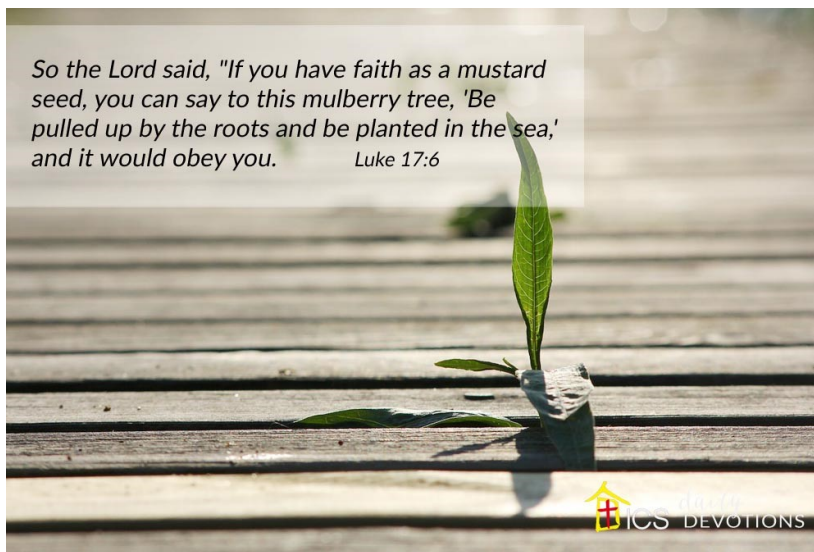
# MEMORIAL MESSENGER

## Latest News

The Food & Shelter item of the month for September is **soup**. 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, October 10 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](http://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,

Over the years here with our congregation's worship, I have spoken at the Young Disciples' Time about prayer.

I have used the five-finger prayer, using each finger to remind us to pray for a particular group:

The thumb reminds us to pray for those closest to us, the ones we love.

The index finger, for the ones that teach us. For those who instruct us and heal us.

The middle finger, for our governors. As the tallest finger, it reminds us of our leaders and those who have authority.

The ring finger is our weakest finger, so we remember to pray for the sick and weakest or those plagued with problems.

The pinky is the smallest and reminds us to pray for our own needs when we are done with the other four groups.

Or maybe you know about the A.C.T.S. prayer model. A is for Adoration: praising God. C is for Confession: we admit our sins, speak of our brokenness and ask for forgiveness. T is for Thanksgiving, saying "thank you" to God for all God has done in our lives. S is for Supplication where we make our requests for ourselves and others known to God.

But lately, I have found this prayer to quite appropriate for my time with God:

Dear God-

[pause]

[pause]

[pause]

[long pause]

[Do these really count as pauses anymore or just a block of silence?]

Dear God-

I want to pray, but I'm both overwhelmed and drained. Even with the Spirit's intercession, my prayers are one long sigh and silence.

Such as they are, please receive them.

And, in your mercy, answer me.

Amen.\*

God hears us. God wants to be in relationship with us. Prayer is our way of showing that connection to be real. Take a moment and be with God in whatever way you find best.

Grace and peace to each of you,

Tracy

\*By Rev. Julia Seymour, from the RevGalBlogPals blog: <https://revgalblogpals.org/2019/09/27/friday-prayer-39/?fbclid=IwAR3Ya29cECZbnUMWVJj7gNj0NfyjKHFEYIZxmX5KxuTj6iXvs5TYq2JNu-Y>

## Clerk's Corner

The session of Memorial Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7PM. The following actions were accomplished:

1. Session voted to change the date of the November meeting from November 12 to November 19.
  
2. Session voted to hold a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing church officers on Sunday, October 27, 2019 immediately following worship. The proposed slate of officers are as follows - For session (class of 2022) Solonge Bobga, Alice Lanning and Michael Yeager. For deacons (class of 2022) Susan Beck, Lisa Upton and Donna Vint .
  
3. Session approved a request from Mission & Evangelism to raise money for the crop walk.
  
4. Session approved replacing the carpet squares in the parlor using funds donated by a 12-step group plus some from the Building & grounds budget.
  
5. Session approved a facility use request from ABLE.

The next meeting of session will be Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7PM

Respectfully,

Joan Cole

Clerk of Session

<b>Stewardship Update</b>			
As of August 31st			
	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>Budget YTD</b>	<b>2019 Budget</b>
<b>Pledges</b>	\$109,025.19	\$100,666.64	\$151,000.00
<b>Other Income</b>	\$17,036.84	\$8,000	\$12,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$126,062.03	\$108,666.64	\$163,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$118,329.70	\$131,599.84	\$197,400.00

## PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

“Since 1940, World Communion Sunday is an ecumenical celebration of our oneness in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, bringing churches together in Christian unity.”

World Communion Sunday (Oct. 6) is the most common Sunday for receiving the Peace and Global Witness offering, which builds on the Presbyterian Commitment to Peacemaking established in 1980.

25% of the Offering stays with local congregations and 25% with mid councils (presbyteries and synods) to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions. 50% of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by presbyteries across the globe.

Peace at all times in all ways. --2Thessalonians 3:16



**October 6th is World Communion Sunday.** We will have special guests with us as we affirm our place at the global table. We will celebrate the Lord's supper.

**We will follow worship with a potluck meal.** You are invited to bring an international food to share, or just come eat with us.



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Our new organist and music associate for Children's Choir is Ms. Emily Rudquist. Emily is from Saint Paul, Minnesota. She has her BA from Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, MN, and is currently studying piano pedagogy and performance at the University of Oklahoma. When asked her favorite musical genre, Emily replied, "Bluegrass/folk music and of course classical music." What's on her bucket list? "To travel to Sweden." As for anything she would like us to know about her, "I'm very excited to be here and to get to know this congregation!"



Reminder there is **no Kid's Club** on October 9th for fall break



## CROP WALK SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019



CROP – Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty -- is a program of the Church World Service, a cooperative ministry of 36 denominations providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief and refugee assistance around the world. Twenty five percent of funds raised locally stay in Cleveland County to support **Food and Shelter Inc.**

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Memorial Presbyterian Church youth set up their display – 1PM

Registration of walkers – 1:30PM

Walk begins – 2PM

**WHERE** – Andrews Park

### **WAYS TO PARTICIPATE –**

Walk

Donate money

Help provide transportation for our youth

Help provide lunch for the walkers and our youth immediately following worship on that Sunday.

Need additional information or wish to participate? Please contact Melissa Gill or Joan Cole

M.Y. (Memorial Youth) GROUP NEWS  
OCTOBER 2019



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 20– CROP WALK**

The CROP Walk is not just a youth event, but a church-wide event. Our youth group will be presenting their poster to the church prior to heading out for the event.

**LUNCH** – Since the youth have to be at the CROP Walk by 1PM, I need some help in preparing lunch for not only the youth but any walkers/participants as well. I thought we would have a sack lunch (sandwich, chips, cookie & a drink). If you can help purchase/prepare, please contact me.

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

Joan Cole

## October Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: John Beck

### October 6

Ushers: Will & Jessica Farris

Communion Servers: Joan and Mike Cole, Lucy Lanning and Gladys Jangha

Coffee: Gladys Jangha and Linda Eckel

Sound Booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint

Lock-up: Trudy Beard

### October 13

Ushers: Lisa & Larry Upton

Coffee: Ann Forsyth & Eileen Burke

Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Larry Upton

### October 20

Ushers: Breanna Upton

Coffee: Grace Tamukong & Donna Vint

Sound Booth: John Beck

Acolyte Assistant: Melissa Gill

Nursery Assistant:

Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

### October 27

Ushers: Mike & Joan Cole

Coffee: Carl Forthman & Breanna Upton

Sound Booth: Karen Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Doug Forsyth



# A Mustard Seed Faith

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Luke 17:6 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 17:5-10 (NIV).



Mustard Seed Faith

H G T P M P W O K U Y P T U B  
 M G E Q K U W L P D I P A S S  
 W U W I X Y S R F R U T E U E  
 B P L O P Z W T G I E T E P E  
 U P V B B L S E A C K P Y P D  
 I G B E E F A I T R E E V E F  
 A N J Y I R P N B O D S W R G  
 P U C G A T R X T S P H Z I R  
 O P P R A H O Y R E P L I E D  
 S R R E E A S K U A D I D B F  
 T O E B E A N M F I L O R D M  
 L O P T P X S K A A E X O C O  
 E T A R W T B E Y L I W L J F  
 S E R S E R V A N T L T O A O  
 X D E Z S A K D R I N K H D K

DRINK	SEA	DUTY	OBEY	APOSTLES
FAITH	EAT	INCREASE	PLANTED	SMALL
SERVANT	LORD	UPROOTED	MUSTARD	PREPARE
SEED	REPLIED	TREE	MULBERRY	SUPPER

## Known Joys and Concerns

### Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll  
 Sandy Clarke  
 Jan Cunningham  
 Jim Eckel  
 Laura Eckel  
 Doug Forsyth  
 Alice Lanning  
 Jayelle Martin  
 Gene Thrailkill  
 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)

### Those who Experienced Recent Loss

John Beck whose mother Mary Jean died on August 19.  
 Donna Vint whose husband Harry Wright died on July 7.  
 Carl Forthman whose mother Betty Forthman died on July 1.

### Joys

#### 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 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 Birthdays

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	Stephen Wurst

## October Anniversaries

10	Mike & Trudy Beard
11	Daniel & Michele Schaub

# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 3:00 p.m. Kids Club 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel	3	4	5
6 10:55 a.m. World Communion Worship Service 12:00 p.m Potluck 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	7 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	8 7:00 P.M. Mission & Evangelism meeting 7:00 P.M. Fellowship & Hospitality Meeting	9 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	10	11	12 1:00 p.m. Project Outreach
13 10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	14 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	15 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting	16 3:00 p.m. Kids Club 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	17	18	19
20 10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service 12:00 p.m CROP Walk 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Stewardship	21 6:30 P.M. Worship & Music Committee meeting 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	22	23 3:00 p.m. Kids Club 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	24	25	26
27 10:55 a.m. Memorial Worship Service 12:00 p.m Congregational Meeting 4:00 p.m. UCC Worship Service	28 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	29	30 3:00 p.m. Kids Club 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	31		