



MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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Latest News

The Urban Mission item of the month for September is Canned Vegetables. Please place your donation in the box by the church information

Men's Breakfast Saturday, September 24th.

Kids Club is coming back!

Is your information correct? The office is updating the directory. Please contact Lisa with any changes.

Memorial is hosting the presbytery meeting on Friday, October 7. Volunteers needed for welcoming, ushering, and serving the meal.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

I'm pleased to introduce you to a new idea we are going to use in the church for the coming year.

Here's a little background: At the session retreat last spring, the elders spent time focusing on our strengths and looking at what we do well. And, as you know, we do a number of things well. In fact, we do most things very well! We did realize, though, that our "things we do"--including worship, education, mission, stewardship, etc.--don't always connect to one another.

In that vein, we decided to have a theme for the year. We will work in each of the areas to highlight that theme in various ways.

After brainstorming and coming up with a long list of ideas, we were led to choose **Mental Health**, with an emphasis on **Suicide Prevention**.

Session and committees are looking at ways to emphasize this theme during the 2016-2017 year. You will see a speaker's panel, education resources, mission outreach and worship all focusing on this theme as we seek to learn about the topic and where our faith intersects.

Too many of us have been touched by suicide. I was a freshman in college when a good friend died by his own hand. Just this weekend a PCUSA clergy person in another state died by suicide, affecting not only the family, but many colleagues, church members and friends (He was a friend of a friend, and my friend is simply devastated by the news).

The statistics for mental illness and suicide in Oklahoma are troubling.

The session hopes to bring greater awareness to this topic. By doing so, we desire to alleviate some of the stigma of mental illness and offer hope. If you have thoughts or questions, please do not hesitate to speak with me or one of the session members.

Grace and peace,

Tracy

If you find yourself in a dark place where hope seems lost, please please talk to someone. I am always available if you feel comfortable talking to me. If you would rather, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available 24/7. 1-800-273-TALK.

You are not alone. You are loved.

Clerk's Corner

Session met on Tuesday, August 16 at 7PM for their regular meeting. Session approved the following actions:

1. Donate glass display case to National Weather Service Museum
2. Worship & Music Committee's request to dispose of old hymnals stored in the communion room
3. Agreed to co-sponsor and event with Norman United
4. Session voted to establish a seminary fund to assist Samuel McCann in his education and travel expenses. *Please consider making a donation to this fund. The name of the fund is: Seminary Student Fund #15. Please mark check accordingly.*

The next meeting of session will be Tuesday, September 20.

Joan Cole
Clerk of Session

Stewardship Update			
August 1 to August 31, 2016			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2016 Budget
Pledges	\$105,341.60	\$101,288.00	\$151,932.00
Other Income	\$7,185.89	\$17,333.28	\$26,000.00
Total Income	\$112,527.49	\$118,621.28	\$177,932.00
Total Expenses	\$122,553.51	\$126,212.88	\$189,321.00



September Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: John Beck

September 4

Ushers: Melissa Gill and Ross Robinson

Communion Servers: Lucy Lanning, Charlotte Lovett, Ross Robinson, and Michael Yeager

Coffee: Loreen Upton & Doris Hinson

Sound Booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Harry Wright

September 11

Ushers: Mike and Karen Girdner

Coffee: Joan Thraikill & Jona Thiessen

Sound Booth: Larry Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Karen Upton

Lock-up: Holly Van Auken

September 18

Ushers: Trudy Beard and Loreen Upton

Coffee: Georjana & Holly Van Auken

Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Larry Upton

September 25

Ushers: Karen and Paul Upton

Coffee: Trudy Beard & Ann Forsyth

Sound Booth: Dave Iske

Acolyte Assistant: Jona Thiessen

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Jessica Farris

Kids Club Fall 2016 Starts on Wednesday Sept 14th

We are excited to offer our after-school program on Wednesdays once again this fall. The program welcomes kids from our church and surrounding neighborhood. Participation remains high.

Our youngest kids, pre-K thru elementary, arrive around 3PM. They snack, play and enjoy crafts until choir practice. While they are in choir, our middle school kids arrive for snacks, sports and chilling. Our high school kids often text for rides and come for a little relaxation and dinner when they can. Everyone heads home at 6PM.

Please call Holly Van Auken with any questions or to volunteer. 405-326-1999. Many thanks to our parents and entire volunteer crew!

Men's Breakfast

Men and women are all invited to attend breakfast on Saturday, September 24 at 8:00.

We have invited representatives from the Norman Police Department for conversation around race relations in our community.

Sign up sheet is in the hallway—bring a dish to share if you can!

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE LECTURE SERIES

by Rev. Dr. William Tabbernee

"Sailing the Ecumenical Boat in the Twenty-first Century"

Rev. Dr. William Tabbernee, Executive Director of Oklahoma Conference of Churches will present lectures September 16-18 titled: "Knowing the Ropes", "Building a New Boat", and "Anchor Aweigh".

- Friday September 16 will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday September 17, 8:30- 11:30am. and
- Sunday the September 18, the morning sermon will conclude the lecture series.

The Lectures will be held in the Community Room at Church of the Savior, 5600 NW 63 St.

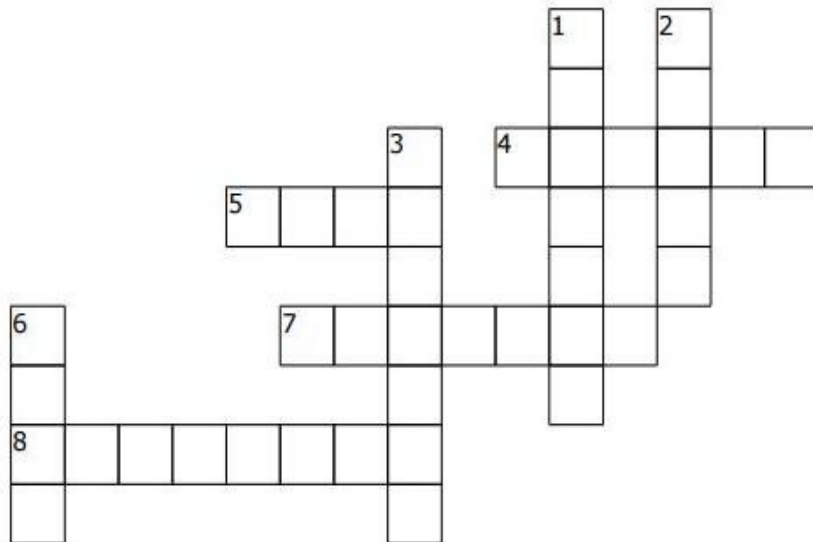
Save the Date! Thursday, October 27, 2016 from 7:00 PM - 10:00

PM Join **The Urban Mission** for a night of music and fun! We'll have live entertainment, a cash bar, a silent auction, and much, much more! All proceeds will go towards the programs at Urban Mission that assist Oklahomans in need. Central Oklahoma Home Builders Association, 420 East Britton Road, Oklahoma City, OK 73114

Left Out?

"But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed."
 Luke 14:13-14a (NIV)

Based on Luke 14:12-14



ACROSS

- 4. To ask someone in a friendly way to do something
- 5. Having very little money or possessions
- 7. To be highly favored by God
- 8. To be lame or disabled in the feet or legs

DOWN

- 1. A dinner party for many people
- 2. Unable to see
- 3. People that you know well and like very much
- 6. Having a lot of money

BLIND	FRIENDS	BANQUET	BLESSED
RICH	POOR	INVITE	CRIPPLED

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
 Jim & Linda Eckel

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Family of Ruby Marsh

Joys

Joy for Esau and Nicholine Jangha who are new U.S. citizens
 Birth of Jetson Lee Martin July 31 to Kenny Martin and Isabella Alexander

Seminary Student

Samuel McCann

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.

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

September Birthdays

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| 1 | Larry Upton, Sr. |
| 4 | Trisha Bunce |
| 6 | Sumi Abunaw
Odette Eckel |
| 8 | Jona Thiessen |
| 10 | Donna Vint
Moume Ngom |
| 11 | Terry Cast |
| 14 | Mike Cole |
| 15 | Rebecca Bates |
| 18 | Alexandra Pennington |
| 19 | Jessica Forthman |
| 20 | Mariolise Sama |
| 24 | Melissa Gill |
| 28 | Lucy Lanning |
| 29 | Cynthia Robb |
| 30 | Susan Beck |

September Anniversaries

September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
			6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Labor Day— Office Closed 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts		6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	6:00 P.M. Worship Meeting 7:00 P.M. Session Task Force 7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	6:00 pm Mission & Evangelism Committee 7:00 pm Christian Ed Meeting	3:00 P.M. Kids' Club 4:00 P.M. Children's Choir 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir	7:00 pm Building & Grounds Meeting		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
4:30 P.M. Deacon Meeting 5:30 P.M. Stewardship Meeting	7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts	7:00 pm Session Meeting	3:00 P.M. Kids' Club 4:00 P.M. Children's Choir 6:30 P.M. Chancel Choir			8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
25	26	27	28	29	30	
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