



MEMORIAL MESSENGER

Latest News

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The Food & Shelter item of the month for September is **peanut butter and jelly.**

Please place your donation in the box by the church Information table.



The Norman Chapter of Parents Helping Parents will meet on Thursday, September 13 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, 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,

This week I had lunch with a group of colleagues. We Presbyterian pastors gather occasionally to check in with one another and to enjoy fellowship. It is never the same group twice.

One of us asked a question about a current event. We had a lively discussion about it, and all brought our own sensibilities and expertise to the table. It was a delight to hear from others their perspective and I took the conversation with me into the rest of the day, continuing to ponder it.

I also gave thanks for the diversity of who we are. Though those of us at the table are all middle-class Anglo folks, there were still diverse views among us.

This is one of the things I value so much about our Memorial congregation. We are diverse in ideas, in socio-economic status, differing in physical abilities, in age, in gender identities, in our cultural backgrounds and in the color of our skin. What a gift we have!

I believe that it pleases God to see us together. Working to see our great, diverse world. Seeing more than just those who look and think like us. Valuing those who think differently and who have different values.

It's not always easy, but who ever said our walk as brothers and sisters in Christ would be?

Who is it that opens your world view? How do you make sure you hear others? Understand another's perspective?

I hope you will seek out others, and value them for who they are. As I read recently, *you will never look into the eyes of someone who God does not love.*

Peace to each of you,

Tracy

Clerk's Corner

The session of Memorial Presbyterian Church met on Tuesday, August 21 at 7PM at the church. It was decided that Memorial will participate in the Norman Crop Walk on Sunday, Oct 21 and will also be a sponsor of the event this year.

Stewardship Committee has requested all committee chairs get their 2019 budget requests in by Oct 1, 2018.

Joan Cole

Clerk of Session

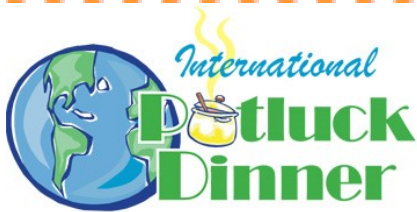
Kids Club starts September 5th!



Stewardship Update			
August 1 to August 31, 2018			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	2018 Budget
Pledges	\$114,516.13	\$105,000.00	\$157,000.00
Other Income	\$5,095.93	\$3,999.92	\$6,000.00
Total Income	\$119,612.06	\$108,999.92	\$163,500.00
Total Expenses	\$123,391.17	\$123,919.60	\$185,881.00

BEHIND THE SCENES

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. Lucy will be looking for attendees to assist in the bringing in of the sacred elements of water, the bread, and the cup. Please prayerfully consider saying "yes" if asked to assist. 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

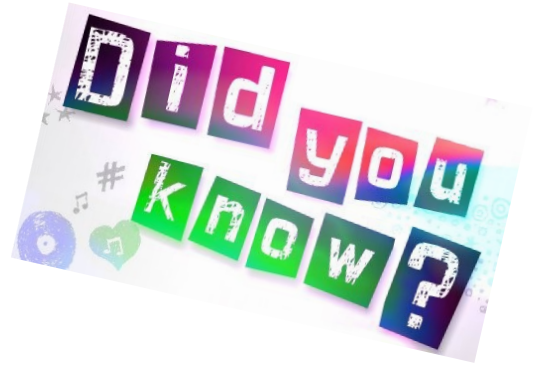
Representatives of Memorial were on hand at OU's Student Orientation in August, handing out fliers and candy to incoming students.



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Garage Sale, both in the preparation and on the day of the sale. And thanks to those who donated their items. Because of you, we raised \$1,542.10.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

We have another new face behind the organ! If you haven't had a chance to meet Solena Rizzato, you'll find her to be delightful. Solena hails from Chicago. She is at OU majoring in organ performance and organ technology. She started as a viola major but is now a junior in the five year organ program. When asked what she would like the congregation to know about her, she responded, "I get defensive over deep-dish pizza." Remember, she's from Chicago. Welcome, Solena! And thanks be to God!



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; school supplies for Jackson and Kennedy Schools; Box Tops for Kennedy School; etc., etc.

Our regular meeting time is the second Tuesday at 6:00 pm. If you are interested, please join us on September 11th.

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

Thank you to Memorial Presbyterian for helping to make Ross Robinson's 90th birthday party "one of the happiest days" he could remember!

The family thanks the church for allowing us to use the fellowship hall, a perfect size and convenient location. Thanks also to the church staff for letting us set up the day before. In addition, we are so happy that his church family was part of the celebration.

We were able to have 15 family members from out of state attend and not having to worry about a venue took a great deal of stress off the party planners. Thank you again for your friendship and hospitality.

The family of Ross Robinson

M.Y. (Memorial Youth) GROUP NEWS
SEPTEMBER 2018



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12, our kick-off meeting will be Sunday, September 9 immediately following worship. 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.

SEPTEMBER 9 - Lunch and Learn (with some fun thrown in)
(Trudy Beard will be providing our lunch)

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

Joan Cole

► ***Kate Lecture Series*** ◀

“Aging, Culture, Older Adult Ministry, and Communities of Faith”

September 19-20, 2018

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Church of the Savior, Community Center
5600 NW 63 Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73132**

**Michele Hendrix – Guest Speaker
National President of Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network**

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

“Aging, Culture, Older Adult Ministry, and Communities of Faith”

Thursday, September 20, 2018

“Engaging in Aging that is Changing Older Adult and Intergenerational Ministry”

This free lecture series is for small, medium or large churches or organizations developing ministry opportunities and intergenerational ministry for new retirees, boomers, middle adults, or older adults and their leaders.

Michele is the national President of Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network (POAMN), a Deacon, Caregiver Specialist, Speaker, and Master Trainer. The focus of her work is on intergenerational, interfaith, and evidence-based programs for aging adults, health promotion, and respite for caregivers, spirituality and aging.

Church of the Savior is a union congregation that holds full membership in two denominations: Presbyterian Church (USA) and the United Church of Christ.

September Worship Duty Schedule

Head Usher: Tim Thiessen

September 2

Ushers: Loreen and Cassie Upton

Communion Servers: Mike and Karen Girdner, Lucy Lanning, and Grace Tamukong

Coffee: Ann Forsyth and Eileen Burke

Sound Booth: Tim Thiessen

Acolyte Assistant: Lisa Upton

Nursery Assistant: Joan Cole

Lock-up: Charlotte Lovett

September 9

Ushers: Trudy Beard and Ann Fayles

Coffee: Grace Tamukong and Holly Van Auken

Sound Booth: Karen Upton

Acolyte Assistant: Joan Cole

Nursery Assistant: Susan Beck

Lock-up: Harry Wright

September 16

Ushers: Larry and Lisa Upton

Coffee: Loreen and Breanna Upton

Sound Booth: Mike Cole

Acolyte Assistant: Trudy Beard

Nursery Assistant: Trudy Beard and Karen Girdner

Lock-up: Holly Van Auken

September 23

Ushers: John and Susan Beck

Coffee: Mike Cole and Trudy Beard

Sound Booth: Will Farris

Acolyte Assistant: Karen Girdner

Nursery Assistant: Donna Vint

Lock-up: Larry Upton

September 30

Ushers: Jim and Linda Rodriguez

Coffee: Lisa Upton and Ann Fayles

Sound Booth: Mike Girdner

Acolyte Assistant: Melissa Gill

Nursery Assistant: Linda Eckel

Lock-up: Jim Rodriguez



Mark 7:1-8;
14-15; 21-23

Clean Hands ~ Clean Heart

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?" Mark 7:5 (NIV)

Based on Mark 7:1-7, 14-15, 21-23 (NIV)

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G H X E L N A T L Y C S S D N

HEARTS
TEACHERS
DISCIPLES

FOOD
RULES
UNCLEAN

HONOR
EATING
HANDS

HYPOCRITES
PHARISEES
LAW

WORSHIP
WASH
LIPS

Known Joys and Concerns

Those who seek healing

Lola Carroll
 Sandy Clarke
 Jim Eckel
 Laura Eckel
 Doug Forsyth
 Tamara Iske
 Diana Johnson
 Jayelle Martin
 Jona Thiessen
 Loreen Upton
 Harry Wright
 Darrell Hinson (Karen Upton's father)
 Denise Jones (Jayelle Martin's daughter)
 Jan Ferguson (friend of Georjana Mauldin)
 Wilhemina Ngunyah

Those who Experienced Recent Loss

Betty and Bill Silman, Betty's sister, Lydia Evans died on June 9.
 Jayelle Martin and Denise Jones whose family members Dennis Neal died on April 9 and Joyce Neal Apuzzo died on June 7.

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.

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.

September Birthdays

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| 1 | Larry Upton, Sr. |
| 4 | Trisha Bunce |
| 6 | Sumi Abunaw
Odette Eckel |
| 8 | Jona Thiessen |
| 9 | Liam Farris |
| 10 | Donna Vint
Moume Ngom |
| 11 | Terry Cast |
| 14 | Mike Cole |
| 15 | Rebecca (Cole) Bates |
| 18 | Alexandra Pennington |
| 19 | Jessica Forthman |
| 20 | Mariolise Sama |
| 24 | Melissa Gill |
| 28 | Lucy Lanning |
| 30 | Susan Beck |

September 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1

2

4:00 p.m. UCC
Worship Service

3

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 P.M. Boy
Scouts

4

5

3:00 p.m. Kids'
Club5:00 p.m.
Children's Choir
6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir

6

7

8

9

4:00 p.m. UCC
Worship Service

10

7:00 P.M. Boy
Scouts

11

6:00 p.m Mission
& Evangelism
Meeting
7:00 p.m
Fellowship and
Hospitality

12

3:00 p.m. Kids'
Club
5:00 p.m.
Children's Choir
6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir

13

14

15

16

12:00 p.m.
Deacons
5:30 p.m.
Stewardship
4:00 p.m. UCC
Worship Service

17

7:00 P.M. Boy
Scouts

18

7:00 p.m Session
Meeting

19

3:00 p.m. Kids'
Club
5:00 p.m.
Children's Choir
6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir

20

21

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23

4:00 p.m. UCC
Worship Service

24

6:00 p.m
Worship
Committee
meeting

25

26

3:00 p.m. Kids'
Club
5:00 p.m.
Children's Choir
6:30 p.m.
Chancel Choir

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4:00 p.m. UCC
Worship Service7:00 P.M. Boy
Scouts