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## *The Memorial Messenger*

### HOLY WEEK



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

*April 1<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday*

*Sunrise Service @ 8:00 am Front Lawn*

*Breakfast @ 9:00 am in Munday Hall*

*11:00 am Combined Worship*



9:45 Sunday  
School  
11:00 & 12:30  
Worship

March 4, 2018

Worship .....	99
Sunday school .....	35
Receipts .....	\$8,516
"Repair Fund" .....	\$60

March 11, 2018

Worship .....	101
Sunday school .....	22
Receipts .....	\$4,174
"Repair Fund" .....	\$22

March 18, 2018

Worship .....	109
Sunday school .....	28
Receipts .....	\$2,376
"Repair Fund" .....	\$20

March 25, 2018

Worship .....	149
Sunday school .....	23
Receipts .....	\$4,559
"Repair Fund" .....	\$25



**GENERAL BUDGET**

*"In Memory of Peggy Russell"*

- By: Martha Stacker
- By: Gary & Ann Reid
- By: The Trinity Sunday school class
- By: Betsy Walker
- By: Willis Goodrum
- By: Willie Lynn & Etta Lynn
- By: Dave & Betsy Marshall
- By: Chris & Jan Smith

**GENERAL BUDGET**

*"In Memory of John Miles (Anne Barnett's BIL)"*

- By: Martha Stacker
- By: Betsy Walker

**CHOIR FUND**

*"In Memory of Peggy Russell"*

- By: Lewis & April Brooks
- By: Dave & Betsy Marshall



**The MUMC/Clint Bellamy Memorial Scholarship Committee** annually assists undergraduate college and graduate students in funding their education. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need, academic achievement, and community/church related service. Information/Applications for the scholarships will be available soon. The committee encourages interested students to apply!



*For those who have lost loved ones*

*For all our shut-ins & families living in stressful times.*

**For those who are sick or in need of healing...**

*Gloria Barbe, Allen Bellamy, Harold & Brenda Boone, Harold "Buddy" Brockman, Kutyna Carl, Kathleen Casimo, Lex Cox, Stan & Joan Cude, Carolyn Derr, Kathleen Dorn, Martha Dukes, Barbara Edmunds, Jerri Funderburk, Willis Goodrum, Dave Hampton, Maralon Haviland, Karlene Henry, Sandy Holland, Sarah Hopkins, Mary Ann LeGrand, Blanche Lambert, Linda Prater, Herb Russell, Jeanette Short, Gene & Mary Tayloe, Gladys S. Tayloe, Iva Wagner, and Ada Watson.*

*"I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words." Psalm 54:2 (NRSV)*



**Thanks so much for your concern during my time of illness. Your many calls, cards, and visits were so encouraging. I'm not out of the "woods" yet but I'm so thankful for your prayers. Gary Reid**

**Many Thanks to for the lovely gift bag and the goodies which I enjoyed very much. Happy Easter to All!  
Love Anna Sperandeo**

*I am blessed by the outpouring of love from my amazing Memorial church family! I am humbled by how much love, care and concern you have shown me, during my recent health scare!*

*Yvette Cianci*



As I sit down to write this letter, Noely is nearly 7 weeks old. At 7 weeks she is still a “newborn” yet she has already grown and developed so much from just 7 weeks ago. She still has a long way to go for major “firsts” like first step, word, tooth, solid food, and the one we’re most looking forward to, “first time sleeping through the night! She has, however, grown by nearly 4 pounds and two inches. She now is smiling at us and beginning to laugh. As she develops I again can’t help but reflect on what scriptures tell us about children.

Oftentimes being “childish” is considered an insult. Perhaps the scripture that is used to justify that is Paul’s letter to the Corinthians when he says, “When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.” Jesus, however, tells us that we have much to learn from children. In Matthew Jesus tells us that we are to become like little children. He says, “let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them.” He tells us that the kingdom of heaven belongs to children.

This past Saturday children, teens, and young adults led a rally called “March for Our Lives.” Although you may not agree with all of the positions held by these children, we must take Christ’s commandment to heart and listen to them. We must not place stumbling blocks before them but instead help to lift up the voices of the children. I know that I will not agree with every decision that Noely makes. I know that sometimes I will have to even keep her from doing something that she wants to do because it may be harmful to herself or another person. I hope, however, that I will also raise her up with the tools necessary to be a strong, determined, compassionate, humble, loving, and kind human. May we continue to wrestle with scripture and understand what it means to both teach children and learn from them. As we enter this Easter season may we seek for new life in ourselves and in others.

Peace,  
Pastor Brandon

Mientras me siento para escribir esta carta, Noely tiene casi 7 semanas. A las 7 semanas todavía es una “recién nacida” y, sin embargo, ya creció y desarrolló mucho desde hace tan solo 7 semanas. Todavía le queda un largo camino por recorrer para los primeros “primeros”, como primer paso, palabra, diente, comida sólida, y el que más esperamos, “¡la primera vez que duerme toda la noche! Sin embargo, ha crecido casi 4 libras y dos pulgadas. Ella ahora nos sonríe y comienza a reírse. A medida que se desarrolla, no puedo evitar reflexionar sobre lo que las Escrituras nos dicen sobre los niños.

A menudo, ser “infantil” se considera un insulto. Quizás la escritura que se usa para justificar esa es la carta de Pablo a los Corintios cuando dice: “Cuando era niño, hablaba como un niño, pensaba como un niño, razonaba como un niño; cuando llegué a la adultez, terminé con las formas infantiles. Sin embargo, Jesús nos dice que tenemos mucho que aprender de los niños. En Mateo, Jesús nos dice que debemos llegar a ser como niños pequeños. Él dice: “Dejen que los niños vengan a mí, y no los estorben”. Él nos dice que el reino de los cielos pertenece a los niños.

El pasado sábado, niños, adolescentes y adultos jóvenes encabezaron una manifestación llamada “Marcha por nuestras vidas”. Aunque no esté de acuerdo con todos los cargos que ocupan estos niños, debemos tomar en serio el mandamiento de Cristo y escucharlos. No debemos colocar obstáculos ante ellos, sino que debemos ayudar a levantar las voces de los niños. Sé que no estaré de acuerdo con todas las decisiones que tome Noely. Sé que a veces tendré que evitar que haga algo que ella quiere hacer porque puede ser perjudicial para ella o para otra persona. Espero, sin embargo, que también la críe con las herramientas necesarias para ser un ser humano fuerte, determinado, compasivo, humilde, amoroso y amable. Que continuemos luchando con las Escrituras y comprendamos lo que significa enseñarles a los niños y aprender de ellos. Al entrar en esta temporada de Pascua, podemos buscar una nueva vida en nosotros mismos y en los demás.

Paz,  
Pastor Brandon

## ***On Christ The Solid Rock***

We had just settled into our pew following a short visit with the family. The church looked the same as it did five years ago. It was not a joyous day because we were here for Steve's funeral. Just a short five years earlier we were here in the same church for Steve and Linda's wedding. Steve's sudden and unexpected death had brought us here again.

The old country church was nestled in the mountains of western North Carolina. The floor was of hardwood adding an element of warmth to the sanctuary. The church sanctuary was made beautiful with old, colorful stained-glass windows. Each window was a work of art describing a scene from the bible with a short caption underneath. All windows except one.

From my seat, one window was most clearly visible. The central point of that window was of a massive rock (think Rock of Gibraltar). The caption underneath this rock simply said, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God".

As I continued to look at that stained-glass window, this thought occurred to me. "What other description can God have"? The very word "fortress" gives meaning of security, of strength, of a stronghold, and of safety. Would we want anything else? Very doubtful.

One of the great old hymns of the church is "My Hope Is Built". These words are found within this song: "On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand". That old stained-glass window described visually this concept of the ever-strong Christ. During hours and days of trouble, what better place to be than to stand on that solid rock known as Christ? And more importantly, this rock is big enough for all mankind.

He calmed the waters and He will calm all our fears. Submitted by: Harold Boone

*United Methodist Women*



***UMW MEMBERS AT LARGE  
HAVE ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION***

***A UMW General Meeting will follow  
service on April 22<sup>nd</sup> in Munday Hall.  
All women are invited to attend!***

"The Metro District Prayer Breakfast" The Metro District Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 28th, 2018 at North Davidson United Methodist Church, 1025 East 36th Street, Charlotte, NC 28205. Registration will begin at 8:45 am. The program will begin at 9:15 am. The cost will be \$7.50 per person and includes breakfast. A Love Offering for Mission Giving in memory of Linda Mae Morrison Young, Deaconess-Home Missioner, Mooresville United Methodist Church, Mooresville, NC, will be received during the breakfast. Deadline for registration to be mailed to the Metro District Treasurer is no later than April 16, 2018. Mail registration form and funds to Kim Shafer, Metro District Treasurer, P.O. Box 20087, Charlotte, NC 28202-0027

***ONE CAN EVERY SUNDAY!!***



**LOAVES & FISHES**  
Groceries for Neighbors in Need

***PRIORITY  
NEEDS  
LIST***

***CEREAL, GRITS, CANNED MEAT, SOUPS, CAN  
PASTAS (RAVIOLI & SPAGHETTI-O'S)  
DRY PASTAS & SAUCES, CANNED  
VEGETABLES, CAN OR DRIED BEANS,  
100% FRUIT JUICE, AND TOILET PAPER.  
(FOR SAFETY ~ NO GLASS PLEASE)***

***GOD BLESS YOU,  
THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE***



# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 – Richard Avery*
- 3 – Joshue Cueva Lucas*
- 7 – April Brooks*
- 13 – Jerri Funderburk*
- 14 – Mary Eudy*
- 14 – Andy Smithey*
- 15 – Sarah Hopkins*
- 16 – Shirley Martin*
- 16 – Becky Sides*
- 19 – Laren Crews*
- 24 – Vivan Calvert*
- 24 – Brent Hodge*
- 27 – Laura Leach*
- 28 – Jennifer Bracamontes*
- 29 – Juli Kline*



## Summer Intern at MUMC

This summer the Western North Carolina Conference will be sending an "Explore" intern to Memorial. The Explore Summer Internship Program exists to help young adults (18-25 years old) discern their call to vocational ministry by providing an environment for exploring their gifts and giving the intern opportunities to explore particular aspects of ministry in a safe and encouraging environment. We're excited about the opportunity to both teach and learn from the intern. Her internship will begin May 21<sup>st</sup> and end July 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be sharing more information on who she is and what her role will be at MUMC in next months newsletter.

## Interno en MUMC

Este verano, la Conferencia de Western North Carolina enviará a un interno de "Explore" al Memorial. El programa Explore Summer Internship existe para ayudar a los jóvenes adultos (18-25 años) a discernir su llamado al ministerio vocacional al proporcionar un ambiente para explorar sus dones y brindar oportunidades de pasantía para explorar aspectos particulares del ministerio en un ambiente seguro y alentador. Estamos entusiasmados con la oportunidad de enseñar y aprender del interno. Su pasantía comenzará el 21 de mayo y finalizará el 29 de julio. Compartiremos más información sobre quién es ella y cuál será su función en MUMC en el boletín informativo del próximo mes.



"It's simple. My nurse blindfolds me, I spin around a few times, and then I try to reattach your tail."



### **Soccer Ministry at Kilborne Park**

We will officially be kicking off our new soccer ministry at 4:30pm on April 7<sup>th</sup> at Kilborne Park. This is for any children ages 6-14. All are welcome as we will be teaching the kids how to play soccer and participating in a short devotion. The practices and devotions will be each Saturday from 4:30-6:30pm. We will also need volunteers who can help coach the kids, provide refreshments, or just come out to interact with the kids and their parents. If you would like to help in any way reach out to Brandon at [blazarus@wnccumc.net](mailto:blazarus@wnccumc.net) or Juan Julio at [juanjulioparedes@gmail.com](mailto:juanjulioparedes@gmail.com)

### **Ministerio de fútbol en el parque Kilborne**

Estaremos oficialmente empezando nuestro nuevo ministerio de fútbol a las 4:30 pm. El 7 de abril en Kilborne Park. Esto es para cualquier niño de 6 a 14 años. Todos son bienvenidos, ya que les enseñaremos a los niños cómo jugar fútbol y participar en una corta devoción. Vamos a tener esta ministerio todos los sábados 4:30-6:00pm. También necesitaremos voluntarios que puedan ayudar a entrenar a los niños, brindar refrescos o simplemente salir a interactuar con los niños y sus padres. Si desea ayudar de alguna manera, comuníquese con Brandon a [blazarus@wnccumc.net](mailto:blazarus@wnccumc.net) o Juan Julio a [juanjulioparedes@gmail.com](mailto:juanjulioparedes@gmail.com)

### **Soccer Ministry Training**

As was shared above, we will need volunteers to help coach our soccer ministry. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering as a coach, we will have a free training led by the Charlotte Eagles April 20-21 in Munday Hall. On Friday April 20 the class will be from 6pm-9pm and on Saturday April 21 we will begin at 9am and end with the soccer ministry from 4:30pm-6pm. There is no registration fee but if you are coming please RSVP to Brandon at [blazarus@wnccumc.net](mailto:blazarus@wnccumc.net) or Juan Julio at [juanjulioparedes@gmail.com](mailto:juanjulioparedes@gmail.com).

### **Entrenamiento del Ministerio de fútbol**

Como se compartió anteriormente, necesitaremos voluntarios para ayudar a entrenar nuestro ministerio de fútbol. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce está interesado en ser voluntario como entrenador, tendremos una capacitación gratuita dirigida por Charlotte Eagles del 20 al 21 de abril en Munday Hall. El viernes 20 de abril la clase será de 6 p.m. a 9 p.m. y el sábado 21 de abril comenzaremos a las 9 a.m. y terminaremos con el ministerio de fútbol de 4:30 p.m. a 6 p.m. No hay tarifa de registro, pero si vienes por favor RSVP a Brandon en [blazarus@wnccumc.net](mailto:blazarus@wnccumc.net) o Juan Julio en [juanjulioparedes@gmail.com](mailto:juanjulioparedes@gmail.com)



## Wills and Bequests – Leave a Legacy to Memorial!

Did you know that 60% of people die without a will? What happens to everything these people worked and saved for? How do they know that the family and charities they care for are taken care of? Sadly, people who die with no will have no say over the distribution of their assets – they are dispersed according to their state's estate laws.

***With a will, YOU decide how your estate will be distributed and avoid a lengthy probate process.*** You can avoid legal challenges to your estate, and you can leave legacy gifts to the charities that are important to you. We hope that Memorial is one of those, and that you will help to perpetuate your church for the future.

## Support Memorial with gifts of Appreciated Securities

Do you know that you can donate appreciated securities directly to Memorial? You can! And there are some significant tax advantages for you to do that. If you donate an appreciated security, you will ***receive a tax deduction for the full market value of the stock, while avoiding all of the capital-gains tax you would pay if you cash it in.***

Because of this capital-gains tax savings, donating appreciated securities is actually tax-preferable to donors in tax brackets of 15% or higher.

Susan Cothorn, Director of Client Relations with the United Methodist Foundation of Western North Carolina, will join us on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship to talk more about how you can make gifts of appreciated securities and ***Leave a Legacy*** and at Memorial. Please put this event on your calendar, and RSVP to Johnsie to reserve your spot at the presentation.

*An opportunity to*  
INVEST IN HOPE  
*and secure the future*

## Testamentos y legados: ¡deja un legado en el Memorial!

¿Sabías que el 60% de las personas muere sin voluntad? ¿Qué le sucede a todo lo que estas personas trabajaron y guardaron? ¿Cómo saben que se ocupan de la familia y las organizaciones benéficas que les importan? Lamentablemente, las personas que mueren sin tienen voz sobre la distribución de sus activos: están dispersas de acuerdo con las leyes de patrimonio de su estado.

**Con un testamento, USTED decide cómo se distribuirá su patrimonio y evitará un largo proceso de legalización.** Puede evitar desafíos legales a su patrimonio y puede dejar los obsequios heredados a las organizaciones benéficas que son importantes para usted. Esperamos que Memorial sea uno de esos, y que ayudará a perpetuar su iglesia para el futuro.

## Support Memorial con regalos de valores apreciados

¿Sabes que puedes donar valores apreciados directamente a Memorial? ¡Usted puede! Y existen algunas ventajas impositivas significativas para que lo haga. Si dona un valor de seguridad apreciado, **recibirá una deducción fiscal por el valor total de mercado de las acciones, mientras que evita todo el impuesto a las ganancias de capital que pagaría si lo cobra.**

Debido a este ahorro de impuestos sobre las ganancias de capital, la donación de valores apreciados es en realidad preferible a los impuestos en el caso de donantes con un límite fiscal del 15% o superior.

Susan Cothorn, Directora de Relaciones con los Clientes de la Fundación Metodista Unida de Western North Carolina, se unirá a nosotros el domingo 20 de mayo inmediatamente después de la alabanza para hablar más sobre cómo hacer regalos de valores apreciados y **Leave a Legacy** y en Memorial. Coloque este evento en su calendario y confirme su asistencia a Johnsie para reservar su lugar en la presentación.