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The Memorial Messenger

**CELEBRATE
THE SPIRIT
OF GIVING**



SELECT A TAG FROM OUR ANGEL TREE!

MEMORIAL UMC'S ANNUAL ANGEL TREE

As in past years we will have an Angel tree in the parlor with tags available for pick up.

Gifts need to be returned no later than December 9th

Please sign your name beside the matching number/letter on the sign-up sheet on the desk.

Please put gifts in a gift bag and securely attach angel tree tag on bag.

Gifts do not need to be wrapped! Monetary donations will be accepted.

Thank you for your willingness to spread the joy of Christmas with others!



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

November 4, 2018

Worship	101
Sunday school	24
Receipts.....	\$5,676
Repair Fund.....	\$85

November 11, 2018

Worship	110
Sunday school	31
Receipts.....	\$4,988
Repair Fund.....	\$122

November 18, 2018

Worship	96
Sunday school	25
Receipts.....	\$3,243
Repair Fund.....	\$20

November 25, 2018

Worship	94
Sunday school	23
Receipts.....	\$3,676
Repair Fund.....	\$16



GENERAL BUDGET

"In Memory of Brenda Boone"

- By: Doris Wright
- By: Betsy Walker
- By: Maralon Haviland
- By: Anne Barnett
- By: Mary McCrary
- By: Fern Mier
- By: John & Gloria Barbe
- By: New Directions Sunday school class
- By: Laura Diviney

"In Memory of Billy LeGrand"

- By: Betsy Walker
- By: Anne Barnett
- By: Mary McCrary
- By: Laura Diviney

"In Memory of Samuel Austin Hall"

- By: Mary McCrary

"In Memory of Gloria Barbe's Sister"

- By: John & Gloria Barbe

MUSIC FUND

"In Memory of Billy LeGrand"

- By: Willis Goodrum

BLANKETS FOR RECOVERY

"In Memory of Brenda Boone"

- By: Mac & E.J. McGee

"In Memory of Billy LeGrand"

- By: Martha Stacker



GENERAL BUDGET

"In Honor of Harold Boone"

- By: Maralon Haviland

BLANKETS FOR RECOVERY

"In Honor of Mac & E.J. McGee"

- By: Susan Melson



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

**"Before they call I will answer, while
they are yet speaking I will hear."
Isaiah 65:24 (NRSV)**



*Thank you to UMW for memorial as well as
all the cards, and phone calls expressing their
support at Billy's passing.*

Mary Ann LeGrand



LOAVES & FISHES
Groceries for Neighbors in Need

ONE CAN EVERY SUNDAY!!

Cereal, grits, canned meat, soups, canned pastas (Ravioli & spaghetti-o's) Dry Pastas & Sauces, canned vegetables, can or dried beans, peanut butter, 100% Fruit Juice, and toilet paper. (For Safety ~ No Glass Please) If you would like to make a monetary donation for Loaves and Fishes, just tag your check or envelope for L & F Pantries

**115 lbs. collected for October &
151 lbs. for November
Go MUMC!**

God Bless you, The Outreach Committee



On November 1st I walked into the grocery store to see the Halloween candy pushed to the clearance bin, and where there once stood a cackling witch toy, stood a jolly ole Saint Nick. The banners I see on the internet are for early Black Friday Sales. It seems Black Friday is no longer the day after Thanksgiving but all of November and December. Seasons and holidays all seem to creep one into the other. It's a trapeze act of letting go of one holiday and immediately grappling onto the next. The time spent in the air, in limbo, becomes shorter and shorter.

On one hand, this seems great. We can be in a constant state of celebration. The partying never has to stop when you've got another one right around the corner. All this noise, however, can become deafening. Where is the silence? Where is the peace? Where is the time for preparation? Where is the time for reflection? Advent is meant to be that time.

Advent marks the beginning of the Christian calendar. This year we begin Advent on the first Sunday in December and end on Christmas Eve. When you come into the sanctuary on December second you will see that the parament (fancy word for the colored cloth on the pulpit) has been changed to blue. Last year we decided to switch from purple to blue to signify the season. The color blue stands for hope. Advent is a time of hopeful anticipation for the coming of the Christ-child but also the coming of the risen Christ into the world.

Three of the four Sundays (December 9th will be our cantata) our worship will be inspired by the work of Rev. Justin Coleman called "Home for Christmas". In this study Rev. Coleman shares the stories of real-life people who have struggled with addiction, incarceration, and gang-affiliation, but found work and life through a ministry called Homeboy Industries. We'll learn about the hope and new life that they have experienced and look at how we too can experience hope and new life.

Peace,
Pastor Brandon

El 1 de noviembre entré a la tienda para ver los dulces de Halloween empujados a la papelería de despacho, y donde una vez había un juguete de bruja cacareando, estaba parado un alegre Saint Nick. Los banners que veo en Internet son para las primeras ventas de "Black Friday". Parece que el "Black Friday" ya no es el día después del Día de Acción de Gracias sino todo noviembre y diciembre. Las estaciones y los días festivos parecen arrastrarse uno al otro. Es un acto de trapecio que consiste en dejar ir un día festivo e inmediatamente atacar al siguiente. El tiempo pasado en el aire, en el limbo, se vuelve más y más corto.

Por un lado, esto parece genial. Podemos estar en una época constante de celebración. La fiesta nunca tiene que parar cuando tienes otra a la vuelta de la esquina. Todo este ruido, sin embargo, puede llegar a ser ensordecedor. ¿Dónde está el silencio? ¿Dónde está la paz? ¿Dónde está el tiempo para la preparación? ¿Dónde está el tiempo para la reflexión? Se supone que el Adviento es ese momento.

El Adviento marca el comienzo del calendario cristiano. Este año comenzamos el Adviento el primer domingo de diciembre y terminamos en la víspera de Navidad. Cuando entres en el santuario el segundo de diciembre, verás que el parámetro (palabra elegante para la tela de color en el púlpito) se ha cambiado a azul. El año pasado decidimos cambiar de púrpura a azul para indicar la temporada. El color azul representa la esperanza. El Adviento es un tiempo de anticipación esperanzadora para la venida del Cristo-niño, pero también la venida de Cristo resucitado al mundo.

Tres de los cuatro domingos (el 9 de diciembre será nuestra cantata) nuestra adoración se inspirará en el trabajo del Reverendo Justin Coleman llamado "Home for Christmas". En este estudio, el Rev. Coleman comparte las historias de personas de la vida real que han luchado contra la adicción, el encarcelamiento y la afiliación a pandillas, pero encontraron trabajo y vida a través de un ministerio llamado Homeboy Industries. Aprenderemos sobre la esperanza y la nueva vida que han experimentado y veremos cómo nosotros también podemos experimentar la esperanza y la nueva vida.

Paz,
Pastor Brandon



Those Eyes & Pig Tails ~ So Cute!!



Noely ~ 9 months old



**Christmas "Drop-In" At the Parsonage
December 15th from 11-1**

Georgie, Noely, and Pastor Brandon would like to invite everyone to the parsonage for a Christmas "Drop-In" Saturday December 15th from 11am-1pm. Ham, punch, coffee, and cookies will be provided. You are welcome to bring a snack to share, although that is not necessary. The address is 5511 Bannock Glen Dr.

**Navidad "Drop-In" en la casa
parroquial**

15 de diciembre de 11-1

Georgie, Noely y el pastor Brandon desean invitar a todos a la casa parroquial para un "Drop-In" de Navidad el sábado 15 de diciembre de 11 am a 1 pm. Habrá jamón, ponche, café y galletas. Le invitamos a traer un bocadillo para compartir, aunque eso no es necesario. La dirección es 5511 Bannock Glen Dr.

United Methodist Women



*Friendship Circle
has Altar Flower
distribution for December*

Memorial's

UMW Mission Project ~ Christmas Boxes for Armenia. UMW collected 20 boxes for their yearly mission project! *Nice Work Ladies!!*



From the Member Care Team:

The Member Care Team at Memorial is planning to distribute "Christmas Care Packages" to our home bound members in early December. If you would like to support this effort you can make a donation and mark "Member Care" on the check or envelope. The bags for these home bound members will be available if you wish to include notes or cards to them.

The Member Care Team will deliver the bags in early December. Thanks in advance for supporting this ministry.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



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Brightmoore*

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City of Charlotte Community Meeting

Creating Safe Communities

Memorial United Methodist – Munday Hall
December 4th at 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Creating safe communities starts with knowing your neighbors and strengthening these relationships. However, knowing about environmental risks, public safety resources, and other tools can help you to create a safer community. Join us to learn from City and County representatives about: Forming a neighborhood watch and engaging with CMPD; Assessing fire risks and preventing fire-related injuries; Requesting increased street lighting from CDOT; Co-existing with wildlife, including the growing coyote population. You can register online at: <https://charlottenc.seamlessdocs.com/f/6xd1y5d0ot>



Saturday, December 8th

Breakfast & Working in Santa's Workshop
Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018 9 am-12 pm

Children ages 3 to 10-years-old

* Learn about Jesus's birth

* Make gifts for friends and family

*We will need volunteers for the event to help with preparing and serving breakfast, helping the children with crafts...



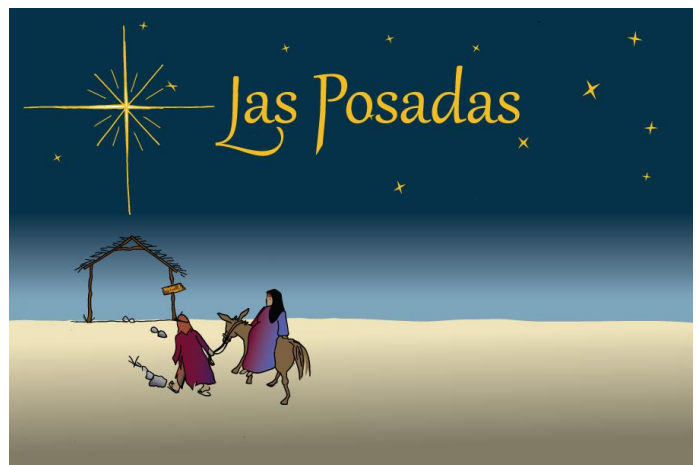
*A Service of Lessons and Carols
December 9th at 11:00 am.*

*Compiled and Directed by Sandy Davis
Performed by:
Memorial UMC Chancel Choir*



- 2 – Melanie Lanier*
- 2 – Gerardo Martinez*
- 5 – Brett Austin*
- 8 – Barbara Edmunds*
- 8 – Jo Jones*
- 8 – Mackenzie Austin*
- 9 – Harold Boone*
- 10 – Sarah Leach Stucky*
- 10 – Angel Castillo Moreno*
- 11 – Tom Taylor*
- 11 – Julia Whalen*
- 13 – Janine Huneycutt*
- 20 – Don Noblitt*
- 20 – Ray Shafer*
- 21 – Ada Watson*
- 21 – Henry Jones, Jr.*
- 22 – Jose Hernandez Martinez*
- 23 – Patricia Baum*
- 25 – Danilo Cueva Lucas*
- 26 – Gary Reid*
- 30 – Angie Hepner*

*Opportunity may knock
once, but temptation
bangs on the front door
forever!*



Community “Las Posadas” Christmas Eve Service and Memorial Candlelight Service

This year on Christmas Eve we will hold an East Charlotte Community Christmas Eve Service. The service will have an abbreviated “Las Posadas” component where “Mary and Joseph” will search for a room at the Inn. The service will be held in our sanctuary at 2pm. We will also have a candlelight service with communion at 7pm

Servicio Comunitario de Nochebuena “Las Posadas” y Memorial Servicio de Velas

Este año, en la víspera de Navidad, tendremos un servicio de víspera de Navidad de la comunidad de East Charlotte. El servicio tendrá un componente abreviado de "Las Posadas" donde "María y José" buscarán una habitación en la posada. El servicio se llevará a cabo en nuestro santuario a las 2pm. También tendremos un servicio de velas con comunión a las 7pm.



FROM STAFF PARISH COMMITTEE: There will be a special collection for Staff Appreciation this Sunday through December 16th, during the regular offering at worship. You may contribute cash or check (to MUMC). If using cash, please use a pew offering envelope and mark "Staff Appreciation" on the envelope. If using a check, please mark "Staff Appreciation" on the check. Please use this opportunity to show our church staff our appreciation

When Delicious Food Taste Bad

My wife, Brenda, was a strong person and all of her doctors had said just that and more. She was at ease with her medical condition. I, on the other hand, had a difficult time adjusting to her inability to eat the same foods as I did. Her medical condition, however, prohibited that from happening.

I cared for my wife as any man would doing anything to help her. Strangely, my problem was eating delicious food. Initially I would eat standing up in the kitchen out of her sight. Later as friends and neighbors would bring delicious food for me, I discovered I did not enjoy eating it. I was always thankful for having caring friends and neighbors provide food for me. The food would be delicious to anyone but since my wife was ill and could not eat food orally, I developed a guilt complex. Simply put, I was ashamed to eat delicious food in front of my wife knowing she could not do the same.

Worse yet, my wife encouraged me to go out to restaurants with friends and enjoy the good conversation along with the food. Even then I found myself not wanting to eat anything that sounded delicious. When I returned home, I would always downplay the meal when she asked me about my dinner.

Seemingly my wife began to look beyond her own medical condition and the related problems and started focusing her attention to my well-being. In an unexpected turnabout, Brenda began to take care of me, her caregiver. We both had expressed our love for each other over the years but now this love was being displayed by an action never before seen by me. As I was caring for my wife's physical and medical needs, she was caring for my emotional needs.

Through her coaxing and support, I began to enjoy delicious food once again. And along the way, I've learned to appreciate Brenda in a new and different way. She had that ability to look beyond herself and see needs in others, particularly mine.

Throughout our forty-eight years of marriage my wife has shown me a remarkable gift. She has that special ability to care for others during difficult circumstances. Aside from caring for me, she has reached out over the years to others with cancer and offered words of encouragement and comfort for their well-being.

All stories should have a meaningful point and purpose and this story is no different. My wife has demonstrated a simple but profound trait by her actions. Regardless of our station in life, our financial resources, or even our medical condition, we each have something within ourselves to give to others. Gifts need not be monumental in size or expensive but something that touches the soul of the recipient. I know this because my wife touched my soul through her concerns for my emotional wellbeing. And she did this despite her debilitating health problems. Such is the story of a sweetheart, a loving wife.

And to my church family, thank you for touching my soul through your unwavering support, countless hugs, and that never-ending season of prayer. I was blessed to have Brenda as my wife and am continued to be blessed by your friendship.

Harold Boone

