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The Memorial Messenger

The Autumn of Life

By: Helen Steiner Rice

What a wonderful time is life's autumn,
when the leaves of the trees are all gold,
When God fills each day as He sends
it with memories, priceless and old.
What a treasure-house filled with rare jewels
are the blessings of year upon year,
When life has been lived as you've lived it
in a home where God's presence is near...
May the deep meaning surrounding this day,
like the paintbrush of God up above.
Touch your life with wonderful blessings,
and fill your heart brimful with His love.

Submitted by: Fern Mier



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

October 7, 2018

Worship 144
Sunday school 22
Receipts.....\$4,734

October 14, 2018

Worship 74
Sunday school 24
Receipts.....\$3,878
Repair Fund.....\$95

October 21, 2018

Worship 88
Sunday school
Receipts.....\$4,170

October 28, 2018

Worship 59
Sunday school 24
Receipts.....\$2,881



GENERAL BUDGET

"In Memory of Billy LeGrand"

By: John & Gloria Barbe

By: Doris Wright

"In Memory of Gloria Barbe's Mother, Father & Brother"

By: John & Gloria Barbe

"In Memory of John Barbe's Mother, Father & Brother"

By: John & Gloria Barbe

MUSIC FUND

"In Memory of Samuel Austin Hall"

By: Willis Goodrum



**November
3rd
8am-12pm**

we will have another work day at the church. We will be cleaning out the remaining rooms upstairs, landscaping, organizing storage, and general cleaning.

Día de trabajo 3 de noviembre

El 3 de noviembre de 8 am a 12 pm tendremos otro día de trabajo en la iglesia. Limpiaremos las habitaciones restantes en el piso de arriba, arreglaremos el jardín, organizaremos el almacenamiento y la limpieza en general.



For those who have lost loved ones the families of William LeGrand & Brenda Boon

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)



Veterans Day is Sunday, November 11th.

Blankets for Recovery Update: our next Blessing Of The Blankets will be Sunday, November 11th at the 11:00 a.m. service. All blankets should be on the altar rails by 10:30 so they can be photographed.

Ten of the lap blankets will be given to Hospice and Palliative Care for their veterans who are patients and some of the larger ones will be given to the Home-Based Care patients served by the V.A. Hospital in Salisbury. We are looking into finding a third place to send our blankets depending on how many are turned in. We thank our dedicated blanket makers and donors.



On October 21st we elected 16 leaders (with one TBD) to our new "One Team." This team will be effective January 1, 2019 and will help us to discern the mission and vision of our church. Our move from multiple committees to this one team means that many people who previously served on one or more committees do not now have a "title" in the church. For some this may feel like your service is no longer needed at Memorial. In reality, this could not be any further from the truth. Our move from about 7 committees with over 75 people total in positions to one team with 17 people in positions means that there are dozens of people who can now be fully released into ministry! As this one team listens for where the Holy Spirit is leading us, we will need everyone to do their part in order to more fully engage in mission and ministry with our neighbors.

As I shared last Sunday in my sermon, I do not believe that growth and vitality will happen from a focus on some future ideal for our church. Like James and John coming to Jesus asking to sit at his right and his left, a focus merely on the future loses sight of what it means to follow Christ. We pray in the Lord's prayer for God to "give us today, our daily bread." Jesus tells his disciples "do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own." A commitment to growth, vitality, and discipleship, is then a focus on today. We must ask ourselves as individual Christians, and collectively as the church, "what is Christ calling us to do?" and then we must follow up with the same question Jesus asked his disciples, "Are you able?"

I hope and pray that we are able to do what Christ calls us to do day by day. I invite us to be in prayer by name for our leaders for next year. If you believe there is a particular role that you are being called to take in our church please reach out to me or one of the members of the team as we partake in the difficult work of listening and responding to the Spirit in our lives and world.

Chair

Jack Farley

Secretary

Juli Kline

Lay Leader

Cathy Taylor

SPRC (3)

Richard Avery, Kimberly Tingle, and Norma White

Trustee (3)

Joey Aycock, Joe Marse, and Debbie Eudy

Finance (3)

Mac McGee, John Barbe, and Matt Leach

Nurture

TBD

Outreach

Tina Worsley

Witness

Laura Diviney

Hispanic Committee Representatives

Monica Lucas, and Juan Pablo Carrera Mendez

El 21 de octubre, elegimos a 16 líderes para nuestro nuevo "Un Equipo". Este equipo entrará en efecto el 1 de enero de 2019 y nos ayudará a discernir la misión y la visión de la iglesia. Para algunos que no están en esta equipo, parece que su servicio ya no es necesario en Memorial. En realidad, esto no podría estar más lejos de la verdad. ¡Nuestro movimiento de 7 comités con más de 75 personas en total a un equipo con 17 personas en posiciones significa que hay docenas de personas que ahora pueden ser liberadas completamente al ministerio! Mientras este equipo escucha hacia dónde nos está guiando el Espíritu Santo, necesitaremos que todos hagan su parte para participar más plenamente en la misión y el ministerio con nuestros vecinos.

Como compartí el domingo pasado en mi sermón, no creo que el crecimiento y la vitalidad pasarán de centrarse en algún ideal futuro para nuestra iglesia. Al igual que Santiago y Juan que vienen a Jesús y le piden que se siente a su derecha y su izquierda, un enfoque meramente en el futuro pierde de vista lo que significa seguir a Cristo. Oramos en la oración del Señor para que Dios "nos dé hoy nuestro pan de cada día". Jesús le dice a sus discípulos "no se preocupe por el mañana, porque el mañana traerá preocupaciones por sí mismo". Un compromiso con el crecimiento, la vitalidad y el discipulado. Es entonces un enfoque en la actualidad. Debemos preguntarnos como cristianos individuales, y colectivamente como la iglesia, "¿qué nos pide Cristo que hagamos?" Y luego debemos continuar con la misma pregunta que Jesús le hizo a sus discípulos: "¿Pueden ustedes?"

Espero y oro para que seamos capaces de hacer lo que Cristo nos llama a hacer día a día. Los invito a estar en oración por nuestros líderes para el próximo año. Si usted cree que hay un rol particular que está siendo llamado a asumir en nuestra iglesia, comuníquese conmigo o con uno de los miembros del equipo mientras participamos en la difícil tarea de escuchar y responder al Espíritu en nuestras vidas y mundo. .

Presidente

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Laura diviney

Representantes del comité hispano

Monica Lucas, y Juan Pablo Carrera Mendez

Pastor Brandon

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Noely's Baptism



United Methodist Women



**UMW Members
at Large
have Altar Flower
distribution for
November**

**UMW General Meeting will be held
Sunday, November 11th following
worship service in Munday Hall. All
women are invited to attend.**



**UMW will be decorating for Advent
on Tuesday,
November 26th at 6:30 pm.**



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

God Bless you, The Outreach Committee



- 1 – Will Tingle
- 2 – Marisol Martinez
- 3 – Randy McKinney, Jr.
- 4 – Carlos Bracamontes Dominguez
- 4 – Jeanette Short
- 9 – Austin Baker
- 12 – Imelda Martinez
- 12 – Katie Robinson
- 13 – Jordan Brooks
- 14 – Tina Worsley
- 15 – Angel Miolinari
- 15 – Martha Dukes
- 18 – Mary McCrary
- 18 – Denny Prater
- 21 – Iva Wagner
- 26 – Jack D. Silva
- 27 – Brenda Boone
- 28 – Patsy Denbroeder

Coming in December....

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.



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 starting Sunday November 18th.

Gifts need to be returned no later than December 9th

Please sign your name beside the matching number/letter on the signup 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!



Saturday, December 8th

Breakfast & Working in Santa's Workshop

Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018 9 am-12 pm

Children ages 3 to 10-years-old

- * Eat breakfast with Santa
- * 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...
- *Stay tuned for a list of supplies that we will be gathering!

Church Council Meeting and Charge
Conference
Memorial United Methodist Church
October 21, 2018

Church Council

A church council meeting was held on Sunday, October 21, 2018 in the church sanctuary. There were 34 people present, including church council and other church members. Council chair Ernie Atkinson called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the compensation package for church clergy for 2019, and to approve the list of church leaders for the 2019 year.

Clergy compensation for Pastor Brandon Lazarus will remain the same as 2018 - \$51,250.00. Pastor Juan Julio Paredes will receive a 3% increase due to conference minimums, to \$34,608.00. John Barbe made the motion to approve these amounts and Jack Farley seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections.

Pastor Brandon Lazarus reviewed a list of nominations for church leaders for 2019. There is still one open position on the leadership committee for Nurture. There was no discussion from the floor. Mark White made the motion to approve the nominations and Mac McGee seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections.

Charge Conference

Pastor Brandon Lazarus presided over the charge conference as pastor in charge, and opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor Brandon reviewed conference apportionment amounts and clergy compensations for 2019. These were unanimously approved by the attendees. He also reviewed the list of church leadership positions approved in the church council meeting. These were also unanimously approved.

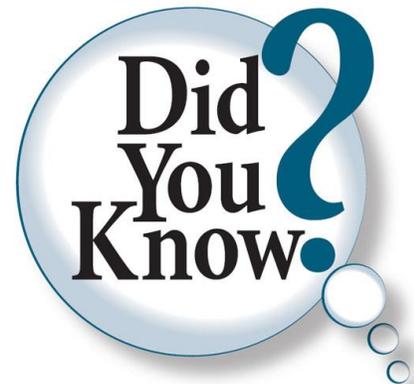
Pastor Brandon presented a list of names to be removed from the church rolls. There has been a review of the church membership roll over the last several months, and Brandon presented a list of 470 names to be removed. This recommendation was approved.

Pastor Juan Julio Paredes reported on the Sports Ministry. During the months of April through

October, the ministry made a total of 1500 personal contacts with children and parents during the weekly gatherings of this group. They are currently looking at options for continuing the gatherings during the winter months.

Pastor Brandon spoke of the challenges facing Memorial as changes may occur. He asked for support and prayers for the church, and for the new leadership team as they make decisions concerning the business and the ministry of the church. He closed the meeting with prayer.

Mary Atkinson
Council Secretary



...if you read four chapters of the Old Testament each weekday and five chapters of the New Testament each weekend, you would read through the entire Bible in less that a year.

TRY IT!

The Bible is the greatest love story ever written. It is the story of God's love for all mankind ~ especially YOU!

Submitted by: Mary Eudy