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The Memorial Messenger



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NOVEMBER 2ND!

OUR ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL WILL BE HELD SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2ND.

***LIKE YEARS PAST WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP COOK HOT DOGS,
MAKE COTTON CANDY, WELCOME PEOPLE, AND HELP WITH VARIOUS
BOOTHES.***

***IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THE EVENT ITSELF OR PLANNING
THIS YEAR, PLEASE REACH OUT TO PASTOR BRANDON.***

LOOK FOR A SIGNUP SHEET TO BE PASSED AROUND LATER IN OCTOBER.



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

August 4, 2019

Worship	125
Sunday school	34
Receipts.....	\$5,178
Repairs.....	\$500

August 11, 2019

Worship	93
Sunday school	
Receipts.....	\$2,744
Repairs.....	\$110

August 18, 2019

Worship	88
Sunday school	31
Receipts.....	\$3,474

August 25, 2019

Worship	109
Sunday school	30
Receipts.....	\$2,975

September 1, 2019

Worship	85
Sunday school	24
Receipts.....	\$4,442
Repairs.....	\$85

September 8, 2019

Worship	101
Sunday school	34
Receipts.....	\$4,741

September 15, 2019

Worship	84
Sunday school	26
Receipts.....	\$4,442
Repairs.....	\$85

September 23, 2019

Worship	87
Sunday school	22
Receipts.....	\$2,086



GENERAL BUDGET

"In Memory of Bruce Noblitt"

By: Trinity Sunday school class

"In Memory of Ada Watson"

By: Eric & Melanie Lanier

By: Trinity Sunday school class

"In Memory of Our Loved Ones"

By: John & Gloria Barbe

"In Memory of Nellie McKinnon"

By: Trinity Sunday school class

BLANKET FUND

"In Memory of Ada Watson"

By: Mac & E.J. McGee



For those who have lost loved ones, the families of Ada Watson, Nellie McKinnon & Janet Barley (Maralon Haviland's sister)
For all our shut-ins & families living in stressful times.

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

Gloria Barbe, Diana Boyd, Kutyna Carl, Kathleen Casimo, Stan & Joan Cude, Carolyn Derr, Martha Dukes, Jerri Funderburk, Willis Goodrum, Dave & Pat Hampton, Maralon Haviland, Karlene Henry, Sandy Holland, Mary Ann LeGrand, Blanche Lambert, Mary McCrary, Shirley Martin, Linda Prater, Gary & Ann Reid, Herb Russell, Dean Sherrill, Jeanette Short, Gene & Mary Tayloe, Gladys S. Tayloe, and Iva Wagner.

"Why am I praying like this? Because I know you will answer me, O God! Yes, listen as I pray.

Psalm 17:6 Living Bible (TLB)



Donations for Loaves & Fishes!

We ask for your help in stocking up on some of the main items. We will take anything from the priority needs list!! Which are: Canned Meats & Veggies, Canned Pasta-Spaghetti-O's, ravioli, etc., Corn muffin mix, Cereal, Powdered Milk, Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit, and 100% Fruit Juices. **(No Glass Containers, please)**

As a reminder, the blue box in the main hallway, blue bin in sanctuary and rolling cart in the East Wing are for donations to Loaves and Fishes.



Membership CARE MINISTRY

From the Member Care Team

The Member Care Team will be providing gift bags to our Homebound members in Mid-October. We want to offer you the opportunity to write notes to these members. There will be bags with the members name on them and blank cards for you to write notes.

Please take a few minutes to write them. Many Thanks! The Member Care Team

Pastor's Post

1. Build Connections with Existing Partners

The first major initiative is to build connections with those organizations that are already utilizing our property. These connections will mostly focus on:

Memorial United Methodist Preschool- Memorial Preschool is a part-day preschool that serves children ages 0-5 and their families. They offer fun and educational programming during the school year and a summer session. Its mission is "To cultivate the mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual development of our students through play and nurturing guidance."

Emerald School of Excellence- A private recovery high school with a vision to provide quality education, in a recovery friendly environment to youth with substance use disorders

A Place for Heroes- Their mission is to provide an encouraging and safe environment for at risk Heroes as they transition into the community and regain ownership of their lives. They provide support in the areas of community and economic development projects, neighborhood planning projects, microenterprises, community and housing impact grants, social services and veteran housing.

- By January 1st a list of 5 ways to help each of these organizations will be shared
- Each month one of these organizations will be highlighted in the Newsletter
- At least two members of Memorial will be identified as liaisons for each organization by March 1st
 - Liaisons will help to advocate for these organizations, update the 5 ways Memorial can help, recruit volunteers, and help with general communication between the organizations and Memorial
- Members of these organizations will be invited, as able and willing, to participate in the other three initiatives as well as other events and ministries at Memorial. We will also seek ways to start new ministries and initiatives in connection with these organizations
- New organizations will be recruited as space is available and if they align with the mission and vision of Memorial and/or one of the above three organizations.
- Metrics that will be measured include but are not limited to:
 - Number of members volunteering
 - Total number of hours volunteered
 - Member organizations participating in ministries at MUMC
 - Combined ministries/events that happen as a result of partnerships

2. Launching a Dinner Church

As mentioned above, there are many people who are not part of a church and many of them do not have a desire to be a part of a church. Because of this, we will need to find less threatening, and more inviting ways to "be church" together. One of the emerging ways of doing this is through a dinner church. Memorial has received a \$2500 grant from the Western North Carolina Conference that also includes participation in two all day trainings and 6 monthly coaching calls.

- A "Dinner Church Team" (DCT) of 8-12 people will be recruited by December 1st
 - Ideally at least one rep from MUMPS, Emerald, and A Place 4 Heroes
- The DCT will, in communication with members and organizations, ultimately decide the time and day of the dinner church.
- Target launch date of January with monthly meetings for the first 6 months.
- Begin meeting in Munday Hall with location to be reevaluated by 6 month mark.
- Advertising will be done primarily to our partner organizations but also through social media, to surrounding community, small businesses, etc.
- Metrics
 - How many people attend (goal of 60)
 - How many are non-members (goal of 40%)
 - How many people attend >2x
 - Cost per meal (target \$3.5/pp)
 - Contacts made
 - Partnership made (especially local restaurants/markets)

Pastor's Post

3. Accountable Discipleship Groups

Accountable discipleship groups were the foundation of the early Methodist movement. Accountable discipleship groups will begin from the members of the church in order to hold them accountable to their own goals of growth in their faith and ministry. Although these groups could eventually be a venue through which new people can be invited, the first year's main focus is to help disciple existing members:

- The first focus will be to help enhance/support existing groups
 - Eric Lanier's Disciple Bible Study
 - Aldersgate lunch groups
 - Sunday School Classes
 - UMW Circles
- Other potential discipleship group leaders/facilitators will need to be recruited
- Groups will vary in size with preference to keeping the groups under 15 to encourage participation and discussion
- Groups will preferably meet weekly while a few may meet less frequently
- Success will be measured by number of groups, participants, and commitment levels.

4. Starting a New Community Initiative

Of the four major initiatives, this is the one that is the most nebulous. Being that there are so many people in our community who are not a part of a faith community and are not currently seeking to be a part of a faith community, we must find new ways to reach new people in new places. That is the goal of this initiative. It will begin with the formulation of a "launch team" that will spend time listening to members of the community to find out who lives in the community, where do people congregate, what are the communities greatest assets and needs, and how can Memorial help to come alongside existing communities and help to create new ones. Some of the questions that will need to be answered are:

- A launch team of 8-12 people representing non-profits, HOAs, community organizers, small businesses, etc as well as a couple of members of MUMC will be identified by the end of March
- The launch team will meet 2-5 times each month from April-September to create a strategic plan for listening to and connecting with the surrounding East Charlotte community.
 - This will include one on one conversations, attending community events, town halls, as well as hosting 2-4 group listening sessions.
- The metrics for success will include, but are not limited to
 - Contacts made
 - Surveys before and after major events
 - Total numbers and repeat attendees at events
 - Number of small groups/micro communities launched
- Desired Outcomes
 - Short Term
 - Hold 4 listening sessions before the end of 2020
 - 30 in attendance with >50% non-members of MUMC
 - List of 100 contacts by April 1
 - Mid-term
 - At least 1 micro-community by Dec 31
 - 200 in person contacts to include one on one and group meetings
 - 3-4 main focuses/assets/needs identified
 - Long-term
 - Help micro-communities to have a connection to existing Memorial worship, bible study, or other small group.
 - Potential launch of new service
- Channels of accountability and transparency
 - Pastor will make a report at each One Team meeting
 - Updates will be given, as available, in the monthly Newsletter

United Methodist Women



*New Fellowship Circle
has Altar Flower
distribution
for October*

World Thank offering jars will be collected from now until the end of November. Please give your filled jars to Debbie Eudy or Mary Atkinson.



**UMW is sponsoring a Soup Luncheon Fundraiser on November 24th after worship service in Munday Hall.
\$8.00 a person.
Leftovers will be sold after lunch.**



Poinsettia orders will be collected by November 26th, in order to place our requisition by December 2nd!
If you wish to donate one or more of your Poinsettias to a Homebound member, please note this on the order form with the number you will be donating.
Thank you for sponsoring Memorial's United Methodist Women's Circles!



Blankets for Recovery update:

Our next Blessing of the Blankets will be November 10th, in honor of Veterans Day!

Our blanket makers are hard at work making blankets for wounded warriors and disabled vets. We have given out a good bit of yarn and bought more. Please consider making a donation to our blanket fund as we can always use the funds when the yarns go on sale. As always, we appreciate everyone's help with this ministry. Make checks out to the church for Blankets for Recovery. We always welcome new blanket makers. See or contact E.J. McGee for more information. Thanks!

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## **Dinner and Lunch Conversations about Ministry Proposal**

As you all hopefully know by now, the One Team has been hard at work preparing a draft of a ministry proposal to be voted on at Charge Conference on November 3rd. This draft will be shared in the newsletter and copies will be provided at the church. We will then hold 3 lunches and 3 dinners to discuss it in detail. They will be held 12 noon at Landmark and 6pm at the parsonage (5511 Bannock Glen Dr) on the following Wednesdays: October 16<sup>th</sup>, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, October 30<sup>th</sup>. I ask that there be no more than 10 people at each meal. Please plan to pay for your own lunch if coming to Landmark and at the parsonage Georgie and I will supply a main course and drinks but those coming are welcome to bring a side or dessert (although not required). To RSVP please fill out the signup sheet outside Johnsie's office, email me at [blazarus@wnccumc.net](mailto:blazarus@wnccumc.net) or call/text 865-603-1687.

# October BIRTHDAYS



- 5 – Danilo Silva
- 8 – Karen Wyatt
- 9 – Justin Wetherby
- 10 – Jade Sevilla
- 11 – Bruce Eudy
- 12 – Mark White
- 12 – Josh Wetherby
- 14 – Cruz Martinez
- 15 – Allen Bellamy, Jr.
- 15 – Todd Massengill
- 17 – Jennifer Diviney
- 20 – Katie (Marshall) Austin
- 22 – Alison Diviney
- 23 – Fern Mier (98!)
- 24 – Kelly Hinesley
- 24 – Kendall Hinesley
- 25 – Linda Bellamy
- 27 – Megan Rydill
- 28 – Norma White
- 29 – Stan Cude
- 30 – Kathleen Casimo (92!)
- 30 – Sara Tingle
- 31 – Ann Wilkins
- 31 – Ben Wetherby

Thanks to the wonderful bunch of people that Memorial seems to collect. All those well wishes and prayers. I hope to help make this place feel like home to more and more folks all the time. Glad to be back!

Diana Boyd

I just wanted to take a moment to give a big "THANK YOU" out for the cards, calls and prayers that I have continued to receive as I try to get past this infection that I have had...

I have surely missed Memorial and all your smiling faces at church.

I hope to soon be back...

Thanks again! Allen Bellamy

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Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Genesis 5:27) 09-25-2009  
IT WAS JUST METHUSELAH'S BIRTHDAY CANDLES AGAIN!