



# MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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May 2017

Dear Friends,

I have been given a great opportunity as a young professional singer. I have been invited to train at the American Institute of Musical Studies (AIMS) in Graz, Austria. The program is 6 weeks long beginning July 4, 2017. I would receive voice lessons, musical coaching, language study, perform with orchestra, work with internationally acclaimed singers, voice teachers, and coaches, as well as be exposed to agents in the operatic profession. I was offered a partial scholarship, but as a working graduate student I am unable to afford this educational opportunity in its entirety, and am asking for financial assistance. The following letter is an explanation of the AIMS program from my Voice Professor.

*I am so happy to write on behalf of Joshua Allen, Tenor. As they say, 'Timing is everything', and as one pursues the path to being a professional singer, nothing could be more true. With the right training in a multi-dimensional approach to his training, Josh will be ready to step on to a professional stage soon, particularly in a European setting.*

*The quality and intensity of training that the American Institute of Musical Studies (AIMS) provides is exactly what is needed. Cultivating a professional singing career is more feasible in Europe if for no other reason than that they have a multitude of smaller opera houses that allow the singers to prepare and sing a larger variety of roles. In other words, opportunities abound for the singer who is talented, has solid previous training, motivated, willing to take a risk and is flexible enough to take advantage of situations that may present themselves.*

*I personally participated in the AIMS program in 1983 & 1984. After participating in the program, I was offered a contract with the Graz Opera House. This helped to launch my career. Now, I hope to help Josh realize this wild dream and refine his artistry so that he can begin what I believe will be the journey of a lifetime for him. I would like to encourage you to be a part of this journey, to invest in this very talented young man who truly deserves the opportunity to be in a training program that will address any and all areas of his performance that needs a professional touch and refinement that will enable him to realize his potential, ready him for the professional demands he will encounter and share his gift of music with the world. Josh has the unique combination of a beautiful, expressive tenor voice that continues to grow in color and expressive depth, as well as his physical appearance as a tall, good-looking tenor who can move onstage! This combination is a recipe for success.*

*I believe, given the opportunity to grow in a setting such as AIMS Josh will flourish beyond his dreams. He will not only discover the path to his professional singing career, he will begin the journey. With your financial support, it will happen.*

Cordially yours,

Marjorie Bennett Stephens, soprano

Associate Professor of Voice, The University of Tennessee School of Music

As it stands I am working to raise the last \$3,500.00 of the costs for the program (tuition, travel, meals, and competition fees). If you are interested in making a gift of any size please contact me and I will provide you information, including a way to receive tax credit. A recital will be held at the church, and the date will be announced. The recital will be free to all who are able to attend and donations will be accepted. All donations are welcome, but not expected. Your thoughts and prayers are most appreciated as I take on this challenge. I hope you will prayerfully, and seriously, consider investing in me.

Sincerely,

Josh Allen

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## YUMS (Young United Methodist Students) News

### May Wednesday Night Line-Up

5/3— Preparation to lead Worship

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5/17—Peter and John (Acts 3:1-4:22)

5/24—**End of the School Year Painting Party & Ice Cream Sundae Bar**

### Children's Sunday: Sunday, May 14th

Make plans to be in Worship this day as our children will lead the service. We will recognize our graduating fifth graders. Our verse for the service is one our children have memorized, John 13:34-- *I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other.* **Parents, if your child is participating in the service, please make plans for them to meet at 9:00 AM in the choir room.** The children will wear our 2017 VBS t-shirts, and these will be distributed on Wednesday night, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

### End of the School Year Painting Party & Ice Cream Sundae Bar

To celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of our summer activities, we will join the Youth Group for a Painting Party. We have an instructor who will lead us through a project on canvas. The party will be in the Fellowship Hall after our 5:30 PM dinner. We'll end the evening with an ice cream sundae bar! Please note, our evening will stretch to 7:30p.m. for this party.

### Camp-Out VBS—Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>—Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>—“Camp-Out” Vacation Bible School

#### **Sign-Up NOW!**

Follow this link to sign your child (preK through rising 6<sup>th</sup> grade) up:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/mumcvbs2017>

#### **Help Wanted!**

The theme is Getting S'more of Jesus, and **we need S'more of our church family to volunteer to work with our children for this event.** Our Bible point is Jesus is the light—*Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.” (John 8:12).* We have volunteer roles for middle schoolers, high schoolers, and adults. Please call or email me for more information about how you can help.

Blessings,

Leanne

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## YOUTH NEWS

### Wednesday Night Study Schedule

05/03/2017	A Faith of My Own: In the Know	2 Timothy 3:14-17
05/10/2017	A Faith of My Own: Listen Up!	Hebrews 1:1-4
05/17/2017	A Faith of My Own: The Power of Faith	Mark10:46-52
05/24/2017	End of School Year Painting Party and Ice Cream Sundae Bar	

### Spring Antique Festival Parking

The Spring Antique Festival will be held Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. The youth will once again park cars as fund raiser during this community event. Youth need to be at the church by 8:30 a.m. We will finish parking at noon. Make plans to park some cars!

### End of the School Year Painting Party and Ice Cream Sundae Bar

To celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer, we will join the YUMS for a Painting Party. We have an instructor who will lead us through a project on canvas. The party will be in the Fellowship Hall after our 5:30 p.m. dinner. We'll end the evening with an ice cream sundae bar! Please note, our evening will stretch to 7:30p.m. for this party.

Pastor Donna

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## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pat McBryde, Otto and Marie Briscoe, Lee Wysor, and Deloris Johnson. Our Pastor, Church and Church Families; Our Nation's Service Men, Women, and their families.



### Flower Donors for MAY 2017

May 7 Donna Irwin  
May 14 Wesley Bible Class—Mother's Day  
May 21 Hermon and Debra Dickerson  
May 28 Margaret Eager

### Summer Camp Junior and Senior High Camp

Don't forget to register. The church will scholarship one half of registration fees.

Camp brochures are in the information rack on the table next to the office. If you pick up a brochure from the rack, the scholarship code can be found on the back of the brochure. If you are a returning camper and a brochure was mailed to you, the scholarship code is available from the church office. We want to make sure everyone who would like to attend camp has an opportunity.

Registration forms for Assembly are also in the information rack on the table next to the church office. The cost for

Assembly is as follows

\$137.50 April 27<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>

\$167.50 Registration at the Door

To register for Assembly, fill out the form and turn it in along with a check made payable to Memorial United Methodist Church and designated for Assembly to the church office or Pastor Donna.

### Worship at Norris Dam State Park

Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, we will worship in the beauty of God's creation. Our worship will take place at Norris Dam State Park. There will be no Sunday School on this morning and the service will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Our worship will take place around Shelter Area #2. Boy Scout Troop 131 and their families will once again join us as we observe Boy Scout Sunday.

Following the worship service, we will have a fellowship meal at Shelter Area #2. The church will provide drinks for the meal.

Please bring:

Chair, towel, or blanket to sit on

Your favorite food to share (and a little extra, if you are able as we will have guests at this service.)

## MAY 2017 CALENDAR

Wed., May 3	5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH 6:00p-7:15p Bible Study 6:00p-7:15p YUMS 6:00p-7:15p Youth 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice
Thur., May 4	11:30a Grace Circle and UMW, FH 12:00p National Day of Prayer In front of courthouse. 5:30p Food Pantry
Sun., May 7	10:30a Morning Service, at Norris Dam Park, Luncheon to follow 4:00p Confirmation Class
Wed., May 10	5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH 6:00p-7:15p Bible Study 6:00p-7:15p YUMS 6:00p-7:15p Youth 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice
Sun., May 14	8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service—Mother's Day
Wed., May 17	5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH 6:00p-7:15p Bible Study 6:00p-7:15p YUMS 6:00p-7:15p Youth 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice
Thur., May 18	5:30p Food Pantry
Sun., May 21	8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service, FH 4:00p Confirmation Class
Wed., May 24	5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH 6:00p-7:15p Bible Study 6:00p-7:30p YUMS & Youth Painting Party 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice
Sun., May 28	8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service
Mon., May 29	OFFICE CLOSED—MEMORIAL DAY 9:00a Annual Cleaning Day of the Office
Wed., May 31	7:30p Chancel Choir Practice

## UMW NEWS

The Grace Circle of United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday, May 4th, at 11:30a, a lunch will be provided and the meeting will begin at noon. We will discuss the proceeds of the catered meal for Delta Kappa Gamma. Also, our devotion will be chapter six from our book "Jesus' Parables About Priorities."

## MEMORIALS

<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>GIVEN BY</u>	<u>FUND</u>
Thelma Phillips	Andrea Fritts Floyd and Melissa Anderson	Food Pantry
Robert Worthington	Cathy Brown	
Jane Magill	Cathy Brown	General
Connie Taylor	Bill and Gail Gallaher	Youth Ministry
Stella Wheeler	Bill and Gail Gallaher Otto and Marie Briscoe	Altar Guild Food Pantry
Rev. Warren Wattenbarger	Bill and Ouida Steinkamp	General
Gary Kreis	Phil and Pat Wenk	Food Pantry
Wanda Patterson	Cathy Brown	Food Pantry

### Mark Your Calendars for Summer FUN

Make sure you put these dates on your calendar so you'll be ready for our summer activities....

Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>—Pool Party at Jaycee Park (6:30 PM to 8:30 PM)

Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>—Roller Skating Party at Tri-County Roller Arena (6:00 PM to 8:00 PM)



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