



MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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Here I Am to Worship

The order of the worship service is called the liturgy. Liturgy means the work of the people. I would like for you to look closely at the meaning of liturgy. Liturgy is NOT the work of the Pastor. Liturgy is NOT the work of the secretary. Liturgy is NOT the work of the Worship Leader. Liturgy is NOT the work of the Music Director. Liturgy is NOT the work of the Choir. Liturgy is NOT the work of the Usher. Liturgy is NOT the work of the Acolyte or Altar Guild. Liturgy IS the work of the people. Each and every one of us is an active participant in the worship service as we come into the presence of the Living and Loving God.

I spend many hours preparing the service. I spend hours putting the components of the service in order to flow and direct us into an encounter with the Holy God. I spend additional time with the Scripture. Studying the lesson itself, as well as the scholarly commentaries which can help me to better understand the Word. The Music Director and I communicate about the service and the Scripture so the music will enter into the flow of the service and add additional meaning and direction toward God. The Music Director and the Choir practice the music so the sound will be pleasing to the ear as you listen to the heavenly sounds.

These are some of the ways those of us who are in the front of the sanctuary prepare for our work in and of worship. What are some of the ways in which the people in the pews prepare for work in and of worship? Participating in the Call to Worship, Hymns, and Prayers are some of the ways to participate in worship. These are all part of the service and take place on Sunday morning during the worship hour. There is another way to prepare and this should take place before entering the sanctuary on Sunday morning. Reading and reflecting on the Scriptures of the Day are very helpful in preparing to enter into God's presence and worship.

For the last few years, the Children's Sunday School Lesson has followed along with the Morning Scripture. The Sunday School teachers receive the worship information for each Sunday and with some online resources craft their lesson for each week.

This summer, we have had some teachers who were new to this system. One teacher in particular has been amazed at how preparing and studying to teach the children has increased the level of understanding in worship. Each Sunday this teacher has taught, they have made specific remarks about the service. The Morning Message has been clearer for this individual. This person has also remarked about how the Psalm and hymns fit in with the Scripture and Morning Message.

While we are always in need of Sunday School teachers, you do not have to teach to prepare yourself to enter into God's presence in worship. Each week the Psalter and Scripture reading are posted for your reflection and preparation. You will find these in four different places. First, they are listed in this newsletter. Second, they are posted on the bulletin board above the water fountains, just outside the Sanctuary door. Third, they are shown as the cover photo on the Memorial Facebook page. And lastly, you will find them on the Home Page of the Web Site. I invite you to look them up, read and reflect on them, and prepare yourself to worship the Living and Loving God.

Blessings,
Pastor Donna

Children's' Ministry News

September Wednesday Night YUMS Line-Up

We meet at 6:00 PM on the third floor in the YUMS Room and would love to have you join us! Our programming is for children ages four—5th grade. Our first lesson in September will conclude our series on Courageous People of the Bible. Ask your child who was his or her favorite courageous Bible person: Peter? Esther? The three friends (Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego)? or Daniel? On September 13th, we'll begin a new 5-week series on Speakers for God that will highlight Old Testament Prophets. Our memory verse will be Psalm 70:4—*Let those who love your saving help say again and again: "God is great!"*

9/6—Courageous Daniel

Speakers for God

9/13—Elijah and the Ravens

9/20—Elijah and the Prophets

9/27—Jonah and the Fish

Information & Permission Forms

Parents and loved ones, please make sure that you turn this paperwork into me no later than September 6th. We need emergency information on file for every child, and I use your email address for communication about our children's programming.

Blessings,

Leanne

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YOUTH NEWS

Wednesday Night Study Schedule

09/06 Ice Breaker and Group Building Activities with a Devotion

09/13 Mission Opportunity – Operation Christmas Child

09/20 Lessons to Be Determined (We will break out into groups)

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Information and Permission Forms

Please remember these must be done yearly. Please return to Pastor Donna by Wednesday, September 6th.

Resurrection 2018

Resurrection 2018 will be held, January 19 – 21, 2018 at the LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The speaker for Resurrection 2018 is the Reverend Rachel Billups. The worship band for the weekend is I Am They. All youth 6th through 12th grade are invited to join us in Pigeon Forge. The cost for the trip is \$100. **All money MUST to be turned in by November 15, 2017.**

Blessings,

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 September 2017

September 3 Sutton and Deane Kay
September 10 Bill and Ouida Steinkamp
September 17 Art Miller
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Dear friends,

I want to thank you for your support this summer. I would not have been able to participate in the program without you. I had a wonderful time! I had upwards of six voice lessons, and 14 musical coachings weekly. I participated in 9 performances, and made excellent professional connections. At the end of the program I sang for two European agents. One asked to represent me, and I am thrilled to say I have an agent!

He has instructed me to learn German, five opera roles of his choosing, and will send me on auditions in the spring in Europe. I am so excited to share this with you all. It is a huge help to a young singer to have an agent.

Your support is a blessing, and I am enriched for knowing you. I thank you.
Sincerely, Josh Allen

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR CHARGE CONFERENCE

This year's Charge Conference will take place on Sunday, October 15th at 3:00 p.m. This year's Charge Conference's format will be a cluster conference. In a cluster conference multiple churches gather together to do the work of the church and to praise God in worship. Our conference will involve 17 churches gathering together at the same time.

Memorial United Methodist will be hosting this year's conference. You may be asked to help in many ways. The youth will serve as parking attendants. We will also need others to volunteer as we prepare to welcome our guests. Mark your calendars, practice your best smiles, and be ready to say "yes" when asked to help.

SEPTEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

- Sun., Sept. 3 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Matthew 16:21-28
1:00p Staff Meeting
- Mon., Sept. 4 LABOR DAY, OFFICE CLOSED
- Wed., Sept. 6 5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH
6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
6:00p-7:15p YUMS
6:00p-7:15p Youth
7:30p Chancel Choir Practice
- Thur., Sept. 7 11:30a Grace Circle and UMW, FH
5:30p Food Pantry
- Sun., Sept. 10 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
Psalm 149; Matthew 18:15-20
- Wed., Sept. 13 5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH
6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
6:00p-7:15p YUMS
6:00p-7:15p Youth
7:30p Chancel Choir Practice
- Sun., Sept. 17 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
Psalm 126; Matthew 28:16-20
- Tues., Sept. 19 6:30p Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development.
- Wed., Sept. 20 5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH
6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
6:00p-7:15p YUMS
6:00p-7:15p Youth
7:30p Chancel Choir Practice
- Thur., Sept. 21 5:30p Food Pantry
- Sun., Sept. 24 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Matthew 20:1-16
- Wed., Sept. 27 5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH
6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
6:00p-7:15p YUMS
6:00p-7:15p Youth
7:30p Chancel Choir Practice

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UMW NEWS

The Grace Circle of United Methodist Women will meet Thursday, September 7th at 11:30. At noon, after our sack lunch, we will have an organizational meeting. All women of Memorial Church are welcome to attend this important meeting to discuss our year's work.

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