



MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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January 2018

Soul Check

While much of this article is repeated from articles of January's past, I think it is very important for each of us to spend time reflecting on the status of our soul. Just as we care for our physical bodies and have check-ups, we should do the same with our spiritual bodies. Take some time to sit down and do a soul check.

Each year, around this time, I have a meeting with the District Superintendent. In this meeting, I give a report on the status of my soul. I, in turn, meet with the members of Memorial's staff in January and I inquire about the status of their soul. The questions we use as a guide for discussing our souls are this: Describe your daily walk with God in terms of the spiritual disciplines you follow. Are you a member of a spiritual group?

While we ponder these questions yearly, such questions were constantly asked by John Wesley. Every time Wesley gathered in small groups for prayer, biblical instruction, acts of mercy, or communion; he asked the question. How is it with your soul? This was a very important question to Wesley. A good portion of time together was spent on this question. Wesley wanted to make sure everyone was spiritually fit.

As we begin 2018, I would ask you to reflect on the following:

- Describe your daily walk with God in terms of the spiritual disciplines you follow.
- Are you a member of a spiritual group?
- If not, why not?
- How is it with your soul?

If your reflection indicates a need for you to improve your soul, I will be happy to help you find ways of practicing the spiritual disciplines. I will be happy to pray with you and guide you.

My continued prayer is for us to live spiritually healthy, active, and productive lives.

Blessings,
Pastor Donna

Children's Ministry News

Our Wednesday night programming resumes, on January 10th. I look forward to learning and growing in Christ with you during 2018! Prior to preparations for our Christmas program, we were learning about the Old Testament prophets. We're beginning this year with a unit on **Jesus, the Greatest Prophet**. Our memory verse is John 6:14—*This is truly the prophet who is coming into the world.*

January Wednesday Night Line-Up

1/10—The Visitors From the East

1/17—A Voice in the Wilderness

1/24—Jesus and the Children

1/31—A Boy's Lunch

Please be in touch with any needs or questions regarding our Wednesday night YUMS program.

Blessings,

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YOUTH NEWS

Wednesday Night Study Schedule

As the youth return for a new year, we will have a slightly different study schedule. The youth will be divided into two groups. On January 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st; there will be a separate study for the younger and the older youth.

The younger youth will be studying Groove: The Basics. The lessons in this study will help the students to learn the essentials of their faith. They will explore their faith, their own story, and engaging the world as they serve Jesus.

The older youth will be studying Dare to Dream Creating a God-Sized Mission Statement for Your Life. This study is designed to wake up the God-dream inside each individual, to create a life mission statement, and to challenge the youth to commit fully to the God-directed life mission they create.

January 3, 2018 Outing

The youth will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. We will then take our production of the 12 Things of Christmas to the residents of Morning Pointe. We will then travel to Knoxville for an afternoon of fun at the Main Event. Four hours of fun (including Arcade, Billiards, Bowling, Gravity Ropes, Laser Tag, and Shuffleboard) and lunch of pizza and a drink are included.

Resurrection 2018

Resurrection 2018 will be held January 19-22 at the LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge. The theme is Work in Progress and the Reverend Rachel Billups will be the speaker. The band for Resurrection 2018 will be I Am They.

Final plans are being arranged and details for the weekend will be given in the youth meeting on January 10th.

January 31st

We will be preparing and serving the Wednesday Night meal. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Youth Room for the help needed.

Blessings,

Pastor Donna

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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



Flower Donors for January 2018

January 7
January 14 Mark Medley
January 21 Ty and Judy Foster
January 28 Bill and Alice Connell

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild still has the first Sunday in January open for flower donor. If you are interested in being a flower donor please contact Libby Freels at 457-6742.

UMW NEWS

The Grace Circle of Memorial United Methodist Church will not meet in January. We wish all of You a Happy New Year! "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Tennessee Valley District

The name for the district we will be a part of in the nine district figuration of the Holston Annual Conference is Tennessee Valley District. At the present time it is unclear as to when there will be a complete change of operation to nine districts. For much of 2018 there will likely be an overlap of nine and twelve district operations.

JANUARY 2018 CALENDAR

Mon., Jan. 1	OFFICE CLOSED—NEW YEARS DAY
Thur., Jan. 4	5:30p Food Pantry
Sun., Jan. 7	8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7
Wed., Jan. 10	5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH 6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study 5:30p-7:15p YUMS 5:30p-7:15p Youth 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice
Sun., Jan. 14	8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service Psalm 139:1-6; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 11:15a Trustees Meeting, Parlor
Wed., Jan. 17	5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH 6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study 5:30p-7:15p YUMS 5:30p-7:15p Youth 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice
Thur., Jan. 18	5:30p Food Pantry
Fri.-Sun.; 19-21	Resurrection, Pigeon Forge
Sun., Jan. 21	8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service Psalm 62:5-12
Wed., Jan. 24	5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH 6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study 5:30p-7:15p YUMS 5:30p-7:15p Youth 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice
Sun., Jan. 28	8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service Psalm 111; Mark 1:21-28
Wed., Jan. 31	5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH 6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study 5:30p-7:15p YUMS 5:30p-7:15p Youth 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice

Inclement Weather Policy

If the Anderson County Schools are closed, church activities will not meet!!! Check on Facebook and the website regarding office hours.

Schools Closings for Illness

If the Anderson County Schools and/or the Clinton City Schools are closed due to illness, church activities will not meet!!

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