



MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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March 2018

Memorial United Methodist Church Family,

As most of you know, Pastor Donna had a stroke on Wednesday, February 7. Before I go any further, let me say that Pastor Donna is doing fine and is resting at the parsonage. She has had, however, a rough few weeks. After the stroke, she was admitted to Fort Sanders Medical Center where she stayed for almost a week. Pastor Donna was able to go to the parsonage for a day and then returned to Fort Sanders and stayed for another week. She was finally able to leave Fort Sanders on February 22. I think it is an understatement to say she is glad to be out of the hospital! Also, let me pass along that Pastor Donna is extremely grateful to everyone for their well wishes and prayers.

What I understand, and what has been reinforced to me recently, is those recovering from a stroke need rest. I know Donna wants to see all of us and we want to see her. Nevertheless, we must be mindful of her need to rest. If you would like to see Donna, please call Andrea Fritts at the church (457-2287) and let her help arrange a time to visit. Allowing Donna to rest will greatly aid in her recovery.

Pastor Donna is obviously not yet driving. Several church members are volunteering to shop, run errands, and take Donna to appointments. If you would like to volunteer to help with some of these duties, please let Andrea know.

Lastly, I would like to assure everyone that church activities are continuing as normal. Wednesday night activities, Sunday school, and Sunday worship service are all being held at their regular times. Brenda Carroll, our District Superintendent, is helping to arrange speakers for our time of worship. On March 4 and March 11, our guest speaker will be Annette Flynn. Bill Gallaher (Staff/Parish Chairman) and I will continue to work with Brenda to make sure we have speakers during Pastor Donna's absence.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Also, please keep praying for Pastor Donna's quick and full recovery.

In His Service,

Tom Thrasher
Church Council Chairman

YUMS (Young United Methodist Students) News

March Wednesday Night Line-Up

Our memory verse for our current series is Mark 4:41—*Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!* In this study, we're looking at the miracles of Jesus. Check out the hallways on the third floor to see some of our work!

Who Then Is This?

3/7—Jesus Calms the Storm

3/14—Jairus's Daughter

3/21—SPRING BREAK—No Wednesday Night Programming

3/28—New Series Begins and Preparation for Student Sunday

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, March 31st

Please join us at the church for this year's hunt. Just bring a basket – we'll provide the eggs and treats! Meet at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall for donuts and crafts, followed by our egg hunt. **Youth group volunteers, please meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM.**

Student Sunday, May 13th

Our children will be singing and providing leadership during Worship.

Camp in the Community, July 9th-13th

We are partnering with St. Mark UMC to bring Camp in the Community to Clinton! Camp is for rising kindergarteners through 8th graders. Spread the word! Camp is offered at no cost to the participants and designed to bring a Holston Conference camping experience to Clinton. Programming is daily from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Blessings,

Leanne

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YOUTH NEWS

SUMMER CAMP JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH ASSEMBLY

Our children and youth are beginning to talk about Summer Camp and Junior and Senior High Assembly. It is time to think about registering them for these events. The church will scholarship one half of the cost for these events.

The brochures for Camp Wesley Woods have arrived. They are in the information rack on the table next to the church office. The summer camping season begins the week of June 3rd. The season concludes the week of July 22nd. Costs vary depending on the age and camp selection of the camper. The church scholarship code will be used during online registration. 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 or Pastor Donna. We want to make sure everyone who would like to attend camp has an opportunity.

Junior and Senior High Assembly will be held June 25-29, 2017. The location for this year's Assembly will be Emory and Henry College. The 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

\$112.50	Now through May 2 nd
\$137.50	May 3 rd – May 30 th
\$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.

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 March 2018

March 4 Joe and Pam Rainey
March 11 William and Alice Connell
March 18 Tom and Nancy Thrasher
March 25 Samuel Franklin

THANK YOU:

I am grateful to each of you for your prayers, your comforting words and acts of kindness extended to me when my brother Hobart Longmire recently passed away. It is a blessing to have such loving friends who care. Sincere thanks to each of you. Rebecca Williams

MEMORIAL CAMP MADNESS BRACKET CHALLENGE

Summer Camp is an important experience for many children, but it is also a costly one for many parents. Memorial traditionally provides scholarships for half of the cost for any child from our church who wants to attend camp. To help fund the scholarships in a fun way, it is time for the fifth annual Memorial Camp Madness Bracket Challenge. With the NCAA tournament starting this month, fill out a bracket with us, help children go to camp, and have a chance at some really cool prizes. This year, there will be one very special prize of five Dollywood Tickets. We will also have our usual prizes which include VIP church parking and Potluck Passes. Prizes will go to the top four brackets with the winner choosing a prize first then 2nd place and so on.

Below are the minimum donations, more generous offerings are always appreciated. Make checks payable to Memorial United Methodist Church and designate for camp madness.

- Single Bracket \$20
- 2 for \$35
- Family Pack of 4 brackets \$60
- You may also donate to camp scholarships without participating in the Bracket Challenge

Brackets will be completed online at ESPN.com. Info on how to join the challenge will be emailed to all who donate by Wednesday March 14th. Brackets must be filled out and saved on ESPN.com before 11am on Thursday March 15th. Help will be provided by Pastor Donna for those who would like to participate but do not have computer access or have trouble with the ESPN site.

March 2018 CALENDAR

Thur. Mar. 1	11:30 Grace Circle and UMW, FH 5:30p Food Pantry
Sun., Mar. 4	8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service Psalm 19; John 15:9-17 1:00p Staff Meeting
Wed., Mar. 7	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., Mar. 11	8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Philippians 4:4-20
Wed., Mar. 14	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., Mar. 15	5:30p Food Pantry
Sun., Mar. 18	8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service Psalm 51:1-10; Matthew 26:17-30
Sun., Mar. 25	8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service—Palm Sunday Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;
Wed., Mar. 28	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., Mar. 26	6:30p Maundy Thursday Service,
Fri., Mar. 30	6:30p Good Friday Service at St. Mark
Sat., Mar 31	10:30a Easter Egg Hunt
Sun., Apr. 1	7:15a Sunrise Service, Jones Farm, 500 Suzanne Drive, Clinton 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Morning Service—Easter Sunday

Operation Christmas Child Update

We tracked our shoeboxes this year and have learned their destinations! This year our boxes went to 3 continents: Asia, Africa and South America. Pray for children in the Philippines, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, and Ecuador who receive our boxes. See the bulletin board outside the sanctuary for more information. Our prayer is that all children will know the love of God.

Camp in the Community: July 9th-13th

We are so excited to share that we are partnering with St. Mark UMC to bring Camp in the Community to Clinton. Camp in the Community (CITC) is a ministry of Holston Conference Camp and Retreat Ministries. It is a week-long day camp program for children in poverty. The camp operates in partnership with a host church located in an impoverished community, alongside a sponsor church in the Holston Conference. CITC provides a high-quality summer camp experience to those who could not otherwise afford to attend summer camp. This is for the purpose of sharing the gospel in a tangible way and developing lasting relationships between the community and the church. In addition to reaching children in poverty, the program works with area youth to develop them as leaders in the church. Youth are provided leadership and child-care training and serve as assistant counselors.

We will be participating in this programing in lieu of traditional Vacation Bible School and need your help to provide this opportunity for our community's children. Here's how you can help:

- Spread the work and send your child to camp! **Camp is open to children rising kindergarteners through 8th graders.** There is no cost to attend camp.
- Volunteer to serve as a Junior Camp Counselor. **This is an opportunity for rising freshmen and above. Please let Leanne know ASAP if you are interested in doing this as there is an application process and training retreat to attend.**
- Volunteer to serve and provide meals for campers and camp staff.
- Pray

Blessings,

Leanne

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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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