



MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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The Presence of God

Every now and then we need to be reminded of why we do what we do. Sunday following worship, the acolytes, altar guild, choir, and pastor gathered for a worship team meeting. We discussed our duties and the way we present God and are used by God during the service.

God's presence with humans is often recognized with fire. Moses was intrigued by a bush that was flaming, but not consumed by the flames. Through the fire, God caught Moses' attention. God is represented by fire and flame in our worship services. The altar candles are lit and we recognize God's presence with us. We open the service with announcements. Following the announcements, I usually say, "Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship." During the prelude, the acolyte ushers us into God's presence. The candles throughout the service remind us that God is present. Then at the end of the service, the acolyte returns and the light goes out into the world as we go forth to serve. The light of God reminds us that God is always with us.

Symbolism is a big part of worship. There is symbolism in the color of the paraments (altar cloths). There is symbolism in the sacraments (baptism and communion). There is symbolism in each and every service where we gather in the presence of God. The altar guilds is responsible for preparing for each service. In coordination with the pastor, the altar guild prepares the altar and sanctuary for each service.

On the night of Jesus' birth, a choir of angels filled the sky. They sang praises to the God who sent a Savior to the world. The news was announced by one angel who was then joined by the choir. The message of the good news of Jesus Christ was first proclaimed in word and song. We continue to proclaim the love of God and the good news of Jesus Christ in word and song.

Like the prophets before, the pastor spends time in the word of God searching for the message and meaning for our lives. The service and message are crafted in ways to bring the presence of God closer to each one of us.

Every now and then we need to be reminded of why we do what we do. It is not just the group who gathered on Sunday who needs to be reminded. We all need to be reminded. Worship is not a spectator activity. The acolytes, altar guild, choir, and pastor are not putting on a performance. They are leading the gather body into the presence of God. We each need to enter into the sanctuary ready to meet God. We need to come to worship expecting God to be present. We need to come ready to sing, pray, and listen. We need to be ready to go forth into the world as God's hands, feet, and love.

Next Sunday, I encourage you to prepare yourself to be in the presence of God. Prepare yourself through scripture and prayer. The next two weeks the services will be slightly different, but you can find the scripture which will be read for each Sunday in the calendar section of this newsletter. Study the scripture and be ready to meet God in it. Pray for all who gather to be open to the movement of God.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday as we worship in the presence of God!

Blessings,
Pastor Donna

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Christmas Program: Sunday, December 16th at 3:00 PM

Mark your calendars now! The children and youth will present an afternoon program that is sure to be a highlight of your holiday season.

Parents and loved ones of our children, please let me know if your child would like to be part of our program. **Practice for the Christmas program begins Wednesday, November 7th.**

Wednesday Night YUMS Line-Up

11/7—Christmas program preparation
11/14—Christmas program preparation
11/21—No YUMS (Thanksgiving Holiday)
11/28—Christmas program preparation

Blessings,

Leanne

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YOUTH NEWS

Resurrection 2019

Resurrection 2019 will be held, January 25 – 27, 2019 at the LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The speaker for Resurrection 2019 is the Jorge Acevedo. 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 be turned in by November 14, 2018.**

Thanksgiving Breakfast Clean-up

The youth will clean up following the Men's Thanksgiving Breakfast on November 22, 2018. Meet in the kitchen at 9:15 a.m. to begin the clean-up.

Children and Youth Christmas Program

The Children and Youth Christmas Program will be held on December 16th at 3:00 p.m. The Youth will begin preparing for the program on Wednesday night's beginning on November 7th. If you are in 6th through 12th grade and would like to be a part of the Christmas Program, we would love for you to join us. There are plenty of parts for everyone!

Blessings,

Pastor Donna

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CHOIR NEWS

Advent is fast upon us! The Christmas program will be another outreach opportunity for the community to gather in our church. I welcome all to be a part of the Christmas program as we celebrate the birth of our Savior through Lessons & Carols. We all have gifts through which we can worship. I urge you to spend time considering your involvement with the program.

We have a need for singers of all voice types, greeters, scripture readers, and instrumentalists. If you have a desire to be involved there is a place for you. If you are interested please contact me anyway possible.

The Christmas program will be Thursday December 20th at 7:30pm. All are welcome. The program is free. Please invite your neighbors and friends to enjoy the excitement of Advent with us.

Sincerely,

Josh Allen

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Otto Briscoe, Lee Wysor, Our Pastor,
Church and Church Families; Our Na-
tion's Service Men, Benjamin Shipley,
Women, and their families.



Flower Donors for November 2018

November 4 Joe and Nancy Harper
November 11 Charles and Kay Price
November 18 Jerry and Gwen Ferguson
November 25 V.L. and Pat Stonecipher

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is in need of a Flower Donor
for the last Sunday in February. If you are
interested please call Libby Freels at
457-6742

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH:

Sharon McCarty and family on the death of
Kenneth McCarty.

VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 11 is Veterans' Day and
the Memorial Ladies will host a covered dish
meal after church on that day in honor of our
several military veterans in our congregation.
We will furnish the meat dish and the paper
goods and decorations for our luncheon, but
we will need each of you to furnish a covered
dish or two to share. We will need
vegetables, salads, and dessert. The
wonderful cooks of MUMC need to put their
talents for cooking to the test. Thank you in
advance for helping with this endeavor to
honor our veterans.

ALMONDS AND PECANS

The UMW has bags of Almonds and Pecans for sale.
They are \$10.00 per bag.

NOVEMBER 2018 CALENDAR

- Thur., Nov. 1 5:30p Food Pantry
- Sun., Nov. 4 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
Psalm 146
- Wed., Nov. 7 5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH
6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
6:00p-7:15p YUMS
6:00p-7:15p Youth
7:15p Chancel Choir Practice
- Sun., Nov. 11 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
Psalm 127
11:15a Luncheon in FH
- Tues., Nov. 13 10:00a Staff Meeting
- Wed., Nov. 14 5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH
6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
6:00p-7:15p YUMS
6:00p-7:15p Youth
7:15p Chancel Choir Practice
- Thur., Nov. 15 5:30p Food Pantry
- Sun., Nov. 18 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
Psalm 113; Mark 13:1-8
- Wed., Nov. 21 OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING
- Thur., Nov. 22 OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING
8:00a Men's Thanksgiving Breakfast
9:15a Youth Clean-up
- Sun., Nov. 25 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
Psalm 132:1-12; John 18:33-37
- Wed., Nov. 28 5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH
6:00p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
6:00p-7:15p YUMS
6:00p-7:15p Youth
7:15p Chancel Choir Practice

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IN MEMORY OF

Ken McCarty

GIVEN BY

Mark, Dona and Corey Medley
Bill and Ouida Steinkamp
Deane and Sutton Kay
Johnanna Sprague
Jim Ern and Sarah Medley
Ellie Green
Jim and Denise Davis
Cathy Brown
V.L. and Pat Stonecipher
Otto Briscoe
Dow and Peggy Burton
Richard and Missy Snead
Becky Williams

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Food Pantry

Deloris Johnson

Dow and Peggy Burton

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Mary's Song Coloring Pages

The Advent and Christmas Worship will be based on Luke chapters 1 and 2. As a part of the preparation we need coloring pages completed for the church. The pages reflect the primary themes of the passages, which are Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and God is With Us. There are two versions of the coloring pages, a poster version and a simplified version. The coloring pages will be available Sunday, November 4th and will need to be returned by November 26th.

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