



# MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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January 2019

## A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making your path easy,  
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
Not by taking hardships from you  
But by taking fear from your heart;  
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright,  
even in the shadows;  
Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you when people  
and their causes need you most,  
and by making you anxious to be there to help.  
GOD'S LOVE, PEACE, HOPE and JOY  
To you for the year ahead.

Another year, 2019, has been rung in. For many of us, it is a time of resolutions and change. Often times these are the same resolutions we make every new year. I recently heard part of the reason we are unable to make a difference with our resolutions is because they are too vague. For example, we make the resolution that we will lose weight. The resolution should be more specific – we will lose five pounds.

I think another problem with our resolutions is that we make them and set aside everything we know from the past. We make resolutions as if they do not connect with anything we have been doing. As I read the Blessing above I was reminded of this problem. We are currently celebrating the season of Christmas in the church. Christmas, when the baby was born in the stable. Emmanuel, God is with us. The blessing reminds us over and over of God's presence in our lives. Every day of the New Year God is with us.

During the Season of Advent we prepared for the coming of Christ. We prepared for the birth of Emmanuel. We also prepared for the return of Christ. As we enter the New Year we don't put aside God's love, peace, hope, and joy. As we enter the New Year we don't pack away the Christ child. Throughout the year God will be with you. Throughout the year God's love, peace, hope, and joy will guide your thoughts and actions.

May 2019 be a great year as you journey through it with God.

*26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26*

Happy New Year

Blessings,  
Pastor Donna

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Our Wednesday night programming resumes January 9<sup>th</sup>. We will spend the month of January completing our Building Faith Brick by Brick curriculum. I'm excited to see what we will learn from our final Lego creations!

#### January Wednesday Night Line-Up

1/9—Books of the Bible (Psalm 119:11)  
1/16—A Rainbow of Promises (Psalm 91:2)  
1/23—The Calling of Elijah (1 Kings 19:11-13)  
1/30—Celebration Sunday (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Blessings,  
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### YOUTH NEWS

#### Resurrection 2019

Resurrection 2019 will be held January 25-27 at the LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge. The theme is Voices United and Jorge Acevedo will be the speaker. The band for Resurrection 2019 will be I Am They. Final plans are being arranged and details for the weekend will be given in the youth meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### January 30<sup>th</sup>

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,  
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### CHOIR NEWS

Happy New Year! Firstly, I would like to reflect on December. Our church is full of wonderfully generous and talented individuals. The choir worked very diligently to prepare for the program and sang beautifully. I would also like to thank the readers, greeters, and those who prepared food. Together we offered this community a beautiful opportunity to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Thank you for all of your contributions.

Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Easter is fast approaching! If you have ever thought of participating in worship, please consider joining the choir. There is always an open seat. Feel free to simply show up or contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,  
Josh Allen  
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### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Otto Briscoe, Lee Wysor, Pat Wenk, Libby Freels, Our Pastor, Church and Church Families; Our Nation's Service Men, Benjamin Shipley, Women, and their families.



### **Flower Donors for January 2019**

January 6 Vicki Underwood  
January 13 Mark Medley  
January 20 Ty and Judy Foster  
January 27 Bill and Alice Connell

### **OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH:**

Jo Henegar and family on the death of their husband and father, Howard Henegar, on December 17, 2018.

### **ACOLYTES NEEDED**

Calling all people who are in the fourth grade or older. We are in need of additional acolytes. If you would like to help in leading worship as an acolyte, please contact Kathleen Jones.

### **UMW**

The Grace Circle will meet Thursday, at 11:30a January 3rd. A luncheon will be provided. As always, all women of Memorial are encouraged to join our group. We are looking forward to discussing future projects for our congregation. Happy New Year to all.

### **ALMONDS**

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

### **2018 Donations**

All 2018 donations must be received by 12:00 noon on January 7, 2019. Any donations received after this date will be counted as 2019.

### **JANUARY 2019 CALENDAR**

- Tues., Jan. 1 OFFICE CLOSED—NEW YEAR'S DAY
- Thur., Jan. 3 11:30a Grace Circle will meet in FH, a luncheon will be provided.  
5:30p Food Pantry
- Sun., Jan. 6 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary  
9:00a Sunday School  
10:00a Morning Service  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Matthew 2:1-12
- Wed., Jan. 9 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., Jan. 13 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary  
9:00a Sunday School  
10:00a Morning Service  
Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17
- Tues., Jan. 15 Office closed from 11:00a to 1:00p
- Wed., Jan. 16 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., Jan. 17 5:30p Food Pantry
- Sun., Jan. 20 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary  
9:00a Sunday School  
10:00a Morning Service  
Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
and John 2:1-11
- Wed., Jan. 23 5:30p-6:00p Dinner in FH  
6:30p-7:15p Adult Bible Study  
6:00p-7:15p YUMS  
6:00p-7:15p Youth  
7:15p Chancel Choir Practice
- Friday—Sunday, Jan. 25-27, Resurrection at Pigeon Forge
- Sun., Jan. 27 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary  
9:00a Sunday School  
10:00a Morning Service
- Wed., Jan. 30 5:30p-7:15p Adult Bible Study  
6:00p-7:15p YUMS  
6:00p-7:15p Youth  
7:15p Chancel Choir Practice

## MEMORIALS

### IN HONOR OF

Wilma Weinstein and John Lomax  
Deane and Sutton Kay  
Phil and Pat Wenk

### GIVEN BY

The Yak Class  
Candy Fox  
Nancy and Hollis Large

### FUND

Food Pantry

### IN MEMORY OF

Howard Henegar

### GIVEN BY

Deane and Sutton Kay  
Jim and Denise Davis  
Mark Medley  
Nancy and Tom Thrasher  
V.L. and Pat Stonecipher  
Elizabeth Catrun  
The Pickleball Friends @ CPC  
Gina Fulton  
Norris Bridge Club  
Rita Hackler  
Ellie Green  
Jack Rains  
Jerry Higden  
Ann Mane Tugwell  
A.S. Pyle  
Nancy and Hollis Large

### FUND

Ida Gamble Scholarship

Kate Bailey

Nancy and Hollis Large

Music Fund

Delores Johnson

Nancy and Hollis Large

Pauline C. Ball

Ellie Green

Ida Gamble Scholarship

## WINTER POLICIES

### **Inclement Weather Policy**

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

### **School 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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