

MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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MAY 2019

Pastoral Transition

I drove into town around 10:00 a.m. on June 26, 2013. As I drove into town, I became one of the newest residents of Clinton, Tennessee. I knew as I arrived this day would come. As a United Methodist pastor, I know as surely as the moving truck will soon arrive with my worldly possessions, there will be another truck at some point in the future who will pick up my possessions and transport them to another location within the Holston Annual Conference. It's time to schedule the next moving truck. I have received my projection for the 2019-2020 Conference year. I am projected to serve Kern Memorial United Methodist Church in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Since we went through a pastoral transition six years ago there have been some changes to the procedure. I want to let you know what you can expect over the next couple of months. I am your appointed pastor until June 30, 2019. I am responsible for pastoral care through this time. I will preach through the middle of June. During this time, I will be attending mandatory and transition meetings. I will also be packing. If you need to meet with me, please make an appointment.

This is definitely the shortest move I have made within the Holston Annual Conference. The distance from church to church is eight miles. The distance from home to home is eight miles. I will be able to stay with the same doctors and hair stylist. Elvin will be able to keep the same vet and groomer. Our surroundings will be familiar and yet things will be very different. There will be new parishioners to meet, new ministries to learn, and new worship orders to lead. On July 1, 2019, I will no longer be the pastor of Memorial United Methodist Church.

On July 1, 2019, my pastoral leadership and care shifts to the congregation of Kern Memorial United Methodist Church. The pastoral leadership and care for Memorial United Methodist Church shifts to the Reverend Scott Wilks. I will not return to Memorial United Methodist church to fulfill pastoral duties. While the distance between pastoral charges is short, the distance between pastoral responsibilities must be kept as *The Book of Discipline* requires.

I appreciate the kind words many of you have shared with me as this announcement has been made. One individual asked that I not forget you. As with every pastoral appointment I have had before Memorial United Methodist, there is no way I will forget you. I look forward to seeing you in the community and catching up on life. It will be easier to remember you with the short distance.

As we begin this time of pastoral transition, I would ask you to join me in prayer. Let us seek God's will as we witness for the Kingdom of God.

Blessings,
Pastor Donna

Children's Ministry New

May Wednesday Night Line-Up

5/1— Preparations for Student Sunday

5/8— Preparations for Student Sunday

5/15—Special Program with Beyond a Brick... Last YUMS of the school year!

Student Sunday: Sunday, May 12th

Make plans to be in Worship this day as our children and youth will lead the service. We will recognize our fifth graders who will be transitioning to our youth group. **Loved ones, if your child is participating in the service, please make plans for them to meet at 9:00 AM in the choir room.**

End of the School Year Celebration: Wednesday, May 15th

In YUMS this year, we've learned Bible stories using LEGO builds that relate to each lesson. For our last YUMS of this school year, we are so excited to have an instructor from Beyond a Brick come to lead us in some team-building activities... You won't want to miss this fun night!

Camp in the Community, July 8th-12th

If your child (rising kindergarten—8th grade) would like to attend, please make sure that they are registered. Currently, registration is half way to capacity. Registration materials are available in the church office. We continue to ask for your prayers as we partner with St. Mark, Asbury, and Sinking Springs United Methodist Churches to share Jesus's love with the children of Clinton. I'll be in touch soon with those of you who have volunteered for camp service about specifics... Thank you! AND it's not too late to let me know if you would like to serve at camp.

Blessings,

Leanne

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YOUTH NEWS

Wednesday Night Study Schedule

05/01/2019 Preparations for Student Sunday

05/08/2019 Preparations for Student Sunday

05/15/2019 End of Year Party

Spring Antique Festival Parking

The Spring Antique Festival will be held Saturday, May 4th. The youth will once again park cars as a fund raiser during this community event. Youth need to be at the church by 8:30 a.m. We will finish parking at noon. Make plans to spend the morning parking cars!

Student Sunday on May 12th

Our children and youth will lead worship on Sunday, May 12th. Graduating seniors and mothers will be recognized. The youth will **meet in the choir room at 9:00 a.m.** as they make final preparations for the morning service.

End of the School Year Party

To celebrate the end of our Wednesday night programming for this school year, we will have a party on May 15th. We will begin the night as usual, with dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. Following dinner, we will have lots of fun in the Youth Room.

Blessings,

Pastor Donna

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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



OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH:

Phil Wenk and family; and Joe and Pam Rainey on the death of Pat Wenk on April 14, 2019.

Flower Donors for May 2019

May 5 Donna Irwin
May 12 Wesley Bible Class—Mother's Day
May 19
May 26 Margaret Eager

Church clean-up

The Trustees are sponsoring a church clean-up day for Saturday May 11th, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We hope that you will set some time to come help clean out a few rooms, do small painting projects, plant some flowers, clean walkways, or spread some pine straw.

A list of jobs we hope to complete will be available on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall. We will need a few pick-up trucks, a pressure washer, rakes, wheel barrows, pruning tools, etc. If you can provide flowers to help brighten the courtyard and Hicks Street entrance, please let me know on the sign-up sheets. Monetary donations are always welcome!

A pizza and salad lunch will be provided.

Hope to see you May 11th.

MAY 2019 CALENDAR

- Wed., May 1 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
- Thur., May 2 11:30a Grace Circle will meet in FH
5:30p Food Pantry
- Sun., May 5 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
Psalm 30; John 21:1-19
- Tues., May 7 10:00a Staff Meeting
- Wed., May 8 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., May 12 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
- Sat. May 11 8:00a Church clean-up day
- Wed., May 15 5:30p –6:00p Dinner in YAK Room
6:30p-7:15p Adult Bible Study
6:00p-7:15p YUMS in FH
6:00p-7:15p Youth
7:15p Chancel Choir Practice
- Thur., May 16 5:30 Food Pantry
- Sun., May 19 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
- Sun., May 26 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
Psalm 67; John 14:23-29
- Mon., May 27 **OFFICE CLOSED—MEMORIAL DAY**

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF

Pat Wenk

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