

MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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JUNE 2019

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again

John Fawcett, a Baptist clergyman in England, gave us one of the most beloved farewell hymns of all time. Fawcett was converted by the powerful preaching of George Whitefield who delivered many messages in the open fields of England. It is said that after telling Whitefield he wanted to preach, Fawcett was given his blessing and the congregation at Wainsgate. The people of Wainsgate were poor shepherds and farmers. The church never touched them. John Fawcett made a difference in their lives and a modest meetinghouse was added.

A prestigious parish in London extended a call to Fawcett. He decided to accept. The announcement was made to the church and the farewell sermon was preached. Possessions were sold and a cart loaded with their belongings. The parishioners came to say goodbye. There were many tears and the Fawcett's could not stand it. They changed their mind and stayed in Wainsgate.

It was common practice for ministers to write hymns on the theme of the day and to sing them following the sermon. It is not known if this hymn was written in conjunction with his decision to stay in Wainsgate, but it is a hymn sung most often as Christians part.

Over the past six years we have spread God's love and shared the sacraments of the church. We have studied the Scriptures and shared them with others. We have worshiped God and witnessed our faith to our community. The time has come for us to part.

The announcement of the Pastoral change has been made. Possessions have been donated to The Wesley Foundation at UTK and KARM. Boxes are packed. The farewell sermon will soon be preached. Unlike John Fawcett, I will not change my mind. In our United Methodist appointment season there is not an option for a change of mind.

However, this move will be almost like changing my mind. We will have many opportunities for our paths to cross. We will be in the same district and missional hub. Most likely we will be in the same charge conference cluster. We have shared ministry together and will continue to on a different connectional level.

Saying farewell is always difficult. It is just a little easier saying farewell with this move. The ties will not be stretched as far. As I say farewell, I pray for your mission and ministry to continue in Clinton with the Reverend Scott Wilks.

Blessings,
Pastor Donna

Children's Ministry News

Summer Happenings

Pool Party at Jaycee Park, Wednesday, June 19th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Join us from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. We're providing your pool admission. Please bring any snacks or drinks you would like to enjoy.

Camp in the Community, July 8th-12th

Camp is at capacity! 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.

The Best is Yet to Come...

It has been a joy to join with you in ministry these past five years! Memorial is blessed with some very special children, families, and volunteer helpers. I know that you will continue to support the Young United Methodist Students (YUMS) as we transition to a new Children's Activity Coordinator. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the Memorial Church family.

Blessings,

Leanne

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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,
Women, and their families.



OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH:

With the family of Ethel Crawford, who passed away on April 30, 2019.

Flower Donors for June 2019

June 2 Allen and Denise Crenshaw-Smith
June 9 John and Kathleen Jones
June 16 Father's Day
June 23 Family of Ret. Col. W.L. Cooper
June 30 V.L. and Pat Stonecipher

Church and Parsonage Clean-up

June 1st 8:am. To 2:pm

Inside building we will focus on the Nursery, Children's Sunday School classroom, and removing broken furniture from the Youth Rooms to the dumpster.

Outside, we will finish weeding, planting, spreading pine needles.

Bring work gloves, or latex gloves, flowers, rakes, wheelbarrows, tree-trimming tools, etc. If anyone has a pressure washer there are still areas that need to be cleaned.

Lunch will be provided.

June 8th 8:am to noon

Yard clean-up at the Parsonage, 911 Riverbend Rd. Trees and shrubbery cut back and brush carted to curb. Garden beds to be cleaned up and Patio pressure washed.

We'll need wheel barrows, rakes, hedge trimmers, a chainsaw, a pressure washer, a blower and extension cords.

Cool water and snacks will be provided. If you can help, please see the sign-up sheets located in the Fellowship Hall and the bulletin board by the Sanctuary, or let Nancy Thrasher know at thrashernl@msn.com or 865-457-0352.

JUNE 2019 CALENDAR

- Sat., June 1 8:00a-2:00pm Clean up at the Church
Lunch to be provided.
- Sun., June 2 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
Psalm 97; Acts 16:16-34
11:00a Luncheon in FH in honor of Pastor
Donna, Leanne Hennessey and Andrea Fritts
- Wed., June 5 7:15p Chancel Choir Practice
- Thur., June 6 5:30p Food Pantry
- Sat., June 8 8:00am-noon Clean up at Parsonage.
- Sun., June 9 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; John 14:8-17, 25-27
- Sunday 9th—Wed. 12th—Annual Conference
- Wed., June 12 7:15 Chancel Choir Practice
- Sun., June 16 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
- Wed., June 19 6:30p-8:30p Pool Party at Jaycee Park
7:15p Chancel Choir
- Thur., June 20 5:30 Food Pantry
- Sun., June 23 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service
- Wed., June 26 7:15p Chancel Choir Practice
- Sun., June 30 8:30a Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Morning Service

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