

Memorial Methodist Messenger

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Our Mission is to help others grow in the love and joy of Jesus Christ

FEBRUARY 2020

Reaching Out with Russell... on Presence 24/7

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Often at the beginning of a funeral service when I'm greeting the people, I'll thank the friends who are in attendance that day. Just their presence being there is such a comfort to the bereaved family. It comforts that they are honoring the deceased's life, and the family is helped to realize none of us faces death alone.

I've always thought that one of the most wonderful ministries of our Lord Jesus is His Presence with us twenty-four hours a day seven days a week. There is not a time that Jesus is not with us. He must think we are pretty special!

There is nothing we can do or say or anywhere that we can go that can keep Him away. He is always waiting and reaching out to us. I love that! And once we have placed our faith in Jesus, we are assured that we will never be alone again. Never feeling left behind or left out. Never abandoned. A caring Presence always standing near.

John Baker is a believer in Christ who struggles with alcoholism and food addiction. He is also the visionary for the Celebrate Recovery ministry that has been ministering recovery for over 30 years to persons who struggle with hurts, habits, and hang-ups in their lives. In Celebrate Recovery: 365 Daily Devotional, John writes an article about the value of our mission of bringing presence to others.

We had a full house this year for Thanksgiving dinner—kids and grandkids everywhere. Once all our guests had been served, we got our plates and went to find a place to sit. My wife chose to join the ladies and I sat down with the grandkids. The kids finished quickly, put their dishes in the sink, and hurried outside to play. And I found myself sitting all alone at the table.

I wasn't alone for long, though. In just a minute, our oldest granddaughter came back in and sat down with me. "I really don't want to go out to play right now. I think I'll just stay here with you, Grandpa," she said sweetly. It touched my heart to know that she was already learning how important it is not to leave people alone. We had a great conversation as I finished my meal. Then she went outside to play.

When we see someone sitting alone, we ought to be the ones who go over and sit down beside them. We don't even have to say much. Just our presence means more than we will ever know. God has promised that he will never desert us or leave us alone. Let's thank him for his faithfulness by being there for others.

Jesus' last words on earth before ascending to the Father were this promise: "And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." He is saying: "Remember, you are never alone." May He help us to be that comforting presence to others as we have the opportunity.



Praise the Lord!

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MUMC SERMONS FOR FEBRUARY 2020

February 2
Holy Communion

"How God Gets His Kicks"

1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5

What is it that gives God the most pleasure? God gets the most pleasure from taking something that the world perceives as worthless and gives it value.

February 9

"Good Reasons for Not Cheating"

Matthew 5:17-20

Today we have a crisis of honesty, integrity, ethics, morality, and what the Bible calls "righteousness". Dishonesty is a big deal because it hurts us and those around us. How can we be people of integrity? How can we have a righteousness that surpasses that of the Pharisees?

February 16

"You Are God's Temple"

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

The Bible says about us: "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?" We are God's temple. No matter how you may feel about yourself, you are somebody: you and I are the dwelling place of God. As the temple of the living God, what does that mean for us?

February 23

"The Ultimate Evidence of God"

2 Peter 1:16-21

Is there a God? Is there life beyond this world? How can we know? Who can we trust to give us the answer? No one sat down and thought up our faith. A host of common folks were witnesses to events they could not really understand. Christian faith is not reason, but revelation.

February 26

Ash Wednesday Service

7:30 PM

"Giving Up"

Luke 13:31-35

The Pharisees' advice is: "Just give up." And Jesus asserts He will give up: He will give up Himself for us to receive the divine plan of salvation. The only time "giving up" is embraced in our culture is during the forty days of Lent. What would happen if in this Lent you gave up thinking that the life you are now living is the only life you will ever know?

Dear Church Family,

I am humbled and honored to have been asked to be the chairman of our Church Council for the next 3 years. Hopefully the entire leadership roster for 2020 will be filled and distributed soon.

I read a devotion from the Upper Room last week (1/17/20) which really struck me and I've felt lead to share some thoughts with you. 1 Corinthians 12:27 says, "*You are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*" The article continues, "The church is the body of Christ, and Jesus wants everyone to play on his team. He does not want anyone to be ignored or to be a benchwarmer.

In the body of Christ, everyone can find opportunities to grow spiritually through worship, study, and service." Well, PRAISE THE LORD!! I hope no one feels ignored. I hope no one feels they are just warming the bench (or the pew!).

There are so many ways to engage in worship, study, and service. Pray about how you might want to get involved. There are LOTS of committees and leadership spots to be filled each year. There are lots of ways to serve behind the scenes. Where do you feel your "gifts" can best be used? Everyone needs to be connected to a small group.....through Bible Study, Sunday school, choir, accountability groups, and committees.....there are so many options and needs to be filled. Don't wait to be asked. Come talk to me. I can be reached at sueeggleston918@gmail.com or 434-664-7325.

Church Council meets every third Wednesday night, 7:30 pm, upstairs in the room across from the elevator. While certain leaders are expected to attend the meetings, everyone is welcome. If you have an issue or concern to bring before council, just give me a heads up so we can plan for it.

God is good all the time. Love, Sue Eggleston

Memorial United Methodist Church * Church Council Minutes
Wednesday, January 15, 2020
Ministry Reports

Kinckle Robinson (Finance).....presented the 2019 year end financial statement for approval...this was approved by consensus. We had a very good year in terms of giving last year. Building fund balance was brought down to \$193,836. Finance would like to take the checkbook balance from \$73,000 down to \$60,000, and put this 13K toward the building fund...approved by consensus.

Rodney Deaner (Discipleship).....Leeann Robinson will be leading a bible study on Genesis, starting 1/23 for 10 weeks. Miranda Deaner will be leading a bible study "Gangster Prayer" starting 2/9 for 7 weeks, meeting on Sundays at 5 pm. In process of selecting a Lenten devotional for the congregation.

Marie Milton (Prayer).....presented plans for 40 days of Lenten prayer. This includes having the sanctuary open for 2 hours every Monday through Saturday evenings, probably 5-7 pm, for prayer, communion, and reflection. The sanctuary will be staffed by prayer ushers and other volunteers, where there will be 3 people there each night. Devotions will be available, canned music will be played, candles will be in windows and luminaries will line both sides of the front sidewalk leading to the sanctuary. Will distribute fliers and set-up a facebook page. Committee will meet again on Monday night, 1/20.

Cindy Ranson (SPRC).....announced that Bryan Allgood and his wife, Allison have been hired as the choir director and accompanist, effective February 16, 2020.

Cindy Ranson (Daycare).....Angie Dillon is replacing Sue Eggleston as co-chair of the Daycare Committee. The Daycare would like to thank all church members for their gifts of money, gift cards and toys. They were able to replace a lot of worn out toys. P & G is getting an estimate for putting cameras in the Daycare classrooms.

Cindy (Worship).....Worship committee will be chaired this year by Cindy Ranson and Sheila Webb.

Dawn Elliott (Children).....beginning in 2020, rotation of Children's Church will be Julie Cheatham, Donna Deaner, Carrie Lewis, and JR Elliott. Working on details for Safe Sanctuary Training. Leaning towards having Easter Egg hunt on April 5th. Potential date for VBS is 5/26-5/29...theme will be Answers: Mystery Island-Tracking Down the One True God. Next Children's Council meeting is 2/12 at 7 pm.

Donna Deaner & Leeann Robinson (Sunday School).....Rodney Deaner will be teaching senior high SS class while confirmation classes are going on.

Dan Turner (Property & Grounds).....P & G is dividing up work areas for 2020. Letter will go out to all church members. Calls and questions should be directed to the following persons.....

Dan Turner-security, heating, cooling, lighting, plumbing, mechanical.

Cindy Ranson-Daycare.

Sue Eggleston-cleaning of church building.

Jack Evans-exterior grounds, landscaping, playground, snow removal.

Ken Milton-parsonage.

Will present a 5-year plan for the church building maintenance at the February church council meeting.

Blair Smith (Lay Leader).....Lay leadership list for 2020 still has some blanks to fill in. Need to start thinking about educating the congregation about the LGBT issues facing the United Methodist Church, and how that will affect our local church. Homecoming is planned for September... it was agreed that Evangelism and Worship committees will work out the details.

Steve Nadolson (Evangelism).....recap of 2019 included revised church brochures and SS flyers, welcome desk and gift bags, bags for new members, hand crosses for pastoral visits, announcements on sanctuary screens, and Kids Night Out. Sunday School signs are still in process. Consensus from church council was to ask Mike Rutland back to preach at Homecoming/Revival.

Harry White (UMM).....men met in January for chili dinner and 2020 planning session. The calendar is almost complete and will be distributed soon.

Joan Holt (Super Seniors).....seniors met for a Dutch Treat breakfast at Railyard 1/7. Next event is annual Soup Luncheon in Legacy Hall 2/17 at 11:30 am., followed by a Hearts game. Grace Hills and Hebron Baptist will be joining in. 2020 events have been planned.



Special Lenten Prayer Time

40 Days of Prayer at MUMC

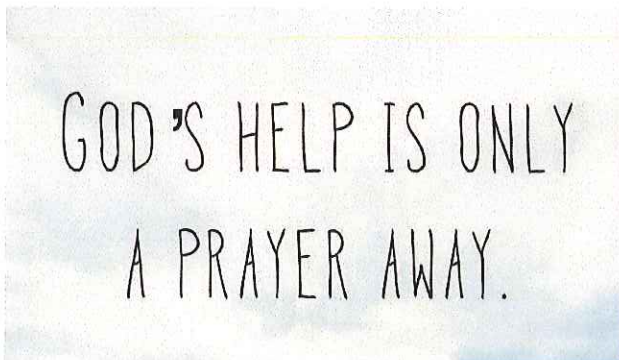
All are invited!! 40 days of prayer during Lent! Each night, Monday through Saturday, from 5 - 7 pm, during Lent, our sanctuary will be open for people, anyone and everyone, to come for prayer, quiet time, and/or communion. Open to the community! Forty nights! The Ash Wednesday service begins our Lenten season on February 26 with the open prayer time beginning the following night, February 27. Candles will light the sidewalk for you to enter, candles will glow in the windows of the church as well as on the altar. Light! Christ came into the world to bring light to us all!

As you enter the narthex through the front door, a church member will greet you and offer you devotional readings which you can read as you sit in the sanctuary. Your prayer time can be quietly on your own while sitting in the pew or kneeling at the communion railing. Also prayer ushers will be available in the front of the church to pray with you if you wish. Communion will also be available for those who wish to partake. As Pastor Russell says, "This is your time with the Lord"...a time to pray, a time to reflect on God's love for you, a time to be blessed ..."Your time with the Lord".

We need people to help us serve as greeters in the narthex for these 40 nights. We need more prayer ushers to pray with people. Would you pray about serving some of these nights? If you believe that God is calling you to help or if you have questions, contact Marie Milton.

And...we ask everyone to pray each night during Lent even if you cannot come to pray at church. Maybe set an alarm each evening between 5 and 7 pm to remind you to pray!

Prayer!! Charles Stanley says, "God is honored when we come to Him, He's honored when we talk to Him, and He is willing to hear and answer our prayer. He says, 'Call unto Me, I will answer you and show you great and mighty things which you do not know.' Jeremiah 33:3" Come and pray, God will be honored, He will hear our prayers, and He will answer!



We want to extend to you the invitation to join our team of prayer ushers! Do you feel led to serve as a prayer usher? We would love for you to join us in this powerful ministry! Contact Marie Milton if you are interested!!

Music Notes:

Dear Family,

It is safe to say I speak for Bonnie and myself in expressing our heart-felt thank you for the years of joy and fellowship shared with everyone at Memorial. Both of us said many times MUMC was the best *church* experience of our life together. Music was a wonderful bonus!

Personally, it is difficult to express without the tears of love and support which you have showered upon me; they have held me up since Bonnie's passing. Please note "Family" as opposed to "Church" Family in the salutation. That is intentional and sincere. I doubt a week has passed in the last twelve months without a card in the mail and/or an evening phone call from our MUMC family. What a blessing you are! Thank you for your prayers.

This made the decision to leave music leadership so difficult. But all good things must come to an end. Bonnie and I served as a music team since 1972; nothing more needs to be said. It is time, the page must turn, but.....

I am not 'leaving' as much as 'going to' another calling close to my heart. I hope to continue in worship, fellowship, music and First Friday's with our family for many years to come. The answer to my children inquiries to my future is, "Where would I go? My friends, the people I truly love go to Memorial."

Thank you so much for the years of fellowship and encouragement as a couple -- and in the past year to me for your graciousness in overlooking my many faults, your calls and notes, your hospitality and your love.

You a reason I "Praise the Lord!"

Love you,
David



Dear Memorial United Methodist Church,

It is with great joy I write you anticipating my beginning as choir director in your beautiful church. My wife Allison, and our daughters, Abigail and Olivia, are also excited to start worshipping with you in the weeks to come. I have been involved with music education in Appomattox County for nearly ten years and have taught several students who attend MUMC. I have been directing church music for the past five years around Central Virginia. I feel God has been preparing our family to become your church music leaders for quite some time. It was shortly after attending an Experiencing God study at MUMC that I felt called to my first choir director position. This study helped me to listen to what I felt God wants me to fulfill musically in our community. I look forward to leading your music program and directing music in a way that will be pleasing to all!



Allison is a classically trained pianist who is delighted to have been given a role as pianist as well as a leader of the praise and worship team. Our girls are 5 and almost 3, and we are expecting baby girl # 3 in May. As a family, we could not be happier to have received the call and opportunity to work with the great people of Appomattox who attend Memorial United Methodist Church.

Blessings,
Bryan Allgood



CELEBRATE
RECOVERY

Take a Leap of Faith

Have you noticed it is a leap year? That means one more day in February. In thinking about this leap year, the thoughts that came to mind were about man's want to "control and organize" God's creation. How often do we put our lives in boxes? Yes, we humans do like to be in control.

Years ago, while horseback riding on Maui, the guide inquired: "Do you want to swim in a volcanic pool." After verifying that it was an inactive volcano, we all agreed it sounded like fun. We dismounted from our horses and commenced the hike to the pool. This was before Lasik surgery, so I tramped on the journey without the aid of glasses. Arriving at a clearing in the thick undergrowth, the more adventurous among the group just ran and jumped. Everyone's advice .. Don't look, just jump. Had I looked before I leaped, had I known what he was asking me to do, I **WOULD NOT** have jumped.

It seemed like minutes before I hit the water. Followed by sinking until I could not see the light. My first thought was to wait until I hit bottom and then just push off. But this was a volcanic pool, who knows how deep I'd go before hitting bottom. Thank goodness, for being born in Minnesota, land of 10,000 lakes and all those swimming and lifeguard lessons my Mother made me take. As panic began to sink in, a lesson came to mind; let out a few bubbles and just follow them to the top.

What happened? Well, since I am writing this, you can guess that all ended well. Given a choice to jump again, would I? Probably not, I didn't like the feeling of being out of control. I still, decades later, don't know what scared me more the seconds of falling, the sense I did not know where up was, or being safe onshore and looking up at the top of the waterfall from which I had just jumped. But then, if I had not jumped, I would not have this story to tell.

How often when God stands, offers us help, and asks to jump, do we say, "Who me? No Way I don't want to give up that control."

We all have hurts, hang-ups, and harmful habits, including depression, anxiety, fears, addictions, and other struggles. Yes, we tend to put all aspects of our life in boxes, so that we can think we have control.

Søren Kierkegaard coined the term "Leap of Faith" by saying that a leap of faith means to believe in something with no evidence for it or to attempt an endeavor that has little chance of success. Now ask yourself, if God is in charge, is there ever little chance of success?

CR will help you learn to listen, become more confident. You will discover how to surrender, have faith, and release your grip on the outcome. All that it requires is the willingness to receive guidance and let go of your desire to control.

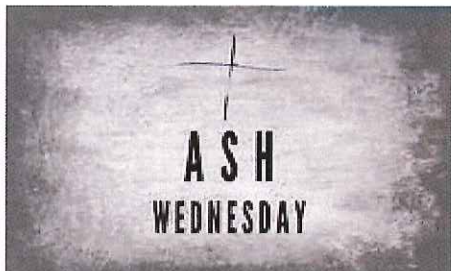
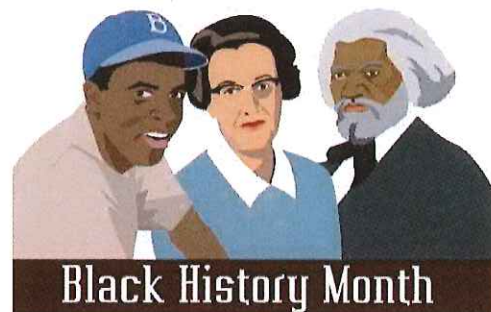
Join us on Tuesdays at 6:45 in Legacy Hall where ...

So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid."



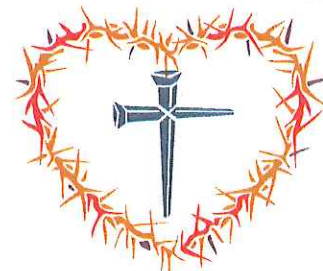
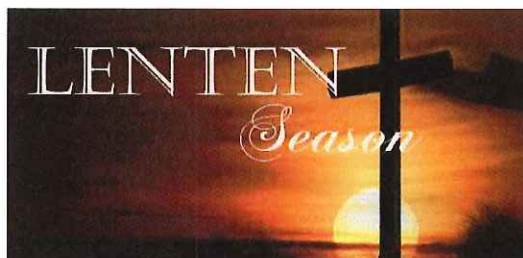
Special February Dates

- African-American History Month
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2020
- Presidents Day, February 17, 2020
- Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 23, 2020
- Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020
- Leap Day, February 29, 2020



Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020
Service @ 7pm

LeeAnn Robinson will
lead a 10 week Bible
Study in Genesis;
"God of Covenant"
starting 1/23.



Lent, the church-year season that begins on Ash Wednesday, is a time of penitence and spiritual renewal. Some people give up a luxury or vice during Lent as a form of self-denial; others undertake a project that benefits others.

The point isn't to denigrate ourselves or to see how much we can do without. Instead, Lent helps us reflect on Jesus' death. As Timothy Keller writes in *The Reason for God*: "The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself nor less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less."

JOIN IN ONE OF OUR BOOK/ BIBLE STUDY'S!!

GANGSTER PRAYER: RELENTLESSLY PURSUING GOD WITH PASSION AND GREAT EXPECTATION BY AUTUMN MILES

Gangster Prayer is a 7week study beginning Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 5pm
and concludes on Sunday, March 22, 2020.

Change your life and become an inspiring, passionate praying warrior who proclaims God's Word with this refreshingly honest guide to strengthening your faith.

Autumn believes that God wants to give us so much more than what we've been settling for. It's time our prayer life, which has been mediocre at best, becomes something that is:

- Fervent, • Intentional, • and Highly Expectant.

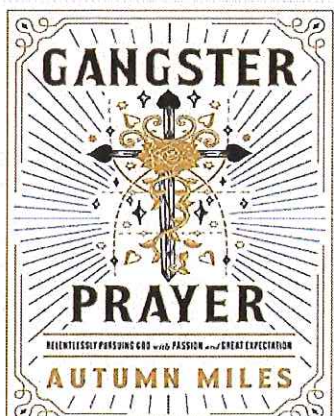
Gangster Prayer won't teach you how to pray. Instead, it will help reveal the heart behind a believing prayer and put the focus back on who we are praying to instead of on what we are praying for. With a changed perspective and objective, we can finally see the results from prayer we've been longing for—not just answers but a changed life.

If you would like to participate, please contact Miranda Deaner at randak2099@gmail.com

The book *Gangster Prayer* can be purchased on Amazon and at Barnes and Noble.

If you would like Miranda to order your book, please contact her by January 31, 2020

Please read the 1st & 2nd chapters before the start of the study



February:



KIDS' NIGHT OUT

Sat. February 15th 4-8pm

SUPER SENIOR NEWS:



Fun for Seniors

Schools may have been closed because of the weather forecast, but 14 of our Super Seniors met at Rail Yard Restaurant for breakfast January 7. We are looking forward to seeing each of you at our Annual Soup Luncheon Monday, February 17, at 11:30 in Legacy Hall. If you are able, please bring a salad or dessert for everyone to enjoy. Grace Hills and Hebron Baptist Churches will be joining us. Following lunch, we will play a fun game called "Hearts." Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a tasty lunch and great game prizes. See you there!



"Hearts" Party and Pizza to Share: Friday February 14th at 6:30 pm



**It's that time of year again!
Time for our annual HEARTS Party!!!**

The "Hearts" dice game has become our annual tradition in February. This is a group game for all ages. You only need to roll dice and spell the word

H _ E _ A _ R _ T _ S.

If you have not tried it yet, make a point to do so this year. You will not be disappointed in how much fun we have playing this.

Come at 6:30 that evening and bring your favorite Pizza to share. We strongly suggest a Medium size pizza. We will provide salad and beverages. We will eat first and play "Hearts" immediately afterward. Invite someone and plan on an evening of fun and fellowship!

****Please note that this takes the place of our regular First Friday event for February.****

The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed!

Hudson Taylor

Thank you to all who organized, helped, cooked, attended and ate at the Missions Fundraiser Luncheon! Thanks to you we raised over \$700 to go into our Missions Fund for 2020!

The Missions committee of Memorial United Methodist Church exists to reach out to the needy and to spread the gospel. Its main focus is to involve the congregation in Missions. It is equally committed to local, national, and international needs. If you want to experience the joy of spreading the gospel and helping the needy, join us in one of our hands on Missions Opportunity! If you are interested in finding out more information or giving ideas on missions opportunities, please contact the church office at 434-352-5705.

Celebration Women Conference

Saturday, Feb 29, 2020 * 9:30-Noon

Memorial United Methodist Church
403 Court Street, Appomattox

FOOD * FELLOWSHIP * MUSIC * WORSHIP

Special Guest Speaker:



Evangelist
DAWN
THARRINGTON

- * Ministers the Gospel in word and song
- * Married to Pastor James Tharrington, Jr. for 33 years
- * 3 children and twin granddaughters
- * Lead Singer, Director, Tour Mgr with the **Glory Gospel Singers**
- * **Speaker * Author * Teacher**

Childcare
available
but please
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call 434-352-5705, or email
appomattox.celebration@gmail.com

Free event!
Love Offering

ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING FRIENDS!

Dawn is a vessel of prophetic worship, healing and deliverance.



Thank the church family for the cards and lovely poinsettia. We especially thank Russell for the visit and sharing communion with us. It's always nice to share the WORD with him. We wish God's Blessings on the church.

Sincerely,
The Harrells

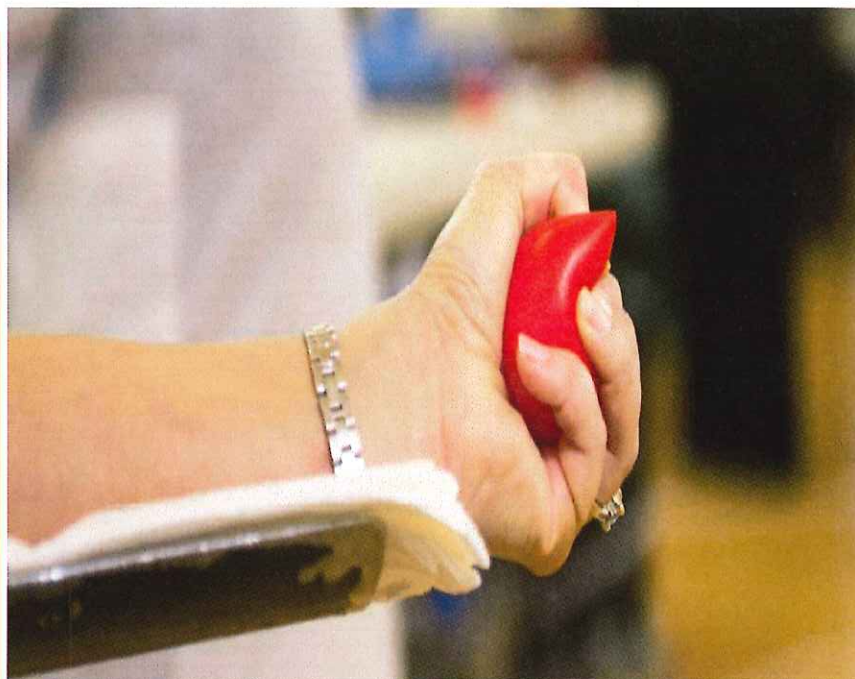
Dear staff and congregation,
I'm writing on behalf of your friend and my aunt, Margaret Moon, to thank you for the beautiful poinsettia that the church gave her for Christmas.

She's really enjoying it, but even more special is that it was hand delivered by someone from the Village Garden. She was thrilled with the company even though she doesn't always remember who came.

Margaret reads the bulletin every week as soon as it comes! So, thank you for faithfully sending it to her.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,
Margaret & Marty Moon



Blood Drive Gleaning For The World

Warehouse
7539 Stage Road

Thursday, February 6, 2020
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



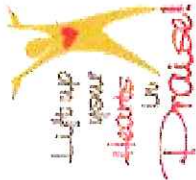






WALK WITH A DOC PROGRAM...
here in Legacy Hall!!!
February 15th 9:30- 10:30
3rd Saturday of Every Month
(Winter Nov-March inside @ MUMC LH!)



Walk with a Doc is a walking program for everyone interested in taking steps for a healthier lifestyle. What better way to start your weekend than on your feet making strides to help your heart and improving your general health to live longer! While you walk at your own pace, you'll have the opportunity to have questions answered by local physicians. This program was started in Columbus, OH in April of 2005 by Dr. David Sabgir and has now expanded throughout the country. You don't need any special gear and there are no special rules. Just put on a pair of comfortable shoes and walk alone, with friends, a partner or family or with a group. It's a personal preference.

<http://walkwithadoc.org/our-locations/appomattox-va/> Or find on Facebook Walk with a Doc Appomattox.

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p></p> <p>2 8:30 AM – Early Worship 9:30 AM – Holy Grounds 9:45 AM – Sunday School 9:45 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM – Worship 1:30 PM – Homebound Communion 5:30-7:00 PM – Youth United</p> <p></p>	<p>3 6:30 PM – Men's Basketball</p>	<p>4 8:30 AM – Exercise Class 9:30 AM – Church Office Staff Meeting 6:45 PM – Celebrate Recovery</p>	<p>5 4:45-5:30 – Feeding children at the Jesus Center 5:30 PM – Handbells 6:30 PM – Choir Practice 6:30 PM – Enter to Pray, Parlor 7:30 PM – P & G</p>	<p>6 8:30 AM – Exercise Class, LH 6-7 PM – Ready, Set, Grow</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 </p>
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Nursery Helpers



Children's Church



February 2
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February 23

Shannah Wilbun & Beth Frady
Debbie & Delia Baine & Donna Irvine
Melanie Reel & LeeAnn Robinson
Dawn or J.R. Elliott & Tori Rothgeb

Megan Wilbun
Nate Dillon
Gail Bruhnsen
Delia Baine

2/2 Dan Turner
Communion Assistants:
Nathan & Brenda Putney
2/9 Victor Vernon
2/16 Nathan Putney
2/23 Doug Webb

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



2/2 Becky Henderson
Communion Assistants: Marie & Ken Milton
2/9 Bobby Waddell
2/16 Justin Rothgeb
2/23 Tori Rothgeb



2/2 Lexi Ranson & Hannah Lee Baine
2/9 Gail Bruhnsen
2/16 Lexi Ranson & Izzie Wells
2/23 Betsy Ranson



2/2 Nathan & Brenda Putney
2/9 Cindy & Ronnie Ranson
2/16 Tim, Laura & Kaylee Garrison
2/23 Chris Woodall & Victor Vernon



For February: John I. Holland
Dow Mongold



1 Feb Eva Gray Guill
2 Feb Eric van Opstal
3 Feb Pat Rice
4 Feb Bill Burger
5 Feb Dixie Sears
..... Nancy Nepage
..... Caitlyn Angstadt
6 Feb Steve Lawson
..... Betty Armstrong
..... Laura Garrison
7 Feb Ginny Baine
9 Feb Jeannie Beverly
..... Richard Fuller
12 Feb Tania Shepherd
13 Feb Timmy Drinkard
14 Feb Kathy Dickerson
..... Sue Waddell
15 Feb Deanna Diehl
..... Debby Long
19 Feb Joan Holt
20 Feb Brenda Putney
21 Feb Dianne Mantiply
24 Feb Jonathan Nash
26 Feb David Wilbun
27 Feb Melody Nash
..... Monica Nash
..... Daphne Jackson
29 Feb Parks Robinson
..... Amanda Bloudek
..... Kenzlee Elliott



2/2 Tori Rothgeb
2/9 Sam Morton
2/16 John Morton
2/23 Skeeter Armstrong



Monitor Operators

Early Worship: 11:00 Worship:
2/2 Mary Turner Joe Davis
2/9 Mary Turner Eddie Wells
2/16 Mary Turner Skeeter Armstrong
2/23 Mary Turner Joe Davis



26 Feb. Pam & Brian Robinson



PRAYER
USHERS

Early Worship
2/2 Sheila Webb & Julie Cheatham
2/9 Brenda & Nathan Putney
2/16 Joan Holt & Cindy Ranson
2/23 Sheila Webb & Anne Robinson

11:00 Worship
2/2 Steve Nadolson & Rodney Deaner
2/9 Skeeter & Betty Armstrong
2/16 Sue & Mitch Eggleston
2/23 Anne Robinson & Penny Mongold

PRAYER REQUEST:

Recent Prayer Needs:

Tori and Everleigh Kidd, the Kidd & Parson Families (Bob & Doreen)
George Bergdoll (healing in his leg)
Rebecca Rosser (recovering from hip surgery, at Summit)
Kash Lucado (Joan Holt's nephew's baby), upcoming surgeries
Keith Fender (Hilda Ferguson's son, had hip surgery)
Pastor Russell & Julie's upcoming retirement season
MUMC 2020 Confirmation Class
Tommy Bryant (Beverly Davidson's brother-in-law), back surgery
Tony Freedman (UM Rev. Freedman Kim's son)
Doug Doss Jr. (Father of Melissa Doss)
Jean Johnson (Joe Davis' mother-in-law)
Nancy Horton (stroke, fall – relative of Mindy Blake)
Shawn & Jennifer Walsh (Jean Walsh's son & daughter-in-law)
John Kinnard (David Leckrone's friend)
Ethan Nadolson (Steve Nadolson's son)
Karen Ramsey (wife of Norman Ramsey, Breast Cancer))
Janet Lowery (Skeeter & Betty Armstrong's niece)
Carrie B. Lloyd (Rick & Mindy Blake's daughter)
Linda Thomas Turner (Beverly Thomas' cousin)
Walter David Jr. (Betty Guthrie's brother)
Robin Parsons (daughter of the Parsons- cancer)
Vicky Jones (Stroke- Peg Lawson's niece)
Timothy Lloyd (Skeeter & Betty's Grandson)
Frances Parsons (Bob Parson's mother)
Sally Rigby (Rena Baine's cousin – on hospice)
Dianne Marsh (stroke, heart surgery)
Doug Howard (relative of Pastor Russell)
Patricia Wallace (Melissa Doss' aunt)
Michelle Denis (Hospice, friend of Parson's)
Judy Ferguson (aunt of Dawn Elliott)
Cayden Walsh (Walsh's grandson)
Dorinda Grasty (PRAISE & prayer)
Sharee Whitmer (cancer) Gary Lindsay (cancer)
Loretta Howard (battling cancer)
Susan Booker (friend of the Burgers)
Melissa Lewis (friend of Parsons)
Ricky Simmons (stomach cancer)
Brandon Coles (Kelly Coles' brother)
Cassidy Richardson
Rick Blake
Betty Armstrong
Doug Seamster
Manning & Myrt Harrell
Victor Vernon III.
Cheryl Skipper
Tom Conrad
Adele Richardson
Phil & Connie Bass

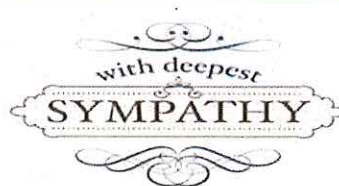
Our Missionary Partners:

Young Life (Appomattox & Central VA), The Jesus Center (Appomattox, VA), Clara Biswas, Street Children Ministries (Cambodia), Chris & Paula McNutt, Mt. Comfort (Guatemala); Charles & Becky Jackson, Generous Hands (Philippines), Emi Monges, Ambassadors for Christ (Paraguay), The Mathers, Stepping Forward Ministries (Romania)

Continuing Concerns:

-Babcock Manor: Anne Weakley & Margaret Wilson & Lorene Lucado & Estaline McCraw
-Valley View Retirement Community: Mary Martin 401A
-Bentley Commons: Daphne Jackson
-Heritage Green Assisted Living, Rm. 101: Elizabeth Jamerson
-St. Joseph's Home: Frances Rogers

Margaret Moon, Victor & Susan Vernon, Manning & Myrt Harrell, Hazel Thomas, Sara Baine, Myrtle White
VA Conference Bishop Sharma D. Lewis, District Superintendent Denies Bates, Pastor Russell & MUMC Leaders, Youth United, Members of our Armed Services stationed overseas and here at home, Police Force & Special Agencies, President Trump/World leaders/ The United States of America, All Refugees



Our Christian love and prayers go out to Bob & Doreen Parsons and their family, especially their granddaughter, Tori, and to the Kidd family in the loss of Tori's husband, Bradley Kidd, Jr., and their daughter, Braelynn. Please pray for this entire family as they go through this difficult time.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the Family of James Berkley "Berk" Drinkard. Berk went home to be with his Lord and Savior on December 31, 2019. He is the Father of Timmy (Rachel) Drinkard and Bruce (Millie), Bonnie (Kenny Wayne), Stephen (Paige) & Beth (Michael). Please keep the family and friends in your prayers during their time of loss.



Dear Members of Memorial United Methodist:

Thank you on behalf of all your staff for your generous bonuses for Christmas! Your giving made a difference for our celebrations this year. We appreciate your care.

Sincerely,

Pastor Russell, Nancy, Rena, Cindi, Carolyn & David

Our Ministry of Prayer: Anyone wishing to receive prayer requests for our church and community send your email address to Marie Milton at mcmorgan112@gmail.com. If you would like a name on our printed bulletin Prayer list, please contact the church office at 352-5705. At the end of each month the Prayer List will be purged. Your help in removing names (when appropriate) and giving updates is greatly appreciated.



Memorial United Methodist Church

Our Vision is to Help People
Grow in the Love and Joy of
Jesus Christ

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday:

8:30 AM – Early Worship
9:30 AM – “Holy” Grounds Breakfast
9:45 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Worship
5:30 PM- Youth United

Tuesday:

6:45 PM- Celebrate Recovery

Celebration Women Conference

Saturday, Feb 29, 2020 * 9:30-Noon

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* Lead Singer, Director, Tour Mgr with the
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* Speaker * Author *Teacher



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