

Memorial Methodist Messenger

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

JULY 2020



WELCOME PASTOR NORMAN RAMSEY & KAREN!!!



We are so very excited to begin a new season here at Memorial United Methodist under the Reverend Norman Ramsey and his wife Karen! We are believing that this is a gift of God and His blessings, and His favor will be poured out upon us, Memorial United Methodist Church, and our community, as we serve as the hands & feet of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Let's get to know Rev. Ramsey:

Norman was raised in Charlotte County, Virginia. He graduated from Randolph Henry High School, Greensboro College, and received his M. Div. degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Since then, he has served for over 30 years in pastoral ministry in KY, TN, and VA. He has been blessed through the years to be in mission throughout the United States, Brazil, Kenya, Honduras, and South Korea and serves as the founder and president of Norman Ramsey Ministries.

Norman currently serves on the board of the Evangelical Fellowship of Virginia and is a past board member of the National Association of United Methodist Evangelists. He's written four books and recorded many musical projects including *The Colors of Grace*: the only Board of Discipleship approved music resource for *The Walk to Emmaus*. (2005)

He writes a daily teaching blog at normanramsey.com as well as helps produce *My Music Snack*, an online music ministry of psalms, hymns, spiritual songs, and teachings on the way of grace which he co-produces with Butch Taylor.

Norman is married to Karen and they recently celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary. They have four children: Sandra, Keith, Robert, and Hannah. They also have five, wonderful grandchildren. Norman said, "We are very excited about working together with everyone at Memorial to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ! This is a great opportunity to not only move back closer to home and take better care of my Mama, it is a special moment in time to share the good news of Jesus. Karen and I look forward to meeting and getting to know each and everyone."

The Answer to How ...

? How do I become healed of this hurt?
?? How do I free myself from my hang-ups?
??? How do I overcome all my harmful habits?

As Christians, we believe we need God to be saved. Still, after that, we're convinced we can handle everything by ourselves. How silly are we? As we say at Celebrate Recovery, if we could fix ourselves, by now, we would have. But we can't. It is impossible. And, God doesn't expect us to white-knuckle it and do it all by ourselves.

Listen to Jane, a C/R member, tell her story. A story about the "aha" moment when she realized how she was successful in surrendering her eating disorder.

The way I've had victory is by NOT doing any of the things I have done before. That is extreme dieting, starving, or exercise, followed by stuffing and losing control, followed by sheer hopelessness and feelings of shame and failure. The way I've reached my goal is by crying out to the Lord, again and again. Every time I face a portion of food or a situation that has the power to trigger me, I ask Him to help me. To help me handle it without my drug of choice – food. I ask Him to rescue me AT THIS MOMENT from THIS TEMPTATION.

Recently I asked God why I am now struggling with emotional vulnerability. I am not sure how to deal with the fear of being emotionally hurt, betrayed, or being attacked again. I know this is the next issue He wants me to deal with. I asked how can I possibly overcome the fear? The answer; He said the same way you overcame your eating disorder. So I went back to the first three steps of CR and found that every time I face temptation, my only hope is to reach upward in prayer.



Step 1: We admit we are powerless over our addictions and compulsive behaviors, that our lives have become unmanageable.

Romans 7:18 I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

Step 2: We believe that a power greater than ourselves can restore us to sanity.

Philippians 2:13 For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.

Step 3: We make a decision to turn our wills and our lives over to the care of God.

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship

Like Jane, every time we face a temptation, our only hope is to reach upward in prayer. Ask for help. Remember, our God promises that He will provide you a way.

C/R offers you support and help for overcoming your hurts, hang-ups, and harmful habits .. based on God's plan given to us in His

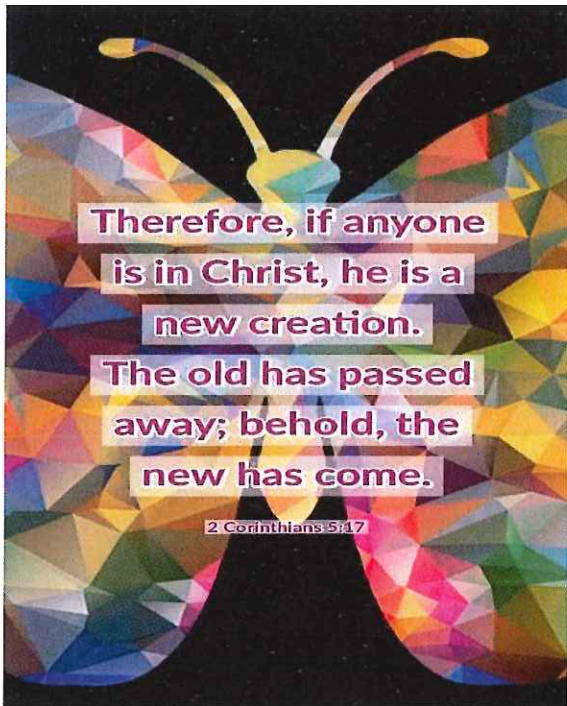
Basic Instructions Before Living Earth.



Celebrate Recovery - Appomattox

Call us -- Cheryl Gowin 434-808-2637 or Dennis Gowin 434-808-2426
like CR-Appomattox on Facebook @celebrate.recovery.appomattox

*Join your Fellow Mountain Climbers
on Tuesdays at 6:45 in Legacy Hall
Helping You Climb Your Mountain*



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Brandon and Sarah Marsh, Brooke Williams, and preparatory members Tucker and Sadie Marsh!!!



CONFIRMATION 2020

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS!!!!

Izzie Wells, Hannah Lee and Delia Baine, Brooke Williams, Lexi Ranson

Scout McDowell, Sully Drinkard, River McDowell





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 mission's opportunities, please contact Sue Waddell at 434-660-0367.

What a GREAT time in our world to send a LOVE offering to help the MISSION of Christ Jesus!!!

Here are some of our beloved ministries & MUMC supported:

YoungLife (Appomattox, VA)

Central Virginia VA27, P.O. Box 3543 Lynchburg, VA 24503-0543; (giving.younglife.org)

The Jesus Center (Appomattox, VA)

P.O. Box 322 Appomattox, VA 24522

Clara Biswas, Street Children Ministries (Cambodia)

clarabiswas@online.com.kh (advance.umcmmission.org/p-1509-biswas-clara-mridula.aspx)

Chris & Paula McNutt, Passion4Guatemala (Guatemala)

445 Abbitt Branch Rd. Appomattox, VA 24522 (passion4guatemala.com)

Charles & Becky Jackson, Generous Hands (Philippines)

charlesbeckyjackson@msn.com

Emi Monges, Ambassadors for Christ (Paraguay)

emimonges@hotmail.com <https://afciworld.org/what-we-do/focus-on-the-heart/>

The Mathers, Stepping Forward Ministries (Romania)

Stepping Forward Ministries, PO Box 20065, Salem, Oregon 97307

Pregnancy Support Center (Appomattox & serving all southside VA)

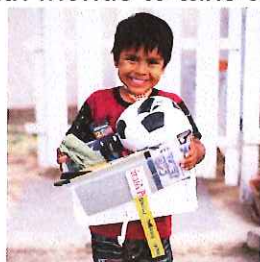
1977 Church St. Appomattox, VA 24522 Phone- 434-392-8483



There will be another bulk soccer ball order this year, but on an earlier timeline than last year.

The deadline for ordering is August 9, 2020.

For \$5 total, you can get a #5 soccer ball, a 6 inch hand pump, an extra needle, AND a toothbrush. Orders must be a minimum of 20, for a total of \$100. (Buddy up with friends to take advantage of this deal.)



**VBS IS
POSTPONED
BUT WILL BE
RESCHEDULED
AT A LATER
DATE!**

**WE WILL
UPDATE
EVERYONE
ONCE A
DECISION IS
MADE.**



**Church Council Minutes
Memorial United Methodist Church
Wednesday, June 17, 2020
ZOOM Meeting**

Those in attendance were Sue Eggleston, Mitch Eggleston, Blair Smith, Donna Deaner, Dawn Elliott, Cindy Ranson, Kinckle Robinson, Leeann Robinson, Rodney Deaner, Angie Dillon, Julie Cheatham, Doug Webb, Sheila Webb, Russell Cheatham, Dan Turner, Harry White, Bobby Waddell.

Sue Eggleston called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm

Angie Dillon led devotions.....Different responses to the world situations...fear, disregard, and others. "Our Faithful Teacher" by Charles Stanley.

May 2020 minutes were approved by consensus.

Ministry Reports

Kinckle Robinson (Finance).....We are holding our own in regards to finances. Just slightly behind in receipts vs. expenses. Money designated for parsonage renovations have been spent. Paid building loan down to \$152,789.

Angie Dillon (Day Care).....MDC is doing great! Now are following CDC guidelines. Have been averaging 50-60 kids per day, whereas normally they have about 100. Nancy believes that number will climb. An administrator from APS called and asked if MDC could help if schools had to implement an A-B day type schedule.....this would involve hiring more workers and charging fees. Graduation was held in Courtland Field on June 16th. (Due to rain, graduation was held in Legacy Hall.)

Dan Turner (P & G).....Parsonage renovations are nearing completion. Water usage in main church building has dropped dramatically, Dan is convinced there was a meter issue resulting in high usage earlier in the year. AC is turned on in sanctuary and Legacy Hall and set higher to keep humidity stabilized. Suspended Cintas for the month of April, and just started a limited service in May.

Doug Webb (SPRC).....Norman Ramsey will move some furniture into the parsonage on 6/27, and could use some volunteer help. Russell and Julie moved out of parsonage on 6/21. Pastor John Flood will be handling pastoral needs until Norman is here on 7/2.

Harry White (UMM).....The 4th of July cookout has been cancelled.

Sue Eggleston (CC Chair).....Brought up that Nancy Dawson said we pay \$500 per year for offering envelopes, which some people don't use and the money counters said are cumbersome to deal with.....do we want to order? Will table this issue until next month. There is a safety deposit box for MUMC at Farmers Bank that has some documents in it, not sure what they are. Kinckle will call Farmers and remove Janet McConville's name from safety deposit box access and add himself, Nancy Dawson, and Tom Hall. (Instead of Tom Hall, we left Rodney Deaner on the list as he is a trustee.) The reception held for Julie and Russell was a big success.

Cindy Ranson (Day Care).....Need a copy of lease between Day Care and MUMC to help fill out paperwork for the government loan to be forgiven. Not sure if such a lease exists. Doug Webb will talk to George Bergdoll about this.

Russell Cheatham.....He and Julie want to thank everyone for their time here. They love us and will miss us.

Rodney Deaner closed with prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

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JULY HAPPENINGS:

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 <i>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY</i> | 4  |
| 5 11:00 AM – Online Worship Service @ MUMC.org or on Facebook | 6 | 7 | 8 <i>WORSHIP MEETING</i> | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 11:00 AM – Online Worship Service @ MUMC.org or on Facebook | 13 | 14 | 15 7:30 PM – Church Council Zoom Meeting | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 11:00 AM – Online Worship Service @ MUMC.org or on Facebook | 20 | 21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> | 22 UMM MEETING | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 11:00 AM – Online Worship Service @ MUMC.org or on Facebook | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |



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| 1 July | Samantha Morton |
| 4 July | Russell Moore & Billy Guthrie |
| 5 July | Amber Gilliam |
| 6 July | Izzie Wells |
| 7 July | Kayla Elliott |
| 8 July | Vann Slayton |
| 10 July | Jerry Barbour & Pat House & Bryan Henderson |
| 12 July | Lacey Reel |
| 13 July | Sully Drinkard |
| 14 July | Jennifer Amos |
| 17 July | Peggy Lawson & Austin Bowman |
| 18 July | Whitley Drinkard |
| 19 July | Katie Webb & Chris Wilbun |
| 24 July | Manning Harrell |
| 25 July | Virginia Williams |
| 27 July | Trafton McDowell |
| 29 July | Margaret Wilson & Ed Gibson |
| 31 July | Charlie Drinkard |



8 July Dale & Steve Weakley
 8 July Fred & Kathy Dickerson
 20 July Sue & Bobby Waddell

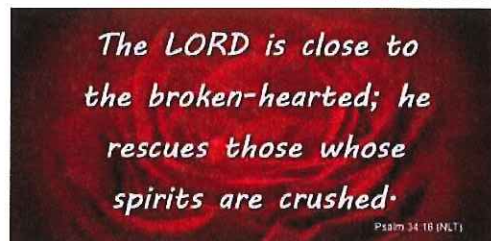


PRAYER REQUEST:

Recent Prayer Needs:

Anna Witt (Stacey Purcell's mother battling cancer)
 Baxter Parris (knee replacement surgery)
 Thomas Pairet (very bad car accident- UVA)
 Jessica Phelps (daughter of Ginny Kress MDC worker)
 Eddie Culbertson (recovery from surgery)
 Bobby Garrett (testing for spot on lungs)
 Dr. Larry Smith & Mother Ruth (Larry ill at UVA)
 Bethany Nadolson (Targeted Cancer treatments Bear & Mary's niece)
 Manning Harrell & Family (recovering at home)
 Leon Mettler (Vanessa from MDC husband - heart attack /3 stints)
 Tommy Bryant (Beverly Davidson's brother-in-law- surgery)
 Greg Knight (Francis Knight's son)
 Kash Lucado (Joan Holt's nephew's baby) healing from surgeries
 Brandy Roberts (Tom & Terrie Conrad's friend)
 Darlene Clark (Gerald Wilbun's cousin) heart attack
 Jennifer Tucker (friend of Cindi Williams, breast cancer)
 Shawn & Jennifer Walsh (Jean Walsh's son & daughter-in-law)
 Charlotte Fenchum (Butch Thomas' girlfriend)
 Pastor Russell & Julie's upcoming retirement season
 Tony Freedman (UM Rev. Freedman Kim's son)
 Ethan Nadolson (Steve Nadolson's son)
 Janet Lowery (Skeeter & Betty Armstrong's niece)
 Carrie B. Lloyd (Rick & Mindy Blake's daughter)
 Linda Thomas Turner (Beverly Thomas' cousin)
 Robin Parsons (daughter of the Parsons- cancer)
 Michelle Denis (Hospice, friend of Parson's)
 Judy Ferguson & family (aunt of Dawn Elliott)
 Olivia Baldwin (Bob & Doreen Parson's friend)
 Patricia Wallace (Melissa Doss' aunt)
 Vicky Jones (Stroke- Peg Lawson's niece)
 Timothy Lloyd (Skeeter & Betty's Grandson)
 Frances Parsons (Bob Parson's mother)
 Doug Howard (cousin of Pastor Russell)
 Nick Vancil (Beverly Thomas kin)
 Deb Stacey (health issues)
 Doug Doss Jr. (Father of Melissa Doss)
 Cayden Walsh (Walsh's grandson)
 Brandon Coles (Kelly Cole's brother)

Cure for the COVID-19 Virus
 Joanne Burger
 Cora Coles
 Robert
 Benny Harvey
 Ann Spain
 Fielder Family
 Ronnie Spiggle
 Betty Armstrong
 Denise Bates
 Sharee Whitmer
 Gary Lindsey
 Billy Guthrie
 Cassidy Richardson
 Cathy Bates
 Phil Bass



Our Christian Love and Sympathy is extends to the Families of:

Mike Nadelson, Bear's brother, went home to be with the Lord on June 5, 2020.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the Family of Bradley Babock. Brad went home to be with his Lord and Savior on June 2, 2020. Our hearts and prayers go out to Mary, Rebecca Rosser (Brad's sister) and his entire family.

Family of Nancy Horton (Mindy Blake's mother)

Please lift these families in prayer during this difficult time of loss.

Continuing Concerns:

-Babcock Manor: Anne Weakley & Margaret Wilson & Lorene Lucado & Estaline McCraw
 -Valley View Retirement Community: Mary Martin 401A
 -Bentley Commons: Daphne Jackson
 -St. Joseph's Home: Frances Rogers
 Margaret Moon, Victor & Susan Vernon, Manning & Myrt Harrell, Sara Baine, Myrtle White
 United Methodist Church, VA Conference Bishop Sharma D. Lewis, District Superintendent Denies Bates, Pastor Norman Ramsey & Karen, 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 Missionary Partners:

Young Life (Appomattox & Central VA)
 The Jesus Center (Appomattox, VA)
 Clara Biswas, Street Children Ministries (Cambodia)
 Chris & Paula McNutt, Passion4Guatemala (Guatemala)
 Charles & Becky Jackson, Generous Hands (Philippines)
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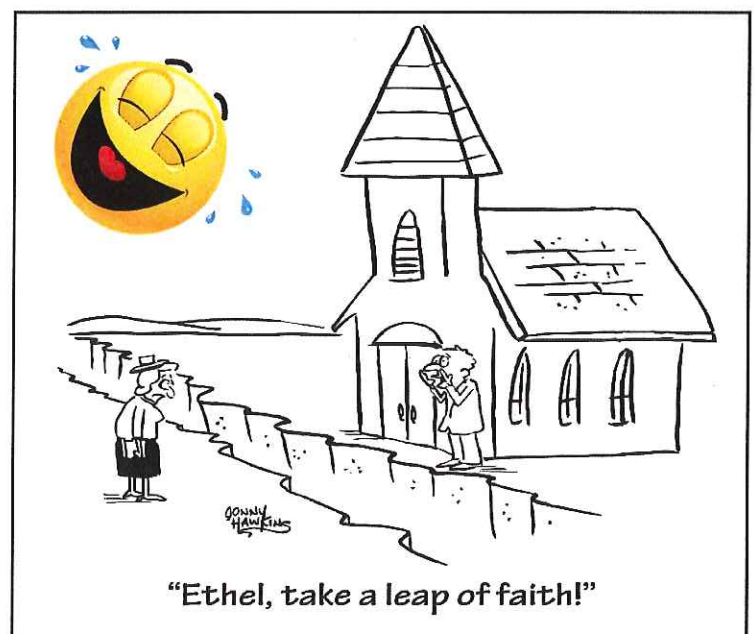
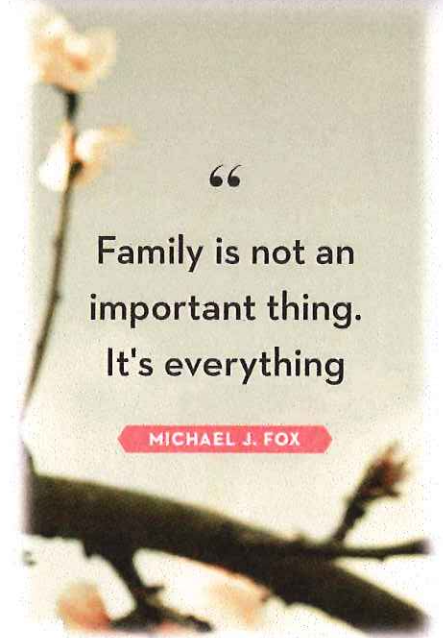
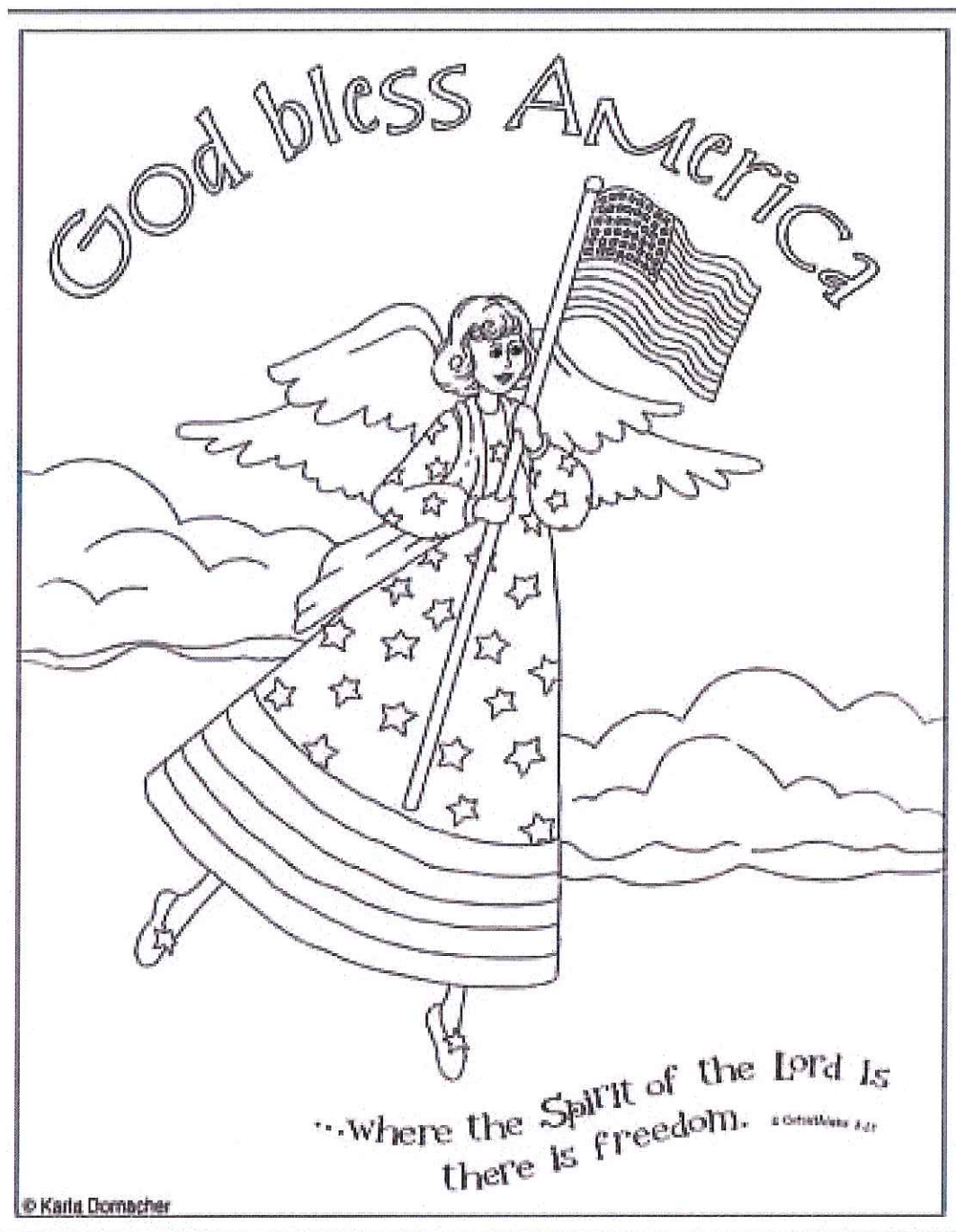


I read the following in a devotional book that was directed right to me: "AGE is merely a measure of gifts from God." How true that has been in my life and recently since the stroke and double pneumonia. I have been blessed in many ways with the love and friendship of my church family. This has included beautiful cards, visits, telephone calls, prepared food, and transportation to appointments. Many thanks for all of the kind things that have been done for me.

Memorial is definitely a CHURCH FAMILY!

Sincerely,
 Nelwyn Smith

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.



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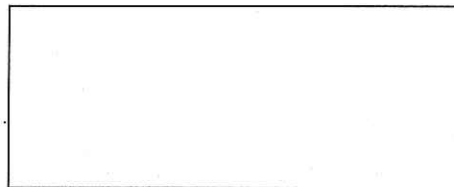
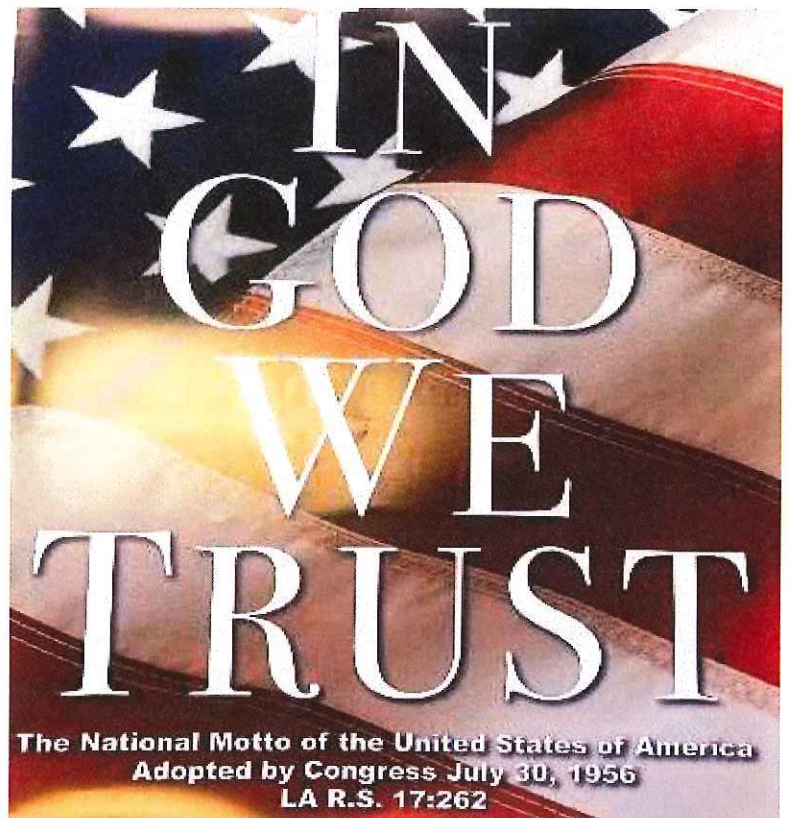
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Sunday: Revised till further notice:

11:00am- Online Worship @

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