Memorial Methodist Messenger

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

February 2022



Pastor's Note...

The Kathleen Thomerson hymn says, "I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus," but how does that translate into real life? We're pretty sure what it means to walk in darkness: tangled up in lies, doubtful of whom to trust, certain of who we could blame, bitter, and wondering how to tear everything down and start over.

What we're not sure about? How to be light in the Lord.

So, during the month of February and in preparation for the season of Lent we'll look together at how we might do that.

What do our daily prayers look like? What is our conduct? How does it distinguish us as light in the Lord?

As these days of trial continue in the earth, how will we demonstrate our readiness for Jesus' coming? How will we keep ourselves from being seduced by the false offers of peace and safety the world will try to give us?

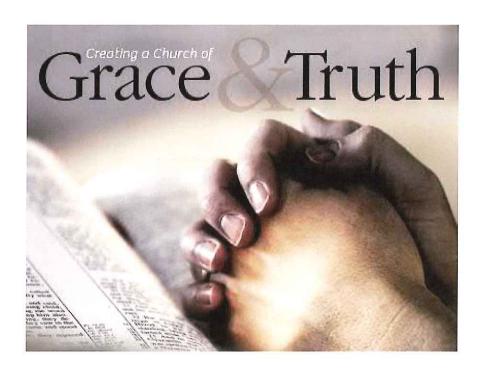
When push comes to shove how will we stand in our integrity and maintain the fullness of grace and truth? This is our calling and we will look together at how we might fulfill it.

So, mark each Sunday morning on your calendar with an appointment to worship and search the Scriptures with me. Read the Scripture lesson from each Sunday ahead of time and expect the Lord's clear and convicting direction to operate in you.

One of the most encouraging things to see when you've been on a long trip are the familiar sites and milestones that count your way down to home. The relief and anticipation build as you draw ever closer to where you belong. Talk to your friends and meet with them in Sunday School after worship.

Some of you may want to plan on joining and participating in the choir practice each Wednesday evening at 6:30pm. Come on and make a joyful noise with me. We'll be like the ancient army of Israel, winning the victory when we lead everything with praise.

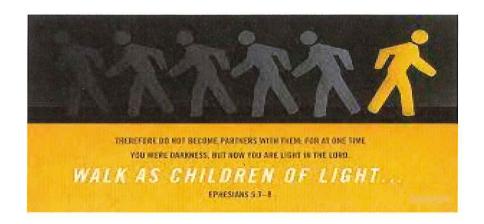
Don't forget to pray for one another and help one another when you can. Love, Norman.



Church Security

Dear Church Family,

For our convenience and safety, our Legacy Hall entrance has a keycode that can be used to gain entrance to the building. It is easier and cheaper to change a key code than it is to change locks on the door, should the need arise for such action. The code will be given to any church member that needs it, but with that privilege comes responsibility. If you know the code to the door, we ask that you PLEASE NOT SHARE it with others, ESPECIALLY to people that are not a part of our church family. We've had situations where a non-member has entered our building on several occasions using the code. That is why we changed it back in October. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at sueeggleston918@gmail.com or (434)664-7325. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding. \o/



You Are Light in the Lord!

9:30 am – Worship in the Sanctuary 10:30 am – Sunday School for all ages

February 6, 2022: Remembering Who You Are (Matthew 4: 12 - 17) (Holy Communion)

February 13, 2022: Our Prayer (Psalm 25: 7 - 8)

February 20, 2022: Our Conduct (1 Thessalonians 5: 8 – 11)

February 27, 2022 Ready for the Coming of the Light (1 Thess. 5: 1 - 7)

Church Council Minutes Memorial United Methodist Church January 19, 2022 Meeting

Those in attendance were Sue Eggleston, Norm Ramsey, Nathan Putney, Angie Dillon, Debby Long, Mitch Eggleston, Doug Webb, Rodney Deaner, Cindy Ranson.

Zooming in were Tom Hall, Kinckle Robinson, Leeann Robinson, Blair Smith, Dawn Elliott, Marie Milton, Bobby Waddell, Sue Waddell, Wendy Boswell, Sarah Marsh.

Sue Eggleston called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Debby Long led devotions from Sarah Young devotional.

Minutes from December 2021 were approved.

Kinckle Robinson (Finance)...\$57K+ came into the church in December, putting us only \$1800 behind in our 'estimate of giving". Ended the year in a strong financial position due to spending being down from a typical year. We took in \$1500 for new pavers, and we have \$700+ left over from that project.....consensus voted to move this money to the maintenance fund.

Sue Eggleston (CC Chair)...Leadership/Planning retreat is 1/29 at Legacy Hall. Need a head count from CC members as to who is attending. Newsletter deadline is 1/20. MLK Jr event is rescheduled to Sunday 1/23 at 2:30 PM. It was decided that we would wait until General Conference meets before we seek speakers or information on the direction of the Methodist Church.

Bobby Waddell...Financial giving reports will be sent out soon.

Sue Waddell (Missions)...Planning a food drive for next month to support the local food bank Mac's Kitchen. Could use more members on the Missions Committee!

Doug Webb (Lay Delegate)...A special virtual conference is being held on 1/29 to vote on funding the settlement of the Boy Scouts lawsuit against the UMC. Virginia Conference portion of the settlement is about 1 million dollars.

Wendy Boswell (Evangelism)...Kid's Night Out will be held 2/12, 5-8 pm. Need volunteers!

Debby Long (Super Seniors)...Will have breakfast meetings through the winter months. Next one is this Friday at Railyard at 9 am.

Nathan & Brenda Putney (Prayer)...Prayer Ushers continue to serve each Sunday. Bi-weekly prayer meetings are being held on Monday nights (next meeting is 1/24).

Angie Dillon and Cindy Ranson (Daycare)...Daycare had a great Christmas break. Nancy reports they have dealt with some Covid cases, some children were quarantined and the school age kids program was shut down for a few days. No serious cases so far!

Debby Long and Marie Milton (Congregational Care)...10 of our church members formed 3 teams and visited 35 homes of our senior members on 12/19, singing carols and giving a small gift. After worship on that Sunday, everyone was presented with a small tea light, circling the perimeter of the sanctuary while singing our closing hymn.

Harry White (Property and Grounds)...The internal water usage problem has been mostly resolved. Still need to replace 4 high water use toilets.

Blair Smith (Worship)...Greeters and Worship Assistants have been scheduled through February. Easter Cantata is being planned. There are some members wishing a return to 2 worship services.....due to the omicron variant, decided to put this off until Spring. Planning a revival for the Fall. Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunrise services are being discussed.

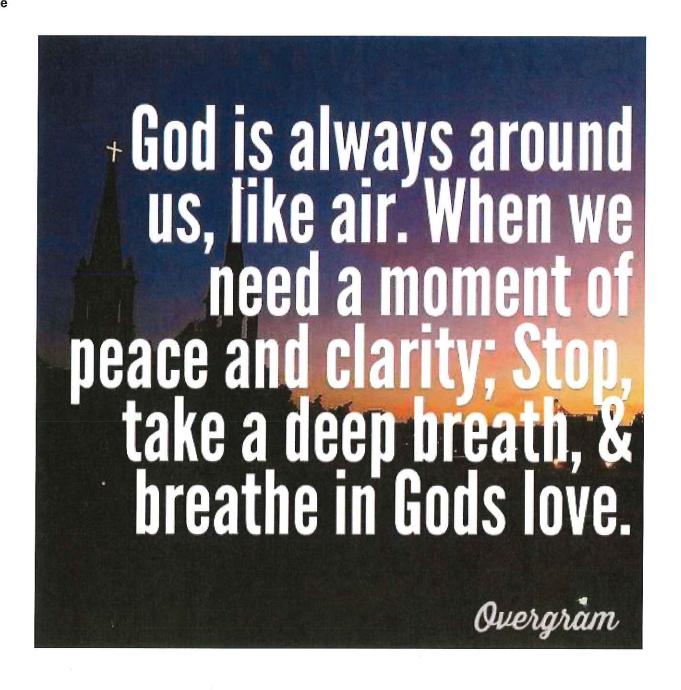
Donna Deaner and Leeann Robinson (Education)...Currently planning Bible studies for Spring. Anyone interested in leading a study or have a study they would like to see offered, contact Donna or Leeann.

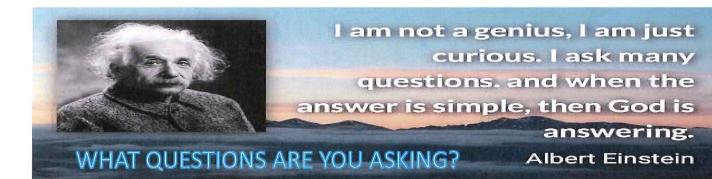
Norm Ramsey (Pastor)...Gave thanks for the generosity of the church to UMCOR for tornado relief. Also, thankful for the upcoming visioning retreat and those who continue to pray for the witness and ministry of Memorial. Asked if the council would consider a Saturday service next time bad weather was forecast for Sunday, this was approved by consensus. Recieved a request from the Evangelical Fellowship/WCA about using the church for worship in April....not approved by consensus. Continue to pray for our Bishop and the cabinet, our church and it's ministries, the visioning retreat, and the special annual conference meeting to discuss the Boy Scout funding settlement. Would like to thank Rodney Deaner and David Drinkard for being available while I was on vacation.

Nathan Putney closed with prayer.

Sue Eggleston adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

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Tony Robbins advises, "successful people ask better questions, and as a result, they get better answers." The outcomes in life are influenced by the questions you ask yourself. Your life questions outline has a powerful impact. Back to Tony's thoughts: "look at the worst thing that's ever happened to you and ask, 'How is this the best thing that's ever happened to me?' What is your focus? Are you asking why God allow this to happen? If so, you're working from the baseline of happenings are dire, and you are unlucky."

After they killed her husband, Elisabeth Elliot spent years serving the Auca people. She tells us to look to faith, not to eliminate questions but to know where to take and how to ask our questions. Our minds work in a loop, replaying our thoughts and building a self-narrative. Some questions create a productive mental tape; others don't. You have the choice to question life's circumstances from a destructive point of view or as an opportunity for growth. This choice, and yes, it is a choice, creates a frame of reference that colors our future mental narrative. Replace queries such as "why me," "everyone is out to get me," "nothing ever works out right," or "my family/boss/ hates me" with a different question.

What is my part, and what could I've done differently? This question moves the focus to what I own and control. The answer builds a blueprint for succeeding next time. It also avoids wasting time thinking about what other people did or did not do. Remember, you can't control them anyway. What am I in denial about? The defense mechanism denial allows us to reject unpleasant realities and avoid conscious awareness. Denial, a false belief system, keeps us from facing the truth. What does God want me to learn? God is looking for those with whom He can do the impossible; what a pity that we plan only the things that we can do by ourselves. (A.W. Tozer)

Asking these questions and finding the answers has several advantages. You uncover skills needed in tomorrow's circumstances. The right questions support accepting that life's situations aren't permanent and can be remedied.

Also, these questions help you reframe and edit your mental movie of your life. Questions become a filter that enables you to see what you can learn from any situation. Following Paul Tillich's advice, "Being religious means asking passionately the question of the meaning of our existence and being willing to receive answers, even if the answers hurt."

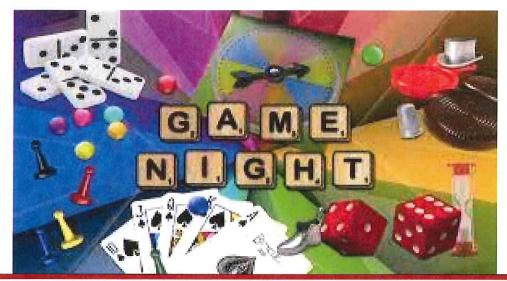
As the saying goes, better to ask a question than to remain ignorant. You don't have to tread this path alone. At C/R, you will find help to develop the right questions to support your healing from your hurts, hang-ups, and harmful habits. Remember ..

For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:8





Join your Fellow Mountain Climbers on Tuesday at 6:30 in Legacy Hall



First Friday - February 4th - Legacy Hall @ 7pm

We will be having our First Friday Game Night in February. Come enjoy card games, board games, trivia..., whatever you would like to play or just come out to engage in conversation and fellowship.

As usual, bring a snack to share and we will provide coffee, tea, and water.

Fellowship Committee

Super Senior Breakfast

Friday, February 18th

9:00 AM

Railyard Restaurant









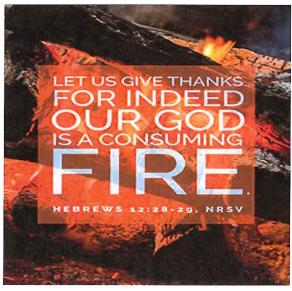
A high priest who meets our need.

Now that we know what we have—Jesus, this great High Priest with ready access to God—let's not let it slip through our fingers. We don't have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He's been through weakness and testing, experienced it all—all but the sin. So let's walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help. Hebrews 4:14-16 (The Message)

We are encouraged to come boldly to the throne in prayer expecting to receive what we need. Join with us in prayer in the sanctuary at 7:00pm on Monday, February 7 and 21.

Send prayer requests to <u>prayerchainMUMC@yahoo.com</u>. We have over 100 people who will lift your needs to the Lord.





Jeannie White's son,
Chris Epperson, is a
Captain in the US Army
National guard and he
is to be deployed to Iraq
in the near future. Let's
keep him in our prayers
for his safety and for
his wife and sons and
Harry and Jeannie for
peace and comfort
while he is deployed.





Family of Jenelle King (Karen Ramsey's cousin) who passed away from Covid

Kevin Young (from Kelly Coles)-young man having serious issues with blood clots

Bob Holt- recovery from knee replacement

Bonnie Thomas - recovery from knee replacement

Pamela Mayberry (Andy Coles; grandmother) - in ICU with covid

Mike & Susan Blankenship, Mike has surgery this Thursday for Prostate Cancer

Martha Eagle, recovery from surgery

Greg Romano & family - recovery from surgery

Mary Walker - awaiting results for recurring cancer

Rich Leathery, (friend of Tom & Terrie Conrad) -diagnosed with Parkinson's

Brian & Eloise Thomas – Brian is at this address: Liberty Ridge Health & Rehab Center, Room 303,

189 Monica Blvd., Lynchburg, VA 24502

Alan Gregory, (pastor of Appomattox Baptist Temple) - serious health issues

Chris Taylor (Wendy Boswell's cousin) – for a full recovery from brain surgery

Trish Knoche (Becky Henderson's sister) - health issues

Sally Wilburn – (cousin of the Wilbuns) – cancer treatments

Bethany Nadolson, targeted cancer treatments

Chuck Nepage, 945 Reddy Spring Rd, Spout Spring, VA 24593

Susan Mankad (friend of Dickersons), young mother, cancer

Judy Ferguson & family (Dawn Elliott's aunt)

Brandon Coles (Kelly Coles' brother)

Greg Knight (Francis Knight's son)

Frances Parsons (Bob Parson's mother)

Robin Parsons (Parsons' daughter) cancer

Doug Doss Jr. (Melissa Doss' father)

Patricia Wallace (Melissa Doss' aunt)

Timothy Lloyd (Skeeter & Betty's Grandson)

Carrie B. Lloyd (Rick & Mindy Blake's daughter)



Tom & Lin Maxwell
Rick & Kathy Woodall
Clarence White
Sharee Whitmer
Danny Dickerson
Karen Ramsey
Carolyn & Tom Jolly
Cassidy Richardson
Phil Bass

Please send prayer requests and praises for 2021 to our new account

at PrayerChainMUMC@yahoo.com. Our chairpersons for this year, Nathan and Brenda Putney, will be monitoring this email account and contacting prayer support as needed. You may also call the church office at 434-352-5705 with prayer concerns.

Continuing Concerns:

Kathy Woodall, Dominion Village @ Poquoson, c/o Kathy Woodall, Rm. #17, 531 Wythe Creek Rd., Poquoson, VA 23662

Cheryl Skipper, on Hospice, 193 Parkview Lane, Appomattox, VA 24522

Ruth Smith, The Summit, Room 119, 1400 Enterprise Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia 24502

Estaline McCraw- c/o Ann Smith 4132 Suck Mountain Trail, Bedford, VA 24523 (at Babcock Manor)

Mary Martin, Appomattox Healthcare Center, Room 5, 235 Evergreen Ave., Appomattox, VA 24522

Daphne Jackson, Runk & Pratt, 208 Grist Mill Drive, Forest, VA 24551

Frances Rogers, Karolwood Gardens, 1503 Michaels Road, Henrico, VA 23229 (name of facility changed)

Sara Baine, 160 Virginia Ave., Appomattox, VA 24522

Manning & Myrt Harrell, 78 Woodline Dr., Concord, VA 24538

Anna Johnson, 276N Main St., Amherst, VA 24521

United Methodist Church, All Bishops and Conference Leaders, Va. Conference Bishop Sharma Lewis,

District Superintendent Jay Carey, Pastor Norman & MUMC Leaders, Youth United, MUMC

College Students, Members of our Armed Services stationed overseas and here at home, Police Force &

Special Agencies, President Biden, World leaders, The United States of America, All refugees

Pray for the situation in Afghanistan; the Americans still there and for the Afghan people.





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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. If you are interested in finding out more information or giving ideas on missions opportunities, please contact Sue Waddell at 434-660-0367.



Allen Miller, Younglife Central Virginia Area Director, Also Junstin & Tori Rothgeb & the College Leaders

Chris & Paula McNutt, Hope of life, Guatemala

Steve & Cami Mathers, Stepping Forward Ministries, Romania

Emi Monges, Ambassidors for Christ, Paraguay

If you are looking for a place to serve this winter, the missions committee needs more members to help us reach out to our community and beyond.

The February Mission Project will be to help provide food for Macs Kitchen. This is a ministry to feed Appomattox County. Food boxes are given out every Monday.

Here is a list of items needed each month for the boxes:

Cereal

Canned tuna or chicken

Mac and cheese

Canned vegetables and fruit

Peanut butter

Jelly

Juice

Instant mashed potatoes

Canned beans

Spaghetti noodles or another kind of pasta

Rice

Canned ravioli

Canned chili





Thank you to everyone who supports Young Life in Appomattox and especially those that help with the Campaigners (early morning bible study that's held weekly at Baine's bookstore) breakfast. We appreciate those that make and bring the breakfast food as well as those who contribute financially to the fund for when breakfast food must be purchased.

The link to the meal train is https://mealtrain.com/n29410 and anyone who'd like to donate money rather than provide meals can contact Nancy Dawson in the MUMC office or simply note on your check that it's for the Young Life Breakfast fund.

Again, thank you so much for all the love and support for Young Life in the Appomattox and Central Virginia area!

Youth United for middle and high school students meets at the church every Sunday from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Call or text Tori Rothgeb at 434-664-7272 to be added to the text reminder list. KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR TEXT UPDATES FROMTOR!!



2/6 Chris Dillon 2/13 Tori Rothgeb 2/20 Joe Davis 2/27 Sam Morton

DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER WILL BE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH!



2/6 Joe Davis2/13 Kathy Dickerson2/20 Joe Davis2/27 Kathy Dickerson



2/6	Sue Waddell
2/13	Sue Eggleston
2/20	Kathy Dickerson
2/27	Mitch Eggeston



1 Feb	.Eva Gray Guill
2 Feb	.Eric van Opstal
3 Feb	.Pat Rice
4 Feb	.Bill Burger
5 Feb	.Dixie Sears
5 Feb	. Nancy Nepage
5 Feb	.Betty Armstrong
	.Laura Garrison
7 Feb	.Ginny Baine
	.Jeannie Beverly
	.Timmy Drinkard
	. Kathy Dickerson
14 Feb	
15 Feb	
15 Feb	. Debby Long
18 Feb	
19 Feb	
20 Feb	.Brenda Putney
	Dianne Mantiply
	Jonathan Nash
26 Feb	. David Wilbun
27 Feb	. Melody Nash
27 Feb	The state of the s
27 Feb	.Daphne Jackson
	. Parks Robinson
28 Feb	.Kenzlee Elliott



2/6 Dennis & Cheryl Gowin
2/13 Sheila Webb & Joan Holt
2/20 Marie Milton & Casey Vandegrift
2/27 Richard & Debby Long



2/6 Melanie Reel 2/13 Brooke Williams 2/20 Sam Morton 2/27 Betsy Wilbun



26 Feb.Pam & Brian Robinson



Main Entrance
2/6 Marie & Ken Milton
2/13 Cindy & Ronnie Ranson
2/20 Wendy & Henry Boswell
2/27 Joan & Bob Holt

Legacy Hall Entrance
Debby Long
Debby Long
Debby Long
Marie Milton



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I will extol the LORD at all times;
His praise will always be on my lips.
I will glory in the LORD;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
Glorify the LORD with me;
let us exalt His name together.

Psalm 34:1-3

9:30 AM - Worship Service in the Sanctuary Also Online service at MEMUMC.ORG/FB 10:30 AM - Sunday School for all ages

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