

Memorial Methodist Messenger

Memorial United Methodist Church, Norman Ramsey, Pastor

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

October 2021



Pastor's Note...

As you make every effort to confirm your calling and conform the way you live to Jesus Christ, one of the things I get to do as your pastor is remind you of how we all do that. And during the month of October we want to stir up our memory on how to be good stewards who are faithful in their service to the Lord and His church.

We all share in a membership covenant of commitment where we have confessed that we will do everything in our power to strengthen the ministries of our church. The primary way we do that? Participation.

As members of this congregation we will faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

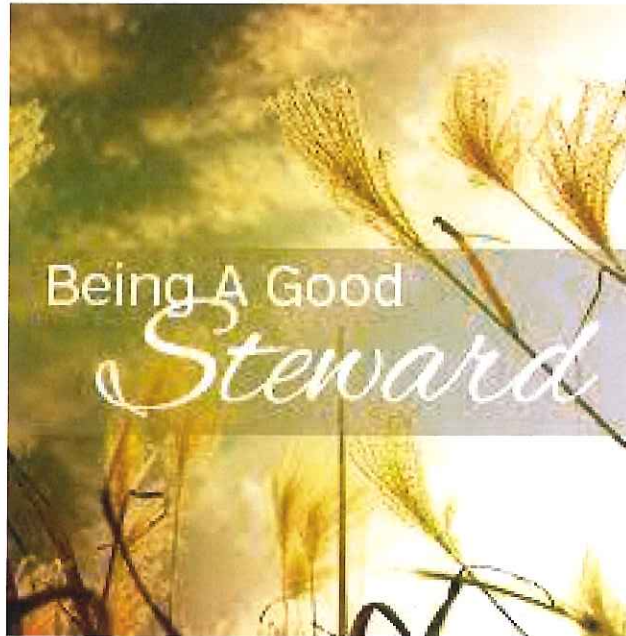
So, I am encouraged by the ways we will remind each other of that each Sunday in October, culminating in Consecration Sunday, October 31st where we will reaffirm our commitment of participation.

Also, make an accounting of your giving and participation. See how you can be involved in serving the Lord here with your brothers and sisters in Christ. You can't improve what you don't measure. But, you can always improve what you do measure, even if it is a little bit by little bit.

We all know we face obstacles to being good stewards: our own lack of clarity, the inflation of false priorities, and our fears of falling short. But, I'm thankful we can encourage each other and take to heart the ways God can lead us to becoming a better steward of His grace and truth.

Norman Ramsey





Committed to Being Faithful

9:30 am – Worship in the Sanctuary

10:30 am – Sunday School for all ages

October 3, 2021: A Communion of Co-Workers (1 Corinthians 3: 1 – 9))
(Holy Communion)

October 10, 2021: Give Care in Building Your Life (1 Corinthians 3: 10 -23)

October 17, 2021: The Calling We Have (1 Corinthians 4: 1 – 13)

October 24, 2021: The Character of the Committed (1 Corinthians 4: 14 -21)

October 31, 2021: Our Membership Covenant (1 Corinthians 4: 1 – 2)
(Consecration Sunday)

**Church Council Minutes
Memorial United Methodist Church
September 15, 2021 Meeting**

Those in attendance were Sue Eggleston, Mitch Eggleston, Sue Waddell, Debby Long, Harry White, Dawn Elliott, Tom Gilliam, Nathan Putney, Cindy Ranson, Debby Long, Shiela Webb, Norman Ramsey, Marie Milton, Tom Hall, Donna Deaner, Rodney Deaner, Angie Dillon, Leeann Robinson, Kinckle Robinson.

Sue Eggleston called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Debby Long led devotions....from Mornings with Jesus, Psalm 16.

Minutes from August 2021 were approved.

Kinckle Robinson (Finance)...Giving is down, spending is down. Finance committee would like Stewardship Committee to emphasize the importance of tithing in October.

Sue Eggleston (CC Chair)...Would like to plan a leadership retreat for 2022. Newsletter deadline is 9/20. Legacy door code has been changed, old code will be deleted on October 1st. Casey will be holding a Feeding Appomattox meeting 9/16. November 17th is charge conference, church council will meet 11/16. November 21st will be a Thanksgiving service with a guest speaker. Lay Leadership meetings are now in progress to plan for 2022. New directory, made at the church with emailed selfies or groupies is being considered.

Tom Hall (Trustees)...Lease runs out on copy machine next month. We have proposals and will decide later this month who to go with.

Rodney Deaner (UMM)...reminded that Ladies Night Out is this Friday at Crown Sterling 6:30 pm.

Nathan and Brenda Putney (Prayer)...Prayer services were held 8/9 and 8/23. Prayer Ushers are available at the end of each worship service or via phone/email.

Sue Waddell (Missions)...In the coming months will be requesting Christmas Shoe Boxes, collecting donations for using parking lot on RR Day for supporting hurricane relief through UMCOR, helping with Feeding Appomattox, and Christmas Cards for troops.

Angie Dillon and Cindy Ranson (Daycare)...Toddler gate will be divided to make room for babies learning to walk. No covid among children! Nancy seeking more workers, adult and teen.

Debby Long and Marie Milton (Congregational Care)...Thanks everyone who is contributing to the Cheer boxes. Will start delivering a devotional book to church family members who are grieving loss of a family member. Transportation team is still busy.

Sheila Webb and Cindy Ranson (Worship)...HB Communion at Babcock Manor has been suspended due to covid. Still no update on delivery of mics. Prayer and Praise cards will be put at sanctuary entrances and ushers will collect for Norman. Acolytes will return in October. Tori requested additional items for service need to be emailed to the service builder. Brenda thanked all those who have been attending prayer meetings. Bryan says choir is unable to meet yet, but handbells are still practicing. Children have started staying in worship services until after scripture is read, then heading to Children's Church. Homecoming service for 11/21 has been cancelled, we will still have a guest speaker that Sunday. Resumption of Holy Grounds and new Worship schedule is temporarily on hold.

Debby Long (Super Seniors)...Picnic is planned at Peggy Lawson's house on 9/25 from 4-7. Gene Williams will provide music.

Harry White (Property & Grounds)...July's water bill was double the previous month, looking for leaks. Legacy door code has been changed. Bohannon HVAC made 2 service calls this month, problems with AC were taken care of. Legacy kitchen freezer delivery has been pushed back to Dec-Jan. New water cooler for childrens SS hallway will cost \$729 and about \$250 for installation. Planning to store all the furnace filters in a central location and set a schedule for replacement. Have received a quote from Lynchburg Fence Co. for Daycare to add a small fenced-in area for toddlers.

Bobby Waddell (SPRC)...Planning to meet the first week of October.

Donna Deaner and Leeann Robinson (Education)...Last Sunday kids were promoted to their new SS classes. A new Women's Bible study will start 9/16, Sermon on the Mount by Jen Wilkin.....currently 14 women participating. Looking for members of the church who feel led to lead a Bible study or teach a SS class. A report on VBS was included.

Norm Ramsey (Pastor)...Working with Finance and SPRC to figure out how to best meet staffing needs of the church. Encouraged folks to attend charge conference. Pray for Warsaw UMC, they lost their pastor suddenly in his sleep. October is Stewardship month!

Mitch Eggleston closed in prayer.

Sue Eggleston adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.

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Enjoy the beauty of God's creation this season!!



Adventure Sunday Month "VBS" on Mystery Island

Vacation Bible School took on a new format this year! During the month of August, the children enjoyed a day of VBS each Sunday morning. The children's Sunday School area was decorated in a jungle theme for our adventure on Mystery Island where we discovered the endless attributes of God.

Each Sunday morning we began our VBS program in worship through song and the introduction of bible memory verses. Together, we discovered God's attributes by using Creature Features, Treasure Maps, and the Bible. We then broke into two different groups and headed to Lighthouse Lessons, Missions and Crafts.

In Lighthouse Lessons, the kids learned from Paul, Jonah, Isaiah, Jesus, and David that God is GREAT, ALMIGHTY, RULER, EMMANUEL, AND TRUSTWORTHY. During Mission Moments, the children "traveled" around the world to Haiti, Guatemala, Nepal, Romania and the United States where they discovered that everyone is a treasure to God. They learned about other children living in poverty and how they can make a difference. And that the Bible says that giving generously to the poor is really giving generously to God. (Prov.19:17) In that spirit, the children collected \$76.09 in offering to send to our missionary partners, Chris and Paula McNutt with Passion4Guatemala. In Crafts, the children decorated their very own Adventure Vests to wear as they explored Mystery Island and to take home as a reminder of all that they had learned. In Elementary School Crafts, they decorated Island Scene Dioramas with reminders of God's beautiful creation and the VBS Theme Verse: "I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever." (Psalm 145:1) Some children included a lighthouse in their diorama, a symbol of Jesus, the Light of the World.

Vacation Bible School on Mystery Island was a great success even in this unconventional format!

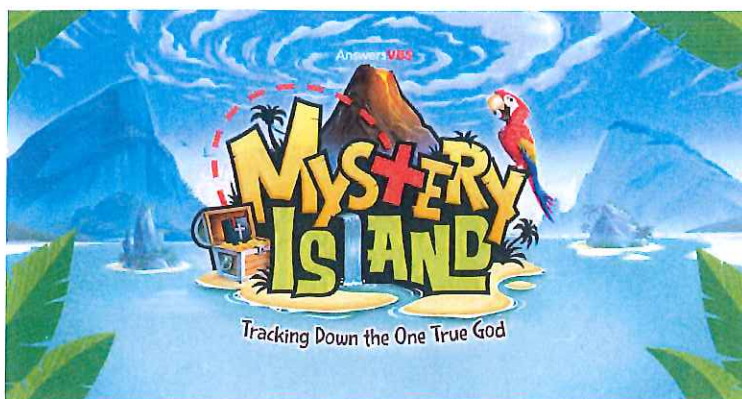
Many thanks to the following people for their contributions to this program for our children:

*To the Adult Sunday school class for allowing us to turn their classroom into a jungle during August.

*To Chuck Nepage for creating miniature wooden lighthouses and sailboat figures for our dioramas. The kids loved these!

*To the following individuals who taught the children: Rodney Deaner, Donna Deaner, Dawn Elliot, Kaylee Garrison, Carrie Lewis, and LeeAnn Robinson.

*To Donna Deaner for organizing and directing our VBS Program.



When Was The Last Time You Truly Relied On God?

For example, when Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego respond to the inquiry of a furious King Nebuchadnezzar. "We do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve can deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods." Or, Daniel's retort as he sat locked in a lion's den, "My God sent his angel, and He shut the mouths of the lions."

Or, are you more of the self-reliant, I can do it myself type?

Great minds in our world tell us the best path is self-reliance. Socrates supports the concept that self-reliance is a virtue, "To find yourself, think for yourself." Napoleon Bonaparte's guidance is, "If you want a thing done well, do it yourself." Ralph Waldo Emerson advises us, "Nothing can bring you peace but yourself." In her NY Times bestseller Educated, Tara Westover opines, "The odds are better if you rely only on yourself."

Have you struggled with an issue and told yourself you can "fix it." Just to find, you don't have the strength to force the change in your life?

At CR, we all have issues that range from depression, shame, perfectionism, grief, co-dependency ... to many other struggles. But we use a different approach from the worldly view of self-reliance as the best path to change. Addressing our concerns and finding a life renewed is not based on self-power but on letting go and letting God. The mantra of the *Little Engine That Could* is changed to... I know I can't, I know He can, I'll let Him.

Instead of saying, Lord, I don't know how I will do this, we say, Lord, I can't wait to see how you'll do this. Letting go and letting God is much easier than using the white-knuckle approach of self-reliance.

Remember ..



Celebrate Recovery - Appomattox



Call us -- Cheryl Gown 434-808-2637 or Dennis Gown 434-808-2426

like CR-Appomattox on Facebook @celebrate.recovery.appomattox

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





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.

Our Missionary Partners:

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

Street Children Ministries (Cambodia)

Chris & Paula McNutt, Hope of Life, Mt. Comfort (Guatemala) 445 Abbitt Branch Rd. Appomattox, VA 24522 (passion4guatemala.com)

Charles & Becky Jackson, Generous Hands (Philippines) charlesbeckyjackson@msn.com

The Mathers, Stepping Forward Ministries (Romania) Stepping Forward Ministries, PO Box 20065, Salem, Oregon 07307

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you to everyone who brought items for the shoeboxes during September.

The Packing Party has been scheduled for October 30 at 10:00 AM in Legacy Hall. We need packers and anyone wanting to help is appreciated.

We also are in need of shipping money for the boxes we will pack.

If you wish to pack boxes on your own there are boxes in the Narthex and outside of the church office along with labels. Please include \$9 inside your box (cash or check made out to "Samaritan's Purse"). This is so they can send your box anywhere around the world.

If you wish, you can build a box online. It's EASY – you go to "samaritanspurse.org/buildonline". If you choose to do this, please let the church know – it's nice to keep track of how many we send. (434)352-5705

Thank you for any way you can help with this ministry – each box is a gospel opportunity.

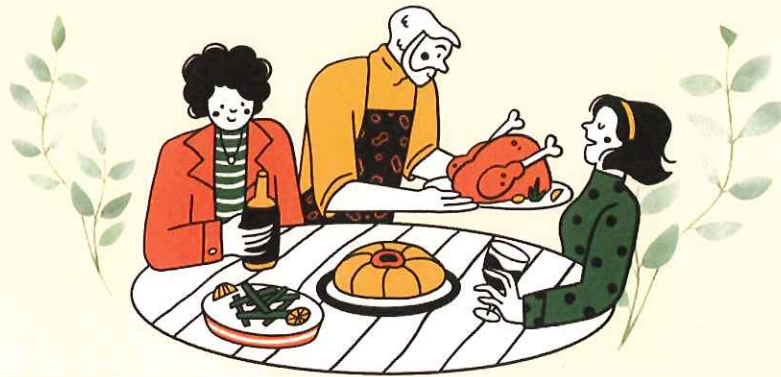


FRIENDS OF OUR TROOPS

The missions committee would like to encourage our church family to participate in sending Christmas cards to our troops. These need to be at the church by November 14th. We will have baskets out mid-October.

Feeding Appomattox Volunteers Needed

Delivering Team and Kitchen Staff



Email feedingappomattox@gmail.com
or Call the Church Office at 434-352-5705

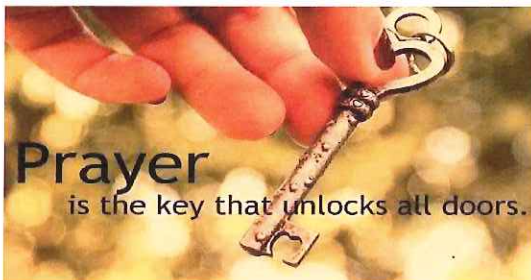
**We are looking for volunteers,
especially drivers.**

If you know someone who may need a meal, ask
them if they want to sign up.

PRAYER NEEDS

Family of Thelma Langford (sister of Martha Seay)
 Family of Curtis Mayberry (his wife Teresa is one of our daycare workers)
 Family of Pastor Buddy Hamm
 Family of Bob & Cathy Harris (cousins of Kathy Harris)
 Phyllis Quinio (and husband, Tommy) (Julie Cheatham's sister-in-law)
 hospitalized with pneumonia
 Bunnie (Russell) Moore, fall (138 Richwood Estates Rd., 434-342-5833)
 David Chase, surgery to clear arteries was successful, pray for recovery (would love some cards)

Can send cards to: 259 Clark Island Rd., Spruce Head, ME 04859
 Bethany Nadolson, targeted cancer treatments
 RB Parris (Baxter Parris' father) at home recovering from a fall
 Wayne Kasperski, (retired APS music teacher), bleeding issues
 Wayne & Brenda, 115 River Ridge Dr, Pearlsburg, VA 24134
 Chuck Nepage, 945 Reddy Spring Rd, Spout Spring, VA 24 593
 Louise Franklin, (Peggy Lott's sister) pray for recovery
 Susan Mankad (friend of Dickersons), young mother, cancer
 Brenda Sidley, cancer diagnosis (Penny Mongold's cousin)
 Carina Bergdoll – leg issues (Daughter-in-law of Bergdolls)
 Wayne Smith, heart issues (relative of a friend of the Bergdolls)
 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)



Rejoice always, pray continually,
 give thanks in all circumstances;
 for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Bobby Waddell
 Greg Romano
 Brian Thomas
 Danny Dickerson
 Virginia Williams
 Karen Ramsey
 Skeeter & Betty Armstrong
 Carolyn & Tom Jolly
 Gary Lindsey
 Cassidy Richardson
 Phil Bass
 Rick Blake

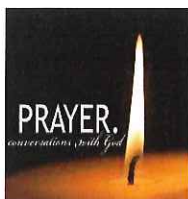
Please send prayer requests and praises for 2021 to our new account at PrayerChainMUMC@yahoo.com. Our chairpersons for this year, Nathan and Brenda Putney, will be monitoring this email account and contacting prayer support as needed. You may also call the church office at 434-352-5705 with prayer concerns.

Continuing Needs:

Coach Doug Smith – home recovering from treatment
 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, 235 Evergreen Ave., Appomattox, VA 24522
 Daphne Jackson, Bentley Commons, Apt. 105, 1604 Graves Mill Rd., Lynchburg, VA 24502
 Frances Rogers, Karolwood Gardens, 1503 Michaels Road, Henrico, VA 23229 (name of facility changed)
 Sara Baine, 160 Virginia Ave., Appomattox, VA 24522
 Victor & Susan Vernon, 126 Ceocia Lane, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477
 Manning & Myrt Harrell, 78 Woodline Dr., Concord, VA 24538
 Anna Johnson, 276N Main St., Amherst, VA 24521
 Cheryl Skipper, 193 Parkview Lane, Appomattox, VA 24522
 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.



PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS



We appreciate those who have been meeting for prayer on Monday evenings (every other week). Our meetings for October will be at 7pm on 10/4 and 10/18 in the sanctuary. All are invited.

"The great people of the earth today are the people who pray. I do not mean those who talk about prayer, nor those who say they believe in prayer, nor yet those who can explain about prayer, but I mean those who take time and pray. They have not time. It must be taken from something else. This something else is important. Very important, and pressing but still less important and less pressing than prayer." S. D. Gordon

Our prayer ushers are available to pray with you as you need.

Name	email
Mitch Eggleston	mitcheegg1031@gmail.com
Sue Eggleston	sueeggleston918@gmail.com
Cheryl Gowin	discoverycounseling@gmail.com
Dennis Gowin	discoverycounseling@gmail.com
Joan Holt	bojoappo@hotmail.com
Debbie Long	dhoniglong@gmail.com
Richard Long	dhoniglong@gmail.com
Marie Milton	mcmorgan112@gmail.com
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Janet Noble	mrsray777@gmail.com
Brenda Putney	bjputney52@yahoo.com
Nathan Putney	nputney52@yahoo.com
Cindy Ranson	rranson@jetbroadband.com ,
Anne Robinson	arkindon@aol.com
Casey Vandegrift	slppro4you@gmail.com
Sheila Webb	appwebbtr@aol.com
Prayer Chain Email	prayerchainmumc@yahoo.com

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.

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BIRTHDAYS

Monitor Operators

10/3	Joe Davis
10/10	Kathy Dickerson
10/17	Joe Davis
10/24	Kathy Dickerson
10/31	Joe Davis

**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:
DEADLINE FOR THE
NOVEMBER
NEWSLETTER WILL
BE OCTOBER 21ST.**

1 Oct	Carter Neiswander
1 Oct	Jon Barbour
2 Oct	Victoria Romano
3 Oct	Nicole Smith
3 Oct.	John Reel
5 Oct.	Cheryl Skipper
10 Oct	Baxter Parris
10 Oct.	Dennis Gowin
10 Oct.	Brooke Williams
12 Oct	Jeannie White
15 Oct	Steve Weakley
21 Oct	Roland Parris
23 Oct	Gail Bruhnson
24 Oct	Mary Martin
26 Oct	Betty Wagner
30 Oct.	Mindy Blake
31 Oct	Mitch Eggleston

Worship Assistants

10/3	Kathy Dickerson
10/10	Blair Smith
10/17	Sheila Webb
10/24	Doug Webb
10/31	Debby Long



10/3	Joe Davis
10/10	Sam Morton
10/17	Chris Dillon
10/24	Tori Rothgeb
10/31	Joe Davis



10/3	Wendy Boswell & Marie Milton
10/10	Joan & Bob Holt
10/17	Dennis & Cheryl Gowin
10/24	Marie & Ken Milton
10/31	Casey Vandegrift & Damon Patterson

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ANNIVERSARIES

PRAYER USHERS



10/3	Dennis & Cheryl Gowin
10/10	Joan Holt & Casey Vandegrift
10/17	Penny Mongold & Cindy Ranson
10/24	Anne Robinson & Janet Noble
10/31	Mitch & Sue Eggleston







Children's Ministry

10/3	Betsy (or Lexi) Wilbun
10/10	Sam Morton
10/17	Beth Frady
10/24	Tori Rothgeb
10/31	Melanie Reel

21 Oct.	Pat & Bo House
26 Oct	LeeAnn & Kinckle Robinson
27 Oct.	Steve & Chris Ault
29 Oct	Susie & Jerry Barbour



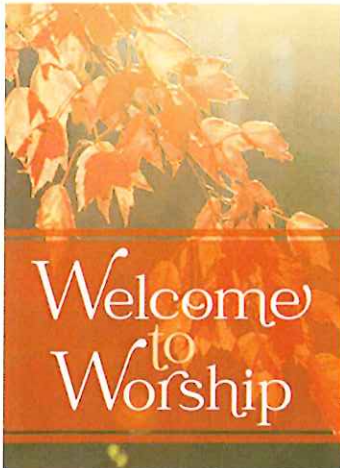
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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31 Reformation Sunday 9:30 AM – Worship 10:30 AM – Sunday School (No YU)						

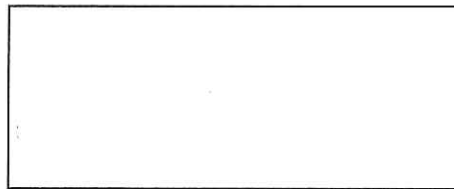


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Sunday worship at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary
Also Online service at MEMUMC.ORG/FB
Sunday School for all ages at 10:30 AM



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