

# THE MESSENGER

THANKSGIVING, ADVENT,  
& CHRISTMAS 2019



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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS AND NEWLY BAPTIZED!

We welcome the newest members of Memorial UMC and those newly Baptized.

- Gracen Denton, Caroline Herman, Chase Owens, and Sara Wooten were confirmed as new members on Sunday May 12, 2019.
- Larry Thompson, IV, son of Larry and Amanda Thompson, was baptized June 9, 2019.
- Lily Claire Collett, daughter of John and Amanda Collett, was baptized September 29, 2019.

## THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST



### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28, 8 – 9 AM

The Memorial United Methodist Church Youth Group really appreciate all of the support and care that this church provides for us! We are truly blessed, and we want to invite you to Thanksgiving Breakfast as a small gesture of thanks for your love. Breakfast will be served at 8 AM and will include eggs, sausage, grits, and biscuits. There will also be a short devotion as well to get you ready for the day! See you there!

***The cost of this breakfast is by donation ONLY. We want you to come and enjoy yourself with us!***

## CHRISMON SERVICE

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 1, 5 PM

Be sure to attend the Chrismon Service Sunday Night, December 1 at 5 PM. There will be special music, readings and reflections on some of the symbols of Christmas and it will be lots of fun as we “officially” light the Chrismon Tree for the first time in the sanctuary for this upcoming Advent season! There will be a rehearsal at 4 PM and a Hot Dog Supper after the service in the Fellowship Hall and everyone is invited!



## BIRTHDAY LUNCH



Please join us **Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 12 o'clock**, following the 11 a.m. worship service, for a light lunch and birthday cake in the Fellowship Hall. We are celebrating Milton Humphreys' December birthday. Please no gifts, and no RSVP is required. We hope all church and community friends will attend.

– Milton and Theresa Humphreys

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) CHRISTMAS GATHERING

**MONDAY DEC. 2, 6-8 PM**

All are invited! We hope all women, men, children, and guests of Memorial will join us. The children of the church will present "To Tell the Truth of the Real Mary, Mother of Jesus," under the direction of Pastor Lynda Hepler, Doris Link, and Paige Hepler. The cost for the meal is \$8/adult and \$20 family cap. Please **RSVP to Lynda Stone by Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>** (lyndamstone@gmail.com, 336-882-6046). Childcare and transportation are available. Please let Lynda know of your needs when you RSVP. We hope you will join us for this joyous event!



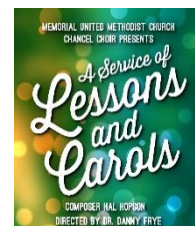
## SPARE CHANGE COLLECTION, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>



Be sure to bring your spare change to church with you on **December 8<sup>th</sup>**. The children will be collecting change for a special offering in both worship services, and they would love to fill up their buckets with change for their mission.

## SPECIAL ADVENT MUSIC SERVICES, DECEMBER 8 & 15

A Service of Lessons and Carols, by Hal Hopson, will be the Christmas Cantata performed by the Chancel Choir during the 11 AM Worship Service on **December 8**.



*Advent Music*

A contemporary Lessons and Carols Service will be shared during the 8:50 AM worship service in the Sanctuary on **December 15**.

## LOVE FEAST LUMINARIAS

HONOR or REMEMBER a loved one this Christmas with a LOVE FEAST LUMINARIA. The Luminarias will be used to light the path to the Love Feast on December 22. ALSO, you and your loved one's name will appear in this year's Love Feast bulletin!

SALES BEGIN Thursday, November 28 and END Sunday, December 15. Contact Rodney for more information (472-7718) Cost is 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5.



## ALTERNATIVE GIVING



Each year we provide the opportunity to give honorary donations in lieu of tangible gifts. Our 11<sup>th</sup> (!) Alternative Giving season is here! "Arise, shine out, for your light has come, and the glory of Yahweh has risen on you." Isaiah 60:1 This Light & Love came for us all. Please consider honoring those you love this Christmas with a gift to assist our neighbors in need. **Visit <http://bit.ly/AlternativeGiving> for a giving form or pick one up at church.** Alternative Giving will run **December 1-18**.

## STAR OF BETHLEHEM



**STAR OF BETHLEHEM**  
A DRIVE-THRU REENACTMENT OF THE NATIVITY STORY

**Saturday, December 14, 6:00-9:00 pm**  
**Sunday, December 15, 5:00-8:00 pm**

**FREE EVENT**

25 SETS PLUS LIVE ANIMALS. CAMELS, DONKEYS, SHEEP AND MORE!  
MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH -101 RANDOLPH STREET  
Traffic pattern: E Main St/Julian Ave Intersection (underpass) and follow signs  
Everyone invited – a FREE gift to the community



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**DECEMBER 14-15, 2019**

**SATURDAY 6-9 PM**

**SUNDAY 5-8 PM**

Star of Bethlehem...new name, new times, new date...same beautiful nativity story to share with our community. The drive-thru event will be Saturday, December 14 from 6:00-9:00 pm and Sunday, December 15 from 5:00-8:00 pm. Much work has already been done and a big THANK YOU to all who have or will participate in order to make this event successful. The final week of preparation will begin on Sunday, December 8 at 1:00 pm when all sets will be put into place, lighted, and decorated. *Please do not leave any cars in either parking lot after that church service so setup can be done.* If you would like to help with this, just show up on December 8 and every day that week. There is something for everyone to do. Just a reminder that on Sunday, December 15 you may park on the streets around the church, across the street at Loflin's Restaurant, or behind the courthouse. Please share with friends, family, and coworkers, about this drive-thru inspiring story of the birth of Jesus Christ so long ago in Bethlehem. There are flyers and small cards available in the church office if you wish to pick some

up to distribute. Again, thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and participation as Bethlehem comes to life. This is a **free gift** to the community from Memorial United Methodist Church and the hope is that it will be a Christmas Blessing to all who experience it.

## MEMORIAL UMC COLLEGE STUDENTS...

**WINTER BREAK GET-TOGETHER SAVE THE DATE:**

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 26 5-9 PM**

Last year was a lot of fun, so let's fight off the POST-CHRISTMAS BLUES again! We'll grab some supper, then go find something fun to do!!! Good luck on exams!!!



## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Lorna McCullough at 336-259-5814. If you put a name on the list, keep in touch to let us know how that person is doing, as names are removed after three weeks. The current prayer list is found in the Sunday bulletins and weekly eNews.



### JOIN THE PRAYER GROUP

We would love for anyone who would like to join the prayer group to contact Lorna McCullough at 336-259-5814. All it takes is a willing heart. We email the prayer requests and if you don't have an email someone will call you with the request. Please consider joining us as we lift our fellow brothers and sisters in prayer.



# CHURCH EVENTS THROUGH DECEMBER

## SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24

**Christ the King Sunday**

## WED. NOV. 27

No Arts Alive Art Academy Classes  
No Wednesday Night Activities

## THURS. NOV. 28

**Thanksgiving Day** - Office Closed\*  
8-9 Thanksgiving Breakfast

## FRI. NOV. 29

Office Closed\*

## SUN. DEC. 1

**First Sunday of Advent**

12 Birthday Lunch - Milton Humphreys  
4-7 Youth: Chrismon Service  
4:30 Children's Choir Rehearsal  
5 Chrismon Service  
6 Hot Dog Supper & Children's Christmas Party

## MON. DEC. 2

5:30 Children's Choir Rehearsal  
6-8 UMW Christmas Gathering: Children Perform "To Tell The Truth of the Real Mary, Mother of Jesus."

## WED. DEC. 4

5:30 Wed. Night Supper  
6:00 Children's Music & Bible Study  
"Passport to Peru"  
6:00 MS & HS Youth Small Groups  
6:10 Wed. Night Program: Learn about *Star of Bethlehem*  
6:15 Handbell Ringers Rehearsal  
7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## SAT. DEC. 7

2-4 Chancel Choir - Dress Rehearsal

## SUN. DEC. 8

**Second Sunday of Advent**

8:50 & 11 Spare Change Collection  
11 Cantata: *A Service of Lessons & Carols*, by Hal Hopson  
1:15 Setup for *Star of Bethlehem* – Please move cars from lots.  
4-6 Youth: Caroling

## WED. DEC. 11

No Wednesday Night Programs

## SAT. DEC. 14

6-9 *Star of Bethlehem*

## SUN. DEC. 15

**Third Sunday of Advent**

8:50 Contemporary Service of Lessons & Carols  
5-8 *Star of Bethlehem*

## MON. DEC. 16

10 UMW Morning Circle

## WED. DEC. 18

No Wednesday Night Programs

## SUN. DEC. 22

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

5-8 Youth: Luminaria Prep, Covered Dish Supper, Love Feast Service  
7 Love Feast Candlelight Advent Service

## TUES. DEC. 24

**Christmas Eve** - Office Closed\*

5:30-7:30 Christmas Eve Communion Service (5:30 Service, Communion offered until 7:30)

## WED. DEC. 25

**Christmas Day** - Office Closed\*

## THURS. DEC. 26

Office Open

## SUN. DEC. 29

**First Sunday after Christmas**

## TUES. DEC. 31

**New Year's Eve** - Office Open

## TUES. JAN. 1

**New Year's Day** - Office Closed\*

### RL POPE CLASS TEACHERS

Nov. 24 Kyles Wallace  
Dec. 1 Jim McGhee  
Dec. 8 Allen Brown  
Dec. 15 Richard Herman  
Dec. 22 Tracy Brinkley  
Dec. 29 Stan Styers



**American Red Cross**

### NEXT BLOOD DRIVE:

Dec. 19, 1:30-6:00  
First Presbyterian Church

\* **WHEN THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ...** if you need to reach a pastor, please call his or her cell phone or leave a message at their extension at the church. To do this, dial the main church number, **336-472-7718**, and follow the prompts (for Danny Leonard, press 1; for Peggy Finch, 2; Rodney Denton, 3; Lynda Hepler, 4).

## MEMORIAL AND HONORARY GIFT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

In honor of Bettie Bryant from Judy Dale Younts.	In memory of Norman Crews from Jim Hudson.	In memory of Mary Ott Highsmith from Bill and Libby Latham.	In memory of Joe Wheliss from Hubert and Cateen Olive.
In honor of Martha and David Burrow from Bick and Bonnie Craig.	In memory of Norman Crews from David Williams.	In memory of Nancy Gray Hodgkin from Bill Mills.	In memory of Ann Whitten from Ralph and Meredith Eanes.
In honor of James Carmichael from Greg and Melissa York.	In memory of Norman Crews from Mark and Jane Leonard.	In memory of Nancy Gray Hodgkin from The Bridges Family.	In memory of Ann Whitten from James and Marie Carmichael.
In honor of Bick and Bonnie Craig from Roger and Bettie Bryant.	In memory of Norman Crews from The Bridges Family.	In memory of Nancy Gray Hodgkin from Hubert and Cateen Olive.	In memory of Ann Whitten from Jeff and Barbara Harvey.
In honor of Bick and Bonnie Craig from Harold and Sara Faulkner.	In memory of Norman Crews from Milton and Theresa Humphreys.	In memory of Nancy Gray Hodgkin from Vivian Gilliam.	In memory of Ann Whitten from Annette Mills.
In honor of Bick and Bonnie Craig from Jane Black.	In memory of Norman Crews from Jane Black.	In memory of Nancy Gray Hodgkin from Emily Lambeth.	In memory of Ann Whitten from Blake Williams.
In honor of Rev. Ralph Eanes from Sandy Ilderton.	In memory of Norman Crews from Tom and Janet Smith.	In memory of Phil Johnson from Jane Black.	In memory of Ann Whitten from Tom and Janet Smith.
In honor of Rev. Ralph Eanes from Larry and Betty Nifong.	In memory of Norman Crews from Vivian Gilliam.	In memory of Johnny Kidd from Joe and Lynda Stone.	In memory of Ann Whitten from Joe and Barbara Greeson.
In honor of Peggy Finch from Carol Vannoy.	In memory of Sam Downs from Jim Hudson.	In memory of Doris Kinley from Milton and Theresa Humphreys.	In memory of Ann Whitten from Jim Hudson.
In honor of Peggy Finch from Barbara Greeson.	In memory of Sam Downs from Linda Childers.	In memory of Butch Langfitt from Sue Langfitt.	In memory of Ann Whitten from John and Robin Whitten.
In honor of Peggy Finch from Beth Schartiger.	In memory of Sam Downs from Kay and Carey Eanes.	In memory of Marie Parrish from Gamma Xi Sorority.	In memory of Ann Whitten from David Williams.
In honor of Marcia Williams from Joe and Barbara Greeson.	In memory of Sam Downs from David Williams.	In memory of Rick Schartiger from Bill and Jean Sharpe.	In memory of Ann Worsham from David Williams.
In honor of Jim and Sandy McGhee from Sharon Sink.	In memory of Sam Downs from Tom and Janet Smith.	In memory of Rick Schartiger from James and Marie Carmichael.	In memory of Ann Worsham from Tom and Janet Smith.
In honor of Jim and Sandy McGhee from Barbara Greeson.	In memory of Sam Downs from Annette Mills.	In memory of Rick Schartiger from David Williams.	In memory of Ann Worsham from MUMC Empty Bowls Committee.
In honor of Jim and Sandy McGhee from Sara Faulkner.	In memory of Sam Downs from MBCEA Carolina Chapter.	In memory of Rick Schartiger from Joe and Barbara Greeson.	In memory of Ann Worsham from David and Martha Burrow.
In memory of George Atkinson from David Williams.	In memory of Sam Downs from Blake Williams.	In memory of Jim Sparks from Tom and Janet Smith.	

## GIFT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS *(continued from previous page)*

In memory of George Atkinson from Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Royal.

In memory of George Atkinson from David and Susan Cochrane.

In memory of George Atkinson from Wake County Wildlife Club.

In memory of George Atkinson from Richard and Bonnie Short.

In memory of George Atkinson from Mary Maxine Lewis.

In memory of George Atkinson from David and Martha Burrow.

In memory of Eileen Becker from Milton and Theresa Humphreys.

In memory of Eileen Becker from Jane Black.

In memory of Diane Catlett from Milton and Theresa Humphreys.

In memory of Diane Catlett from Sonny and Charles Anna Koontz.

In memory of Joan Christy from Priscilla Joyce.

In memory of Norman Crews from James and Marie Carmichael.

In memory of Norman Crews from Annette Mills.

In memory of Crosby Herrick from Jim Hudson.

In memory of Crosby Herrick from David Williams.

In memory of Mary Ott Highsmith from Joe and Barbara Greeson.

In memory of Mary Ott Highsmith from Charles F. Lambeth.

In memory of Mary Ott Highsmith from Emily Lambeth.

In memory of Mary Ott Highsmith from Karen Thompson.

In memory of Mary Ott Highsmith from Kathryn Thompson.

In memory of Mary Ott Highsmith from Kristen Thompson Christman.

In memory of Mary Ott Highsmith from Jim Hudson.

In memory of Mary Ott Highsmith from Harold and Sara Faulkner.

In memory of Mary Ott Highsmith from Sonny and Charles Anna Koontz.

In memory of Mary Ott Highsmith from Gamma Xi Sorority.

In memory of Mary Ott Highsmith from Nancy Murr.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompson, Sr. from Karen Thompson.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompson, Sr. from Kathryn Thompson.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompson, Sr. from Kristen Thompson Christman.

In memory of Kent Umberger from Joe and Barbara Greeson.

In memory of Kent Umberger from Roger and Bettie Bryant.

In memory of Nell Ward from Milton and Theresa Humphreys.

In memory of Terry Ward from Milton and Theresa Humphreys.

In memory of Joe Weatherly from Joe and Lynda Stone.

In memory of Joe Wheliss from Nancy Murr.

In memory of Joe Wheliss from Jim Hudson.

In memory of Joe Wheliss from Tom and Janet Smith.

In memory of Joe Wheliss from Nereus C. English.

In memory of Joe Wheliss from Rockingham Class of 1951.

In memory of Joe Wheliss from Emily Lambeth.

In memory of Ann Worsham from Denton Farm Park.

In memory of Ann Worsham from Jamie and Cathy Hiatt.

In memory of Ann Worsham from Rick and Nancy Jones.

In memory of Ann Worsham from Jane Black.

In memory of George Atkinson from Tom and Janet Smith.

In memory of George Atkinson from Mark and Jane Leonard.

In memory of George Atkinson from J.D. Dobbins.

In memory of Diane Catlett from Jamie and Cathy Hiatt.

In memory of Charles Finch from Kay and Carey Eanes.

In memory of Martha Gene Arnold Moore from Mark and Jane Leonard.

In memory of Doris Wilson from Tony and Lorna McCullough.

In memory of Betsy York from Joe and Carolyn Bennett.

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**Please help us stay in touch with you!** Please keep the church up to date with changes of address, phone number, and email address. Updates may be sent to Susan at [sfrye@mumctville.org](mailto:sfrye@mumctville.org). Thank you!

**We are called by Christ to grow in faith, build relationships, and serve all people.**