

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Commitment Sunday**

- 10 R.L. Pope Class Online: Keith Tobin
- 11 Live Worship In-Person & Online
- 4 Youth: Pumpkin Decorating
- 6 Worship on the Lawn

MONDAY OCTOBER 26

- 9-11 & 5-7 Internet Access for Students
- 10 10@10 Devotion

TUESDAY OCTOBER 27

- 8 Men's Prayer Online
- 9-11 Sewing Ministry
- 9-11 & 5-7 Internet Access for Students
- 10 10@10 Devotion
- 5:30 Yoga (Jarrett Hall)
- 6:30 Annual Charge Conference

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28

- The Weekly Update (Facebook Live)
- 9-11 Donations Drop-Off @ CCM
- 10 10@10 Devotion
- 6 Youth Small Groups Online

THURSDAY OCTOBER 29

- 9-11 & 5-7 Internet Access for Students
- 10 10@10 Devotion

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30

- 10 10@10 Devotion

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday**

- 10 R.L. Pope Class Online: Jim McGhee
- 11 Live Worship In-Person & Online
- 4 Youth (In-Person)

Prayer List

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- Jennifer Ruff
 - Nancy Jones and family
 - Ruthie Burroughs
 - Randy Flint
 - James Carmichael
 - Margie Collins
 - Carol Kaiser
 - Josef Walker
 - Dean Sharpe-Austin
 - Kay Eanes
 - Finley Price family
 - Andrea Cain and family
 - Robert Miller
 - Dave Ogren
 - Tim Priska
 - Chris Eddinger
 - Tracy Brinkley
 - Peace and justice in our nation, state, & city
 - Our first responders, medical community,
and essential workers
 - All those affected by COVID-19
 - All military personnel
 - Our United Methodist missionaries
 - The United Methodist Church
- We extend our prayers and sympathy to
the family of Austin L. Clodfelter, Jr.,
who died September 29, 2020.*

Worship Leaders

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- Danny Leonard, *Senior Minister*
 - Rodney Denton, *Minister of Youth and
Young Adults*
 - Lynda Hepler, *Minister of Children and
Young Families*
 - Norris Norwood, *Director of Music
Ministries*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Commitment Sunday**

October 25, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship Broadcast over WGOS-AM 1070 and Facebook Live

GATHERING AND GREETING

Prelude *Variations on "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* Robert A. Hobby

*Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Your name.*

*The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ear, brings life and health and peace.*

*He breaks the power of canceled sin; He sets the prisoner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.*

*To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heaven.*

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome & Parish Notes

Reverend Rodney Denton

Greeting

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone
does wondrous things.

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

The Lord sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind,
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion,
for all generations.**

Let us worship God!

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Song of Praise

Bless This House
Tim Lamb, tenor

Taylor & Brahe

*Bless this house, O Lorde we pray, make it safe by night and day.
Bless these walls so firm and stout, keeping want and trouble out*

What to Expect at Indoor Worship

- Some pews are blocked to maintain social distancing.
- Face masks are required for everyone.
- Out of respect for others, please refrain from shaking hands or hugging.
- Offering plates are available at the entrance and exit of the sanctuary.
- At the end of the service, the congregation will be dismissed by section.
- No nursery staff are present, but the nursery space is available.

*Bless this roof and chimneys tall; let Thy peace live over all.
Bless this door that it may prove ever open to joy and love.*

*Bless these windows shining bright, letting in God's Heavenly light.
Bless the hearth, ablazing there with smoke ascending like a prayer!*

*Bless the people here within, keep them pure and free from sin.
Bless us all that we may be fit, O Lord, to dwell with Thee.*

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Moment with the Children

Reverend Lynda Hepler

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.*

Stewardship Moment

Phil Rapp

Meditation *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Heather Sorenson

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Sermon *Living the Life You Have Always Wanted* Reverend Danny Leonard
"Great Power. Great Grace."
Acts 4:32-37

SENDING FORTH

Song of Response *My Tribute* Andre Crouch
Tim Lamb

*How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me?
Things so undeserved, yet You gave to prove Your love for me;
The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude;
All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee.*

*To God be the glory, to God be the glory;
To God be the glory for the things He has done.*

*With His blood He has saved me; with His power He has raised me;
To God be the glory for the things He has done.*

*Just let me live my life; let it be pleasing, Lord to Thee;
And if I gain any praise let it go to Calvary.*

Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on OLD 100TH

Fred Bock

Acts 4:32-37

The Believers Share Their Possessions

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶ There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). ³⁷ He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Announcements



Today is Commitment Sunday for 2021!
“Living the Life You Always Wanted.” These words offer a sense of excitement, hope, and promise during a year that has been

different from any other we have experienced. Daily reports of sickness and death have fostered a sense of anxiety and fear. There is no greater time than the present for the church to proclaim the Good News of Jesus – a message overflowing with hope and life!



Star of Bethlehem Canceled for 2020. Regretfully, a decision to cancel Star of Bethlehem for 2020 has been made. This was done due to not knowing the status of large gatherings at that time and decisions concerning the animals and other needs that had to be made far in advance. It takes about 250 people each night to put on this production. For their safety, the inability to distance, and the uncertainty of the situation this December, it was determined that Star of Bethlehem should be cancelled. Please share this with family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors and remind them to *look for it again in December 2021!* (The animals have already been booked, and plans are moving forward for when large gatherings are once again the norm!) Thank you for your understanding and support. Pray that this virus soon is controlled and life returns to normal.



The Annual Charge Conference will be October 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Announcements *(continued)*

Staffing Update

To the Memorial Congregation,

We hope that you are doing well during these different times.

Following an extended period of discussion and discernment, the Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce the creation of a full-time position in our music ministry. We believe this will expand the reach of the music ministry and positively impact our worship. Music is essential to our worship, outreach, and is an avenue through which many serve the church.

This change will impact our current music staff. Due to combining the Director of Music position and the Organist's position, we will lose a part-time ministry position. While we appreciate Danny Frye's ministry over the past several years, this change will result in his position being eliminated. Danny has been part of the music ministry for several years and the church has benefitted from his work.

Norris Norwood will assume the responsibilities of the new ministry position for the interim period with conversations continuing about his acceptance of the position permanently. Norris is familiar to us and has garnered the respect and appreciation from those in the music ministry and those who are recipients of his gifts.

Thank you for your commitment to Memorial. We look forward to the time that we will greet one another in worship and other church events.

*Ken Hanner
Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee*

*Danny Leonard
Pastor*