



THE **Messenger**

January/ February 2024

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

"The New Year has arrived, may your fears fade away, your strength grow and your dreams come true."



Prayer for the New Year

Heavenly Father,

You are good and gracious to have blessed me with another year of life. You have remained faithful and compassionate toward me this past year. Though it was not always easy, and I faced difficult circumstances, I trust that you have been near to me through it all. Lord, as I look to the new year, my heart's desire is to be pleasing in your sight. Whatever I do and whatever I set my mind on, I want to bring honor and glory to you. Help me, Lord, to put you first this year. I ask for your blessing upon me in the new year and that you would guide my steps. I ask for your protection, your wisdom, and that I would have opportunities to be a light in the world.

I pray this all in Jesus' name,

Amen!

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/7-resolutions-to-grow-your-faith-in-the-new-year.html>

Danny Leonard, Senior Pastor
Rodney Denton, Minister of Youth and Young Adults
Lynda Hepler, Minister of Children and Families
Norris Norwood, Director of Music
Aaron Prillaman, Director of Contemporary Worship

Kristin Shores, Office Administrator
Glynus Childress, Administrative Assistant
Jarry Oldaker, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds
Megan Crady, Director of Arts Academy

Church Happenings--

Jan. 3rd – Wednesday Nights Dinners and programs resume

Jan. 15th – Office Closed

Jan 20th – Pick & Paint- Empty Bowls

Jan. 29th – VITA taxes program starts, CEC rm 100

Jan. 31st – VITA taxes program, CEC rm 100

Feb. 5th – VITA taxes program, CEC rm 100

Feb. 7th – VITA taxes program, CEC rm 100

Feb. 10th – Women's Retreat

Feb. 12th – VITA taxes program, CEC rm 100

Feb. 13th – Fat Tuesday Pancake Breakfast, lunch, and dinner)

Feb. 14th – VITA taxes program, CEC rm 100

Feb. 19th – VITA taxes program, CEC rm 100

Feb. 21st – VITA taxes program, CEC rm 100

Feb. 22nd – Girl Scouts in Jarrett Hall (Gym)

Feb. 26th – VITA taxes program, CEC rm 100

Feb. 28th – VITA taxes program, CEC rm 100

R.L. Pope Sunday School Class

Sundays at 10 am

January Teachers are (7) Richard Herman, (14) Allen Brown, (21) Tracy Brinkley, and (28) Kyles Wallace.

February Teachers are (4) Jim McGhee, (11) Allen Brown, (18) Richard Herman, and (25) Kyles Wallace.

DEADLINE

Please note the deadline for the next newsletter is February 15. Please have any information/announcements you would like featured in that newsletter in by the 15th. The next Newsletter will be for March and April 2024. Please be thinking ahead.

January & February

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday-

8:30- 12:30 Nursery

8:50 Contemporary Worship (CEC) & Children's Church
10:00 Godly Play Sunday School (1st – 5th grades), Youth and Adult Classes also

11:00 Worship & Children's Church

Tuesday-

8:30 Men's Fellowship Group (Contact: James Carmichael, tcsdir@aol.com) Sunrise Diner

9:00 Sewing Ministry

Wednesday-

5:30 Wednesday Night Dining

6:30 Wednesday night programs (children, youth, & adults)

6:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday-

10:30 Chicks with Sticks

10:30 Baby Café

The Church Office will be closed Monday (1/1/24) and Monday (1/15/24).

Children's Calendar

Wednesday night programs with Children's Choir at 6:00pm and Bible Adventures- Peru at 6:30pm

1/14 2-3:30pm, GLOW Kids

1/21 4-6pm, Mission Possible Kids

2/10 2-3:30pm, GLOW Kids

2/18 4-6pm, Mission Possible Kids

YOUTH GROUP WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHEDULE

January

7th (3-6pm) ParTee Shack! \$15 per person

14th (4-6pm) Program Night

21st (3-4pm) Youth Council Planning Meeting

(4-6pm) Hide - & - Seek Night

28th No Youth Group

February

4th (3-4pm) ASP Training Meeting

(4-6pm) Service Project Night

11th (4-6pm) Super Bowl Sunday

18th (3-6pm) Empty Bowls Pottery Painting

26th (4-6pm) Program Night

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

Paid and volunteer positions available.

Sundays: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Wednesdays: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**If interested, please call Lynda Hepler
(336-687-3539)**

or Sara Faulkner (336-689-2523)

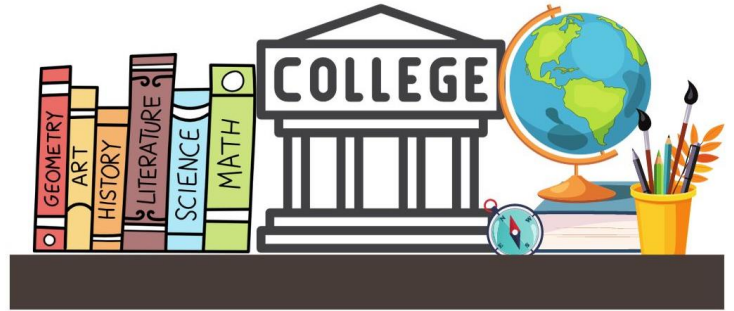


If you are interested in joining us for sewing projects (not everyone needs to know how to sew, some do the cutting and ironing), please feel free to join us MOST Tuesday mornings.

Contact Katie Conant @ 336-225-1947 if you have any questions or would like to check on a Monday to see if we are meeting the following day.

COLLEGE STUDENT INFO UPDATE

We need current addresses for our college and graduate students. If you have a loved one in school, please contact the church office (336) 472-7718 with updated mailing addresses! THANK YOU!



If you would like to be added to the Receptionist List, please contact Loretta Usher @ 336-475-3929.

The time slots are 9am-12noon and 12noon - 3pm. Or you could be added to the substitute list. Most shifts are once a month unless there are more available at the time.



Join us for Baby Café

Thursdays 10:30-12:30, MUMC Nursery

Pregnant and breastfeeding mothers and babies are invited to drop-in and connect with other families and an Internationally Board-Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC).

The lactation consultant is available to answer questions and provide infant weight checks. No appointment needed. Baby Café is a free program.

For more information, call or email Lisa Russell Miller.

336-669-7209 or

Lisa@LisaRussellMiller.org



The Men's Fellowship Group meets each Tuesday morning at 8:30 at the Sunrise Diner in Thomasville.

The meetings are informal, and topics can range from church theology to household projects. All men are welcome to join us for a time of discussion and fellowship. You may contact James Carmichael at tcsdir@aol.com or 336-476-4625 if you have any questions.



Chicks with Sticks is a group of ladies, of all knitting levels, that meet each Thursday to knit together. It's like the old "Quilting Bees" a lot of talking, laughing, and a little knitting. We meet Thursday mornings in the Parlor at 10:30am.



Charlie Hanner

cdickens@triad.rr.com





Winter Semester Begins January 2nd

Contact Megan Crady at 336-472-9721 or mcrady@mumctville.org to learn more about the classes that will be offered and prices.

Arts Alive Academy will be offering classes and lessons beginning on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2023, until May 23rd, 2024. We will be open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from approximately 2:30 pm– 7:00 pm. These hours will vary depending on the number of lessons. This year we are pleased to be offering the following:

Classes:

- **Basic Sewing Lessons** with Katie Conant

-Available Tuesday or Thursdays, 5:30 pm- 6:30 pm
(These will be a 6-week course of 1 hour each week) Contact Megan Crady for the pricing.

- **Adult Painting Lessons** with Debbie Riggs

-Available Tuesday 4:30 pm- 6:30 pm
(These will be a 6-week course of 1 hour each week) Contact Megan Crady for the pricing.

Private Lessons:

- **Guitar** with Boyd Hulin

-Available Mondays & Tuesdays, 3:00 pm—6:30 pm

- **Piano** with Megan LeBeau

- Available Thursdays 3:00 pm—6:30 pm

- **Violin, Cello & Viola** with Cherie Johnson

-Available Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:00 pm– 6:30 pm

-30 min private lessons \$100 per month (weekly) or \$60 per month (bi-monthly)

Arts Alive Academy is open to all ages and skill levels! If you have any questions or are interested in signing up for a lesson or class, please reach out to Lynda Hepler or Megan Crady. We are currently taking registrations for this year. For more information, please pick up a registration brochure.

Contact Megan Crady, Arts Alive Academy Director: mcrady@mumctville.org or (336)472-9721 for information about registration and classes.

Youth News

Our Youth Ministry is for 6th to 12th grade students. We are a friendly, active group that seeks to love God, love people & have fun doing it!!!

If you ever have a question about what we are doing each week, please contact Rodney Denton (Minister of Youth & Young Adults) directly: **(336) 906-3036**

HOWEVER, we do post our weekly events usually Thursdays or Fridays HERE:

CHURCH WEBSITE: <https://mumctville.org/>

FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/memorialyouth>

INSTAGRAM: <https://www.instagram.com/mumctvilleyouth/>

EMAIL: <http://eepurl.com/Miwz>

TEXT: <https://www.remind.com/join/mumyouth>

LOVE GOD. LOVE PEOPLE. HAVE FUN.

Youth Motto



YOUTH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 07 – ParTee Shack! Indoor Mini Golf
3 - 6 PM

\$15 per person (includes food, drink & 2 hours of mini golf!)

JANUARY 14 – Program Night
4 - 6 PM

JANUARY 21 – HIDE & SEEK NIGHT!
4 - 6 PM

Bring a Friend!

YOUTH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING 3 - 4 PM

JANUARY 28 (NO YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK)

Join us for our Saturday Winter Tubing Trip to Boone, NC on January 27!!

DETAILS To The Right...

FEBRUARY 4 – SERVICE PROJECT NIGHT!
4 - 6 PM

ASP TRAINING MEETNG 3 - 4 PM
FORMS are DUE!!!

FEBRUARY 11 – SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!
4 – 6 PM

FEBRUARY 18 – EMPTY BOWLS POTTERY PAINTING NIGHT!
3 – 6 PM

FEBRUARY 26 – PROGRAM NIGHT!
4 – 6 PM

YOUTH EVENTS

YOUTH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

YOUTH TUBING TRIP
JANUARY 27

HAWKSNEST TUBING PARK, BOONE, NC
\$75 per person
SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!
MORE DETAILS TO COME...

ASP TRAINING MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4
FORMS ARE DUE!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES
INFORMATION MEETING (PARENTS ARE INVITED)
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
10 AM
ROOM 206 (CEC)
ALL CLASSES WILL BE SUNDAYS at 10 AM in ROOM 206 (CEC)
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, MAY 19

IGNITEUS YOUTH RETREAT
MARCH 15-17
CAMP HANES
DETAILS TBA



TRIP DETAILS

- DATES: JUNE 30TH- JULY 6TH, 2024
- LOCATION TBD SPRING 2024
- PACKING LIST WILL BE PROVIDED
- WORK TEAMS REVEALED MAY 2024

MEETING DATES

<MEETINGS WILL BE FROM 3PM-4PM BEFORE YOUTH>

- FEBRUARY 4TH, 2024
- MARCH 3RD, 2024

<TEAM MEETINGS TO FOLLOW>

DUE DATES

- PARTICIPATION DEADLINE: 2/4/24
- ASP FORMS: 11/12/23
- DEPOSIT OF \$100: 11/12/23
- ALL FUNDRAISING: 3/3/24

EXPECTATIONS

- YOUTH ATTENDANCE
- FUNDRAISING PARTICIPATION
- MEETING ATTENDANCE

Fat Tuesday Pancake Day

Tuesday, February 13, 2023



Pancakes,
Bacon,
Coffee,
Tea,
Juice,
& Milk!

Price is \$7.00.

(Children under 6 FREE.)

You can purchase your tickets a head of time at several presale events. Be on the look out!

Breakfast 6:30- 9:00AM	Lunch 11:15- 2:00	Supper 4:30- 7:15PM
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ALL proceeds benefit Cooperative Community Ministry and Meals on Wheels.

Sewing Ministry: Thank you to everyone that has donated fabric throughout this past year. We are very grateful.

When doing so, could you please leave a note with your name and contact number, so we know whom to thank.

**MAY GOD BLESS US IN ALL WE DO
Katie**

FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DAY - FEBRUARY 13, 2024

Fat Tuesday signals the coming season of Lent and Easter. We will again be serving pancakes for all three meals on February 13 in the Christian Enrichment Center. This is an event that gives members the opportunity to work and fellowship together but is also a fundraiser for Cooperative Community Ministry and Meals on Wheels as all proceeds go to these two local organizations that help feed the hungry in our community. It takes a lot of people to make this a success from selling tickets, cooking, serving and clean up. Please volunteer or say yes when asked to assist with this worthy endeavor. Tickets will be available in the church office or from several individuals. David Williams will oversee this project and you may contact him at 336-848-5674 or davidr.williams@icloud.com to volunteer. Circle February 13 on your calendar, invite your family, friends, and coworkers and enjoy a delicious pancake meal while helping those who are struggling in our city.

Anyone who would be interested in being on the Homebound Committee. Please Contact Rabon.

Please Remember Our Homebound Members in 2024. They love receiving visits, calls, cards, and goodies from their friends at here at Memorial. If you would like a list of the homebound members, please contact the church office and we can get one to you.

Children's Corner

Children's Calendar

Wednesday night programs include Children's Choir at 6:00pm and 'Passport to Peru: Discovering God's Good Gifts' at 6:30pm

1/14 2-3:30pm, GLOW Kids

1/21 4-6pm, Mission Possible Kids

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Ages 5-7yr old's

Ages 3yr old's - kindergarten

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS CLUB RESUMES ON JANUARY 3RD AT 6:30PM!

This Epiphany season our adventure is "Passport to Peru: Discovering God's Good Gifts" and learn about the culture and beliefs in this South American country as we discover more about God's good gifts!



Children's Sunday School classes are offered for children of all ages every Sunday at 10am. We have a nursery during both church services and Sunday School for our smallest members, friends, and guests with wonderful nursery staff to take care of your littles. On Wednesday nights, we offer a Kids Bible Study. Once a month we have Mission Possible Kids and GLOW Kids meetings for ages 3-7 yrs. The children will learn about the Bible, God's Love, participate in Mission projects, go on adventures, and have fun.

Mission Possible Kids:

At our last Mission Possible Kids meeting, our secret agents went on a trip to purchase food for CCM and decorated the Christmas Tree in the CEC building. Our next meeting is on January 21, 2024, from 4-6pm. We meet on the third floor in the Main Building in the Red Room. All children ages 1st-5th grade are welcome to join us. Bring a friend and earn an extra mission star!



STAR OF BETHLEHEM



Thank you... Thank you to all who participated in this year's production of the Nativity story and Christmas parade, Memorial's free gift to the community. Even though the weather did not cooperate, and Sunday night was canceled, there were over 200 cars, over 1000 visitors and a cast of 250 that made this event successful. To those who physically constructed the sets, dismantled the sets, provided heavy equipment to move sets, designed and decorated them, wired and lighted them, filled and tended the torches and fire pits, prepared and distributed the costumes, secured all the participants, worked with advertising, made and served meals and snacks, prepared the float and walked in the parade, assisted with traffic flow, drove vans to shuttle participants, provided child care so families could be in the cast, and many, many other details, words are not sufficient to express the gratitude you deserve. Memorial Church, its staff and its members are a blessing to this community and Star of Bethlehem is just one example of the many ways Memorial reaches out to everyone. Thank you again to all who were a part of this year's Nativity story.

Does simply *thinking* about chocolate bring a smile to your face? Try thinking about this—hanging out at a café with friends, while enjoying your favorite hot beverage, nibbling on a brownie or bit of chocolate pie, laughing, talking, and relaxing together—it's a perfect gathering! Café Chocolat is a relaxing chocolate-themed retreat the women of our church are doing together. It includes worship, Bible study, and time for laughter as well as time for quiet reflection. And while the name of our gathering sounds indulgent, we'll actually be using chocolate as a metaphor for God's extravagant grace.

The Women's Day Retreat will be held in the CEC Building, 8:30am-4:30pm. Cost is \$25pp for lunch and materials.

Call Lynda Hepler at 336-472-9711 or email lhepler@mumctville.org to learn more and register by January 28, 2024!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0545A8AF28A02-46964021-womens>

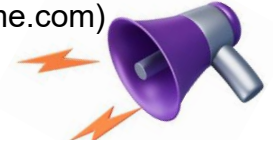




Awaken is a contemporary service held at 8:50am on Sunday mornings in the Christian Enrichment Center. We welcome you and your family to join us.

Do you like to learn new skills and have a heart for behind-the-scenes ministry?

Well, I have the perfect ministry opportunity for you. We are always looking for church members who are interested in helping with our Audio/Video ministries. Some of these jobs are challenging, but others are very simple, we just need help during the service to streamline our workflow. If you enjoy one of the easy jobs, then you can slowly train for one of the harder ones. We have a vibrant online streaming ministry that reaches members who can't attend worship in person, perspective members, and members who have moved away and want to stay in touch. If you are interested in joining this important ministry team of our church, contact Tim Lyons (tlyons00@gmail.com) or Philip Hepler (philippepler01@me.com)



Call for Auditions!

The Awaken Band is excited to announce that we are actively seeking new members! Are you passionate about leading worship on Sunday mornings? If so, we warmly invite you to join our team.

To get started, please reach out to Aaron Prillaman, our Director of Contemporary Worship, who will be delighted to help you set up an audition. Aaron can be contacted directly to discuss further details and schedule a convenient time for your audition.

We believe that being part of The Awaken Band provides a wonderful opportunity to express your musical talents and contribute to an uplifting worship experience. We look forward to hearing from you and potentially welcoming you as a valued member of our team.

UWF Memorial United Methodist Church

Our unit had a really good year in 2023. We gained 12 new members, and we were able to donate to a large number of organizations to help people locally, as well as donating through the conference to help missionaries and folks all around the world. We had numerous speakers that informed us about needs in our community. We also participated in numerous hands-on projects.

Our members participated in the reading program which is an important part of UWF to help us grow spiritually and gain knowledge in many areas. Our circles grew in numbers and had excellent programs as well as projects that helped numerous people in need in our community.

We look forward to 2024 and the opportunities we will have to grow in numbers to be even more effective in doing good for our community and world as well as grow spiritually! Our fellowship time together is also a significant plus!

Thank you to all our UWF for your support in showing God's love through your actions!

We encourage all women of all ages in our church to join us this year as we continue to grow in Faith and provide support where we see needs in our community and beyond!

Our first General meeting is January 15th at 6:00 in the CEC with dinner. Call Lynda Stone to make your reservations. 336 882-6046.

We believe Love in Action can change the world!



United Women in Faith

faith

action

sisterhood



COMMUNITY OUTREACH THROUGH MEMORIAL UMC

Remember...

Cooperative Community Ministry (CCM) is always in need of non-perishable food for their food pantry as well as hygiene items for all ages.

You may place items for CCM in the Christian Enrichment Center (CEC) on the shelves as you walk in and they will be delivered to CCM.

Thank you!

Below is a specific list from CCM of their most needed items currently.

Needed Food Pantry Items:

- Pasta Sauce
- Box of Pasta
- Pork-n-Beans
- Canned Chicken (12.5oz)
- Canned of Fruit
- Breakfast Items
- Peanut Butter
- Canned of Tuna
- Canned Soup
- Snack Items

Hygiene items needed:

- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Toilet Paper
- Brush/ Comb
- Soap/ Body Wash
- Feminine Products

Plastic Grocery Bags are also needed.

Through your kindness and generosity, we are off to a great start of supporting our local and global ministries.

For the year of 2023, we have been able to help:

Arts Alive Academy
Church World Service- Blanket Sunday
Cooperative Community Ministries (CCM)
Curamericas
Dragonfly House
Father's Storehouse
Meals on Wheels of Davidson County
Novant – Pink Chair
Project Divine Interruption (Thomasville City Schools)
Rise Against Hunger
Salvation Army (Bibles for Children)
Thomasville Rotary- for various charities and
UMCOR- Earthquake Relief, Maui, Hawaii and Zambia
by contributing...

\$89,930.48

Blood Drive

January 17, 2024 & February 21

The blood drives take place in our CEC building.

For appointments, please visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS and use sponsor code: Thomasville Community.

Additionally, please complete the Rapid pass Pre-Registration, as it will assist greatly with the electronic check-in process.

There is a great demand for blood donations during this time. Register to donate and help save lives!