



The Messenger

"To know Him and to make Him known" Aug 2018

"I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ himself in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."
Colossians 2:2-3



This historic tree is located on Edison Estate in Fort Myers, and for a while it was my view as I washed my dishes. The tree is actually two trees living symbiotically for over a century. This tree is actually a Banyan Tree and a Fig Tree woven together. Together these two trees form a beautiful centerpiece of the park and a small ecosystem for many other organisms. The cooperation between these two trees provides life for other things around them, working together brings a richness that would not occur separately.

Paul in the book of Colossians desires to encourage a new church to seek the unity of God's love. He writes later of the example Christ gives us in His humble, pursuing love of us. We are to seek out this love in all ways. This means that as the church we are to be a beautifully woven together masterpiece of individual Christians united by their love of Christ and His love for them. Together we will discover a richness of life, growth, and knowledge that we cannot achieve on our own. We are meant to pursue, love, and follow Christ together.

So, let your hearts be encouraged and united in love. Run quickly away from talk, rumor, bitterness, and whatever would separate you from each other and pursuing Christ. If we are to be a church who is moving towards the fulfillment of the Great Commission, then we must unite in love. John Wesley, the founder of our Methodist Movement said it this way:

"Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences." Sermon 39, The Catholic Spirit.

There is much to be united around, much to be excited about. Let us commit to encouraging each other with these truths and seeking the love of Christ together. We are more enriched, and more life-giving, when we live in Christian unity together.

With an encouraged heart,
Pastor Melanie





An ***Exciting Church*** is a Church on a Mission for the Gospel of Jesus Christ! We are launching new ministry teams and want you to join our movement! The teams will be a Welcome Team, Drama Ministry, Wednesday Night Kids, Sunday Kids , Youth , Missions , Outreach , Church Events ,Prayer Vigil , Visitation , Healthcare Service , Wednesday Night Dinner , Fun & Fellowship , Altar Ministry and Small Groups . Some of these Ministry Teams currently exist but they just need more members. Please prayerfully consider them and choose the ones that you would like to be on. You can sign up on the clipboards in the pews, call the office at 465-2422 or send us an e-mail at receptionist@memorialumc.com We have a series of fun things planned during our Fall Sermon Series, you won't want to miss any of it. And no fun adventure is complete without the t-shirt so please let us know what size and how many! Join now and help us celebrate our ***Exciting Church***!

Leadership Training for 2019

If you would like to be or already are a leader serving on a committee (Finance, Trustees, SPRC, or Church Council) we are hosting a 3-week training. Beginning Thursday, August 16 at 6:00pm in the Rob Reynolds Hall we will

Equipping His people cover what the committees are called to be and do; the type of skills, gifts, graces and temperaments for each committee member: and the spiritual practices needed to be a healthy sustained leader. The class will be fun, practical and interactive. This class is meant to help you discern if you are called to serve on one of the four administrative committees in our church. You are not committing to serve on a committee by attending, so come and check it out to see if God is calling you to serve. Please RSVP by calling the office at 465-2422.

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News From Lakeview Christian School

What a busy summer we have had here at Lakeview Christian School. We have been busily gearing up for our exciting new year that will begin August 13th. As you may have noticed, there are a lot of awesome changes happening in our school! God has blessed us with several opportunities and we are excited about how He will use us to minister to our area! Some of those changes include our Early Learning Program expansion to include three-year-olds, and the addition of a second kindergarten class. Our biggest change of all, though, is the addition of 6th – 8th grades. Dennis Griffin's retirement provided us with this opportunity and he has left some very big shoes to fill! We are confident that God is using us to minister in an awesome way to the Lake Placid area. If you are interested in helping us with our list of things to do before the new school year, please contact the school office at 863-465-0313. Above all, please continue to pray for our school, especially through all the preparations and renovations necessary to effect these changes. We are so very thankful for all of the support!

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“Sharing the Heart of Jesus Around the World”

What a great trip we had to The Dominican Republic and an exciting, blessed time with the children at the Orphanages as well as at The Community Center. Our Vacation Bible School was Jesus filled and a blessing for all involved. We found the children and the staff all in good health. We do have some pressing financial needs that need to be met. We would ask you to pray for the funding needed for those items as well as the daily operations. Please, as always, continue to pray for The Homeless and Orphan Outreach, Inc.



Please join us for the monthly Worship Service at **Lake Placid Health Care Center** on Sunday August 12th at 3:45PM. What a blessing this service is to all the residents who look forward to it and especially to those volunteers that participate in it. We can use your help! If you would like to join the Healthcare Worship Service Team to help in any way please see Ginger Keimel or give her a call at 863-465-7930. You will be richly blessed.

We're Going Back To School Please keep our children, teachers and support staff in prayer as they return to school, August 13, 2018.

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of education in every form. As our children prepare to start a new year, may confidence be their foundation, may grace be their guide and may hope be their compass toward a bright future. We pray they will have eyes to see the needs of those around them and a heart to love well. May they face each day with positivity knowing that no matter what comes their way, they don't have to face it alone. Thank you for the amazing teachers and staff whose passion is to serve our children. Bless them beyond measure for their willingness to pour into the next generation through education. In Jesus' name we ask for your protection over all the children, teachers and support staff. Amen



LEGACY
YOUTH

Youth News

A lot has been happening with YOUR youth group this summer! Along with a full slate of fun summer activities, our students have been discussing the kind of youth group we want to be. We know that the things we do today have eternal impact, and who we are today is impacted by the people around us; our faith, our families, and our communities. For this reason, we've decided to name our youth group "Legacy Youth". We want to be a youth group that

lives into the legacy of Memorial United Methodist Church, and we want to be a youth group that leaves a legacy of following Christ for the generations that follow us.

Pray that we can accomplish this, and *please* find a way to get involved with these youth, whether it be through offering to provide food on Sunday nights, showing up and building relationships with our youth, driving us to events, or helping us plan and build for the future of this vital ministry.

In other news, on September 7th, we'll be heading to Universal Studios in Orlando for Rock The Universe. If you're a parent of a middle or high schooler, and your student is interested in going with us, please see the Legacy Youth Parents Facebook page *or* stop by the Church Office to pick up a permission slip and find out more information about this awesome time of thrill rides and rockin' Christian music.

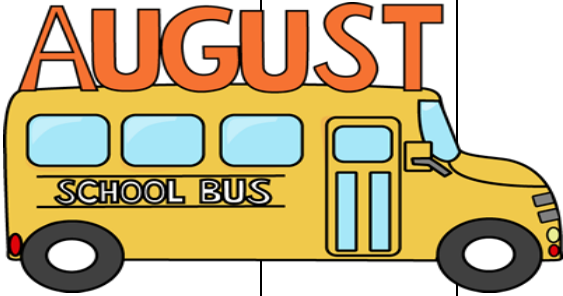


That's all for now!

Stuart Upton





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5 <i>Ashley Tannner</i> <i>Troy White</i>	6 <i>Kris Rider</i>	7	8 <i>Darlene Neidig</i>	9 <i>Maybelle Dubois</i> <i>Steve Bullard</i>	10	11
12	13	14	15 <i>Anita Potts</i>	16	17 <i>Bob Johnson</i>	18
19	20 <i>Terry Reynolds</i>	21 <i>Liz Swift</i>	22	23 <i>Sue Dambrell</i>	24 <i>Katie Dailey</i>	25 <i>Cynthia Marshall</i>
26 <i>Budd Neidig</i> <i>Karin Wenger</i>	27 <i>John Causey</i>	28	29	30	31	

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5 Communion Sunday 8:30 AM Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 Worship 5:00PM Youth Night (LH)	6	7 10:00 AM Change of Pace (LBC)	8 6:00AM Prayer Group (MBC) 6:30PM Youth Deep Dive (LH)	9 5:30-8:00PM LVCS Open House (RRH)	10	11
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Sunday School Classes at 9:30am

Nursery	Martha Oliveras	Birth—5	Nursery
SonShine Club	Volunteers	K-3rd Grade	Clubhouse
45 Zone	Scott & Sally Durban	4th & 5th Grade	Upper Room
Ladies Bible Class	Team of Teachers	Discussions & Lectures	Ladies Bible Class
Men's Bible Class	John Causey	Discussions Class	Men's Bible Class
Pathfinders	Melissa Russell	Discussions Class	Room 203
Wesley Fellowship	Troy White	Discussions Class	Room 204

Current Small Groups-Heart Groups

Monday	Ladies 6 PM	217 N. Main St
	Carlene Clark	863-441-0200
Tuesday	Adults 7 PM	114 Lakefront Ct
	George Hill	863-465-2503
Thursday	Adults 7 PM	158 Blue Moon Ave
	Hartman's	863-465-0695
Friday	Men 8 AM	McDonald's
	Claude Burnett	863-464-0330

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday
 Worship~8:30am and 10:45am
 Fellowship~9:15am to 10:40am
 Sunday School~ 9:30am
 Sunday Youth Night~5:00pm
Wednesday
 Youth
 Deep Dive~6:30pm

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