



# MESSENGER

*"To know Him and to make Him known"*

August 2017

Memorial United Methodist Church  
500 Kent Avenue  
Lake Placid, FL 33852

*When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, "Then who can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible." Then Peter said in reply, "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first." Matthew 19:25-30*

This is a season of new beginnings for Memorial and even the community of Lake Placid. The new school year is beginning and teachers, support staff, and students are preparing for the start of school, I have been newly appointed as your Senior Pastor, and God is at work in our midst renewing all things. I truly believe God's heart for Lake Placid is the renewal of all things.

Truthfully, I am an optimist. You see, I have full confidence that even when things look difficult or impossible, God is not limited in His ability to renew and birth new things in people, communities, and even churches. It is as Jesus says: "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible." The question is, are you ready to trust that God is willing and able to renew all things, even you? I believe God is and in many ways already doing so. Are you ready to see God at work and join in what God is doing?

According to the United Methodist Book of Discipline every Methodist Church's mission is the same: "to make disciples of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the good news of God's grace and thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world." Memorial's mission statement reflects this call from Christ: *"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known."* I believe that all of us are called to bring renewal by fulfilling these calls. I pray that you will seek the face of Christ about how you, yes even you, can join in this mission.

God is bringing a spirit of renewal over our community and church that will make the impossible dreams possible. The staff has been praying about how they can lead and build teams to support this mission. They have set a wildly important goal for this school year. It is absolutely not possible for us to accomplish without the power of God and the unity of teams to accomplish. We are trusting God for 24 new Christians to make commitments to follow Christ and join our church this school year. This is the sort of wildly important goal that will require teamwork, fresh ideas, and the Holy Spirit to accomplish. Will you join the team? Will you trust God to do the impossible in our hearts, church, community, and world?

I look forward to seeing all that God will do in and through us at Memorial. Let's trust God to do the impossible!

With much love and joy,

*Pastor Melanie*

# Saying Good-bye for Now—6/25/2017



# Welcome to the Fierbaugh Family—7/2/2017

## Pie with the Pastor



- Want to get to know Pastor Melanie?
- Want to see Memorial's new parsonage?

- Want to eat homemade pie made by Pastor Melanie?

Well, you are in luck! Pastor Melanie wants to get to know each of you a little better. Join her at one of the following times. Bring an appetizer to share and a belly ready to laugh and eat pie! The new address of the parsonage is 1063 Rebel Avenue in Highlands Parks Estates.

- ♦ Sunday, August 6 from 5 to 7 PM
- ♦ Tuesday, August 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM
- ♦ Wednesday, August 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM
- ♦ Sunday August 13 from 5 to 7 PM (Already filled)

You must reserve your spot at this event  
so Call 965-2422!

## Altar Flowers



Wouldn't you love to see real flowers on the altar again? There is a calendar in the back hallway

across from the restrooms on the church bulletin board to sign up for a Sunday. You can bring your own flowers or go to a florist and order some. Please write your name on the calendar to sign up to be responsible for providing flowers and then let the office know what message you want printed in the bulletin. You may place them in honor or memory of a loved one or some special occasion. Let's bring some of God's beautiful creations into our Sanctuary for worship!

## Children's Ministry News

**School Supplies...**For kids, part of the back-to-school excitement comes from buying new supplies and clothes for the upcoming school year. However, many families in our community are unable to provide the supplies needed. Some of the things needed are: pair of scissors, bottle of Elmer's glue, spiral or composition notebooks, backpacks, binders (3-ring), pencils, highlighters, notebook paper, folders (2 pocket w/prongs). If you would prefer to donate money, it will help purchase other items on their list they need. Please have all items here by Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks, Memorial for your generosity!

Thank you to everyone that helped with this year's Vacation Bible School. We had a wonderful week filled with fun and young lives that learned about the love of Jesus. So many people gave so much time to help and I can't thank you enough. What a blessing you all were to the children!

*Katie Robinson*

## Back to School Potluck



**Back to School Bash...**School will be starting soon and we want to celebrate! The Clubhouse is planning to cool down with a Back to School Bash. On August 6<sup>th</sup> the fun will begin after the 10:45am Worship Service. Everyone from Memorial is invited to come for an afternoon filled with water slides, water games, hot dogs and other things to fill your tummy. Please tell your friends and family to come and bring their swimsuits and sunblock. If you have any questions or would like to help, please call Katie at the church office at 465-2422.



4 - Nick Reed  
5 - Ashley Tanner  
5 - Troy White  
6 - Kris Rider  
7 - Troy Nicolai  
8 - Darlene Neidig  
10 - Stephanie Frazier  
11 - Steve Bullard  
11 - Maybelle Dubois  
11 - Christopher Perez  
12 - Luetta Kiger  
12 - Wes Powell  
14 - Phyllis Haas  
15 - Anita Potts  
16 - Sandra Dopler  
16 - Lexi Maulden  
17 - Ryan Boak  
17 - Bob Johnson  
20 - Terry Reynolds  
21 - Liz Swift  
22 - Laurie Strzelewicz  
23 - Sue Dambrell  
23 - Thomas Schultz  
24 - Katie Dailey  
25 - Cynthia Marshall  
26 - Budd Neidig  
26 - Karin Wenger  
27 - John Causey  
29 - Lori Thompson  
31 - Frank Brown  
31 - Kathy Holser

### *Craft Class*

*There will be NO craft class in August.  
See you September 4 at 9 AM in the  
Lighthouse to prepare Fall JOY bags.*

*Avis Keen*



## Manna Ministries of Lake Placid

416 Kent Ave.  
Lake Placid, FL 33852  
Phone 863 699-0093

### Manna Ministries Newsletter

God is always watching over Manna. God provides us with resources. When we become complacent with the resources, God moves them or deletes them. We had become complacent with the Post Office food drive. We received several thousand pounds of food last year. This year the Lake Placid drive was not publicized for unknown reasons and 99% of the usual donors did not know about it. I know that God will not let Manna down but sometimes we forget to praise him for what He has done.

We are seeing the number of clients down slightly this year. I pray that it is because they do not need our help and have full employment. Manna is here to serve all low income people. We do not share any personal information with any governmental or other agency.

We are in need of volunteers. You can volunteer for just the summer or all year. We need people that either like to greet and talk with clients and/or like behind the scene to sort and prepare. If you are interested and need more information call me, Marlene at 699-0093, or just drop in. I can give you a short or long tour (we are not very big). Stay and visit with some of the current volunteers to see what they actually do. Most volunteers work about 4 hours, one day each week. Volunteer hours are 9:00 AM to 1:10 PM.

Manna's needs at this time are canned and packaged food. All donations are appreciated and passed on to clients that need the item. Sorry we cannot handle furniture or appliances.

Manna is open to clients from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM Monday thru Friday. Come and visit us and see what we do.

God Bless You,

Marlene Christiansen



**Friends in Faith**

**Youth News**

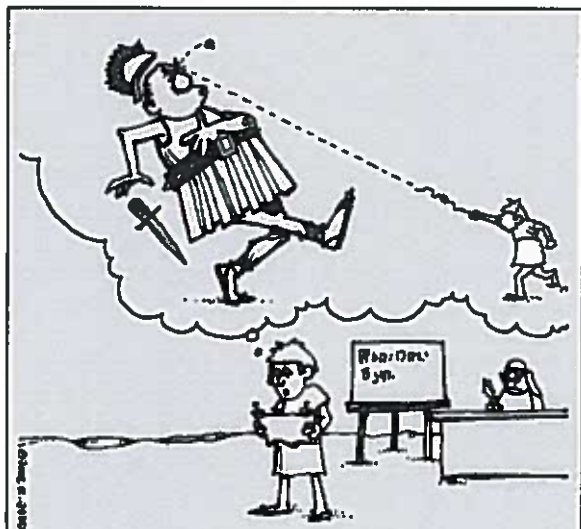
**Sunday Night Youth...** Youth Sunday Night Fellowship is from 5 to 7 PM each Sunday in August.

**Mid-Week Youth...** Youth Wednesday Bible Study will still be 3:30pm-5:00pm for now. Our school year schedule will start August 16.

**Join Our Team...** The youth are building a team. If you are passionate about student ministry contact Eric, the director of youth ministry.

**Rock the Universe...** We are planning a trip to Rock the Universe in Orlando, FL in September. All interested youth should see Eric about dates, times, and costs. We need to confirm numbers to order tickets so don't wait! See Eric today!

**Small Group: College & Career** Small Group will not be held again until August 21 at 5:30 PM after school begins. Thanks!



"How I Spent My Summer Vacation"

**You Are Invited!**

**Monday Night Heart Group**



Coming soon...the small group for ladies led by Gayle Samperi will resume in September. The group meets every Monday at 6 PM at Amber Louise Boutique on Main Street to discuss Christian books and pray together. On Monday, September 11, there will be a gathering at Beef 'O Brady's-back room, to have dinner and get your book. The book chosen this time is Friends of Jesus by Karen Kingsbury. To be a part of the group you must call 465-2422 or email [memorial@memorialumc.com](mailto:memorial@memorialumc.com) to order a book before September 1st so one can be purchased for you. Questions, call Gayle @ 863-840-0601.



**CHOIR BEGINS**

As we turn the calendar to August, it means a great many things: school is about to start, vacation time is about over, and it's time for the choir to return to the loft.

Choir rehearsal is set to resume on Wednesday, August 2 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. We have a good time, sing some, and call it a night around 8 PM. Everyone who loves to sing is invited to join us. There's always room for at least one more!  
*Claude Burnett*

**United Methodist Women**

There will be NO September meeting of UMW. We will have our first regular meeting on the first Tuesday in October. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. We welcome All women of our church. Hope to see YOU there.

*Barb Packard*

## August Chat 'n Chew

Monday, August 21 at 6:00 PM

Meet at Smoke Shack's  
new location

800 Us 27 S, Lake Placid

(formerly the bowling alley)

Call Julie Wadel at 863-465-1931 to  
make reservations before Friday,  
August 18.

Everyone is welcome to fellowship  
with your friends and to make some  
new ones!

## Mission Team Meeting

**When?**

**Tuesday, August 29**

**7 PM**

**Where?**

**Church Office**

**Why?**

**All members urged to attend. We need to begin planning for our Hearts for Missions for next year. Pastor Melanie will attend and bring us some new ideas for missions.**

**Note:**

**Any other church member who would like to join the Mission Team is welcome to attend and be a part of our new direction.**

## Memorial Tops Goal for FLUM Children's Home

Memorial has received a letter and certificate congratulating our church for exceeding our goal of \$12 per member for 2016. This is a total of the Fifth Sunday offerings, special donations to the Children's home and gifts given in honor or memory of someone.


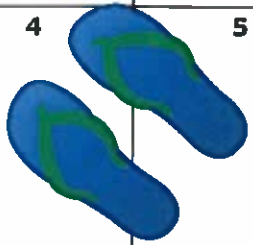
Way back in 1908, the Methodist Episcopal South had a vision to establish a place for orphans when they purchased one building and 8 town lots for \$1250 in Enterprise, Florida. Over these 100 plus years it has grown and diversified to include many other missions including foster care and serving the needs of families in distress. In 2014 a second home was opened in north Florida, called the Madison Youth Ranch.

The motto of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home is "To empower children and families to experience God's love as revealed in the ministry of Jesus Christ."

For additional information, visit their website at [www.flumch.org](http://www.flumch.org).

Esther Gill, Local Church Representative

# August Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <b>10 AM</b> Change of Pace <b>12 PM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>2</b> <b>6 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>3:30 PM</b> Mid-Week Youth <b>7 PM</b> Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b>
<b>6 Communion</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10:45</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>5 PM</b> Pie with Pastor <b>5 PM</b> Youth	<b>7</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> LVCS Open House <b>7:00 PM</b> Child Protection Training	<b>8</b> <b>10 AM</b> Change of Pace <b>12 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Pie with Pastor	<b>9</b> <b>6 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>3:30 PM</b> Mid-Week Youth <b>6:30 PM</b> Pie with Pastor <b>7 PM</b> Choir	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10:45</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>4 PM</b> LPHCC <b>5 PM</b> Pie with Pastor <b>5 PM</b> Youth	<b>14</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Finance <b>7:00 PM</b> Trustees	<b>15</b> <b>10 AM</b> Change of Pace <b>12 PM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>16</b> <b>6 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>3:30 PM</b> Mid-Week Youth <b>7 PM</b> Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10:45</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>5 PM</b> Youth	<b>21</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> College & Career Study <b>12 PM</b> Newsletter Deadline <b>6 PM</b> Chat 'n Chew	<b>22</b> <b>10 AM</b> Change of Pace <b>12 PM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>23</b> <b>6 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>3:30 PM</b> Mid-Week Youth <b>7 PM</b> Choir	<b>24</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Manna Board Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10:45</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>5 PM</b> Youth	<b>28</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Worship Design	<b>29</b> <b>10 AM</b> Change of Pace <b>12 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Missions	<b>30</b> <b>6 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>3:30 PM</b> Mid-Week Youth <b>7 PM</b> Choir	<b>31</b>		

## Weekly Worship Schedule

### Worship Services

8:30am and 10:45am

### Fellowship

9:15am to 10:40am

### Sunday School

9:30am

### Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Friday

8:30 AM to 1 PM

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### Staff

Melanie Fierbaugh	Senior Pastor
Claude Burnett	Pastoral Assistant
Jerry McCauley	Visitation Pastor
Eric Newberry	Youth Director
Katie Robinson	Children's Director
	Receptionist
Jennifer Koukos	Finance Director
Cheryl Mysliwy	Administrative Asst.
Martha Oliveras	Nursery Assistant
Julia Burnett	Accompanist
"Rocky" Leong	Custodian



### Are You In Sunday School?

Are You Missing from Sunday School? Come find a great opportunity to study God's Word plus have fellowship and fun!

## Sunday School Classes

9:30am

### Children & Youth Classes

#### Nursery/SonShine Clubhouse

Martha Oliveras / Katie Robinson

Birth to 5th Grade

#### Lighthouse

Teacher: Eric Newberry

Middle & High School

#### Adult Classes

##### Ladies Bible Class

Team of Teachers

Discussion & Lecture

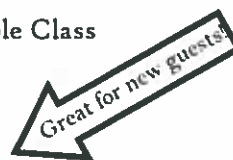
Ladies Bible Class

##### Men's Bible Class

Teacher: John Causey

Discussion Class

Men's Bible Class



##### PathFinders

Teacher: Melissa Russell

Discussion Class

Upstairs Room 203

##### Wesley Fellowship

Teacher: Troy White

Lecture Class

Upstairs Room 204

Give Sunday School a try - You'll be glad you did!

### Current Small Groups—Heart Groups

Monday	5:30 PM	415 Kent Avenue	Age 18 +	Eric Newberry	662-322-9854
Monday	6 PM	217 N. Main Street	Ladies	Carlene Clark	863-441-0200
Tuesday	7 PM	114 Lakefront Court NE	Adults	George Hill	863-465-2503
Thursday	7 PM	158 Blue Moon Avenue	Adults	Hartmans	863-465-0695
Friday	8 AM	McDonald's	Men	Claude Burnett	863-464-0330