

# MESSENGER

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

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Man! These four years have flown by so quickly. But during that time I have had the opportunity to get to know and love so many of you. We have been through a lot haven't we? So many of you have been in the hospital, or have had other struggles and I have been privileged to be with you as you have been through those times in your lives. I hope that I have given comfort and support to you as you have gone through those difficult times in your life. A lot of you have also been through some wonderful celebrations and I have also been ecstatic to be with you as you have been experiencing the wonderful blessings of God. Of course I have also been through a lot as well. So many of you have been there to give advice and prayers as I have struggled with my migraines, my back issues and the medications that cause me to not feel that I am able to continue as a senior pastor anymore. Thank you for all you have done for me.

One of the great things about being a child of God through our faith in Jesus Christ is that we never have to say goodbye. That is true because we know as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ that we always have a meeting in our future. So... see you later!

God Bless you all!

*Pastor Tim*

## Goings and Comings



### Saying Good-Bye for Now

I don't want to  
I don't have to  
You can't make me  
I'M RETIRED

- A farewell reception has been scheduled for between services on Sunday, June 25 in Rob Reynolds Hall. Please plan on stopping in for yummy food and fellowship starting at 9:30 AM until 10:30 AM on the 25th.
- Between now and the last Sunday in June, please make sure you let the Haas' family know how much we have enjoyed their years at Memorial. Whether it's a verbal thank you, handwritten note, photo book, a monetary gift, or prayer for them. Please take the time to touch base with Phyllis and Pastor Tim.

### Welcome Reception—Wear Your Name Badge!

The first Sunday for Rev. Melanie Fierbaugh will be Sunday, July 2. A reception following the 10:45 AM service will be a Meet and Greet for Memorial's congregation and the new pastor's family. It is a Pot Luck Lunch so please bring your favorite recipe whether it's main dish, side dish, or dessert. Let's show the Fierbaugh family what great cooks Memorial has!

A welcome basket is being prepared of things for which Lake Placid is known. Menus from restaurants will be included. If you wish to donate any gift cards, please drop them off to Cheryl in the church office before June 16.

Pastor Melanie wants to get to know all of you and invitations will be sent out in groups to come to the new parsonage and have "Pie with the Pastor". Watch for details in the bulletin as these will start in mid-July.



### Craft Class

*There will be NO craft class in July and August. See you September 4 at 9 AM in the Lighthouse to prepare Fall JOY bags. Have a great summer! Avis Keen*

### Fellowship Time



Between 9:15 and 10:40 AM on Sundays in Rob Reynolds Hall there is a time for coffee and light refreshments each week. While Marcia Meadows is recuperating, Reynolds Tanner is coordinating the volunteers. Please call 863-633-1447 to volunteer.

## FROM THE PASTOR



Ever since Melanie Fierbaugh has been announced as our new pastor there has been an air of expectation and anticipation. We look forward to the gifts and talents that she will bring to our congregation. However some have had a bit of a struggle with having a female pastor to lead us. Those who have this concern have lifted up I Timothy 2:8-15, which among other things says that "women should learn in silence and not be allowed to teach or have authority over men." I suppose that it is natural that this should come to me since I have done a lot of teaching here at our church and since I have a daughter who is a pastor. And I'd would like to give my interpretation of this question.

Sometimes in the Bible there are a couple different ways of looking different topics. For example if you just look at Old Testament passages you will see that there is an emphasis on judgment rather than grace, which is a major theme of the New Testament. So it is possible to get a focus that might be out of balance, either to the judgment side or the grace side. I think that we have a somewhat similar situation when it comes to women leading in the church. To understand this I think it would be best to start with the Biblical idea of a prophet or prophetess. First, it is important to realize that as far as the duties of a prophet or prophetess there is absolutely no difference between these two words. The difference between the two words is only there to match with the gender of the person that is being spoken about. Secondly, the idea of a prophet is that the prophet is to speak on behalf of God. This is the goal of a sermon that any pastor preaches. The idea is to represent God. So when we speak about a pastor, part of their duty is to be prophetic. Therefore if women were called in the Bible to be prophets then it stands to reason that they would share their prophecy with people, including the church. And of course there were a couple of women who served as prophets in the Old Testament; Miriam and Deborah. But the New Testament expressly opens up the idea of women serving as prophets by quoting the prophet Joel. In Joel (which is quoted in Acts 2:17-21) it says, "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters will prophesy and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." As Peter quotes Joel he says that this passage, that speaks about all God's people, both women and men, being given the Spirit so that they can prophecy represents the "last days," a time that many call the Church Age which is the time that immediately proceeds the second coming of Christ. The idea that women are also called is verified a little later in Acts when in Acts 21:8-9 where it is mentioned that the evangelist Philip had four daughters who all have the gift of prophecy.

So why are there different ideas represented in the scripture from the idea of women being called to positions of authority? From reading the writings of people who were critical of the Christian movement of the first century it appears that the fact that women had a great deal of freedom in the first century church was appalling to many people of the Roman Empire. This was one of the major areas that Romans criticized the church. A reflection of the freedom that women had in the first century church can be seen in Galatians 3:26-28 which teaches that in Christ all the boundaries that used to stand between people, Gentile or Jew, male or female are no longer seen in the same way, for we are all one in Christ Jesus.

So how do we reconcile the words of I Timothy with the other passages of scripture that I have quoted? I don't know, but I can make a guess. I think that since there was so much criticism by outsiders of the freedom that women had in the church and one of the most important aspects of early church was evangelism, the book of I Timothy is saying to the women of Timothy's church "tone down your freedom so that we might attract outsiders and enable them to come to know Jesus Christ as their savior." So, the way I look at it, the Good News of Jesus gave all of us the freedom to be who we were gifted to be by the Holy Spirit, it doesn't matter if you are a man or a women. But because of our sinful nature there are times that Bible adjusts things to meet our failings, for example Jesus said that God never intended for a married couple to divorce, but since we are so broken there are sections of the Law that give instruction on divorce. I think that it is this way with women leaders in the church as well. We are all called but because of human sin there are times that they have been excluded. I think that in our days that we can move beyond our sometimes limited views of the call of God in people's lives and embrace all who are called to be what they have been gifted to be by the Holy Spirit.

I hope this helps your understanding.

*Pastor Tim*

## Children's Ministry News



### Volunteers

Preparation for Vacation Bible School is in full swing. If you would like to help with making decorations please let Katie know at the church office. We are also still looking for leaders and helpers to lead the kids from center to center and we also are looking for Center helpers. We still need help with crafts, games, and food. If you can help in any of these areas please contact Katie at the church office or the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. All help would be much appreciated.

### VBS NEEDS

If you are unable to help with decorations don't worry there is other ways to be involved! If you wouldn't mind picking up some things from Publix like:

- Juice Boxes- Any Flavor
- Frozen Chicken Nuggets, Corn Dogs & Fries
- Recycled Plastic Gallon Jugs
- Fake Christmas Tree
- Lots of Prayer!



Any of these items can be dropped off at the church office or in the narthex at the provided containers but of course the frozen items need to be put in Rob Reynolds freezer. Please label them for VBS. Thank you for all your help and support

### You Are Invited!



Are you looking for a way to have fun this summer? Then, join us at Memorial United Methodist Church June 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 8:00p, for a Journey to the Arctic. This Vacation Bible School includes Bible stories, crafts, games and music. We will be serving dinner for all the kids and volunteers. Registration forms are available at the church office or at the Kids Clubhouse on Sundays. Pick up a form and invite your friends and the kids from your neighborhood. Throughout the week, the kids will learn about the Word of God and will better understand the power of God's love. We're looking forward to a great week and hope your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors will be able to join us.

*Katie Robinson*

# Youth Summer Calendar

\*May 28<sup>th</sup>- No Youth Sunday Night Fellowship.

\*May 31<sup>st</sup>- 5pm to 9:30pm. Youth end of School Celebration- trip to Sebring- Bowling & Movie.

\*Starting June 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 29<sup>th</sup> - The Lighthouse will be open from 1pm to 5pm from Tuesday thru Thursday weekly. Bible Study Wed.

\*June 24-25-SURFACE DWELLERS- Going Deep with Youth & Families. (Evangelists Curtis & Bille' Newberry from San Diego, CA.)

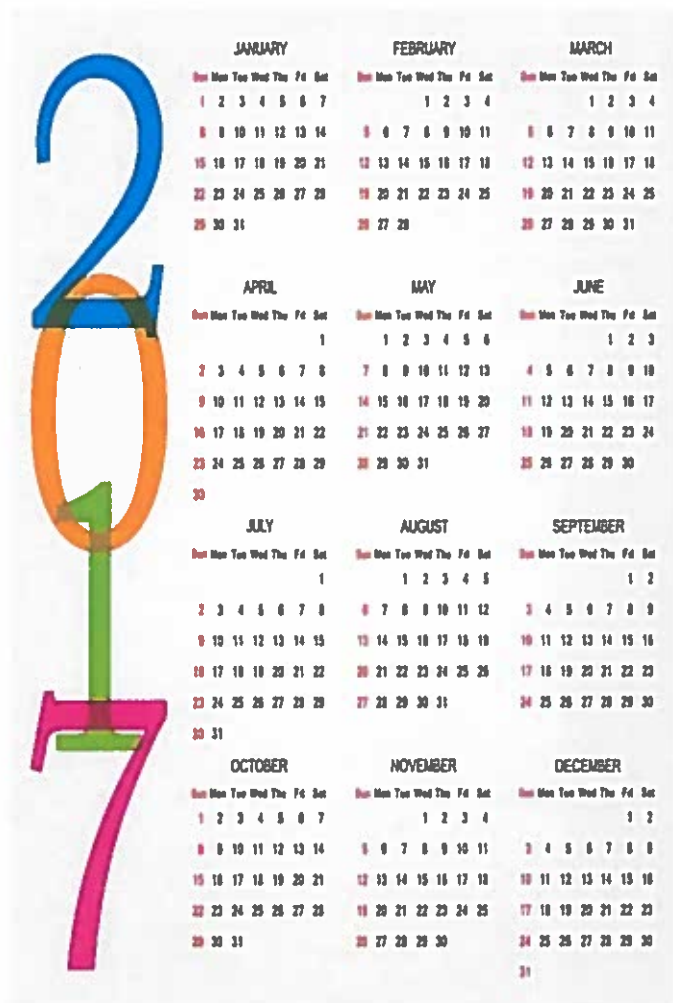
*[June 24<sup>th</sup>- 11am to 1:30pm- Workshop with youth & adults in Memorial's Sanctuary.]*

*[June 24<sup>th</sup>- 2pm- Baptismal of youth at Charles Reynolds for youth by Pastor Eric & Pastor Curtis.]*

*[June 24<sup>th</sup>-4pm to 5pm-Quality time with youth in Lighthouse.]*

*[June 25<sup>th</sup>-12:15pm to 1:15pm. "The Nuances of Relationships in God's Presence: For Adults". With Lunch in RRH & Optional Q&A Session afterward.]*

*[June 25<sup>th</sup>- 5pm to 7:30pm- Bring it on Blitz & Youth Explosion.]*



\*July 2<sup>nd</sup>-July 9<sup>th</sup>- No Youth Studies in accordance to Independence Day.

\*July 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Holy Land Experience Orlando & CityWalk. Depart 8am Tues & arrive back at 6pm Wed.

\*August 4<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>- 7pm to 8am- Youth Back to School Lighthouse Lock-in.

\*\*\*College & Career Small Group cancelled on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*\*College & Career Small Group summer schedule: June 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>; July 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>; Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>.



## United Methodist Women



The United Methodist Women held their last meeting of the season on Tuesday, May 2, 2017. Hostesses Marilyn Cromer and Marguerite Ryan provided us with an interesting dessert of dirt pudding with worms! We were a little uncertain about it at first, but it proved to be a fun and delicious treat.

Our program was presented by Dennis Griffin, principal of the Lake Placid Christian School. He introduced us to 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Meredith Shin (on the left below) and 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Nicole Blout (below right) who read their award winning environmental essays on, of all things, dirt!! Actually, they used the word soil.

Our next meeting will be on September 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have never looked into UMW, we would be delighted to have you visit us for this meeting. The program will be about missions. Enjoy your summer!

*Barb Packard*



The Choir will take their usual break this year. They will not practice in June or July. Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, August 2 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. It would be a perfect time to join them!



# **JUNE Activities**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 1 PM Open Lighthouse	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Communion</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10:45</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>5 PM</b> Youth	<b>5</b> 1 PM Staff Meeting  5:30 PM Vacation Bible School	<b>6</b> 10 AM Change of Pace  1 PM Open Lighthouse  5:30 PM Vacation Bible School	<b>7</b> 6 AM Prayer Group 9 AM Craft Class 1 PM Open Lighthouse  5:30 PM Vacation Bible School	<b>8</b> 1 PM Open Lighthouse  5:30 PM Vacation Bible School	<b>9</b> 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:30 & 10:45 Worship  9:30 AM Sunday School 4 PM LPHCC 5 PM Youth	<b>12</b> 1 PM Staff Meeting  5:30 PM College & Career Study  7 PM Trustees	<b>13</b> 10 AM Change of Pace  1 PM Open Lighthouse	<b>14</b> 6 AM Prayer Group  1 PM Open Lighthouse  6 PM Open Prayer	<b>15</b> 1 PM Open Lighthouse	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18 Father's Day</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10:45</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>No Youth</b>	<b>19</b> 11:30 AM Retirement Lunch  6 PM Chat 'n Chew	<b>20</b> 10 AM Change of Pace  1 PM Open Lighthouse  6:30 PM LVCS Board	<b>21</b> 6 AM Prayer Group  1 PM Open Lighthouse  6 PM Open Prayer	<b>22</b> 1 PM Open Lighthouse	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 11 AM to 1:30 PM Surface Dwellers  2:00 PM Baptisms  4:00 PM Youth Activities
<b>25</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10:45</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Farewell Reception <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>12:15 PM</b> Adult Session <b>5 PM</b> Youth	<b>26</b> 9 AM JOY Bags  1 PM Staff Meeting  5:30 PM College & Career Study	<b>27</b> 10 AM Change of Pace  1 PM Open Lighthouse	<b>28</b> 6 AM Prayer Group  1 PM Open Lighthouse  6 PM Open Prayer	<b>29</b> 1 PM Open Lighthouse	<b>30</b>	



# Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9 PM Fireworks
2 Communion 8:30 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School Noon Pot Luck Welcome No Youth	3 Church Office Closed	4 Church Office Closed	5 6 AM Prayer Group	6	7	8 4 PM Taylor & Komasa Wedding
9 8:30 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 4 PM LPHCC No Youth	10 5:30 PM College & Career Study	11 8 AM Youth Trip to Orlando 10 AM Change of Pace	12 6 AM Prayer Group 12 PM Staff Meeting	13	14	15
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## June Chat 'n Chew

Monday, June 19 at 6:00 PM

Meet at Beef O'Bradys'

110 Plaza Avenue , Lake Placid

Call Sharon Puckett at 465-2998 to  
make reservations before Friday,  
June 16.

## July Chat 'n Chew

Monday, July 17 at 6:00 PM

Meet at Placid Lakes Country  
Club

3601 Placid Lakes Blvd, Lake Placid

Call Chip or Carol Eifler at 465-0888  
to make reservations before Friday,  
July 14.

(When you get your check, mention  
Memorial United Methodist and a per-  
centage is sent back to the church.)

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

## JOY Bag Distribution

Monday, June 26

Packing starts at 9 AM

Pick Up at 10:15 AM in Rob Reynolds  
Hall

The final two of year will be on  
September 25 and December 18.

If you have time and the desire, please call  
Pastor Jerry at 465-2422 to help.

SUGAR  
Birthdays



## June

- 2 - Susie Cohen, Leila Reasbeck
- 3 - Julia Burnett, Rex Darrow
- 4 - Ruth Heckman, Keely Irwin
- 7 - Marilyn Hendrie, Eric McNally
- 9 - Alfred Parkhurst
- 15 - Daniel Strzelewicz
- 16 - Stephanie Boak
- 17 - Duane Dean
- 18 - Randy White
- 20 - Sarah Bowman
- 21 - Lanore Braman
- 22 - Carol Lingren, Andrea Summers
- 25 - Diane Steckley
- 28 - Carol Taylor
- 30 - Sharon Williams

## July

- 2 - John Horne, Julie Wadel, and Dan Sherman
- 3 - Lynda Bourdeau
- 5 - Gisela Soto
- 6 - Sharon Dougan
- 7 - Dana Klemm
- 8 - Florence Summers
- 10 - Charles Hess, Sarah Beth Rogers
- 12 - Ed Cromer, Chip Eifler
- 13 - Marcí Bryan
- 14 - Emma Horne, Richard Knipper
- 15 - Reynolds Tanner
- 16 - Nell Sherman
- 19 - Brian Barry, Vicky Quinones
- 20 - Bob Cummins, Hunter Maxcy
- 22 - Laura Teal
- 23 - Caesar Marshall, Carole Polk
- 25 - Betty Stalls
- 26 - Tracee Smoak
- 28 - Baby Darrow
- 30 - Mike Rider

### 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

Phone: 863-465-2422

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### Staff

Tim Haas	Senior Pastor (June)
Melanie Fierbaugh	Senior Pastor (July)
Claude Burnett	Pastoral Assistant
Jerry McCauley	Visitation Pastor
Eric Newberry	Youth Pastor
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: Pastor Eric

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>217 N. Main Street</b>	<b>Ladies</b>	<b>Carlene Clark</b>	<b>863-441-0200</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>415 Kent Avenue</b>	<b>Age 18 +</b>	<b>Eric Newberry</b>	<b>662-322-9854</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7 PM</b>	<b>114 Lakefront Court NE</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>George Hill</b>	<b>863-465-2503</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7 PM</b>	<b>158 Blue Moon Avenue</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Hartmans</b>	<b>863-465-0695</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8 AM</b>	<b>McDonald's</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Wes Powell</b>	<b>863-840-2917</b>