



# The Messenger

***“To know Him and to make Him known” March 2018***

*“Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.” 1 Peter 3:14-16*

I love the simplicity of a child's faith. My little Liam sincerely desires everyone in his 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class to know Jesus, like he knows Jesus. Liam won't go to bed unless Mom AND Dad pray over him. He prays for missionaries and he will talk to anyone he can about the love of God. He believes thoroughly that Jesus Christ is Lord and everyone needs the salvation that Jesus provides. To him, it is that simple. How could anyone refuse the love of God? His tender little heart gets very confused when others who know Jesus refuse to share the good news that God loves them and has forgiven them.

As we approach Easter we will be studying the first evangelists and their passion for spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. My prayer is for you to borrow the sincerity of Liam and the passion of the first evangelists and begin to be burdened to share about the love God has for all people. As a part of your Lenten practice, would you consider asking God to return the zeal to your hearts you once knew? Will you ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the people in your life and speak of God's saving power with ease and passion?

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, once asked in an address to his clergy for these faithful men and women to survey their hearts and life to see if they were ready to share the message of Jesus Christ no matter what:

*“...do I feel such a concern for the glory of God, and such a thirst after the salvation of men, that I am ready to do anything, however agreeable to me, to suffer anything, however grievous to flesh and blood, so I may save one soul from hell? Is this my ruling temper at all times and in all places?” John Wesley, An Address to the Clergy.*

So, how would you grade yourself? Are you ready to share the Gospel at any cost? I think we all could stand to ask God for more faithfulness and fervor in this area. None of us like to be uncomfortable. None of us seek to be rejected. But all of us are called to risk much, so that others will not die without knowing about the saving power and grace of Jesus Christ. I invite you to ask the Lord to move you closer to the simple and obedient faith of Liam. The message of Jesus Christ is so powerful and so wonderful, how could we not share it? Will you join me in praying for the faith of Liam and the obedience to share the Gospel when presented with an opportunity?

God loves you and so do I,

Pastor Melanie

Senior Pastor ~ Melanie Fierbaugh





Hello,

March at Memorial is going to be such a great month for our Youth; I can just feel it. As we work our way through Lent, heading toward the Cross and Easter, we're learning more about some core teachings of Jesus. In the coming weeks we'll dive into our series leading up to Holy Week, titled "Passion".

And as we learn from Jesus, we have some awesome opportunities to hang out and have fun together, too. In particular, Spring Break is coming up and the group is planning to take a trip to in Lakeland. We'll be heading out Monday, March 12th for a day where the youth can watch their youth pastor fall on his face for a couple hours. The rest of the week, we'll have opportunities for service and fun at the Lighthouse.



Stay tuned for more information, and get ready for an awesome month here at Memorial!

Stuart Upton

Director of Student Ministries

PS: If you'd like to be a Student Leader, or discuss how you might best serve our youth, call me at 863.465.2422 or email me at [YouthDirector@MemorialUMC.com](mailto:YouthDirector@MemorialUMC.com). I'd love to talk to you!



# MISSIONS

## ***"Sharing the Heart of Jesus Around the World"***

Sunday, February 11 ~ Ephesians 3:18-20

Get to know our new Manna Ministries Director. Manna Ministries is pleased to announce the appointment of Anita Hurley to the position of Director. Anita has served at Manna Ministries as a volunteer for five years and as a Board Member for the past two years. As the wife of Pastor Brian Hurley, Anita has served in various roles in the ministry, including schools, churches, and a rescue mission. Anita's focus is to minister to our community with the Gospel, provide to their nourishment needs, and assist with clothing and household items for those in need in our community. If you see her around town or while you are volunteering at Manna please make her feel welcome as we value her contributions to the Memorial Family.



**Lakeview Christian School** will be on ***Spring Break from March 12-16***. Please pray that each teacher,

staff member, and student finds time to rest and relax, so that when they return to classes they are prepared to finish out this school year.



**H.O.O.I. News** ~We are taking names of people wanting to go to the Dominican Republic Mission

Trip to the Children Home July 2-9. If you are interested, contact **Troy White** by catching him at church, or write H.O.O.I., PO Box 1370, Lake Placid, FL 33862.





Memorial United Methodist Church will host Tommy Brandt and Tommy Brandt II in concert on Sunday, March 11 at 6:00 PM .

Tommy Sr. is the current Entertainer of the Year for Christian Country Music and has recorded 28 #1 songs, while at 16 years old Tommy II was named Musician of the Year in Nashville Tennessee and has toured with the Franklin Graham Crusades. This locally known father and son duo recently had their Grand Ole Opry Debut and are on tour across the nation with their organization Cowboy Outreach America.

Come and see them on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, 500 Kent Avenue, Lake Placid, FL (Behind the Tower).

*There is no charge for the event but a love offering will be taken*

## Lifetouch Directory Pictures

Please come out and get your picture taken for the new directory. You can choose to take it alone, with your family, just a spouse, or even a family pet. You do not have to be a member here to receive a free 8x10 picture. Going into the directory is optional. Additional prints and poses will be offered but are not mandatory. Please call the office to schedule ASAP if you have not already.

### **The dates are filling up fast.**

March 15 1:00pm-8:00pm (last Appt at 7:50PM)  
 March 16 1:00pm-8:00pm (last Appt at 7:50PM)  
 March 17 10:00am-5:00pm (last Appt at 4:50PM)  
 March 18 1:00pm-8:00pm (last Appt at 7:50PM)  
 March 19 1:00pm-8:00pm (last Appt at 7:50PM)  
 March 20 1:00pm-8:00pm (last Appt at 7:50PM)

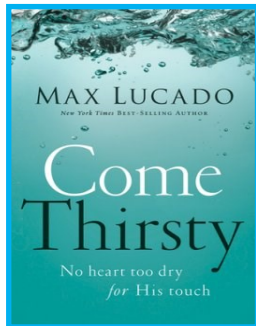




On Tuesday, March 6th at 1:00 pm in Rob Reynolds Hall, Hostesses: Kate Long and Katrina Villacampa. The Program will be presented by Marilyn Cromer on our mission study for 2018. Bring a friend as we endeavor to be a supportive fellowship as we grow in concepts of mission.~ **Ruth Shutts**

### **The Mary Martha Group**

Four chapters of Max Lucado's book *Come Thirsty* will be covered when we meet Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 1:00pm in the Men's Bible Classroom.



If we read one at home each preceding week we will be prepared to discuss together the unit Trusting His Lordship in: 10 In God We (Nearly) Trust, 11 Worrying, You Don't Have To, 12 Angels Watching Over You, 13 With God as Your Guardians. .

**Chat 'n Chew** will gather for a time of fellowship at *The Casa Tequila Mexican Restaurant* at Placid Lakes on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 6:00pm. Please contact LaVerne Cash at 865-394-4277 to let me know that you can join us. Just leave her a message if she misses your call. We look forward to a time to worship God and fellowship together.



### **Online Donations & Text to Give...**

To get started, tell your donors "Text any dollar amount to 84321 to give." They'll follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie their mobile phone to your church, their donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text. You can also set up online giving and give one or set up a recurring donation. For more information call the office or go to the website at <http://www.memorialumc.com/giving.html>



**LP Health Care...**Service will be held **Sunday, March 11th** at 4:00 pm located at 125 Tomoka Blvd S, Lake Placid, FL 33852. If available, please help us get the residents to the service at 3:45 pm. Thank you ~ Pastor Jerry.







01	Wesley	Clark
01	Kevin	Main
01	Sam	Samperi
02	Nancy	Reed
02	Samuel	Rogers
05	Liam	Fierbaugh
05	Amberlee	Rogers
08	Christine	Villarreal
09	Nancy	Crooks
09	Virginia	Keimel
11	Jimmie Nell	Kelsey
14	Jan	Hunt
16	Jessie	Sanders
16	Betty Sue	Vinson
17	Kathy	Barber
19	Edward	Harvell
23	Arthur	Long
25	Barbara	Bullard
26	Charles	Reynolds, Jr.
27	Ann	Harvell
27	Rick	Strzelewicz
28	Peggy	Branch
29	Daniel	Durrance
30	Cheryl	Mysliwy
31	Robert	Hartman
31	Ana	Taylor

### Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 24th 10:00 AM—12:00PM



Come Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus! Free Food! Bounce Houses! Candy! Fun! Games! Prizes! Egg Hunt! Pictures with the Easter Bunny! How can you help? Sign up in the Narthex to work a booth, bring candy, chips and water, or volunteer for setup and tear down. No deed is too big or too small. **Contact the office today for more information.**






### Maundy Thursday Seder Meal & Family Worship.

Join us **Thursday, March 29 at 6:00 PM** in Rob Reynolds Hall for an evening of worship, family, and food. We will participate in a Seder, as Jesus did shortly before his death. This will be a powerful and meaningful evening that will prepare you for a powerful Easter Experience. We ask that each family bring a side dish and dessert to share with the church family.

### Good Friday Services

Join us **Friday, March 30 at 6:30PM in the Sanctuary** for an evening of worship and communion. We will journey to the cross with Jesus as a church body in preparation for worship on Easter Sunday.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> <b>6 PM</b> Writers' Workshop <b>6 PM</b> Band Practice	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>8:30</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Worship <b>4 PM</b> Confirmation Class (LH) <b>5 PM</b> Youth Fellowship (LH)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>7:15 AM</b> HS Prayer Group (LH) <b>10 AM</b> Change of Pace <b>1 PM</b> UMW Meeting (RRH) <b>6:30 PM</b> SPRC Meeting	<b>7</b> <b>9 AM</b> Craft Class <b>6 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Group (LH) & Adult Deep Dive (Parsonage) <b>7 PM</b> Choir	<b>8</b> <b>6 PM</b> Writers' Workshop <b>6 PM</b> Band Practice	<b>9</b> LVCS Field Day	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Worship <b>4 PM</b> Confirmation Class (LH) <b>5 PM</b> Youth Fellowship (LH) <b>6 PM</b> Tommy Brandt In Concert	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>7:15 AM</b> HS Prayer Group (LH) <b>8 AM</b> LP Ministerial Association (Hospital) <b>10 AM</b> Change of Pace	<b>14</b> <b>6 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Ash Wednesday Service <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Group (LH) & Adult Deep Dive (Parsonage) <b>7 PM</b> Choir	<b>15</b> <b>1 PM</b> Mary Martha Group (MBC) <b>6 PM</b> Writers' Workshop <b>6 PM</b> Band Practice	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
	LVCS (Highlands County) Spring Break					
<b>18</b> <b>8:30</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Worship <b>4 PM</b> Confirmation Class (LH) <b>5 PM</b> Youth Fellowship (LH)	<b>19</b> <b>12 PM</b> Newsletter Deadline  <i>Just a friendly reminder...</i> <b>6 PM</b> Chat 'n Chew	<b>20</b> <b>7:15 AM</b> HS Prayer Group (LH) <b>10 AM</b> Change of Pace <b>5:30 PM</b> LVCS Board Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Finance & Trustee Meeting (LBC)	<b>21</b> <b>6 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Group (LH) & Adult Deep Dive (Parsonage) <b>7 PM</b> Choir	<b>22</b> <b>3:30 PM</b> Manna Board Meeting (LBC)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am—12:00pm
	Lifetouch Directory Pictures					
<b>25</b> <b>8:30</b> Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Worship <b>4 PM</b> Confirmation Class (LH) <b>5 PM</b> Youth Fellowship (LH)	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> <b>7:15 AM</b> HS Prayer Group (LH) <b>10 AM</b> Change of Pace <b>6:30 PM</b> Church Council (Office)	<b>28</b> <b>6 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Youth Group (LH) & Adult Deep Dive (Parsonage) <b>7 PM</b> Choir	<b>29</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Maundy Thursday Seder Meal & Family Worship (RRH)	<b>30</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Good Friday Services 	<b>31</b>



## **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**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Ladies 6 PM</b> 217 N. Main Street Carlene Clark 863-441-0200
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Adults 7 PM</b> 114 Lakefront Court NE George Hill 863-465-2503
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Adults 7 PM</b> 158 Blue Moon Avenue Hartman's 863-465-0695
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Men 8 AM</b> McDonald's Claude Burnett 863-464-0330

### **Weekly Worship Schedule**

#### **Worship Services**

8:30am and 10:45am

**Fellowship~9:15am to 10:40am**

**Sunday School~ 9:30am**

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