



The Messenger

“To know Christ and to make Him known” May 2018

The Unexpected!

It seems to pop up everywhere, often at inconvenient times: the unexpected. As I sit in my office this first week of May the unexpected has once again stopped by for a visit. Long time readers of the Messenger will know that I don't write a monthly article. (And when I do it doesn't get printed on the front page!) This unexpected opportunity to write the newsletter article is brought to you by the unexpected back pain that Pastor Melanie Fierbaugh is experiencing. We now know that she will need to undergo surgery which is scheduled for May 24th.

This serves as a good time to remind us all that we cannot know all that is before us. We cannot see the future and do not know when the road will turn. We can be certain of this: there will be unexpected turns. When life throws us the inevitable curve how we respond will reveal our character and it will also reveal our faith. I have faith that the church will go on even as our pastor needs time for surgery and recovery because I know that God was not caught off guard by her situation. His power is still available and His presence will surely guide us through. That is my faith speaking. I don't know what is going to happen I just know that God is present. I see it in ways both small and large. I know his presence makes a difference as so many, including myself, can testify.

Your unexpected turn may come from a doctor, a phone call or a fender bender in the grocery store parking lot. When it happens just remember this: you have a front row seat to see God at work because He most definitely is working. We are told this in Romans 8:28. May we always trust in His plan and in His way.

Honored to serve Him by serving you,

Claude Burnett

YOUTH MINISTRY

Student Ministries Minute



Hey Church Fam,

I just wanted to say a word of thanks to everyone here who has been praying for my family. The death of a loved one is never easy, and I so appreciate everyone who has been lifting me up, encouraging me, giving me space, and leading the Youth Ministry in my absence.

A huge shout out belongs to David and Andrea Summers, as well as Cory Fierbaugh, who were very quick to step up. I don't think I've ever heard the words "anything you need" so often as when I spoke and texted with David and Cory. When we talk about the importance of team-based ministry, this is one reason why. Life is unpredictable and yet the Gospel of Jesus Christ is always at the forefront of our mission, and sharing that with the students of Lake Placid can't stop for a moment.

There are so many ways you can get involved with our youth ministry, whether it's helping to lead Sunday School every week at 9:30 am, or taking pictures for the Youth Group on Sundays and Wednesdays, or helping to lead games or cook meals. Please don't hesitate to call the church office or shoot me an e-mail (youthdirector@memorialumc.com), and ask what you can do to take part in this life-changing ministry.

Thanks again, Church Family. The grace of God resides with you, and even in the midst of my grief, I am witness to that grace. God bless you.

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. I'd love to talk to you!



MISSIONS

“Sharing the Heart of Jesus Around the World”

Homeless and Orphan Outreach, Inc (HOOI) was formed in 1982 when Memorial UMC became involved with the care of orphaned and homeless children in the Dominican Republic. In 1988, their need and our interest caused some members of Memorial to form an independent corporation to help meet the needs of these children on a continuing basis. More than 1,000 children are helped daily.



H.O.O.I. is planning a Dominican Summer Trip for July 2-9, 2018. The annual trip started in 1982 with a group from Memorial UMC visiting the Hogar De Ninos Home in the Dominican Republic. Church members John Wirick and Edgar Carrion formed the first group along with 10 additional men from Memorial. Since that year many volunteers from Memorial and our surrounding area have made the trip. Each year teams work to help share the Love of Christ through the VBS Program as well as working together to do needed repairs and maintenance.



If you would like any information on the trip please contact the church office or Troy White, PO Box 1370, Lake Placid, FL 33862. Please keep our teams in your prayers as we prepare and plan on how to show the orphans of the Dominican Republic the Love of Christ so that they can build a relationship with Him that will last a lifetime.



Time to Start Planning

Come ashore and join us for “**Shipwrecked Rescued by Jesus**” Vacation Bible School June 11th-15th. We will have oceans of fun with Castaway Sing & Play, Bible Discovery, Imagination Station, Ship Rec Games, KidVid Cinema and Tropical Treats.

There will be lots of opportunities for adults to volunteer as well. Contact the office if you are able to help us in anyway! Please keep our VBS in your prayers as we plan and prepare for this time of fun and sharing the word of Jesus with the kids.



Chat 'n Chew will gather for fellowship at on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 6:00pm at The Smoke Shack. Please contact **Diana Herbert** at 863-465-5176 if you have questions. We look forward to a time to worship God and fellowship together.



Lakeview Christian School registration for 2018-2019 is now open. Lakeview Christian is a K4 - 5th grade community of students, parents, staff, and friends all working and learning together as they seek to honor the Lord Jesus Christ in all that they do each day. Their calling is to inspire and nurture each child in all aspects of his or her development - spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically. Lifelong learning is a journey that they want their students to enjoy from beginning to end. For more information call the school at 863-465-0313.



United Methodist Women

The UMW will meet Tuesday, May 1st at 1:00PM in Rob Reynolds Hall. UMW will start May off right by supporting and encouraging our youth.

Lake Placid Christian School will be presenting the program for us. Please come and be inspired by our future leaders!

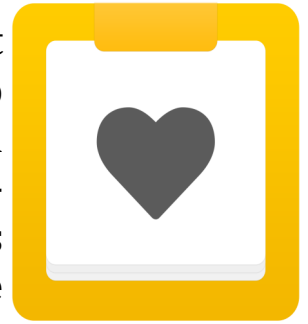
Compassionate Care Hospice

Compassionate Care Hospice is in need of volunteers. The areas in need of help are assisting in the office, visiting patients and assisting or leading group activities. Training is provided for all volunteers. To volunteer or receive more information please contact Samantha Decker-Hoppen, Compassionate Care Hospice Volunteer Coordinator at 863-633-8784 or samantha.decker@cchnet.net to schedule a visit.



Online Donations & Text to Give

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



Lake Placid Health Care

Our monthly Service will be held on **Sunday, May 13th** at 4:00 pm. The Health Care Center is located at 125 Tomoka Blvd S, Lake Placid. If you are able to help us bring the residents to the service please plan on coming at 3:45pm. ~ Thank You Pastor Jerry



May Birthdays

5/2	Tom Horne
5/2	Steven Strzelewicz
5/4	Scott Durban
5/8	Eric Ezell
5/9	Melinda Devlin
5/9	Esther Gill
5/9	Peggy Leach
5/14	Cleadus Rose
5/14	Ken Veronee
5/14	Jesse Wren
5/15	Katie Summers
5/17	Don Slotten
5/18	Barbara Slaga
5/19	Lena Chapman
5/22	Vaughn Cauffield
5/22	Christy Perez
5/22	David Villarreal
5/23	John Rogers
5/25	Amanda Murray
5/28	Missy Howes

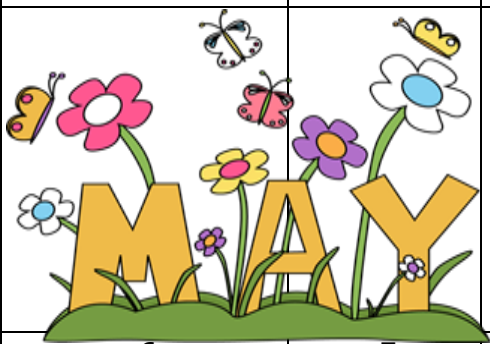





Lakeview Christian School will be holding Summer Camp this year. Camp will be May 29th-August 3rd with no camp the week of July 4th. Camp starts at 8:00am and ends at 5:00pm.

Children must be 5 by September 1st and must not have started 6th grade. The cost is \$90 per week or \$20 per day. The week of VBS (June 11th-June 15th) is \$50.

The camp will feature weekly themes such as Superheroes, STEM, Art, Drama, Sports and much, much more! Each day begins with devotions, singing and prayer. Teachers from Lakeview will be planning enrichment activities.

Register on line at www.lakeviewchristianschool.org/summer-camp.html or pick up an application at the school.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:15 AM HS Prayer Group (LH) 10 AM Change of Pace 1 PM UMW Meeting (RRH) 6 PM SPRC (Office)	2 6 AM Prayer Group 6:30 PM Youth Group (LH) (Parsonage) 7 PM Choir	3 12:00PM National Day Of Prayer (Devane Park) 3:30PM Manna Board Meeting	4	5
6 8:30 Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 Worship 4 PM Confirmation Class (LH) 5 PM Youth Fellowship (LH)	7	8 7:15 AM HS Prayer Group (LH) 8 AM LP Ministerial Association (Hospital) 10 AM Change of Pace 6:30PM Finance/ Trustees Meeting	9 6 AM Prayer Group 6:30 PM Youth Group (LH) 7 PM Choir	10	11 LVCS Field Day	12
13 Mother's Day 8:30 Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 Worship 4 PM LP Health Care Service 4 PM Confirmation Class (LH) 5 PM Youth Fellowship (LH)	14 	15 7:15 AM HS Prayer Group 8 AM LP Ministerial Association (Hospital) 10 AM Change of Pace 5 PM Baccalaureate Practice (Genesis) 6:30PM Church Council Meeting (LBC)	16 6 AM Prayer Group 6:30 PM Youth Group (LH) 6 PM Baccalaureate Service (Genesis Center) 7 PM Choir	17 1 PM Mary Martha Group (MBC)	18 12 PM Newsletter Deadline 	19
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27 8:30 Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 Worship 5 PM Youth Fellowship (LH)	28  Church Office Closed	29 7:15 AM HS Prayer Group (LH) 10 AM Change of Pace	30 6 AM Prayer Group 6:30 PM Youth Group (LH) & 7 PM Choir	31		



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	Youth	Library
Men's Bible Class	John Causey	Discussions & Lectures	Ladies Bible Class
Pathfinders	Melissa Russell	Discussions Class	Men's Bible Class
Wesley Fellowship	Troy White	Discussions Class	Room 203
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Current Small Groups—Heart Groups

Monday	Ladies 6 PM	217 N. Main Street
	Carlene Clark	863-441-0200
Tuesday	Adults 7 PM	114 Lakefront Court NE
	George Hill	863-465-2503
Thursday	Adults 7 PM	158 Blue Moon Avenue
	Hartman's	863-465-0695
Friday	Men 8 AM	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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205 Jerry McCauley ~ Visitation Pastor
207 Stuart Upton ~ Youth Director

202 Finance Office
204 April McQuaig ~ Church Business Admin
206 Melanie Fierbaugh ~ Senior Pastor
214 Lakeview Christian School