

# MESSENGER

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

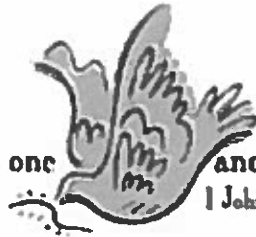
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Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

1 John 4:7

"Little children love one another." These are the words that church tradition tell us that the Apostle John said over and over near the end of his life. There are a couple of different church traditions, but one that originates in Ephesus tells us the most about this compelling story. We are told in this story that after John was released from the prison island of Patmos, where he was sentenced to spend time on the island as a slave in a mining operation because he was a Christian, that he went to Ephesus where he spent the last years of his life. There he wrote the Book of Revelation and perhaps the letters of I, II, and III John. As he spent this time in Ephesus he had one phrase that he used to sum up the Christian faith for those who were already believers. He (according to the tradition) said over and over "Little children love one another." He said this to those who were there over and over because he knew that the church there was certainly headed toward persecution. He knew that the stress of being a Christian was going to be hard on the believers. And he wanted to sum up the Christian faith by reminding them that they, above all else, needed to love one another, because they would need to hold on to each other in the hard times to come.

We too will face hard times in life, maybe not persecution, but never-the-less hardships. And John's summation of our faith will work for us as well. "Little children love on another." It works for those who are in good times as they care for those who are going through the struggles of life and it works for those who are going through the struggles, as they get the support they need. Above all, we need each other as family in Jesus Christ, in the good and in the bad. So "Little children love one another." If you do this because of your faith in Jesus you will do well. Amen. *Pastor Tim*

## Saying "Good-Bye" and Saying "Welcome to Memorial"

### Farewell Reception



- 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.
- 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.

### Welcome Reception

- The first Sunday for Rev. Melanie Fierbaugh will be Sunday, July 2. A reception following the late service will be a meet and greet for Memorial's congregation and the new pastor's family. Wear your name badge!
- A basket of brochures and items from Lake Placid (honey, caladiums, etc) is being compiled. Any donations of gift cards will be added to it.



## New Pastor Arriving in July



Rev. Melanie Fierbaugh is a 40 year old pastor. She has 7 years of service as the pastor in the United Methodist Church. She was born and raised in Ohio and is of Irish-American descent. She has been married to Cory Fierbaugh for 19 years. They have 3 sons: Aidan (14), Ben (13), and Liam (8).

Cory works for American Home Patient, a durable medical equipment company (oxygen and walkers, etc.). He has worked as a sales representative since 2001.

Melanie is theologically Evangelical/Conservative, a graduate of Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, KY, and has two B.A.'s from Malone University in Bible and Theology.

Her top skills are Leadership, Preaching/Teaching, Evangelism, and Worship Design. Melanie is very experienced in Missional Engagement with the Community, Church Re-visioning, Stewardship Campaigns, Management, and International Missions in Cuba, Jamaica, Canada, and will be doing short term mission work in Pakistan this year. Her top 3 Spiritual Gifts are Discernment, Healing, and Encouragement.

She has served congregations in Lake City, Tampa, and Ft. Myers. Last year she was on staff with Grace Church, Cape Coral, a church of about 2,000 in average worship attendance where she was trained in Spiritual Leadership.

Please pray for Pastor Melanie and her family as they make this transition to Memorial. The Sanctuary will be open on Wednesdays from 6 to 6:30pm during May and June if you'd like to use this location to pray with your church family.

## United Methodist Women



*At their April meeting the ladies of the UMW displayed their Easter bonnets.*

The United Methodist women will meet Tuesday, May 2 at 1:00pm. The hostesses will be Marilyn Cromer and Marguerite Ryan. Ladies of Memorial, please come enjoy the program presented by the Lake Placid Christian School and headmaster, Dennis Griffin. *Ruth Shutts*

### Instant Church Directory

Many took advantage of getting your photo taken. It's never too late to do so. You can submit a photo by email or call the church office and arrange a photographer to meet you. As information is changed in the church office, the information will download to each member's devices, ensuring they always have the latest information. So if you have an email address, you can access this.

- If you are interested, please go to [www.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com) and in the upper right choose CHURCH MEMBER SIGN IN. You create a password then go to your email, find their email to you, and verify your email by clicking on the link.

### Free Phone App for Smartphone

- This is a free app that allows your members to sync your church's directory to their iPhone, iPad, iPad Mini, Android device or Kindle Fire. Wherever you go on your phone to find apps, look for INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY. After you download it, you will be able to view the church and staff information, as well as search and view family members.

### Special Called Charge Conference

A special called meeting of Memorial is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 PM. The meeting shall be held in Rob Reynolds Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the purchase of a parsonage by Memorial. All church members are invited to attend.

### Did you know?

During church services, volunteers are in the church library. They pray for Memorial, the pastors and staff, the attenders, our country, and so much more. Linda Hartman is the coordinator. The more volunteers she has, the smoother the Intercessory Prayer program runs. You can volunteer alone or with others. Please give her a call at 863-465-0695 to ask questions or volunteer your time.

### May Chat 'n Chew

Monday, May 15 at 6:00 PM

Meet at Bo David's Restaurant

131 S. Sun 'n Lakes Blvd, Lake Placid

Call Peggy Branch at 465-9223 to make reservations before Friday, May 12.

Everyone is welcome!

### Garden Area Overhaul



The Trustees are going to do an overhaul of the area between the Sanctuary and Rob Reynolds Hall. It's time to update the area and make it a more useful space. If you'd like to volunteer time, ideas, landscape architect skills, etc., please call the church office at 465-2422. Watch for more information about meetings to get your input!



**Thursday,  
May 4  
Noon**

***The Circle in Lake Placid***

***Please come if you can and bring a friend.***



**Memorial Day  
Church Office  
Closed**

**Monday, May 29**

### ***Honoring High School Seniors***

Sunday, May 14 High School seniors will be honored. If you have a senior, please contact Pastor Eric or the church office. Photos of the students throughout their life will be needed for the presentation. We don't want to miss anyone!

### **"Hall of Fame"**

The Hall of Fame is a memorial dedicated to those who have achieved excellence in their field of employment. Hebrews chapter 11 is considered the Bible's Hall of Fame. My desire for our youth is that one day I will stand before God & attest to the youth's excellence, zeal, & dedication to His WILL, His WAY, & His WORD. That they would know Him & His love towards them. That they will pursue after Him all the days of their lives, realizing that nothing they do for Christ is in vain (I Cor. 15:58). That they would love holiness & distain wickedness. That they will fight the good fight until the end! This is my prayer.

For the Glory of Christ,  
Pastor Eric



## Children's Ministry News

### Thank you!

I am writing to thank you all for your assistance during our hectic Easter season. Your willingness to show up and help with filling eggs, baking goodies, getting the eggs ready to hunt and also making visitors to Memorial feel welcome made a great difference. If you hadn't been willing to help, I would have never gotten it all done. We had an amazing day. I couldn't believe the amount of families that joined us. I know lives were changed. Thank you for making this the best egg hunt yet!

### Cinco de Mayo

On Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, the Clubhouse will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo. This is a great way for the kids to learn about other cultures but also that God's love is everywhere.

### Mother's Day



On Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> the clubhouse kids are planning to do something special for all the wonderful ladies in their lives. More details later, so don't miss out.

### Time to Start Planning

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. That's just around the corner. This year we have an Arctic theme. Please start saving your old plastic gallon water and milk jugs and anything you have to go along with a winter theme. You can drop them off at the church office or there will be a bin in the Narthex. Thank you for your help! Also if you would like to volunteer to help with decorating or helping during the week of VBS please let Katie know by emailing her at [katieb@memorialumc.com](mailto:katieb@memorialumc.com) or calling the church office. She'll be ordering shirts for anyone that would like to have one. The shirts cost \$12. Volunteers don't need one but some people prefer having a matching shirt. The last possible day to get your order in is Sunday, May 21. Thank you to everyone for all your support and help. I'm so excited for this year's VBS. I know it's going to be great! I can't wait.

*Katie Robinson*



## May Birthdays

May 2	Dorothy Griffin, Tom Horne, Steven Strzelewicz
May 3	Eric Newberry, Ralph Weber
May 4	Scott Durban, Vernon Shutts
May 5	Ray Rittman
May 6	Kerry Thompson
May 8	Eric Ezell
May 9	Melinda Devlin, Peggy Leach, Esther Gill
May 10	James Johnson
May 14	Cleatus Rose, Ken Veronee, Jesse Wren
May 15	Katie Summers
May 16	Ruth Shutts
May 17	Don Stotten
May 18	Barbara Slaga
May 19	Lena Chapman
May 22	Vaughn Cauffield, Cristy Perez, David Villarreal
May 23	John Allen Rogers
May 24	Teresa Nicolai, Bob Mysliwy
May 25	Amanda Reynolds
May 28	Missy Howes
May 30	Cal Holser, Patricia Parker



### Saying Farewell to Margie

Margie Dunn has been Memorial's accompanist for more than 5 years. She has been studying at South Florida State but is now moving on to University of Central Florida to earn a degree in engineering. May 7 will be her last Sunday with Memorial. We will miss her!

Julia Burnett will be filling in at times. Memorial will need a Sunday accompanist starting June 18 for about 7 weeks. If you or someone you know, would be interested in this, please call Claude Burnett at 465-2422.


### A View From Lakeview

#### Ways to Help LVCS:

- Collect Box Tops for Education
- Donate Used Cell Phones
- Donate used printer ink cartridges
- Give LVCS's name to your server at Placid Lakes Country Club

The last day of School will be Thursday, May 25.

# May Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>1 PM</b> Staff Meeting  <b>5:30 PM</b> College & Career Study	<b>2</b> <b>10 AM</b> Change of Pace  <b>1 PM</b> UMW	<b>3</b> <b>6 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>7:30 AM</b> Youth Breakfast <b>6 PM</b> Open Prayer <b>6:30 PM</b> Charge Conference <b>7 PM</b> Choir	<b>4</b> <b>12 PM</b> National Day of Prayer	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Communion</b>  <b>8:30 &amp; 10:45</b> Worship  <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>5:00 PM</b> Youth	<b>8</b> <b>1 PM</b> Staff Meeting  <b>6 PM</b> Finance  <b>7 PM</b> Trustees	<b>9</b> <b>10 AM</b> Change of Pace  <b>7 PM</b> Church Council	<b>10</b> <b>6 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>7:30 AM</b> Youth Breakfast <b>3:30 PM</b> Youth Bible Study <b>6 PM</b> Open Prayer <b>7 PM</b> Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</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> Youth	<b>15</b> <b>1 PM</b> Staff Meeting  <b>5:30 PM</b> College & Career Study  <b>6 PM</b> Chat 'n Chew	<b>16</b> <b>10 AM</b> Change of Pace  <b>6:30 PM</b> LVCS Board	<b>17</b> <b>6 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>7:30 AM</b> Youth Breakfast <b>3:30 PM</b> Youth Bible Study <b>6 PM</b> Open Prayer <b>7 PM</b> Choir	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>12 PM</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>20</b> <b>1 PM</b> Lake Placid High School Graduation—invitation only
<b>21</b>  <b>8:30 &amp; 10:45</b> Worship  <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>5 PM</b> Youth	<b>22</b> <b>1 PM</b> Staff Meeting  <b>6:00 PM</b> Worship Design	<b>23</b> <b>10 AM</b> Change of Pace	<b>24</b> <b>6 AM</b> Prayer Group <b>7:30 AM</b> Youth Breakfast <b>3:30 PM</b> Youth Bible Study <b>6 PM</b> Open Prayer <b>7 PM</b> Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>  <b>8:30 &amp; 10:45</b> Worship  <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>No Youth</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>30</b> <b>10 AM</b> Change of Pace  <b>1 PM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>31</b> <b>6 AM</b> Prayer Group  <b>6 PM</b> Open Prayer  <b>7 PM</b> Choir			

### 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

Email: [memorial@memorialumc.com](mailto:memorial@memorialumc.com)

[www.memorialumc.com](http://www.memorialumc.com)

### Staff

Tim Haas  
Claude Burnett  
Jerry McCauley  
Eric Newberry  
Katie Robinson

Senior Pastor  
Pastoral Assistant  
Visitation Pastor  
Youth Pastor  
Children's Director  
Receptionist  
Finance Director  
Administrative Asst.  
Nursery Assistant  
Accompanist  
Custodian

Jennifer Koukos  
Cheryl Mysliwy  
Martha Oliveras  
Margie Dunn  
"Rocky" Leong



### 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

#### SonShine Clubhouse

Katie Robinson

Birth to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

#### Upper Room/45 Zone

Scott & Sally Durban

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