



MESSENGER

"To know Him and to make Him known"

November 2017

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

Psalm 121 "I look up to the mountains—does my help come from there? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth! He will not let you stumble; the one who watches over you will not slumber. Indeed, he who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps.

The Lord himself watches over you! The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade.

The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon at night. The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life. The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever."

I have to admit that my feet crave the cool soil of the Appalachian Mountains. I need to see and climb the mountains about once a year. I need to lose my shoes and walk on soft river rocks and enjoy the cool water on my feet. I love my Florida home, but sometimes I just need the mountains. As equally as I crave the physical mountains of the Appalachians I also crave the spiritual mountains of my past: Emmaus, Seedbed Conference, Jamaican Missions, Cuban Missions, Habitat Houses, and many many others. I draw from the lessons and energy learned from God in those mountain seasons to sustain my soul during seasons where I am obviously not on a mountaintop. However, here is where I have to caution my own soul. The experience (the mountain) was not the source of the spiritual power enjoyed, only the LORD is my source of help, protection, and power. Only the LORD. I cannot equate Emmaus with the power and presence of the LORD. However, I need to remember that I encountered the power and presence of the LORD at Emmaus and walked away changed. Further, the work that the LORD did in my soul in the mountains of Jamaica is not limited to that mountain. The same spiritual mountaintop experience enjoyed in Jamaica can be known today if I seek the LORD God who made the mountains. The same God who empowered me to preach boldly in fresh ways in Cuba also stands guard over me at night and even as I shop at Publix. God is equally at work in the valleys as well as the mountains. So, although my soul craves the next mountain, the question stirs in my soul: "Am I willing to see God in the valley as well?" Will I listen and cooperate with the perfecting grace of God in the more mundane, flat portions of my life? I want to shout: "Of course!" But in reality I am not consistent in this practice. I need to remember the mountains and let their song of remembrance and encouragement sweep over me, reminding me that God is powerful and on the move. Will you seek God in the mundane places of your life and wait for His timing to bring you to the next mountain? Will you allow the power of God to wash over you as you seek to hear from God no matter where you are? I can crave a mountain, but I cannot worship the mountain. It was my relationship with the Creator that gave me the mountaintop experience, not any other human factor. Will you join me in worshipping the God who created the mountains and trusting in God to keep watch over me while I am in battle and while I am on the battlefield? I am praying for you all, and I love you very much.

Pastor Melanie

Children's Ministry Events

Enjoy Serving with You

Thank you to everyone that helped with this year's Mason G Smoak Family Fun Day, Pumpkin Party, and Community Trick or Treat. We had a busy month but with all the help it made it so much fun. We were able to connect with so many people from our community and show them God's amazing love. Hopefully with all this hard work lives were changed. God has really blessed Memorial with so many opportunities to share His Word and His grace. I really enjoy serving Him alongside so many godly men and women from our church. Thank you again!

Thanksgiving Party

To celebrate Thanksgiving this year the Clubhouse will be having a pancake party on Sunday, November 19th during the 10:45am Worship Service. The plan is to have thanksgiving inspired crafts, pancakes with all the yummy toppings and lots of laughter. Please mark your calendars and call your friends.

Angel Tree Coming soon!

Each year, Memorial comes together to help our community by buying gifts for local children in need. Last year we blessed over 80 kids with gifts. With Christmas season right around the corner, we are getting ready for this year's angel tree. There will be a tree setup in the narthex with names of students who are in need of Christmas gifts. The plan is to have the names ready for you to pick off the tree by November 19nd. More details to come later! Thank you for your help!

Katie Robinson



Dear United Methodist Women,

The November meeting of our UMW will be the 7th of November at 1:00 in the Rob Reynolds Hall. Refreshments will be provided by the committee. Since it is the month of Veteran's Day, our speaker will be Denise Williams, a lady veteran who serves as the Highlands County Veteran's Officer (VSO).

She will talk to us about her two tours of duty abroad in Afghanistan and Kuwait. We will hear about her experiences in our military service. She will speak to us as a lady veteran helping us honor and celebrate Veteran's Day.

The hostesses for the meeting are Marcia Meadows, Kate Long, and Ruth Shutts.

We hope to see you there. Please feel free to bring a friend to this meeting. Have a good month.

Sincerely,
Nancy Reed

Craft Class

Please join us Wednesday, November 1 at 9 AM in the Lighthouse for a time of fun, fellowship, and crafting. Help us prepare Christmas favors for our homebound. All we need is you!

Avis Keen



Thanksgiving

WORSHIP SERVICE

Lake Placid Christian Ministerial Association hosting

Community Thanksgiving Service

Location: Memorial United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 19

6:30 PM

Pastors and musicians from various churches will take part. Pastor Melanie Fierbaugh will preach the lesson. Please bring non-perishable food items to donate to Manna Ministries in Lake Placid. The offering will be split between Manna Ministries and New Testament Mission in Sebring. Come, be blessed, and be a blessing to those in need!



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!

Youth News

Covenant Group, the high school prayer breakfast, will meet every Tuesday that there is school during November. The meeting time has changed to 7:15 AM. Meet at the Lighthouse. Let Claude know if you can't make it.

Sunday Night Youth is changing. We will shortening our time by 30 minutes. Deciding between starting later and ending sooner will be made by the parents at the October 29 parent meeting. There is no Youth on November 19 or 26 due to the Thanksgiving break from school.

November Chat 'n Chew

Monday, November 13 at 6:00 PM

Casa Tequila Mexican Restaurant

1979 Placid Lakes Blvd.

(Individual or couples checks ordered off the regular menu)

Call George Hill 863-465-2503 to make a reservation.

Please come and invite a friend!

Memorial Service for Frances Stock

Frances Stock who with her husband, Bill, were members of Memorial. Frances passed away at the end of August. Her family invites you to attend a memorial service Saturday, November 4 at 1 PM at Michael A Brochetti Funeral Home at 404 Plaza Avenue. Pastor Jerry McCauley will participate in the service.

Memorial is Hosting 2017 Charge Conference

Sunday, November 19 at 3 PM, Memorial will be the host church to local churches. 1st UMC of Avon Park, Avon Park Haitian Mission, 1st UMC of Frostproof, 1st UMC of Moore Haven, 1st UMC of Sebring, Iglesia Nuevo Pacto, Spring Lake UMC, St. Johns UMC, Sun Ray UMC, and Venus UMC will join us for refreshments (2:30 PM) and worship where Claude will lead the music and Rev. Rini Hernandez will give a lesson. After that the churches will go to their assigned rooms for their yearly business meeting. Memorial's will be led by Rev. Hernandez, the South West District Superintendent in the Sanctuary.

Let's put our best foot forward and show them that Hurricane Irma may have tried to mess with us, but we're stronger than that.

Volunteers are needed for:

- Making simple snack foods.
- Serving drinks.
- People to help with parking.
- Guides to point each church to their assigned room after worship.
- Clean up before the Community Thanksgiving Service at 6:30 PM.

What a busy day!

Please call 863-465-2422 or email memorial@memorialumc.com to let us know where you can help!



- 3—Harrison Howes
- 3—Shirley Slotten
- 5—Janette Schuecking
- 7—Betty Hogan
- 8—Gayle Samperi
- 9—Lois Prator
- 11—Henry Herbert
- 11—Mike Houser
- 13—Carolyn Mead
- 14—Lauren Nicolai
- 15—Jackie Moore
- 16—Ruth Schanely
- 17—Alicen Burnett
- 17—Elizabeth Heller
- 19—Katrina Villacampa
- 21—P.L. Keen
- 21—Cindy Lewis
- 24—Claude Burnett
- 24—Leigh Anne Taylor
- 26—Ray Dambrell
- 26—Ginny Holt
- 26—Tim Moore
- 26—Katie Knipper
- 27—Wyatt Horne
- 28—Avis Keen
- 29—Lynette Horne
- 29—Doug Mead



FAMILY WORSHIP NIGHT

Fun...Faith...Family

November 8, 15, and 29

We want to invite you to a night of fun, faith, and discipleship. Join us for a night of family friendly games, dinner, worship, and a little teaching! We have designed a night fit for kids and adults of all ages. Call Katie Robinson for more information at 465-2422.

Mary Martha Group

The Mary Martha Group will start a new study, "Come Thirsty" (No heart too dry for His touch) by Max Lucado on November 16. It is based on John 4:14 "Whoever drinks the water I give will never be thirsty. The water I give will become a spring of water gushing up inside that person, giving eternal life." Read the first 16 pages and study guides Meagan and The Dehydrated Heart p. 159 to 164 for November.

If you would like to be a part of this study, please let the office know so a book can be ordered. This group meets October through April on the third Thursday at 1 PM for 2 hours in the Men's Bible Class Room. Come and be blessed.

Ruth Shutts



Hi to all our friends and family,

We know we owe you an update on all things in our world, and that is actually coming within the next couple of weeks...there's so much to update on, FCC is getting ready to graduate, the latest on my brother, April has been so busy with helping the dance teams and purity seminar, and of course Kid's Church keeps going....

But, today I want to talk about Christmas ☐! I'm sorry to be a little late with this information, but there's been a lot to consider and walk through, and I've just not been able to pull the information together until now. We very much want to do "Buckets of Joy" again this year for the kids in Kids Church.

We've done these for the last 3 Christmases, and I have come to love this idea more and more every year. Why? Because it's a great way to bless, not only the kids, but their entire families. Another reason? We purchase everything here in Haiti, and primarily right here in St. Marc. And everything we give, is useful, including the bucket that we use to put the food and gifts in.

Here's the information:

We are looking for 200-250 buckets. Each bucket cost \$30 U.S. dollars.

What's included?

Bucket with lid
5 lbs. of beans
15 lbs. of rice
1/2 gallon of oil
5 lbs. of cornmeal
2 boxes of spaghetti
2 cans of tomato paste
2 cans of sardines in tomato sauce
Small toy/gift



Depending on the size of the family and how many children they send to Kids Church, this can last a couple of meals, to a week or more. Every child who comes to Kids Church, no matter their age, receives a bucket. So if a family sends 2 kids, they receive 2 buckets; if they send 5 kids, they receive 5 buckets. Most of the families send 2 or more children every Sunday.

If you would like to give to this project this year, please send your check made out to Youth With A Mission, to P.O. Box 236, Akron, PA, 17501, and please don't forget to attach a note letting the office know it is for "Buckets of Joy".


Because we are getting a bit of a late start, if you simply make a pledge by letting me know what you intend to send, we will be able to front the money until your check can arrive. In which case, you can send your check any time from now until January 31st. However, if you would like us to receive the funds in time for the event, we will need to receive them no later than November 24th. The event is planned for December 17th.

Love you all!
Shelly Nettles
YWAM, St. Marc, Haiti



Church Office Closed
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
November 22-24

November Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6 AM Prayer Group 9 AM Crafts 7 PM Choir	2	3	4
5 Communion 8:30 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 5 PM Youth	6	7 10 AM Change of Pace 12 PM Staff Meeting 1 PM UMW Meeting	8 6 AM Prayer Group 5:30 PM Family Worship Night 7 PM Choir	9	10	11
12 Guest Preacher 8:30 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School Noon Chili Cook Off 4 PM LPHCC 5 PM Youth	13 6 PM Chat 'n Chew 6 PM Finance 7 PM Trustees	14 10 AM Change of Pace 6 PM LVCS Board 7 PM Church Council	15 6 AM Prayer Group 5:30 PM Family Worship Night 7 PM Choir	16 12 PM Newsletter Deadline 1 PM Mary Martha 3:30 PM Manna Board Meeting	17	18
19 Guest Preacher 8:30 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 3:00 PM Charge Conference 6:30 PM Community Service	20	21 10 AM Change of Pace	22 6 AM Prayer Group 7 PM Choir	23 	24	25
			Church Office Closed			
26 Claude Preaching 8:30 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School	27	28 10 AM Change of Pace 12 PM Staff Meeting	29 5:30 PM Family Worship Night 7 PM Choir	30		

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
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 and SonShine Clubhouse

Martha Oliveras / Katie Robinson

Birth to 3rd Grade

Lighthouse

Teacher: TBA

Middle / High School

45 Zone—Upper Room

Sally & Scott Durban

4th and 5th Grades

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

Current Small Groups—Heart Groups

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