



MESSENGER

"To know Him and to make Him known"

September 2017

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



Take the Prayer Challenge!

When I was a little girl I was an acolyte. We used real candles and it was my job to light every candle and then sit in a tiny pew on the chancel beside my Father, who was the pastor. I loved the Sundays that I was an acolyte. I arrived early with my Father and I helped him unlock the buildings, turn on the lights, and then we would go into his study. Dad would review his notes and tell me jokes, and then we would pray. I would listen to my Dad ask the Spirit to fill his words and the people. I would hear him pray for the hurting, hungry, and hated in the community. That's right the hated, rejected, and outcast were always heavy on his heart.

Those prayers changed me. In many ways, Dad's prayers are still changing me. It is easy for me to pray for those whom I love. It is even easy for me to pray for the people other people love. What is not easy is for me to pray for people who make my skin crawl, or fill my belly with rage, or who are oppressive, or angry, or hurtful. Lord, do I really have to pray for those people? And yet Jesus says in Matthew 5:44: "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." A curious thing began to happen in my Father's ministry, God began to send people that no other church wanted, the people who were hated, rejected, and outcast. Miracles began to spring up as well. These people, whom God loved, began to receive His love and find redemption, hope, and healing. Those years of faithful prayer planted seeds in the spiritual realm that bore great fruit. All because he prayed for the hurting, hungry, and hated in his community.

How is your prayer life? Do you pray for the hurting, hungry, and hated in our community? Or do your prayers only include blessings for yourself and the people you love. What if you began to echo the prayer that my father prayed, the kind of prayer that Jesus told us to pray? What if for the next 30 days you prayed for the hurting, hungry, and hated in our community? I am going to journal my prayers for the next 30 days and see what seeds God plants in my heart, our church, and in the spiritual realm. Will you join me?

Pastor Melanie



Children's Ministry News

New things are coming to the Clubhouse and Nursey! We are starting up a new game plan during the children's church hour, that's the time during the 10:45 Worship Service. The new schedule will have the kids moving to a different rotation each week by their age group. Each Sunday we will need about 10 adults helping at once. Not all help needed is teaching. We have many different opportunities, some as easy as providing food or loving up the kids. Here is the list of ways you can volunteer to help:

- **Breakfast Crew** - 4 to 5 people needed; Sunday School is being moved to Rob Reynolds. The breakfast crew is responsible for providing breakfast for the kids and also setting up and cleaning up the table.
- **Worship Leader** - Once the children return from the 10:45am Worship Service, we will start our worship time off with the Worship Leader leading the kids with 3 sets of praise songs.
- **Clubhouse Shepherds**—The Clubhouse Shepherds are responsible for their grade level. They will move to each rotation with the kids. They will also take attendance each Sunday and send out "we miss you" cards when kids have missed more than three Sunday's in a row. 4 people are needed.
- **Lesson Team**—There are many different options to pick from when it comes to picking a place to serve on the lesson team. Being on the lesson team means you will teach one lesson over the course of a few weeks. Month to month changes with the amount of time each lesson will take.
- **Nursery Team**—The Nursery is also changing into a rotation schedule. The Nursey will be a bit different but a team of three people including Ms. Martha will be needed.
- **45 Zone Team**—(4th and 5th graders Sunday School) Scott & Sally Durban are the leaders at this time but are hoping to have more helping hands involved. It's set up with a curriculum.

I know this seems like a lot but we want to make a difference in the lives of the kids Jesus has blessed us with. Start planting the faith! It will cost us our time, energy and maybe even a little patience but I know in the end we will see a big difference in the lives of all involved. If you can help in any way or have any questions please call me at the church office at 465-2422. I know God is moving Memorial to reach in Lake Placid and touch the lives of many. We just need to get ready.

Katie Robinson



FAMILY WORSHIP NIGHT

Fun...Faith...Family

September 6

5:30 PM

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. RSVP to katieb@memorialumc.com or 863-465-2422.

New Members Class

Would you like to learn more about becoming a member of MUMC? Pastor Melanie would like to personally invite you to attend a 4 week New Member Class, beginning on Monday, September 18 at 6pm. This class will help you explore what it means to be Wesleyan, Methodist, and a member of MUMC. We will help you find how you are created and gifted to serve in the church and in the community. Explore membership in a fun and exciting way.

Sign up:
863-465-2422

or

cherylm@memorialumc.com .

Coming Soon:

Starting in September Memorial family and friends are invited to join in monthly Sunday noon pot lucks and Wednesday Night Family Worship Nights at 5:30 PM in Rob Reynolds Hall.

September will kick off the season on the 6th at 5:30 PM with the first Family Worship Night. A simple dinner will be served, a time of worship, table activities, and "take home" kit projects will follow. Bring your kids and their friends to join in the fun. Donations will be accepted.

On Sunday, September 17, our first pot luck will be an "Old Fashioned Sunday". Think picnic favorites – fried chicken, homemade ice cream, and cobbler will be provided by the church. You bring your favorite "Southern side" to share. This would be a great opportunity to bring a friend or friends to church.

Team building for dinners and pot lucks will begin soon to help create these events. If you would like to share your talents and time to be part of this ministry, call the office at 465-2422 or Karin Wenger at 381-7908 and please leave a message.

Youth News

Here is what the Youth have on tap for the month of September:

- ◆ No Youth on September 3 due to the Labor Day holiday.
- ◆ Regular Youth will be held on both September 10 and 17 from 5:00 to 7:00 with Claude Burnett leading the youth through their evening activities.
- ◆ The youth are looking at going to the beach on September 24 for the day. Times will be announced when they are set.
- ◆ The plans are still underway for Rock the Universe set for September 9. See Claude for times and prices.
- ◆ There will be no mid-week youth activities in September.
- ◆ We will hold our next parent meeting at noon on September 17 as we look to October and beyond.

Claude Burnett

September Chat 'n Chew

Monday, September 18 at 6:00 PM

Destination TBA

Watch the bulletins for details.

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



The Sanctuary Choir has begun to practice and sing once again. Anyone who loves to sing is invited to join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 in the Sanctuary. In the next few weeks the choir will begin preparations for their Christmas musical which is tentatively scheduled for the morning of December 10.

Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you Memorial Family for your willing and heartfelt response when a call for help was sent out for the reception following Anne Reynolds' Celebration of Life. So many of you shared your time and talents, alongside members of 2 other churches in our community to provide a meaningful time of fellowship for family and friends.

What a privilege to serve our faithful God and remember with love our dear friend, Anne.

Karin Wenger

Circle of Love

After funeral and memorial services, the church offers receptions in Rob Reynolds Hall to encircle the grieving family with love and food prepared and donated by church members and attenders. Hostesses coordinate the reception so the family has one less worry in a difficult time. Is this an area you feel led to become involved? It's a huge blessing to grieving families with a small commitment on your part. Call Karin Wenger at 465-7162 to add your name to her list of helpers and those who are willing to prepare food a few times a year.

The Upper Room and The Daily Bread

Devotionals

Starting in January if you want to have one of the devotionals that Memorial offers in the Narthex, you need to order one in the church office. To be good stewards of Memorial's money, the office will only order devotionals for those that want them. For The Upper Room, you could also call 800-972-0422 and ask for offer 77/G12/ The offer is a year (6 issues) for \$10.00. The Daily Bread can be sent daily right to your email address.



Mark your calendar for some upcoming Children's Ministry events

- **Mason G Smoak Day** on Saturday, October 21st from 8:30am to 12:00pm- Memorial sets up an obstacle course for kids to enjoy and burn some energy.
- **Pumpkin Party** on Saturday, October 28th from 10:00am to noon- Memorial invites the Community to come and bring their own pumpkin and we'll have everything needed to make it perfect! There will be plenty of food, games and FUN.
- **Trunk or Treat** on Tuesday, October 31 from 5:15 to 8:30pm- Memorial is signed up to be a part of Lake Placid's Community Trunk or Treat event. We will be responsible for decorating our own trucks and providing candy for over 1000 kids.

United Methodist Women

UMW reminder: There will be no United Methodist Women meeting in September. Our first official meeting will be Tuesday, October 10th at 1 pm in the Rob Reynolds Hall. Every woman is invited to join us.

**The only thing missing from
__MW is U (you)!**
Barb Packard

Altar Flowers



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!

You Are Invited!



Monday Night Heart Group

Coming soon...the small group for ladies led by Gayle Samperi will resume in September. The group meets every Monday at 6 PM at Amber Louise Boutique on Main Street to discuss Christian books and pray together. On Monday, September 11, there will be a gathering at Beef 'O Brady's-back room, to have dinner and get your book. The book chosen this time is Friends of Jesus by Karen Kingsbury. To be a part of the group you must call 465-2422 or email memorial@memorialumc.com to order a book before September 1st so one can be purchased for you. Questions, call Gayle @ 863-840-0601.

Craft Class

Please join us Wednesday, September 6 in the Lighthouse to prepare Fall crafts, cards, and treat bags for our Home-bound members. All we need is you!

Avis Keen

September Birthdays



- 1—Ed Goodyear
- 1—Luke Hendrie
- 2—Faye Hamilton
- 4—Luann Steffen
- 5—Lou Walker
- 6—Jason Rogers
- 6—Richard Reaney
- 7— Carol Eifler
- 7—Jeanne Leis
- 8—Jean Lingren
- 9—Christena Villarreal
- 13—Dot Hogan
- 13—Kelly Reynolds
- 14—Bonnie Brown
- 15—David Mathias
- 16—Beverly Schultz
- 16—Elon Walker
- 17—Katie Robinson
- 17—Beth Simons
- 17—Sandy Rossborough
- 18 - Nevaeh Frazier
- 21 - Bonnie Arbogast
- 21 - Joy Dean
- 21 - Mary Lou McCauley
- 22 - Jason Robinson
- 23 - Daniel Maulden
- 26 - Dave Allen
- 26 - Landon Smoak
- 27 - Shirley Rose
- 27 - Sonny Stalls
- 28 - Eleanor Lee
- 28 - Betty Schultz



Memorial's Church Library


One of the best kept secrets in our church is our church library; located in the hallway behind the sanctuary.

Over a hundred new and donated books covering a wide range of interests have been added. In addition to books, we have DVD's and audio books in both CD and cassette form. Outside the library, in the hallway, our newest acquisitions are displayed. Beside this display is a rack of free materials you are welcome to take home and keep.

With the exception of the free books, ALL materials should be signed out. You will find a card in each item. Please print your first and last name along with the date you borrowed the item then place the card in the holder on the table in the library. When you return the item, just place it on the library table and we will take care of it for you.

Please check the books and DVD's at your house as we are missing several items. We're glad you are enjoying these items and hope others will also have the chance to enjoy them as well.

September Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion 8:30 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School	4  Office Closed	5 10 AM Change of Pace 12 PM Staff Meeting 6 PM SPRC	6 6 AM Prayer Group 9AM Craft Class 5:30 PM Family Worship Night 7 PM Choir	7 7 PM Missions	8	9
10 8:30 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 4 PM LPHCC 5 PM Youth	11 6:00 PM Finance 7:00 PM Trustees	12 10 AM Change of Pace 12 PM Staff Meeting 7 PM Church Council	13 6 AM Prayer Group 7 PM Choir	14 6:30 PM Child Protection Training	15	16
17 8:30 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School Noon Pot Luck 5 PM Youth	18 12 PM Newsletter Deadline 6 PM Chat 'n Chew 6 PM New Member Class	19 10 AM Change of Pace 12 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM LVCS Board	20 6 AM Prayer Group 7 PM Choir	21	22	23
24 Youth Beach Trip 8:30 & 10:45 Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School	25 6 PM New Member Class	26 10 AM Change of Pace 12 PM Staff Meeting	27 6 AM Prayer Group 8:15 AM See You at the Pole 7 PM Choir	28 3:30 PM Manna Board Meeting	29	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