

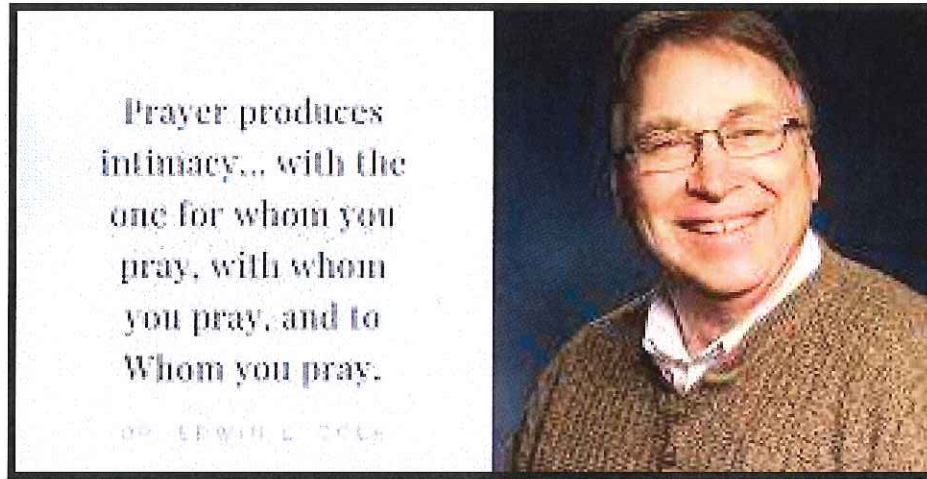
Memorial Methodist Messenger

Memorial United Methodist Church, Norman Ramsey, Pastor

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Our Mission is to help others grow in the love and joy of Jesus Christ

AUGUST 2020



Pastor's Note...

Karen and I want to express thanks and appreciation for the warm and kind welcome we have received from everyone here at Memorial. Even though many every-day and ordinary acts of ministry have been limited by the restrictions over concerns about the Covid-19 virus, we have been able to meet and start to get to know many within the congregation.

We give a special word of thanks to those who helped us move into the parsonage and all the work that was done both before and since we have been here. I know you too join me in praying for Russell and Julie as they start their new life in Florida.

Thanks, too, to the Sunday School classes who are meeting from house to house and who gave Karen and me a chance to meet you and participate with you.

Yet, we still wait for the return of in-person worship where we are face to face with God and each other. But in the midst of our present frustrations I want you to do two things.

1. Keep on being faithful to the Lord and to His work here at Memorial. Continue to pray, give, serve, and be a witness.
2. Continue to be creative in how you assemble together, how you encourage each other, and how you help your brothers and sisters prepare for the coming of the Lord.

As we move into the month of August together, I will continue to preach from the gospel of John. Our focus? Why Did Jesus Come? Read John, chapters 8 – 12 and ask God to speak to you out of His word each and every day.

Thank you to those who help us bring the word of God to you each week. For Tori Rothgeb and the fine work of editing and publishing she has done and for Nick Mendosa for filming our services and making sure we can all hear and see what is being said.

So, each Sunday as we expand our in-person worship options, remember you can still join us through [Facebook](https://facebook.com/memumc) or at our website <https://memumc.org/>. Also, you can attend in-person worship on the front lawn plus drive-in and tune in from the outside to 98.9 FM while we conduct our service.

Please pray for us for this is just as new to us as it is to you. Forgive us ahead of time when we mess up. We will by the grace of God improve as we go.

Love, Norman Ramsey.



Why Did Jesus Come?

9:00am –Worship; Lawn, Live, or Listen

In-person on Front Lawn of MUMC, Live on Facebook, or Listen on 98.3

August 2, 2020: So, You Could Be Free. (John 8)

August 9, 2020: So, You Could See. (John 9)

August 16, 2020: So, You Could Have Life. (John 10)

August 23, 2020: So, You Would See the Glory of God. (John 11)

August 30, 2020: So, He Could Be Crucified, Buried, Raised, & Glorified.
(John 12)

(During the month of August, we will be in Phase Two for our in-person worship services. But to offer the most liberty possible as we worship, we will continue to offer our services online, be live on FM 98.3 when you drive-in, and we will meet on the Front Lawn of MUMC for In-person worship. This means face coverings are still required once you leave your vehicle on church property, social distancing will be maintained, and there will be no congregational singing during the service. We pray and look forward to the time when these limitations will be lifted.)

NORMAN & KAREN RAMSEY CONTACT INFORMATION:

The parsonage phone is no longer connected but you can contact the Ramsey's on their cell numbers:

Norman 540-309-1776

Karen 540-309-1767

Pastor Norman will have office hours Monday- Thursday at the church. He will be off on Friday's. You can reach him on his cell phone anytime. If you would like to set up an appointment to meet with him or have him come visit you call the church office at 352-5705.

Church Council Minutes
Memorial United Methodist Church
Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Those in attendance were Sue Eggleston, Tom Conrad, Norm Ramsey, Sheila Webb, Doug Webb, Tom Hall, Marie Milton, Joan Holt, Kathy Dickerson, Kinckle Robinson, Leeann Robinson, Cindy Ranson, Dawn Elliott, Dan Turner, Blair Smith, Harry White, Mary Main, Steve Nadolson, Mitch Eggleston, and several ZOOM attendees.

Sue Eggleston called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Leeann Robinson led devotions.....2 Peter 1:3. God will call you to do what you can't do, but will provide you with what you need to do it.

June 2020 minutes were approved by consensus.

Ministry Reports

Kinckle Robinson (Finance).....We have had some additional expenses that have brought our bank balance down some. Estimate of giving is down. Building fund is holding steady.

It was discussed and agreed to keep ordering the offering envelopes.

Farmer's Bank safety deposit box issues have been resolved.

Blair Smith, Lay Leader.....Would like for handbells to start playing again since there is no singing allowed in church. Also would like to have an open house at the parsonage around Christmas.

George Bergdoll, Lay delegate to annual conference.....Annual Conference will be a ZOOM meeting on September 19th.

Marie Milton, Prayer Ministry and Parsonage Committee.....We have a lots of prayer needs lately. Parsonage move out/move in went as smoothly as possible in light of the renovations happening at the same time.

Steve Nadolson & Mary Main, Evangelism.....Things are slow right now as you can imagine. Looking forward to starting Kids Night again when possible. Want to start a library cart for sharing books with the congregation...this was approved by consensus.

Leeann Robinson, SS Superintendent.....Adult SS literature is available for pick-up.

Harry White, UMM.....The men plan to meet in August.

Tom Hall, Trustees.....Recommended we switch from Church Mutual Insurance to Brotherhood Mutual. Will save \$1500 per year and increase coverage. This was approved by vote.

Dan Turner, Property & Grounds.....Parsonage renovations are complete...original estimate of \$30K went to \$32K. Plus additional flooring, electrical, upstairs work, and landscaping that needed to be done, added another \$10k to the final figure. Most of the church building systems have remained stable, had to do work on one of the HVAC systems in the main church building. Hand sanitizer stations have been rented from Cintas for \$12 per week. Dan announced he will be stepping down as P & G chairman at the end of this year.

Doug Webb, SPRC.....Thanked all the volunteers for helping Norm and Karen move in all their furniture and other belongings.

Cindy Ranson, Daycare.....The Daycare is doing well and stayed healthy since opening up. No cases of covid-19. Currently the baby, toddler, and 3-year old and 4-year old rooms are running at capacity. Experiencing low numbers for the school kids. Received a CARES grant for \$8100 per month for being open during the pandemic (May and June).

Norman Ramsey.....Has enjoyed getting to meet a lot of folks. Would like for the church to take a look at a data base called "One Call Now", which will enable information to get out to all members of the church. Norm wants to thank Tori and Nick for their help in the on-line services. This Sunday, those listening to the service on their radios will need to tune into 98.9 FM.

Sheila Webb, Worship.....We have been offering on-line services over the past several months, and have purchased several pieces of equipment to facilitate this. The plan is to continue to offer this option even as we return to in-person worship. We will have our first hybrid worship service on the front lawn this Sunday with masks and social distancing required. Dan turner has constructed 2 wooden collection boxes for tithes and offerings to be collected in. Due to the uncertainty of future restrictions regarding worship, the Revival and Homecoming plans for September have been cancelled, and will be rescheduled for Spring of 2021. This was approved by consensus. Mike Rutland will be invited back as our guest preacher.

Norm Ramsey closed with prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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The Coolest People I Have Ever Met !

The coolest people I've ever met have the most colorful pasts.
They've lived lives of risk, made bad choices, learned lessons, explored,
and they're not afraid of being real.

Tattered tapestries woven of similar threads, they're my kind of people.

Stephen L. Lizotte

STEP 5 AT C/R...

WE ADMITTED TO GOD, TO OURSELVES, AND
TO ANOTHER HUMAN BEING

THE EXACT NATURE OF OUR WRONGS.

THEREFORE CONFESS YOUR SINS TO EACH OTHER
AND PRAY FOR EACH OTHER SO THAT YOU MAY BE HEALED.

JAMES 5:16A

Does the thought of following the instructions in this step scare you? What panics you the most: admitting to God or admitting to yourself? Or, is what frightens you the most admitting your shortcomings and struggles to another person? Is that because of what many say, "We Christians sometimes eat our own."

Yes, if we were told to just tell others our faults, it would be very, very scary. Thank goodness, there is a second part to James 5:16, which is ... and pray for each other. We are told to pray for each other and not so that the other

person is healed. But,.. You pray, so that you, personal, are healed. This verse says we all need prayer. Yup, because we all have faults, shortcomings, made mistakes, have pains, and have done dumb things.

Yet, reaching out, for help with our hurts, hang-ups, and harmful habits, is not easy. At C/R, you will find a group of people who have looked at their own lives and realized that we have all sinned and fallen short. Not just one person, but all of us. Don't believe that .. well this is what C.S. Lewis says, "*Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another* _____.

"What! You too? I thought I was the only one!"

Please join us Tuesday Nights to find a group of friends,
the coolest people you will ever meet,

**he lifts
the burdens
from those
bent down
beneath
their loads.**



Celebrate Recovery - Appomattox

Call us -- Cheryl Gowin 434-808-2637 or Dennis Gowin 434-808-2426
like CR-Appomattox on Facebook @celebrate.recovery.appomattox

*Join your Fellow Mountain Climbers
on Tuesdays at 6:45 in Legacy Hall
Helping You Climb Your Mountain*

Celebration Women **EVENT**

Saturday * August 29 * 6-8 PM

Courtland Festival Park

across from Memorial UMC, Court Street, Parking at MUMC



Speaker:
Lisa Cousins-Harris

- Pastor
- Teacher
- Mentor
- Intercessor
- Friend
- Prayer Warrior
- Advocate for the homeless

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To help with planning,
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Event, or emailing
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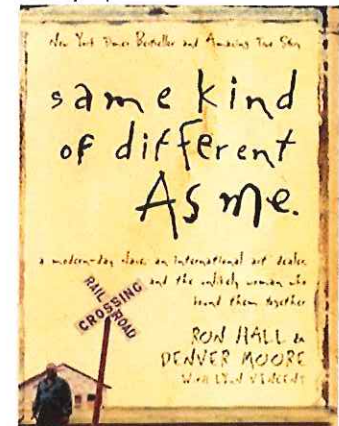
FREE EVENT
Bring your own chair or
blanket, bug spray

Please abide by CDC and VDH
regulations concerning COVID

Prayer * Music * Snacks
Speaker * Fellowship



Looking for a Good Read:



THOMAS ROAD WORLDWIDE

July 2020

Greetings! I want to take a moment to address a very serious issue that our country is facing today. It pains me to recognize that we're once again embroiled in a season of division and racial tension in the United States.

Having now served as a senior pastor for 13 years, I believe there are some topics that the church should not necessarily address. But there are other topics, like racism, which I believe the church absolutely must address if we are ever going to experience healing and unity in our land.

Regardless of our background, political belief, social status or skin color, the Bible is clear that we are all loved by God! In fact, God loved us so much that He sent His Only Son to provide salvation to us all (John 3:16).

The answer to this problem of racism we are facing today will never be found in the looting and burning of property, the sending of supportive tweets or even in the passage of new laws. My friends, the only true antidote to racism and injustice is found in Jesus Christ.

The world needs Jesus. And I believe the church should act as the "tip of the spear" to finally put an end to the monsters of division and racism in our society.

But this is only possible when you and I begin to see others the way Jesus sees them. When we begin to serve others the way that Jesus served them. When we begin to follow Christ's example in treating every human life as image bearers of Almighty God.

-- Black or White / Police or Protestor / Man or Woman / Born or Unborn --

Our mission remains: "To change our world, by developing Christ followers, who love God, and love people."

So today, let us as followers of Christ recommit to loving one another as we love ourselves. Let us recommit to reaching out to others with the life-changing message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For when we do, our nation will truly become unified under God.

Your friend in Christ,
Jonathan Falwell

FAST from judging others;
FEAST on Christ dwelling in them.

FAST from fear of illness;
FEAST on the healing power of God.

FAST from words that pollute;
FEAST on speech that purifies.

FAST from discontent;
FEAST on gratitude.

FAST from anger;
FEAST on patience.

FAST from pessimism;
FEAST on optimism.

FAST from negative;
FEAST on compassion.

FAST from self-concern;
FEAST on charity.

FAST from suspicion;
FEAST on truth.

FAST from gossip;
FEAST on purposeful silence.

FAST from problems that
overwhelm;
FEAST on prayer that sustains.

FAST from worry;
FEAST in faith.



We would like to thank everyone for all of the cards, thoughts, prayers and donations given to the MUMC Building Fund since the passing of our mother. Each act of kindness was greatly appreciated.

God bless you all,
Janet & Beverly



A great big Thank- You to the "Sunshine Ladies" and the two little "Sunshiners" for the happy visit they made to us. Although we stayed out under the shade tree, the Lord provided a wonderful breeze that kept us comfortable.

The flowers were lovely, the oranges delicious and (gone), and the singing was delightful. Thanks so much for the joy you brought.

Our Love,

Myrt & Manning Harrell



Thank you so much for all the cards, prayers, and phone calls you gave during the illness and passing of Billy. All was greatly appreciated.

Love,

Betty Guthrie

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE



SUNSHINE CARAVAN

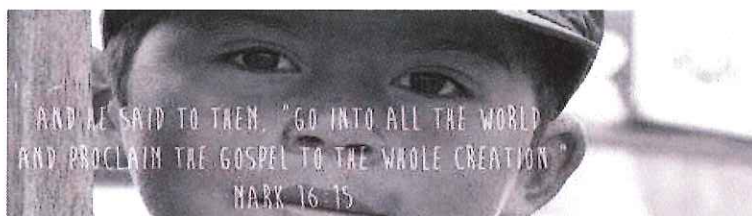
EVERYONE YOU VISITED ENJOYED IT SO MUCH!

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord,
All the earth: make a loud noise,
& rejoice, and sing praise.*

Psalms 98:4 King James Version

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER WILL BE AUGUST 21ST. THE NEWSLETTER MAILING TEAMS WILL MEET THURSDAY, AUGUST 27TH AT 9 AM IN LEGACY HALL.





Our Missionary Partners:

YoungLife (Appomattox, VA) Central Virginia VA27, P.O. Box 3543 Lynchburg, VA 24503-0543; (giving.younglife.org)

The Jesus Center (Appomattox, VA) P.O. Box 322 Appomattox, VA 24522

Clara Biswas, Street Children Ministries (Cambodia) clarabiswas@online.com.kh (advance.umcmmission.org/p-1509-biswas-clara-mridula.aspx)

Chris & Paula McNutt, Hope of Life, Mt. Comfort (Guatemala) 445 Abbitt Branch Rd. Appomattox, VA 24522 (passion4guatemala.com)

Charles & Becky Jackson, Generous Hands (Philippines) charlesbeckyjackson@msn.com

Emi Monges, Ambassadors for Christ (Paraguay) emimonges@hotmail.com <https://afciworld.org/what-we-do/focus-on-the-heart/>

The Mathers, Stepping Forward Ministries (Romania) Stepping Forward Ministries, PO Box 20065, Salem, Oregon 07307



As we are all too aware, our world looks a lot different, but some things have not changed! There are still too many children who will not get gifts at Christmas. Thank God for Operation Christmas Child!

Once again, we are being offered a chance to make a child's life brighter: for a total of \$5 you can get a #5 soccer ball, a hand pump (short enough to fit into the box), a filler needle AND a toothbrush! WIN-WIN! But MUMC must have a minimum of 20 orders by August 9th to be able to take advantage of this great deal! So please take advantage of this offer today. Just call the church office 352-5705 or email memorialumc5705@gmail.com or sign up on the Legacy Hall bulletin board list to place your order.

Thank you, Kathy Dickerson

The Missions committee of Memorial United Methodist Church exists to reach out to the needy and to spread the gospel. Its main focus is to involve the congregation in Missions. It is equally committed to local, national, and international needs. If you want to experience the joy of spreading the gospel and helping the needy, join us in one of our hands on Missions Opportunity! If you are interested in finding out more information or giving ideas on missions opportunities, please contact Sue Waddell at 434-660-0367.

1 August	Lisa Romano
2 August	Richard Robinson, Gloria Gibson
3 August	Jonathon Smith
4 August	Ripkin Rothgeb
7 August	Melanie Reel
8 August	Martha Morris, Ronnie Ranson
10 August	Margaret Moon (100 th), Haley Lawson, Nick Doss, Faye Hunter
11 August	Mary Main, Steve Nadolson, Bo House, Russell Cheatham
14 August	Adam House, Laura Dennis
16 August	Justin Rothgeb
19 August	Mikaila Bagby, Annette Rosado
21 August	Kaylee Garrison
28 August	Rebecca Rosser
31 August	Virginia Scott, Mallory Webb



1 August.	Terry & Tom Conrad
23 August	Sandy & Gerald Wilbun
31 August.	Donna & Gray Nash
31 August	Debbie & Baxter Parris



August 2020



PRAYER CONCERNS:

Cure for the COVID-19 Virus

Sara Carter (Motorcycle accident)

Sue Woodroof (Janet Noble's daughter)

Bonnie (Julie Cheatham's sister)

Anna Witt (Stacey Purcell's mother battling cancer)

Baxter Parris (knee replacement surgery)

Thomas Pairet (brain injury)

Jessica Phelps (daughter of Ginny Kress MDC worker)

Eddie Culbertson (recovery from surgery)

Bobby Garrett (testing for spot on lungs)

Dr. Larry Smith & Mother Ruth (both at the Summit)

Bethany Nadolson (Targeted Cancer treatments)

Manning Harrell & Family

Tommy Bryant (Beverly Davidson's brother-in-law- surg)

Greg Knight (Francis Knight's son)

Kash Lucado (Joan Holt's nephew's baby)

Darlene Clark (Gerald Wilbun's cousin) heart attack

Jennifer Tucker (friend of Cindi Williams, breast cancer)

Charlotte Fenchum (Butch Thomas' girlfriend)

Tony Freedman (UM Rev. Freedman Kim's son)

Ethan Nadolson (Steve Nadolson's son)

Janet Lowery (Skeeter & Betty Armstrong's niece)

Carrie B. Lloyd (Rick & Mindy Blake's daughter)

Linda Thomas Turner (Beverly Thomas' cousin)

Frances Parsons (Bob Parson's mother)

Nick Vancil (Beverly Thomas kin)

Deb Stacey (health issues)

Doug Doss Jr. (Father of Melissa Doss)

Shawn & Jennifer Walsh (Jean Walsh's son & daughter-in-law)

Cayden Walsh (Walsh's grandson)

Brandon Coles (Kelly Cole's brother)

Robin Parsons (daughter of the Parsons- cancer)

Michelle Denis (Hospice, friend of Parson's)

Judy Ferguson & family (aunt of Dawn Elliott)

Olivia Baldwin (Bob & Doreen Parson's friend)

Patricia Wallace (Melissa Doss' aunt)

Vicky Jones (Stroke- Peg Lawson's niece)

Timothy Lloyd (Skeeter & Betty's Grandson)

Bobby Waddell

Sue Woodroof:

Thomas Pairet,

Fred Underwood

Joanne Burger

Cora Coles

Robert

Benny Harvey

Ann Spain

Fielder Family

Ronnie Spiggle

Betty Armstrong

Denise Bates

Sharee Whitmer

Gary Lindsey

Cassidy Richardson

Cathy Bates

Phil Bass

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to:

- The Family of Genell Bass, Phil Bass' mother. Genell passed away on June 27, 2020. Lift the Bass family in prayer during this difficult season.

- The Family of Billy Guthrie. Billy passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2020. Please continue to lift Betty and family up in prayer during this difficult time.

- The Family of Thomas Casey. Thomas passed away on July 3, 2020. Keep Thomas' family and friends lifted in prayer during this very difficult time.

- The Family of Bentley Nash. Bentley passed away on June 30, 2020. Pray for his family and friends during this difficult season.

Lord hear our prayers.

Continuing Concerns:

Babcock Manor, 4151 Pumping Station Rd. Appomattox, VA 24522: Anne Weakley, Margaret Wilson,

Lorene Lucado, & Estaline McCraw- c/o Ann Smith 4132 Suck Mountain Trail, Bedford, VA 24523

Mary Martin, Valley View Retirement, Room 401A, 1213 Long Meadows Dr., Lynchburg, VA 24502

Daphne Jackson, Bentley Commons, Apt. 227, 1604 Graves Mill Rd., Lynchburg, VA 24502

Frances Rogers, St. Joseph's Home, 1503 Michaels Road, Henrico, VA 23229

Sara Baine, 160 Virginia Ave., Appomattox, VA 24522

Victor & Susan Vernon, 126 Ceocia Lane, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477

Margaret Moon, 120 Dogwood Lane, Orange, VA 22960

Manning & Myrt Harrell, 78 Woodline Dr., Concord, VA 24538

Anna Johnson, 276N Main St., Amherst, VA 24521

Cheryl Skipper, 195 Parkview Lane, Appomattox, VA 24522

United Methodist Church, All Bishops and Conference Leaders, Va. Conference Bishop Sharma Lewis,

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College Students, Members of our Armed Services stationed overseas and here at home, Police Force &

Special Agencies, President Trump, World leaders, The United States of America, All refugees



Our Ministry of Prayer: Anyone wishing to receive prayer requests for our church and community send your email address to Marie Milton at mcmorgan112@gmail.com. If you would like a name on our printed bulletin Prayer list, please contact the church office at 352-5705. At the end of each month the Prayer List will be posted. Your help in removing names (when appropriate) and giving updates is greatly appreciated.



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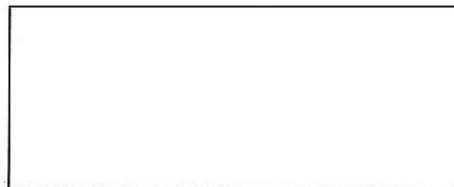
*Our Vision is to Help People Grow in the Love and Joy of
Jesus Christ*

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WORSHIP

WITH US!!!

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or LISTEN- (98.3FM)**



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