

JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ONLINE SERVICES AT MemorialSunday.org TITHES & OFFERINGS AT givememorial.org						1 OFFICE CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022!
2 8:45 am - Traditional Service 10:00 am - Sunday Schools 11 am - Casual Service	3 6:30 pm - Leadership & Development	4	5 9:30 am - Bible Study	6 11 am - Line Dancing 1:00 pm - Yarn 5:15 pm - Young Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm - NAMI 7:15 pm - Chancel Choir	7	8 8 am - UM Men's Breakfast MEN'S BREAKFAST FAITH, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP
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30 - UMW Sunday 8:45 am - Traditional Service 10:00 am - Sunday Schools 11 am - Casual Service	31					Children's Theater will be using fellowship hall from 4 - 6 pm on M, Tu, W, Th from Jan 19th thru Mar. 10th

Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed.
 Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude.

Denis Waitley



Memorial United Methodist Church

Poplar Leaves



January 2022

MEMORIAL STAFF

- Ron Branson* Senior Pastor
- Tim Voll* Associate Pastor
- Linda Lutz* Admin. Assistant
- Pat Friday* Treasurer
- Christy Cresgy* Financial Secretary
- Logan Williams* Education Director
- Joe Cresgy* Music Director
- Lydia Bridgewater* Media Director
- Christy Cresgy & Missy Wilcox* Family Activities Director
- Paula Metheny & Lydia Bridgewater* Preschool Co-Directors
- Alfred VanGilder* Kids Hope USA, Co-Directors
- Alfred VanGilder* Custodian

Ministers:
All the People of Memorial

Sunday Worship Times:
8:45 / 11:00 AM

Sunday School:
10:00 AM

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9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Reflections on Our Journey:

As I'm writing this, it's a week before Christmas, but I'm guessing you'll be receiving this just as we move into the new year. Welcome to 2022! I've titled my page here **Reflections on Our Journey**. As I close out 2021, I can't help but think about all the people who have walked with me over the past year, and honestly since I arrived in July 2020, with deep gratitude.

First on my list is Pastor Tim and Donna. Coming to a community and replacing a 15-year pastor is never easy, but in the middle of a pandemic lockdown crazy world, it was unreal. Without the love and support of both Donna and Tim, it's certain Janette and I would have been lost.

First again (which is to say of equal importance) is Kevin ... above everyone else, Kevin has been with me day in and day out helping me understand what *has been* and pondering how to gently communicate all the necessary changes for safety and practicality, and yet honor past traditions.

I am no less grateful (perhaps first yet again) for Logan. During the worst of the shutdowns, he was able to work magic, so that we could still have choral arrangement in the Traditional Worship. Bit by bit, he's also been able to help the Casual Worship grow and blossom. We are blessed to have him here, along with all the mainstays of our music program that now includes John Blair.

Can I get a 4th first? Joe Cresgy has been amazing. Through everything, he has figured out how to bring all the technical magic together so that we were able to livestream, and with Christy as his ever-present helper, they have kept us going and growing. I still remember being in the Memorial Sanctuary on Christmas Eve in 2020 with Joe and Christy, Tim and Donna, Logan, and Janette ... and now ... as I have noted before, we are preparing for even more brighter days!

There have been so many others who have come alongside me ... leaders on the committees and boards, but I can't emphasize enough how much it has meant to be able to count on Christy and Missy to keep our amazing Preschool open all year. It's been amazing that Paula and Lydia were able to do Covid Kids Hope and then bring it back together this year with the help of many wonderful volunteers. Then, with attendance barely hanging on, Lydia has been an absolute miracle worker coordinating youth and family events that are the envy of every clergy person I know who has seen all that has been happening at Memorial. And finally, behind the scenes, Pat and Linda have kept our books and accounts running and up to date.

There are so many others I'd like to mention, but I'm running out of space and will have to apologize as I simply list those who are our Staff. If you didn't already know, we are blessed!

It is so easy to focus on the hardships, but in these times when we have been pushed miles outside of our comfort zone, we have grown and will continue to grow. Our volunteers are just as wonderful as the Staff and I am grateful for all the people who together are called Memorial.

I'm pretty sure that there will be changes ahead, after all, Kevin has moved to new adventures and we're still looking for an Administrative Assistant to replace him, while Alfred VanGilder will be our new Custodian. What else is coming? Only God knows, but already I am giving thanks for the opportunities we will have.

"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him!" (Psalm 34:8)

Grace and Peace my friends, Pastor Ron.

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Ramblings of the Associate Pastor

"Lights"

"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.' After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy." (Matt 2:1-10 ESV)

Last fall, our vacation travels lead us to several lighthouses along the coast of Lake Michigan. In general, these structures remain as only historical sites for tourists since shipping navigation has modernized to satellite and radio tracking. However, the lights continue to serve as a reference point in many instances. The lights attract attention as they pierce the darkness. During the holidays, many of us hang lights on our property and inside our homes to decorate for the season. These lights could be classified as an attractive nuisance. Often, they are difficult to put up, and more difficult to take down. One of our recent troubling experiences with these lights involved a string of lights on a pre-lit tree here at the church. After some failed attempts to find the issue, we ultimately replaced the string with new lights for that section of the tree. I imagine most of us have suffered through the aggravation of attempting to resolve a lighting issue or two. I remember as a young boy my tedious work at stuffing strings of Christmas lights back into their box with each bulb carefully wedged into its respective cardboard slot in the original box. That effort was followed by inserting that overstuffed box inside of cardboard sleeve with a cellophane window that had holes and tears from a Christmas past. Then of course, we check the lights one last time to make sure they all work before storing them away until next year. All these problems have been endured year after year because Christmas lights are rare, they are impossible to find anywhere, and when you do find a set, it is just a day before Christmas and therefore too late for decorations this year? On the other hand, maybe there is another reason we work so hard to preserve an old string of Christmas lights. Maybe we simply expect them to shine brightly because we have already seen them work. We know they can work. The last time we saw them, everything was fine.

How many times has some challenged your stubbornness? Is stubbornness an admirable quality or a fault? I think the answer rests somewhere in the context of the situation. Do you have a steadfast, unwavering, commitment to Christ? How often do you suppose those wise men in scripture asked one another about the certainty of their course? History doesn't have a record of how many shipwrecks have been avoided because the ship captain saw and understood the light on the horizon just in time to adjust course. How many souls have seen the lights of Christmas and wondered why people work so hard at them? "You are the light of Christ to the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden" (Matt 5:14, ESV)

~ Tim

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Memorial UMC has partnered with the American Red Cross to host blood drives here at Memorial. These blood drives will be open to members of Memorial and the community.

The blood drive will be on: Friday: Feb. 18th from 9am - 2pm, in the Narthex.

You can sign up by - Calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCross-Blood.org and enter: MEMORIALUMC (or your zip code) to schedule an appointment.

You can always call the church office for help or questions (812-234-0776)



Praying Together - Judy Hoover, Prayer Line Co-Coordinator

Lost and Found

The older I get, the more often I tend to temporarily lose valuables, such as my keys, my credit card, or my sunglasses (which are often perched on top of my head!). Rick Hamlin shares my problem in a recent Daily Guideposts devotion, for he laments, "I seem to have become the Absent-minded Professor, with a specialty in Lost Things." After days of searching for his money clip, for example, his wife prayed that it would be found. "Of all impossible prayers!" he exclaimed. But the very next day, he found his "laundered money" in wet pants taken out of the washing machine. Prayer answered!

As a new Christian, I had great faith that lost items would miraculously reappear when I prayed, and they usually did. I fully believed the words of Jesus in Luke 8:17: "There is nothing hidden that will not be found"(CEV). My child-like faith has been tested over the years, but I still have observed that I find my stuff more quickly when I remember to pray. Today, for example, I realized that I didn't have my cell phone just after checking in at the doctor's office. I was confident that the phone was back in my car and that I had plenty of time before I would be called in by the nurse. However, when I checked my vehicle, the cell was nowhere to be seen! Did it fall out of my purse on my way into the office? Did someone pick it up and take it away? I was beginning to panic when I remembered to pray. Immediately after that, I opened the back door and found the phone wedged tightly between the back seats. Very strange, but providential timing, because she was already calling my name when I rushed back into the building!

We have all suffered losses in 2021, often because of the continuing effects of Covid. Perhaps our finances, our jobs, our church attendance, our health, or our independence has suffered. In addition, we may have been praying for decades for lost loved ones who desperately need to find the Lord, as Keith and I have prayed for our son Kevin. As this new year begins, I want to encourage us all to "always pray and never give up" (Luke 18:1). After all, Jesus is our co-worker in the "lost and found" department! He came to earth specifically to "seek and save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). Be encouraged that 2022 can be a year of restoration, as we partner with Jesus in prayer, both seeking and finding. Now where did I put my Bible???

JOHN P BLAIR: Most of us know John by now. He is our Organist/Pianist and has been accompanying both the Chancel Choir and Prayz Team. He received his Bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance from Indiana State University and studied acting at the Indiana Reperatory Theatre. John loves teaching vocal performance, piano and theatrical techniques. He has served over sixteen years in Methodist churches. For more information about John's extensive "bio", refer to the May Poplar Leaves.

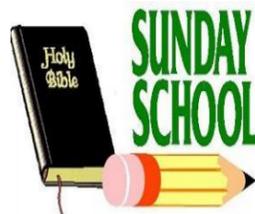
CAROL DAVIS: Carol has a Bachelors and Masters from ISU. She is a representative for Johnson and Johnson/Jansen Pharmaceuticals. Her interests are golf and bowling and she is learning piano. She is a member of the Eastern Star (Rainbow Girls). This takes a lot of her time outside of her work. Carol transferred her membership from Shelbyville and attends the "Thoughtful Studies" Sunday School Class.

DONNA AND TONY RICHARDSON: Donna and Tony moved here after Tony accepted a teaching position at RHIT/EE. They have been married for 30 years!! Tony earned his Masters at Syracuse and his PhD at Duke University. Donna also earned her PhD at Duke. She teaches at North Central in Farmersburg (Math and Physics). They have three adult daughters. Donna enjoys tennis and golf. She sings in the Chancel Choir and plays in the Bell Choir. Tony also plays tennis.

AUTUMN GOEKLER: Autumn moved to TH from Marshall, Illinois. She is a Registered Sleep Technician and works at Union Hospital as a Respiratory Therapist in the Sleep Clinic. She plans to retire in January. Autumn has one son, two daughters and 5 grandchildren.

PAT AND NANCY RALSTON: Both Pat and Nancy are retired. Pat from Terre Haute First Bank and Nancy from Lost Creek Elementary where she taught 1st Grade. Pat enjoys golf and Nancy enjoys knitting. Both enjoy travel. Their son Ryan lives in Terre Haute and will be getting married this summer.

Welcome
New Members



Church Nursery, Jr. Church

Jr. Church/ Nursery Help

We are in need of help with Jr. church and in the nursery.
If you would like to help please see Christy.



Youth and Family Ministries

Happy New Year everyone! This year I am going to start something new with my family by thanking a different group in our community every month. We will do this by sending homemade baked goods, crafts, or colorings to those groups in our community. I want to challenge each of you to do the same for someone whether it is an individual or a group every month, let someone know you are thinking about them and are thankful for their sacrifices.

I am also going to reinstate our Flat Jesus selfies, please send you pictures to me at bridgewater_2015@yahoo.com to be shared on the Memorial UMC Facebook page. Flat Jesus cards can be found on Sundays at the M-Cards table.

It's winter! That means SNOW is on the way! So be on the lookout on our Facebook page for dates/times to play in the snow and go sledding.



11/6 and 11/20 – Young Adult Bible Study 5:15pm

We have just begun studying the story of Jonah and would love for you to join us.

11/13 – Euchre Night/ Card Games Night 6pm

Please bring a covered dish to share. If you don't know how to play Euchre we can teach you or we can try a different card game that you like.

11/16 - UMM Family game Night 3-6 pm. See additional information on page 6.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Memorial United Methodist Church of Terre Haute on Monday, January 17, 2022.



A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque): An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening: An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA): An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.

Atrial Fibrillation: A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.

Osteoporosis Risk: An ultrasound is performed to measure the shin bone for abnormal bone mass density. This can help assess the risk of osteoporosis, a disease where bones become weak and brittle.

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$139 and take 60-90 minutes to complete.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441, text the word "circle" to 797979 or online at <https://llsa.social/HSC>

M-CARDS

Thank you for all of your support in 2021! We look forward to serving you this coming year. Your tax contributions will be included in your tithes statements and mailed to you. This amount is the percentage that was given to the church from the vendor of the cards that were purchased. Happy 2022!



The m-cards are available at the church office during the week.

MEMBER CARE COMMITTEE - Sunshine Baskets

As is our custom at Christmas, our committee sent "Sunshine" Christmas Gifts to our friends who are unable to attend church in person. This year each person received a beautiful winter scarf with their name embroidered on each one. Whether inside or out, they will keep you warm.

We would like to thank **Memorial's Preschool** children for decorating the gift bags and the **Visitation Committee** for delivering each gift.

We wish all our Memorial Friends a Blessed Christmas whether you can worship in person or from a location far away. We pray for you and hold you in our hearts.



*God Bless,
Member Care Committee*

Thank You!

Two Thank You letters were received from 14th & Chestnut center for recent food and monetary donations from Memorial UMC.

From UM Men: Thank you to everyone who came out for the Pancake Supper, We raised over \$500.

The Education Committee would like to thank everyone for their help with the Crafts, Cookies and Concert event. Thank you to everyone that donated cookies. We had so many delicious cookies and they were enjoyed by all. Thank you to those that helped prepare the crafts and to those that worked the event. The people of Memorial are very giving and caring and are always willing to help when asked. The Education Committee truly appreciates all the support.

"Thank you for your prayers, cards, and gifts during the Christmas Season" *Tim & Donna Voll*

Thank You from Gene and Shanda Johnson: We want to thank the members and friends of Memorial Church for your prayers, cards, calls and visits during the past 10 months while Gene was and continues to be under treatment for his fifth bout with cancer. He has undergone months of intravenous immunotherapy followed by months of oral chemotherapy. HE IS CURRENTLY STABLE and for that we give thanks.

He started a new treatment of oral chemotherapy the week before Christmas. Please continue to remember us in your prayers. We have witnessed a medical miracle in the past month. He is physically and mentally stronger than he has been in months, and we know God is taking care of him (us) and listening to the prayers for recovery. Thank you, Memorial members, for your support.

Lay of the Land

In service to God - January 2022

David M. Peter

Happy New Year to each and every one of you! As we welcome in this new year, let us all find ways to renew ourselves, our faith, and our relationship with Jesus Christ. You might just be wondering what I am doing in my own walk of faith. I was asked by Pastor Ron Branson to serve the congregation of Memorial as Lay Leader, and after praying for discernment, accepted and as of the first of January 2022 begin my service.

By way of an introduction, for those of you who don't know me well, and others who know of me, let me take an opportunity to tell you my story. I have lived here in Terre Haute since June of 2002. Before that I have lived in Texas, Virginia, Oklahoma, Kansas, Maryland; and just to provide even more mystery, I've lived in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia, the former West Germany, and other points. Yes, I have served this country as a soldier and Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the United States Army.

I have worked as an Instructor at the college and community college level, substitute teacher here in the Vigo County School Corporation, Contractual Employee of the Texas Engineering Extension Service, Mansour General Dynamics in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and lately, the Dean of the Library at Vincennes University.

And it was here, with Memorial, that I began my studies as a Lay Servant. You see, my faith is such an integral part of my life. My faith stands in a line with distant relatives, who served the Methodist, and later United Methodist Church as a circuit rider in Illinois and Kentucky, several missionaries, district superintendents, Sunday School teachers and so many more. I can say with assurance that I come from a line of Servants, to the Church, and to Jesus Christ. I continue to lead the Lectionary Bible Study on Wednesday mornings. I try to live my life as God would have me do so.

All of that being said, let me affirm my commitment to serve as the lay leader. I will always strive to fulfill the duties listed in Paragraph 251 of the Book of Discipline. This will be an evolving charge for me. Answering the call from Isaiah 6:8, "I'm here; send me." (Common English Bible), I am here, ready and preparing for each and every day.

I would like to thank Ruth Bro, for her service as Lay Leader. Look for this column, the Lay of the Land, to continue as I contribute to it each month. Thanks to so many who have made an impact on my life and my spiritual development here at Memorial. I would be remiss if I did not mention Dave Sabaini. I met Dave at ISU many years ago, and found him to be a friend, and a mentor. Through Dave's prayers and encouragement, I took my Walk to Emmaus, and my faith walk has never been the same. Dave would greet you with "Who loves you brother?" and a hearty hug. Like Dave and John Wesley's "How goes it with your soul?" I will always have time for listening, for conversation, for prayer and for study.

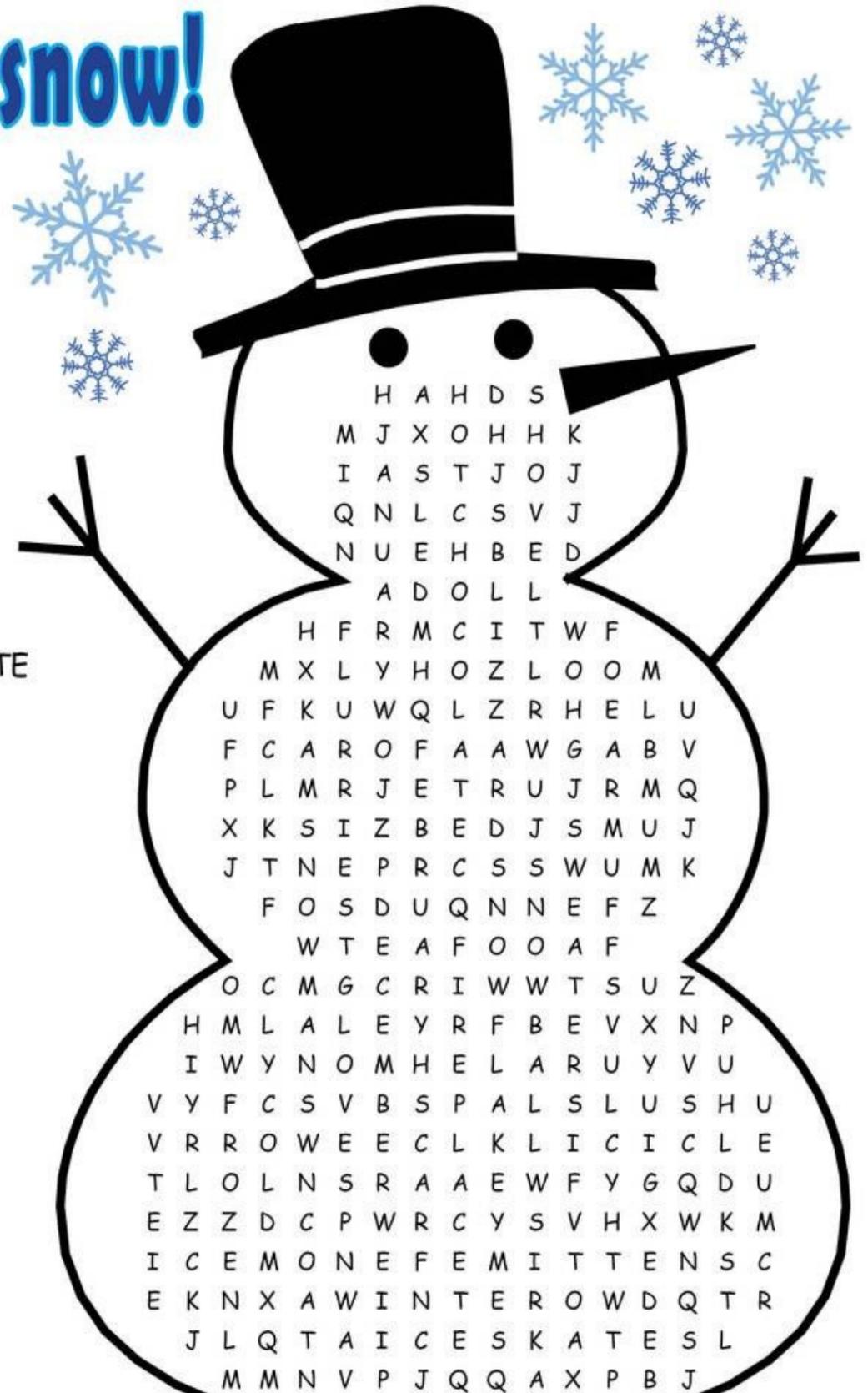
Santa's Shop at 14th and Chestnut

Another Christmas and we were unable to set up the Santa Shop at 14th and Chestnut. I did not want the season to go by without our church giving each child an individual gift. I planned a Gingerbread themed assortment of goodies and crafts (Oriental Trader provided a paper box that folded into a gingerbread house). I filled it with Christmas items, art projects and candy for the children to eat, use and/or make. There was \$45.00 left in the UMW Santa Shop account held over from the last year we had the Shop. This year I spent \$121.93 and was reimbursed \$45.00. If you would like to help cover the cost, please donate to UMW and specify for the Santa Shop. President Vickie Certain or Treasurer Pat Friday would accept your donation or drop it off at the church office.

Thanks, Shanda Johnson

Let it snow!

BLIZZARD
COAT
COLD
DECEMBER
EARMUFFS
FEBRUARY
FIREPLACE
FLURRIES
FROZEN
GLOVES
HOT CHOCOLATE
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WINTER



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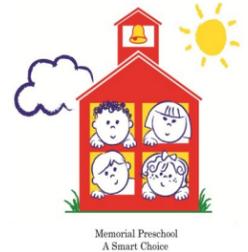
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Work out which of the numbers goes in each space in the puzzle below. One of the numbers has been done for you.

3 DIGITS	4 DIGITS	5 DIGITS	6 DIGITS	7 DIGITS
228	2107	7265	34107	81526
375	2951	7432	47023	84272
487	3620	7547	49132	92053
735	6282	9043	69173	
947				
963				

Memorial Preschool News



Happy New Year to everyone!

It is hard to believe a new year has begun. We hope everyone had a pleasant holiday. The preschool finished off 2021 with their Christmas program. The children worked hard preparing for their performances during the UMW Christmas luncheon and the Preschool Christmas program with the help of John P. Blair. John put together a great program that included singing from Janel Quillin and a story with Pastor Ron. Thank you, John, Janel, Pastor Ron, and Joe Cresgy, for his behind-the-scenes work. We would also like to thank the UMW for the gifts the children and staff received, everyone was thrilled with them.

The preschool is looking forward to the start of the new year with lots of fun activities planned for the little ones. Classes will resume on Monday, January 3rd after a couple of weeks off for Winter Break. Wednesday, January 12th plan on joining the children as we wear our pajamas to school and enjoy special activities during our All-School Pajama Day. There will be no school on Monday, January 17th as we observe Martin Luther King Day. Thursday, January 20th we will hold our Winter Ball. All the students and their families are invited to attend our version of a preschool prom. Wednesday, January 26th will be another All-School Day as we go crazy with Backwards Day.

We will resume placing orders through Scholastic Book Clubs. If you would like to order books, please visit scholastic.com/bookclubs. Our online Scholastic code number is GMB3V. Orders are due by Thursday, January 20th. We currently have not received the January Scholastic flyers, but they are available online.

Thank you again for all the support and prayers we receive for the preschool.

In Ministry together, Christy Cresgy and Missy Wilcox

CHILDREN'S THEATRE - REHEARSING AT MEMORIAL

Dixie Brown and the Terre Haute's Children's Theatre will be auditioning and rehearsing at Memorial (mostly in fellowship hall) for their upcoming play, "Seussical". Auditions will be January 14 -16. Rehearsals will begin around January 19th and end around March 10th. Rehearsal times are 4 - 6 pm, Monday - Thursday. Show times will be announced later.



Margaret Circle

Margaret Circle will meet on Thursday, January 13th, at 10:00 am in the chapel. We will be discussing, **Born A Crime. Stories from a South African.** By: Trevor Noah
Questions? Call the church office.



Happy New Year from Memorial's Kids Hope ministry! So far the school year is going well, with 14 matches – a match being a student, mentor, and prayer partner. While it has been a challenge to get together with a couple of the children because of quarantine, illness, or other absences, most of the mentors are thrilled to be with their child each week. They brag on their child's reading skills, are impressed by what good sports they are in losing (and winning), and speak about what good people they are becoming. The children love their mentors and you can see why – their mentors always have a compliment for them. What a difference a few simple words make in the life of one these children!

We still have some children who need a mentor, mostly boys right now, so come and talk to Lydia or me if you are interested. We can answer any questions for you about this once-a-week commitment.

Loving on one of these children will be time well spent!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Carol DeFrance	15	Rachael McDowell
	Amanda Owens	16	Matthew Markle
2	Peggy Persinger	19	Allison Felstein
	Laura Hendrix		Marilyn Harney
4	Marisa Monser	20	Brian Hewitt
5	Nicholas Ferency	21	Jess Holler
	Payton Ferency	23	Jim Bailey
6	Spence Tofaute		Tom Kendall
	Bill Lindstaedt		Ted Kraly
7	Judy Hoover		Mike Porter
9	Jackson Perkins	24	Laurel Monser
10	George Nelson	26	Deborah Walters
	Steve Williams	27	Judy Hatch
12	Joe Biggs	28	Susan Helman
	Margaret Swank		Larry Martin
13	Leslie Loveless	29	Dixie Brown
	Christine Gordon	30	Carol Waltersdorf
14	Sally Sudbrink	31	Joan Markle
	Becky Kirk		Alvin McFadden

Happy Anniversary

January Anniversaries

No January Anniversaries

We apologize if we've left off your birthday or anniversary. Please contact the church office and we will be happy to include it in the future.

OFFICE HOURS / VOLUNTEERS

There will be a temporary change to the church office hours beginning January 3, 2022. The office hours will be 9 am – 1 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday. **The office will be closed on Monday & Thursday.**

Volunteers are need at the church to answer the phones and greet folks as they come and go from the church. This only temporary until a new Administrative Assistant is hired. Please contact Pastor Ron if you are able to help.

We need

YOU!



Prayer is an important ministry of our church! You are welcome to be a part of our internet prayer ministry at Memorial. Maybe having a loved one on the prayer chain has comforted you. You are welcome to join in this service to another in need of prayer. Judy Hoover and the church office are facilitating this prayer ministry and you may send your email address to be added to this group.

Just send a message to Judy Hoover at hoover@rose-hulman.edu or to the church office at mumcoffice@umcmemorial.com

Please Pray for those listed below and for the struggle/s they are dealing with...

Requests made in December:

Josh Briggs, going thru difficult times
Chad Briggs, covid/pneumonia
Elizabeth Crane Gorrell, eye procedure
John Davis, severe arthritis in knee
Mytron Lisby, prostate cancer/treatment

MILITARY:

Sgt Curtis Korby, Ft. Campbell, Clarksville, TN;
John Peters, U.S. Air Force,
Bryce Wilcox, U.S. Marines

Family Game Night

The UM Men are sponsoring their annual **Family Game Night on Sunday, January 16th** from 3:00 till 6:00. Bring your favorite game or just come and enjoy someone else's game, play some cards, visit, and enjoy yourself. A light supper will be provided of toasted cheese and soup. Plan to come out and enjoy this fun family time.



February Poplar Leaves

Please submit your articles and request for the February Poplar Leaves to the church office by Thursday Jan. 20th.



United Methodist Women News

The next UMW meeting is *Wednesday, January 12th at 11:00 am.*

Remember that all women are welcome to attend.

If there is something you want to be discussed in the meeting please contact Vicki Certain.

Yarn Ministry

Meeting dates in January are:

6th - 1-3 pm
 13th - 5-7 pm
 20th - 1-3 pm
 27th - 5-7 pm

Sewing Stitches

Will meet on the following days at 10 am.

January 11th & 25th

See Freda Hocking or call the church for information.

Yoga at Memorial UMC

with Devaki

Is taking a break.

Yoga will resume on February 15, 2022

Everyone is welcome

Country Line Dancing

With Sue Paulin

Every Thursday
 From 11am - 12pm
 In the Narthex

Everyone is welcome



United Methodist Women

UMW Sunday

Please attend church on January 30th for UMW Sunday. Our own Judy Hoover will be the speaker.

A 'BIG' thank you to the preschool who entertained us at our Christmas Luncheon. They were a delightful group to watch

Because of our very generous and hardworking congregation, the UMW had an excellent fundraising year. We were able to donate \$5000 to the United Methodist Lucille Raines residence in Indianapolis and \$5000 to the United Methodist Youth home in Evansville at year-end!

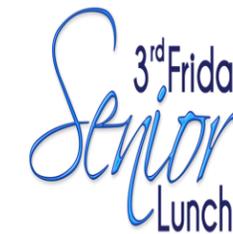
Triple F Monthly Luncheon

The Triple F Luncheon will be held on Friday, January 21st at 11:45.

Shikha Bhattacharyya of ReThink "Striving For a better environment".

Menu: Soup Luncheon. You are asked to bring: A--L Salads M--Z Desserts

Please call in your attendance to the office by Monday, January 17th.



United Methodist Men's Breakfast

The United Methodist Men breakfast will be on **Saturday, January 8th at 8:00 a.m.**

We will meet at Memorial.

Come out and enjoy a wonderful breakfast and fellowship.



Fellowship Coffee/Snack time

We are asking different groups, committees and Sunday School class to supplies snacks for Sunday mornings between service. The church will continue making the coffee. We ask that each group provide individually wrapped snacks (these can be homemade items). Items may also be placed in small (4oz) drink cups. **We do not want "open" bowls or plates of snacks available.**



Fellowship Coffee Hour:

January - Worship Committee
 February - Education Committee
 March - UM Women
 April - Trustees
 May - Koinonia Class and the Thoughtful Studies Class
 June - Kids Hope

Will be hosted by the following.

July - Open Door Class
 August - UM Men
 September - **To Be Determined**
 October - Finance Committee
 November - Mission Committee
 December - Member Care