

CHURCH FINANCES

In order to keep everyone up to date on our church finances, we will be printing the year to date expenses and income in the bulletin and Messenger.

Year to Date Expenses as of August 31, 2011 \$521,961.43
 Year to Date Income as of August 31, 2011 \$487,574.77
 Net Deficit as of August 31, 2011 \$(34,386.66)

Copies of the 2011 budget are available upon request. Contact either Jerry Smith 475-6597 or Peggy May 472-7718-ext. 22. Have you considered making your weekly or monthly contribution to the church online through your bank?

Extra Ties in Your Closet???

We are collecting men's ties (not bow ties) for a project that will benefit the church. If you are able to find some that you do not wear any more, would you please place them in the box on the first floor hall of the main building or in the box near Jarrett Hall in the CEC? Let's try to have them turned in by the end of October.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS

5:30 PM supper and 6:15 PM program.

October 26 - "Disciple Bible Outreach" Speaker - Dr. Mark Hicks, Director of Disciple Bible Outreach.
Dinner will cost \$6.50 per adult and \$4.00 per child children (preschool eat free); maximum for family is \$15.00. The deadline for reservations each week is Tuesday at 12 noon. Please call the church office: 336-472-7718. ALSO NOTE: EVERYONE needs to call into the church office to make reservations or to cancel standing reservations.

Fall Fest

"Slime Time" Oct. 21st @ 6:30pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: bring a bag of candy, volunteer to work a game station, greet people, set-up / clean-up. Contact Lynda Hepler to help 472-7718.

NEW SMALL MEETING

Are you finding yourself in a place of primary care giving for an aging parent, a sick friend, a spouse, or any loved one? Then come and join us on Monday, November 14 in the CEC at 6:30. A new small group meeting is taking place and hopefully it will be a time of sharing and fellowship. But more importantly, it will be a time of support for one another as we wrestle with the challenges of giving care to the ones we love. Please join us as we gather to set the direction for this group, assess the need for this group, and figure out the best way for us to proceed as we seek to honor God through the care of our family. For more information, contact Peggy Finch, 472-7718 x24.

CHURCH WIDE PICNIC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

3 PM until the food runs out (probably around 7 PM)!!!

At Sonny & Charles Anna Koontz's Farm!

WHAT TO BRING:

- a dessert to share
- a lawn chair
- a friend

(Everything else will be provided!)

Burgers and hotdogs, hayrides, football, soccer, games, crafts, GIANT inflatable slide, bounce house (for the kids), and Wayne Childress and friends playing some music around the campfire! Don't miss it!

Directions to the Koontz Farm (from Memorial UMC):

Take a LEFT (headed south) onto Randolph Street (Hwy 109)

Go .7 miles take a RIGHT (at the 1st stoplight) onto West Holly Hill Road

Go .8 miles take a LEFT (at the 1st stoplight) onto Fisher Ferry Street

Go 1.7 miles take a RIGHT (at the 1st stop sign) onto East Holly Grove Road

Go 3.9 miles take a LEFT onto Embler Road

Go .6 miles take a LEFT into a gravel driveway and park in the field immediately to the LEFT, (follow the signs).

There will be a hay wagon coming around to take you to the picnic!

For more information, please contact Rodney Denton (472-7718)

Opportunities Through The Week

SUNDAY, October 23

Daily Bible Reading-Solomon 4:8-5:1a
 8:30 Nursery Care
 8:50 Contemporary Worship-Jarrett Hall
 9:45 Sunday School
 10:00 R. L. Pope Class: Allen Brown
 11:00 Worship Service-Sanctuary
 3:00-UMYF
 6:00 "A Time of Sharing"-CEC

MONDAY, October 24

Daily Bible Reading-Proverbs 16:16-20
 6:15 Praise Team Rehearsal-Jarrett Hall
 7:00 Scouts

TUESDAY, October 25

Daily Bible Reading-Isaiah 61:1-7
 5:30 Chicks-JR. High Room

WEDNESDAY, October 26

Daily Bible Reading-Psalm 37:10-17
 5:30 Fellowship Meal
 6:00 Kids Club
 6:15 Program-Dr. Mark Hicks
 6:10 Disciple IV Bible Study
 6:30 H.S. & M.S. Small Group
 7:15 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, October 27

Daily Bible Reading-Isaiah 26:7-11
 9:15 Disciple IV Bible Study
 10:30 Chicks-Library
 6:00 Yoga

FRIDAY, October 28

Daily Bible Reading-Luke 6:32-36
 6:30-8:00 FALL FEST-SLIME TIME!

SATURDAY, October 29

Daily Bible Reading-Psalm 73:10-26

SUNDAY, October 30

Daily Bible Reading-Matthew 5:1-12
 8:30 Nursery Care
 8:50 Contemporary Worship-Jarrett Hall
 9:45 Sunday School
 10:00 R. L. Pope Class: Stan Styers
 11:00 Worship Service-Sanctuary
 3:00-UMYF



ALTAR AND ARTS

As you are cleaning, please remember to save your handbags for the Altar and Arts Committee's Handbag Sale in November. We are hoping to purchase four altar cloths for the chapel.

"A Time of Sharing": Join us tonight at 6:00 to share and listen as we tell one another "what happened to me or us", during the Finch Preaching Mission. A light supper will be served before our conversation. Ivan & Peggy

Open Flower Dates:

November 6 & 13

Call Beverly Myers 476-7621 to reserve a date

COLLEGE STUDENT INFO. NEEDED

We need current addresses for our college and graduate students. If you have a loved one in school, please contact the church office (336) 472-7718 with updated mailing addresses! THANK YOU!

Congregation's Ministry and Staff

- Larry M. Goodpaster Resident Bishop
- Sylvia D. Wilhelm District Superintendent
- Ivan H. M. Peden Senior Minister
- Peggy A. Finch Associate Minister
- Rodney W. Denton Associate Minister
- Lynda C. Hepler Minister of Children and Families
- Danny Frye Director of Music
- Brian Vannoy Organist
- Debbie Averett Director of Contemporary Worship
- Priscilla Oldaker Director of Children's Choir
- Peggy May Financial Secretary/ Treasurer
- Christine Lamacchia Executive Secretary
- Steve Myers Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds
- Dennis Corbett Sexton
- Margaret Ivey Food Services Director
- Charles Wade Church Properties Administrator
- Leslie Gibbs & Gayle Murdock Receptionist Coordinators

**MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 THOMASVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Ministers

IVAN H. M. PEDEN
 Senior Minister

PEGGY A. FINCH
 Associate Minister

RODNEY W. DENTON
 Associate Minister

LYNDA C. HEPLER
 Minister of Children & Families

**October Twenty Third, Two Thousand Eleven
 Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**



Welcome to the family of God known as Memorial United Methodist Church. Here we believe all people are God's children and related to us through Jesus Christ. Please take time to fill out a registration form this morning. As it is passed back toward the center aisle prior to the Offering, use it to get to know persons seated near you. If you wish to become a member of this church, please indicate that. If you need to talk with a minister, write a notation on the bottom of the sheet and include your home and work phone numbers, or email address. We trust that you will experience the love and power of the risen Christ with us this morning.

Our Mission is to follow Jesus Christ as a caring community of believers who- enabled by God's Grace- seek to grow spiritually, share the Gospel, love and serve all people, and live the Christian faith in our daily lives.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 23, 2011 **11:00 A.M.**

Morning Worship Broadcast over WGOS-AM 1070
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AND GREETING

Prelude *Flourish For An Occasion* Mr. Brian Vannoy

Lighting of the Altar Candles Abby Williams

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship *Come, Sing* Ford
"Sing, sing the joy of the Lord! With thankful voices gratefully raised in hymns of harmony and praise, come sing the joy of the Lord!"

Responsive Greeting The Reverend Doctor Ivan H. M. Peden
Minister: I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
May Christ's Peace be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*Hymn of Praise, UMH No. 384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
C. Wesley/BEECHER

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed – UMH No. 881
The Reverend Rodney W. Denton

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri UMH, No. 70
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace *Shalom to You UMH No. 666* E.S. Eslinger/SOMOS DEL SENOR
**Shalom to you, now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Prayers of the People The Reverend Peggy A. Finch

The Lord's Prayer
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response *Amen* Rutter

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

+Welcome and Parish Notes Dr. Peden

Stewardship Moment Mrs. Betsy York

The Offering
Offertory *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* arr. Warner

*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication Reverend Denton

Children's Moment The Reverend Lynda C. Hepler
(Please join the Chancel Choir in singing "Jesus Loves The Little Children" as the children move to the Chancel area for the Children's Sermon)

THE WORD AND PROCLAMATION

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 2:4-10 Reverend Finch
Minister: The word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 19:16-22
Minister: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Anthem *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Whitney
"O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home. Under the shadow of Thy throne still may we dwell secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guide while life shall last, And our eternal home. Amen."

Sermon "Many Conversions" Dr. Peden

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Response, UMH 363 *And Can It Be that I Should Gain*
C. Wesley/SAGINA

*Benediction Dr. Peden

*Benediction Response *An Irish Blessing* Lau
"May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rain fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen."

*Chimes of the Holy Trinity

*Postlude *Finale in G minor* Koury

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available in the Narthex. Just ask an usher if you need one. **Chief Usher:** Gerry Crowder **Leaders:** Don Clinard, Carey Eanes, Zeb Haner, J. H. Williams, Charles Wade **Today's Ushers:** Sharon Newby, Cran Plyler, John Collett III, Stan Styers, Michel Rabon. **Today's Greeters:** Larry Murdock, Carey & Kay Eanes, Pam Plyler, Bick Craig. **HEARING DEVICES** are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Participating in today's service:

The Reverend Doctor Ivan Peden, Senior Minister
The Reverend Peggy A. Finch, Associate Minister
The Reverend Rodney W. Denton, Associate Minister
The Reverend Lynda C. Hepler, Minister of Children & Families
Dr. Danny Frye, Music Director
Mr. Brian Vannoy, Organist
Miss Abby Williams, Acolyte
Mrs. Betsy York, Stewardship Moment Speaker

Nursery Care is available for children ages, infant to 5 years, in the main building from 8:30 am to 12 noon. Directions to the Nursery from the Sanctuary: Exit sanctuary at doors on either side of the chancel area. At the bottom of the steps, follow directional signs to the nursery located on the ground floor in the south wing. Our caring nursery staff will be there to meet you!

Children's Worship is held in the Chapel following the Children's Sermon. Directions to the Chapel from the Sanctuary: Exit sanctuary at doors on either side of the chancel area. At the bottom of the steps, follow directional signs to the Chapel located on the ground floor in the north wing. Children ages 4 and up are invited to come for their own style of worship including: music, storytime, video, role play and other activities. Parents are asked to pick up their child after the worship service in the chapel.

PRAYER LIST

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Lorna McCullough at 475-6026. If you put a name on the list, please keep in touch and let us know how he/she is doing as names will be removed after 3 weeks. During the week, please pray for:

Military personnel stateside and overseas	Tracy Brinkley	
Becci Cagle	Sharon Van Vechten	Debbie Hill
Wayne Leonard	Andrea Cain	Mike Schartiger
Jane Dorton	Ralph Link	Darby Crowder
Martha Johnson	Evelyn Harris	Jack Herring
Roger & Celia Meekins	Robin Branson	

We extend our deepest sympathy to Ann Whitten and her family on the death of her sister Priscilla Ann Edwards, on October 17, 2011. Please keep this family in your prayers.