

**Announcements for
Sunday, December 17th -
Saturday, December 23rd**



CONNECT

Memorial United Methodist Church

Today

Chancel Choir of Memorial Presents Handel's Messiah, TODAY at 11:00AM and 4:00PM Celebrate the Advent season and the arrival of Christmas as the Chancel Choir of Memorial presents *Handel's Messiah*, today at the 11:00AM service and at 4:00PM. Both performances will be in the Sanctuary.

(SWEL) Single Women Enjoying Lunch Today at 12:30PM Single women, or women who attend church alone, are invited to join SWEL weekly at 12:15PM. This month, the ladies will be lunching at Ciao. RSVP to Marilyn Perkins at mjperkins1@comcast.net. The group will not meet on Dec. 24th or 29th.

This Week

The Longest Night Worship Memorial is offering a service of healing and hope for those who are hurting during the holidays. *The Longest Night* service is Thursday, Dec. 21st at 6:30PM in the Sanctuary. Extend an invitation to someone you know who is in need of this beautiful service.

Planning Ahead: The Church Office in the Partin Center will be closed the week after Christmas and will re-open on Tuesday, January 2nd. Please plan accordingly if you have business in the church office.

Have a Church-Wide Announcement to Share?
Email the Who, What, Where, When, Contact & RSVP info to CarrieMac@mumconline.com
TWO Sundays before it should run.

Living Our Calling

One of the ways we grow disciples of Jesus Christ at Memorial is through music. From our Monday Memorial Singers, our Ensemble, the Cherub choir, and many other groups, we have so many ways to share and enjoy music. Some of our kids are caroling to shut-ins this morning. Last night, they sang to the community during the lighted parade. Today, our chancel choir presents *Handel's Messiah*, a piece they have been working on for months. We thank God for the gift of music and lift up our talented singers and musicians who share it with us.

Planning Ahead

TODAY - *Messiah Cantata, Presented by Memorial's Chancel Choir, 11:00AM & 4:00PM in the Sanctuary*
Dec. 21st - *Longest Night Worship, 6:30PM in the Sanctuary*

Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve Worship:

Morning Worship

9:00AM – Traditional Sunday Worship
10:30AM – Children at the Manger,
Family Worship

Evening Candlelight Worship

5:30PM – Contemporary with Praise Band
7:30PM – Traditional with Choir
11:00PM – Holy Communion with Classical Guitar

Dec. 25th - Jan. 1st - Church office in the Partin Center Closed

Dec. 26th - Lamb Early Education Center Closed

Dec. 28th - Last day to turn in year-end giving for 2017

Dec. 31st - NYE Special Sunday Worship Times, 9:00AM and 10:30AM, both in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

Special Worship Time on December 31st On the morning of New Years Eve, Sunday, December 31st, there will be two worship services, one at 9:00AM and one at 10:30AM. Both services will be in the Sanctuary. Our own Rev. Larry Beman and Barbara Bruce will lead the services filled with songs and focusing on our Wesley Covenant Prayer to help us prepare for the new year ahead. There will not be Sunday School for kids on the 31st. Adult classes will meet per the decision of each class. Check with your class leader.

Help the Sandwich Ministry Come volunteer to help make meals December 20th and 27th and January 3rd at 4:00PM in Maxwell Hall. Donate toward supplies by designating "Sandwich Ministry" on your offering check. Wednesday dinners and classes begin again on January 10th with beef tips on the menu.

Confirmation for Youth and Adults Beginning Soon Confirmation is a time to explore your faith and confirm, or re-confirm, yourself as a follower of Jesus. The classes go through the core beliefs of the Christian faith and focus on the particular history of Methodists and our distinct theology. Memorial offers two parallel confirmation classes. One for youth (6th grade and older) and one for adults. Both classes will begin on January 21st at 3:30PM. There will be an informational meeting on January 7th at 12:15PM in the Multipurpose Room. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Drew or Pastor Carrie.

MUMC Softball Team Gearing up for 2018 Memorial's sixth season participating in the Family Driven Softball League begins in February. Each 60-minute game is played on Saturday, with players often staying after for fellowship with other Christians in our community. The fields are located at Springhill Baptist Church, on Old Nassauville Rd. For more information, email David Keay at davidkeay65@gmail.com before the end of the year.

Important Acolyte Training for all Current and New Acolytes All children currently serving or children 3rd grade and above interested in serving as acolytes at our worship services are asked to come to an important training session January 14th at 12:15PM in the Multipurpose Room. This is for ALL acolytes, even those who have been trained before. One parent must also attend the training to assist with the learning process. Lunch will be served. Please contact Pastor Carrie with questions.

A Reminder About Year-End Giving As we near the year's end, please remember all end-of-the-year gifts must be physically received by the end of the day on Thursday, December 28th to be considered a 2017 gift.