



# The Wesley Message

Our Mission is to Love God and Our Neighbors

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The Rev. Clair Sauer, Pastor

## From the Pastor

November is a busy month. This morning, Owen told me, “In a few days it’s Halloween, and after Halloween is November, and November is Thanksgiving!” Indeed, Thanksgiving is a highlight of November, but this month, we also have an election, as well as Veteran’s day. In many ways, it is a busy month, but in a “secular” way; these events are not Christian events, or liturgical events. Nevertheless, our Christian faith should be a part of everything we do; whether at the ballot box, whether in honoring our veterans, whether in joining in a Thanksgiving celebration.

Our faith does not tell us who we should or should not vote for, but our faith does speak to matters of peace, justice, and life; even getting so specific as commands from God about how we are to view and treat the immigrant, which is a hot topic in this election cycle. In the same way, Veterans’ day is about honoring these men and women who have taken seriously Christ’s call to lay aside one’s own life for the sake of a friend. By their sacrificial service to our country, these people shed light on one way that we can dedicate our lives in service to the Lord. And when we gather around the Thanksgiving feast to celebrate bounty with family and friends, we should especially be thankful to God, the giver of all blessings. Thanksgiving should be a reminder to all of us that gratitude should be an everyday practice.

Unquestionably, our Christian faith should guide and direct every part of our lives; not only the sacred, but also the secular. I pray that as we live through each of these moments this month, we will also take time to be in worship, in prayer, and in study of Scripture so that we remain grounded in our faith, even as we continue to grow as Christ’s disciples, and to live as Christ’s people in the world.

In Gratitude,

*Pastor Clair*



We will decorate the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas on Sunday, November 25, immediately following worship. As you are able, please bring a simple lunch dish to share (soup, salad, sandwiches). We will enjoy a quick lunch together before decorating.

## F Y I

Pastor Clair has just begun a **4-week discussion on the United Methodist Way Forward**. This will be an opportunity to gain greater detail and understanding surrounding the future of the United Methodist denomination, as well as to participate in conversations about how

Wesley Memorial UMC will continue to be a church that serves our community. This study will meet on Nov. 7, 14, and 28 from 6:00pm-7:15pm. If you would like to learn more about the “Way Forward,” you may also attend an informational session at Ooltewah UMC on Saturday, November 10, 10:00am

Beginning on Monday, November 12, Nicole Wellington, a teacher at nearby CSLA, will be offering **etiquette classes** here at the church for children and youth. This classes will meet from 5:00-6:00pm for five weeks. If you are interested in more information, please see the post on the bulletin board outside the office.

Mike McAfee is **collecting coats for the homeless** again this year. If you have new or used winter coats that you would like to donate and will put them in the closet in the Gathering Point, they will be periodically picked up and distributed.

On Sunday, November 25, we will **collect Christmas Toys for foster children as part of the Mattress Firm toy drive**. Please begin collecting toys and gifts for children and youth of all ages. We will be gathering in devotion and celebration during Sunday School that morning to collect the gifts.

Our **Christmas Cantata and Dinner** is scheduled for 6:00pm on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church**

**6314 East Brainerd Road  
Chattanooga, TN 37421**

*Return Service Requested*



**REMINDER  
SET YOUR  
CLOCKS BACK  
1 HOUR  
Saturday Night  
November 3rd**

Church Office Email: [wmumc.chatt@gmail.com](mailto:wmumc.chatt@gmail.com)  
Church Office Phone: 423-892-6446

Website: [wesleymemorial-chatt.org](http://wesleymemorial-chatt.org)  
Pastor's Cell Phone 423-664-3300

**Prayer Concerns**

**CURRENT CONCERNS:** Eduardo Mendez (Nephew of Joy Billings), Susan Lavan (Friend of Pam Varnell), Cheryl Sowell (Friend of Nancy Smith), Sarah Porter Bigelow (Friend of Joy Billings), Karen Kizziah, Janice Coleman

**ONGOING MEDICAL CONDITIONS:** Ann Anderson, Dot & Gene Arnold, Hope Atchley, Deane Barker, Alisha Borders (Friend of Karen Mansfield), Don Bowers (Father of D. J. (Valorie) Bowers), Betty Brickman, Steve Brothers, Pete Bryant, Malinda Cawthorne (Cousin of Brenda Fields), Bonnie Colquitt, Steve & Susan Cox (Uncle & Aunt of Pastor Clair), Margaret Ellington, Inez Ernst, Sara Feely, Hazel Garner, Will Hagaman (Nephew of Debbie Hackney), Gail Hathaway (Sister of Joy Billings), Patsy Herren (Daughter of Steve Brothers), Sid Hodges (Brother-in-law of Margaret Ellington), Chris Holder (Brother-in-law of Jackie Ernst), Freda C. Johnson (Sister-in-law of Bonnie Colquitt), Eleanor Jones, Joyce (Friend of Ken Levi), Becky & Harold Kailo and Judy Arp (Friends of Karen Mansfield) Christopher Ledford (Friend of Rick Mansfield), Lydia Lloyd, Mike Lynn (Friend of Pam Brooks), Susie Magnuson (Friend of Karen Mansfield) Rev. Ben Matherly, Mike McAfee, David Minnick (Father of Kelsey Shaver), Jon Moeller (Brother-in-law of Pastor Clair and Ken), Dot Pate, Chuck Poole (Friend of Hendrixsons), Randy Starnes, Floy Strickland, Paul Strickland, Fred Thomas (Friend of Pam Brooks), Shellie Thorne (Friend of Karen Mansfield), Barbara Uren, J. Dan Weeks (Friend of Pam Varnell)

**MILITARY:** MC/MM Scott Gamble – US Navy (Goose Creek, SC)

**ASSISTED LIVING and NURSING HOMES:** Betty Brown – Standifer Place (Room 321), Joyce Durham – Elmcroft of Shallowford Road (Mother of Starr Alexander), Dorothy Orr – Lifecare of Collegedale (Mother of Sue Steffner), Becky Teague – Southern Oaks (Room 210)

**Attendance & Offerings for  
October 2018**

OFFERINGS \$ 20,064.41

Sunday School (Average)	32
Morning Worship (Average)	59

**November Birthdays**

- 05 Steaven Rogers**
- 07 Starr Alexander**
- 10 Joy Billings**
- 14 Mary Rook**
- 26 Ben Burnett**
- 27 Hector Pagan**

**IN MINISTRY FOR THE MONTH OF  
November 2018**

**USHERS/GREETERS** Dan Coleman, Rick Mansfield  
Mary Jo McAfee, Sue Steffner

**LAY LEADER:** Debbie Hackney

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** 11/04 David Smith  
11/11 Tom Steffner  
11/18 Jerri & CD Hilliard  
11/25 Eric Burnett

**ALTAR GUILD:** Kathy Andrews & Sonia Pagan

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The Church

**AUDIO-VIDEO:** Dan Coleman & Kip Smith

**Mark Your Calendar for these Meetings!!!!**

Our Annual Charge Conference will be held at 3:00pm on Sunday, November 11, at Tyner UMC.

All members of the Leadership Council, please note that we will have our final meeting of the year on Sunday, November 25, following the church Christmas decorating (approximately 1:30pm).