



The Methodist Message

Metter United Methodist Church

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Faith Comes by Hearing

Around the world the men and women of the U.S. military are defending our freedom and helping to fight the war on terror.

Many of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines live in cramped quarters with other personnel, in very uncomfortable and challenging circumstances, working hard and putting in long hours every day — too tired to read a Bible, even if they have one.

The Military BibleStick reaches these service men and women, deployed in some of the most dangerous areas of the world, with God's Word in audio — It can go with them and sustain them in even the most difficult circumstances.

It contains the entire Audio Drama New Testament and selected Psalms chosen specifically for “warriors,” yet it's only about the size of a pack of chewing gum.

Designed to military specifications for safe and discreet use in low-light conditions, it features a matte black finish and red-light-only operation and runs on a single AAA battery.

Each service member who receives a Military BibleStick also has the option to request a free Audio New Testament or Kids Bible for family back home. Although they may be separated from loved ones, they know they are listening through the Word together.

Military BibleSticks provide real hope for our heroes!

During May which is Military Appreciation month, our church will be collecting donations for Military BibleSticks with our Red Bucket Offerings. A donation of \$25 sponsors one service member and their family. Please make checks out to the church.

For more information, you can go to MilitaryBibleStick.com.



Prayer Concerns

Evelyn Warren	Gail Lowe
David Tinney	J.L. Ward
Tammy Brannen	Jeffrey Baxley
David Mosley	Tom Young
Ray Coursey	Roger Carter
Ben Heaton	Kenny Youmans
May Hooks	Marcile Bird
Mary Burkett	Susan Vance
Stella Akridge	Patsy Mikell
Stephen Taylor	Linda Whitfield
Glenn Cardell	Ellen Allen
Brandy Smith	Paige Jones
Heather Nease	Jerry Hiers
Carol Padgett	Gracie Grimes
Lynn Jones Matthews	Shelby Fulmer
Amy Walden	Shannon Findley
Pam Smith	Chris Clifton
Skeet Trapnell	Ben Harris
Brooke Smith	Kathy Jordan

Families who have lost loved ones:

Susan Sparks Family
 Laura Jean Gray Family
 Linda Grant Family
 Craig Hunter Family
 Dexter Jordan Family

Military: Dan Chicola, Trey Neville, Heath Stuckey
Missionaries: Whatleys (Navajo), Nelson (I See Jesus Ministries, Panama), Shafes (Mission: Hope-Congo), Coker/Cook Family (Thumbs UP Mission)
Homebound: Annie Will Watson (Azalea Healthcare), Helen Sparks, Ben Heaton, Sandi Dowd, Jean Hensley, Betty Bell (Church St. Manor), Jeannette Peterson, Sandra Franklin, Chuck & Mary Anne Young

Our Stewardship: Sunday, 4/7-Sunday 4/28					
	4/7	4/14	4/21	4/28	
Attendance:					
Sunday School	40	35	18	47	
Morning Worship	112	128	245	170	
Offering:					
Sunday School	\$34	\$ 35	\$ 30	\$ 48	
Morning Worship	\$10,167	\$6173	\$3717	\$6854	

Special Giving

Communion Fund (4/7)	\$85
UMCOR (4/7)	\$100
Back Pack Buddies (4/14)	\$75.56
UMCOR (4/14)	\$200
Operation Christmas Child (4/21)	\$152
Endowment (4/28)	\$1000

Year to Date:	
Year to date contributions:	\$ 71,697.67
Year to date expenses:	\$ 57,130.80

(Amounts reported are through April 29, 2019, and April payroll is included.)

Endowment Fund Balance: \$ 57,216.85 (as of 3/31/2019) (goal \$100,000)

Memorials

In memory of Laura Jean Cook Gray by Pernal & Cathy Franklin

May Birthdays: Les Furr (5/1), Charlie Lanier (5/1), Jeremy Nease (5/3), Ray Tootle (5/3), Mariann Porter (5/5), Stephanie Boyd Anderson (5/7), Pam Smith (5/10), Emma West (5/12), Tatum Taylor (5/15), Melanie Boyd Martin (5/16), Paul MacGregor (5/17), Linda Bolduc (5/19), Al Edenfield (5/20), John E. Jones Sr. (5/20), Jason Monroe (5/22)

May Anniversaries: Larry & Charlotte Bowen (5/3), Greg & Jerri Wolff (5/5), Jason & Paige Jones (5/6), Jason & Pam Monroe (5/20), David & Laura Lott (5/21), Allen & Kristen Cason (3/30), Steven & Brandi Snell (5/30)

Weekly Activities

Sunday

Sunday School – 10 AM
Morning Worship – 11 AM
Men's Small Group – 4 PM
Youth – 5:30-7:30 PM

Monday

The Bridge – 9 AM-11 AM
Monday Morning Bible Study – 10:30 AM-noon
Bend and Stretch - 4:30-5:30 PM
Monday Night Bible Study - 6:30 PM

Tuesday

Nursing Home Singers - 2:00-2:45 PM

Wednesday

Family Night Supper – 6 PM –
Children/Youth/Adult Groups – 6:30 PM
Choir - 6:30 PM

Thursday

The Bridge – 9 AM-11 AM

Friday

3RD Monday monthly – Methodist Men's Supper
 6:30 PM in the Social Hall

Children's Sunday School Teachers for May

May 5th –	Elementary – Lynette Long
	Middle – Kathy Martin
May 12th –	Elementary – Jamie Edenfield
	Middle – Autumn Chicola
May 19th -	Elementary – Cortney King
	Middle – Kathy Martin
May 26th -	Elementary – Stephanie Long
	Middle – Autumn Chicola

Reaching Out Team – Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 8 at 5 PM. Join with us as we plan for ways that MUMC can reach out into our community and world.

Shred Cycle – Now that tax season is over, everyone has documents to dispose of. Shred Cycle will be at MUMC on Wednesday, May 1 in the afternoon. Bring any papers that you would like to have shredded. See Kathy Martin or Suzanne Tyson for more information.

Smoke Alarm Program – The Metter Fire Department is providing free smoke alarm installation for residents of Metter and Candler County. For more information or to arrange for installation, call 685-6832.

Summer Camps at Epworth-by-the Sea

Fun activities & opportunities to grow closer to Christ through daily worship, Bible study & fellowship. Beach, pool & games galore!

Elementary Camps for Grades 4 & 5

Elementary Camp I – July 8-12 – Deadline June 24

Elementary Camp II – July 15-19 – Deadline July 1

Middle School Camp for Grades 6 - 8

Middle School Camp – June 17-21 – Deadline June 3

High School Camp for Grades 9 - 12

High School Camp – June 10-14 – Deadline May 2

All camps cost \$315. Don't let the cost keep kids from attending camp at Epworth-by-the-Sea. Talk with Stephanie Long for fundraising and sponsorship ideas.

Kickball is Not Just for Kids – The annual end of year kickball tournament will be Wednesday, May 8 following the last Family Night Supper. Players, coaches and cheerleaders are needed. Sign up with Stephanie Long for this night of fun and recreation.



Boys Visit with GSP –

Jacob and Dallas Jones and Braydan Robertson spent time with Georgia State Patrol Trooper Bryant on a recent afternoon.

Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, May 14 at 11:30 AM

Sponsored by the Reaching Out Committee

Anyone age 75+ is invited to a luncheon to show our appreciation for you and your faithfulness to MUMC. Brief entertainment will follow the meal. Feel free to bring a guest. Transportation is available. RSVP to Peggy Rivenbark (707-247-5740) or the church office. We hope you will join us as we honor and celebrate YOU!

Dear MUMC Women,

Alex and I want to thank everyone for attending and hosting a wedding party in our honor. We received all of the cards and gifts so thank you –we are excited about our future together! We appreciate all the kind words, advice and blessings. We hope to see you all soon!

Alex & JB (Hensley)

Operation Christmas Child -

This month let's collect stickers for Operation Christmas Child. What kid doesn't like stickers?! Sticker books, pages of stickers, and rolls of stickers are available in many stores and sometimes even for free. Bring stickers and put them in the Operation Christmas Child bin in the hallway outside the social hall. Let's try to have some stickers in every box we pack in 2019.

Happy Packing! Kristen Cason

With Heartfelt Thanks

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for all the phone calls, cards, prayers, love, and support shown to Hank and me these last many weeks. My knee surgery recovery has been rough and the loss of my mother was so unexpected. Thank you for being there for us, and please keep us in your prayers. In Christian Love,

~Jo Buckley

The family of Robert N. Priest acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kin expression of sympathy. We would like to sincerely thank everyone at MUMC for your kindness and generosity during this difficult time. Thank you as well to those who made donations in remembrance.

~Barbara Priest, Valerie Priest Lowery & family



Welcome New Baby–

David E. Slappey, III (Tripp) – son of David & Brooke Slappey, born April 12, 2019. Big sister is Madelyn Slappey and grandparents are Butch and Carol Smith.



Photo at left – Stephen & Helen Curry

Photo at right – Grant, Charlie, Heather & Drew Hendricks



Matthew, Carter, Mary Emma & Broni Gainous



Jody & Ann Robertson with Sam & Lillian Davis



Heather & Jeremy Nease



Ty, Jack, Haden, Jaime & Elizabeth Riggs



Liam & Cortney King & kids, Matt & Kristy Brown & kids, & Deborah Johns



Monica, Emma, Cace, Chris & Tate West



Ed & Elaine Boyd; Stephanie Anderson; Brian, Melanie & Matthew Martin; Angel Jarvis; Wiley, Carol & Suzanne Tyson; and Martha & James Jones (seated)



Cindy, Colby, Gentry, Laney, Kathleen, Brian, Michelle & Ray Tootle



Pastor Allen, Kristen, Hunter, Ellee and Tanner Cason

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 May Day Afternoon – Shred Cycle 6 PM – Family Night Supper 6:30 PM – Classes for children, youth & adults 6:30 PM – Choir Practice	2 9-11 AM – The Bridge 11 AM – National Day of Prayer – Downtown Park	3	4
5 Communion Sunday 2-3:30 PM – Baby Shower 4 PM – Men’s Small Group 5:30-7:30 – Youth	6 9-11 AM – The Bridge 4:30 PM – Yoga 6:30 PM – Evening Bible Study	7 2-2:45 – Nursing Home Singers	8 5 PM – Reaching Out Committee 6 PM – Family Night Supper 6:30 PM – Kickball Tournament 6:30 PM – Choir Practice	9 9-11 AM – The Bridge	10	11
12 Mother’s Day 4 PM – Men’s Small Group 5:30-7:30 – Youth	13 9-11 AM – The Bridge 4:30 PM – Yoga 6:30 PM – Evening Bible Study	14 11:30 AM – Senior Adult Luncheon 2-2:45 – Nursing Home Singers	15 6:30 PM – Choir Practice 6:30 PM – Worship Service for Small Groups	16 9-11 AM – The Bridge	17	18
19 4 PM – Men’s Small Group 5:30-7:30 – Youth	20 9-11 AM – The Bridge 4:30 PM – Yoga 6:30 PM – Evening Bible Study 6:30 PM – Men’s Fellowship Supper	21 2-2:45 – Nursing Home Singers	22 6:30 PM – Choir Practice	23 9-11 AM – The Bridge	24 Office Closed Last Day of School	25
26 4 PM – Men’s Small Group 5:30-7:30 – Youth	27 Memorial Day – office closed 9-11 AM – The Bridge 4:30 PM – Yoga 6:30 PM – Evening Bible Study	28 9 AM – June Newsletter Deadline 2-2:45 – Nursing Home Singers	29 6:30 PM – Choir Practice	30 9-11 AM – The Bridge	31	

Acolytes

5/5 Emma West & Ellee Cason
5/12 Hadden Nease & Thomas Chicola
5/19 Lucy Chicola & Gage Chicola
5/26 Hunter Cason & Cace West

Ushers

5/5 Hank Buckley, Bud Harrison, Chappell Long, Tom Williams
5/12 Charles Chandler, Cathy Franklin, Pernal Franklin, Carvy Snell
5/19 Wayne Rivenbark, Jody Robertson, Greg Strickland, James Ward
5/26 Steve Burton, Mark Bland, Larry Bowen, Ed Boyd
 (Fill-in Ushers: Al Edenfield, Matthew Gainous, Charlie Hendricks)

Children’s Sermon

Communion
 Heather Hendricks
 Jason Jones
 Matthew Gainous

Children’s Church

Lynette Long & Youth Helper
 Heather Hendricks & Youth Helper
 Sandra Cardell & Youth Helper
 Broni Gainous & Youth Helper

Flowers

Communion
 Terri Bland
 Jan Trapnell
 Charlotte Coursey

Greeters (Classes)

Sunshine
 New Adv. & Adult Bible
 Sturdy Spirits
 Children & Youth

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All Are Welcome!

Sunday School @ 10:00 AM

Morning Worship @ 11:00 AM