

Memorial United Methodist Church, January 10, 2021, Baptism of the Lord

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WELCOME & GREETINGS & WORDS OF REFLECTION

“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”

Chinese Proverb

PRELUDE

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “When Jesus Came to Jordan”

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***CALL TO WORSHIP** (extract from Psalm 29)

... give to the Lord glory and power!

Give to the Lord the glory due his name!

Bow down to the Lord in holy splendor!

... in his temple everyone shouts, “Glory!”

Let the Lord give strength to his people!

Let the Lord bless his people with peace!

***INVOCATION** (*in unison*)

Most Gracious God. In this moment we have taken time spent in the busy, routine, boring, unusual days of our lives. This morning we come together praying with our friends and neighbors that you will forgive us our sins and speak into our lives. We yearn to literally hear your voice affirming and guiding us as you spoke when Jesus was baptized and we wonder if perhaps you have, and we did not hear. This day, may you Holy Spirit give us ears to hear. AMEN!

RECEIVING OF TITHES & OFFERING: (May be dropped into the basket as you exit the sanctuary or mailed to the church or made online at www.umcmemorial.com)

HEARING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S TIME (*Following Children’s Time all children Pre-K thru 3rd grade are invited for Children’s Church.*)

THE WORD IN MUSIC “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr: Mark Hayes

Shirley Martin, Andrea Marlow, pianist

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1: 4-11 (CEB)

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God! **People: Thanks be to God!**

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS “Baptized!”

Rev. Ron Branson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

TIME OF PRAYER (Silent, Pastoral, and Lord’s Prayer) Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** “O Love, How Deep” vs: 1,2,3, 6

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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CASUAL WORSHIP

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GATHERING SONG "My Lighthouse"

CELEBRATIONS AND PRAYERS

***PRAYER SONG** "Holy Spirit"

***WELCOME!**
(Sharing of Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Celebrations)

***PRAISE TOGETHER** "Stand In Your Love"

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OFFERTORY "Grace Wins"

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 119: 105-112 (CEB)

MESSAGE "The Bible" Rev. Ron Branson

***TRAVELING SONG** "God's Not Dead"

***BLESSING**

Go out unto the World with Singing!

John's preaching

⁴ John the Baptist was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. ⁵ Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. ⁶ John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He announced, "One stronger than I am is coming after me. I'm not even worthy to bend over and loosen the strap of his sandals. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Jesus is baptized and tempted

⁹ About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. ¹⁰ While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. ¹¹ And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp before my feet
and a light for my journey.

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn, and I fully mean it:
I will keep your righteous rules.

¹⁰⁷ I have been suffering so much—
LORD, make me live again according to your promise.

¹⁰⁸ Please, LORD, accept my spontaneous gifts of praise.
Teach me your rules!

¹⁰⁹ Though my life is constantly in danger,
I won't forget your Instruction.

¹¹⁰ Though the wicked have set a trap for me,
I won't stray from your precepts.

¹¹¹ Your laws are my possession forever
because they are my heart's joy.

¹¹² I have decided to keep your statutes forever, every last
one.

Memorial UMC Reminders

Memorial Worship Times

All in house worship service has been suspended until further notice. We will live streaming our worship services at MemorialSunday.org

8:45 am – Traditional service
11:00 am – Contemporary/Prayz service

THIS WEEK AT MEMORIAL

Sunday, January 10

8:45 AM Traditional Worship
11:00 AM Casual Worship

Monday, January 11

5:30 PM Outreach & Marketing (via ZOOM)

Tuesday, January 12

Wednesday, January 13

9:30 AM Lectionary Bible Study (ZOOM)
7:00 PM PrayZ! Band Practice

Thursday, January 14

Friday, January 15

Saturday, January 16

Sunday, January 17

8:45 AM Traditional Worship
11:00 AM Casual Worship

Pray for our Home Bound

Shirley Bonfer	Anita Poorman
Mary Kate Miller	Kim Mediate
Kelly Criss	Sally Whitlock
Maury Miller	Meg Grandidier
Mary Claire Hamrick	Peter Priest
Jane Shouse	Howard Higgins
Connie Smith	Betty Jo Martin
Stan & Kris Henderson	
Randall & Carolyn Hopper	

PRAYERS

Henry Chinn, hip replacement surgery
Betty Jo Martin, blood disorder, home from hospital

Triple F Monthly Luncheon

Our monthly Triple F Luncheon scheduled for Friday, January 15th has been CANCELLED



Changes to the 2nd Service

Instead of a “traditional” service, we will be doing “The Story”.

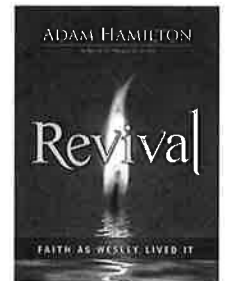
Years ago, I started a study using a chronological Bible, and while it was a really good study, we recognized that the repetition and bouncing around from one time to another was difficult to keep up with ... and that’s when I found “The Story”. This is a complete package that contains videos, Bibles for all ages, and lesson plans. While the material is really good, instead of using it as written, I took pieces I liked and built my own study, Pastor Ron. Please join us for this new worship experience. Please and invite your family and friends to join us as well.



New Group Study (via ZOOM)

Starting, Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30 pm (through Feb. 16th) the group study will discuss Adam Hamilton’s “Revival” (Faith As Wesley Lived It). You will watch a short video (10-15 minutes in length) then have a discussion about the video.

Please call or email the church to sign up.
812-234-0776 or mumcoffice@umcmemorial.com



LIFE LINE SCREENING

Will be at Memorial on January 29th.

Preventive screenings can help and we have partnered with Life Line Screening to provide these valuable screenings.

The mission of Life Line Screening is to provide advance, yet affordable and convenient health screenings that supplement your traditional healthcare.

They can help make you aware of a previously silent, unrecognized problem that can now get treated at an early stage, or confirm that you are on the right path and should continue your healthy habits.

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