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SUMMER AT MAIN STREET

Prayers and Presence - A New Beginning

As we dig into summer with hot humid weather, vacations, cookouts, beach time and so many other activities, this year we also are about to welcome a new pastor. This is an exciting time and we will enjoy getting to know Richard (aka Pastor Rich) and Colleen Miser and Boomer, their Corgi. As they become accustomed to us and we to them, let's also remember how important your prayers and presence are.



Coincidentally, our third quarter Stewardship emphasis focus is *Prayers and Presence*. "DURING JULY, AUGUST and SEPTEMBER, Pastor Rich and the Stewardship and Christian Education Committees will lead us on a 12 week journey to enable us to become more generous givers and receivers through

prayers and presence...inviting God to reframe the way we face our anxious minds and win the war on worry. Through God's power (not ours!), we will "be anxious for nothing" and experience more of the "peace of God." Details found on page 2 of this newsletter.

As a church, let's pray for Pastor Rich as he begins a new time of ministry with us. Let's also support him with our presence. Our Transition Team has planned many ways to help Rich and Colleen assimilate into their new life in Suffolk and at Main Street. We will host small gatherings over the coming months. In the meantime, be here when you can and always pray. God is with us, "don't fret". We're excited about what the future holds for Main Street!

We are also pleased to roll out our new website. It has a fresh new look and we hope it will be easy to navigate. Please



visit www.mainstumc.org and let us know if you see things that are not correct or need updating. We will continue to expand and refine.

God bless you and be with you this summer, and be with us when you can.

EXPLORE OUR FRESH, NEW WEBSITE AT WWW.MAINSTUMC.ORG

FIND OUT WHY YOU BELONG AT MAIN STREET.

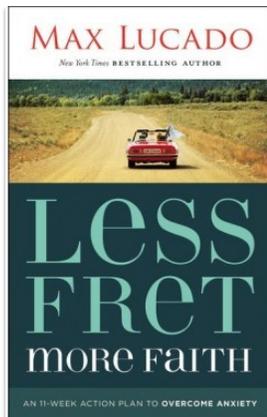
A historic, loving congregation.

EXPLORE MAIN STREET

PLANNING FOR GENEROSITY [JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER] COMMITMENT EMPHASIS [PRAYERS AND PRESENCE]

LESS FRET, MORE FAITH

By Max Lucado



A 12 week action plan to put more C.A.L.M. in our lives.

Pocket sized book with King sized impact! Pick up a copy in the Atrium!

If you prefer to use your

E-reader, feel free to purchase a Kindle copy on Amazon.com for \$1.99.

We all experience it. All ages, individuals, families, working people, retired people, tired, hungry, rich, poor....you get the picture...ALL of us spend way too much time worrying about all kinds of stuff. And just because we are Christians doesn't mean we are free from worry. Far from it! There is a better way!

Philippians 4: 6-7

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

(New King James Version - NKJV)

The scripture above is the focus for this quarter's Stewardship emphasis on PRAYERS and PRESENCE. The word "presence" has two meanings for us....

First, to be "present" at church indicates that our physical bodies are in the building. But this is not always possible, especially during the summer months. Could we be "present" in other ways?

Second, we all need more of the "presence of God" in our lives. Easier said than done, right? Prayer will help accomplish this, or so we are told. But what if I am not so good at praying?

Or what if I feel like my prayers don't matter and are rarely, if ever, answered? What's the point?

DURING JULY, AUGUST and SEPTEMBER, Pastor Rich and the Stewardship and Christian Ed. Committees are excited to announce a 12 week journey to enable us to become more generous givers and receivers through prayers and presence...inviting God to reframe the way we face our anxious minds and win the war on worry. Through God's power (not ours!), we will "be anxious for nothing" and experience more of the "peace of God." Ah, yes!

During these summer months when folks are often scattered, we will connect through email, text messages, Facebook, etc. for those who are into technology; and paper communications will also be available so that everyone can participate!

The week of July 1 will be our introduction to Less Fret, More Faith. Then we will continue with chapters 1-11 for a total of 12 weeks.

PRAYERS & PRESENCE CALENDAR

[JULY]

LESS FRET, MORE FAITH

By Max Lucado

Copies of this little book are available on the Atrium table. Take one! If you are able to put a dollar or two in the basket, that's great. If not, no worries! (In other words, don't fret!)

Each week from July 1 through September 30, we will explore a new chapter in this dynamic little book. God has promised to meet us where we are. All we need to do is open the door!

There will be opportunities for all ages to join in!

[AUGUST]

SERMON SERIES

by Pastor Rich Meiser

Based on the Max Lucado book: **BEFORE AMEN: THE POWER OF A SIMPLE PRAYER**

Want to dig deeper? Feel free to order the book on Amazon and follow along as Pastor Rich leads us into a more in depth focus on prayer and the presence of God during August and September.

(Less Fret, More Faith continues during August/September)

[SEPTEMBER]

A BEAD AND A PRAYER: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO PROTESTANT PRAYER BEADS
By Kristen Vincent

Nancy Webb will lead a 4 week session on Sunday afternoons in September for making and using Prayer Beads as a tool for generosity through more effective prayer. Specific dates and times to be announced. (Includes children and youth!)

Week 1 Bead making workshop.

Weeks 2, 3 and 4 will continue to lead us through several ways to use the beads in our prayer times. Beautiful, meaningful and useful.



Rise Against Hunger, formerly **Stop Hunger Now**, is driven by the vision of a world without hunger. Our mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable and by creating a global commitment to mobilize the critical resources. We are committed to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal of ending hunger by 2030.

We will host a food packaging event on October 20, 2018. Our goal is to raise \$4,000 which will enable us to package approximately 13,608 meals! Currently, the United Methodist Men have raised \$1,225.03. You can make a donation now and we will need lots of volunteers for this fun event.



Outdoor Connect Services July 8 & August 12

Outdoor Connect Services schedule:
July 8 and August 12 at 6:00 pm

"BRING A CHAIR" We will set up the service in the grassy knoll. We are meeting outside on these dates so we can really pump up the volume and hopefully inspire passersby to join us.

Icy, cold Popsicle will be the snack of choice for the outdoor services.

Experience worship in a whole new way.

United Methodist Men Hosts A Cookout

The United Methodist Men invite the men of the church to a "meet and greet" cookout on July 13, 6:00 pm at the home of Mark Popik, 3913 Biscayne Street, Suffolk. Come meet Pastor Rich. This will give him a chance to get to know us, and us him. RSVP to Greg Brown at gbbp1985@aol.com by July 8 or sign up in the Atrium.

Men's Bible Study

Men! Did you know we are offering a men's Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm? They are going through the Bible and are currently studying the book of Exodus. Please join them in classroom #4 (downstairs). Come when you can and enjoy the discussion, conversation and fellowship. The class will not meet on July 4th.



Voices of Youth Meredith and Steve Webb are in South Dakota for a mission trip with the Voices of Youth. Please keep Meredith and Steve lifted in prayer as they head out into the mission field to be the hands and feet of Christ!

Meredith and the Voice of Youth troupe will be at Main Street July 8, 2018.

2018 GOLF TOURNAMENT NEWS



Way to go Friends of Main Street for another terrific golf tournament! A BIG thanks to everyone on our Golf Committee, those who volunteered before, during, and after the event, and those who prayed for our continuing success. Pastor Ellen was a great sport flying in the helicopter as 400 + golf balls were dropped on a green. Betty Michael's ball was closest to the hole. A special thanks goes to all the golfers who have played in our tournament year after year, our contributors and sponsors and business partner.

The committee wants to especially thank David Askew for the untiring energy and time that he has given to this event since its inception in 2013. David has resigned as Coordinator, but will continue as a member of the

committee. He has been an Ever-Ready leader which is one reason why the tournament has been so successful for 5 years. Thank you David.

The Friends of Main Street Golf Tournament Committee for 2019 has begun the thinking process for the 6th annual event that will be held in April of 2019. We are very excited to have two new members join our committee, Lanny and Janet Horn. It is never too late to join us for fun and fellowship and please remember that



David Askew and Bob Callis making last minute changes to the teams.

you do not need to know anything about golf to join us. Our first official meeting will be held on November 11. The only requirements to join the committee are: you have a passion for



Bev Cox and Dillard Horton are making sure every penny is accounted for.

our church, have a kind heart, and willing to laugh at yourself.

After paying all bills and distributing money to golfers who won various events, our grand total for 2018 is \$15,724.64. The big bus has officially been paid off with the remaining funds moved into the Transportation fund. This money will help pay for maintenance of all vehicles owned by our church and used to transport many folks to and from various events.

We remain grateful and feel blessed by everyone's support,

Friends of Main Street Golf
Tournament Committee

2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT



Shipwrecked VBS was a boat-load of fun!

Our 62 crew members from Pre-K through 6th grade met Hope, Beacon, Rae, Guac, and Moe as they learned the many different ways that Jesus Rescues us in our life! At the end of the week, Crew Members got to Ice Mrs. Karen because they brought in a whopping amount of "Totes and Toes" - 56 tote bags for our friends in Honduras and 136 pairs of socks to help our friends here in Suffolk. That is "tote"-ally awesome!!!



PRAYER LIST UPDATE

RECENT PRAYER: 07/01 Sandra Leggett Wilson, Caroline Simmons, Sean Alan Jackson, Marie Kennedy, Phyllis Pruden, Janie Comstock, Brenda Luster, Robbie Stevens, Alan Holland, The Lee family, Sharry Swann

ONGOING: Willis "Corky" Davis, Carrie Hill, Steve Clark, Bob Walton, Sylvia Funkhouser, Bob Catlett, John and Kate Reilly, Heather Lawrence, Leila Tompert, Gloria & Beverly Bredemeyer, Ferebee Bowman, Michael McPherson and Family, Shellee Stevens, Lee Bowman, Valeria Webb, Lauren Johnson, Lucas Lawrence, Janet Wunderlich, Mary Wirts, Joseph Medeiros

SYMPATHY: Family of Dr. Winston M. Browne, Jr. (Father of Bo Browne); Family of Thomas "Tommy" Hines; Family of Alice Johnson; Family of Steve Castillo (Father of Jen Kilborn); Family of Eunice Hedgepeth, Family of Valeria Webb, Family of Tom Johnson (Father of Craig Johnson)

CANCER: Janis Greene, Betty Sowell, Kate Rhoads, Brenda Atkins, Ralph Knapp, Nick Cleary, Wilma Babich, Juel Carr, Ed Barber, Pam Askew,

Linda Argust, Ray Holland, Midge Sanchez, Judy Duonela Vicars, Johnny Hardy, Thomas Burnett, Todd Walton, James Blair, Cheri Lane, Phil Beck, Margaret Heuberger, Al Bremer, Sally Gum Palmer, Diane Liles, Majdah Schiavi, Linda Harper, Faye Askew, Yvonne Lovingood, Carolyn Barnes, Tami Wyse, Melaine Mederios, Lois Barker, Judene Hartless, Russell Wilson, Joan Byrd, Connie Brooks, Angela Seed, Audrey Kent, Lisa Copeland, Dave O'Neill, David Holloway, Judy Calfee, Ed Murphy, David Hollowell, Craig Holland, Jean Brinkley, Christine Duran, Rod Medeiros, Melaine Medeiros

SKILLED CARE: Eunice Hedgepeth, Bill Gallant, Bill Cloe

HOMEBOUND: Melanie French, Jean Sutphin

ASSISTED LIVING: Colette Ballard, Boo Ballard, Susan Rivenbark

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS: Main Street United Methodist Church; Our sister churches on the James River District; Pastor Rich Meiser; Church Staff; Lay

Leadership (Lay Leader: Bo Browne; Sunday School Teachers; Bible Studies); United Methodist Church Worldwide (VA Annual Conference, Bishop Sharma Lewis, Superintendent Rob Colwell, District & Conference Staff), Missionaries & Mission Sites, John Elmore (Chile Covenant Mission Project Director); Friends of Barnabas; CRU - Stephanie & Quin Strouse

OUR NATION AND WORLD: Military Troops & Families: Adam Balint, Chris Smith, Dr. Michael Johnston, Anthony Hickler, Cedric Dedeaux, Hunter Pietrowski, Adam Salsbury, Adam Waddell, Kent Brooks, Christy Whitten, Brian Mouton, Mike Spangenburg, Bryanna Grant, James Russell, III, Kristi Kilborn, Will Crow, Wesley Linder, Duncan Bevan; Children in Poverty; Police, Fire & Rescue Workers; CAPS (Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk); Our Schools (Teachers & Administrators, Staff & Volunteers, Students & their families), Main Street Day Care & Preschool; Workplaces & Homes; The Marketplace; Missionaries; Domestic Violence victims

MUSIKGARTEN CLASS OFFERED [JULY - AUGUST]



MUSIKGARTEN
4 week summer sessions during July and August

MUSIKGARTEN 4 WEEK SUMMER SESSIONS

FAMILY MUSIC FOR BABIES *newborn to 16 months*
[MONDAY, JULY 23 - AUGUST 13 | 9:30 - 10:00 AM]

COST \$40.00 tuition (materials optional \$40)

WHAT DO YOU HEAR? *mixed ages, 16 months to 5 years*
[TUESDAY, JULY 24 - AUGUST 14 | 9:30 - 10:00 AM]

COST \$65.00 tuition and materials

To register for classes please visit the Musikgarten website at www.musikgartenatcsl.org. For more information please contact Marj Setnicky at 757.582.3978 or marjsetnicky560@gmail.com.

JULY 2018 [CALENDAR OF EVENTS]

SUNDAY, JULY 1

Welcome Pastor Richard Meiser

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship
- 11:30 am Meet the Pastor Lunch
- 6:00 pm CONNECT - Worship Service

MONDAY, JULY 2

- 6:30 pm Finance Committee

TUESDAY, JULY 3

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

Independence Day

Church Office | Day Care Closed

- 8:00 pm AA

FRIDAY, JULY 6

- 1:00 pm Church Office Closes

SATURDAY, JULY 7

- 8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, JULY 8

- 8:30 am Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- TBA Voice of Youth Concert
- 6:00 pm CONNECT - Worship Service

TUESDAY, JULY 10

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00 pm SPPRC Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

- 10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
- 6:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group

- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

- 8:00 pm AA

FRIDAY, JULY 13

- 1:00 pm Church Office Closes

- 6:00 pm UMM Meet & Greet Cookout

SATURDAY, JULY 14

- 8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, JULY 15

- 8:30 am Worship

- 9:45 am Sunday School

- 11:00 am Worship

- 6:00 pm CONNECT - Worship Service

TUESDAY, JULY 17

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

- 10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

- 6:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group

- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

- 8:00 pm AA

FRIDAY, JULY 20

- 1:00 pm Church Office Closes

- 6:00 pm Cub Scout Lock-in Begins

SATURDAY, JULY 21

- 12:00 pm Cub Scout Lock-in Ends

- 8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, JULY 22

- 8:30 am Worship

- 9:45 am Sunday School

- 11:00 am Worship

- 12:15 pm Stewardship Meeting

- 6:00 pm CONNECT - Worship Service

MONDAY, JULY 23

- 9:30 am Musikgarten

- 5:15 pm Day Care Board Meeting

- 7:00 pm Cub Scout LPM

TUESDAY, JULY 24

- 9:30 am Musikgarten

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

- 10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

- 6:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group

- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

- 8:00 pm AA

FRIDAY, JULY 27

- 1:00 pm Church Office Closes

- 4:00 pm Rose's Supper

SATURDAY, JULY 28

- 11:00 am Salvation Army Kitchen

- 8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, JULY 29

- 8:30 am Worship

- 9:45 am Sunday School

- 11:00 am Worship

- 6:00 pm CONNECT - Worship Service

MONDAY, JULY 30

- 9:30 am Musikgarten

TUESDAY, JULY 31

- 9:30 am Musikgarten

- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts



Thank you to everyone who reached out to our family following Bo's father's funeral. We are so grateful for every call, card, email, and hug! We also want to especially thank Barbara, Chris, and Wendy who so readily agreed to create the bulletins for the funeral when the church in Boykins wasn't able to. What a blessing to be a part of such a loving and supportive church family.

With all our love,
Bo, Jodi, Reed, and Cole Browne

Dear Main Street UMC Family,
I wanted to thank you all for the cards, calls, and kind words and prayers for my family and me during our recent loss of both my father in April and my mother in May. My two sisters and my brother and I appreciate everything.

Love in Christ,
Janice Harper

[BIRTHDAYS]

7/1 Jeffrey Forman
 7/1 Claire Taliaferro
 7/1 Bruce Salsbury
 7/2 Karen Williams
 7/2 Blake Baker
 7/2 Sara Brooks
 7/2 Tina Lewis
 7/2 Emily Brown
 7/3 Lily Garner
 7/3 Dylan Pruitt
 7/3 Annette Toner
 7/4 Cassie Venable
 7/4 Barbara Rayburn
 7/4 Adam Joerger
 7/5 Mary Anne Barnes
 7/6 David Forman
 7/7 Martin Sweat
 7/7 Austin Drewnowski
 7/8 Blake Wagner
 7/9 Robert Baker
 7/9 Grace Saunders
 7/9 Terrence Knight
 7/13 Meghan Grass
 7/15 Virginia McNeill

7/16 Barbara Smith
 7/17 Brittany Kania
 7/18 Boo Ballard
 7/18 Linda Butler
 7/18 Mary Keith Floyd
 7/18 Ann Walker
 7/18 Linda Argust
 7/18 Caroline Venable
 7/19 Monica Lynn Eure
 7/20 Carson Birdsong
 7/20 Pam Huber
 7/20 Quinby Hines
 7/20 TJ Argust
 7/21 Jay Butler
 7/21 Annie Scott
 7/22 Patricia Forman
 7/23 Christopher Caron
 7/23 Ken Williams
 7/23 Teresa Hardee
 7/25 Annette Bailey
 7/25 William Powell
 7/26 Nancy Braford
 7/26 Chris Smith
 7/26 Sarah Higinbotham
 7/26 Joseph Askew

7/27 Iris Mamlin
 7/27 Scott Carr
 7/28 Laura Mizelle
 7/29 Kate Holland
 7/29 Annabeth Lynn Kashner
 7/30 Sara Ray
 7/31 Ruby Brinkley
 7/31 Doug Ward

[ANNIVERSARIES]

07/02 Chuck & Irene Fisher
 07/09 David & Shirley Baldwin
 07/09 Cheri & David Anthony
 07/11 John & Ann Shappell
 07/12 William & Boo Ballard, Sr.
 07/17 Scott & Jennifer Kilborn
 07/18 Bernard & Iris Mamlin
 07/23 Brent & Ann Brown
 07/30 Harold & June Barrett, Sr.
 07/31 Phil & Audrey Beck
 07/31 Eley & Nicole Duke, III

Special birthday wishes to the July members of the 90+ Club! Boo Ballard!

MAIN STREET DAY CARE & PRESCHOOL NEWS

Its Summer at Main Street and that includes the Day Care.

Main Street Day Care & Preschool have 120 children who are participating in many varied and fun activities such as pool days, crafts, games and field trips. The faith based curriculum also focuses on the arts and SOL and STEM inclusive topics comprised of science and literacy skill development and the humanities. Main Street Day Care &



Preschool is enrolled in the Virginia Quality Rating and Improvement System. They have achieved Level 2 status and are currently working on Level 3 which focuses on intentional

teaching practices and aligning with Virginia's Milestones of Child Development. The goal is to have this completed by October. In addition, the Jean Ritchie Cross Scholarship and Bonus fund is now available to encourage our teachers to continue their education. So, it may be summer but our Day Care ministry continues to thrive. Thank God for blessing this wonderful ministry.

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OF MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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