



The Main Street MESSENGER

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Lenten Journey

Greetings Friends,

Let me begin by offering my gratitude for the many cards and well wishes I have received. They have brought much encouragement in this time of healing. I am also keenly aware of your prayers. I sense them and they have been a big part of my healing process.

I may not be with you in person but I am joining you for worship via Facebook livestream and I am in touch with the office daily. I would also like to thank Ellen Comstock and John Shappell for their service in covering pastoral duties in my absence. Jordan Webb also

helped in my absence by filling the pulpit for Scout Sunday and the First Sunday of Lent.

I was encouraged by Jordan's message this Sunday and it has helped me view my recovery as a journey. The temptation that I face is to hurry this journey. I want to rush to the end of my healing but our bodies just do not work like that. I do plan to return to the office next week with limited hours. My healing is going well and I look forward to being back with you at full strength very soon. My recovery has become a spiritual discipline, it is a part of my

Lenten journey. I remind myself each morning in my devotions that God is in charge and will do the work necessary as long as I do my part. Walking and no BLT (no bending lifting and twisting) is my part and God will give me the strength and bring the healing.

I look forward to being back with you soon as we journey toward Holy Week and the celebration of Easter Morning. Thank you again for your prayers.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Rich

From our District Superintendent, Jay Carey:

"As we begin a new Lenten journey and prepare our hearts, minds, and souls for an Easter celebration in front of us, I invite and challenge each of us to observe a Holy Lent in 2023. Allow the upcoming six weeks to be a time of purposeful reflection of your own spiritual journey. Allow time each day to "be" with Christ. We can become so busy "doing" for Christ that we miss the deep blessing of being with our Lord. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you, inspire you, and to lead you to a deeper journey with Jesus – not just during the Lenten season, but every day."



STEWARDSHIP 2023

LIVE A LIFE FILLED WITH LOVE

THEME VERSE EPHESIANS 5:2

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

Share God's love : Smile more often, express gratitude to strangers, friends, and family members, exhibit calmness and patience knowing that God is with you and He will provide.



The logo above is a variation on the original 2023 Theme banner that hangs in the Atrium. Both were created by Britney Webb. The logo that appears here will be put on t-shirts for us to wear for our special events or anytime you like. This is another way we can witness to the general public without ever saying a word. Our Main Street logo will appear on the front. The cost of the shirts will be \$18 for adults and \$15 for children. Order forms will be placed in the Atrium.



CHILI COOKOFF FUNDRAISER LUNCH FOR FRIENDS OF BARNABAS MEDICAL MISSION TEAM



We are excited to announce that Main Street is sponsoring another Friends of Barnabas Medical Mission Team that will soon travel to Honduras.

Bo and Jodi Browne, Maggie McCauley, Charlie O'Dea and Katherine Jonak will

leave on April 22, 2023. In addition our former missionary to Chile, John Elmore will participate with our team.

In the past we had a Chili Fundraiser for John Elmore but he has retired so now we are going to have a chili cookoff for our Friends of Barnabas Medical Mission team. All of the funds raised will be used to buy a variety of medications and medical supplies that the team will carry with them to Honduras. Our fundraising goal is \$5,000 and we are thankful that many of you have already given to Friends of Barnabas through the year so we currently have \$2,335!

Would you be willing to make your

special chili recipe to be shared at lunch after the 11:00 am service on March 12? If so, please contact Jodi Browne at 757-377-7785 or sign up in the Atrium.

We will have fun asking people to vote for their favorite and the chili with the most votes wins!



Rise
AGAINST HUNGER
MARCH 25, 2023
8:00 AM UNTIL NOON

For those of you who are new to Main Street, this is an event you don't want to miss! It is a great time of fellowship and fun that includes plenty of coffee,

juice and doughnuts to get us started. Then we are so energized that we are able to package 10,000 meals in less than 2 hours! Sign-up in the Atrium now to be a part of this event.

We are close to reaching our fundraising goal of \$4,000. You can help us reach the goal by making your check to Main Street with notation for Rise Against Hunger.

Sign up now and join the fun!



[BIRTHDAYS]

3/1 Martha Callis
3/1 Rory King
3/1 Alex Bivins
3/2 Linda Ferguson
3/2 Marianna Friend
3/2 Dale Birdsong
3/2 Ann Shappell
3/3 Laura Michael
3/3 Josh Brooks
3/4 Orion Hoy
3/4 Lillian Crawford
3/4 Jimmy Cooper
3/5 Kana Kilborn
3/6 Bill Powell
3/6 Heather Carr
3/7 Adrian Holland
3/7 Jim Jones
3/8 Macy Grizzle
3/8 Addison Michael
3/9 Adam Webb
3/9 Ariel Smith
3/9 Chris Carey
3/9 Daniel Totten
3/10 Joan Mizelle
3/11 Becky Debnam

3/11 Mary Ann Eure
3/11 David Hainley
3/12 Karen Waddell
3/12 Jaelyn Grant
3/13 Douglas Cary
3/13 Tom Harry
3/13 Katherine Jonak
3/13 Kelly Askew
3/14 Jimmy Powell
3/14 Alexandra Bartlett
3/14 Sawyer Webb
3/15 Ney Austin
3/15 Greg Brown
3/15 Linda Hurst
3/15 Eric Venable
3/16 Michael McPherson
3/17 Libby Hiner
3/17 Mary Marks
3/19 Abigail Van Orden
3/19 Amelia Fisher
3/21 James Russell
3/22 Barbara Haverty
3/22 Christine Finner
3/22 Vicki Greatwood
3/23 Alexandra Miller
3/23 Evie Taliaferro

3/25 James Butler
3/26 Lin Callis
3/26 Thomas King
3/27 Rex Rooker
3/28 Parker Duke
3/28 Bob Callis
3/29 Lillie Hartman
3/29 Mac Birdsong
3/29 Gregg Crow
3/29 Robert Marks
3/29 Carl Savage
3/30 Buddy Baker
3/30 Susan Conner
3/30 Beverly Bredemeyer
3/30 Carol Harry
3/31 Audrey Anthony

[ANNIVERSARIES]

3/1 Keith & Glenda Johnston
3/2 Mark & Laura Wrigte
3/8 Robert & Midge Callis
3/19 Billy & Dawn Lassiter
3/28 Peter & Lindsey Holman

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

PRAYER LIST: 02/23/23: Riley Cerabona, Heather Foxwell, Eric Venable, Philip Boyles, Glenora Nelson, Pat Beale, Kim Bruce, Sandra Leggett-Wilson, Sharon & Ronnie Cobb, Barbara Collier, Pastor Rich

ONGOING: Steve Clark, Heather Lawrence, Bob & Leila Tompert, McPherson Family, Carolyn Davis, Bob Callis, Herman Terrell, Louise Elliott, Stan Waterfield, Martha Callis, Randy Hicks, Jim Dowaliby, Rod Rodrigues, Cathleene Norville, Brooke & Susan Pruden, Patti Meese, Bobby Funkhouser,

CANCER: Linda Argust, Ray Holland, Al Bremer, Linda Harper, Faye Askew, Rod Rodrigues, Melaine Medeiros, Mary Lou

Hedgepeth, Julie Nance, Richard J. Peko, Shannon Rivera, Juel Carr, Gary Graham, Ralph Knapp, Eli Dowaliby, Lynn Foster, Brian Clark, Marea Bishop, Jay Robbins, Filmore Brinkley, Kenny Hirsch, Tuffy Braithwhite, Bev Rooker, Michael Ross, Brenda Bradshaw, Bill Leary, Marty Irvine, Sr., Robert Marich, Cathy Richardson, Peter Tim, Joan Turner, Ron Hamilton, Connie Grissom, Walter Hammerle

ASSISTED LIVING: Ray Shamburger, Frances Kelly, Harold & June Barrett

SYMPATHY: The family of Dale Kelley

OUR NATION AND WORLD: Military Troops & Families: Chris Smith, Anthony Hickler, Adam Waddell, Kent Brooks, Bryanna Grant, James Russell III, Kristi Kilborn, Wesley Linder, Duncan Bevan, TJ Argust; First Responders; CAPS (Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk); Our Schools; Main Street Day Care & Preschool; Workplaces & Homes; social justice, unity and peace; students, parents, teachers and administrators in local schools; safety and well being of our college students and professors; our President and national leaders; the people of Ukraine: the people of the United Methodist Church

MARCH 2023 [CALENDAR OF EVENTS]



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm AA

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

11:00 am Girl Scout Meeting
8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Children's Church
11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship
1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship
4:00 pm Youth Group

MONDAY, MARCH 6

6:30 pm Girl Scouts

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

7:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

2:00 pm Women's Book Club
6:30 pm Cub Scouts
7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

11:00 am Baby Shower
8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship
12:00 pm Chili cook-off lunch Fundraiser
1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 13

7:00 pm Church Council

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm AA

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

10:00 am Cyber Savvy Senior Workshop
8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Children's Church
11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship
1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship
4:00 pm Movie Night

MONDAY, MARCH 20

6:30 pm Girl Scouts

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

3:00 pm Book Club
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm AA

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

9:00 AM RISE AGAINST HUNGER EVENT

12:00 pm Church Clean-Up
8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship
1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship
5:30 pm Community Youth Event

MONDAY, MARCH 27

5:15 pm Day Care Board
7:00 pm Trustees

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm AA



SATURDAY, MARCH 25 @ 12 NOON

Immediately following the Rise Against Hunger event, we provide lunch for those who will come to help for a couple of hours. We work both inside and out. Bring your rakes & shovels or bucket and rags for outside or inside. Your choice!



Please join UMCOR in prayer for the many people affected by these devastating earthquakes, including the rescue crews seeking survivors and those caring for the injured and displaced.

Support relief and recovery efforts for this and other international disasters by donating to [Advance # 982450](#). You can make your check payable to Main Street with Advance 982450 in the notation.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is a need in the community for CAPS Night Stay volunteers through the morning of March 15. Please contact Jan Pruden at 757-286-9126 or jpruden@capsuffolk.org, if you can help.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hey, families!

Here's a look at what we're covering with the children this month in Sunday School!

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!"

2 Corinthians 5:17



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

March 5 & 19, at 11:00. This service is for children ages 5 years to 4th Grade. Children leave church after the Children's Moment to continue worshiping with age appropriate stories, lessons, prayers and songs, which are led by our 5th through 12th grade students. If you would like to help or have questions, contact Holly Richardson.



MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

4:00-6:00 P.M.

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

Join us for Pizza, Popcorn & Fun

HELP WANTED:

The need continues for volunteers to help with our Sunday Children's Programs. Your commitment can be as little as one hour a quarter to help with Children's Sunday school, Children's Church or in the Nursery. Please contact Holly Richardson if you are ready to sign-up or if have questions.



Are you looking to become a Cyber Savvy Senior?

Claire Taliaferro and members of the youth group will be hosting a technology workshop at Main Street on Saturday, March 18th at 10 am. Whether you're new to computers or mobile devices, haven't used them in a while, or just need a refresher, seniors will be able to learn both technology basics and advanced skills at this workshop.

The workshop is part of Claire's Girl Scout Gold Award project 'Cyber Savvy Seniors' which uses digital tools to help seniors connect with others to combat social isolation (www.cyber-savvy-seniors.org). The Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can achieve.

Claire will be in the atrium on Sunday, February 26th and Sunday, March 12th to sign up workshop participants and answer questions about the workshop presentation.

Come join the youth and learn a new tech skill!



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OF MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



A Journey Through Lent

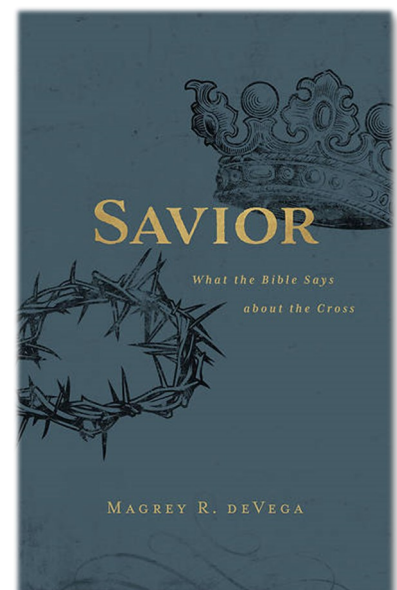
Join us for this meaningful journey through Lent, as we discover what exactly Jesus did to save us from our sins? Why was the cross necessary, and what does it mean for us today?

Savior, What the Bible Says About the Cross

6 SESSIONS - FEBRUARY 28 - APRIL 4

TUESDAYS AT 7:00 PM INPERSON & ON ZOOM

BOOKS AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE



The safety team is interested to know if there are any congregation members that happen to be a CPR instructor and would be open to possibly holding a few classes at Main Street. If interested or for more information please contact Jennifer Webb at 756-646-0576.

