



# *The Main Street* MESSENGER

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Greetings Friends,

Monday afternoon I was walking through the fellowship hall and my shoes stuck to the floor. You know that feeling when you walk over the floor at the movie theater at the end of a movie and someone has spilled a soft drink? I immediately thought, wow, someone missed a spot. But then I thought, "Wow, it is good to have a 'sticky church.'" What I mean by that is an active church can sometimes be a sticky church. Activity can mean that a place is used and when a place is "used" it sometimes gets messy, or sticky, if you will. Friends, we are on our way back to be an active church. We are in the middle of Vacation Bible School as I write this. We are averaging 35 people, young and old alike. We are exploring The Lord's Prayer in new ways during this week with our theme, *Give Us this Day*. Our time includes a meal, crafts and song. We are also enjoying a summer Bible Study on The Lord's Prayer led by Ralph Branchaud and Pat Collier.

Again the depth and beauty of this model of prayer Jesus taught His disciples is being discussed and practiced. On Sunday mornings our adults Sunday school programs are going strong with 3 different classes being offered. We have paused the Sunday morning Children's ministry for July during this COVID surge because of the small spaces the children meet in but hope to resume that ministry soon. These are things happening in our building but that is not where the ministry of Main Street UMC stops.

Our youth have just returned from an amazing mission trip to Charleston SC. I want to thank our adult leaders, Mark Popik, Steve Webb, and Beth Gist. This is how they experienced the trip....Mark and Steve used terms like muggy, sticky, energizing, hot, and fun. Steve went on to say the entire group "made new friends, laughed, cried, loved and served." Mark included that our "young people with a servant's heart gave selflessly." And Beth said she was "Extremely proud of our youth group... They were very polite, energetic, encouraging to the people we were



serving and inclusive of the youth from other churches." The youth seemed to enjoy the building of new relationships. Jacob Callis said he enjoyed bonding with groups from different parts of the country. There were groups there from as far away as Kansas. He said it was amazing how close they were able to get over a short period of time because of the Holy Spirit. Evie Taliaferro added "At first I wasn't very excited about my assigned job site – I would be helping to run a summer camp for disadvantaged middle schoolers in the Charleston area.

I'm typically not great with kids so I felt out of my depth. But as the days went by, I found myself having a great time and really enjoying getting to know the kids on a personal level. On one of the last days I walked into the room sort of hidden behind Mark, and the kids started freaking out asking 'Where's Miss Evie? We want to see her!' That really warmed my heart and helped me realize God put me in this worksite for a reason, even if I didn't appreciate it at first." That sounds like sticky church to me, even though they were not in our church building our youth and adult leaders were out being the hands and feet of Christ.

Sticky church happens all arounds us, all the time. Every time you invite someone to be a part of our community, serve another in the name of Christ, or just share the Good News through your life, you are being a part of a "sticky church." Yes I know sometimes it can be annoying to step in a sticky spot on the floor, no matter where you are; a Movie Theater, your home, the grocery store, or even church. But it reminds me the place is being used and isn't that we want of our church? A place where people come together, hear the good news, know community, and then go out to serve. Thanks be to God that Main Street is a "sticky Church."

Grace and  
peace,  
Pastor Rich



# AUGUST 2022 [BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES]

## [BIRTHDAYS]

8/1 Paris Scott	8/11 Sara Henry	8/25 Janet Lambert
8/1 Clay Hardee	8/11 George Huber	8/25 Susan Pruden
8/3 Rhett Irby	8/12 Gail Williams	8/25 Tyler Carlile
8/3 Caroline Barnes	8/14 Jacob Branchaud	8/25 Danny Farley
8/4 Joanne Wunderlich	8/14 Emmette Claire Bartlett	8/26 Robert Solomon
8/5 Kim Butler	8/14 Tom Taliaferro	8/26 Sarah Catherine Giacometti
8/6 Laura Austin	8/14 Keith Johnston	8/27 Karen Gunter
8/6 Emily Argust	8/14 Donna Rogers	8/27 Anne Jackson
8/6 Bryce McNelis	8/16 Meredith Russell	8/27 Demi Naylor
8/7 William Lawrence	8/16 Charles Saunders	8/29 Jack Eure
8/7 Corey Russell	8/16 Camille Harrell	8/29 Kristin Irwin
8/7 Lila Pretlow	8/17 Ava Giacometti	8/29 Miller Cary
8/10 Jane Stancill	8/18 Michael Cutchin	8/30 Will Crenshaw
8/10 Robbie Stevens	8/19 Whitney Saunders	8/30 Megan Hindman
8/10 Marty Irvine	8/19 Kinley Michael	8/30 L'Oreal Sears
8/10 Kathi Handy	8/20 Anne-Perry Harrell	8/31 Everett Irby
8/11 Toni Gardy	8/21 Anne Cabell Pearce	8/31 Elliott Haverty
8/11 Linda New	8/22 Jackie Williams	
8/11 Cassie King	8/23 Harold Barrett	
	8/23 Adelynn Zydron	

## [ANNIVERSARIES]

8/1 Eric & Angela Venable
8/6 Mac & Amy Birdsong
8/7 Bruce & Kathy Salsbury
8/10 Dutch & Ann Greene
8/12 Jeffrey & Patricia Forman
8/12 Charles & Carol Lynn Shotton
8/14 Mac & Sandra Birdsong
8/15 Jeffrey & Toni Gardy
8/15 Dillard & Judy Horton
8/18 Randy & Robbin Hicks
8/23 Bev & Brenda Cox
8/24 John & Susan Pruden
8/25 Whitney & Ellen Saunders
8/26 Warren & Penny Birdsong
8/29 Corey & Margaret Russell

## PRAYER LIST UPDATE

**PRAYER LIST: 7/28/22:** Carolyn Horst, Ricky Nelson, Joseph Medeiros, C.J. Johnson, Brooke & Susan Pruden, Pat Huber, James Butler, Denise Jackson, Roberta Tripp, Nicholas Medeiros, William Powell III, Rev. Kenny Newsome, Anne Branch, Gail Williams

**ONGOING:** Steve Clark, Heather Lawrence, Bob & Leila Tompert, Erin & Michael McPherson and Family, Carolyn Davis, Bob Callis, Liam Grant, Herman Terrell, Harold Wald, Louise Elliott, Stan Waterfield, Helen Barsch, Martha Callis, Beverly Drapalik, Randy Hicks, Jim Dowaliby

**SYMPATHY:** The Family of Jennifer Fisher (Chuck Fisher sister-in-law)

**CANCER:** Pam Askew, Linda Argust, Ray Holland, Al Bremer, Diane Liles, Linda Harper, Faye Askew, Rod Rodrigues, Melaine Medeiros, Carol Coleman, Mary Lou Hedgepeth, Julie Nance, John Nodeen,

Richard J. Peko, Roland Word, Shannon Rivera, Juel Carr, Nancy Spring Parker, Anita McLemore, Gary Graham, Glen Harrell, Ralph Knapp, Judy Gales, Eli Dowaliby, Lynn Foster, Brian Clark, Marea Bishop, Jay Robbins, Filmore Brinkley, Kenny Hirsch, Kevin Driscoll, Jennifer Skipper, Lorrie Staples, Carol Lynne Shotton, Tuffy Braithwhite, Donald Blount, Bev Rooker, Michael Ross

**HOMEBOUND:** Jean Sutphin

**ASSISTED LIVING:** Ray Shamburger, Frances Kelly

**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; Volodymyr Zelensky & Ukraine

## The Lords Prayer

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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.

Amen.



# AUGUST 2022 [CALENDAR OF EVENTS]

## MONDAY, AUGUST 1

7:00 pm Safety Team

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm Bible Study

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

2:00 pm Staff Meeting

8:00 pm AA

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

6:00 am Men's Study

7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee

7:00 pm **NEIGHBORHOOD  
CONNECTION MEETING**

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00 pm AA

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship

12:15 pm Stewardship Committee

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm Bible Study

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

2:00 - 8:00 PM DIRECTORY  
PICTURES

8:00 pm AA

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

2:00 - 8:00 PM DIRECTORY  
PICTURES

6:00 am Men's Study

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

2:00 - 8:00 PM DIRECTORY  
PICTURES

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM DIRECTORY  
PICTURES

9:00 am Eagle Scout Court of Honor

8:00 pm AA

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm Bible Study

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 pm AA

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

6:00 am Men's Study

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

6:00 pm Cub Scout Lock-In

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

8:00 pm AA

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

8:30 am Worship and

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship

## MONDAY, AUGUST 22

7:00 pm Trustees

7:00 pm Day Care Board

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm Bible Study

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

2:00 pm Staff Meeting

8:00 pm AA

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

6:00 am Men's Study

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00 pm AA

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship

## MONDAY, AUGUST 29

7:00 pm Safety Team

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

2:00 pm Staff Meeting

8:00 pm AA



Our Neighborhood Connection groups will gather at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for "Dialogue & Dessert" with Pastor Rich. The purpose of the gatherings is to discuss how we, as a church, can navigate the issues that we face in today's world and in our church.

If you cannot attend on the designated date, you are welcome to come to any of the other scheduled gatherings. You and other church members in your area will receive a postcard invitation.

**Next meetings - August 4 &  
September 1**

## AUGUST BIBLE READINGS

1 Isaiah 60 – 63

2 Isaiah 64 – 66

3 Jeremiah 1 – 3

4 Jeremiah 4 – 5

5 Jeremiah 6 – 8

6 Jeremiah 9 – 11

7 Jeremiah 12 – 14

8 Jeremiah 15 – 17

9 Jeremiah 18 – 21

10 Jeremiah 22 – 24

11 Jeremiah 25 – 27

12 Jeremiah 28 – 30

13 Jeremiah 31 – 32

14 Jeremiah 33 – 36

15 Jeremiah 37 – 39

16 Jeremiah 40 – 43

17 Jeremiah 44 – 46

18 Jeremiah 47 – 48

19 Jeremiah 49

20 Jeremiah 50

21 Jeremiah 51 – 52

22 Lamentations 1 – 2

23 Lamentations 3 – 5

24 Ezekiel 1 – 4

25 Ezekiel 5 – 8

26 Ezekiel 9 – 12

27 Ezekiel 13 – 15

28 Ezekiel 16 – 17

29 Ezekiel 18 – 20

30 Ezekiel 21 – 22

31 Ezekiel 23 – 24

**KEEP READING!**





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Wednesday, August 10, 2:00 – 8:30 pm

Thursday, August 11, 2:00 – 8:30 pm

Friday, August 12, 2:00 – 8:30 pm

Saturday, August 13, 10:30 - 5:00 pm

You can also sign up in the Atrium on Sunday mornings.

When you participate you will receive one complimentary 8x10 family portrait, and receive a copy of the new directory.

Contact: Holly Richardson at 757-539-8751

The Congregational Care Team represents our church “family” as Care Givers for Christ. We need people who are willing to make a call, visit, provide a meal, or send a card to those in need; we provide comfort as we reflect the love of Christ we all share.

We need volunteers for the following areas:

- Send Cards
- Make calls
- Take a meal
- Be a neighborhood group leader
- Take communion to nursing homes

Sign up in the Atrium or call the church office.

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