



The Main Street MESSENGER

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Gathered Up in Jesus

LENT & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERIES

Dear friends,

As we approach the celebration of Easter, I believe it is one of the most special Easter Seasons in recent history. You may be asking, "Why do think that Pastor Rich?" I'm glad you asked. If you are like me, it has been a difficult 2 years. I know we celebrated Easter last year, and it was the first time in over a year we had 2 in-person services. It was like a breath of fresh air, but it seemed as though COVID was still "hovering" over our heads and still a present danger with new variants and case numbers still high. This Easter seems different to me. I feel as if a new era is beginning, a new time to be the church, a sense of a real resurrection taking place in our community. I want Main Street Church to be a part of this energy and new life. I want us to be in ministry to our community in new ways, in fresh ways, and we are more than capable of joining this new life!

We have "worked" our way through Lent being reminded that we are being "Gathered Up in Jesus." The stories of the gospels remind us of Jesus love for us, even in our sins. As we approach Holy Week, look for new ways to receive the Good News, new

opportunities to share the Good News, and new people to invite to church. Our Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and a march through downtown Suffolk with other downtown churches. What a great reminder of the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Not only will we hear the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, we will also hear of the quick spiral down to the betrayal, denial, and desertion of Jesus by some of his followers. This again reminds us how fickle we can be in our commitment to follow him. During Holy Week we will have a noonday service on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday with scripture reading, reflection and prayer helping to prepare us for the passion and resurrection of the one who gathers us in, Jesus! Tuesday of Holy week we will have our Bible study at 7 PM, and on Maundy Thursday we will celebrate with worship and communion at 7 PM.

Friends, please join us for this most holy season of our faith. Allow the Spirit of God to open you to the newness of the Resurrection. I'm excited about what God is doing through the ministries of Main Street UMC. Thanks be to God that we are "Gathered Up in Jesus."

Grace and peace,
Pastor Rich



PALM SUNDAY DOWNTOWN PROCESSION

Meet at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
9:30am (approx. 30 minutes)

MONDAY | WEDNESDAY | FRIDAY

Holy Week Services of
Prayer and Praise · 12 Noon
In-Person and Facebook Livestream

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 14

Maundy Thursday Worship &
Commemoration of The Last Supper
7:00pm
In-Person and Facebook Livestream

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Service of Prayer and Praise
12 Noon · In-Person and Livestream
Sanctuary Open for Personal Prayer
12:30 to 6:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Celebration of the Resurrection
8:30 and 11:00am In-Person
(11:00 Facebook Livestream)

STEWARDSHIP 2022

APRIL | LIVING OUR WITNESS BY SHARING OUR FAITH



The Kids of Honduras Thank You For Your Help!

Three ways we support Friends of Barnabas in Honduras:

1. We support medical mission teams that minister directly to the people with much needed medical care
2. Main Street commits \$3,250 a year to support a community partnership with El Encinal.
3. **We participate in a yearly** auction for the general support of Friends of Barnabas.

Main Street UMC's Community Partnership with Encinal has helped to provide ongoing services which have benefited the community in many ways. Main Street has provided:

- *Transportation for community assessments, which provide key demographic information and also help community leaders determine and prioritize needs,*
- *Transportation for the delivery of preventative health supplies such as COVID-19 Hygiene Kits (hand sanitizer,*

sanitation spray, masks, educational brochure, etc.), which were delivered twice in 2021,

- *Communication through regular telephone calls offering support, advocacy, and guidance,*
- *Continued educational support for community leaders and community health volunteers through bi-monthly contacts, distribution of materials, and video support,*
- *Advanced communication resource tools needed for FOB medical staff to provide weekly telemedicine support at various levels, and*
- *Emergency support for families suffering loss.*

Main Street UMC's impact was significant in Encinal. Continued contact, support, education, and preventative measures were essential to staying healthy in 2021. The community even remarked that they were so blessed to have not been forgotten.

*Please join us for the virtual
Barnabas Benefit:
Honduras is calling,
I must go...
Thursday, April 28, 2022
Dessert at 7:30 pm,
Livestream event at 8:00 pm*

An evening celebration with an insider's view of our life-changing programs in Honduras, featuring an amazing auction, music and testimonials.

Our medical mission team from Main Street, Bo & Jodi Browne and Maggie McCauley will share their recent adventures in Honduras.

The event is free. If you would like to bid during the auction please call Charnell Blair @ 757-377-7308.

Go to this link to purchase a ticket for bidding : <https://www.fobf.org>

MAIN STREET MEDICAL MISSION TEAM AT WORK 2022 IN HONDURAS



APRIL 2022 [BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES]

[BIRTHDAYS]

4/1 Mia Diggs
4/2 Ashley Nettles
4/3 Jennifer Weber
4/4 Jeanne Brooks
4/4 Hayes Russell
4/4 Dawn Lassiter
4/4 Alicia Ray
4/5 Taylor Bradshaw
4/5 Kaitlyn Hiner
4/5 Robert Davis
4/6 Becca Duggan
4/8 Michelle Horton
4/8 Braedon McCauley
4/8 Nancy Stebe
4/8 Zachery Gist
4/9 Wendy Hill
4/9 Martha Trapani
4/9 Caroline Hogg
4/9 Robyn Soto

4/11 Carson Hill
4/14 Harper Birdsong
4/15 Myrtle Ann
Mountcastle
4/15 Hannah Donahue
4/18 Everett Birdsong
4/18 Katie Brown
4/18 Jenna Rock
4/19 June Johnson
4/20 Marc Hines
4/21 Amanda Fortner
4/21 Susannah Donahue
4/21 Cherish Pearce
4/22 Gwenyth Gregory
4/22 Gillian Vega
4/22 Page Henry
4/22 William O'Berry
4/23 Sarah Baldwin
4/23 Laura Barnes
4/23 Hunter Caron

4/23 Paul Huber
4/24 Brittany Austin
4/24 Nevin Wimer
4/24 Jacob Callis
4/25 Susan Johnson
4/25 Roy Saunders
4/25 Brinkley Johnson
4/25 Heather Kleisler
4/26 Melanie Holshouser
4/26 Trey Parks
4/26 Robert Brown
4/26 Will Spain
4/26 Ashley Zanter
4/26 Sarah McEmore
4/28 Ernie Joerger
4/29 Kelly Hill
4/29 Bellamy Zydron
4/30 Charles Barnes
4/30 Megan Taliaferro

[ANNIVERSARIES]

4/1 Walter & Linda New
4/4 John & Anna Jones
4/5 Lin & Martha Callis
4/11 David & Melanie
Holshouser
4/11 Craig & Joanna Johnson
4/14 David & Ruth Livingston
4/18 Bob & Sharyn Flintoff
4/18 Tommy & Elizabeth
Helms
4/21 Andy & Sarah Catlett
4/24 Steve & Pam Huber
4/30 Bob & Leila Tompert

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

RECENT PRAYER: 3/29/22: Jack Leporati, Susan Medeiros; Kenneth Keller, Bitsy Hallman, Corky Harry, Riley Cerabona, Wally Cutchin, Kyle Carlson, Randy Hicks, Giovanni Weber, Reice Mae Albright, Carolyn Griffin, Chris Campeau, Roberta Powell, Carolyn Horst, Ricky Nelson, Carla Schroeder, Dara Crutcher, Joseph Medeiros

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, Beverly Drapalik, Stan Waterfield, Mabel Schimpf, Helen Barsch, Martha Callis

SYMPATHY: the Family of Bobby Cullop; the Family of Amber Longley; the Family of John Hatcher

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 McEmore, Gary Graham, Marion Barrett Murphy, Glen Harrell, Ralph Knapp, Judy Gales, Eli Dowaliby, Lynn Foster, Ron Hamilton, Ernie Crutchfield, Brian Clark, Marea Bishop, Jay Robbins, Filmore Brinkley, Kenny Hirsch, Kevin Driscoll, Jennifer Skipper, Lorrie Staples, Carol Lynne Shotton, Tuffy Braithwhite

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.

Pray for Ukraine!

APRIL 2022 [CALENDAR OF EVENTS]

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

8:30 am Worship and Communion

9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Faith Family Fun

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 4

6:30 pm Girl Scouts

6:30 pm LPM

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm Contagious Faith Workshop

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

6:00 am Men's Study

7:00 pm Cub Scouts

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am Palm Sunday Procession—
Meet at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Faith Family Fun

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 11

12:00 pm Holy Week Prayer service

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm Contagious Faith Workshop

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

12:00 pm Holy Week Prayer service

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

6:00 am Men's Study

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

12:00 pm Good Friday Prayer Service;
Sanctuary open from 12:30 – 6 pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Faith Family Fun

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 18

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 pm SPRC

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

6:00 am Men's Study

7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 am Troop 1 Merit Badge event

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

SCOUT SUNDAY

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Faith Family Fun

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship

12:00 pm Fresh Fire Youth

MONDAY, APRIL 25

7:00 pm Day Care Board

7:00 pm Trustees

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

6:00 am Men's Study

7:30 pm Barnabas Benefit & Auction

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

8:00 pm AA

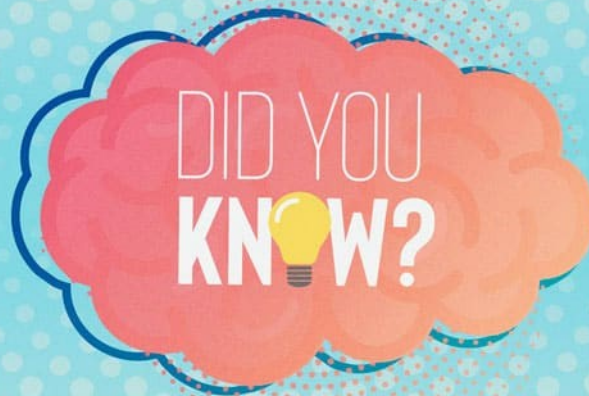


SCOUTING MINISTRIES SUNDAY
APRIL 24, 2021



JUNE 5, 2022
ONE SERVICE - 10:30 AM
LUNCH TO FOLLOW
A CELEBRATION FOR
CHRIS WARD

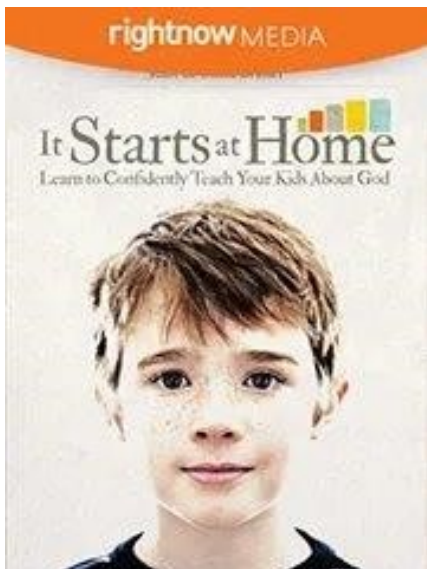
CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES



MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: II Peter 3:18a "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Did you know that the largest Easter egg in the world lives in Vegreville, Canada? Did you know that the most popular Easter candy in the world are Reese's Peanut Butter Chocolate Eggs? There's a ton of fun trivia around the theme of Easter, but the best questions to ask kids are about Jesus. Did you know we can love Jesus more than anything? Did you know Jesus is king over everything? Did you know Jesus is alive? Did you know we can trust Jesus?

Whatever their answer, invite kids to go beyond the facts and win the grand prize of knowing Jesus for themselves!



Learn to Confidently Teach Your Kids About God

Who is shaping what your kids believe?

In these busy, hectic days we take our kids to sports practices, games, music lessons, school tutoring and other activities to give our children the best opportunities for success. But what if we're missing the chance to teach them what matters most?

Our children can grow up smart, athletic, popular and polite but lack a vibrant relationship with Christ. The few hours they spend in church each week can be helpful, but it cannot nurture a faith in our kids that will withstand the trials that are on the horizon. Church alone cannot teach them, we must start at home. But many parents feel ill equipped to develop the faith of their children.

In these six sessions, we will explore Biblical and tangible ways that parents—couples, single parents,

blended families and grandparents—can build a legacy of faith for their children.

Each Bible study session includes interviews with everyday parents talking about their own doubts, fears and desires. Gary Thomas, Matt Chandler, and Kurt and Olivia Bruner provide powerful teaching that will help you give your kids what they need to build a solid framework for lifelong faith.

This Study will begin in May, and Jordan Webb will facilitate the sessions. We want to make this as convenient as possible for you to participate. Date and time depend on you! If you are interested please contact Jordan at,

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OF MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Help Kids Hide God's Word in Their Hearts

APRIL BIBLE READINGS

1	2 Samuel 1 – 3	15	1 Kings 16 – 18
2	2 Samuel 4 – 7	16	1 Kings 19 – 20
3	2 Samuel 8 – 11	17	1 Kings 21 – 22
4	2 Samuel 12 – 13	18	2 Kings 1 – 3
5	2 Samuel 14 – 16	19	2 Kings 4 – 5
6	2 Samuel 17 – 19	20	2 Kings 6 – 8
7	2 Samuel 20 – 22	21	2 Kings 9 – 10
8	2 Samuel 23 – 24	22	2 Kings 11 – 13
9	1 Kings 1 – 2	23	2 Kings 14 – 16
10	1 Kings 3 – 5	24	2 Kings 17 – 18
11	1 Kings 6 – 7	25	2 Kings 19 – 21
12	1 Kings 8 – 9	26	2 Kings 22 – 23
13	1 Kings 10 – 12	27	2 Kings 24 – 25
14	1 Kings 13 – 15	28	1 Chronicles 1 – 2
		29	1 Chronicles 3 – 4
		30	1 Chronicles 5 – 6



Read the Bible with them!