



The Main Street MESSENGER

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PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart

Dear Friends,

There are several things about February that make it great. It is usually Super Bowl month, which is the biggest football game of the year. After many regular season games and a round of playoff games, it comes down to one final game to determine the best football team in all the world. It has become known among non-football fans by its halftime show and commercials. Some of the biggest names in entertainment treat the fans and watchers at home to a "Vegas-type" halftime show, and the biggest companies in the world come up with the most interesting ways to present their product in new, never before seen commercials.

Not only is there the "Big Game" in February, but we also celebrate Black History Month where we take time to recognize and celebrate the significant contributions made by African Americans who have molded our Nation. We remember the tremendous impact Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had on the Civil Rights movement and the creations of more just laws in this country. We remember Rosa Parks, known for refusing to give her seat on a bus to a white person. She is remembered as the "Mother of the Freedom Movement" following her bold disobedience and subsequent arrest. Also, the acknowledgement of sports figures like

Jackie Robinson who was the first African American to play for a major league baseball team. This was the catalyst that broke baseball's color barrier — the idea that African American players couldn't play in the top professional leagues, but only in the "inferior" Negro leagues. These heroes helped shaped our nation and laid the ground work for the progress still to be made.

But February is also the month of Valentine's Day. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine; but it has become a cultural phenomenon known for the celebration of love. It is a holiday when we acknowledge that "special" someone in our lives. I remember in elementary school wanting to make sure my "girlfriend" got the best card in the pack bought by my mother. It has become a day of cards, flowers, balloons and chocolates. And for some, it has become a day for giving and receiving expensive jewelry.

Valentine's Day is a celebration of love, but not the Love that Paul writes about in his first letter to the church at Corinth. The love Paul writes about is not a romantic love, although it could be a part of romance. This love Paul talks about in chapter 13 of 1 Corinthians is a love in the midst of conflict and division. This sounds like the kind of love our world needs more than ever. Paul doesn't "add fuel to the fire" by talking about

who is in the wrong and who is in the right. Maybe that needs to happen somewhere, somehow... But 1 Corinthians 13 is an invitation to step back from that moment. It is about reframing, about breathing, about claiming the gift that Christ came to give; it's about salvation." It's not so much that we are saved from sin, condemnation or hell, but what we are saved for, Love. This is the type of Love Paul describes in his famous "LOVE Chapter."

It is easy to read the words and quickly say, "Yes aren't they beautiful," but miss the incredible revolutionary way they change us when we can love in this way. If we fail to approach all our lives with this type of love, Paul insists we are "nothing." We can have all things, but if we do not have love, we are "nothing." This love is so many things. Read for yourself in 1 Corinthians 13. But don't just read. Let the words enter your heart, saturate your being, and become a part of you. Remember, this Love never ends, and it is the greatest of all gifts! Thanks be to God.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Rich



MAIN STREET MISSIONARIES ON THE ROAD AGAIN



FRIENDS OF BARNABAS—HONDURAS

"First, we are overwhelmed with the support from our church family! As always, Main Street is the most generous and thoughtful congregation, and we truly appreciate every ounce of support whether it be financial, with your prayers, or just a kind word! Currently our Team has raised well over the needed funds to bring the very vital medicines to the Hondurans! THANK YOU! We are really excited to be able to head back to Honduras this month! Things will be a little different with Covid protocols in place, but our goal of providing essential medical and dental care to people who



truly would otherwise not have access to it remains steadfast. We go as Christian missionaries to be the hands and heart of God! We appreciate your continued prayers!"

In Christ,

Bo and Jodi Browne and Maggie McCauley

CHILE MISSION TRIP

"My first trip was with Walter Whitehurst, who mentored me along with his wife Betty, who also was on many trips. The first trip of about 16 was to Chile in 1992. Other



Methodist Volunteers in Mission trips were to Cuba twice, El Salvador, Mexico twice, and Zimbabwe. On those trips I rendered treatment and participated in construction when my office hours were finished; although I was on a singing choir tour with the Zimbabwe trip. Other trips were sponsored by the Methodist General Board of Global Missions to Bolivia, Guyana, and Brazil where I instructed local rural health care workers with back care classes in basic anatomy and demonstrated exercises for back and neck pain. I have accompanied Word of Life Evangelical Church in Bedford with Pastor David Whitehurst, son of Walter and Betty, twice before, also rendering care in Chile. My last trip was with the Friends of Barnabas medical missions in 2020 where I was the first chiropractor

on any team. I would be going again with them, but I have previously committed to going to Chile, which turns out to be the exact same time. Plans for this 2022 trip with Word of Life Church are for me to treat patients, participate in services and also help with construction where needed. It is nice to go back and have familiar patients. I look forward to seeing John Elmore, our Covenant Relationship missionary, on this trip. He will be retiring at the end of April 2022 and remaining in Chile. With so many smiling faces after treatment, I am blessed knowing that the treatment that I render is not available otherwise. With literally hundreds of patients treated in the name of Jesus and activity highlighting the local Methodist church



on local Chilean radio with me, the word is out that Jesus and the Church are alive and well."

Charles O'Dea

Please pray for Charlie as he heads to Chile on February 10. Bo, Jodi and Maggie leave for Honduras on February 13 .

FEBRUARY 2022 [BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES]



[BIRTHDAYS]

2/1 Bob Zedler
2/1 Nikolai Seleznev
2/1 Reed Oliva
2/1 Patricia Craft
2/2 Sandra Birdsong
2/2 Ryan Johnson
2/3 Arlene Palmer
2/3 Sarah Hewett
2/4 Charlotte Bauer
2/5 Linda McClure
2/6 Amy Lee Davis-Adams
2/8 Collin Hoy

2/8 John Barnes
2/8 James Brown
2/8 Ford Totten
2/9 Ute Borthwick
2/9 Bruce Hines
2/10 Mary Scott
2/11 Karen Graham
2/12 Marjie Wills
2/12 Kelly Baker
2/12 Rita Drier
2/13 Brianna Barnes
2/13 Jack Johnson
2/14 Amy Farley
2/16 Danny Andrews
2/17 Morgan Wilson
2/18 Herman Terrell
2/19 David Birdsong
2/19 Tyler Casey
2/20 Will Crow
2/20 Glenn Drier
2/20 Lynn Nelson
2/20 John Shappell

2/21 Billye Walton
2/21 Irene Fisher
2/21 Kade Gagnon
2/22 Nathan Hill
2/22 Connor King
2/23 Lucy Holland
2/24 Sharon Slate
2/25 Kelly Holland
2/26 Austin Mills
2/28 Tom Williams
2/29 Matthew Agnese

[ANNIVERSARIES]

2/5 David Askew & Joanne Wunderlich
2/8 Roy & Cara Brinkley
2/10 Robert & Mary Marks
2/15 Nathan & Kelly Hill
2/15 David & Laura Michael
2/15 Top & Arlene Palmer
2/19 Bob & Darla Spiker
2/26 Jerry & Anne Branch
2/26 Robert & Laura Solomon

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

RECENT PRAYER: 1/24/22: Jack Leporati, Susan Medeiros; Kristine Bishop, Kenneth Keller, Stan Waterfield, Bitsy Hallman, Mabel Schimpf, Helen Barsch, Martha Callis, Mary Meiser, Corky Harry, Tracy Nelson, Karen Waddell, Rob Harry, Jeff Gardy

SYMPATHY: The family of James Harrison (Ellen Saunders' father); The family of Colette Ballard

ONGOING: Steve Clark, Heather Lawrence, Bob & Leila Tompert, Erin & Michael McPherson and Family, Carolyn Davis, Bobby Cullop, Bob Callis, Liam Grant, Herman Terrell, Wally Fuchs, Harold Wald, Louise Elliott, Jesse (Boots) Leggett, Beverly Drapalik

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, 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

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.

FEBRUARY 2022 [CALENDAR OF EVENTS]

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:00 am Men's Study

7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Faith Family Fun

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship

1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

6:30 pm Cub Scouts

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm Lectio Divina Study

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

8:00 pm AA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Faith Family Fun

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship

1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

VALENTINES DAY

6:30 pm Girl Scouts

7:00 pm SPRC Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm Lectio Divina Study

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

6:00 am Men's Study

7:00 pm Cub Scouts

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00 am Pack 1 Pinewood Derby Prep

8:00 pm AA



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Faith Family Fun

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship

1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6:30 pm Girl Scouts

7:00 pm Day Care Board

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm Lectio Divina Study

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

6:00 am Men's Study

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00 pm Day Care Board

7:00 pm Trustees



TUESDAY, MARCH 1

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Tickets (or pay at the door)

\$10 per person or \$40 for family of 4 or more

Children under 5 eat free!

Eat in or Take Out

HELP SUPPORT YOUTH MISSION TRIP

FUN FOR OUR CHILDREN, NOW AND LATER

*Click to see this week's lesson
www.mainstumc.org

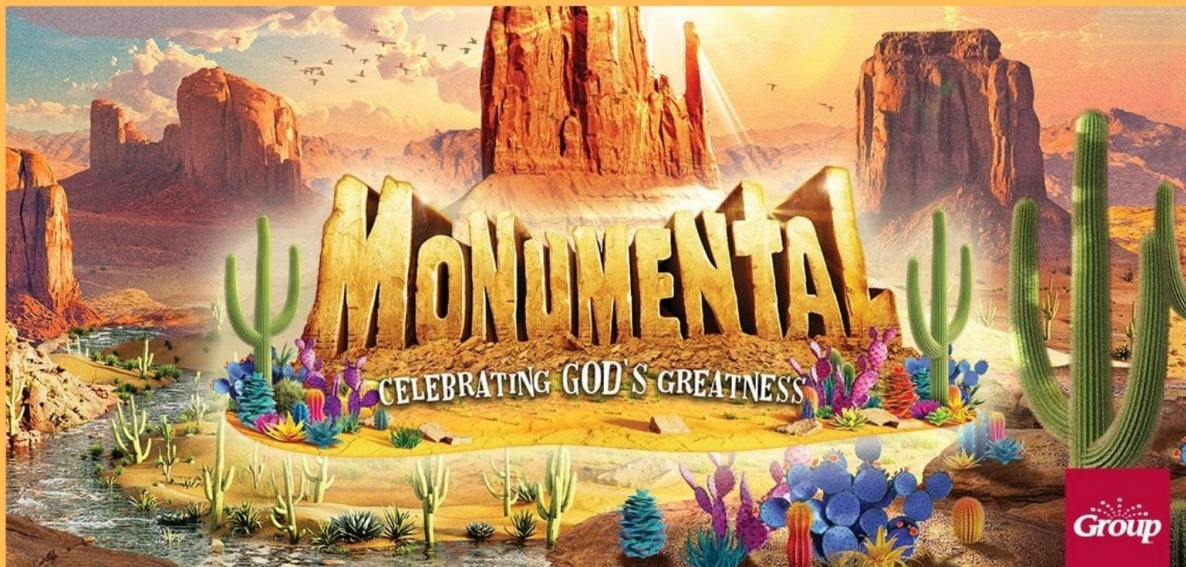


MAIN ST. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

IGNITE KIDS NOW OFFERS OUR ONLINE AUDIENCE THE ABILITY TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH OUR WEEKLY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY THE LINK TO "CALI'S WORLD" WILL PROVIDE A 10 MINUTE LESSON, WORSHIP AND SCRIPTURE MEMORY.

KIDS WILL THEN BE ABLE TO UNLOCK THE WEEKLY FUN CHALLENGE 

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMING BACK TO MAIN STREET!



We've selected a VBS 2022 theme at Main St. United Methodist Church!

Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness!!

Currently seeking: Assistant Director and Volunteers

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READING THROUGH THE BIBLE CONTINUES...

FEBRUARY BIBLE READINGS

1 Leviticus 14 – 15	15 Numbers 19 – 21
2 Leviticus 16 – 18	16 Numbers 22 – 24
3 Leviticus 19 – 21	17 Numbers 25 – 26
4 Leviticus 22 – 23	18 Numbers 27 – 29
5 Leviticus 24 – 25	19 Numbers 30-32
6 Leviticus 26 – 27	20 Numbers 33-36
7 Numbers 1 – 2	21 Dueteronomy 1-2
8 Numbers 3 – 4	22 Dueteronomy 3-4
9 Numbers 5 – 6	23 Dueteronomy 5-8
10 Numbers 7	24 Dueteronomy 9-11
11 Numbers 8 – 10	25 Dueteronomy 12-15
12 Numbers 11 – 13	26 Dueteronomy 16-19
13 Numbers 14 – 15	27 Dueteronomy 20-22
14 Numbers 16 – 18	28 Dueteronomy 23-25



**GOD'S WORD EMPOWERS US TO
LIVE FOR THE LORD IN
EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES**

Reading support tip: <https://my.amplifymedia.com/mainstreetunitedmethodistc1> & verification code XZDKCG

These short videos provide great explanations for groups of scripture.