



The Main Street MESSENGER

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Greetings Friends,

Wow, what a year it has been. As I write this and reflect on the year, I'm amazed at how God has provided all that we have needed to be faithful disciples of Jesus. I have seen your faithfulness in the ways you have reached out to our community, in your desire to be a part of small group ministries and Bible studies, in your presence in worship, your continued giving, and your kindness. Your faithfulness has inspired me in so many ways. I'm blessed to be your pastor. I feel a great deal of encouragement from the ministry of Main Street UMC for 2021. But I'm even more encouraged and excited about the possibilities for 2022.



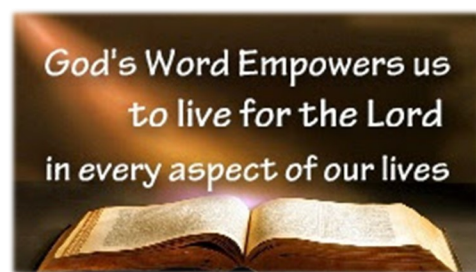
Our theme for 2022 is "Renewed by the Spirit, Empowered by the Word, Sustained by Grace." We will focus on the development of small groups to accomplish the task of being renewed, empowered, and sustained. The year will begin with an opportunity to be a part of a small group through Bible study and conversation. I hope you take part in this way of discipleship. In small groups and conversations we learn the most about being faithful followers of Jesus. In January, I will begin a Tuesday Bible study based on the Psalms. We will be studying some of the most popular Palms with a method known as Lectio Divina. It basically gives us a way to read, pray, meditate on Scripture and then to hear from God in the process. These groups are best done in person, but in light of the increase in positivity rates in COVID, we will continue to offer the Zoom option.

These groups offer not only a great opportunity for spiritual growth but also a chance to grow in our relationships with one another. Please consider being a part of one of the already established groups, or start fresh with one of the new groups for 2022. It is my prayer for Main Street UMC that God will open us up to the beautiful words of Scripture as we are renewed, empowered and

sustained to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Rich



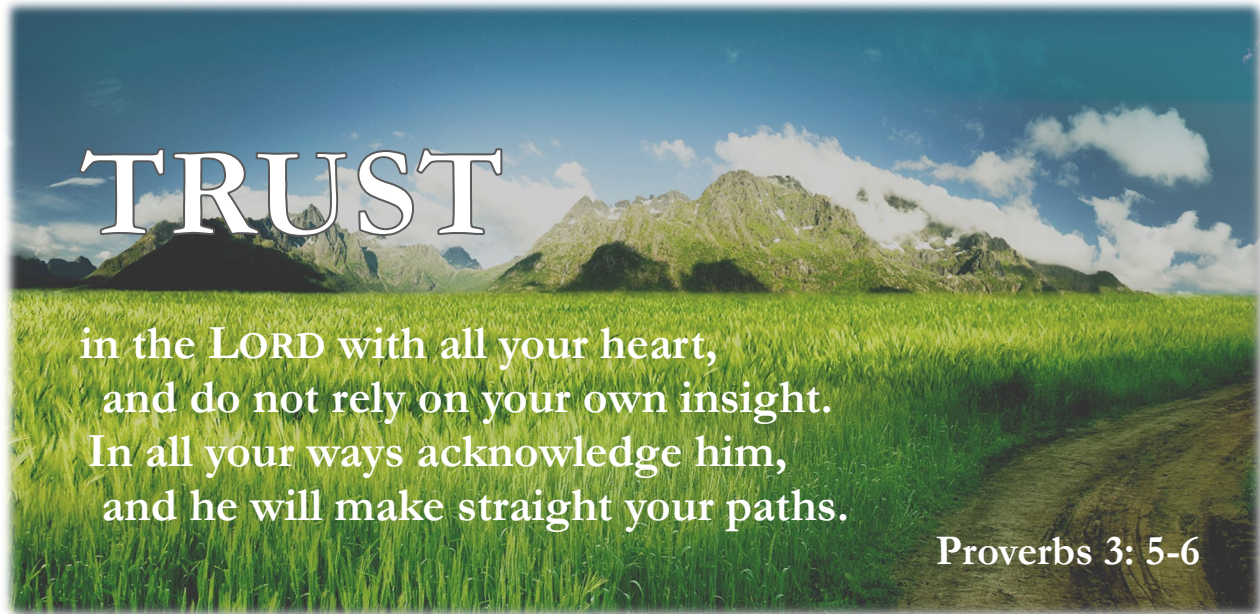
2022 BIBLE READING GOALS TO CONSIDER

- ◆ I will allow myself to take a few minutes each day to read the Bible.
- ◆ I will keep going even if I miss a day.
- ◆ I will pray that God will open my heart and mind to His Holy Word.
- ◆ I will ask questions about the meaning and application of the Word.
- ◆ I will invite others to join me to discuss what they are reading and learning.

Resources:

- ◆ Hard copies in Atrium
- ◆ <https://my.amplifymedia.com/mainstreetunitedmethodisc1> & verification code XZDKCG
- ◆ <https://player.dailyaudiobible.com> (listen while driving)

STEWARDSHIP 2022 VERSE



STEWARDSHIP THEME

*RENEWED BY THE SPIRIT, EMPOWERED BY THE WORD,
SUSTAINED BY GRACE*

2022 First Quarter

WITNESS - READ, REFLECT, SHARE

January - READ through the Bible your way, in your time.

We can be renewed, empowered and sustained by God's Word, but we must become familiar with it. We would like to challenge you to try reading or listening to the Bible each day. Bible reading plans walk you through the entire Bible over the course of a year. Reading through the Bible is a rewarding experience, and these plans can help you do it!

To choose a reading plan, just go to biblegateway.com. There are several different plans from which to choose. Most of the reading plans start on January 1, but you're free to join in at any time! So, choose a reading plan, and get ready for the incredible journey of reading through the entire Bible, one day at a time! We also have printed copies of a reading plan available.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 2, 2022 - Meredith Webb, our newly approved certified ministry candidate, will deliver the message. We are so blessed to call her one of our own. The scriptures for that day are Isaiah 60:1-6 and Matthew 2:1-12. The sermon is *New Beginnings*.

We look forward to having Meredith in the pulpit and giving the sermon.

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY

January 9, 2022 - We will remember our Baptism and renew our membership vows. We will also have people joining that day. If you are interested in membership please contact Pastor Rich.



SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU

Men's Study begins January 13

Pastor Rich will lead the discussion based on the book *Quiet Faith* by Tony Dungy. The group will meet on Thursdays at 6:00 am at the church for all who need to get to work after the study. There will be 6 sessions.

Discovering Lectio Divina

Pastor Rich will introduce us to the Lectio Divina method of studying scripture. This approach to scripture will draw you to God by helping you encounter Him and hear Him speak to you in life-transforming ways!

We will gather in person and via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm beginning on January 18. This class will run for 6 weeks.

You can sign up for both studies by calling the office, 757-539-8751 or by emailing Pastor Rich at richmeiser@vaumc.org

JANUARY 2022 [BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES]

[BIRTHDAYS]

1/1 Maria Forman
1/2 Billy Lassiter
1/4 Randy West
1/5 Robert Davis
1/5 Bob Parks
1/5 Clifton Beale
1/5 James Clark
1/8 Charles Baker
1/9 Jacob Floyd
1/9 James Kilborn
1/10 Blair Williams
1/11 Ann Dalton Brown
1/11 Dana Myers
1/12 Jack Holland
1/12 Jean Sutphin
1/13 Henry Huber
1/14 David Holshouser
1/14 Steve Jackson
1/14 Thomas Flintoff
1/14 Katherine Flintoff

1/14 Anna Jones
1/14 James Whalley
1/15 Aidan Miller
1/17 Austin Bradshaw
1/17 Jack Carey
1/18 Lynne Porter
1/19 Erin Brown
1/19 Roy Brinkley
1/19 Mary Brown
1/19 Elizabeth Brown
1/19 Stephanie Kashner
1/19 Wes Holland
1/20 Ashley Hogg
1/21 Christel Hoy
1/21 Frances Hogg
1/22 Brooke Pruden
1/22 Steven Beck
1/23 Debbie Callis
1/24 Lydia Duke
1/24 Juanita Colley
1/24 Mike Smith

1/24 Tim Wampler
1/25 John Hatcher
1/25 Reed McNelis
1/26 Carol Lynne Shotton
1/26 Sean Williams
1/27 Robert Michael
1/27 David Michael
1/28 Caroline Eure
1/28 Matt Zydron
1/29 Gary Scott
1/31 Jay Dixon

[ANNIVERSARIES]

1/2 John and Ute Borthwick
1/2 Richard and Colleen Meiser
1/5 Rod and Tracey Medeiros
1/7 Carl and Teresa Hardee
1/19 Ron and Karen Williams
1/23 Charles and Rebecca Baker
1/26 Roy and Lalona Saunders
1/27 William and Pam Hill
1/30 Jordan and Britney Webb



Dear Main Street Carolers,
June and I want to thank you for coming out on a cold, rainy night to sing carols and bring the church to us! We were blessed. Happy New Year! Harold Barrett

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

RECENT PRAYER: 12/28/21: Forrest & Mary Jane Cathey, Jack Leporati, Susan Medeiros; Kristine Bishop, Kenneth Keller, Karen Perez, Stan Waterfield, Bitsy Hallman, Mabel Schimpf, Helen Barsch

SYMPATHY: The Family of Mike Gary (Lydia Duke's brother); The family of Sylvia Talley

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, Daniel Kelly, Kevin Driscoll

HOMEBOUND: Jean Sutphin

ASSISTED LIVING: Colette Ballard, 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.

JANUARY 2022 [CALENDAR OF EVENTS]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

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, JANUARY 3

6:00 pm Girl Scouts

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

EPIPHANY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

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, JANUARY 10

6:30 pm Cub Scout LPM

7:00 pm Church Council

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

6:00 am Men's Study

7:00 pm Cub Scouts

7:00 pm Women's Book Club

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

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, JANUARY 17

6:30 pm Girl Scouts

7:00 pm SPRC Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm Lectio Divina Study

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

6:00 am Men's Study

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

9:00 am Pack 1 Pinewood Derby Prep

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Faith Family Fun

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship

Joint Worship with Macedonia AME

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00 pm Day Care Board

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm Lectio Divina Study

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

6:00 am Men's Study

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

BOY SCOUT BARBEQUE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

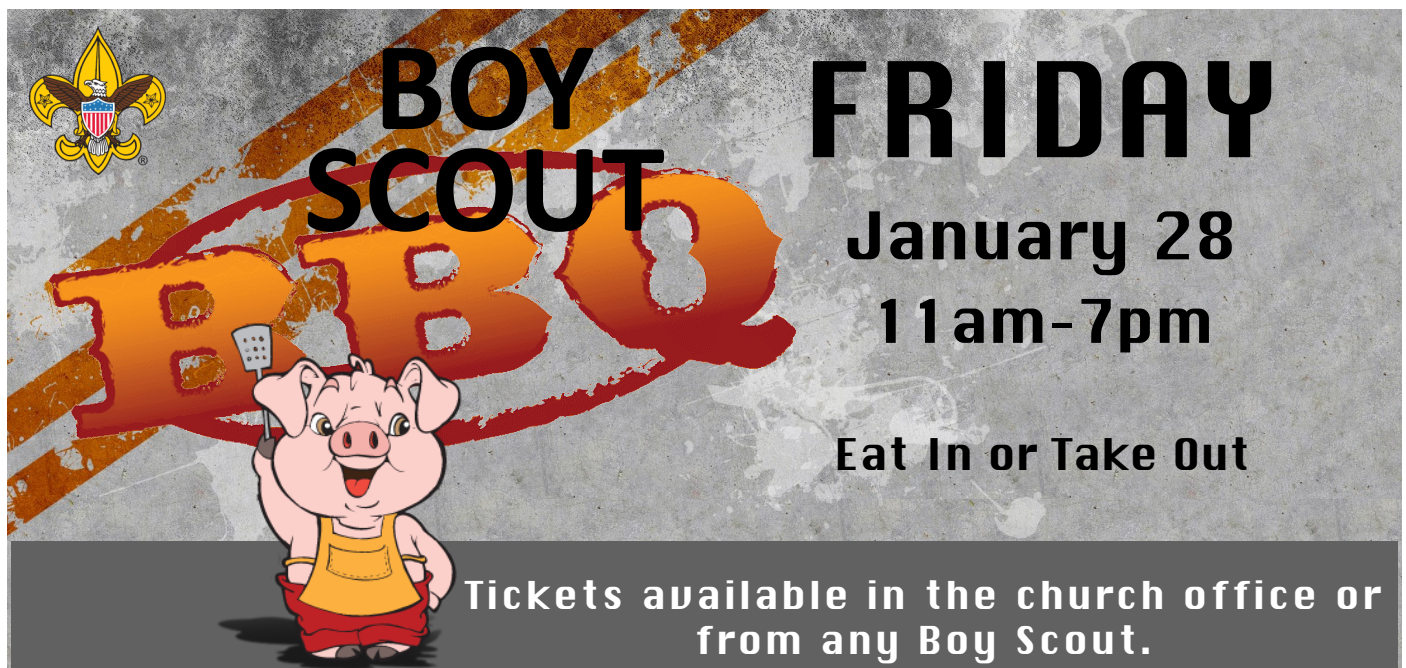
8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Faith Family Fun

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship

1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship



The poster features a cartoon pig character wearing a yellow apron and holding a spatula, standing in front of a large, stylized 'BBQ' graphic. The background is a textured, greyish-blue surface with orange and yellow diagonal stripes. The Boy Scouts of America logo is in the top left corner.

BOY SCOUT

FRIDAY

January 28

11am-7pm

Eat In or Take Out

Tickets available in the church office or from any Boy Scout.

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OF MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Happy New Year friends,

Attached you will find the January Messenger. Please take the time to read it to be informed on the coming events in January. It was a great blessing for me to be in worship with many of you Christmas Eve and on the 26th for our Service of Lessons and Carols. We ended the year with a beautiful worship service acknowledging God's goodness in story of Redemption. As we start 2022 let us train our focus on the One that loves and redeems us and let us commit our lives to Loving God and loving neighbor in all we do. Please use caution in the months to come as the positivity rate of COVID is on the raise.

Be safe! I love being your pastor and I'm excited about all the possibilities of 2022.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Rich

