



# The Main Street MESSENGER

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Dear Friends,

*Here is the introduction to our series of sermons that will carry us from Easter through the month of May. Rev Dr. Derrick Webber does a better job than I could ever do in giving us a glimpse of this series.*

"And everything changed in that moment. Moment? Event, perhaps. Everything changed with that event. Easter is a new start, a new creation. We didn't go back to Eden, but the way to the kin-dom of God was opened on that day. The problem is that not everyone saw it. You know how it is with amazing things. If you didn't see it, if you weren't there, it is hard to capture the experience. You've tried to share it, you've tried to tell your friends or family about this amazing thing that you saw, this amazing music that you heard, this amazing experience that you had. You describe it as imaginatively as you possibly can. You show them the

motions, you talk about what happened to you, you relive the moment in front of them. You try your best. And . . . crickets. Then you shrug and say the only thing you can think to say. The only thing that anyone says faced with that lack of reaction: "I guess you had to be there."

That is what we might be left with when trying to talk about the latest movie we watched, or concert we heard, but it doesn't seem adequate for this. This Easter thing. This Resurrection moment, this being alive in a way that leaks into eternity experience. We can't and don't want to shake our heads and say, "I guess you had to be there" and sadly wander away. It is too good to keep to ourselves. Too wonderful to hide under a bushel. Too incredible to not share. Because we are witnesses. Bearing witness is more than simply saying we saw it. Saying, with the disciples, "we are witnesses" is not simply a matter of

pride, or worse yet, one-upmanship.

It is claiming a responsibility, or better yet, an opportunity to be proclaimers. To share the experience, to offer the gift we've been given, to announce the kin-dom that has begun to take root in our midst – that's the Easter transformation and imperative that has taken place. We are witnesses.

This Easter season series dips into the Acts of the Apostles as a way of examining the witness of the one who first experienced the Resurrection. Their story, as they struggled to find a way to live out the implications of this amazing news, this gospel event, becomes our story as we too seek to bear witness to the Risen Christ and to live that witness daily."

I hope you will join us in this season of Easter.

Grace and peace,



## SAVE THE DATE FOR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION BOY SCOUT TROOP 1 - FEBRUARY 25-26, 2023

Any Scout who has been or is a member of Troop 1 and would like to receive information concerning reservations, purchase special patches, neckerchiefs, and/or ball caps can make contact via email, [mainstreetboyscout@gmail.com](mailto:mainstreetboyscout@gmail.com) or on Facebook: Troop 1 Centennial Celebration or write to Mr. Robert Baker, P.O. Box 1639, Suffolk, VA 23439. The planning committee needs you to make contact by June 1, 2022. Please pass this information on to any past Troop 1 Scouts who you may know.

On February 19, 1923, Boy Scout Troop 1 was organized with 19 Charter Members, Mr. M.A. Elliott as Scoutmaster and chartered with Main Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Troop 1 was the first Boy Scout troop in the Old Dominion Area Council, which merged in 1992 with the Peninsula Council to form the Colonial Virginia Council.

Over the years, Main Street UMC has provided leadership to the troop with 16 of the 22 Scoutmasters having been members of Main Street. On September 23, 2014, Thomas Argust, Jr. became Troop 1's 150th Eagle Scout. To date, Troop 1 has had the privilege of awarding 175 scouts with Eagle Badges.

# STEWARDSHIP 2022

## MAY | SERVING NEAR AND FAR



**May 7th, from 8:30am-3:00pm  
in Suffolk on Maple Street.**

Main Street has committed \$2500 for the build. Donations can be made to Main Street UMC/ HABITAT

To sign up go to <https://shrhabitat.charityproud.org/VolunteerRegistration/Index/1387>

and scroll down the calendar to May 7. Click on Main Street Team and use passcode UMC2022

Contact : Phil McPhail at 757-676-1131 or email [jpmcphail737@gmail.com](mailto:jpmcphail737@gmail.com)

Remember, you do not need special skills to participate!

### KITS FOR CONFERENCE

This year Main Street UMC will assemble **Health Kits** that will be taken to Conference in June. Below are items need to complete **our goal— 100 kits!**

#### YOU CAN PARTICIPATE BY PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", no kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth (no microfiber)

- 1 comb (*sturdy at least 6" long*)
- 1 fingernail or toenail clippers (*no emery boards or metal files*)
- 1 bath-sized bar of soap (3 oz. and up); **NO Ivory or Jergens**
- 10 adhesive bandages, 3/4 x 3" (*Band-Aids*)
- One adult toothbrush (*Do not remove from packaging*)

**\$2.00 to purchase toothpaste (do not buy toothpaste) & ship kit**

**PLEASE BRING ITEMS TO THE**

### CHURCH AND PLACE IN THE GREEN CONTAINERS IN THE ATRIUM BY MAY 31.

The kits that we assemble are shipped to areas all over the world that are in



### MISSION MOMENT ABOUT CHILE - MAY 8, 2022

Dr. Charles O'Dea (Charlie) recently returned to Chile where he treated patients, participated in services at the Word of Life Church and also helped with construction where needed. The trip was from Feb. 10-24. He said, "I am blessed with so many smiling faces after treatment that is otherwise not available." Charlie is also blessed by being able to sing in the church as he does here. He will give a mission moment about his trip during the service on May 8.



# MAY 2022 [BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES]

## [BIRTHDAYS]

5/1 Graham Garner  
 5/1 Beth Johnson  
 5/1 Sawyer Holland  
 5/2 Allie Pietrowski-Powers  
 5/2 Michelle Selezneva  
 5/3 Sarah Catlett  
 5/3 Maxwell Russell  
 5/4 Peggy Bradshaw  
 5/4 Ryan Patterson  
 5/4 Glenda Johnston  
 5/7 Cale Tyeryar  
 5/8 Griffin Duggan  
 5/8 Jack Webb  
 5/8 Angie Venable  
 5/9 Connor Zydron  
 5/10 Reed Browne  
 5/10 Charnell Blair  
 5/11 Jodi Browne  
 5/12 Penn Birdsong  
 5/12 Suzanne Van Orden  
 5/12 Carrington Wentz

5/12 Phillip LaRose  
 5/12 Thomas Bartlett  
 5/12 Wendy Perry  
 5/13 Mallory Walker  
 5/14 Ralph Branchaud  
 5/14 Cole Browne  
 5/14 William Hill  
 5/14 Colleen Meiser  
 5/15 John Auger  
 5/15 Trevor Boyd  
 5/16 Stanley Picott  
 5/17 Mac Birdsong  
 5/17 Pam Fuller  
 5/18 Lachlan Johnston  
 5/19 Aubrey Callis  
 5/19 Dan Myers  
 5/20 Marie Bowman  
 5/21 Patrick Suttle  
 5/23 E Duke  
 5/24 Paul Hogg  
 5/24 Amy Auger  
 5/24 Sarah Wampler

5/24 Connor Hill  
 5/25 Barbara O'Berry  
 5/25 Kim Wagner  
 5/25 Chase Brooks  
 5/26 Barbara McPhail  
 5/26 Paul Callis  
 5/27 Anne Ruffin House  
 5/27 Finley House  
 5/27 Taylor Conner  
 5/27 Steven Clark  
 5/28 Lalona Saunders  
 5/28 Brian Kinsey  
 5/29 Zachary Crytzer  
 5/29 Jack Bivins  
 5/30 Emily Hill  
 5/31 David Eure  
 5/31 Robert Flintoff  
 5/31 Alyssa Bossick

## [ANNIVERSARIES]

5/6 Lew & Ann Carr  
 5/7 George & Nancy Stebe  
 5/12 David & Christel Hoy  
 5/14 Jim & Barbara Haverty  
 5/17 Anthony & Sarah  
 Giacometti  
 5/18 John & Kim Wagner  
 5/18 Tom & Linda Argust  
 5/20 Everett & Miriam  
 Birdsong  
 5/20 Mike & Betty Michael  
 5/20 Joseph & Nancy  
 Verdirame  
 2/24 Wes & Nancy King  
 5/26 Steve & Courtney  
 Jackson  
 5/28 Steven & Laura Clark  
 5/29 Don & Harriette  
 Albritton

## PRAYER LIST UPDATE

**RECENT PRAYER:** 4/14/22: Jack Leporati, Susan Medeiros; Kenneth Keller, Bitsy Hallman, Riley Cerabona, Randy Hicks, Reice Mae Albright, Carolyn Griffin, Chris Campeau, Carolyn Horst, Ricky Nelson, Carla Schroeder, Dara Crutcher, Joseph Medeiros, Becky Harper Owens, Robin Decker, Beverly Drapalik & Lee Anne Ward Drapalik, C.J. Johnson

**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, Mabel Schimpf, Helen Barsch, Martha Callis

**SYMPATHY:** 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 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, Tuffy Braithwhite, Donald Blount

**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 Zelenskyy

**Pray for Ukraine!**



# MAY 2022 [CALENDAR OF EVENTS]

## SUNDAY, MAY 1

8:30 am Worship and Communion  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Faith Family Fun  
11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship  
12:15 pm Stewardship Committee

## MONDAY, MAY 2

6:30 pm Girl Scouts  
6:30 pm LPM

## TUESDAY, MAY 3

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship  
2:00 pm Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
8:00 pm AA

## THURSDAY, MAY 5

6:00 am Men's Study  
7:00 pm Cub Scouts

## SATURDAY, MAY 7 HABITAT WORK DAY

8:30 AM TO 3:00 PM  
8:00 pm AA

## SUNDAY, MAY 8

### MOTHER'S DAY

8:30 am Worship  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Faith Family Fun  
11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship

## MONDAY, MAY 9

7:00 PM CHURCH COUNCIL

## TUESDAY, MAY 10

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship  
2:00 pm Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm AA

## THURSDAY, MAY 12

6:00 am Men's Study  
7:00 pm Christian Women's Book Club

## SATURDAY, MAY 14

8:00 pm AA

## SUNDAY, MAY 15

8:30 am Worship  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Faith Family Fun  
11:00 am In-Person & Virtual Worship

## MONDAY, MAY 16

7:00 pm SPRC

## TUESDAY, MAY 17

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

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

## THURSDAY, MAY 19

6:00 am Men's Study  
7:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting

## SATURDAY, MAY 21

8:00 pm AA

## SUNDAY, MAY 22

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, MAY 23

7:00 pm Day Care Board

7:00 pm Trustees

## TUESDAY, MAY 24

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship  
1:30 pm Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
8:00 pm AA

## THURSDAY, MAY 26

6:00 am Men's Study

## SATURDAY, MAY 28

8:00 pm AA

## SUNDAY, MAY 29

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, MAY 30

MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE  
CLOSED



## TUESDAY, MAY 31

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

## MAY BIBLE READINGS

1 1 Chronicles 7 – 9  
2 1 Chronicles 10 – 12  
3 1 Chronicles 13 – 16  
4 1 Chronicles 17 – 19  
5 1 Chronicles 20 – 23  
6 1 Chronicles 24 – 26  
7 1 Chronicles 27 – 29  
8 2 Chronicles 1 – 4  
9 2 Chronicles 5 – 7  
10 2 Chronicles 8 – 11

11 2 Chronicles 12 – 16  
12 2 Chronicles 17 – 20  
13 2 Chronicles 21 – 24  
14 2 Chronicles 25 – 28  
15 2 Chronicles 29 – 31  
16 2 Chronicles 32 – 34  
17 2 Chronicles 35 – 36  
18 Ezra 1 – 4  
19 Ezra 5 – 7  
20 Ezra 8 – 10  
21 Nehemiah 1 – 3  
22 Nehemiah 4 – 7

23 Nehemiah 8 – 10  
24 Nehemiah 11 – 13  
25 Esther 1 – 5  
26 Esther 6 – 10  
27 Job 1 – 4  
28 Job 5 – 8  
29 Job 9 – 12  
30 Job 13 – 16  
31 Job 17 – 20

**GOD'S WORD  
DOESN'T  
CHANGE JUST  
BECAUSE  
SOCIETY DOES.**

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF!



**Holly Richardson** has accepted the position as Director of Discipleship Ministries. She was born and raised near St. Louis, MO and is number 4 of 5 daughters (#5 is her twin), and is Aunt to six beautiful humans. She was baptized, grew-up and settled into the Methodist Church in her twenties. While living in Burbank, CA, Holly started what would become a lifetime career of working as a church musician, and with children/youth within the church. Holly spent 25 years in Phoenix, AZ where she served as a professional staff singer at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Assistant Youth Choir Director and eventually the Communications Manager. Holly worked closely with the Youth Director, creating and serving as the Entertainment Director of an annual youth fundraising event called Broadway Bash, a 5-course dinner-theater experience. She also began co-leading yearly youth mission trips where she was the morning devotional leader. It was this that sparked a spiritual quest for a deeper knowing of God. This soon led to Holly becoming a Lay Eucharistic Minister within the church and taking a leadership position within the group. All of these roads lead Holly to receive her certification as a Spiritual Director in May 2022. Most recently she worked as The Director of Christian Formation at All Saints' Church in Virginia Beach.



**Richard Winfree** is a native of Hampton Roads with family ties in Isle of Wight County and Suffolk. Richard has served in church music ministries since the age of 16 and is completing his 16th year of teaching elementary music. Richard is an alumnus of Old Dominion University with a Bachelor of Music and Master's of Music Education degrees. In September 2022, he begins his doctoral studies with Boston University for his Doctor of Musical Arts degree. Richard loves music of all types, and more importantly, making music with others.



**Lawrence Carr** is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. While still in high school he studied at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music as an honor student, where he also received the Bachelor of Music degree with a double major in piano and organ performance. Lawrence also has graduate degrees from the Eastman School of Music and the University of Maryland. He has been on the faculties of Hamilton College in Utica, New York, Old Dominion University, Tidewater Community College, Virginia Wesleyan College and the Virginia Beach School of the Arts. We look forward to having him serve as our organist after Chris Ward retires.

*To honor Chris Ward on her many years of faithful service, we invite you to join us on June 5, 2022 at 10:30 am as we celebrate her 33 years of faithful service at Main Street UMC. We will have lunch after the service. There will only be one service that day.*



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#### HIGH SCHOOL

##### NANSEMOND RIVER

Evie Taliaferro, Valedictorian

##### ISLE OF WIGHT ACADEMY

Caroline Eure  
Zachery Gist  
Trent Holland  
Anne Jackson

##### NANSEMOND SUFFOLK ACADEMY

Madalyn Irvine  
David Russell  
Grace Russell

##### JAMES RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

Kade Gagnon

#### HIGHER EDUCATION

##### WILLIAM AND MARY

Anna Grace Towler - BS in Chemistry  
with minor in Religious Studies

##### VIRGINIA TECH

Paige McCauley - BS in Human Food,  
Nutrition & Exercise with minor in  
Leadership

##### APPALACHIAN STATE

Cameron Hill - BS in Health & Physical  
Education, K-12

##### AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Sydney Wrighte - BS in Nursing

We will recognize our graduates on Sunday, May 1  
at both services. Our Youth will lead the worship  
service. You are invited to a reception for the  
graduates beginning at 10:00 am in the Atrium.

