



The Main Street MESSENGER

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REDISCOVERING the **POWER** of the **Holy Spirit**

Wow, what a year we experienced in 2020. I don't want to relive it, but you know the year was dominated by the Corona Virus, social upheaval, and political uncertainty. With great hope the New Year begins, and we focus on a return to a new normal. What will that new normal look like for you? My hope is your new normal will include involvement in the church's ministry either in person or virtually. We are working hard to make sure there will be plenty of opportunities for you to be engaged in the ministries of Main Street Church.

I'm excited about kicking off the year with a brief sermon series that will help us reflect on the Holy Spirit and the role the Spirit

plays in our life of faith. The Holy Spirit is the power that enables us to witness to the world. Without the Spirit, our witness falls "flat." How can we recognize the power and then live into that power in our faith? We will look at these questions and more. We will be looking at the gifts of the Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit, and the role these play in our renewal. The sermon series will begin January 17 and run through February 14.

It is my prayer and the prayer of the various committees of the church that we will use this time to be renewed and revived, and that we will reboot for an exciting year at Main Street UMC. As we come out of this "season" of restrictions, please find your way back to the church that you may strengthen your witness in our community. Please be watching for announcements concerning the additions of other in-person worship services. We want to ensure your safety, but we also want to provide many opportunities for the worship of our incredible and loving God.

I pray for your new year to be filled with the blessings of family, friends, and faith and that we continue to grow and be strengthened in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and peace,

Rich



THANK YOU MAIN STREET

A sincere "Thank You" to our many wonderful Main Street Church families who served to make this year's Nightstay initiative a great success! Whether you gave gift cards, health/toiletry kit items, cash donations, prayers, or dinner preparation, your contributions were greatly appreciated by this year's guests. We partnered with West End Baptist Church again this year, and we are considering volunteering for another week in March. Thank you all again for your typical Main Street generosity! God bless you all, and best wishes for a wonderful New Year!

Phil McPhail

Missions Chair, CAPS Nightstay coordinator

Dear Rev. Meiser,

Thank you for your \$1,500 donation! It has been one of the hardest years, but God has strengthened us through great Kingdom Partners like the Main Street United Methodist Church family.

We are grateful for the love and support you all show us, and I am encouraged that together we can continue to ensure that the health and wellness of the families we serve is maintained.

Blessings to you and your family,

Lorna Slaughter

Suffolk Christian Fellowship Ministries

STEWARDSHIP 2021



REVIVE US

BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

JANUARY | LIVING OUR WITNESS THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Discover your personal connection with the Holy Spirit who revives us and enables us to make connections with others in our world. We will use the symbol of light pictured here all through the year. As we go through 2021, we will need to reboot and plug in to our most important source of power, the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit lives in our hearts, we have hope; and where there is a spark of hope, a revival can take place and our light will shine in the world again.

We are all weary of being away from church, friends, family and normal gatherings and activities. Yet, the need to connect remains strong. During January, we hope to make connections with as many of you as possible through the use of cards, phone calls, emails and even drop by door visits in your neighborhoods.

IN JANUARY WE WILL:

Provide videos of our children to celebrate Epiphany, the season of light (January 6)

Keep the church lights shining outside and the Chrismon tree in the sanctuary

Provide opportunities for “virtual fellowship” through a special Zoom Bible study/Conversation that will begin on January 13 at 7:00 pm with John Hatcher leading the conversation

Invite you to come to church to receive a candle to light at home during Bible studies, virtual services and meetings

Remember our Baptism on January 10 during worship and ask you to share your memories of Baptism via emails

Observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25)

Make neighborhood visits and phone calls, send cards, emails and texts

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” - Acts 1:8 ESV

JANUARY 2021 [BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES]

[BIRTHDAYS]

1/1 Maria Forman	1/14 David Holshouser	1/22 Steven Beck
1/2 Sue Spring	1/14 Steve Jackson	1/23 Debbie Callis
1/2 Billy Lassiter	1/14 Thomas Flintoff	1/24 Lydia Duke
1/3 Bill Webb	1/14 Katherine Flintoff	1/24 Juanita Colley
1/4 Randy West	1/14 Anna Jones	1/24 Mike Smith
1/4 Lily Bivins	1/14 James Whalley	1/24 Tim Wampler
1/5 Bob Parks	1/15 Aidan Miller	1/25 John Hatcher
1/5 Clifton Beale	1/17 Austin Bradshaw	1/26 Carol Lynne Shotton
1/5 James Clark	1/18 Lynne Porter	1/26 Sean Williams
1/8 Charles Baker	1/19 Erin Brown	1/27 Robert Michael
1/9 Jacob Floyd	1/19 Roy Brinkley	1/27 Bobby Agnese
1/9 James Kilborn	1/19 Mary Brown	1/27 David Michael
1/10 Blair Williams	1/19 Elizabeth Brown	1/28 Caroline Eure
1/11 Ann Dalton Brown	1/19 Stephanie Kashner	1/28 Matt Zydron
1/11 Dana Myers	1/19 Wes Holland	1/29 Gary Scott
1/12 Jack Holland	1/20 Ashley Hogg	1/31 Jay Dixon
1/12 Jean Sutphin	1/21 Christel Hoy	
1/13 Henry Huber	1/21 Frances Hogg	
	1/22 Brooke Pruden	

[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



PRAYER LIST UPDATE

RECENT PRAYER: 12/27/20: Cheri Harrell Anthony, all those affected by COVID-19, Larry and Betty Hudson, Rebecca Musser, William Murphy, Matthew Agnese, Tom Buxton, Lydia Duke, Bob Callis, CAPS Night Stay Program; Pastor Rich and Colleen; Sandra Wilson; Rev. Sylvia Meadows; Liz Wilson; Amy Davis Adams; June Barrett; Anne Cabell Pearce; Randy West; Gregg Crow; Liam Grant; all who are without insurance, enough food and a warm, clean place to live; Elizabeth Slate; Allison Mayo; Aislin Skye Congdon (6 months old); Pat Huber; the Fisher Family; Barbara Rayburn, Sue Spring, Harold Barrett

SYMPATHY: Bishop Sharma Lewis (death of her mother); the Family of Jason Russell

ONGOING: Steve Clark, Sylvia Funkhouser, Heather Lawrence, Leila & Bob Tompert, Michael McPherson and Family, Lucas Lawrence, Joseph Medeiros, Stan Waterfield, Trenton Bishop, Juanita Colley, Carolyn Davis,

Bobby Cullop, Pamela Edwards-Jones; Christi Bastion; Melissa Benscome

CANCER: Betty Sowell, Kate Rhoads, Brenda Atkins, Ralph Knapp, Nick Cleary, Wilma Babich, Ed Barber, Pam Askew, Linda Argust, Ray Holland, Midge Sanchez, Judy Duonela Vicars, Johnny Hardy, Thomas Burnett, Cheri Lane, Al Bremer, Diane Liles, Linda Harper, Faye Askew, Lois Barker, Angela Seed, Dave O'Neill, David Holloway, Judy Calfee, David Hollowell, Craig Holland, Christine Duran, Rod Rodrigues, Melaine Medeiros, Carol Coleman, Mary Lou Hedgepeth, Judy Holland, Kelly Grier (Ferguson) Coston, Fran Holland, Anita Nelson, June Adcock, Heather Carr, Dolores Farrero, Robert Wilson, Susan Shea, Jessica Chamberlain, Julie Nance, Michael McClung, Marshall Thomas, Jill Harris, John Nodeen, Michael Barrett, Richard J. Peko, Nancy Pike, Bill Pollock, Roland Word, Thelma Johnson, Shannon Rivera, Juel Carr, Nancy Spring Parker, Anita McLemore; Gary Graham

SKILLED CARE: Bill Gallant, Doug McPhail

HOMEBOUND: Melanie French, Jean Sutphin

ASSISTED LIVING: Colette Ballard, Susan Rivenbark, Ray Shamburger, Frances Kelly

OUR NATION AND WORLD: Military Troops & Families: Chris Smith, Anthony Hickler, Hunter Pietrowski, Adam Waddell, Kent Brooks, Bryanna Grant, James Russell III, Kristi Kilborn, Wesley Linder, Duncan Bevan, Hayley Burton, Jonathan Burton, 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

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OF MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

We are extremely grateful for your continued support that has allowed us to keep up with our budgeted needs. It's been challenging but, through staffing changes and other cost-cutting actions, we have been able to trim our expenses while fulfilling our ministry plans. By year's end, we will have fulfilled all of our financial responsibilities. Because of your faithfulness in making your offering each week, the message of Jesus Christ continues to be shared in our church, in our community, and in our world. Thank you!

2021 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

WE HAVE RECEIVED 49 COMMITMENTS FOR A
TOTAL OF \$239,184

FOURTH QUARTER GIVING

\$145,062.87

Average Worship Attendance: - 115 Facebook
Live and website viewers; 30 In-Person 8:30

Average Sunday School Attendance: 50+
Zoom participants

Received YTD Tithes & Offerings: \$483,354
YTD Expenses: \$464,262

4 WAYS TO GIVE



ONLINE



SMART
PHONE



SUNDAY



MAIL