



The Main Street MESSENGER

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Wow, May is a great month! I love the weather because we are finally starting to get temps in the 80s, the pollen starts to lessen, and vacation plans are in the air. This month gets us ready for the summer. It is a great time of the year. Not only is it a great time of the year, it also has one of my favorite Christian holidays. Pentecost often falls in May, sometimes in June. "The day of Pentecost is seven weeks after Easter Sunday: that is to say, the fiftieth day after Easter inclusive of Easter Sunday. Pentecost may also refer to the 50 days from Easter to Pentecost Sunday inclusive of both. Because Easter itself has no fixed date, this makes Pentecost a moveable feast." Many say that Pentecost is the birthday of the church. It was the day the Holy Spirit came upon the followers of Jesus.

On this first Pentecost many came to believe in and follow the way of Jesus. It was the power of the Holy Spirit that enabled this miracle. The Holy Spirit is as important as the Father and Son. We believe in a Triune God. One God in three Beings. Father, Son and Holy Spirit or Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. It is like a 3-legged stool. Two legs on a stool are not very stable and a four legged stool wobbles on uneven ground, but a three legged stool can handle any ground. Richard Rohr says this about the Trinity: "The Mystery of God as Trinity invites us into full participation with God—a flow, a relationship, a waterwheel of always outpouring love. God is a verb much more than a noun." So the Holy Spirit is a part of this outpouring of love. But there is more that the Holy Spirit does for us.

The Holy Spirit gives us gifts for ministry. All who say yes to Jesus are empowered by the Holy Spirit with "gifts." These gifts are listed in several places in scripture, (1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, and Ephesians 4) but this is not an exhaustive list. The Holy Spirit can empower us with various gifts for the "building up of the Body" (the Church). Not only are there gifts of the Holy Spirit but there is "the fruit of the Spirit." (Galatians 5:22-23) The gifts are for the building up of the Body of Christ but the fruit of the Spirit is seen in the way we live our lives. When the Holy Spirit is filling us, our lives will reflect the fruit. *"By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. There is no law against such things."*

This is the way the Holy Spirit is lived out in our lives. Will we be perfect? By no means, but these qualities (fruit) should be seen in us as a regular part of our character. This Pentecost may the Holy Spirit so empower you that you begin to use your gifts for the building up of the church and that the fruit of the Spirit may be seen in your life. That be God: Father Son, and Holy Spirit!

Grace and peace,

Rich

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
Galatians 5:22-23

WHO'S NEW AT MAIN STREET?

DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES - KAREN PEREZ



My name is Karen Perez, and I am so excited for the opportunity to join the Main Street family serving as your Director of Discipleship Ministries!

As a dynamic leader of faith, I have a strong desire to share with others and assist in their spiritual growth. I have a passion for serving the Lord and loving people. At 12 years of age, I asked Jesus to be my personal Lord and Savior. The foundation of my faith was developed through confirmation classes provided by the Methodist church and continued to be nurtured through the relationships within our church body. I was actively involved with UMYF, youth choir, adult choir, and attending and teaching Bible school. Later, as a student at ECU, I was supported by the Wesley House. My strength of faith and the Love of our Lord is a fruit of the Methodist church. I consider it an honor to be able to provide for the others the same support that has been provided to me.

I am a proud wife and mother. I married my best friend, John in 2020. Collectively we have 4 handsome boys and a beautiful daughter: John Carter, James Weldon, Charles Evans, Ben, & Julia Claire.

We also have 2 faithful canine companions, Semper & Faith. They bring us much joy and also play an important role in our non-profit for military and first responders, "Valor & Honor Outdoors". Through this ministry we provide outdoor recreational therapy, peer support, therapy dogs, and other important services for those who serve our nation.

Over the course of my 27-year career I have worked as a Long -Term Care professional, children's ministry leader, youth interpretive dance leader, house mother for at-risk teenage girls, and led multiple youth mission trips.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED ON APRIL 11



Nancy & Wes King



Nancy & George Stebe



Joan and Stan Mizelle

NEW DIRECTOR FOR MAIN STREET DAY CARE



The Board of Directors of Main Street Day Care & Preschool is pleased to announce that Heather Abbott has been hired as the new director. Heather has been employed at the Day Care since 2014 and has served as a teacher and the assistant administrator. Heather is married to Billy, and they love spending time at the beach and their favorite destination, Charleston.

While working at MSDC&P, Heather continued to pursue a degree in Human Services, and she will graduate in May.

We are excited to have Heather leading the Day Care into an exciting time of growth and excellence through the child care services that we provide.

MAY 2021 [BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES]

[BIRTHDAYS]

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|------|-------------------------|------|-------------------|
| 5/1 | Graham Garner | 5/14 | William Hill |
| 5/1 | Beth Johnson | 5/14 | Colleen Meiser |
| 5/1 | Sawyer Holland | 5/15 | John Yauger |
| 5/2 | Allie Pietrowski-Powers | 5/15 | Trevor Boyd |
| 5/2 | Michelle Selezneva | 5/16 | Stanley Picott |
| 5/3 | Sarah Catlett | 5/17 | Mac Birdsong |
| 5/3 | Maxwell Russell | 5/17 | Pam Fuller |
| 5/4 | Peggy Bradshaw | 5/18 | Lachlan Johnston |
| 5/4 | Ryan Patterson | 5/19 | Aubrey Callis |
| 5/4 | Glenda Johnston | 5/19 | Dan Myers |
| 5/7 | Cale Tyeryar | 5/20 | Marie Bowman |
| 5/8 | Griffin Duggan | 5/21 | Patrick Suttle |
| 5/8 | Jack Webb | 5/23 | E Duke |
| 5/8 | Angie Venable | 5/23 | Eliza Guenthner |
| 5/9 | Connor Zydron | 5/24 | Paul Hogg |
| 5/10 | Reed Browne | 5/24 | Amy Yauger |
| 5/10 | Charnell Blair | 5/24 | Sarah Wampler |
| 5/11 | Jodi Browne | 5/24 | Connor Hill |
| 5/12 | Penn Birdsong | 5/25 | Barbara O'Berry |
| 5/12 | Suzanne Van Orden | 5/25 | Kim Wagner |
| 5/12 | Carrington Wentz | 5/25 | Chase Brooks |
| 5/12 | Phillip LaRose | 5/26 | Barbara McPhail |
| 5/12 | Thomas Bartlett | 5/26 | Paul Callis |
| 5/12 | Wendy Perry | 5/27 | Anne Ruffin House |
| 5/13 | Mallory Walker | 5/27 | Finley House |
| 5/14 | Ralph Branchaud | 5/27 | Taylor Conner |
| 5/14 | Cole Browne | 5/27 | Steven Clark |
| | | 5/28 | Lalona Saunders |

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| 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]

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| 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: 4/11/21: All those affected by COVID-19, Tom Buxton, Lydia Duke, CAPS Night Stay Program, Jim Dowaliby, Anthony Merendino, Braedon McCauley, Steve Tarkington, Joe & Dorma Hedrick, Marj Setnicky, Wally Fuchs, Betty Howard, Herman Terrell, Matt Hudgins and family, Maurice Copeland

SYMPATHY: Family of Doug McPhail (Father of Phil McPhail); Family of Bill Gallant; Family of William Green

ONGOING: Steve Clark, Sylvia Funkhouser, Heather Lawrence, Leila & Bob Tompert, Michael McPherson and Family, Joseph Medeiros, Stan Waterfield, Trenton Bishop, Juanita Colley, Carolyn Davis, Bobby Cullop, Christi Bastion, Cheri Harrell Anthony, Bob Callis, Rev. Ellen Comstock and the congregation of Franktown UMC on the Eastern Shore, Robert Blair, Liam Grant

CANCER: Pam Askew, Linda Argust, Ray Holland, Al Bremer, Diane Liles, Linda Harper, Faye Askew, David Hollowell, Rod Rodrigues, Melaine Medeiros, Carol Coleman, Mary Lou Hedgepeth, Julie Nance, John Nodeen, Richard J. Peko, Nancy Pike, Roland Word, Thelma Johnson, Shannon Rivera, Juel Carr, Nancy Spring Parker, Anita McLemore, Gary Graham, Marion Barrett Murphy, Glen Harrell, Pat Knapp, Randy West, Judy Gales, Eli Dowaliby

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, Adam Waddell, Kent Brooks, Bryanna Grant, James Russell III, Kristi Kilborn, Wesley Linder, Duncan Bevan, 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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 6TH, 2021



LORD POUR OUT YOUR
LOVE, LIFE, AND
Liberty



2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

70
Years of Prayer
for America
1952-2021

WWW.NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AT MAIN STREET & ACROSS THE NATION

The Main Street Sanctuary will be open for prayer from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Please remember to wear you mask.

Pastor Rich will deliver a virtual message on Facebook Live at noon.

The National Day of Prayer celebrates 70 years of prayer for America THIS YEAR! How wonderful it is to live in a nation where, by law every year on the first Thursday of May, the President proclaims a day of prayer for our nation.

Join with us and millions of believers across the nation on Thursday, May 6th, as we pray this year's theme "Lord, Pour Out Your Love, Life and Liberty."

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

REVIVE US AGAIN, O GOD

SERVICE QUARTER ACTIVITIES FOR MAY

Friends of Barnabas Benefit A Journey of Hope & Healing

Thursday, May 20

7:30 – 8:30 pm

Between the Covid pandemic, Hurricane Eta on November 3, and Hurricane Iota on November 17, our friends in Honduras have suffered greatly.

We continue to support our Partnership Community, and our second-year commitment funds were sent for the community of El Encinal in January. At this critical time, we believe there is more we can contribute.

Because it is difficult to hold large events these days, the leaders of Friends of Barnabas are holding a nationwide virtual Benefit on May 20th. The goal is to educate about the work of Friends of Barnabas, to describe the current need, and to raise funds for the medical care of the Honduran children and their families. In addition to a live auction, you will be treated to Honduran Music and a message from Linwood G. Cook, founder of Friends of Barnabas.

Here at MSUMC we will use this opportunity to get updates from Friends of Barnabas in Honduras on what is happening currently. We will raise funds to support our Community Partnership commitment, a 2022 Medical Mission Team, and provide emergency relief.

There are several ways for you to participate:

1. Come to the church and watch the Benefit program together. The church will purchase a group ticket. We will socially distance, wear our masks, and have fun.
 - * We are planning related activities in addition to the Benefit program.
 - * Auction bidding will not be available. However, we will collect donations for our Community Partnership and our 2022 Medical Mission Team in Honduras.
2. If you would like to watch from your home you can purchase a household Ticket for \$50 at this website: <https://event.gives/fobf>
 - * You will receive a link to watch the program.
 - * You will also receive a link to bid on auction items by Smart Phone.
3. Send a donation for Friends of Barnabas to the church. We will make sure it gets to the right place.



In 2000, we began with humble beginnings but a strong desire to help the poorest of the poor. We have grown from small mission teams to community partnerships, multifaceted-teams, and a permanent Honduran complex. Today, FOB programs are national in scope, and we are working hard to make an impact within the Honduran healthcare system. FOB is dedicated to health training and preventative health education. FOB is committed to empowering Honduran parents, community members, and medical providers.

Friends of Barnabas is committed to improving the lives of Honduran children.

We envision healthy children in healthy communities and a strengthened Honduran medical community.

FOOD DROP OFF

← DRIVE THRU →

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 9:00 AM UNTIL NOON

To continue our support of Suffolk Christian Fellowship Ministries, we are having a "Drive Thru Drop Off". The following items are needed: a variety of nonperishable foods, hygiene items such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, lotion, adult diapers, etc.

Let's help restock their pantry! Thank you!

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The Main Street **MESSENGER**

OF MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



We are so blessed to be able to worship in-person at both 8:30 and 11:00am once again. This picture was taken on Easter Sunday at 11:00, which was the first time we have been in-person for that service since the shutdown. Being in our Sanctuary is a blessing to all and reminds us how much we have missed being together in that space. God is good, and we have discovered through this difficult time that we can worship with masks and even when we are not able to be together. We will continue to livestream the 11:00am service for those who need or prefer to worship virtually. Our attendance has remained steady, and we have gained new people who have discovered us online! God is leading us, and we trust the path that God is providing.

Thank you for your
tithes and gifts. Your
generosity continues
to support the vital
ministry of our
church. You provide
many blessings, and
we are grateful for
all that you do.

