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LIVING WITH GRATITUDE IN OUR HEARTS

It was 9 years ago to the day of the writing of this article that Colleen and I were in Ireland to celebrate my 50th birthday. It was an incredible trip. You might say it was the trip of a life time. We rented a car upon arrival at Dublin airport and began a 9 day journey in one of the most beautiful places on earth. We visited many of the Celtic Christianity sites. It was incredible to see many structures still standing that were built over 1500 years earlier. Of course, they were not as they were when they were built, but you could still see walls and foundations and signs of a thriving faith community. One of the highlights of the trip for me was Sunday morning worship in St Patrick's Cathedral. We celebrated the Lord's Supper. As I entered the deep nave in the front of the sanctuary and stepped up, I noticed that the marble step was worn where so many before me had made the same journey to receive the Sacrament. I was reminded of all the saints that had gone before me. This gave even more meaning to the remains of the Celtic sites. I was reminded that buildings, although they

are beautiful and last for centuries, are temporary, but the memories of the saints can last forever.

In chapter 13 of Mark's gospel, Jesus reminds his disciples that even the great temple will not last the test of time. He is trying to teach them and us to look to the things that are permanent. In November we near the end of the Christian Year (the Christian New Year begins with Advent). As we do, we remember the Saints that have gone before us, and we look to the promise of the new Hope in the advent of Christ. All of this creates a great sense of gratitude in me. It is appropriate that we celebrate Thanksgiving in this month as well - also a time that creates a sense

of gratitude.

The reality is, we should live in a sense of gratitude all the time, not just in November. That is why Jesus doesn't answer the question of when the Temple will be destroyed. The disciples want to know when the temple will be destroyed so they can prepare, but Jesus wants us to be prepared at every minute.

As we enter the month of November, let us enter with a great sense of gratitude. But the reality is, we don't need a month to remind us to live with Gratitude in our hearts. It should be one of the primary emotions that we experience as Christians. Gratitude for those who have gone before us, gratitude for those who walk with us, and gratitude for the hope we have in Christ.

Happy Thanksgiving friends, I am very grateful for you and the powerful witness of grace Main Street Church has in our community.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Rich





STEWARDSHIP FOURTH QUARTER GIFTS

November Theme - Gifts of Gratitude

Coming in November:

WORSHIP SERIES FOR NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21: A Life That Matters

This past year has been a tumultuous time. Maybe it has been useful for us to reexamine our practices and our patterns in order to move into the new world that is coming into being around us. Maybe the church that has been isn't the church that is needed today. And our task is to discern that new community and new disciples and how we live into that new promise and new hope. So, what would this new understanding of the life of discipleship look like? What are some of the markers that help us grow into a life that matters, as individuals and as a community of faith and transformation? This series is designed to give some answers to these questions.

Guided by the gospel texts for the first three Sundays in November 2021, we discover three elements out of many that go to make up "A Life That Matters."

EXPRESS YOUR GRATITUDE -

POST A GRATITUDE NOTE ON THE BANNER IN THE ATRIUM.

POST THE NAME OF A PERSON WHO HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LIFE.

November 7 – All Saints Sunday

Remembering with gratitude the Main Street saints who have died since last All Saints Sunday by speaking their names and lighting candles in their memory. Gratitude for the Saints who have come before us and paved the way for the blessings we have reaped and the path for our future.

Isaiah 25: 6-9 John 11: 32-44

Sermon: "Dressed for the Occasion"

November 14 – Veterans Sunday

Remembering with gratitude and honoring our Veterans.

Mark 13: 1-8

Sermon: "Not One Stone"

November 21 – Christ the King/The Reign of Christ Sunday

The last Sunday of the liturgical year. Thanksgiving Sunday; Baptism – Thankfully claiming who we are in Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1: 11-20 John 18: 33-37

Sermon: "Everyone Who Belongs"

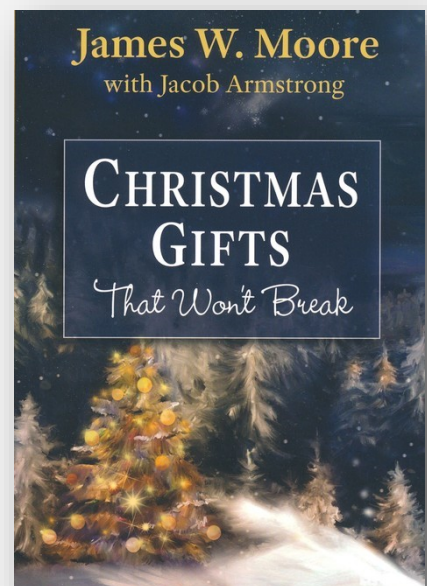
November 28 - First Sunday in Advent

Advent Devotional booklets are available from the Society of St. Andrew.

November 30 - Advent Bible study,

***Christmas Gifts That Won't Break* by James Moore**, begins. Bo Browne will lead the study.

Go on an Advent journey with beloved teacher and storyteller James W. Moore, exploring the spirit of Christmas. As you light the candles of your Advent wreath, reflect on the unbreakable gifts that God has given us: hope, love, joy, and peace. And remember God's greatest gift, who comes to us as a baby and leads us through all the days of our lives.



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY - TUESDAYS AT 7:00 PM AT MAIN STREET UMC . SIGN UP IN THE ATRIUM OR EMAIL barbara@mainstumc.org BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE.



Taste and see that the Lord is Good

JOIN THE CHALLENGE

Join the challenge!

If ever there was a time when we needed to know God's word, it is now. In the Atrium you will find a "SCRIPTURE CANDY JAR" that is filled with different scriptures. We are challenging families to pick a scripture to take home and memorize with your children. Each week, the children and adults will have the opportunity to recite the chosen scripture to Mrs. Karen. You will be given a "Taste and See" punch card that she will punch when you have successfully completed the memory task. When 10 punches are achieved, the family can reach into a rewards jar that is filled with fun surprises!

What a great way to write God's word on the hearts of our children!

We are accepting contritributions for our
rewards jar!

For more info,
Contact Karen Perez 803-431-4177

IGNITE KIDS NOVEMBER THEME - PLATE IT, COOK IT



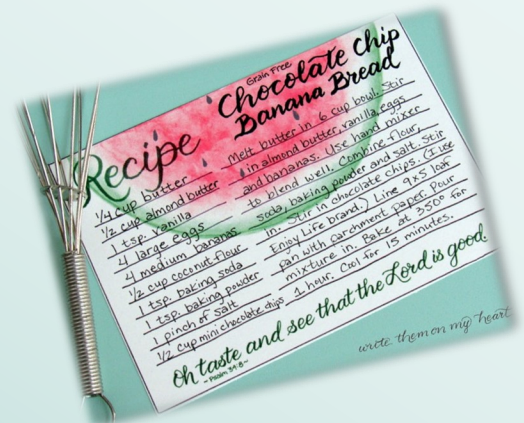
Hey, kids! This month, we're transforming our space into . . . drum roll, please! The Plate It Cooking Show! There will be food puns galore, and we'll have tons of fun preparing food and doing food challenges as we learn about the prophets and also how we can prepare ourselves for God and living life the way God wants us to.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Psalm 38:4

MULTI-GENERATIONAL ACTIVITY, FUN FOR ALL AGES

We want your recipes!

Our children would like for you to share one of your favorite holiday recipes. It can be a special cookie or even an easy casserole or soup. Maybe it has been a long time since you cooked but you kept your favorite recipes to perhaps one day share with your family. Now we hope you will share with our Main Street children.



The children want to connect with others through these recipes. It is our plan to let them meet and connect with you through your recipes. They will have the opportunity to make your special recipe with help from family and then share with the person who contributed the recipe and others.

Beginning November 1, you may bring your recipe to church and drop it in the recipe box in the Atrium or mail it in if you do not have email. We will also be glad to come get the recipe if you like. It would be wonderful to have a handwritten copy of your recipe. This is going to be fun for everyone and we hope the children will begin to "taste and see that the Lord is good" through their connection with you!

HAPPENINGS AT MAIN STREET

LET'S TALK!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AT NOON

The Church Council invites you to join them after the 11:00 am service for a time of sharing information and updates about Main Street Church. We want everyone to understand what's happened in the past months, what is happening now and what we hope will happen as we move forward. We want you to have as much information as possible and hope you will ask questions, offer suggestions and think about what we need to do to continue to be a church that is alive with the Holy Spirit working among us and through us.

RSVP NOW - Lunch will be provided, but you must let us know if you intend to participate by Sunday, October 31. To make your reservation please call the office at 539-8751 or email office@mainstumc.org

This is an exciting time and an opportunity to be a part of moving forward at Main Street!

SUFFOLK WINTER HOMELESS HOTEL

Our ministry partner, Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center, and the Planning Council of Hampton Roads are sponsoring an additional shelter for the homeless this year.

Dates: Monday, November 15-Sunday night, November 21

This year Main Street has committed to providing the dinner meal for the dates listed here. The **hot meals** can be prepared off site and then brought to the church to be packaged and delivered.



There will be a sign up sheet in the Atrium, where you can volunteer for a dinner meal and/or to help package and deliver.

Also, there will be empty **Toiletry bags** on the table in the Atrium. Please take one, fill it with the items listed on the bag, and return to church.

Finally, **monetary donations** for breakfast and lunch items or gift cards would be a great help.

Let's continue to help our less fortunate folks in Suffolk this fall/winter. Thanks for your prayerful consideration and generosity!

Questions? Call Phil McPhail at 757-676-1131, or email at jpmcphail737@gmail.com



It's coming soon! Please plan to join us for all the fun on November 13, 2021. The Fall Festival Committee is working hard to prepare for all of the activities. Here are a few things that you can expect:

Silent Auction featuring special items and donations.

Craft vendors are welcome.

Make a gratitude yard sign for someone.

A purse boutique with lots of pretty, gently used items.

Mega yard sale! It's not too late to bring your treasures. You can drop them off at church on Sunday or Monday—Thursday, 9:00– 3:00.

Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down.

Contact Tess Popik at 757-343-9926

NOVEMBER 2021 [BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES]

[BIRTHDAYS]

11/1 Chris Porter
11/1 Richard Meiser
11/2 Jimmy Holland
11/2 Charles Shotton
11/2 Aaron Mizelle
11/4 Laura Holshouser
11/4 Brenda Swann
11/4 Ron Williams
11/5 Midge Callis
11/5 Elaine Davis
11/6 Carl Hardee
11/6 Tracey Medeiros
11/7 Bo Browne
11/8 George Birdsong
11/8 Michele Pettway
11/8 Sara Harp
11/9 Kristi Hicks
11/9 Wes Hill
11/10 Grace Van Orden
11/10 Phillip Maybery

11/11 Jonah Jordan
11/12 Meredith Webb
11/13 Karen Savage
11/14 Nicole Duke
11/15 Troy Barnes
11/15 Lexie Redd
11/15 Darrell Hurst
11/15 Lu Bowman
11/17 Bob Funkhouser
11/17 Kelly Drewnowski
11/18 Steve Huber
11/18 John Wagner
11/19 August Astorga
11/19 Toppy Palmer
11/20 Cole Russell
11/24 Kelly Franklin
11/24 Kristi Kilborn
11/25 Steve Webb
11/25 Cheri Anthony
11/26 Cross Birdsong
11/26 Calvin Caron

11/26 Iker Vega
11/26 Michele Bossick
11/28 Jackson Ray
11/28 Janice Harper
11/29 Trey Parker
11/29 Riane Smith
11/29 Anne Higinbotham
11/29 Karen Scott
11/29 Kellen Cary
11/29 Robbie Barnhill
11/29 Ken Johnson
11/30 Betty Michael
11/30 Thomas Beale
11/30 Michaelle Smith

[ANNIVERSARIES]

11/2 Ryan & Mary Beth Johnson
11/3 Steve & Karen Gunter
11/3 Carey & Meredith Michael
11/4 Bo & Jodi Browne
11/4 Edward & Martha Trapani
11/10 Michael & Robin Casey
11/12 Tom & Jackie Williams
11/13 Danny & Pamela Andrews
11/16 Andrew & Maggie McCauley
11/21 Mark & Cindy Garner
11/22 Daniel & Elizabeth Totten
11/23 Steven & Brenda Beck
11/29 William & Nancy O'Berry
11/30 Scott & Karen Graham



PRAYER LIST UPDATE

RECENT PRAYER: 10/25/21: Billye Walton, Lu Callis Bowman, Mary Kennedy, Patricia Lewis, Forrest & Mary Jane Cathey, Jack Harry and Family, Jack Leporati, Susan Medeiros; Troop 1 Boy Scouts, Pack 1 Cub Scouts, and all BSA groups and chartering organizations; Jesse Perry, David Medeiros, Elizabeth Driver, Kristine Bishop, Jack Holland; David Wilson

SYMPATHY: The family of Don McCauley (Andrew McCauley's father)

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

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



HOMEBOUND: Melanie French, 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, 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



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:30 pm Girls Scouts
6:30 pm Cub Scout LPM meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm Charge Conference

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:00 am Cub Scout Flag Day
Daylight Saving Time Ends at midnight. Set clocks back!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

All Saints Sunday
8:30 am In-Person Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Faith,Family,Fun
11:00 am In-Person & Virtual
12:00 pm Let's Talk, Church Council & members invited to attend, lunch included
1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm Women's Study

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

6:30 pm Cub Scouts
7:00 pm Christian Women's Book Club

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:00 am to 2:00 pm
FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Veteran's Sunday
8:30 am In-Person Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Faith,Family,Fun
11:00 am In-Person & Virtual
12:30 pm Stewardship Committee
1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:30 pm Girl Scouts

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm Women's Study

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:30 pm Cub Scouts

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Christ the King Sunday
8:30 am In-Person Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Faith,Family,Fun

11:00 am In-Person & Virtual

1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00 pm Day Care Board Meeting
7:00 pm Trustees

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm Women's Study

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

8:30 am In-Person Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Faith,Family,Fun
11:00 am In-Person & Virtual
12:30 pm Fresh Fire Youth Group
1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm Advent Bible Study



**VOLUNTEER
BELL RINGERS
NEEDED!**
Ring a bell...help change a life

FOR THE SALVATION ARMY AT WALMART

Main Street Church has participated in this fund raising ministry for several years. There is a sign-up poster in the Atrium. Please spend two hours ringing the bell.

Our dates are **Monday-Friday, December 13-19** and we need 2 people per 2 hour shift, 4-6 pm and 6-8 pm at 2 entrances. In other words, 8 people per day.

It is a fact that more contributions are received when enthusiastic volunteers ring the bells for the Salvation Army. Please support this vital ministry! Questions? Contact Keith Johnston @ (810) 516-0141

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OF MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Sunday, November 7, 2021 | 8:30 & 11:00

*We will light candles as we remember our Saints
who entered into God's presence this year.*

*Tom Birdsong, Pat Freeman,
Sylvia Funkhouser, Paul (Dutch) Greene,
Doug McPhail, Susan Rivenbark,
Jason Russell, Sue Spring, Charles Swann*



TIME TO DECORATE THE
CHRISMON TREE!
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23
10 AM UNTIL NOON

CONTACT:
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