



The Main Street MESSENGER

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A Faith to Live By - Hebrews 11:1-2

In the fall 2018 Colleen and I made a trip to Cleveland OH to visit our daughter and her husband. We decided to make a few stops along the way. One of the stops we made was in Canton OH, the home of the Football Hall of Fame. It brought back so many memories as I walked through the different parts the building. I remember as a child watching the Steelers (my dad's favorite team) and their iconic players like Joe Green, Terry Bradshaw, Franco Harris, and Jack Lambert to name a few. If you are a football fan, I'm sure you have some memories of your own. Even if you are not a football fan or even a sports fan, I'm sure you can think of individuals that have stood out in a crowd. That person who seemed to exemplify/represent the best of whatever it was they did. Maybe they belonged in the Hall of Fame for accountants, or engineers, or moms, or dads! To be in the Hall of Fame means that you are among the best in your chosen field.

When I think of the Hall of Fame for Faith, or the "Hall of Faith" as I like to call it, I think of the book of Hebrews,

chapter 11, and the great cloud of witnesses mentioned as examples of faith. There was Abel, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, and Moses. The list could go on and on. These folks lived a faith that was pleasing to God, and they were blessed. They were "Blessed to be a Blessing."

This month in the life of our church, we are going to be looking at a few of these heroes of faith. We will be looking not only at their lives but also how God worked to create blessings through God's "loving kindness" or "steadfast love." The Psalmist declared the love of God to be "from everlasting to everlasting." Richard Rohr has this to say about the love of God. "The great challenge for us is that this covenant love, this durable mercy that is so central to the character of God, is to be reflected in us as well."

The month of October will challenge us to look at these heroes and live in response to God's grace and mercy. We will consider the blessing we have been given and how they have been used to further the Kingdom of God. Main

Street Church is a generous church. We will be reminded of this generosity throughout October with the month ending in our commitment to be in covenant with God concerning our giving. It is my prayer that you will see in the lives of these Old Testament heroes, a model of faithfulness and generosity that reflects the "lovingkindness" of our Lord. Not only will we see these characteristics in the heroes, but they will be reflected in our lives as well.

I'm blessed to be your pastor, and I look forward to this fall and the many great things God has in store for us.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Rich



STEWARDSHIP *FOURTH QUARTER GIFTS*

October Theme - *Celebrating the Giving Nature of Main Street*



During the month of October we will celebrate the generous spirit and giving nature of Main Street United Methodist Church. As a nation, community and church, we have all suffered the effects of a pandemic. But, even when things have seemed hopeless and bleak at times, your light continued to shine.

Because of you, Main Street Church has been able to continue to support the ministries of the church. Your giving nature is a blessing, and we want to

thank you for all you do. Because of you, we have been able to continue to have worship services and Bible studies, maintain our facilities, pay our staff, expand our virtual community and support mission opportunities, children and youth. At a time when many churches are closing or not reopening, Main Street UMC never missed a beat. Your generosity made it all possible.

Therefore, during the month of October we want to give a little back to

you. Each Sunday of the month, you can expect to receive some little gift of appreciation from the Stewardship Committee. Thank you, Main Street!

October Dates:

October 3 - Children's Ministry, Noisy Offering is back! "5 Rules Card"

October 10 - Friends of Barnabas special guest, Ashleigh Moody

October 17 - Suffolk Christian Fellowship Ministry guest, Lorna Slaughter. Bring non-perishable foods

October 24 - Movie at 4:00 (see below)

October 31 - Gratitude & Commitment Sunday plus Noisy Offering collection

Coming in November:

November 13 - Make and take "gratitude" signs

November 28 - Advent begins with worship and Advent Workshop

November 30 - Advent Bible study, *Christmas Gifts That Won't Break by James Moore*, begins. Bo Browne will lead the study.



Join us for Popcorn and the movie, *Coco*, on the big screen at Main Street in the Fellowship Hall, Sunday, October 24, 4:00 pm

This is the perfect movie for the fall season. The main theme of the movie is **family is everything**. Miguel and his family celebrate being together, remember the loved ones lost, and enjoy a feast together. This is a good reminder to take a step back and remember that no matter what, always make time for your family.

Bring the family for fellowship and fun!

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 everyone 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 15. 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!



On September 26, Jackson Henry and Gracie Finn Eure became professing members of Main Street Church. Whenever we confirm our youth we take the following vow:

As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified .

Remember and welcome Gracie Finn and Jackson. May they continue to grow in their faith as they follow the teachings of Christ.



YOUTH GATHERINGS

Where: Fresh Fire Café (Youth Room)

When: Every Sunday morning from
8:00 - 11:00

Devotional with coffee and/or cocoa

Plus: 4th Sunday at 1:00 pm for lunch
and fun!

October activities:

October 8 & 10 - Youth Explosion at
Bennett's Creek Park

October 9 - Busch Gardens



OCTOBER 2021 [BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES]

[BIRTHDAYS]

10/1 Audrey Beck	10/11 Michele Clark	10/24 Wendy Barnes	10/1 Everett & Julie Irby
10/1 Kevin Spain	10/13 JB Powell	10/24 Fletcher Beadles	10/3 Justin & Sara Jane Caron
10/1 Scott Kilborn	10/14 Julie Irby	10/24 George Stebe	10/8 Adam & Heather Joerger
10/2 Emily Wynn	10/14 Madie Baker	10/25 Benton Wentz	10/10 Vernon & Susan Towler
10/2 Elizabeth Helms	10/14 Vernon Towler	10/25 Jake Redd	10/10 Steve & Jennifer Webb
10/2 Al Bremer	10/14 Lily Pearce	10/25 Peter Holman	10/12 Hunter & Lillie Hartman
10/3 Henry Simpson	10/16 Dale Bradshaw	10/26 Mike Beale	10/15 Fleet & Brenda Garnett
10/4 Pattie Conrad	10/16 Carolyn Brown	10/26 Zachary Irby	10/18 Tom & Carol Harry
10/4 Finley Jucksch	10/16 Charles O'Dea	10/29 P.C. Austin	10/19 Jimmy & Kelly Holland
10/5 Pat Suttle	10/16 Campbell Hogg	10/29 Shirley Baldwin	10/20 David & Monica Eure
10/6 Melanie Bishop	10/18 John Borthwick	10/29 Sharyn Flintoff	10/22 Susannah & Brian Donahue
10/6 Nan Cullop	10/19 Bev Cox	10/29 Rebecca Baker	10/24 Matt & Bellamy Zydron
10/6 Susan Towler	10/20 Spencer Hart	10/30 Roberta Powell	10/25 Ryan & Camille Harrell
10/8 Dixon Mills	10/20 Joe Webb	10/31 Ryan Harrell	10/30 David & Jan Kincaid
10/8 Dorothy Hill	10/21 Jedd Askew	10/31 Michaela Waddell	
10/9 David Askew	10/21 Owen Gregory		
10/10 Judy Horton	10/22 Katie Beale		
10/10 Liz Russell	10/22 Jim Decker		
10/10 Andrew McCauley	10/22 Ashley Carr		
10/10 Elizabeth Totten	10/23 Nancy King		
10/11 Ryan Lambert	10/23 Tristan Little		
	10/23 Walter New		



PRAYER LIST UPDATE

RECENT PRAYER: 9/27/21: Fan Panton, Billye Walton, Lu Callis Bowman, Sandra Wilson, Mary Kennedy, Jesse (Boots) Leggett, Patricia Lewis, Forrest & Mary Jane Cathey, Jack Harry and Family, Roxanne Phillips, Jack Leporati, Kendall & Salem Agnese, Susan Mederios

SYMPATHY: The Family of Tom Birdsong; The Family of Susan Rivenbark; The Family of Charles Swann

ONGOING: Steve Clark, Heather Lawrence, Leila & Bob Tompert, Erin & Michael McPherson and Family, Carolyn Davis, Bobby Cullop, Bob Callis, Liam Grant, Herman Terrell, Wally Fuchs, Harold Wald, Louise Elliott

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, Nancy Pike, Roland Word, Shannon Rivera, Juel Carr, Nancy Spring

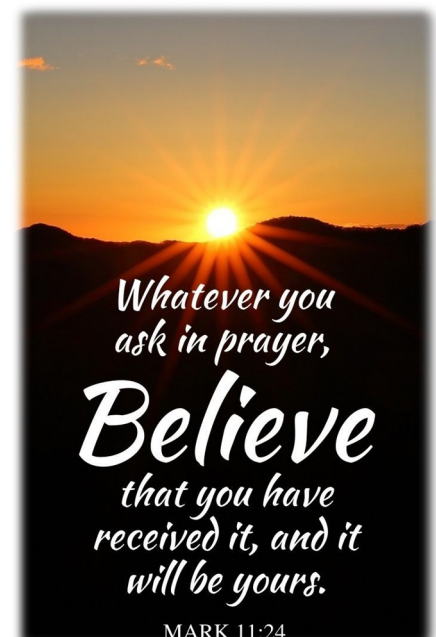
Parker, Anita McLemore, Gary Graham, Marion Barrett Murphy, Glen Harrell, Ralph Knapp, Judy Gales, Eli Dowaliby, Lynn Foster, Ron Hamilton, Ernie Crutchfield, Brian Clark, Marea Bishop, Filmore Brinkley, Jay Robbins

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





SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

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, OCTOBER 4

6:30pm Cub Scout LPM meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:00 pm Cub Scouts

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:00 am Youth Busch Gardens Trip

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

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, OCTOBER 11 COLUMBUS DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 1
7:00 pm Women's Study

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00 pm Christian Women's
Book Club on Zoom

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

3:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

1:30 pm Holland Wedding

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

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 Stewardship Committee
1:00 pm Macedonia AME Worship

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:00 pm Cub Scouts

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

3:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

3:00 pm Bishop Wedding

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

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
4:00 pm "Coco" Movie in the Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

11:00 am Catlett Wedding

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31-COMMITMENT 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 Church Council Planning



WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR FALL FESTIVAL

- Donate gently used items that might include purses, jewelry, working small appliances, toys, sports equipment, books, etc. for the yard sale. Items accepted after Oct. 10.
- Donate hand made crafts.
- Donate items valued above \$30 for the Silent Auction. Contact Jackie King @757-535-7530
- Volunteer by contacting Tess Popik @ 757-343-9926.
- Vendors are welcome. Contact Tess Popik

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Please detach and return your commitment card to the church office by Friday, October 30.

My 2022 Financial Giving Covenant with God

My 2022 annual response to God through Main Street United Methodist Church is

\$ _____

I plan to contribute according to the following schedule: *(Please fill in one of the blanks below)*

\$ _____ weekly \$ _____ monthly \$ _____ yearly

I am committed to tithing _____

Name: _____ Contact _____
(email and/or phone)

