



The Main Street MESSENGER

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A BLUEPRINT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Wow, what's the saying? "If you don't like the weather in Virginia, just wait, it will change." How true is this statement? As I sit to write this article, the wind-chill is below 30°. Just a week ago we were experiencing 60-70° days. I don't know about you, but I'm confused by this weather. There are many things that can be confusing in an ever-changing culture. Smartphones, social-media, health issues, the political climate, and our actual climate can all cause us some confusion.

That's why I'm so glad that we can count on our faith to see us through the confusion and brings us to a place of peace. It doesn't always mean we won't be confused, but during that confusion God wants us to know God's presence and peace. I'm convinced this peace comes from the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of believers. With that said, I want to encourage you to find "your place" at Main Street UMC.

If you are a part of the community of MSUMC and have been absent from worship, please return. If you are a part of worship but do not belong to a smaller group within the church, find your place. If you don't see a place that fits you, talk with me about a small group that you would like to see started. I'm convinced with all my being, a healthy church is the place for us to find fulfillment and purpose for our lives. Main Street UMC is a healthy church where that can happen.

As we continue with the study, "A Blueprint for Discipleship," I have been amazed at the way God is working in this group to provide a safe place to talk about our confusion and God's love shown to us in Jesus Christ. You can still join us on Thursday evenings at 5:30 for a soup supper with the study starting a 6:30 and ending by 7:30. A nursery can be provided if you have that need. I look forward to seeing each of you in worship and participating in a small group. I'm incredibly blessed to be your pastor.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Rich

SCOUT & UMYF ACTIVITIES AT MAIN STREET

SPONSORED BY - CUB SCOUTS PACK 1



SPAGHETTI - FUNDRAISER -

12 NOON
DONATIONS
APPRECIATED

SUNDAY
9
FEBRUARY

*An Invitation from Cub
Scouts Pack 1*

SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUND RAISER

Scout Sunday | February 9

12 noon in the Main Street
Church Fellowship Hall

Donations much appreciated!

PINEWOOD DERBY INVITATIONAL RACE

Saturday, February 22 | 2 pm

Main Street UMC Atrium

Entrance fee \$10

Anyone may enter!

Sign up and pay fee by
Wednesday, February 19.
Make checks payable to Cub
Scouts Pack 1.

Contact Cubmaster Drew
Duerson for more information
and to sign up at
drew.duerson@gmail.com

Derby cars may be purchased
from Drew Duerson for \$5, or
cars may be purchased from
Lowe's. (Please note that
other cars may not fit on the
track.)



SATURDAY
22
FEBRUARY

2 PM
ENTRANCE FEE \$10

ANYONE CAN ENTER | SIGNUP AND PAY FEE BY FEBRUARY 19
To purchase derby cars, more information or to signup
contact Drew Duerson at drew.duerson@gmail.com.



FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Sponsored by Main Street UMYF | Proceeds will support the UMYF Hinton Mission Trip



TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 25, 2020
5:30 - 7:30 PM

Tickets (or pay at the door)
\$10 per Person | \$40 for family of 4 or more
Children under 5 eat free!



FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 25 | 5:30 pm

*Sponsored by Main Street
UMYF.*

Tickets are \$10 per person not to
exceed \$40 per family. Proceeds
will support the UMYF Hinton
Mission Trip.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES AT MAIN STREET

For many years Main Street has provided meals for the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen on the fourth Saturday of each month. Many different groups and individuals of the church participate by preparing and serving the meals for 85-100 people. We also continue with our once a month Friday night Rose's Supper for 25-30 people on the fourth Friday of each month, except December.

If you would like to participate, please contact Jodi Browne for Salvation Army and Phil McPhail for Rose's supper. You will be blessed by giving your time to serve those in need.

[SALVATION ARMY SOUP KITCHEN 2020 SCHEDULE]

MONTH	DAY	TEAM	MONTH	DAY	TEAM
January	25	Cub Scouts (Bobby Noell)	July	25	Adult Basic Bible Class (David Hoy)
February	22	UMYF (Mark Popik)	August	22	Church Council (Sharon Slate) with UMW (Brenda Cox)
March	28	Missions (Phil McPhail)	September	26	Girl Scouts (Libby Hiner)
April	25	UMM (Greg Brown)	October	24	McLemore Class (Greg Crow)
May	23	Open	November	28	Lay Servants (Steve Webb)
June	27	Women's Spiritual Growth (Irene Fisher)	December	26	Open

[ROSE'S SUPPER SCHEDULE]

MONTH	DAY	TEAM	MONTH	DAY	TEAM
January	24	Boy Scouts (Rick Wilson)	July	24	Missions Committee (Phil McPhail)
February	28	Basic Bible Study (David Hoy)	August	28	Open
March	27	McLemore Class (Gregg Crow)	September	25	UMW (Brenda Cox)
April	24	Confirmation Class (Steve Webb)	October	23	Girl Scouts (Libby Hiner)
May	22	Ladies Spiritual Growth Class (Irene Fisher)	November	26	Open
June	26	Stewardship Committee (Sandra Birdsong)			

SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY [UPDATE]



"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Matthew 25:40



The members of Main Street United Methodist Church presented a gift of \$2,400 to the Suffolk Christian Fellowship Ministry in memory of Pastor Myrtle. The funds were given as memorial gifts for Pastor Myrtle and combined with a Noisy Offering. With this gift the Suffolk Christian Fellowship Ministry created *The Myrtle Hatcher Memorial Food Box* that will be given to support families residing under the charge of the Genieve Shelter and/or the Suffolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority and will continue to be given monthly until the monetary gift has been spent. Additionally, the families receiving the box of food will be made aware of the gift in memory of Pastor Hatcher through the placement of a note inside each box that explains Pastor Hatcher's humanitarian service.

MAIN STREET HONDURAN MISSIONARIES

Maggie McCauley



Charlie O'Dea



The Honduran missionaries are geared up and excited for our trip with Friends of Barnabas February 8 - 16. First, we truly want to thank the congregation for your amazing support both financially and spiritually. With your generosity, we easily raised our portion of the team funds which are used to purchase medicines and supplies that will be used on our trip. We also received many flip flops and glasses to take with us! We also appreciate all of your kind words of support and your prayers. As always, our church family overwhelms with generosity and love.

Jodi Browne



Jennifer Webb



On Sunday, January 12, the medical professionals met with Patti Wagner-the medical coordinator for Friends of Barnabas Foundation. She gave them a thorough overview of what to expect each day as they travel to remote villages to treat families. Our team can expect to treat around 300 people a day and will travel to 5 different villages in 5 days.

On Sunday, January 26, our mission team was commissioned during the 11 am service. We look forward to receiving God's blessings as we travel to and from Honduras and spread God's love through service to the people of Honduras. While we are away, you can follow our adventures through a daily e-journal that we will send home each day! We greatly appreciate your love, prayers and support!!

Colleen Meiser



Bo Browne



The FOBF Hampton Roads Team-Suffolk/Main St UMC

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MAIN STREET SAFETY TEAM [2020]

Main Street,

Pastor Rich asked me to provide an update on the actions of the Safety Team.

The topic of safety is wide and deep. It ranges from a cut finger to a horrific attack by an armed intruder. Instead of trying to tackle the entire topic, the team is focusing on a few areas to improve.

The first area in which you will see some visual changes at the church are small red and white signs designating the location of basic first aid kits.

Please use these kits to handle simple cuts, etc. Our team will inspect the kits periodically and restock them as needed.

Next, we will hang simple floor plan signs in each room to help direct occupants of the respective room to a safe exit. These diagrams are similar to what you may have seen in a hotel.

Last, we will be upgrading our video surveillance system. This improved system will have higher resolution and more cameras. It will also have the ability to expand to add more

cameras in the future.

Awareness is key to ensuring we are safe. We do not want to make changes just to make a change. Knowing what to do next is key. To help define our next focus areas, the Safety Team will attend training on protecting our church.

If anyone has any questions or would like to be on the Safety Team, please contact Pastor Rich or myself.

Thank you and God bless,
Andrew McCauley

FIRST QUARTER | BE FRUIT-FULL IN WITNESS

What does it mean to be **fruit-FULL in witness**, and what is a witness anyway? During January, February and March we will discover what it means to be a real witness for Christ in the world. Here's how to participate.



JANUARY & FEBRUARY

6 WEEK STUDY - A BLUEPRINT FOR DISCIPLESHIP

THURSDAYS, JANUARY 9 • 16 • 23 • 30
& FEBRUARY 6 • 13

- Soup supper provided from 5:30 - 6:30 pm with the study from 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Study led by Pastor Rich and open to the entire congregation
- Nursery available upon request
- Sign-up in the Atrium

MARCH

In March we will focus on getting to know our newest members better and will conclude our witness quarter with a lunch after the March 29 service in honor of new members.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 @ 10:30 AM

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE WITH LUNCH FOLLOWING

It is the goal of our holistic, year long Stewardship Campaign to help each of us be Fruit-FULL in witness, Joy-FULL in service, Peace-FULL in prayers and presence, and Wonder-FULL in giving. We hope all will enjoy the journey.

2020 COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES/LUNCH [12 NOON]



DATE	HOST	PARTNER
February 26	St. Paul's Episcopal Church • The Very Rev. Dr. Keith Emerson	Tabernacle Christian Church • Bishop Carlton Upton (P) • Rev. Dr. Madelene Beard
March 4	Oak Grove Baptist Church • Rev. Dr. Anthony Copeland	St. Paul's Baptist Church • Bishop C. V. Russell, III • Rev. Julie Sterling (P)
March 11	Magnolia UMC • Rev. Sheena Laine	East End Baptist Church • Rev. Dr. Wayne Faison (P)
March 18	Tabernacle Baptist Outreach Center • Elder Trevon Boone	Oakland Christian UCC • Rev. Mary Anne Biggs (P)
March 25	Main Street UMC • Rev. Rich Meiser	Higher Ground Outreach Center • Rev. Cordell Carter (P)
April 1	Metropolitan Baptist Church • Rev. Dr. Robert Hobbs	Holy Neck Christian Church • Rev. Dr. Dave Meadors (P)

FEBRUARY 2020 [CALENDAR OF EVENTS]

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00 am AAUW Use of Kitchen
8:00 pm AA Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
4:00 pm UMYF

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:00 pm Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Cub Scout Leader/Parent Mtg.
7:00 pm Council on Ministries

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
2:00 pm Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
5:30 pm *Soup Supper*
6:30 pm *Blueprint for Discipleship Bible Study*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Honduran Missionaries Leave

8:00 pm AA Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Scout Sunday

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am *Confirmation Class*
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm *Spaghetti Lunch - Cub Scouts Fundraiser*
4:00 pm UMYF
6:00 pm UMYF Family Dinner

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

10:00 am UMW Meeting
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
2:00 pm Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
5:30 pm *Soup Supper*
6:30 pm *Blueprint for Discipleship Bible Study*
7:00 pm Christian Women's Book Club
7:00 pm Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting - McLemore Classroom

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Valentines Day

10:00 am Day Care Sweetheart Dance - Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Newsletter Articles Due

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Honduran Missionaries Return

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am *Confirmation Class*
10:00 am Coffee With The Pastor
11:00 am Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Presidents Day

Church Office Closed

6:00 pm Girl Scouts

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

3:00 pm Sans Souci Meeting - Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

11:00 am Salvation Army Kitchen - UMYF
2:00 pm *Pinewood Derby Invitational Race*
8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am *Confirmation Class*
11:00 am Worship
4:00 pm UMYF

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:15 pm Day Care Board Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5:30 pm *Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper - UMYF Sponsors*
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Ash Wednesday

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
12:00 pm *Ash Wednesday Service & Lunch @ St. Paul's Episcopal Church*
2:00 pm Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

4:00 pm Rose's Supper

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

8:00 pm AA

CONFIRMATION 2020 | FEB 9 | 9:45 AM

Confirmation for 6th & 7th graders; parents are invited to attend the first session. At that time you will receive a schedule of meeting times and events. The class will be led by Steve Webb. For more information please contact Steve at steve.webb@navy.mil

FEBRUARY 2020 [BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES]

[BIRTHDAYS]

2/1 Bob Zedler	2/9 Ute Borthwick	2/19 Tyler Casey
2/1 Nikolai Seleznev	2/9 Bruce Hines	2/20 Will Crow
2/1 Reed Oliva	2/10 Mary Scott	2/20 Glenn Drier
2/1 Patricia Kraft	2/10 Benjamin Cutchin	2/20 Lynn Nelson
2/2 Sandra Birdsong	2/11 Karen Graham	2/20 John Shappell
2/2 Ryan Johnson	2/12 Marjie Wills	2/21 Brandi Tyeryar
2/3 Arlene Palmer	2/12 Kelly Baker	2/21 Billye Walton
2/3 Sarah Hewett	2/12 Rita Drier	2/21 Irene Fisher
2/4 Charlotte Bauer	2/13 Brianna Barnes	2/21 Kade Gagnon
2/5 Linda McClure	2/13 Jack Johnson	2/22 Nathan Hill
2/6 Amy Lee Davis-Adams	2/14 Amy Farley	2/22 Connor King
2/8 Collin Hoy	2/15 Yriah Smalls	2/23 Lucy Holland
2/8 John Barnes	2/16 Danny Andrews	2/24 Sharon Slate
2/8 James Brown	2/17 Morgan Wilson	2/24 Janet Horn
2/8 Ford Totten	2/18 Herman Terrell	2/25 Kelly Holland
	2/19 David Birdsong	2/26 Austin Mills

[ANNIVERSARIES]

2/5 David Askew & Joanne Wunderlich
2/8 Roy & Cara Brinkley
2/15 Nathan & Kelly Hill
2/15 David & Laura Michael
2/15 Top & Arlene Palmer
2/19 Bob & Darla Spiker
2/26 Jerry & Anne Branch
2/26 Robert & Laura Solomon
2/27 Bin & Natalie Parker

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

RECENT PRAYER: 1/29/20 Carolyn Davis, Bobby Cullop, Bev Cox, Sue Birdsong, Hannah Goetz, Gary Scott, our Medical Mission team in Honduras

SYMPATHY: Family and friends of Rev. Walter Whitehurst

ONGOING: Willis "Corky" Davis, Steve Clark, Sylvia Funkhouser, Bob Catlett, Heather Lawrence, Leila & Bob Tompert, Michael McPherson and Family, Lee Bowman, Otto Wegman, Lucas Lawrence, Joseph Medeiros, Stan Waterfield, Trenton Bishop, Juanita Colley, Shellee Stevens, Frances Kelly

CANCER: Bob Tompert, Janis Greene, 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, Sally Gum Palmer, Diane Liles, Linda Harper, Faye Askew, Lois Barker, Angela Seed, Dave O'Neill, David Holloway, Judy Calfee, David Hollowell, Craig Holland, Jean Brinkley, Christine Duran, Rod Rodrigues, Melaine Medeiros, Pat Wegman, Colton Cover, Carol Coleman, Mary Lou Hedgepeth, Judy Holland, Kelly Grier (Ferguson) Coston, Fran Holland, Holly Wilson, 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

SKILLED CARE: Bill Gallant

HOMEBOUND: Melanie French, Jean Sutphin

ASSISTED LIVING: Colette Ballard,

Susan Rivenbark, Ray Shamburger, Frances Kelly

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO INCLUDE

IN YOUR PRAYERS: Main Street United Methodist Church & Pastor Rich Meiser; **United Methodist Church Worldwide, Bishop Sharma Lewis**, John Elmore (Chile Covenant Mission Project Director); CRU - Stephanie & Quin Strouse

OUR NATION AND WORLD:

Military Troops & Families: Chris Smith, Anthony Hickler, Cedric Dedeaux, Hunter Pietrowski, Adam Waddell, Kent Brooks, Bryanna Grant, James Russell, III, Kristi Kilborn, Will Crow, Wesley Linder, Duncan Bevan, Jonathan Burton; Children in Poverty; Police, Fire & Rescue Workers; CAPS (Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk); Our Schools Main Street Day Care & Preschool; Workplaces & Homes; Domestic Violence

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OF MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



2019/2020 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Friends, thank you for your faithful stewardship of God's gifts! Great is the faithfulness of God!

JANUARY 2020 [1-29]

Individual Worship Attendees: 255
Average Worship Attendance: 170
Average Sunday School Attendance: 52
2020 Operating Budget: \$530,971
Received YTD Tithes & Offerings: \$46,067
YTD Expenses: \$47,231

DECEMBER 2019

Individual Worship Attendees: 312
Average Worship Attendance: 179
Average Sunday School Attendance: 50
2019 Operating Budget: \$530,835
Received YTD Tithes & Offerings: \$530,392
YTD Expenses: \$517,330

NOVEMBER 2019

Individual Worship Attendees: 226
Average Worship Attendance: 163
Average Sunday School Attendance: 52
2019 Operating Budget: \$530,835
Received YTD Tithes & Offerings: \$443,793
YTD Expenses: \$457,100

4 WAYS TO GIVE



ONLINE



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SUNDAY



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