



The Main Street MESSENGER

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HEALTHY CHURCH TEAM REPORT

Planning for future worship at Main Street



Dear Friends,

The Healthy Church Team (HCT) met on Monday, May 18 to discuss the feasibility of re-opening the church in the next couple of weeks. This team was chosen as mandated by the Bishop to oversee the plan for in-person worship in the coming months as things return to "normal".

Although the Governor of Virginia says that we can open with 50% of our capacity, the Bishop's guidelines allow for only 25 people plus a few volunteers for in-person worship. We understand your desire to come back to our sanctuary for worship and fellowship. The committee knows how much you want to sing and take communion. However, under the strict guidelines, singing will not be allowed

for a while and communion will be a little different than usual.

After much discussion, the HCT decided that we should not have in-person worship right away. The congregation was given the chance to say whether or not they would come to church. A large majority of those who responded have decided they are not ready to be in a group setting. For now, most are happy to stay home and watch the livestream service on Facebook or later from our website.

We realize that some of you do not have internet capabilities, and we are working on a plan that will enable you to watch the service on the TV screen in the Atrium. We will let you know when that will be available.

In addition, I know you desire to participate in The Lord's Supper. It is not possible to have communion virtually, but we are working on good alternatives.

In the meantime, we encourage you to call us with your questions and concerns. If you have a special need, let us know. Stay in touch with us. We want to hear from you, and we will do our best to stay in touch with you. There is light at the end of the tunnel; but in the meantime, we are still the people of Main Street Church and our ministry is alive and well.

We appreciate all you are doing to help through your prayers, presence,

witness, service and gifts.

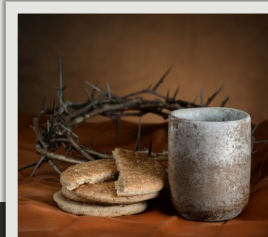
We are praying for God's presence in your lives and the peace and comfort that only God can give.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Rich

VIRTUAL LOVE FEAST

SUNDAY
JUNE 7
11:00AM

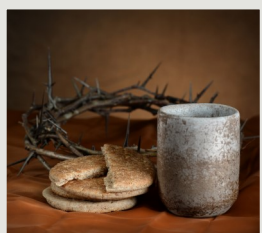


From Pastor Rich - Virtual Love Feast for you on June 7

Like you, I have missed being together in our beautiful sanctuary and all that goes along with our time of worship. Sunday mornings were filled with so many life-giving activities. Community is an important part of the church. With all that said, I love what I have seen over the last 8-10 weeks here at Main Street UMC. I have seen how this church has made a smooth transition to online and livestream worship and how we have supported one another through phone calls and Zoom Sunday school class, evening Bible studies and various meetings. You are an incredible

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group of very gifted people. And your action during these days has brought me hope and encouragement.

Through all this time there have been a few things that I have heard repeatedly. One is that we miss gathering in the beauty of our sanctuary. I hear you loud and clear! We are looking at ways to possibly open the sanctuary for prayer time by appointment only. Things are changing weekly, and restrictions may lighten to make this possible. Please know we are working on it; but understand that your safety is our first concern. The other thing I have heard is how much you miss communion. Me too! It is an incredible privilege for me to serve the Lord's Supper on a regular schedule to the community of Main Street UMC. For theological reasons, we are not permitted to consecrate the elements via internet. However, there is a beautiful replacement for the Lord's Supper. It is called *The Love Feast*. We plan to celebrate this service on June 7, 2020.

The Love Feast, or Agape Meal, is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with the disciples during his ministry and expresses the koinonia (community, sharing, fellowship) enjoyed by the family of Christ. The origins of *The Love Feast* are in the early church and closely interconnected with the origins of the Lord's Supper. The two services became quite distinct and should not be confused with each other. **On June 7, please be prepared with bread and water for our livestream service. We will share this meal and experience the closeness of God and community.**

I look forward to being with you June 7!

AN UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Hello fellow Main Street Member, long time no see!

This is Gail Williams, your Finance Committee Chair, praying my message finds you well, safe and thankful for God's daily blessings. It has been a long 2 ½ months and I know we are all looking forward to worshipping together soon.

My message today is short and simple; Even though we are not able to be together for worship and fellowship, the church is still operating.

- Staff members are working.
- Pastor Rich is finding inventive ways to do outreach with worship services, Bible study and updated messages.
- Utilities still need to be paid.
- Cleaning is necessary.
- Obligations to mission support need to be met – John Elmore in Chili, Friends of Barnabas, Suffolk Christian Fellowship
- Ministry, CAPS and our apportionments to conference.

We know and understand that these may be financially trying times for some of you just like for Main Street.

As of the end of April our tithes and gifts are down by \$33,000 for the year. However, our expenses are right where they should be for this time period. We have a big deficit to make up to meet our obligations.

Many folks are accustomed to writing their checks weekly or monthly for the Sunday offering plate. Others, like me, use the on-line giving app for convenience and cost savings.

In an effort to help Main Street catch up for the year, you will soon be receiving a note from me by mail with an envelope addressed to the church included. We hope that this will make it convenient for you to remit your gifts.

We are all praying that we will be back together in worship soon.

Until then, may God continue to bless each and every one of you and your families and friends.

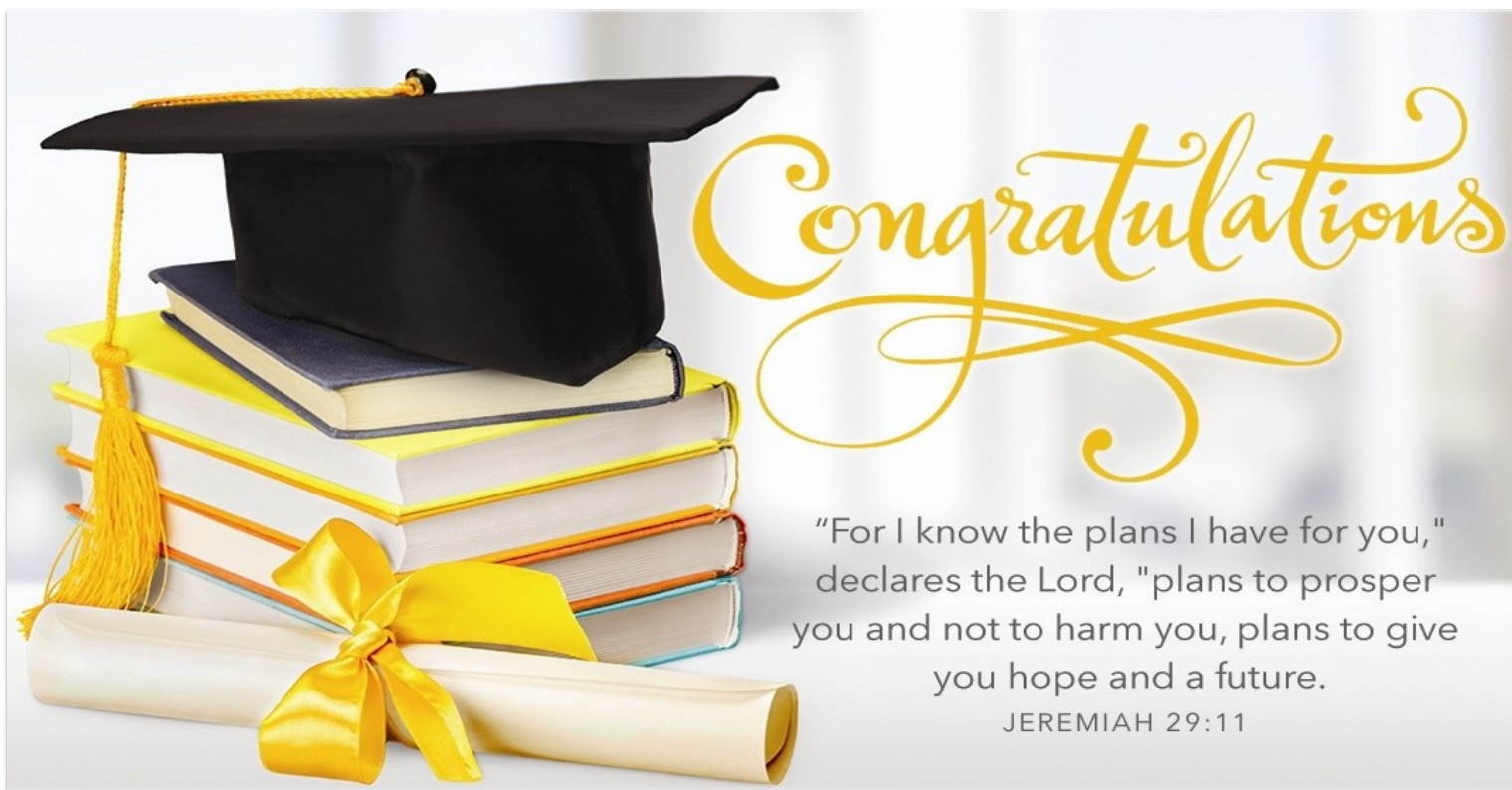
We are still worshipping via Facebook and recorded sermons on YouTube.

COVENANT COMMITMENT UPDATE

We have reached our Covenant commitment goal of \$2,500 for John Elmore

Thank you for taking part in our campaign to support John Elmore and his mission work in Chile. We have reached our goal in the time that we hoped. John will be most grateful for our continued support!





High School Graduates

ROBERT PETTWAY
TERRAN BUTLER
KATIE HINER
ALICIA RAY
COLE RUSSELL
FRANCES HOGG
AUSTIN BRADSHAW
RORY KING
EMILY ARGUST
JAMES KILBORN

College Graduates

REED BROWN | *University of South Carolina*
SAM TOWLER | *William and Mary*
CONNOR KING | *US Naval Academy*
THOMAS KING | *Virginia Tech*
DIXIE SIETZ | *Radford University*
DAVID FORMAN | *Purdue University*
GRACE VAN ORDEN | *Old Dominion University*

Scholarships Available - Main Street has 3 scholarships available for our high school graduates. If you would like to receive a packet, please email barbara@mainstumc.org.



BLAND NEWMAN, PROPERTY MANAGER, LEAVING

We are sad to report that Bland Newman will be leaving us on June 10 to accept a part time appointment at Park UMC in Christiansburg; and his wife, Mandy, has been appointed to serve at Blacksburg UMC. We would like to thank Bland for his work at Main Street and pray that God will bless them as they continue in ministry.

The property manager job opening is posted on our website.

JUNE 2020 [BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES]

[BIRTHDAYS]

6/1 Kathleen Beale	6/12 James Wilcox	6/18 Joshua Savage
6/2 Bill Bailey	6/14 Ella Wimer	6/19 Katie Hicks
6/2 Alexandria Russell	6/14 Dana Miller	6/19 Sophia Williams
6/2 Tyler Oliva	6/14 Robin Naylor	6/20 William Blair
6/3 Brenda Cox	6/15 Chris Parker	6/20 Grace Russell
6/3 Tim Davis	6/15 Samantha Nelson	6/20 Jordan Webb
6/3 Laura Solomon	6/16 June Barrett	6/20 Jenson Jordan
6/3 Andrea Savage	6/16 Craig Johnson	6/21 Blair Toner
6/4 Carrilin Hirsch	6/17 Richie Palmer	6/22 Linda Drummond
6/6 Gracie Finn Eure	6/17 Rick Callis	6/23 Josh Graham
6/7 Nathan Brooks	6/17 Lindsey Holman	6/24 Katie Humphrey
6/10 David Hoy	6/17 Melanie French	6/24 Helen Henschel
6/10 Reid Rogers	6/17 Mark Popik	6/25 Lee Anne Drapalik
6/10 Sarah Auger	6/17 Robin Decker	6/26 Nancy Webb
6/11 Harriette Albritton	6/17 Nancy Verdirame	6/26 Daniel Krewson
6/11 Hattie Belle Carr	6/17 Chris Whalley	6/27 Jeremy Swann
6/12 Sally Caton	6/18 Betty Backus	6/27 Kyle Wrighte
6/12 Claire Askew	6/18 Sharon Suttle	6/28 Kent Brooks
	6/18 Britney Webb	6/30 Top Palmer

[ANNIVERSARIES]

6/01 Joe & Lee Anne Drapalik
6/01 Donna Rogers & Jimmie Bell
6/01 Darrell & Karen Scott
6/01 Joe & Nancy Webb
6/02 Ney & Laura Austin
6/03 Scott & Angie Mills
6/06 William & Alex Powell
6/06 Pat & Sharon Suttle
6/14 Mark & Janet Lambert
6/15 Morgan & Sandy Wilson
6/20 Phil & Barbara McPhail
6/21 Bill & Annette Bailey
6/26 Jack & Mary Ann Eure
6/28 Jeff & Katie Beale

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

RECENT PRAYER: 5/26/20 Bev Cox, Hannah Goetz, Ruby Brinkley, Jeffery & Ashlyn Younkens, Cheri Harrell Anthony, all those affected by COVID -19, Larry and Betty Hudson, Rebecca Musser, Scott Michael, Jace Seay, Marie Bowman, Darma Hedrick, Bekah Newsome, William Murphy, Wally Cutchin

SYMPATHY: Family of Shellee Stevens

ONGOING: 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, Carolyn Davis, Bobby Cullop
CANCER: Bob Tompert, 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, 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, Nancy Pike, Bill Pollock, Roland Word, Thelma Johnson, Shannon Rivera

SKILLED CARE: Bill Gallant

HOMEBOUND: Melanie French, Jean Sutphin

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

WORD SEARCH

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JESUS	INN	SAMARITAN
LEGAL	CARE	JERUSALEM
EXPERT	COMPASSION	JERICHO
THIEVES	BANDAGE	JOURNEY
PRIEST	WINE	WOUNDS

COLOR IN THE WORDS

LOVE THE LORD
WITH ALL YOUR
HEART

being
STRENGTH
& MILD.

- LUKE 10:27

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OF MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



2020 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

MAY 2020 [1-29]

Average Worship Attendance: - 200 Facebook
livestream and website viewers

Average Sunday School Attendance: 40+ Zoom
participants

2020 Operating Budget: \$530,971

Received YTD Tithes & Offerings: \$177,739

YTD Expenses: \$210,483

APRIL 2020

Average Worship Attendance: - 200
Facebook livestream and website viewers

Average Sunday School Attendance: 40+
Zoom participants

2020 Operating Budget: \$530,971

Received YTD Tithes & Offerings: \$143,982

YTD Expenses: \$171,361

MARCH 2020

Individual Worship Attendees: 261

Average Worship Attendance: 178

Average Sunday School Attendance: 57

2020 Operating Budget: \$530,971

Received YTD Tithes & Offerings: \$109,627

YTD Expenses: \$140,762

4 WAYS TO GIVE



ONLINE



SMART
PHONE



SUNDAY



MAIL