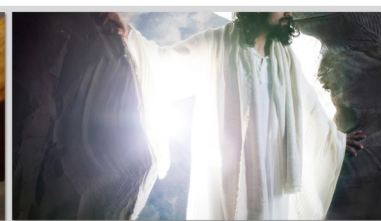
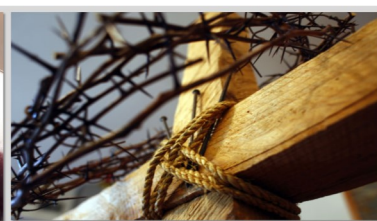
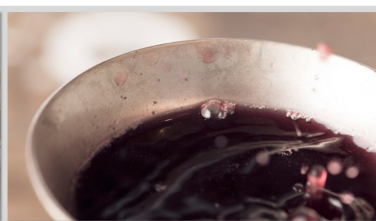




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Passion Week 2019



AS WE APPROACH EASTER I hope that you have been with us on this incredible journey during Lent. We began the journey on Ash Wednesday and were reminded that “from dust we have come and to dust we shall return.” We entered into a 40 day period when we slow our pace and walk through the wilderness of our hearts and souls. We must be willing to lay bare all that is hidden, buried, or repressed. This is a journey that every Christian must take. We start in ashes and end in a garden teeming with new life, an empty tomb, and the power of the resurrection.

On this journey we were reminded of the Israelites standing at the Jordan River looking into the Promised Land where God tells them to remember God’s mighty acts of salvation, bring their first fruits, and invite all to the table. We also heard of Abram’s faith as he looked skyward trusting in the promises of God. The journey continues with the prophet Isaiah’s word that some journeys require a change of direction or a need for repentance but offers a full table. We have been challenged by Paul to see things in a new way and share a ministry of reconciliation.

I’m excited about Passion Week. It will begin with the celebration of the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We will be reminded how quickly the shouts of “Hosanna” turned to “crucify him” all in one service. Thursday night we celebrate the Last Supper with a special family dinner and service rolled into one event. The week will end with an empty tomb and a risen Savior. Please join us and let the Journey transform your life!

Pastor Rich

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 14



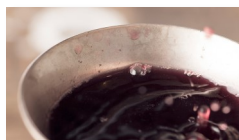
9:45 AM

DOWNTOWN PROCESSION

Gather at Suffolk Christian Church. Sunday School classes may elect to have class as usual.

8:30 AM | 11:00 AM | 6:00 PM
WORSHIP

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 18



6:00 PM

FAMILY DINNER & WORSHIP

A time of reflection on the meaning and the intimacy of the Last Supper. Reservations required by sign-up, online or in the office by April 14.

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 19

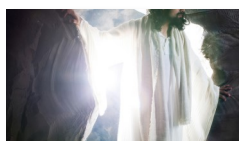


9 AM TO 12 NOON

SANCTUARY OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

Take a moment to sit and reflect, meditate, and pray.

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 21



8:30 AM | 11:00 AM

CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION WORSHIP SERVICES



Main Street

United Methodist Church

A place to belong. A place to become. A place to reach out.

Richard L. Meiser, Jr., Pastor

A Pastoral Letter to the People of Main Street UMC:

As you may know by now the General Conference, the highest decision-making body of the United Methodist Church, responded on Tuesday, February 26 to the Commission on the Way Forward's recommendations. As I shared with you Sunday, February 24 there were 3 basic plans brought forward for consideration. On Tuesday the General Conference passed legislation known as the "Traditional Plan." This plan reinforces existing restrictions against same-gender weddings by United Methodist clergy and prohibitions against the ordination of LGBTQ+ persons. These prohibitions have been a part of our Book of Discipline since 1972. The biggest change will come in the way clergy that violate these rules will be dealt with. The punitive process will be more swift and extreme. It is important to add that this plan is still subject to review by the United Methodist Judicial Council which will meet later this year in April.

"The United Methodist Church is the only denomination who is both global in scope and democratic in its governance, and the church is growing in more socially and theologically conservative areas of the world such as Africa and the Philippines. As such, the Traditional Plan passed with support not only from United Methodists in the United States, but also with support from United Methodists from all over the world."

So what does this mean for our life together at Main Street UMC and the Suffolk community? Main Street will continue to be open to ALL people. If you felt at home here before the General Conference, I believe you can still feel at home here today. This is a time for prayer and respectful conversation. If you are pleased by the recent "ruling," remember there may be some around you that are saddened and deeply hurt. Be willing to hear what they have to say and just listen. If you have been deeply hurt by the decision and you have things to say, remember the people around you love you.

Today Main Street continues to be in ministry. Nothing has changed in our desire to minister to our community and beyond. Remember that CAPS still needs volunteers to drive the bus for "Night Stay". Rose's Super and the Salvation Army still need people to provide and serve meals for the hungry and homeless. John Elmore and the community of Angol, Chile still need our support, our day care continues to provide quality care for all of God's children, and we will continue to worship and Glorify God through the Risen Christ. The people that gather at 202 North Main Street in Suffolk, VA still love God and love one another. Remember it is not as important to be right as it is to Love one another, for God is Love.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Rich



When spring comes, so does the golf tournament. The Friends of Main Street United Methodist Church will sponsor the 6th Annual Golf

Tournament on Friday, April 19 at the Nansemond River Golf Club in the Hilltop section of our city. Please consider sponsoring a golf team or playing golf yourself. Also ask your friends who golf to join us for a great day outdoors. There are many ways for you to help make this event another successful one to help pay for our church's transportation needs.

One easy way to help raise money is to sell Golf Ball Drop Tickets.

How it works: Look for the Golf information on a table in the Atrium. Sign out an envelope containing 10 tickets. Sell a ticket for \$5 or sell 5 tickets for \$20 (a bargain). Keep the stub end of the ticket and give the pictured end of the ticket to the person who bought it. Turn in your envelope with completed ticket stubs and money to the church office. With each ticket sold, a golf ball will be numbered with the corresponding number on the sold ticket. On the morning of the tournament, all the

numbered balls will be dropped from a helicopter which hovers over one hole. The ball that goes into the hole is the winner. If no balls go into the hole, balls will be carefully measured and the ball closest to the hole wins. If more than one ball rolls into the hole, those balls will be taken back up by the helicopter and dropped a second time. The person with the winning number on the ball will receive \$500. This is such a fun event to watch. The more tickets sold the more balls drop from the air. And our one and only Pastor Rich will not only play golf, but he will be in the helicopter also.

More door prizes for the golfers are also needed. Gift cards from \$25 and up are always appreciated.

Come out to the golf course around 9 am and see all the activities associated with our tournament.

Thanks to all of you,

The Golf Tournament Committee

A poster for a concert. The top left says 'Presenting THE NORFOLK STREET CHOIR and Old Myrtle Jam'. The top right says 'SATURDAY MAY 4TH 2:00 PM'. Below that, it says 'AT SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$20 PER TICKET PURCHASE ONLINE AT CAPSUFFOLK.ORG OR AT SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN CHURCH, MAIN ST WESTMINSTER CHURCH, GODWIN BLVD ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BRIDGE RD 757-416-2982'. The bottom half of the poster features a photo of a man singing. At the bottom, it says 'A CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE COALITION AGAINST POVERTY' and 'SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE AT \$250, \$500, \$1,000'. There is a small logo for 'Coalition Against Poverty' at the bottom right.

COALITION AGAINST POVERTY SUFFOLK [CAPS] - FUNDRAISER | SATURDAY, MAY 4

NORFOLK STREET CHOIR TO SING (HOMELESS FOLKS FROM NORFOLK)

[COST] Donation of \$20 per ticket

[PLACE] Suffolk Christian Church

[TIME] 2 pm to 4 pm

Tickets must be purchased in advance at Main Street UMC, Suffolk Christian Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Bridge Road, Suffolk, or Online at CAPSUFFOLK.ORG

Sponsorships welcome - \$250 level; \$500 level; \$1,000 level

If you cannot attend, but want to make a donation, you can make your check out to - CAPS, and mail to:

CAPS
157 N. Main Street, 2nd Floor,
Suffolk, VA 23434

OR give to: Carol Harry or Dillard Horton

[QUESTIONS] Call 757-416-2982



Join us April 8–12 for five fun-filled, themed days to celebrate our youngest learners! The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The purpose of the Week of the Young Child™ is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services.

Main Street Day Care will have daily themes and will end the week with our Easter Pageant. We will also be partnering with Early Childhood Development Commission to promote awareness for Child Abuse Prevention Month during the month of April. And as always during Week of the Young Child, MSDC will be having a Pajama Drive asking for pajama donations for *ForKids*.

This year our daily themes will be:
 Music Monday | Tasty Tuesday |
 Work Together Wednesday | Artsy
 Thursday | Family Friday

The Day Care staff would like to invite church members and friends to attend their Easter Pageant on April 12 at 10 am in the Sanctuary. It will be a special time with the children!



Calling all Main Street Families!

Kick up your heels and come join in the fun as we stampeede through the wild frontier and celebrate the greatest truth of all— that God is good! Each Sunday from March 24 to April 14 during the Sunday School hour, round up the whole family, come gather by the campfire (or as you city folk call it,

the Fellowship Hall), and join in the boot-scootin' fun at our Spring Vacation Bible School! All ages are welcome! Crafts, food, and plenty of fun is sure to be found along our trail! If you have any questions, or would like to RSVP for this event, email Karen Waddell at karen.mainstumc@gmail.com.



THE FLOCK IS RETURNING TO SUFFOLK THIS APRIL!

The FLOCK will help us with our fundraising efforts! Visit the UMYF table in the Atrium to participate or to purchase "Anti-Flocking Insurance"! All donations are tax deductible!

- Flocking Donation: \$30
- Anti-Flocking Insurance: \$50
- Complete a form: Name and address of the FLOCKEE

Have a little fun with your friends and neighbors!

Contact the UMYF for details.

Donations will benefit UMYF summer mission trip to Hinton Rural Life Center.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

RECENT PRAYER: 03/04 Katherine Watson, Liam Grant, Mike Little, Irene Fisher, Joey Rebentisch, Tuck Bowerfind, Hudson Oliver, Lyndsay & Peter Yip, Rosalee Ricks Greene, Bishop Sharma Lewis, Ken Williams, Jessica Chamberlain

ONGOING: Willis "Corky" Davis, Carrie Hill, Steve Clark, Bob Walton, Sylvia Funkhouser, Bob Catlett, Heather Lawrence, Leila Tompert, Ferebee Bowman, Michael McPherson and Family, Shellee Stevens, Lee Bowman, Lauren Johnson, Otto Wegman, Lucas Lawrence, Janet Wunderlich, Joseph Medeiros, Sue Birdsong, Stan Waterfield, Trenton Bishop, Tom Brothers

CANCER: 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,

Todd Walton, James Blair, Cheri Lane, Phil Beck, Margaret Heuberger, Al Bremer, Sally Gum Palmer, Diane Liles, Majdah Schiavi, Linda Harper, Faye Askew, Lois Barker, Judene Hartless, Joan Byrd, Angela Seed, Audrey Kent, Lisa Copeland, Dave O'Neill, David Holloway, Judy Calfee, Ed Murphy, David Hollowell, Craig Holland, Jean Brinkley, Christine Duran, Rod Rodrigues, Melaine Medeiros, Pat Wegman, Carol Coleman, Mary Lou Hedgepeth, Judy Holland, Colton Cover (2 yrs old), Kelly Grier (Ferguson) Coston, Fran Holland, Holly Wilson, Anita Nelson, June Adcock, Heather Carr, Delores Farrero, Robert Wilson, Lanny Horn, Dr. Harry Plunkett, Susan Shea

SKILLED CARE: Bill Gallant, Ray Shamburger

HOMEBOUND: Melanie French, Jean Sutphin

ASSISTED LIVING: Colette Ballard, Susan Rivenbark

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); Friends of Barnabas; 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; Children in Poverty; Police, Fire & Rescue Workers; CAPS (Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk); Our Schools Main Street Day Care & Preschool; Workplaces & Homes; Domestic Violence victims

STEWARDSHIP

— 2019 —

GROWING IN

Fruitfulness



SECOND QUARTER

— SERVICE —

EXPANDING OUR TERRITORY BEING FRUITFUL IN SERVICE AT HOME AND AROUND THE WORLD

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

- Member Care - Cards, Visits, Calls
- Coalition Against Poverty
- Prison Fellowship Children
- Suffolk Christian Fellowship
- ForKids
- Rose's Supper
- Salvation Army Soup Kitchen
- Helping Hands Fellowship
- Scouts
- Nursing Home ministry

WORLD

- Missionary Support - John Elmore
- Kits for Conference
- Friends of Barnabas
- Youth Mission Trips
- Rise Against Hunger
- UMCOR Offerings
- Society of St. Andrew

APRIL ACTIVITIES

- 4/7** Friends of Barnabas Guest Speaker, Nury Janania - Honduras
- 4/8-13** Week of the Young Child
- 4/12** Day Care Easter Program
- 4/14** Palm Sunday Processional
- 4/18** Maundy Thursday Family Dinner & Worship
- 4/19** Good Friday
- 4/19** Main Street Golf Tournament
- 4/21** Easter Sunday
- 4/26** Rose's Supper
- 4/27** Salvation Army Soup Kitchen
- 4/28** Confirmation Sunday

APRIL 2019 [CALENDAR OF EVENTS]

MONDAY, APRIL 1

6:00 pm Girl Scouts
7:00 pm Council On Ministries

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
12:00 pm Lenten Community Service
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm Connect Team Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

8:30 am Worship
9:35 am Golf Tournament Meeting
9:45 am Spring Bible School
"YEE HAW"
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
2:00 pm Girl Scouts
3:00 pm UMYF
4:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meetings
6:00 pm CONNECT Worship Service

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

10:00 am UMW
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
12:00 pm Lenten Community Service
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

7:00 pm Christian Women's Book Club
7:00 pm Girl Scout Service Unit

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

10:00 am Day Care Children's Easter Program

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

PALM SUNDAY

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Spring Bible School
"YEE HAW"
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Downtown Processional
11:00 am Worship
3:00 pm UMYF
6:00 pm CONNECT Worship Service

MONDAY, APRIL 15

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

6:00 pm Girl Scouts

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Family Dinner & Worship

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

GOOD FRIDAY | SANCTUARY OPEN FOR PRAYER

8:00 am Annual Golf Tournament Registration Begins

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 22

CHURCH OFFICE | DAY CARE CLOSED

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

4:00 pm Rose's Supper

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

11:00 am Salvation Army Kitchen
8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
4:00 pm Cub Scout Pack/Den Mtgs.
6:00 pm CONNECT Worship Service

MONDAY, APRIL 29

5:15 pm Day Care Board Meeting
7:00 pm Cub Scout LPM

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

7:00 pm Boy Scouts



Happy Hands Fellowship Update & Request

Each Wednesday at 10 am a group of women meet and engage in many different types of handiwork activities. This group also continues to make prayer shawls. If you like to knit or crochet they would love to show you how to make our shawls. Our supply is getting low and we want to be able to continue to give the shawls to those who are need healing. You do not need to come on Wednesday mornings to be involved in this aspect of the Happy Hands ministry. Please contact Lenora Holland at [\(757\) 647-9316](tel:7576479316) for more information.

[BIRTHDAYS]

4/2 Ashley Nettles	4/18 Jenna Butler	4/26 Melanie Holshouser
4/4 Jeanne Brooks	4/19 June Johnson	4/26 Trey Parks
4/4 Hayes Russell	4/20 Marc Hines	4/26 Robert Brown
4/4 Dawn Lassiter	4/20 Royalty Smalls	4/26 Will Spain
4/4 Alicia Ray	4/21 Amanda Fortner	4/26 Ashley Zanter
4/5 Taylor Bradshaw	4/21 Susannah Donahue	4/26 Sarah McLemore
4/5 Kaitlyn Hiner	4/21 Cherish Pearce	4/29 Kelly Hill
4/6 Becca Duggan	4/22 Sue Birdsong	4/29 Bellamy Zydron
4/6 Doug McPhail	4/22 Gwenyth Gregory	4/30 Charles Barnes
4/8 Michelle Horton	4/22 Gillian Vega	4/30 Megan Taliaferro
4/8 Braedon McCauley	4/22 Page Henry	
4/9 Wendy Hill	4/23 Sarah Baldwin	
4/9 Martha Trapani	4/23 Laura Barnes	
4/9 Caroline Hogg	4/23 Hunter Caron	
4/9 Karessa Cordon	4/23 Paul Huber	
4/9 Robyn Soto	4/24 Brittany Austin	
4/11 Carson Hill	4/24 Nevin Wimer	
4/13 Sylvia Funkhouser	4/24 Jacob Callis	
4/14 Harper Birdsong	4/24 Tripp Hardee	
4/15 Myrtle Ann Mountcastle	4/25 Susan Johnson	
4/15 Hannah Donahue	4/25 Roy Saunders	
4/18 Everett Birdsong	4/25 Alan Duke	
4/18 Katie Brown	4/25 Brinkley Johnson	
	4/25 Heather Kleisler	

[ANNIVERSARIES]

4/1 Walter & Linda New
4/4 John & Anna Jones
4/5 Lin & Martha Callis
4/11 David & Melanie Holshouser
4/11 Craig & Joanna Johnson
4/14 David & Ruth Livingston
4/18 Bob & Sharyn Flintoff
4/18 Tommy & Elizabeth Helms
4/21 Andy & Sarah Catlett
4/24 Steve & Pam Huber
4/30 Bob & Leila Tompert

Psalm 71:6-8 "From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you. I have become a sign to many; you are my strong refuge. My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long."



EASTER LILIES & DONATIONS FORM

LILIES: \$12 EACH | DEADLINE: PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019

I would like to give _____ EASTER LILY (LILIES)

In **MEMORY** | **HONOR** of: _____
(circle one)

In lieu of Easter lilies, I would like to give a donation to the General Memorial Fund in the following amount: _____

In **MEMORY** | **HONOR** of: _____
(circle one)

GIVEN by: _____ Contact Number: _____

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Maundy Thursday Family Dinner & Worship



Dear Friends you are invited to join me for a Maundy Thursday Family Dinner and Interactive Worship Experience. It will be an opportunity to hear the story of the Passover and how it came to be a Meal of Remembrance. We will share in a few unique and touching worship experiences that will lead us to better understand the intimacy Jesus shared with his disciples.

This family time will be celebrated in the Atrium. No need to cook! First, we

will enjoy a "kid friendly" meal of chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans, salad and dessert that will begin at 6 pm. You will be out the door and headed home no later than 7:30 pm. As always, gluten free communion elements will be available. Dress is casual, and childcare will be provided for children up through age three. Young children are always welcome to participate with their families for communion if you wish to do so.

Please RSVP no later than Sunday, April 14, so we can better prepare for our time together. Please let us know how many in your family will attend, with ages of the children. You can signup in the Atrium or online at <https://onrealm.org>

I look forward to spending this special and holy evening with you and your family.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Rich