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MAIN STREET UMYF & LEADERS EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF SACRIFICE!



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Some of you may remember the song from the 60's, *Those Lazy-Hazy-Crazy Days of Summer*. It presents a picture of summer as care free and relaxing. That may be the case for some of you but it wasn't the case for a group of 9 youth and 3 adults from Main Street UMC. These adults and youth willingly sacrificed a relaxing week in the middle of summer, driving to the Great Smokey Mountains of North Carolina to serve the people of the Haysville, North Carolina area, Clay and Murphy counties. We were not the only group present. We were joined by groups from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Lutherans), and Dallas, Texas (Episcopalians), totaling approximately 75 willing servants of Christ. Main Street's mission was to work on the home of Johnnie and Ruby McCreary.

Specifically, to tear down and replace the wooden deck on the back of their home. Miss Ruby, as we affectionately called her, was thrilled with the thoughtfulness and hard work displayed by our team. The youth were up for the task and made short work of the demolition and had the deck built within two work days! The teamwork, effort, and love shown for Miss Ruby was clearly evident. To top off the week's work, the youth suggested and purchased a new bench, a small table, and flowers for the deck, providing Miss Ruby a space for quiet time and reflection. Not surprised, but we marveled at how our youth took time to make friends with and integrate into the other youth groups. Our kids definitely displayed a welcoming and cooperative spirit, this same spirit was present in the adult leaders. Overall, it was a great trip that in the end was well worth the “sacrifice” of a week away from home. God blessed us with powerful worship, great fellowship, and true service.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Rich and Mark

WELCOME BLAND NEWMAN - MAIN STREET PROPERTY MANAGER



Originally from Farmville, Virginia, Bland Newman was a member of Farmville UMC. He was active in many aspects of the church including: small group studies, playing drums in the Contemporary Worship Band, and mission work. He was a 12-month volunteer for Operation Christmas Child as Network Coordinator for the Southside Virginia Team. He has been part of teams sent to Alabama, Mississippi and Virginia for post storm recovery efforts. He has also volunteered for several house builds for Habitat for Humanity. Bland met his wife Mandy while attending Randolph-Macon College. In 2014, Mandy accepted her first appointment in Windsor, Virginia as the Pastor of Woodland UMC. His son Caleb recently received his Associates Degree from Richard Bland College. His daughter Sarah will be a Senior in high school. Bland has worked as a Middle School Teacher, Automotive Service Manager and other positions in the business sector.

WELCOME GONGORA - OUR COMMUNITY PARTNER



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There are 200 habitants divided in 58 families. It was founded in 1954.

The community has a kindergarten with 10 students and an elementary school with 42 students. There is no high school.

All the homes have a bathroom inside the house.

There is no health center in this community.

The community has water which they get it from a well located 8km away. All the houses cook their food with firewood, some of them inside the house.

The most common illnesses are respiratory and stomach related. There are some cases of children with club foot. Other less common illness are hypertension and diabetes.

There is no midwife in the community, so most of the women seek out a midwife from another community. Prenatal care is given in the health center of Las Vegas.

The main needs in the community right now are a health center, and a water purification plant.

There is a patronage, water board, and parent society.

The main activities are working in the fields, coffee and basic grains.

“Today was our last day working in the communities, and I think that what we saw today gave us all a little bit of encouragement in return. Gongora was a first-time community for Friends of Barnabas, meaning that we were the first medical team to visit this community. While we saw some of our sickest and poorest families of the week, we also saw a community that wanted to get better. We went into the day expecting an early finish because the community had a small population of just 200 people. However, we were surprised to find that 173 people showed up to the clinic. It was amazing to see a community that truly wanted to improve its health.” (Excerpt from the journal entry for SOVA team visit to Gongora in March this year).



Rise Against Hunger, formerly **Stop Hunger Now**, is driven by the vision of a world without hunger. Our mission is to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable and by creating a global commitment to mobilize the critical resources. We are committed to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal of ending hunger by 2030.

Main Street will host a food packaging event on October 19, 2019. Our goal is to raise \$4,626.72 which will enable us to package approximately 14,000 meals! Volunteers are encouraged to register at this link <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/MSUMC19> and donations can be made to Main Street UMC/Rise Against Hunger.

AUGUST 2019 [CALENDAR OF EVENTS]

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1 6:00 am Men's Bible Study	9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 4:00 pm Rose's Supper
FRIDAY, AUGUST 2 7:00 pm Cub Scout Lock-In	TUESDAY, AUGUST 13 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 11:00 am Salvation Army Kitchen 8:00 pm AA
SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 11:00 am Cub Scout Lock-In Ends 8:00 pm AA	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14 10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship 8:00 pm AA	SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 <i>Newsletter Article Due</i> 6:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Day Care Talent Show Fellowship Hall	MONDAY, AUGUST 26 5:15 pm Day Care Board Meeting 7:00 pm Cub Scout LPM
MONDAY, AUGUST 5 7:00 pm Council On Ministries	SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 8:00 pm AA	TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Coffee w/the Pastor 11:00 am Worship	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28 10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship 8:00 pm AA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship 8:00 pm AA	TUESDAY, AUGUST 20 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 6:00 am Men's Bible Study 8:00 am Day Care Staff Training
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8 6:00 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Girl Scout Unit Meeting 7:00 pm Christian Women's Book Club	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21 10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship 7:00 pm Trustee Meeting 8:00 pm AA	FRIDAY, AUGUST 23 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 8:00 am Day Care Staff Training
SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 8:00 pm AA Meeting	THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 6:00 am Men's Bible Study	SATURDAY, AUGUST 31 8:00 pm AA
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 8:30 am Worship		

AUGUST 2019 [BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES]

[BIRTHDAYS]		[ANNIVERSARIES]	
8/1 Paris Scott	8/11 Cassie King	8/1 Eric & Angela Venable	
8/1 Clay Hardee	8/11 Sara Henry	8/6 Mac & Amy Birdsong	
8/3 Rhett Irby	8/11 George Huber	8/7 Bruce & Kathy Salsbury	
8/3 Caroline Barnes	8/12 Gail Williams	8/10 Dutch & Ann Greene	
8/4 Joanne Wunderlich	8/14 Jacob Branchaud	8/12 Jeffrey & Patricia Forman	
8/5 Kim Butler	8/14 Steve Gunter	8/12 Charles & Carol Lynn Shotton	
8/6 Laura Austin	8/14 Emmette Claire Bartlett	8/14 Mac & Sandra Birdsong	
8/6 Emily Argust	8/14 Tom Taliaferro	8/15 Jeffrey & Toni Gardy	
8/7 Angus Hines	8/14 Keith Johnston	8/15 Dillard & Judy Horton	
8/7 William Lawrence	8/14 Donna Bell	8/15 Bob & Susan Parks	
8/7 Corey Russell	8/16 Meredith Russell	8/18 Randy & Robbin Hicks	
8/7 Lila Pretlow	8/16 Camille Harrell	8/23 Bev & Brenda Cox	
8/9 Julius Henschel	8/16 Ashley Littleton	8/24 John & Susan Pruden	
8/9 Martin Henschel	8/17 Gwyneth Zanter	8/25 Whitney & Ellen Saunders	
8/9 Marsha Rooks	8/17 Ava Giacometti	8/26 Warren & Penny Birdsong	
8/10 Jane Stancill	8/18 Michael Cutchin	8/29 Corey & Margaret Russell	
8/10 Robbie Stevens	8/19 Whitney Saunders		
8/10 Marty Irvine	8/19 Kinley Michael		
8/11 Toni Gardy	8/20 Morgan Garcia		
8/11 Linda New	8/20 Anne-Perry Harrell		
	8/21 Anne Cabell Pearce		
	8/22 Jackie Williams		
	8/23 Harold Barrett		
	8/23 Adelynn Zydron		
	8/25 Janet Lambert		
	8/25 Susan Pruden		
	8/25 Tyler Carlile		
	8/25 Danny Farley		
	8/26 Robert Solomon		
	8/26 Sarah Catherine Giacometti		
	8/27 Karen Gunter		
	8/27 Anne Jackson		
	8/27 Demi Naylor		
	8/29 Jack Eure		
	8/29 Kristin Irwin		
	8/29 Sylvia Talley		
	8/29 Miller Cary		
	8/30 Will Crenshaw		
	8/30 Megan Hindman		
	8/31 Everett Irby		
	8/31 Elliott Haverty		
	8/31 Justin Verdirame		

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PRAYER LIST UPDATE

RECENT PRAYER: Liam Grant, Greg Johnson, Erin McPherson, Bob Tompert, Morgan Wilson, Walt Barker & family, Paul Mainheart, Carolyn Davis, Scouts in Philmont NM

SYMPATHY: Family of Herb Horst

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

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, Todd Walton, Cheri Lane, Phil Beck, 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, Colton Cover (2 yrs old), 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, Lanny Horn, Susan Shea, Jessica Chamberlain, Julie Nance, Michael McClung, Lois Barker, Marshall Thomas, Jill Harris

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, Bishop Pete Weaver**, 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, 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 victims, Friends of Barnabas