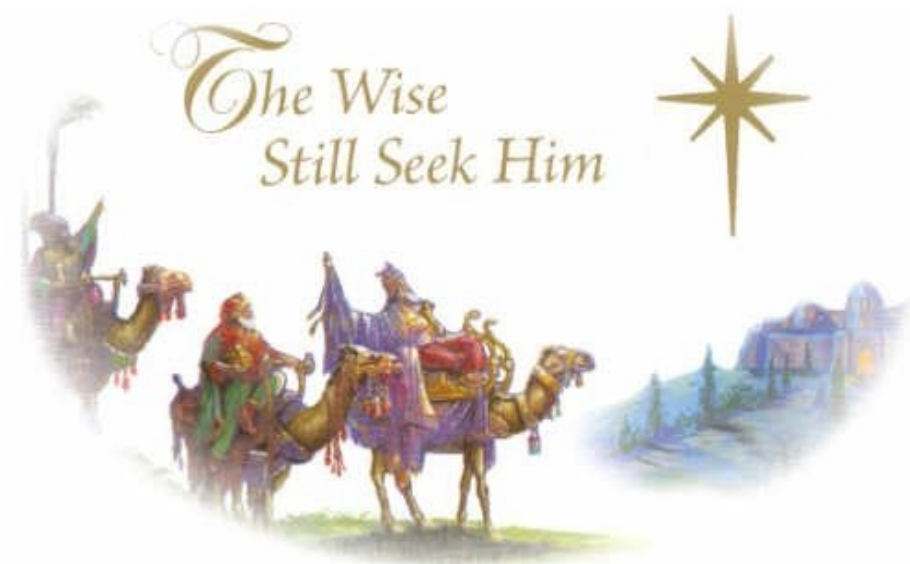




The Main Street MESSENGER

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IN MANY CULTURES, it's not until January that the three Kings are celebrated. It is the beginning of January or the eve of Epiphany when many celebrate "Three Kings Days." This is a time of gift giving again; that's right, a second round of gifts. However, the gifts are much more humble and the real focus is on the gathering of family and friends. This celebration leads us to Epiphany, January 6 (Matt 2:1-12) the manifestation of the Divine in the baby Jesus. The Light that has come into the world, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5

**"...LET THE LIGHT
GUIDE US TO CHRIST
AS WE BRING OUR
GIFTS..."**

Isn't it ironic that we celebrate Jesus as the Light of the World at one of the darkest times of the year? It was the Light that guided the wise men to find Jesus. It is the Light of Christ that guides us today. As we begin a new year, I want to challenge us to let the Light guide us to Christ as we bring our gifts. When I say gifts, I'm referring to your spiritual gifts. January is a time to reflect on how our God has gifted us for the ministry of the church. These gifts are to lead us into a season of fruitfulness.

During the season after Epiphany, I will begin a series of sermons on "Greater Gifts." We will begin on January 13 (Luke 3:15-17, 21-22) with the "Baptism of the Lord." We will consider how at our baptism we are called the "Beloved" and called to ministry. The church is filled with ministers. We are "in"

ministry together. January 20 (1 Corinthians 12:1-11) we will consider how we are "Gifted for Others." January 27 (1 Corinthians 12:12-31a) we will focus on "Being Needy" and how our gifts are interconnected. The series will end on February 3 (1 Corinthians 13:1-13) with the greatest of gift of all, "Love." Please join us as we begin a new year of ministry at Main Street UMC.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Rich



Main Street UMC is partnering with West End Baptist for Nightstay in February (Wednesday evening, February 6th through Wednesday morning, February 13, 2019). West End is providing housing for our homeless guests, and Main Street is providing meals, overnight chaperones, and donations. A sign-up poster is displayed in the atrium, and we pray that you will join in the effort to provide warm space, food, housing, and donations. I was miserable yesterday as I got in and out of the car several times during a cold, windy and rainy afternoon. It occurred to me that I would soon be in the cozy comfort of my home, while there are many who didn't have that option. As you know, Pastor Myrtle was instrumental in the formation of

the CAPS program, and Pastor Rich is a strong advocate for the Nightstay program. Please give prayerful consideration to pitching in to help those who need it most, through your prayers, gifts (see list on the display in the atrium), service, and witness. There are many ways to do this. We hope to provide dental, blood pressure and other health related screenings. There will be a movie night, and hopefully a sing-a-long type activity one night. Use your imagination to come up with a way to help make our guests feel that they are loved and valued people of God.

For more information, please contact Phil McPhail, co-coordinator, at 757-676-1131 or jpmcphail737@gmail.com.



[IT'S PICTURE TIME!]

It's time for us to update our photo directory. I know you are all busy. For now, I just need you to save the date. We will be photographing all families February 13 - 16 right here at Main Street. Our directory won't be complete without you. Watch our bulletin/newsletter/etc. for more information in the coming weeks. We will begin sign-ups soon. You may also invite non-church members to participate. Contact: Barbara@mainstumc.org



[GOLF ANNOUNCEMENT]

Meetings for Main Street's 2019 6th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on the first Sunday of each month at 9:35 am in the downstairs Boy Scout meeting room. Everyone is invited to join these fellowship meetings. If you cannot attend but would like to help plan the tournament, please contact Marie Baker at mariebaker509@yahoo.com.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

RECENT PRAYER: Erin McPherson, Dave Reilly, Nicole Ruffner, Hannah Chase, Ariana Belmo, Andy & Lael Collette, Curtis Prior, Sr., Curtis Prior, Jr., Dave Burks, Alvis Winslow, Candy Fawcett, Charles (Red) Williams, Lalita Ruffin, Sandra Wilson, Russell Bradshaw, Patricia Casto-Knight

SYMPATHY: The family of Shirley Fisher (Mother of Chuck Fisher), The family of Bill Cloe; The family of Phyllis Pruden

ONGOING: Willis "Corky" Davis, Carrie Hill, Steve Clark, Bob Walton, Sylvia Funkhouser, Bob Catlett, John and Kate Reilly, Heather Lawrence, Leila Tompert, Gloria & Beverly Bredemeyer, Ferebee Bowman, Michael McPherson and Family, Shellee Stevens, Lee Bowman, Lauren Johnson, Otto Wegman, Paula Bishop, 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, Tami Wyse, 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, Julie Hilland, Colton Cover (2 yrs old), Kelly Grier (Ferguson) Coston, Fran Holland, Holly Wilson, Anita Nelson, June Adcock, Heather Carr

SKILLED CARE: Bill Gallant, Dot Hill, 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; Our sister churches on the James River District; Pastor Rich Meiser; Church Staff; Lay Leadership (Lay Leader: Bo Browne; Sunday School Teachers; Bible Studies); United Methodist Church Worldwide (VA Annual Conference, Bishop Sharma Lewis, Missionaries & Mission Sites, John Elmore (Chile Covenant Mission Project Director); Friends of Barnabas; CRU - Stephanie & Quin Strouse

OUR NATION AND WORLD: Military Troops & Families: Adam Balint, Chris Smith, Dr. Michael Johnston, Anthony Hickler, Cedric Dedeaux, Hunter Pietrowski, Adam Salisbury, Adam Waddell, Kent Brooks, Christy Whitten, Brian Mouton, Mike Spangenburg, 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 (Teachers & Administrators, Staff & Volunteers, Students & their families), Main Street Day Care & Preschool; Workplaces & Homes; The Marketplace; Missionaries; Domestic Violence victims

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Phyllis Stancill Pruden, a longtime member of the Main Street UMC congregation, passed away on Thursday, December 6, at age 96. A celebration of her life will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, January 5, at 1 pm. A reception for guests will follow in the atrium. The family welcomes all those who would like to attend the memorial service.

STEWARDSHIP

— 2019 —

GROWING IN
Fruitfulness



FIRST QUARTER

— WITNESS —

We will continue to approach Stewardship from a holistic perspective in 2019. The theme for the year is *Growing in Fruitfulness* which means fulfilling the mission and purpose God has given you.

You will receive a brochure for each quarter of the year beginning in January. The brochures will outline the purpose, mission and activities for that quarter.

Rest, reflect and know that God is with us on this journey.

JANUARY 2019 [CALENDAR OF EVENTS]

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

CHURCH OFFICE | DAY CARE
CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
6:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00 pm Connect Team Meeting

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
2:00 pm Girl Scouts
3:00 pm UMYF
6:00 pm CONNECT Worship Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

6:00 pm Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Finance Committee Mtg.
7:30 pm Church Council

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

10:00 am UMW
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
6:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00 pm Christian Women's Book
Club

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
12:15 pm Stewardship Meeting
3:00 pm UMYF
6:00 pm CONNECT Worship Service

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE TODAY

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
6:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
8:00 pm AA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
2:00 pm Girl Scouts
3:00 pm UMYF
6:00 pm CONNECT Worship Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

6:30 pm Girl Scouts

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
6:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
8:00 pm AA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

11 am to 7 pm Boy Scout BBQ (pickup or
takeout)
4:00 pm Rose's Supper

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

11:00 am Salvation Army
8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
3:00 pm UMYF
6:00 pm CONNECT Worship Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
6:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
8:00 pm AA

Thank You!

Dear Friends of Main Street UMC,

Wow, what a great time of year at Main Street UMC. The Advent and Christmas seasons are full of beautiful music, incredible worship, and heart-warming fellowship. Thank you for welcoming us into this loving community. Colleen and I would like to thank you for all the beautiful Christmas cards and many gifts we have received this year. May the joy and peace of the Christmas season be in your hearts all year long.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Rich and Colleen

Dear Congregation and Staff of Main Street,

Words cannot express the depth of my gratitude and appreciation for the congregation and staff of Main Street. Due to the loss of my mom in September and dad in November, you upheld me and my family in prayer, sent cards, flowers, expressed words of comfort. While I do mourn my earthly losses, I will rejoice in my heavenly gain.

Christmas Blessings,

Wendy Perry

[BIRTHDAYS]

1/1 Maria Forman
1/1 Blair Williams
1/2 Sue Spring
1/2 Billy Lassiter
1/3 Bill Webb
1/4 Randy West
1/4 Lily Bivins
1/5 Bob Parks
1/5 Clifton Beale
1/5 James Clark
1/8 Ned Friend
1/8 Charles Baker
1/9 Jacob Floyd
1/9 James Kilborn
1/9 Charles Williams
1/11 Ann Dalton Brown
1/11 Dana Myers
1/12 Jack Holland
1/12 Jean Sutphin
1/12 Paul Martin
1/12 Lydia Martin
1/13 Henry Huber

1/14 David Holshouser
1/14 Thomas Flintoff
1/14 Katherine Flintoff
1/14 Anna Jones
1/15 Phil Beck
1/15 Daniel Fink
1/15 Aidan Miller
1/17 Austin Bradshaw
1/18 Lynne Porter
1/19 Erin Brown
1/19 Roy Brinkley
1/19 Mary Brown
1/19 Elizabeth Brown
1/19 Stephanie Kashner
1/19 Wes Holland
1/20 Ashley Hogg
1/21 Christel Hoy
1/21 Frances Hogg
1/21 Patricia Casto-Knight
1/22 John Pruden
1/22 Steven Beck
1/23 Debbie Callis
1/24 Lydia Duke
1/24 Juanita Colley

1/24 Mike Smith
1/25 John Hatcher
1/26 Carol Lynne Shotton
1/26 Sean Williams
1/26 Sarah Fink
1/27 Robert Michael
1/27 Bobby Agnese
1/27 David Michael
1/28 Caroline Eure
1/28 Matt Zydron
1/29 Gary Scott
1/31 Jay Dixon

[ANNIVERSARIES]

1/2 John and Ute Borthwick
1/2 Richard and Colleen Meiser
1/5 Rod and Tracey Medeiros
1/7 Carl and Teresa Hardee
1/19 Ron and Karen Williams
1/23 Charles and Rebecca Baker
1/26 Roy and Lalona Saunders
1/27 William and Pam Hill
1/30 Jordan and Britney Webb

RISE AGAINST HUNGER UPDATE FROM [GREG BROWN]

DEAR GREG,

It is with great pleasure that we announce the destination of the Rise Against Hunger meals you helped package on 10/20/2018. A shipping container, holding 285,120 meals, has been sent to Madagascar for our partner Adventist Development and Relief Agency.



Adventist Development and Relief Agency is an organization that nourishes lives through food assistance and other services in Madagascar. To learn more, please visit our partner/country spotlight on the Impact Stories tab and click and drag on our World Aid Map at <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/world-aid/>.

Ending hunger is only possible if we continue to grow the movement. We encourage you to share the news about this shipment. Since 2005, volunteers like you have helped us distribute over 310 million meals worldwide. **We can end hunger by 2030**, but we can't do it without you.

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The Main Street **MESSENGER**

OF MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



BOY SCOUT
BBQ

Friday, January 25
11 am - 7 pm

Eat in or take out
\$8 per plate

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OR FROM ANY BOY SCOUT.