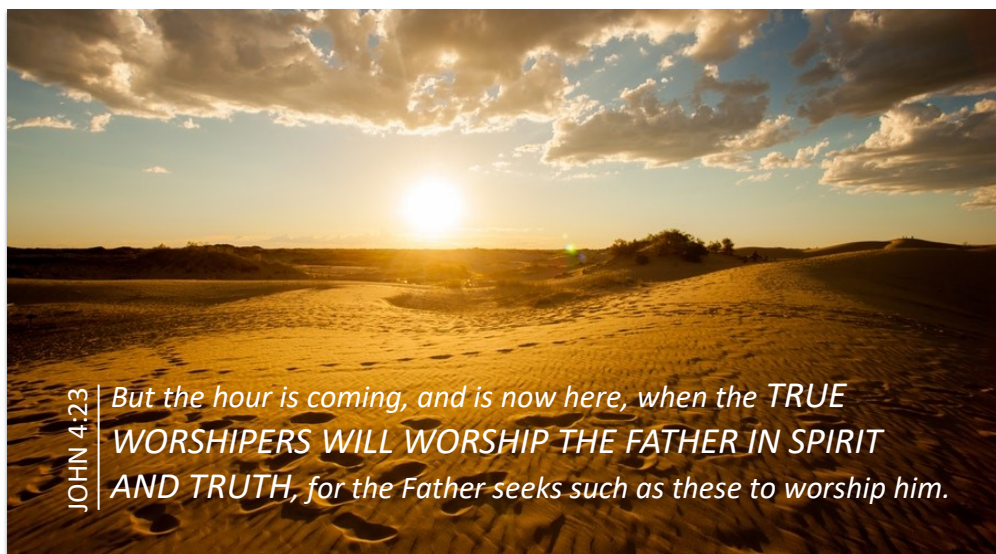




The Main Street MESSENGER

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FROM THE PASTOR - WORSHIP & SUMMER CONNECT



JOHN 4:23

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the TRUE WORSHIPERS WILL WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.

Recently I searched the word “worship” in my Bible app, and it came up 289 times. And this is only when the word worship is mentioned specifically. This doesn’t take into account acts of worship that do not use that particular word. According to Bible Gateway, there are 8629 references to worship in the Bible. My point? The Bible is jammed full of references to and acts of the worship of God. From the very beginning in **Genesis 22:5** *Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.”* Through the Old Testament in - **1 Chronicles 15:28** *So all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting, to the sound of the horn, trumpets, and cymbals, and made loud music on harps and lyres.* In the Wisdom writings of the Bible - **Psalms 141:2** *Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.* And in the New Testament,

Acts 2:46-47 *Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.* My other point? All these acts of worship are a little different. The Bible affirms that the worship of God can and does take on many forms.

Main Street UMC made the decision to start a new form of worship (it was new for Main Street) in March of 2018. We called it the **Connect** service. We hired staff, bought equipment, and began the process of “working” the service into shape. Over the last year we have learned much about modern worship and its place at Main Street. We have learned that there is a place for this type of worship at Main Street, we have learned that it requires a team of committed volunteers, we have learned that there are times of grace and

celebration in modern worship, and we have learned it takes time to have the “roots” of this service “take hold.” With all this said, we have decided to “press the pause button” on the **Connect** service. Because we do believe that modern worship has a place at Main Street, we are taking some time to evaluate all things mentioned earlier. I want to thank David Springstead and the band members for bringing their gifts each Sunday afternoon to lead us in worship. I want to thank the committed volunteers who showed up week in and week out to set up, take down, and act as greeters and hosts for our service. I want to thank the group that made this worship time their Sunday afternoon home.

Please know that we are not “stopping” this service indefinitely; it is a season of evaluation. As we take the time to evaluate, we will continue to meet on Sunday afternoons at 6 pm as a “small group.” If you have made **Connect** your worship home, we invite you join us in this small group as we seek to discern God’s will for modern worship at Main Street. We are calling it **Summer Connect**. As we consider the ways we worship God, I want to end with Jesus’ words about worship. Notice there is no mention of form, just attitude.

John 4:23 *But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.*

Grace and peace,
Pastor Rich

SUMMER RE-CREATION “GOD’S PRAYERS FOR US”

Led by John Hatcher

We will gather on four Sundays July 7 and 21, and August 4 and 18 at 9:50 am in the Fellowship Hall. John Hatcher is going to take us on a journey this summer, to a place where we can close our eyes and breathe in the presence of God. Heavenly, indeed!

Rising 6th graders through adults are invited and encouraged to attend. These gatherings will be interactive, so come prepared to participate and breathe deeply! Please spread the word and invite others to come enjoy John’s wit and wisdom as we practice the presence of God.

We will construct our individual and collective prayers; and we will pray together. We will be “present” for each other and with each other as we discuss the meaning and importance of prayers and presence for us individually and as a “faith full” congregation.



IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING [JULY 22, 2019 AT 7:00 PM]

Guest Speaker - Darlene Amon, Lay Delegate to the 2019 Called General Conference

Topic - What’s Next for The United Methodist Church

We are pleased to have Darlene Amon share her understanding of where the United Methodist Church is today . As a Lay Delegate to the special General Conference held in February, Darlene participated in the discussions and decisions surrounding the findings of the *Commission on a Way Forward*. That commission was authorized to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning [human sexuality](#) and to explore options to strengthen church unity. Since the conference ended, there has been further discussion and disagreement on the decision to adopt the Traditional Plan.

Darlene will help us have a greater understanding of the decision that was made and what it means specifically for Main Street UMC going forward.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

FRIENDS OF BARNABAS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Thank you for your commitment to the community partnership with Gongora, Honduras

Through our annual contribution of \$3,250.00, Gongora, our Friends of Barnabas Community Partner, will receive the following support:

- Transportation resources for Mountain Medical Teams,
- Educational support for community leaders and community health volunteers,
- Midwife training and support,
- Community lectures and workshops by our Community Health Nurse,
- Home visits during community education session.

Making the world a little better...one child at a time.



With Appreciation



Thank you so much for the sympathy you have expressed during this difficult time.
Herman, Evelyn and Family

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him. Nahum 1: 7

JULY 2019 [CALENDAR OF EVENTS]

TUESDAY, JULY 2

6:30 pm UMW Evening Mtg.
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY
CHURCH OFFICE | DAYCARE
CLOSED

SUNDAY, JULY 7

8:30 am Worship
9:35 am Golf Tournament Mtg.
9:45 am Sunday School
9:50 pm SUMMER RE-CREATION
led by John Hatcher
11:00 am Worship

TUESDAY, JULY 9

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
7:00 pm CONNECT Team Mtg.
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, JULY 11

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm Christian Women's Book Club

SUNDAY, JULY 14

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
6:00 pm SUMMER CONNECT

MONDAY, JULY 15

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

TUESDAY, JULY 16

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, JULY 11

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY, JULY 21

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
9:50 pm SUMMER RE-CREATION
led by John Hatcher
10:00 am Coffee w/the Pastor
11:00 am Worship
12:15 pm Stewardship Meeting
6:00 pm SUMMER CONNECT

MONDAY, JULY 22

7:00 pm What's Next for the UM Church

TUESDAY, JULY 23

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, JULY 11

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

FRIDAY, JULY 26

4:00 pm Rose's Supper

SATURDAY, JULY 27

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

SUNDAY, JULY 28

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
6:00 pm SUMMER CONNECT

MONDAY, JULY 29

7:00 pm Cub Scout LPM

TUESDAY, JULY 30

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
8:00 pm AA

JULY 2019 [BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES]

[BIRTHDAYS]

7/1 Lynn Cross
7/1 Jeffrey Forman
7/1 Claire Taliaferro
7/1 Bruce Salisbury
7/2 Karen Williams
7/2 Blake Baker
7/2 Sara Brooks
7/2 Tina Lewis
7/2 Emily Brown
7/3 Lily Garner
7/3 Dylan Pruitt
7/3 Annette Toner
7/4 Cassie Venable
7/4 Barbara Rayburn
7/4 Adam Joerger
7/5 Mary Anne Barnes
7/6 David Forman
7/6 Rick Van Orden

7/7 Martin Sweat
7/7 Austin Drewnowski
7/8 James Caton
7/8 Blake Wagner
7/9 Robert Baker
7/9 Grace Saunders
7/9 Terrence Knight
7/11 Alexis Whalley
7/13 Meghan Grass
7/15 Virginia McNeill
7/15 Gail Fisher
7/16 Barbara Smith
7/18 Mary Keith Floyd
7/18 Ann Walker
7/18 Linda Argust
7/18 Caroline Venable
7/19 Monica Lynn Eure
7/20 Carson Birdsong
7/20 Pamela Huber

7/20 TJ Argust
7/21 Ellen Saunders
7/21 Jay Butler
7/21 Annie Scott
7/22 Patricia Forman
7/23 Christopher Caron
7/23 Ken Williams
7/23 Teresa Hardee
7/24 Joseph Verdirame
7/25 Annette Bailey
7/25 William Powell
7/26 Nancy Braford
7/26 Chris Smith
7/26 Sarah Higinbotham
7/26 Joseph Askew
7/27 Iris Mamlin
7/27 Scott Carr
7/28 Laura Mizelle
7/29 Kate Holland

7/29 Annabeth Lynn Kashner
7/30 Suzanne Pruitt
7/30 Sara Ray
7/31 Ruby Brinkley
7/31 Doug Ward

[ANNIVERSARIES]

7/2 Chuck & Irene Fisher
7/9 David & Shirley Baldwin
7/9 Cheri & David Anthony
7/11 John & Ann Shappell
7/17 Scott & Jennifer Kilborn
7/18 Bernard & Iris Mamlin
7/23 Brent & Ann Brown
7/30 Harold & June Barrett
7/31 Phil & Audrey Beck
7/31 Eley & Nicole Duke, III

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PRAYER LIST UPDATE

RECENT PRAYER: Katherine Watson, Liam Grant, Joey Rebentisch, Tuck Bowerfind, Hudson Oliver, Lyndsay & Peter Yip, Joey Blackwell, Juanita Colley, Greg Johnson, Lee Bowman, Nancy Lenz

SYMPATHY: Family of James Blair, Family of Tony Fleetwood (Son of Herman and Evelyn Terrell)

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

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, 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, 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, Dolores Farrero, Robert Wilson, Lanny Horn, Susan Shea, Jessica Chamberlain, Julie Nance, Michael McClung, Lois Barker, Marshall Thomas

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