



# *The Main Street* MESSENGER

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## EXPANDING OUR TERRITORY THROUGH GOD'S GRACE *A Note From The Pastor*



When I hear the phrase "Expanding our Territory" my immediate response was to think that it sounds like a type of Colonialism. However, we expand our territory not for our benefit but to expand the area of influence of God's Grace through the ministries of Main Street UMC. This means that we share the Love of God for the transformation of the world. That the world may become a more just and loving place. Jesus was clear about sharing the Good News. In Matthew's gospel Jesus leaves the disciples with these words, it is known as the great Commission – "Go therefore and make disciples of *all nations*, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded

you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

There are so many ways you can be in service to others through the ministries of Main Street UMC. As we focus this quarter on our service to others through the church, let us remember that no matter where we find ourselves, whether in Suffolk, Chile, Honduras, or Hinton Rural Life Center, we are to "witness to the love of God in Christ Jesus." In this way the Kingdom of God may be increased and the influence of Grace may reach the ends of the earth. The really exciting part? Jesus goes with us till the end of the age!

Grace and peace to you,  
Pastor Rich

## EXPANDING OUR TERRITORY THROUGH MISSIONS

*May 19 Honduran Lunch following the 11:00 am Worship Service*

We are prayerfully considering the possibility of become a community partner through the Friends of Barnabas in Honduras. We have supported FOB for several years in small ways and now we hope to go even further by entering into a community partnership with a small village.

We also are planning a mission trip to Honduras in February 2020. Come to lunch and learn all about it! We will serve baleadas which is a staple meal in Honduras similar to a soft taco. You are invited to join us for this special lunch with an international flavor. In addition, Jesse Williams, board

member for Friends of Barnabas will share his mission experiences in Honduras over the past several years. Sign-up in the Atrium or contact the church office.





## UMW MAY ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

May 9 | Christian Women's Book Club

May 10 | Cake pickup 10 am - 12:30 pm

May 12 | Mother's Day Candle  
Burning

May 14 | UMW Regular Meeting -  
Salad luncheon & preparation  
of lunches for the Wesley  
Community Service Center



## CANDLE BURNING

Join with the United Methodist Women on Sunday, May 12 in remembering or honoring your loved ones as we observe Candle Burning; one of the ways to give to the mission work of the UMW. Your donations, however large or small, help do the mission work of the UMW.

Forms are available in the Atrium. Please complete the form and include your contribution by Sunday, May 5.

Checks are to be made payable to Main Street UMW.



## KITS FOR CONFERENCE

### Hygiene Kit Materials

- One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches)
- No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- One (1) washcloth
- No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- One (1) comb
- Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
- No pocket combs or picks
- Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth
- One toenail or fingernail clipper
- No emery boards or metal nail files
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger)
- No Ivory or Jergen's soap
- Do not remove from packaging
- One adult toothbrush

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- Personal advertising not acceptable
- 10 adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches)
- Common household bandages acceptable
- One one-gallon size re-sealable bag
- Assembly Directions
- Lay hand towel flat on a table.
- Lay the washcloth in the center of the hand towel.
- Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth (except the plastic bag).
- Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover the items.
- Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the towel. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal.

### Important Notes

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new.
- Do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.
- **Return to church by June 9**



### Suffolk Christian Fellowship Ministry



LORNA SLAUGHTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CENTER TO PRESENT THE MAIN STREET MISSION MOMENT ON SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019

*Main Street will hold a "Noisy Offering" on May 5 to be used to purchase pallets of food from the food bank to be distributed by the SCFC.*

The Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center (SCFC), a non-profit 501c3 organization, is an outreach ministry under the auspices of Suffolk Christian Fellowship Ministry led by Pastor Ralph L. Slaughter. His wife, Lorna, is the Executive Director of the Center that is one of the city's busiest Outreach Centers offering free groceries, meals, clothing, household goods, and resources to anyone who comes for help. Located in the heart of downtown at 211 E. Washington Street, the Center is surrounded by low-income neighborhoods and subsidized senior housing—exactly where it is needed the most. More than just meals, the Center provides a warm and welcoming family atmosphere where everyone is treated with respect, encouraged to find the support they need, and given the opportunity to share what they can with others.

**SCFC feeds a minimum 300 families per month, going through a minimum of about 35 thousand pounds of food every month, or about 400+ thousand pounds of food each year.** The Outreach Center provided those guests with hot meals, groceries, clothing, and household items.

**Vision:** We envision a community where everyone has food security via access to nutritious food; and our community is educated, enlightened, and empowered with the issues of poverty.

**Values:** We believe that access to nutritious food is a basic human right. We are committed to responding to the needs of our community through food distribution and support services.

#### **Our History**

Our initial program began with the hosting of a Soup Kitchen that we held every Sunday. We chose to do this on a Sunday because traditionally this is the day when family and friends gather together to fellowship with one another. We believe in this tradition and therefore maintained this day to give those who did not have family or friends an opportunity to fellowship with us. Having this opportunity to meet people of all ages and walks of life we were able to determine this one truth: For many people the belief about hunger is that it is confined to specific pockets of society, certain areas of the country or certain neighborhoods, but the reality is very different. Although we

are diverse in many ways; our basic needs are all the same.

With an all volunteer staff we have been providing meals to homeless & low-income families for the past 17 years.

In 2004 we became partners with the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia in Norfolk and Operation Blessing in 2017. With these partnerships and many others we were able to expand our current Supplemental Source outreach programs to now include:

- 1) Soup Kitchen 2) Emergency Food Pantry 3) Food Rescue Program 4) Charity Closet 5) Clean Living Store 6) 2 Your Front Door 7) Baby Block 8) Co-Op Program**

We now have more space which has fostered our ability to offer more programs and services that provide food security as well as educate, enlighten and empower our community about poverty and how we can minimize the weight it places on our community. However, with donations over the past year decreasing and food assistance requests increasing, we find ourselves in need of major support to meet the demands of providing these resources for Suffolk's food insecure.

# PRAYER LIST UPDATE

**RECENT PRAYER:** Katherine Watson, Liam Grant, Joey Rebentisch, Tuck Bowerfind, Hudson Oliver, Lyndsay & Peter Yip, Bishop Sharma Lewis, Juanita Colley, Joey Blackwell

**SYMPATHY:** Family of Bob Walton; Family of Dr. Harry Plunkett; Family of Tom Brothers; Family of Ferebee Bowman; Family of Frank Birdsong; Family of Janet Wunderlich (Mother of Joanne Wunderlich)

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

**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, Susan Shea, Jessica Chamberlain

**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



## VIRGINIA ARTS FESTIVAL

### ORGAN SWELL CONCERT

MAIN STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
202 North Main Street  
Suffolk, Virginia 23434

**NICOLAS STELTZER, ORGAN**  
WITH PATTI WATTERS, FLUTE

**FRIDAY, MAY 3 - 12:00 NOON**

#### CONCERT ~ 50 MINUTES

Requested Concert Donation:  
\$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for  
children to offset expenses  
incurred by The American Guild  
of Organists.

Immediately following the  
concert, a light luncheon will be  
available in the Fellowship Hall.  
Requested donation is \$5.00 .

Information: Contact Chris Ward at 757-539-8751 or  
cbward114@aol.com

# MAY 2019 [CALENDAR OF EVENTS]

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

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

## THURSDAY, MAY 2

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

## FRIDAY, MAY 3

10:00 am Organ Swell Rehearsal  
12:00 pm Organ Swell Concert & Lunch  
3:00 pm Piano Guild Auditions

## SATURDAY, MAY 4

9:00 am Piano Guild Auditions  
9:00 am UMYF Car Wash - NAPA Parts Store  
2:00 pm CAPS Concert  
8:00 pm AA

## SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:30 am Worship  
9:35 am Golf Tournament Meeting  
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  
4:30 pm Connect Team Meeting  
6:00 pm CONNECT Worship Service

## MONDAY, MAY 6

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

## TUESDAY, MAY 7

4:00 pm Endowment Committee Mtg.  
6:30 pm UMW Evening Group @ Main Street UMC  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

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

## THURSDAY, MAY 9

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

## FRIDAY, MAY 10

10:00 am - 12:30 pm Cake Pickup

## SATURDAY, MAY 11

8:00 pm AA

## SUNDAY, MAY 12

### MOTHER'S DAY

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

## MONDAY, MAY 13

### COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE TODAY

## TUESDAY, MAY 14

10:00 am UMW  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

### NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

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, MAY 16

6:00 am Men's Bible Study  
6:00 pm Day Care Staff Meeting

## SATURDAY, MAY 18

8:00 pm AA

## SUNDAY, MAY 19

8:30 am Worship  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship  
12:00 pm Honduras Lunch for all  
2:00 pm Girl Scouts  
2:00 pm Piano Recital in sanctuary  
3:00 pm UMYF  
4:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Transition Day  
6:00 pm CONNECT Worship Service

## MONDAY, MAY 20

6:00 pm Girl Scouts  
7:00 pm Cub Scout LPM

## TUESDAY, MAY 21

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

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

## THURSDAY, MAY 23

6:00 am Men's Bible Study  
7:00 pm Day Care Graduation

## FRIDAY, MAY 24

4:00 pm Rose's Supper

## SATURDAY, MAY 25

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

## SUNDAY, MAY 26

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

## MONDAY, MAY 27

### MEMORIAL DAY CHURCH OFFICE | DAY CARE CLOSED

## TUESDAY, MAY 28

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

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

## THURSDAY, MAY 30

6:00 am Men's Bible Study  
7:00 pm Youth Sunday Rehearsal



**COLLEGE STUDENTS! SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** are now available in the church office and are DUE by Monday, May 13. The HOPE Scholarship and HICKS Scholarship are open to all college students. The CROSS Scholarship is open only to those attending Virginia Tech.

**PARENTS OF MAIN STREET 2019 GRADUATES!** Please contact the church office by Monday, May 13 and let us know if your child is a high school or higher education graduate. We need name of graduate, school name and degree (if applicable). Graduate Recognition on Sunday, June 2.



## MAY 2019 [BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES]

### [BIRTHDAYS]

5/1	Graham Garner	5/13	Mallory Walker	5/28	Rixey Smith
5/1	Beth Johnson	5/14	Ralph Branchaud	5/28	Brian Kinsey
5/1	Sawyer Holland	5/14	Cole Browne	5/29	Zachary Crytzer
5/2	Allie Pietrowski	5/14	William Hill	5/29	Jack Bivins
5/2	Michelle Selezneva	5/14	Colleen Meiser	5/30	Emily Hill
5/3	Sarah Catlett	5/15	John Yauger	5/31	David Eure
5/3	Maxwell Russell	5/15	Trevor Boyd	5/31	Robert Flintoff
5/4	Peggy Bradshaw	5/17	Mac Birdsong	5/31	Alyssa Bossick
5/4	Doreen Davis	5/17	Pam Fuller		
5/4	Glenda Johnston	5/19	Aubrey Callis		
5/7	Cale Tyeryar	5/20	Marie Bowman		
5/8	Griffin Duggan	5/20	Mary Kathryn Grass		
5/8	Jack Webb	5/21	Patrick Suttle		
5/8	Angie Venable	5/23	E Duke		
5/9	Connor Zydron	5/23	Eliza Guenthner		
5/10	Reed Browne	5/24	Paul Hogg		
5/10	Charnell Blair	5/24	Amy Yauger		
5/11	Jodi Browne	5/24	Sarah Wampler		
5/11	Dylan Smyth	5/24	Connor Hill		
5/12	Penn Birdsong	5/25	Barbara O'Berry		
5/12	Suzanne Van Orden	5/25	Kim Wagner		
5/12	Carrington Wentz	5/25	Chase Brooks		
5/12	Phillip LaRose	5/26	Barbara McPhail		
5/12	Courtney Gibbs	5/26	Paul Callis		
5/12	Thomas Bartlett	5/27	Taylor Conner		
5/12	Wendy Perry	5/27	Steven Clark		
		5/28	Lalona Saunders		

### [ANNIVERSARIES]

5/6	Lew & Ann Carr
5/12	David & Christel Hoy
5/14	Elliott & Barbara Haverty
5/17	Anthony & Sarah Catherine Giacometti
5/18	John & Kim Wagner
5/18	Tom & Linda Argust
5/20	Everett & Miriam Birdsong
5/20	Mike & Betty Michael
5/20	Joseph & Nancy Verdirame
5/22	Robbie & Shellee Stevens
5/26	Steve & Courtney Jackson
5/28	Steven & Laura Clark
5/29	Don & Harriette Albritton
5/29	Wes & Wendy Hill



## NOISY OFFERING [SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019]

On Sunday, May 5, Lorna Slaughter of the Suffolk Christian Fellowship will share a Mission Moment with us about this wonderful ministry to the needy in our community. Our Main Street children will also collect a "Noisy Offering" that day to benefit the Suffolk Christian Fellowship and help them purchase \$200 food pallets for their food program. Please save your coins! We will gratefully accept "noisy" paper money and checks, too! Thank you for your generosity! **SAVE YOUR COINS!!!**





# CONFIRMATION 2019



**WE RECENTLY WELCOMED 5 YOUNG PEOPLE INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP AT MAIN STREET.** They are Jacob Callis, Parker Duke, Kate Holland, Claire Taliaferro and Riley Pruitt. These youth completed the classes that began in the fall and through the understanding gained, they professed their faith in Jesus Christ and took the membership vows that include a commitment to uphold the church with their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. We pray that they will continue to be witnesses for Christ throughout their lives. God bless Jacob, Parker, Kate, Claire and Riley. We also thank Steve Webb, Phil McPhail, Pastor Rich and the confirmation mentors for leading the classes and activities related to the confirmation experience.



## CONFIRMANDS AND MENTORS

Jacob Andrew Callis  
*Phil McPhail*

Parker Lee Duke  
*Andrew McCauley*

Kate Elizabeth Holland  
*Angie Venable*

Riley Allen Pruitt  
*Bill Duggan*

Claire Lynn Taliaferro  
*Colleen Meiser*



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## The Main Street MESSENGER

OF MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## Congratulations Friends and Members of Main Street UMC Golf Tournament!



With meticulous planning from the entire committee and participation in multiple forms from church members, community friends, and community businesses the 6<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament was a great success. Despite the weather forecast, the committee moved forward and conquered (with many prayers). Thanks to all of you for your care, love and thoughts throughout this event.

A special thank you goes out to Wendy Perry who made all of the graphics, brochures, designed various materials; and also added the ability for players to pay online.

Another special and delicious addition this year were homemade sausage biscuits by our in-house chefs, Wesley and Nancy King.

Last, but certainly not least were all of the volunteers who manned the tables, filled golf carts with goodies and drinks, drove carts out to the players, kept food flowing all day, organized special games, and made sure the players were happy. Sharon Slate did another amazing job organizing the ball drop making sure that everyone's stub number was correctly marked on balls. This task is not as easy as it seems with over 450 balls correctly numbered matching every single ticket sold and the person's name who purchased it.

Great work folks, you did it again.

Blessings from The Golf Tournament Committee:

David Askew  
Marie Baker  
Bob and Midge Callis  
Beverly Cox  
Betty Michael  
Carol Harry  
Billy and Pam Hill  
Libby Hiner

Lanny and Janet Horn  
Dillard Horton  
Wesley and Nancy King  
Rich Meiser  
Jimmy and Kelly Holland  
Ken and Gail Williams  
Ron and Karen Williams