



The Main Street MESSENGER

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GROWING IN FRUITFULNESS 2019

4th Quarter Stewardship - Gifts

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

As I reflect on the sacred writings we call scripture, I'm amazed at the breadth and width of human emotions. It is throughout all of scripture, but it is especially clear in the Psalms—from the brokenness of King David in Psalm 51 where he knows his sin is ever before him (Psalm 51:3) to the joy of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked but delight in the law of the Lord (Psalm 1:1-2). In many places, the perceived distance of Yahweh leads to laments that can still bring tears to my eyes. But there are also Psalms that lead us to respond to God's goodness.

During the last quarter of the church year, we will focus on God's goodness and our response to that goodness. Psalm 116:12 asks the question, "What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?" The Psalmist then answers his own question by saying, "I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord."

During the month of October, we will look at how we "lift up the cup of salvation" and how we acknowledge God's goodness in our lives. We will look at the small steps we take that lead us to making bigger movements of faith (Luke 17:5-10). We will also consider the power of thankfulness and gratitude (Luke 17:11-19). As we continue to reflect on God's goodness, we will consider the importance of being persistent in the small and big things of our faith (Luke 18:1-8). And finally, on October 27, we will look at the two options Jesus provides and decide how we will let God use us to further the work of God's Kingdom. On this Sunday we will use our "Response Cards" to make our financial commitments as one of the ways we respond to God's goodness in our lives.

Main Street UMC is a wonderfully faithful community of people who respond generously in so many ways to God's goodness. It has been a pleasure watching the way God has used and will continue to use the many resources you bring. Thank you for your faithfulness, and may we continue to take the small steps that lead to the giant leaps of faith.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Rich



4TH QUARTER ACTIVITIES [OUR RESPONSE]

[BIBLE STUDY]

Defying Gravity: Break Free from the Culture of More
by Tom Berlin | Sundays October 6 • 13 • 20 • 27 @ 9:45 am

This study focuses on how our possessions can create unbearable weight and affect our ability to serve and thrive. How do we defy gravity and find freedom? In this 4-week small group study and stewardship campaign, pastor and author Tom Berlin explores what is required to sustain a vibrant life, what we need versus what we want, and what we can do to avoid being pulled into the orbit of materialism.

[SCHEDULE]

October

- October Service Project • Rise Against Hunger • October 19
- Commitment Sunday • October 27

November

- All Saints Sunday • November 3
Remembering the gifts of the Saints who passed on before us
- Noisy Offering • November 24

December

- Family Advent Workshops • Sundays December 1 • 8 • 15 • 22 @ 9:45 am
- Youth/Children Christmas Program • December 15 @ 11 am
- Christmas Cantata • December 15 @ 4 pm
- Christmas Eve Service • December 24 @ 5 & 11 pm
- One service at 10:30 am, Lessons and Carols December 29



FOOD PACKAGING EVENT

OCTOBER 19, 2019

*Sponsored by the United Methodist
Men of Main Street*



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

[VOLUNTEER] Volunteer for the event, it's great fun!! Hours are 8:00 am to 12 noon.

Volunteers are encouraged to register at this link <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/MSUMC19>.

[PRAY] Pray for the success of the event.

[DONATE] Make donations to Main Street UMC/Rise Against Hunger.

\$5 = 15 meals | \$25 = 75 meals | \$50 = 151 meals | \$ 100 = 303 meals.

Our fundraising goal of \$4626.72 will enable us to package almost 14,000 meals, and your donation, however great or small, counts!

[SUPPORT] Cub Scout Breakfast Burrito Fund Raiser during this event!! Please support Pack 1!

**THE FALL FESTIVAL
IS COMING AND WE
NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please consider volunteering and/or donating to help make this fundraiser a success. All proceeds will be used to fund various mission projects at Main Street and in our community.

If you would like more information, you will find a list of needs and contact information on the table in the Atrium.

Questions? Contact: Tess Popik at 757-343-9926.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN
ALL AREAS:**

MEGA YARD SALE • ARTS
& CRAFTS VENDORS •
BAKE SALE • BRUNSWICK
STEW • SILENT AUCTION



**2019 FALL
FESTIVAL**

MAIN STREET UMC
202 N. MAIN STREET | SUFFOLK, VA 23434

SATURDAY | NOV. 2 | 9 AM - 2 PM

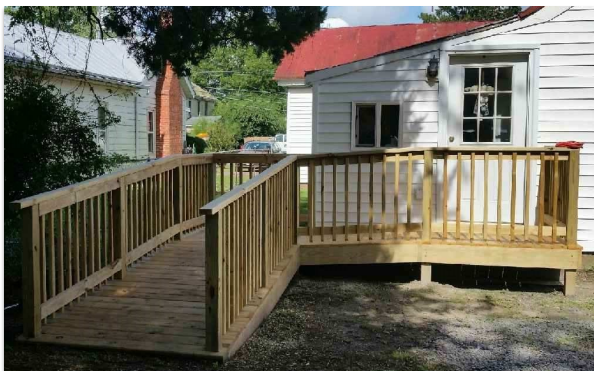


IN REMEMBRANCE

MAIN STREET CHAPEL MEMORIAL WALL

All Saints Sunday, to be commemorated on November 3, allows us an opportunity to remember those Saints who have passed on, but whose presence and participation in the history of Main Street Church left a legacy for which we are thankful. Within the Main Street Chapel, located behind the Sanctuary, is a special place of remembrance. The Memorial Wall contains plaques that will be engraved with the names and dates of birth and death of church members, former pastors, and their immediate family members. If those persons have been buried or cremated and their remains rest elsewhere, this Memorial Wall provides an opportunity to remember that Saint within the church they loved and supported.

If you are interested in this opportunity of remembrance, there is a packet of information available in the church office. Each memorial wall plaque, which may have as many as two named persons who share the same surname on each plaque, will cost \$500.



As most of you know, I was involved in a serious automobile accident in April. I broke both my legs and I was not allowed to put any weight on one of my legs for two (2) months, so I am having to learn how to walk all over again.

I want to thank all of you for your cards, visits, and overall concern. But, Pastor Rich, in his infinite wisdom, offered to build a ramp out of the back of my house and this has been an absolute miracle. I am still using a walker and trying to graduate to a cane. I want to mention each of his team. They are: Bob and Midge Callis, Phil McPhail, Andy Catlett, Adam Joerger, and Jake Bosco.

Main Street Methodist is a giving and caring church, and if you are looking for a church or haven't been in a while, I highly recommend this church.

My deepest gratitude,
Juanita K. Colley

The family of Philip Beck would like to thank the church and members for your expressions of kindness and sympathy with cards, visits, phone calls, and food. In our recent loss and sorrow, we sincerely appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Audrey Beck and Family

*May your UNFAILING
LOVE be my COMFORT,
according to your promise to
YOUR SERVANT.* Psalm 119:76

OCTOBER 2019 [CALENDAR OF EVENTS]

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:00 am Day Care Pictures | Atrium
10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
8:00 am Day Care Pictures | Atrium

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:00 pm AA Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Fall Festival Meeting
9:30 am Girls Choir Rehearsal
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Defying Gravity Bible Study
11:00 am Worship
12:15 pm Council On Ministries
Retreat
4:00 pm UMYF

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

6:00 pm Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Cub Scout Den/Pack Mtg

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm Christian Women's Book
Club
7:00 pm Girl Scout Service Unit Mtg.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal
Birdsong

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

4:00 pm Wedding | Birdsong
8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Girls Choir Rehearsal
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Defying Gravity Bible Study
11:00 am Worship
4:00 pm UMYF Family Dinner

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

Newsletter Articles Deadline

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
**7:00 pm Charge Conference | High
Street UMC, Franklin**
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:00 am Rise Against Hunger
TBA UMYF Howl-O-Scream
Busch Gardens
8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Girls Choir Rehearsal
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Defying Gravity Bible Study
10:00 am Coffee w/the Pastor
11:00 am Worship
12:15 pm Stewardship Committee Mtg.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:00 pm Girl Scouts

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

4:00 pm Rose's Supper

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Commitment Sunday

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Girls Choir Rehearsal
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Defying Gravity Bible Study
11:00 am Worship
4:00 pm UMYF Family Dinner

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

5:15 pm Day Care Board Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:00 am Day Care Pumpkin Carving
Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Day Care Halloween Party

HOW DO WE RESPOND TO THE GOODNESS OF GOD?



How does God want us to use this building located at 202 N. Main Street? We could choose to only open it up for a few hours every Sunday for our members to worship, or we could open the doors any day of the week to the Suffolk Community. Take a look at the church calendar to see the activities housed in this building. Main Street UMC is alive with activity almost every day! With all of this activity comes issues with safety, building maintenance and resource expenses.

As a congregation, we are responding to God's goodness by generously sharing the church facilities. As an individual, I encourage you to prayerfully consider how you can work with the groups who use your church building and how you can assist with the upkeep of your facilities. I look forward to working with you, bringing the light of Christ to Downtown Suffolk.

Peace be with you,
Bland

OCTOBER 2019 [BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES]

[BIRTHDAYS]

10/1 Audrey Beck
10/1 Kevin Spain
10/1 Scott Kilborn
10/2 Emily Wynn
10/2 Elizabeth Helms
10/2 Al Bremer
10/3 Henry Simpson
10/4 Pattie Conrad
10/4 Phifer Powley
10/4 Finley Jucksch
10/5 Pat Suttle
10/6 Melanie Bishop
10/6 Nan Cullop
10/6 Susan Towler
10/7 Alice Horst
10/8 Dixon Mills
10/8 Dorothy Hill
10/9 David Askew
10/10 Judy Horton
10/10 Liz Russell

10/10 Andrew McCauley
10/10 Elizabeth Totten
10/11 Ryan Lambert
10/11 Michele Clark
10/13 JB Powell
10/14 Julie Irby
10/14 Madie Baker
10/14 Vernon Towler
10/14 Emily Grass
10/14 Lily Pearce
10/16 Dale Bradshaw
10/16 Charles O'Dea
10/16 Campbell Hogg
10/18 John Borthwick
10/19 Bev Cox
10/20 Spencer Hart
10/20 Pat Freeman
10/20 Joe Webb
10/21 Jedd Askew
10/21 Owen Gregory
10/22 Katie Beale

10/22 Jim Decker
10/22 Ashley Carr
10/23 Walter New
10/24 Wendy Barnes
10/24 Fletcher Beadles
10/25 Benton Wentz
10/25 Jake Redd
10/25 Peter Holman
10/26 Mike Beale
10/26 Dutch Greene
10/26 Zachary Irby
10/28 Emily Plumlee
10/29 P.C. Austin
10/29 Shirley Baldwin
10/29 Sharyn Flintoff
10/29 Rebecca Baker
10/30 Roberta Powell
10/31 Travis Williford
10/31 Ryan Harrell
10/31 Michaela Waddell

[ANNIVERSARIES]

10/1 Everett & Julie Irby
10/3 Justin & Sara Jane Caron
10/8 Adam & Heather Joerger
10/10 Terry & Patricia Casto-Knight
10/10 Vernon & Susan Towler
10/10 Steve & Jennifer Webb
10/15 Fleet & Brenda Garnett
10/18 Tom & Carol Harry
10/19 Jimmy & Kelly Holland
10/20 David & Monica Eure
10/22 Susannah & Brian Donahue
10/24 Matt & Bellamy Zydron
10/25 Ryan & Camille Harrell
10/30 David & Jan Kincaid

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

RECENT PRAYER: Liam Grant, Greg Johnson, Erin McPherson, Walt Barker & family, Kristi Bishop, Ayden Munford, Hannah Goetz, Sylvia Talley, Mabel Schimpf, Betty Backus, Shellee Stevens, victims of Hurricane Dorian and those who minister to them, Jim Wilson, Randy West

SYMPATHY: Family of Angus Hines

ONGOING: Willis "Corky" Davis, Carrie Hill, Steve Clark, Sylvia Funkhouser, Bob Catlett, Heather Lawrence, Leila & Bob Tompert, Michael McPherson and Family, Shellee Stevens, Lee Bowman, 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, Al Bremer, Sally Gum Palmer, Diane Liles, Majdah Schiavi, Linda Harper, Faye Askew, Lois Barker, Judene Hartless, Joan Byrd, Angela Seed, 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, Susan Shea, Jessica Chamberlain, Julie Nance, Michael McClung, Lois Barker, Marshall Thomas, Jill Harris, John Nodeen

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); 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

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OF MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



2019 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Friends, thank you for your faithful stewardship of God's gifts! Great is the faithfulness of God!

SEPTEMBER [1-29]

Individual Worship Attendees: 234
Average Worship Attendance: 157
Average Sunday School Attendance: 85
2019 Operating Budget: \$530,835
Received YTD Tithes & Offerings: \$349,671
YTD Expenses: \$356,235

AUGUST

Individual Worship Attendees: 228
Average Worship Attendance: 145
Average Sunday School Attendance: 91
2019 Operating Budget: \$530,835
Received YTD Tithes & Offerings: \$307,498
YTD Expenses: \$322,704

JULY

Individual Worship Attendees: 230
Average Worship Attendance: 145
Average Sunday School Attendance: 73
2019 Operating Budget: \$530,835
Received YTD Tithes & Offerings: \$271,359
YTD Expenses: \$286,068

4 WAYS TO GIVE



ONLINE



SMART
PHONE



SUNDAY



MAIL