



The Main Street MESSENGER

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Dear Friends,

As summer comes to an end and the “craziness” of our Fall schedules begins to sink in, I want to invite you to join us for a great month of worship at Main Street UMC. In September we will be exploring the Old Testament book of Jeremiah. We will explore the way in which the prophet challenges and encourages our faith and how we are to care for God’s creation. The services will be designed to be interactive and involve a new element for our children. The month will end with a single morning worship at 10:30, followed by a church wide covered-dish luncheon. I’m excited about the start of my second year of ministry with you and look forward to getting to know each of you better.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Rich

September Worship Series ~ Season of Creation

COME...CONNECT...FIND A PLACE TO BELONG

What To Expect on Sundays in September

SEPTEMBER 1 | GOD AS GARDENER

- Children will plant seeds during Children’s Church.

SEPTEMBER 8 | GOD AS POTTER

- Ministry Fair - Opportunities to sign up for small group classes, Bible studies, music and mission projects.
- Children - Blessing of the Backpacks at both services.
- Third graders receive Bibles
- Fall Festival meeting at 9:30 am

SEPTEMBER 15 | GOD’S FAITHFULNESS

- New classes for children, youth and adults begin today.
- First Annual *Water World* for all ages, 12 to 3 pm. The side lawn will be filled with a water slide, water toys, and wading pools for smaller children. Lunch of hamburgers/chips provided. Wear your swimsuit to church! Sign up on Sunday, September 8.
- Youth Throw Downs begin today and continue September 22, 29 & October 6. Breakfast at 9:30 am followed by faith presentations by four unique guests to include a Moonshot Special. 6th grade thru Senior High.

SEPTEMBER 22 | GOD’S HEALING

- Coffee With the Pastor - 10 am in the Library.

SEPTEMBER 29 | GOD’S RE-CREATION

- Fifth Sunday - **One service at 10:30 am** with Sunday school at 9:30. Covered dish lunch to follow the service. Meat provided. Please bring a dish to share that can serve at least 6 people. Going on faith, you may bring your favorite dish. Remember that we always need more vegetables than desserts.
- During the worship services, children will present plants they have nurtured since September 1.
- Membership Sunday.

SEPTEMBER IS A TIME FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.

Summer is done, and we are excited about the many ministry opportunities that will be offered over the next several months. Pastor Rich has planned a wonderful worship series, and we end the month with a celebration filled with music, fellowship and food!

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UMW UPCOMING EVENTS

[WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4]

- Evening UMW meets at 6:30 pm at Chick-Fil-A on Main Street

[TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10]

- Morning UMW meets at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Special guest speaker, Sarah Crouch from the Obici Foundation

For more information contact: Brenda Cox @ 757-650-8408



WANTED! [A MAIN STREET UMC GOLF TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR]

No golfing experience required, only a passion for the mission and ministry of Main Street.

Great committee in place with dedicated members to help in planning the event.

Contact Marie Baker for details at mariebaker509@yahoo.com or 757-478-4469.

2019 FALL FESTIVAL



SATURDAY | NOV. 2 | 9 AM - 2 PM

The Fall Festival is coming! Join us on **Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall for our organizational meeting. Questions? Contact: Tess Popik 757-343-9926.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN ALL AREAS:

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



FOOD PACKAGING EVENT

OCTOBER 19, 2019

Sponsored by the United Methodist Men of Main Street



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

[VOLUNTEER] Volunteer for the event during the Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 8. It's great fun!!

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!

September Highlights

MINISTRY FAIR *get connecte*

FIND THE BEST FIT FOR YOU!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8



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pick-up a plate of

BBQ

to support the

Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk

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\$12

CAPTAIN BOB'S

Fried chicken, BBQ, coleslaw,
hush puppies, mac 'n cheese

SUNDAY

SEP 22
12:00-3:00

PURCHASE TICKETS

Go online to
capsuffolk.org/bbq
or call the
CAPS Office | 757-935-5497

Drive through plate pick up at:
Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church
3488 Godwin Blvd Suffolk, VA 23434
Questions? Contact CAPS 757-935-5497

SEPTEMBER 2019 [CALENDAR OF EVENTS]

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Memorial Day

Church Office | Day Care Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
6:30 pm UMW Evening Meeting @
Chick-fil-a
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Cub Scouts - Taste of Suffolk

8:00 pm AA Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Fall Festival Meeting
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Combined Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am Worship
4:00 pm Eagle Court of Honor

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Ministry Fair

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10:00 am UMW Meeting
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Newsletter Articles Due

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Combined Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am Worship
12-3 pm Waters World
12:15 pm Stewardship Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

6:00 pm Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Cub Scouts Ice Cream Social

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
7:00 pm Chancel Choir
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:00 am Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Combined Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Coffee w/the Pastor
11:00 am Worship
12-3 pm CAPS BBQ Fundraiser
12:15 pm UMW Leadership Team Mtg.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

5:15 pm Day Care Board Meeting
7:00 pm Cub Scouts Den Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

6:00 am Men's Bible Study
8:00 am Day Care Staff Training

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

4:00 pm Rose's Supper - UMW

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

11:00 am Salvation Army Kitchen -
Girl Scouts

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Combined Morning Worship

9:30 am Sunday School
10:00 am Combined Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Combined Worship
11:30 am Celebration Lunch

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

6:30 pm Cub Scout LPM

SEPTEMBER 2019 [BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES]

[BIRTHDAYS]

9/1 Leah Powell
9/1 Bitsy Hallman
9/2 Paige McCauley
9/3 Jamie McLemore
9/3 Chuck Fisher
9/3 Sarah Spiker
9/4 Cabell Birdsong
9/4 Massimo Soto
9/5 Charles Birdsong
9/5 Ginny Blair
9/5 Mary Johnson
9/6 Brook Birdsong
9/7 Miriam Birdsong
9/7 Jacque Edwards
9/7 Pam Hill
9/7 Callie Guenther
9/8 Cara Brinkley
9/8 Rachel Callis
9/9 Mike Michael
9/9 Stephanie Strouse
9/10 Paul Cutchin

9/11 David Livingston
9/11 Cameron Hill
9/13 Michael Beale
9/13 Amber Grudenian
9/14 Samuel Williford
9/14 Rob Harry
9/15 Alex Powell
9/15 Jennifer Crytzer
9/15 Heather Joerger
9/16 Cindy Garner
9/16 Abigail Bassey
9/16 Jennifer Kilborn
9/17 Trent Holland
9/17 Susan Rivenbark
9/18 Karla Brown
9/18 Kandice Majette
9/19 Peyton Harrell
9/20 Warren Birdsong
9/20 Hugh Cross
9/20 Debbie Williams
9/20 Bobby Cullop
9/21 Frances Kelley
9/21 Riley Pruitt

9/22 Karen Wills
9/22 Jackson Henry
9/22 Joanna Johnson
9/23 Meredith Michael
9/24 Bollie McLemore
9/24 Aiden Gregory
9/24 Carolyn Davis
9/25 Phil McPhail
9/25 Eley Duke
9/25 Anthony Agnese
9/26 Sarah Barnhill
9/26 Julie Wampler
9/26 Anne Rooker
9/27 Tim Riley
9/27 Tom Riley
9/27 Landon Farley
9/28 Chris Ward
9/28 Malene Bryant
9/28 Sue Lowe
9/28 Monette Harrell
9/28 Ted Williams
9/28 Lindsey Spiker
9/29 Gerardo Soto

[ANNIVERSARIES]

9/1 Dale & Peggy Bradshaw
9/6 Jimmy & Katie Hicks
9/8 Bobby & Nan Cullop
9/9 Scott & Heather Carr
9/9 Jimmy & Leah Powell
9/11 Rex & Anne Rooker
9/12 Jeremy & Brenda Swann
9/14 Tom & Megan Taliaferro
9/14 Bo & Liz Russell
9/17 Ken & Gail Williams
9/19 Hugh & Lynn Cross
9/21 Todd & Suzanne Pruitt
9/22 Lanny & Janet Horn
9/23 Jeremie & Courtney Gibbs
9/26 Dan & Jennifer Myers
9/27 Blake & Kelly Baker
9/27 Carl & Karen Savage
9/29 Jay & Kim Butler
9/29 Bob & Sylvia Funkhouser

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OF MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



PRAYER LIST UPDATE

RECENT PRAYER: Liam Grant, Greg Johnson, Erin McPherson, Bob Tompert, Morgan Wilson, Walt Barker & family, Paul Mainheart, Carolyn Davis, Kristi Bishop, Ayden Munford, Hannah Goetz, Sylvia Talley, Mabel Schimpf, Betty Backus

SYMPATHY: Family of Herb Horst;
Family of Debbie Johnson

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, 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, 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, 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); 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