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eGiving Guide

How to give with Realm®

Realm®, our new online church community, offers new and easy ways to give financially to support our ministries. Whether you want to set up a recurring gift or split your donation among different funds, Realm makes it safe and secure to give online.

Once you join Realm you will be able to make your pledge online as well as give and keep up with your contributions online.

Realm...What is it? Why should I sign up? Is it easy to use? Can I pledge and give online? Will I be able to text my offering?

We're making exciting changes to our church's online giving program, and we wanted you to be one of the first to know! Everything has moved to a new program called Realm. This offers more ways for you to support the church as well as connect with each other online. You are now able to give online through Realm, our website, and via text.

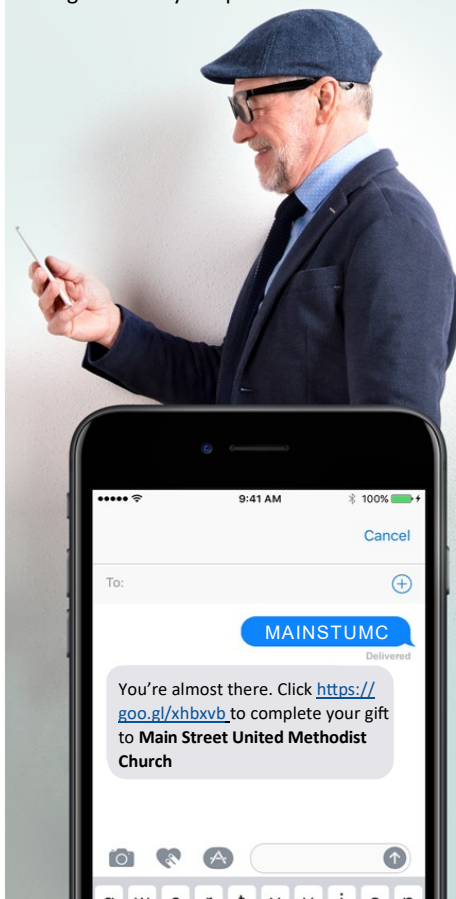
As we make this transition, here is what you need to know: an online giving change requires that recurring gifts be scheduled in Realm. If you have an email address you will receive an invite to create a Realm account. Use the link in that email to create a Realm password. Then, follow the steps to verify your account. With that account, you can sign in and set up your scheduled donation and/or pledge. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 757-539-8751. If you would like more details, pickup the eGiving Guide brochure in the Atrium.

Once you're in Realm, take a look around! You can update your contact

information, manage your privacy settings, and much more. Your generous support is vital to our ministry. We're excited about what's happening at Main Street UMC. Thank you for taking a few moments to update your giving information.

Text Giving

To give via text, send **MAINSTUMC \$50** or any amount to the phone number **73256**. You'll receive a text message in response with your next steps. After you give one time, your payment method is saved, so you can quickly give again from your phone.



With the cost of checks going up and folks looking ways to save pennies, I have found the solution! Automatic on-line giving! Ken & I used to write a check every Sunday for our giving, most of the time in a rush as we were headed out the door to church.

We switched to the new Realm sign-on for giving. It only took a few minutes to set up, the funds automatically come out of our account once a week. This is so convenient, saves time and money!

This system also makes it more efficient for the "bankers", no checks to deposit to be processed. The accounting is automatically sent to the church office for tracking – so it also saves church time and money! This is a WIN – WIN for everyone."

Ken & Gail Williams

"GRATITUDE"

A Note From Pastor Rich Meiser, Jr.



Fall is a great time of year! I enjoy the change of weather, the colors of the trees, the smell of a warm cozy fire in the air, time with family, and the return of football with a big bowl of spicy chili. These are just a few of my favorite things. They seem simple and easily overlooked but when I take time to slow down and give thanks for these things, the "big things" come to mind much more quickly. When this happens a smile quickly comes to my face. Practicing gratitude is a great way to feel more satisfied and happy.

In a recent article posted on the Today Show web page dated August 27, 2018, the author reminds

the readers that there are 4 keys to happiness. I've included the link below. One way is to PRACTICE GRATITUDE. - "Write down or say out loud three NEW things you are grateful for - ideally with someone else each day. They can be simple, like "I'm grateful for this coffee," or "I'm grateful for the sunshine," but you cannot repeat any over the course of 21 days. Doing this trains your brain to see more positives in the world. Your brain actually gets better at being more positive."

The writers of the Psalms, Jesus, and the apostle Paul understood this psychological concept. We are reminded Psalm after Psalm to give

thanks to God for the never-ending love God has for us. Every time Jesus shares a meal with a crowd or the disciples he gives thanks for the provisions of God. Paul gives final instruction to the Thessalonian church and reminds them to *"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

As we roll into the month of November and get closer to Thanksgiving, a time when we as a country pause to give thanks and *eat way too much*, let the practice of gratitude shape our minds and lives. This month try writing down some things for which you are grateful. You can create a Gratitude Journal and train your brain to see more positives in the world. Let us all say "Thanks be to God" and live in a way that reflects the Love of God seen in the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus!

<https://www.today.com/health/how-be-happy-4-tips-positive-psychology-researchers-t136322>

With a grateful heart,
Pastor Rich

THE GRATITUDE CHALLENGE

During the month of November we are challenging everyone to try keeping a gratitude journal. We will have a display in the Atrium that suggests many different ways to journal. We want you to have the opportunity to experience the blessing of listing what you are grateful for everyday. Journaling only takes a few minutes a day but gives lasting mood boost on a more regular basis.

When we count our blessings we may find that everyday may not be good but there is something good in every day.

Watch for emails that will inspire your journaling efforts during the month.

We must actively practice gratitude to cement its place in our lives. The benefits of this practice can help in the following ways:

- Impact our health and happiness
- You will begin to notice more small, good things happening - or notice the small, good things that were already happening
- Strengthens us to deal with the really rough patches in our lives.



GRATITUDE JOURNALING COLOR PAGE

Why not begin your gratitude journal with this coloring page and create a list of what you are grateful for!





FALL FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 3 9 AM - 2 PM

YARD SALE - CRAFTS
SILENT AUCTION
BRUNSWICK STEW &
BAKE SALE

*Come, enjoy the day!
Tell your friends and neighbors.*

ADVENT LESSONS, CRAFTS, GAMES & MUSIC

Children Ages 3 to 5th Grade



Four special Sundays of Advent lessons, crafts, games, and music for ages 3 to 5th grade. Parents are asked to stay on Sunday, November 18 to assist with making an Advent wreath with your child and enjoy planning with them for Jesus' birthday. A light breakfast will be provided. Children should feel free to bring a friend and wear clothes appropriate for craft-making and fun. Mark these dates on your calendar and look for an Evite to provide an RSVP.

Join us from 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. the following Sunday's, November 18, December 2, 9, and 16.

*Thank
You!*

Words cannot express the depth of my gratitude and appreciation for the staff and congregation of Main Street UMC. Due to the loss of my mother, you upheld me and my family in prayer, sent cards, flowers, expressed words of comfort, and attended her memorial service. I am blessed because of you. *Wendy Perry*

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

RECENT PRAYER: Otto Wegman, Paula Bishop, Erin McPherson, Rev. Bob Hauck, Bill Rutter, Dave Reilly, Nicole Ruffner, all affected by Hurricane Florence and Michael, Hannah Chase, Ariana Belmo, Andy & Lael Collette, Margie Wills, Tom Brothers, Curtis Prior, Sr., Curtis Prior, Jr., Pamela Edwards, Dave Burks, Zoe & Emmie Jo Siders, Sabrina Valentine, Alvis Winslow, victims and families in Pittsburg synagogue

SYMPATHY: The family of Boo Ballard, The family of Joan Bassford Hebert (Mother of Colleen Meiser)

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, Lucas Lawrence, Janet Wunderlich, 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, Yvonne Lovingood, Carolyn Barnes, 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

SKILLED CARE: Bill Gallant, Bill Cloe

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 Salsbury, 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

Noisy Offering Coming Soon

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE TO MISSIONS

Help our children collect a "Noisy Offering" on December 16, 2018. They will hand out bags in November so that you can begin to save your coins for them. Then during the Children's program on December 16, they will collect the noisy offering.

This is a second offering in our service where the money given goes directly to helping others. As they pour the coins in a bucket, it makes a clanging noise and that is why it is called the "Noisy Offering." Yes, we are making a joyful noise unto the Lord! (Psalm 66:1).



NOVEMBER 2018 [CALENDAR OF EVENTS]

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:00 am Crack of Dawn Bible Study
7:00 pm Connect Team Meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

FALL FESTIVAL SETUP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9 am-2 pm Fall Festival
8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
2:00 pm Girl Scouts
3:00 pm UMYF
4:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meeting
6:00 pm CONNECT Worship Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

6:00 pm Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Finance Committee Mtg.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9:30 am UMW Leadership Meeting
6:30 pm Evening UMW Meeting
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
6:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
7:30 pm Charge Conference
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

3:00 pm Safety/Security Meeting
7:00 pm Christian Women's Book Club

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

UMYF MIDDLE SCHOOL CONF.
RETREAT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

UMYF MIDDLE SCHOOL CONF.
RETREAT

12 - 5 pm Baby Shower (Fellow. Hall)
8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

UMW PIE SALE ENDS TODAY!

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED IN
OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE TODAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

FRIENDS OF BARNABAS LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship
2:00 pm Girl Scouts
3:00 pm UMYF
4:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting
6:00 pm CONNECT Worship Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:30 pm Girl Scouts

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship
11:30 am Day Care Thanksgiving Lunch
12:00 pm Church Office Closes
6:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting
8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
CHURCH OFFICE | DAY CARE
CLOSED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

CHURCH OFFICE | DAY CARE
CLOSED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

11:00 am Salvation Army - Lay Servants
8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm SPPRC Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

UMYF HIGH SCHOOL CONF.
RETREAT



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE AT VIRGINIA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

DECEMBER 7, 2018
7:30 P.M.

The VWU Choirs present a festival of holiday music and traditional tales.
Dr. Bryson Mortensen, conductor.

We have 25 tickets for this wonderful performance. If you would like to attend please contact Anne Rooker at 703-969-5582.

[BIRTHDAYS]

11/1 Chris Porter
 11/1 Pastor Rich Meiser, Jr.
 11/2 Charles Shotton
 11/2 Aaron Mizelle
 11/4 Laura Holshouser
 11/4 Brenda Swann
 11/4 Ron Williams
 11/5 Elaine Davis
 11/6 Carl Hardee
 11/6 Tracey Medeiros
 11/7 Bo Browne
 11/8 George Birdsong
 11/8 Michele Pettway
 11/8 Sara Harp
 11/9 Kristi Hicks
 11/9 Wes Hill
 11/10 Grace Van Orden
 11/10 Phillip Maybery
 11/11 Jonah Jordan
 11/11 Greg Johnson
 11/12 Meredith Webb
 11/13 Karen Savage

11/14 Nicole Duke
 11/15 Troy Barnes
 11/15 Lexie Redd
 11/15 Darrell Hurst
 11/15 Lu Bowman
 11/17 Bob Funkhouser
 11/17 Kelly Drewnowski
 11/18 Steve Huber
 11/18 John Wagner
 11/19 August Astorga
 11/19 Topsy Palmer
 11/20 Cole Russell
 11/24 Kelly Franklin
 11/24 Kristi Kilborn
 11/25 Steve Webb
 11/25 Cheri Anthony
 11/26 Cross Birdsong
 11/26 Calvin Caron
 11/26 Iker Vega
 11/26 Michele Bossick
 11/28 Jackson Ray
 11/28 Janice Harper
 11/29 Trey Parker
 11/29 Riane Smith

11/29 Anne Higinbotham
 11/29 Karen Scott
 11/29 Kellen Cary
 11/29 Robbie Barnhill
 11/30 Betty Michael
 11/30 Thomas Beale
 11/30 Michaelle Smith

[ANNIVERSARIES]

11/1 Chris & Lynne Porter
 11/2 Ryan & Mary Beth Johnson
 11/3 Steve & Karen Gunter
 11/3 Robert & Meredith Michael
 11/4 Bo & Jodi Browne
 11/4 Edward & Martha Trapani
 11/10 Michael & Robin Casey
 11/12 Tom & Jackie Williams
 11/13 Danny & Pamla Andrews
 11/16 Andrew & Maggie McCauley
 11/21 Mark & Cindy Garner
 11/22 Daniel & Elizabeth Totten
 11/23 Steven & Brenda Beck
 11/29 William & Nancy O'Berry
 11/30 Scott & Karen Graham

JANIS GREENE - MAIN STREET DAY CARE DIRECTOR TO RETIRE



After 25 years of dedicated service, Janis Greene will retire on November 30, 2018. Janis began as a classroom teacher and then moved into administration which led to her becoming the Director in 2011. She has had a positive influence and impact on many families and staff members and

has served our ministry with great care. May God bless her as she enters this new time in her life.

My MSDC Family,

The time has come in my life for a new chapter. I will be retiring as Director for Main Street and Day Care and Preschool. My retirement will become effective on November 30, 2018.

I would like to express best wishes and my gratitude to each and every one of you for the time I have worked for you and your family. You hold a special place in my heart and it made this decision very difficult. Your family is very

near and dear to me. I have been a part of your family life through several births and your children melted my heart right away. I will carry memories of each and every one of you to infinity and beyond. It has been a pleasure working with you all for the past 25 years. I love you all so much.

The Day Care Board is diligently working towards making this transition as smooth as possible and your child(ren) will continue to be cared for with the excellent care that we provide.

Sincerely,

Janis Greene
 Director

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gather
thankful family
blessed grateful
together blessings
november



United Methodist Women Missions

PIE SALE

Pre-Order & Pay by November 11.



Quantities are limited and must be pre-ordered and paid in advance.



See details on the order form, located in the Atrium.



Picks up Tuesday, November 21