



# **THE** Messenger **Main Street**

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## Missions

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COVENANT RELATIONSHIP TIME

### *Chili For Chile Cook-off*

MAY 6 @ NOON

Each year we support our missionary in Chile, John Elmore, with a \$2,500 donation. We will begin our donation campaign with our annual chili cook-off. Prepare your favorite chili recipe and bring it to church for lunch on May 6. We will provide the cornbread and condiments.

Come join the fun and help support our missionary. He continues to do amazing work on our behalf. For updates go to [elmor59.wordpress.com](http://elmor59.wordpress.com)



MINISTRY VISION FOR  
VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

"TO BE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST  
WHO ARE LIFELONG LEARNERS WHO  
INFLUENCE OTHERS TO SERVE."

-BISHOP SHARMA D. LEWIS

## *Stewardship service activities during May and June.*

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You can serve by...

- collecting eye glasses for the Lion's Club. Bring your used prescription glasses to church and place in the designated box in the Atrium.
- placing drugstore "readers" in the pews for people who forget their glasses.
- giving Bibles to people who attend Rose's Supper.
- collecting sturdy shopping totes for **Friends of Barnabas**.
- collecting socks to give to the homeless and others in need. Crazy Sock Sunday is June 3.

Volunteers are also needed to...

- prepare and serve Rose's supper on June 22.
- help with a yard sale at the parsonage.

*So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Ephesians 4:11-13*

# Serve



*George Blair on one of his many mission trips to Honduras*

After several years of planning, details for a well to be drilled at the Friends of Barnabas location in Pena Blanca, Honduras have been finalized.

The board of directors of the foundation is naming the well the George Blair Memorial Well for his many years of service with the Foundation.

Charnell Blair will be going to Honduras on April 27 to observe the construction of the well and work with the people as needed.

Pray for a wellspring on the first drill!

To learn more visit the Friends of Barnabas website, [www.fobf.org](http://www.fobf.org).



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## MAY SCHEDULE

May 8 | UMW Regular Meeting - Salad luncheon & preparation of lunch for the Wesley Center

May 10 | Christian Women's Book Club

May 11 | Cake pickup 4:30 - 6 pm

May 13 | Mother's Day Candle Burning

## CANDLE BURNING

Join with the United Methodist Women on May 13 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 6. Checks may be made payable to Main Street UMW.

## KITS FOR CONFERENCE

This year Main Street UMC will assemble **Health Kits** that will be taken to Annual Conference in June. Below are the specific instructions for each kit. Please follow these directions. You may bring your finished kits to the office by June 4. **Our goal— 50 kits!**

### HEALTH KITS: Place the items in a 1 gallon Zip-lock bag

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", no kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (sturdy and longer than 6", not pocket-sized)
- 1 metal nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-sized bar of soap (3 oz. & up); no Ivory or Jergens

- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages, 3/4-1" (Band-Aids)
- Enclose **\$2.00 to purchase toothpaste (do not buy toothpaste) & to ship the kit**

Please bring your assembled bags to the church on or before June 4. They will be delivered to Annual Conference on June 15.

## NO EVENT EVENT



Members of the Evening United Methodist Women's group are sponsoring a "No Event Event". This will require you to go nowhere, see no one special, to write nothing on your crowded calendar, and requires no special clothing. This "No Event Event" is planned to help our Day Care Center stock up on needed supplies. The UMW hopes that you will consider this announcement as your invitation.

The list of needed items listed below was submitted to the church by the administration of our Day Care. Select one or more items on the Wish-List and bring them to church at your leisure. You will see a table in Atrium decorated for the "Day Care No Event". Simply leave the items on the table. That's it!

The Night UMW thanks you for your continued support of this church mission.

- Bleach

- Lysol Spray
- Fabulous Liquid Cleaner
- Magic Erasers (cleaning)
- Clorox Wipes
- Unscented Baby Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Trash Bags -- 13 or 30 gallon size
- Swiffer Wet Wipes
- Tissues
- Febreze
- Unscented Laundry Detergent
- Sponges
- Spic N Span
- All size batteries, but especially AAA, AA, and 9 volt

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Suffolk Meals on Wheels will be presenting the "Rocky Hock Opry" on Friday, June 1, 2018, at 7 pm at Kings Fork Middle School in Suffolk. There will be gospel music, a little bit of country, a little bit of rock 'n roll and comedy.

Our daily goal is to ensure nutritious meals are delivered by our amazing volunteers in *Suffolk and the Isle of Wight Region*. Meals on Wheels provides nourishment and hope to those who can no longer provide for themselves. Last year we delivered over 43,000 meals to 224 recipients.

Tickets are \$15 donation and available at: Farmers Bank locations in Suffolk, Windsor, Courtland and Smithfield; Virginia Commonwealth Bank in Suffolk, Windsor True Value Hardware in Windsor; Bradshaw & Briesemeister, DDS – Suffolk, and Suffolk Meals on Wheels office in Sentara Obici. For more information, call 757.934.4911.



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# VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE

SHIPWRECKED

RESCUED BY JESUS

**JUNE**  
**18-22**  
9 AM - 12 NOON

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JUNE 18 - 22 | 9:00 AM - NOON**



**Designed for children age 3 through those who have completed the 5th grade.**

Come join Hope, Beacon, Rae, Guac, Moe, and all our friends as we explore Shipwrecked!

We'll sing songs, play games, make crafts, have fun, and find out that whenever we feel stranded and far away from the comforts of home, we can be **RESCUED BY JESUS!**

Registration will be available in early May for participants and volunteers! Check the church website to sign up online.

Forms will also be available in the Atrium.

**[WWW.MAINSTUMC.ORG](http://WWW.MAINSTUMC.ORG)**

## NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council would like to thank Robert Baker for his leadership as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees. Robert has served in this position for a number of years and has conscientiously cared for the church property. Also, we thank Jay Butler for accepting the position as the new Chairperson of the Board of Trustees.

At the April Church Council meeting, Eric Venable, Chairperson of the Council on Ministries, reported on the work of the committees concerned with ministries. Those committees who may not have met recently are encouraged to do so during the next month to evaluate their needs and activities and provide a report at the next COM meeting in June.



## PRAYER LIST UPDATE

**RECENT PRAYER:** Joseph Medeiros, Gordon and Sarah Plunkett, Lois Barker & Family, Cory Wiand, Jack Coleman, Willie Gallop, Alan Holland, Colleen Sheehy, Bob Callis, Jonathan Darden, Michael Barrett, Janet Wunderlich, Bertha Harper, Scott Cullop, Juanita Colley, Sandra Leggett Wilson, Mary Ann Eure, Mary Wirts

**ONGOING:** Willis "Corky" Davis, Carrie Hill, Steve Clark, Bob Walton, Sylvia Funkhouser, Bob Catlett, John and Kate Reilly, Heather Lawrence, Leila Tompert, Lee Hendricks, Gloria & Beverly Bredemeyer, Ferebee Bowman, Michael McPherson and Family, Shellee Stevens, Lee Bowman, Tommy Hines, Carol Zedler, Valeria Webb, Lauren Johnson, Lucas Lawrence

**SYMPATHY:** Family of Bill Hevener; Family of Buddy Harper (father of Janice Harper); Family of Charlene McCrady (mother of Robbie Stevens and Brenda Steinmetz)

**CANCER:** Marion Heath, Lisa Lewis, Janis Greene, Eino Hirv, Betty Sowell, Kate Rhoads, Brenda Atkins, Ralph Knapp, Nick Cleary, Zack Taylor, Wilma Babich, Juel Carr, Ed Barber, Pam Askew, Linda Argust, Ray Holland, Midge Sanchez, Judy Duonela Vicars, Tom Collette, 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, Betty Smallacombe, Pat Wegman, Yvonne Lovingood, Carolyn Barnes, Tami Wyse, Melaine Mederios, Linda Carr, Lois Barker, Judene Hartless, Russell Wilson, Joan Byrd,

Connie Brooks, Angela Seed, Audrey Kent, Lisa Copeland, Dave O'Neill, David Holloway, Judy Calfee, Ed Murphy. David Hollowell

**SKILLED CARE:** Eunice Hedgepeth, Bill Gallant, Bill Cloe

**HOMEBOUND:** Melanie French, Jean Sutphin

**ASSISTED LIVING:** Colette Ballard, Boo Ballard, Susan Rivenbark

### **ALWAYS REMEMBER TO INCLUDE**

**IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Main Street United Methodist Church; Our sister churches on the James River District; Pastor Ellen Comstock; Church Staff; Lay Leadership (Lay Leader: Bo Browne; Sunday School Teachers; Bible Studies); United Methodist Church Worldwide (VA Annual Conference, Bishop Sharma Lewis, Superintendent Rob Colwell, District & Conference Staff), 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



## VIRGINIA ARTS FESTIVAL ORGAN SWELL CONCERT

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

**MARJORIE SETNICKY, ORGAN  
WITH JOANNE WHITE, FLUTE**

**FRIDAY, MAY 11 - 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







*I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint.*  
*Jeremiah 31:25*

# May 2018

## TUESDAY, MAY 1

6:30 pm Evening UMW Meeting  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship  
 6:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group  
 6:30 pm UMW Evening Group  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
 8:00 pm AA

## FRIDAY, MAY 4

12:00 pm Piano Guild Auditions

## SATURDAY, MAY 5

8:00 am Piano Guild Auditions  
 8:00 pm AA

## SUNDAY, MAY 6

8:30 am Worship  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship  
 12:00 pm Chili for Chile Lunch Fundraiser  
 2:00 pm Girl Scout Cadettes  
 4:30 pm UMYF  
 6:00 pm CONNECT - Worship Service

## MONDAY, MAY 7

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

## TUESDAY, MAY 8

11:00 am UMW Lunch & Meeting  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts  
 7:00 pm SPRC Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship  
 6:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
 8:00 pm AA

## THURSDAY, MAY 10

8:00 am Day Care Mother's Day  
 Breakfast  
 7:00 pm Christian Women's Book Club

## FRIDAY, MAY 11

12:00 pm Organ Swell Concert & Lunch  
 4:30-6 pm UMW Cake Sale Order Pick-up

## SATURDAY, MAY 12

8:00 pm AA

## SUNDAY, MAY 13

### MOTHER'S DAY

8:30 am Worship  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship  
 4:00 pm Cub Scout Den Meetings  
 4:30 pm UMYF  
 6:00 pm CONNECT - Worship Service

## TUESDAY, MAY 15

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 1

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship  
 6:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
 7:00 pm Trustee Meeting  
 8:00 pm AA

## FRIDAY, MAY 18

4:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal

## SATURDAY, MAY 19

2:00 pm Wedding  
 8:00 pm AA

## SUNDAY, MAY 20

### PENTECOST | GRADUATION SUNDAY

8:30 am Worship  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship  
 12:15 pm Stewardship Committee Mtg.  
 2:00 pm Girl Scout Cadettes  
 2:00 pm Piano Recital  
 4:30 pm UMYF  
 6:00 pm CONNECT - Worship Service

## MONDAY, MAY 21

6:30 pm Girl Scouts  
 7:00 pm Cub Scout LPM

## TUESDAY, MAY 22

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship  
 6:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
 8:00 pm AA

## THURSDAY, MAY 24

7:00 pm Day Care Pre-K Graduation  
 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting

## FRIDAY, MAY 25

4:00 pm Rose's Supper

## SATURDAY, MAY 26

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

## SUNDAY, MAY 27

8:30 am Worship  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship  
 4:30 pm UMYF  
 6:00 pm CONNECT - Worship Service

## MONDAY, MAY 28

### MEMORIAL DAY

### CHURCH OFFICE | DAY CARE CLOSED

## TUESDAY, MAY 29

5:15 pm Day Care Board Meeting  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship  
 6:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
 8:00 pm AA

## THURSDAY, MAY 31

10:00 am Recital Set-up  
 12:00 pm Recital Rehearsal



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 and satisfy the faint.*  
*Jeremiah 31:25*





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## Birthdays

5/1 Graham Garner  
5/1 Jane Elizabeth Johnson  
5/2 Allie Pietrowski  
5/3 Eley Duke, IV  
5/3 Sarah Catlett  
5/4 Peggy Bradshaw  
5/4 Doreen Davis  
5/8 Griffin Duggan  
5/8 Jack Webb  
5/8 Angela Venable  
5/9 Robert Tompert  
5/9 Connor Zydron  
5/10 Bowman Browne  
5/10 Charnell Blair  
5/11 Jodi Browne  
5/11 Dylan Smyth  
5/12 Penn Birdsong  
5/12 Carrington Wentz  
5/12 Tunisia Matthews  
5/12 Phillip LaRose  
5/12 Courtney Gibbs  
5/12 Chris Tenorio

5/13 Mallory Walker  
5/14 Ralph Branchaud  
5/14 Cole Browne  
5/14 Billy Hill  
5/15 John Yauger  
5/15 Trevor Boyd  
5/17 McLemore Birdsong  
5/17 Pamela Fuller  
5/17 Beth Newman  
5/18 Clifford Smith  
5/18 Lachlan Johnston  
5/19 Aubrey Callis  
5/20 Marie Bowman  
5/20 Angela Mills  
5/20 Mary Grass  
5/21 Patrick Suttle  
5/22 Fred Hart  
5/24 Paul Hogg  
5/25 Barbara O'Berry  
5/25 Kim Wagner  
5/25 Chase Brooks  
5/26 Barbara McPhail  
5/26 Paul Callis  
5/26 Binford Parker  
5/27 Taylor Conner  
5/27 Steven Clark

5/28 Lalona Saunders  
5/28 Rixey Smith  
5/28 Frank Birdsong  
5/29 Zachary Crytzer  
5/29 John Bivins  
5/30 Ann Greene  
5/30 Emily Hill  
5/31 David Eure  
5/31 Robert Flintoff  
5/31 Alyssa Bossick



## Anniversaries

05/06 Lew & Ann Carr  
05/07 Tommy & Marion Hines  
05/12 David & Christel Hoy  
05/14 Elliott & Barbara Haverty  
05/17 Anthony & Sarah McPhail Giacometti  
05/18 Tom & Linda Argust  
05/20 Everett & Miriam Birdsong  
05/22 Robbie & Shellee Stevens  
05/26 Steve & Courtney Jackson  
05/28 Steven & Laura Clark  
05/29 Don & Harriette Albritton

## A BIG THANK YOU

from the Golf Tournament Committee to everyone who helped, gave time and/or money and prayed for our success! Details of the outcome will be published soon.

In God's Love and Care,

David Askew & Marie Baker



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## THE MAIN THING AT MAIN STREET...

The Main Thing at Main Street in May is Missions! What is our mission anyway? The mission, the purpose, of the United Methodist Church, from our Book of Discipline is *to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*. How do we do that? The Discipline goes on to state: *We proclaim the good news of God's grace and by exemplifying Jesus' command to love God and neighbor, thus seeking the fulfillment of God's reign and realm in the world*.

So, this is not just about saving ourselves, by professing Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, but responding in gratitude to what God through Christ has given to us. Mission requires us to move beyond ourselves in whatever way we are able to transform the world.

John's vision in the Book of Revelation 21 is the Holy City coming down out of heaven from God, because God wants to live among us! - "The home of God is among mortals!" This is extraordinary! So if God is going to move in among us, what

kinds of preparation will we make?

If I prepare for a guest at my house, "crisis cleaning" occurs. Things that I have not touched for weeks (probably months) find a new place. The grass is mowed, the house is vacuumed and space is remodeled and set aside for my guest. Then I provide myself as a listening ear and a willing participant in things in which my guests are interested. I usually do a little research in their interests so that I am able to assist as a guide.

If God the Father, Jesus the Son, or the Holy Spirit moves in, then how will you interpret your life and your work? I would like to be able to say "I am on a mission

for you! I am following your directions to go into all the world to preach the Gospel! I preach the Gospel with words as a last resort, but everywhere I can, through love and action. I dedicate my time and resources so that everyone will know your love and experience your saving grace. You know, I enjoy providing ways for people to meet you in their everyday lives."

For me, this is what mission is all about- glorifying God by providing for people's basic needs of food, water and shelter; glorifying God by providing justice in a world that increasingly glorifies greed and injustice; and by glorifying God by being a mentor and a guide. (Micah 6:8)

