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NATIONAL
BACK TO
CHURCH
SUNDAY™



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SEPT 16

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Back to Church Sunday, September 16, 10:30 am & 6:00 pm

INVITE someone to come back to church or to come experience church for the first time. We have invitation cards available for you to use. Invitation cards will be distributed on September 2 & 9 at all services.

A PLACE TO BELONG... Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place and we have prepared a place for you.

- Students bring your backpacks to participate in the 10:30 am processional and for a blessing of the backpacks during both worship services!
- Third Graders will receive their Bibles.
- Barbeque & Hot Dog Lunch following the 10:30 am service - Pastor Rich likes to cook and will provide his special barbecued pork butts. Donations for lunch will go to the United Methodist Men's *Rise Against Hunger* project.

- Bounce House fun for kids!

A PLACE TO BECOME... Build relationships and grow in your faith walk through the ministries at Main Street.

- Discover the opportunities available for spiritual growth through Sunday small group classes, Bible studies, music programs, and other ministry programs at Main Street.

- Ministry Fair highlights the opportunities for spiritual growth through Sunday small group classes, Bible studies, music programs, and other ministry programs at Main Street. Sign up during this time for your special interests.

A PLACE TO REACH OUT... Become God's feet and hands in the world by serving through one of the many missions sponsored by Main Street.

- To Volunteer fill out the *Called to Serve* handout that will be distributed along with the ministry booklet during the services on Sunday, September 16.

Leaders of different outreach ministries will be available to answer questions and help you find the place where you are comfortable and can make a difference in someone's life.





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BRING A CHAIR - SERVICE WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE
Experience worship in a whole new way!

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CONNECT@
EXPERIENCE WORSHIP **6 PM**

Students bring your backpacks to participate in the blessing of the backpacks during the CONNECT Worship Service! Third Graders will receive their Bibles.

“ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, AND GO!”

A Note From Pastor Rich Meiser, Jr.



Dear Friends,

I love the summer months; vacations, family time, the beach, trips to the mountains, and kayak trips down lazy mountain rivers. No wonder we have the saying “those lazy days of summer.” It is a good time of year. With all that said, I also enjoy the coming of fall and the excitement of back-to-school. There

is an energy that comes with the return of fall and the crazy schedules for many families. Sometimes it feels like we are at the starting line waiting for the command - “on your mark, get set, and GO!” Many will take a deep breath and start with much energy and enthusiasm; the key is maintaining that energy and enthusiasm. We will fill in our calendars and try to stick to all the commitments. As you begin that process, may I offer some encouragement? Please make sure you add time for the worship of God. When we center our lives in the goodness of God’s love through Jesus Christ, everything else seems to fall into place. Jesus said, “But seek first his kingdom and righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matthew 6:33). This was in response to full schedules and worries about making sure all our needs are fulfilled.

Back to Church Sunday is a perfect time for us to refocus and “seek first” God’s goodness and God’s kingdom. I like to put it this way: Instead of adding God to

our list of priorities, God should be the paper on which we write our list. Whenever we add God to a list it is easy to move God around on that list. Sometimes God is first and others times God may move “down” a bit. But if God is the source and “grounding” of all our activities, God will let us know what needs to give in order to keep running the race with perseverance. Please join us Sunday, September 16 for a great day of celebration as we “kick off” a new season at Main Street UMC. It will be a great opportunity for you to find your place at Main Street. There will be a Ministry Fair before our 10:30 am service. The various ministries of the church will be in the Atrium with information to help you decide where you best “fit in.” I look forward to seeing you and getting to know you better as we serve the community of Suffolk together.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Rich

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH



PLARN YARN... What is that?

It is plastic grocery bags that have been cut and turned into “yarn”. Yes, plastic yarn. It is a wonderful way to recycle bags and help the homeless at the same time. Betty Michael brought this concept to Main Street and we quickly picked up the project through our Helping Hands Ministry.

While visiting Florida last year and seeing so many homeless people, she asked the Lord to lead her to something that she could do to help them. Sure enough, the very next day she read about a project that had started in Florida to create mats to give to the homeless so they would not have to lie on bare, hard surfaces. The mats are made from plastic bags that are folded, cut, tied together and then crocheted into 6 x 3 mats. These

mats can be rolled up and easily carried from place to place by those folks who need them. They provide a dry, fairly comfortable surface on which to lie.

In addition to the Helping Hands ministry adopting this project, Betty asked another church member, Sarah Catlett, if she would be interested in having her students at Kings Fork Middle school participate. Sarah said yes, and the students are now involved in “Operation Bedroll”. A local senior living complex, Lake Prince Woods, has also become involved in making the bedrolls. Operation Bedroll is now being started at other churches too.

What a wonderful ministry! In addition to helping people in need, many people are able to be involved in the process.

How can you be involved? Save your bags, learn how to cut and tie the bags and then crochet them together. As keepers of God’s earth, we are also keeping the bags out of the landfill.

Thank you Betty for responding to a nudge from God!

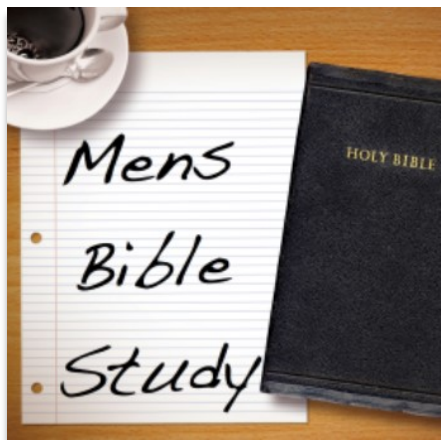
RISE AGAINST HUNGER FOOD PACKAGING EVENT [OCTOBER 20, 2018]

Sponsored by the United Methodist Men of Main Street

The goal is to raise \$4,000 which will enable us to package approximately 13,608 meals! Currently, the United Methodist Men have raised \$1,205.08. They will sponsor the **Back to Church Barbeque lunch** and you can make a donation at that time or you can make a donation now.

Now recruiting volunteers for this fun event. Contact Greg Brown at 757-630-9278.





MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

[WEDNESDAY EVENINGS @ 7 PM]

Men! Did you know we are offering a men's Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm? We are going through the Bible and are currently studying the book of Genesis; on September 19 we will begin the study of Exodus. Please join us in classroom #4 (downstairs). Come when you can and enjoy the discussion, conversation and fellowship. Let's get the word out, and invite someone to attend!

CLASS REUNION

[FOR ALL MAIN STREET TEENS]

[WHEN] September 16 at 9:30 am, breakfast at 9:45 - 4 week class begins

[WHERE] Youth Room at Main Street

[WHO] Jr. & Sr. High Students

[TOPIC] The Teachings of Jesus

[TEACHERS] Megan Taliaferro, Libby Hiner, Joanne Wunderlich, Andrew and Maggie McCauley

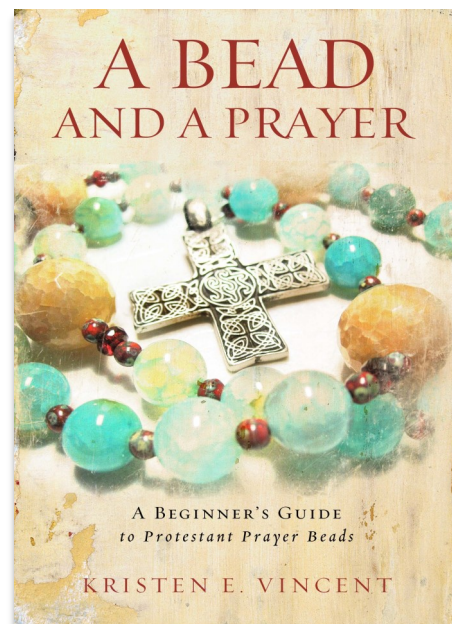
[CONTACT] Joe Webb at 934-2059

SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

[INFORMAL & FUN - JOIN US!]

The Transition Team is pleased to sponsor small group gatherings in different homes across the city in order for us to become better acquainted with Pastor Rich and Colleen. We have organized groups according to neighborhoods or regions. Most of these gatherings will take place on a Tuesday evenings. They are meant to be informal and fun. Light refreshments may be served and we know that Pastor Rich loves pie!

If you would like to host one of these gatherings please contact Barbara at 757-539-8751 or email her at barbara@mainstumc.org.



PRAYER BEADS WORKSHOP

[SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 | 4 PM]

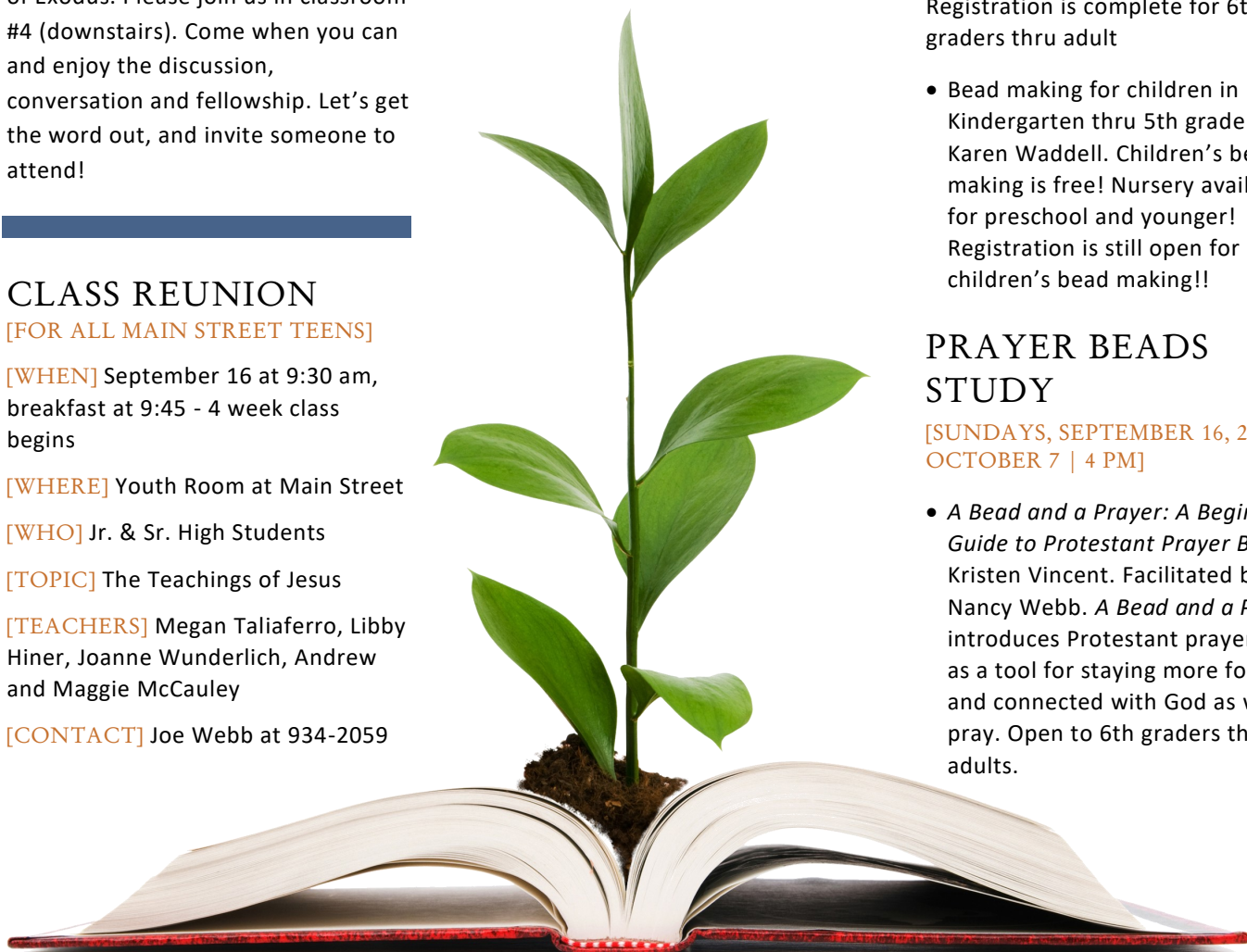
Registration is complete for 6th graders thru adult

- Bead making for children in Kindergarten thru 5th grade led by Karen Waddell. Children's bead making is free! Nursery available for preschool and younger! Registration is still open for children's bead making!!

PRAYER BEADS STUDY

[SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 16, 23, 30 & OCTOBER 7 | 4 PM]

- *A Bead and a Prayer: A Beginner's Guide to Protestant Prayer Beads* by Kristen Vincent. Facilitated by Nancy Webb. *A Bead and a Prayer* introduces Protestant prayer beads as a tool for staying more focused and connected with God as we pray. Open to 6th graders thru adults.



PRAYER LIST UPDATE

PRAYER: Sandra Leggett Wilson, Caroline Simmons, Marie Kennedy, Phyllis Pruden, Brenda Luster, The Lee family, Otto Wegman, Sue Birdsong, Trenton Bishop, Verna Loar, All students, faculty and staff; Stan Waterfield, Cameron Grant, Phyllis Goin, Kenny Smith, Paula Bishop, Harold Barrett, Erin McPherson, Rev. Bob Hauck, Bill Rutter, Dave Reilly, Lynn Barrett

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

SYMPATHY: Family of Beverly Grover (Sister of Gail Williams, Mother of Tina Buck); Family of Caroline Simmons (relative of Tess Popik); Family of Jodie Linkous (Suffolk school teacher)

CANCER: Janis Greene, Betty Sowell, Kate Rhoads, Brenda Atkins, Ralph

Knapp, Nick Cleary, Wilma Babich, Juel Carr, 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, Connie Brooks, 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

SKILLED CARE: 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 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

MUSIKGARTEN CLASSES [SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2018]



MUSIKGARTEN
4 week summer sessions during July and August

MUSIKGARTEN 15 WEEK FALL SESSIONS

FAMILY MUSIC FOR BABIES

newborn to 16 months

MONDAYS, SEPT 10 - DEC 17 | 9:30 - 10:00 AM

COST \$160.00 tuition + \$40 materials

FAMILY MUSIC FOR MIXED AGES

mixed ages, 16 months to 5 years

TUESDAYS, SEPT 4 - DEC 11 | 9:30 - 10:00 AM

COST \$160.00 tuition + \$35 materials

To register for classes please visit the Musikgarten website at www.musikgartenatcsl.org. For more information please contact certified/licensed teacher, Marj Setnicky, at 757.582.3978 or marjsetnicky560@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER 2018 [CALENDAR OF EVENTS]

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

6:00 pm CONNECT Worship Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

LABOR DAY

Church Office | Day Care Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:30 am Musikgarten

9:30 am UMW Leadership Meeting

6:30 pm Evening UMW Meeting

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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, SEPTEMBER 6

7:00 pm Connect Team Meeting

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

TASTE OF SUFFOLK

3 to 9 pm UMYF Progressive Dinner

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

4:00 pm Prayer Beads Workshop

6:00 pm CONNECT Worship Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:30 am Musikgarten

5 to 8 pm Cub Scouts Chick-fil-A Fundraiser

6:30 pm Girl Scouts

6:30 pm Finance Committee Mtg.

7:30 pm Church Council

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:30 am Musikgarten

10:00 am UMW Meeting

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

7:00 pm SPPRC Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00 pm Christian Women's Book Club

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am One Worship Service

Lunch to follow

4:00 pm A Bead and A Prayer Bible Study

4:00 pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting

4:30 pm UMYF

6:00 pm CONNECT Worship Service Outdoor Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:30 am Musikgarten

6:30 pm Girl Scouts

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:30 am Musikgarten

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

6:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

8:00 pm AA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00 pm Connect Team Meeting

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 am UMYF | Mr. Olson's Yard Cleanup

11:00 am Salvation Army Kitchen

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

4:00 pm A Bead and A Prayer Bible Study

4:30 pm UMYF

6:00 pm CONNECT Worship Service

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:30 am Musikgarten

5:15 pm Day Care Board Meeting

7:00 pm Cub Scout LPM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:30 am Musikgarten

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

10:00 am Happy Hands Fellowship

6:00 pm Covenant Prayer Group

7:00 pm Men's Bible Study

8:00 pm AA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

4:00 pm Rose's Supper

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 pm AA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship

4:00 pm A Bead and A Prayer Bible Study

6:00 pm CONNECT Worship Service



Dear Main St. Church Family,

It was so good to be back "home" at Main Street. It was great seeing many of you.

It was a pleasure for me once again to share God's Word. You are truly a big part of our family. We love you all. Thanks so much for the generous gift! You all are special!

Blessings - Bob and Susan

[BIRTHDAYS]

9/1 Leah Powell
 9/1 Bitsy Hallman
 9/2 Paige McCauley
 9/3 Jamie McLemore
 9/3 Sarah Spiker
 9/4 Cabell Birdsong
 9/4 Massimo Soto
 9/5 Charles Birdsong
 9/5 Ginny Blair
 9/5 Mary Beth Johnson
 9/6 Brook Birdsong
 9/7 Miriam Birdsong
 9/7 Paula Bishop
 9/7 Jacque Edwards
 9/7 Pam Hill
 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
 9/14 James Blair
 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
 9/25 Phil McPhail
 9/25 Eley Duke
 9/25 Anthony Agnese
 9/26 Sarah Barnhill
 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 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



JOIN US AT FAMILY NIGHT!

People like you make our fundraiser better. We appreciate that. Stop by and present this form at the Main Street Chick-fil-A and we will make a donation to your scout pack.

Cub Scout Pack 1 | September 10, 2018 | 5 - 8 pm

Card must be presented to the cashier at time of purchase.

AMOUNT: \$ _____

NO CARDS TO BE HANDED OUT IN STORE OR SUFFOLK PLAZA

CUB SCOUT PACK 1 FUNDRAISER!

Please support our Pack 1 Cub Scouts at their fund raiser at Chick-fil-A on Monday, September 10, from 5 to 8 pm. You MUST take a coupon with you (see coupon on left) and present it at time of purchase. There are more coupons on the Welcome Table in the Atrium. Please share with friends!

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Come, Join the Fun! - Don't forget to R.S.V.P.

MAIN STREET UMYF **Progressive Dinner**

Saturday, September 8 @ 3pm-9pm
Bring swimsuit & towel | RSVP by September 2

We will meet and return at Main Street UMC. For more information or to RSVP, please email Mark Popik at mapopik@yahoo.com or 757.537.2842

