



# *The Main Street* MESSENGER

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# COME TO ME,

*And I will give you rest.*

Greetings Friends,

As I shared in the video this past week, we have many ways for you to join us for worship and discipleship classes. Whether it is in-person worship at 8:30, livestream worship on Facebook at 11 am, later in the week on our webpage at <https://mainstumc.org/worship/>, Sunday school class at 10 am, or Tuesday nights at 7 PM for a Zoom book study, you can be engaged with our church. These are all great ways to stay connected with the people of Main Street Church. We are constantly looking for ways to improve our ministry in these unprecedented times.

As a result of looking for ways to improve our ministry, we have recently sent out a survey about times and attendance at the two worship services. Thank you for the amazing responses to the survey. We will take some time to compile the responses, have a Healthy Church Team meeting and make

adjustments or improvements as needed. If you are currently not connected to these ministries through the internet, please let us know so we can make arrangements to keep you connected in ways that work for you. It is important to let us know because we don't know how much longer we will be in Stage 2 of the Conference Protocol in response to COVID-19.

I also shared in this past week's video that I will begin the next step in my treatment for prostate cancer at the beginning of August. I will be receiving external beam radiation for 5-6 weeks. The treatments will be in Richmond at the Massey Cancer Center. Because of the daily trips to Richmond, Monday through Friday, we have decided to have a "backup" for me. Rev. Ellen Comstock will be available to cover for pastoral emergencies and to preach several Sundays during this time. You may remember that Ellen was interim pastor between Pastor

Myrtle and myself. I covet your prayers during these next several weeks and look forward to the time I will be able to be fully present again.

As I have read Matthew's gospel several times over these past few weeks, I'm convinced that Jesus calls us to an abundant life. At the end of chapter 11, Jesus offers one of the most reassuring and comforting invitations I have ever received. Matt. 11:28-30 *"Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."* When we turn to Jesus we can find rest for our souls, even in the midst of a pandemic, social unrest, and personal angst.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Rich



# CONFIRMATION & REACH 2020



## CONFIRMATION 2020

Jesus teaches us in Matthew 25 that whatever we do for the least of these, we have done for him. This year's confirmation class (Jackson Henry, Michael McPherson, Gracie Finn Eure, Buddy Baker), Pastor Rich, and our intern Meredith Webb discussed this lesson when they gathered for a day of service on Saturday the 18th of July. Our confirmands discussed who were "the least of these" and why it is important to care for them and show them the love of Christ. A little compassion can go a long way, and during this pandemic we have seen outpourings of compassion as well as times when we could have used a little more. The Confirmation Class helped Main Street show even more compassion for our community members who may be experiencing homelessness or facing a tough situation right now. The Confirmation Class packaged 25 care packages to be stored at the church that will be handed out at the church staff's discretion to



those who may seek help from the church. The confirmands helped to choose and shop for the supplies for these care packages as well as sort and package everything. Included in each care package, is a bottle of water, a small sack, a gift card to a local fast food restaurant, socks, a face mask, travel sizes of hand sanitizer, mouthwash, and deodorant, and a list of local resources that people can go to for further assistance. The group had to go to several

different places to hunt down all the supplies they needed but they did so with joy, patience and compassion. Thanks to the confirmation class of 2020, Main Street will be able to serve our community in a new way!



## REACH 2020

Seven years ago I signed up for the UMYF summer mission trip in Roanoke, VA run by an organization called REACH. It was an experience that changed my life and put me on a winding path towards my calling in ministry. This summer, I got the be one of the adult leaders to take a youth to the same places that mean so much to me. I have been on several mission trips since then, but there was something special about this one. I believe it was *(continued on next page)*



# REACH 2020 & MEALS ON WHEELS



## REACH 2020

because there were just three of us; including myself, our youth Kate Holland, and our leader Mark Popik. We got to spend intentional, quality time with one another and enjoy a few days of service and each other's company.

REACH is currently flipping two houses in downtown Roanoke with the hope of them becoming a home for families to live in and also have some extra space to rent. We had the opportunity to learn a lot about the project and work on it a bit ourselves! We spackled and sanded spots on the walls and ceilings that needed some TLC as well as priming and painting the ceiling in one of the bathrooms. Where I believe God really used us as his hands and feet that week, however, was at the Christian Soldiers Food Bank. I remember serving there in 2013 when I first went to Roanoke. Back then it was all about the people we were serving, but this time it was about the people who

volunteer countless days and hours to make sure those who are hungry are fed. As we sorted through produce, we learned that some volunteers had been working there four days a week, every week for 20 years. As we packaged food to be sent out to people waiting in line, stories of times when the volunteers themselves stood in line were shared; and it became obvious that there is a deep sense of gratitude for this place among the volunteers. As we lugged heavy boxes and sorted through even more food, we learned that these volunteers were family and they tease, and laugh, and love each other. It is a well-oiled machine that is vital to the livelihood of thousands of people every month, and we were blessed to have been a part of it even just for a short time.

In the evenings, we filled our time with fun and food. We enjoyed cooking together, watching movies, playing

Monopoly, going to the Mill Mountain Star, and riding scooters through downtown Roanoke. On our last night, our host Tim Dayton came and shared a sacred REACH tradition in which you are challenged to use your eyes, ears, mouth, and hands to serve humbly and embody Christ's love. This is not an easy challenge, yet it is one that was accepted by our small team of three in a unique time and place where we experienced God in a big way.

-Meredith Webb

### *A quote from our youth Kate Holland:*

"My favorite part of the mission trip would definitely have to be when we rode electric scooters through downtown Roanoke. It was something I never thought I would have so much fun doing. The most impactful moment was when we went to the local food bank and learned about all the people who run it and the stories behind them. They were incredible and such hardworking and positive folks. It was amazing to hear how many people and amounts of food they serve in such little time. It was definitely a great first mission trip and a week I'll remember forever!"

-Kate Holland



## MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS HELP!

There is a desperate need for additional drivers to deliver meals for Meals on Wheels! If God is nudging you to volunteer some of your time to help deliver meals to the needy in our community, please contact Jacque Edwards as soon as possible at 757-809-5602. Thank you for the generous gift of your time!



# MEET OUR NEW PROPERTY MANAGER

*Eric Lamont Hyman, Sr.*



Eric Lamont Hyman Sr. was born December 19, 1968 to the parents of Carver Hyman and Bernadette Hyman in Suffolk, Virginia. He has three brothers and two sisters. Eric graduated from John F. Kennedy High School. After graduating high school, he furthered his education at Virginia Union University. He

obtained a degree in Political Science with a minor in Criminal Justice. He is a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated.

Eric is a retired Senior Probation and Parole Officer Sex Offender Specialist. He worked for the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Corrections for 22 years. Eric is a person who coordinates, leads, trains, and develops ideas or suggestions within his job. Eric has accomplished many achievements. Eric attended various trainings; he served as the GPS Coordinator, and was the point of contact for the Sex Offender Team in District 6. Eric is a very dedicated person on the job and off the job.

During Eric's spare time he has several hobbies that consist of

traveling, reading, (especially History) Eric is known as the "Walking History Book", sports, volunteering, working out at the gym, and most of all Eric has a passion for helping people.

Eric has been inspired to have his own business entitled Hyman and Hyman LLC. which is a professional cleaning business for over 11 years.

Following Eric Hyman's achievements and endeavors, he has a beautiful family. He has been married to Venise Whitfield-Hyman for 20 years. They have four children and two granddaughters.

Eric gives all the glory to GOD for all his many accomplishments.

Eric often recites a famous quote which is "Life is too short, enjoy it to the fullest".

WHOOO  
ARE YOU?



Directions: Look carefully at the puzzle to find and circle all the words.

F	T	R	N	I	Y	R	X	R	N
B	R	K	E	J	J	X	I	V	D
M	C	I	L	N	W	W	L	L	F
E	X	H	E	M	S	V	B	O	N
U	U	B	I	N	Y	C	E	V	F
E	Q	R	Q	L	D	H	L	E	A
W	Q	E	U	U	D	R	I	D	I
M	J	E	S	U	S	I	E	H	T
V	T	Y	O	U	D	S	V	I	H
K	T	T	R	U	S	T	E	G	B

You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.  
Galatians 3:26



# AUGUST 2020 [BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES]

## [BIRTHDAYS]

8/1 Paris Scott	8/11 Toni Gardy	8/20 Anne-Perry Harrell
8/1 Clay Hardee	8/11 Linda New	8/21 Anne Cabell Pearce
8/3 Rhett Irby	8/11 Cassie King	8/22 Jackie Williams
8/3 Caroline Barnes	8/11 Sara Henry	8/23 Harold Barrett
8/3 Kristin Johnston	8/11 George Huber	8/23 Adelynn Zydron
8/4 Joanne Wunderlich	8/12 Gail Williams	8/25 Janet Lambert
8/5 Kim Butler	8/14 Jacob Branchaud	8/25 Susan Pruden
8/6 Laura Austin	8/14 Steve Gunter	8/25 Tyler Carlile
8/6 Emily Argust	8/14 Emmette Claire Bartlett	8/25 Danny Farley
8/7 William Lawrence	8/14 Tom Taliaferro	8/26 Robert Solomon
8/7 Corey Russell	8/14 Keith Johnston	8/26 Sarah Catherine Giacometti
8/7 Lila Pretlow	8/14 Donna Rogers	8/27 Karen Gunter
8/8 Violet Johnston	8/16 Meredith Russell	8/27 Anne Jackson
8/9 Julius Henschel	8/16 Camille Harrell	8/27 Demi Naylor
8/9 Martin Henschel	8/17 Gwyneth Zanter	8/29 Jack Eure
8/10 Jane Stancill	8/17 Ava Giacometti	8/29 Kristin Irwin
8/10 Robbie Stevens	8/18 Michael Cutchin	8/29 Sylvia Talley
8/10 Marty Irvine	8/19 Whitney Saunders	8/29 Miller Cary
8/10 Kathi Handy	8/19 Kinley Michael	8/30 Will Crenshaw
	8/20 Morgan Garcia	8/30 Megan Hindman

## [ANNIVERSARIES]

8/1 Eric & Angela Venable
8/6 Mac & Amy Birdsong
8/7 Bruce & Kathy Salsbury
8/10 Dutch & Ann Greene
8/12 Jeffrey & Patricia Forman
8/12 Charles & Carol Lynn Shotton
8/14 Mac & Sandra Birdsong
8/15 Jeffrey & Toni Gardy
8/15 Dillard & Judy Horton
8/15 Bob & Susan Parks
8/18 Randy & Robbin Hicks
8/23 Bev & Brenda Cox
8/24 John & Susan Pruden
8/25 Whitney & Ellen Saunders
8/26 Warren & Penny Birdsong
8/29 Corey & Margaret Russell

## PRAYER LIST UPDATE

**RECENT PRAYER:** 7/26/20: Cheri Harrell Anthony, all those affected by COVID-19, Larry and Betty Hudson, Rebecca Musser, Darma Hedrick, William Murphy, Robin Decker, Brenda Cox, Carolyn Hurst, Matthew Agnese, Tom Buxton, Lydia Duke, Jacquelyn Catlett, Bob Callis, Pastor Rich, doctors and nurses; social justice, unity and peace;

**SYMPATHY:** Family of Jeffrey Word (Son of Yvonne Word)

**ONGOING:** Steve Clark, Sylvia Funkhouser, Bob Catlett, Heather Lawrence, Leila & Bob Tompert, Michael McPherson and Family, Lee Bowman, Lucas Lawrence, Joseph

Medeiros, Stan Waterfield, Trenton Bishop, Juanita Colley, Carolyn Davis, Bobby Cullop

**CANCER:** 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, Cheri Lane, Al Bremer, Diane Liles, Linda Harper, Faye Askew, Lois Barker, Angela Seed, Dave O'Neill, David Holloway, Judy Calfee, David Hollowell, Craig Holland, Christine Duran, Rod Rodrigues, Melaine Medeiros, Carol Coleman, Mary Lou Hedgepeth, Judy Holland, Kelly Grier (Ferguson)

Coston, Fran Holland, Anita Nelson, June Adcock, Heather Carr, Dolores Farrero, Robert Wilson, Susan Shea, Jessica Chamberlain, Julie Nance, Michael McClung, Marshall Thomas, Jill Harris, John Nodeen, Michael Barrett, Richard J. Peko, Nancy Pike, Bill Pollock, Roland Word, Thelma Johnson, Shannon Rivera, Juel Carr, Nancy Spring Parker

**SKILLED CARE:** Bill Gallant, Doug McPhail

**HOMEBOUND:** Melanie French, Jean Sutphin

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OF MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## 2020 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

### JULY 2020 [1-29]

Average Worship Attendance: - 115 Facebook  
Live and website viewers; 21 In-Person 8:30  
Average Sunday School Attendance: 40+  
Zoom participants  
2020 Operating Budget: \$530,971  
Received YTD Tithes & Offerings: \$261,915  
YTD Expenses: \$276,556

### JUNE 2020

Average Worship Attendance: - 150 Facebook  
Live and website viewers; 22 In-Person 8:30  
Average Sunday School Attendance: 40+ Zoom  
participants  
2020 Operating Budget: \$530,971  
Received YTD Tithes & Offerings: \$213,735  
YTD Expenses: \$248,793

### MAY 2020

Average Worship Attendance: - 150 Facebook  
livestream and website viewers  
Average Sunday School Attendance: 40+  
Zoom participants  
2020 Operating Budget: \$530,971  
Received YTD Tithes & Offerings: \$183,358  
YTD Expenses: \$219,071

## 4 WAYS TO GIVE



ONLINE



SMART  
PHONE



SUNDAY



MAIL