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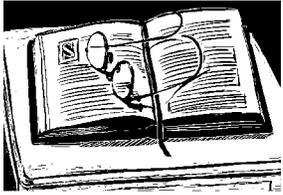
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Pastor Linda's Study Talk

Welcome Home

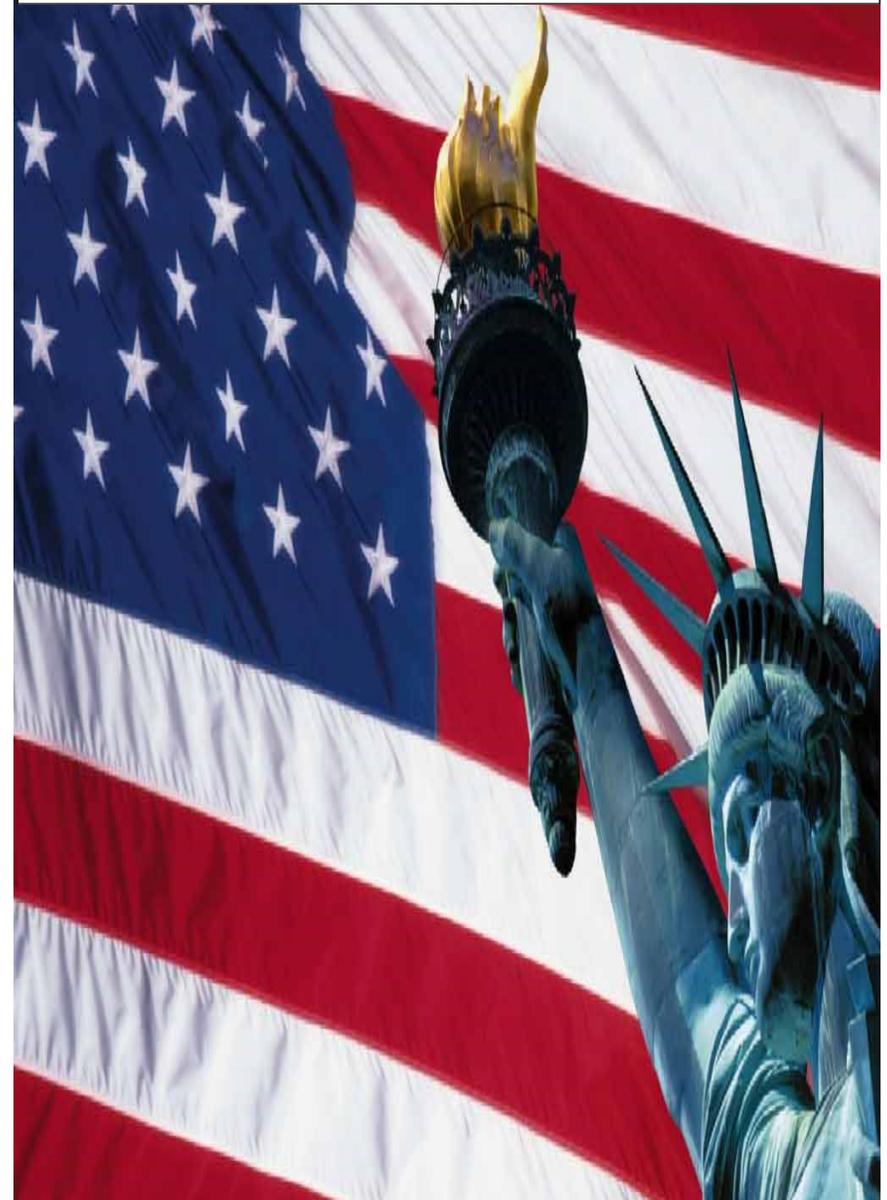
“Welcome home” are the sweetest words to hear after a long journey to distant places.

That’s how David and I felt when we heard the wonderful news of appointment to Main Street UMC and a move to beautiful Waynesboro. A dream come true! As we met with MSUMC’s SPRC in May, one member of the committee said “you’re home now” and our hearts filled with happiness. Indeed we are and we look forward to many good years of shared life as we grow together in Christ.

David and I have been married for 37 years and have three grown children. David is Director of Chaplaincy at Salina Regional Health Center in Salina, Kansas. He is finishing up a doctoral paper for his DMin program and looks forward to moving to Waynesboro by the end of 2016. He will be then be looking toward teaching and part time chaplaincy. David and I met in seminary and have served churches in North Carolina, Indiana, Virginia (Roanoke, Martinsville, Danville) and Kansas and hospitals (David) in Virginia and Kansas. We lived in Qom, Iran in 2007-2008 as part of a Christian-Muslim Exchange brokered by the Mennonite Central Committee and have a passion for interfaith friendship and dialogue and maintain deep bonds with Christians in the Middle East.

Our daughter Abigail is a clinical psychologist in the Air Force, stationed in Ogden, Utah at Hill AFB. She is extroverted and funny and loves to cook. Josh has enjoyed both cooking and health administration and is a passionate soccer player. He will be staying in Kansas to work for the next few months before returning home to Richmond. Andrew has worked in hospital administration for Bon Secours in Richmond for the past three years, and will begin his MHA at George Mason University in August. Right after college Andrew taught English for two years as a Volunteer in Mission at a Methodist school in Iquique, Chile. You will meet all three (and their beloveds) as time goes by.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA
GOD BLESS AMERICA**



Youth Ministry

For questions or more information on any youth activities, contact Kaersten Aylor, Youth Director at 434-989-1878 or kpa004@eagles.bridgewater.edu



Hello all!

My name is Kaersten Aylor, and I am the new youth director for the church. I graduated from Bridgewater College in May, and received a B.S. degree in Family and Consumer Sciences with a concentration in Child Development and a minor in Social Work. During my time at Bridgewater, I was a member of the gospel choir and a member of the Seekers bible study group. Being a part of these two groups gave me wonderful opportunities to meet wonderful people who wanted to praise God just as much as I did through music and study. I also interned at the WARM house here in Waynesboro during my last semester at school. I knew that I wanted to continue working in a religious setting, so I am very excited to be able to work with the youth here and have an impact in your faith journeys.

Blessings,
Kaersten

Youth Calendar:

July 12th & July 23rd: We will provide meals for the Waynesboro Generals after their games.



We wish birthday happiness to those who have birthdays in July and early August.

BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

If you haven't already informed the office of your birthday and wish to be included in future listings of birthdays, please call the office at 540-942-1179 and inform us of your special day. Thanks.

Bekah O'Dell	07/02	Paris Hutchinson	07/17
Lloyd Dollins	07/03	Karen Curry	07/18
Paula Smiley	07/04	Don Johnson	07/20
Stella Hutchinson	07/06	Don Coffey	07/24
Richard Ammons	07/07	Ron Hiserman	07/25
Marjorie Cooper	07/09	Eric Bame	07/28
Laurie Bame	07/10	Judy McKinney	07/28
Rachael O'Dell	07/12	Doris Sandridge	07/30
Melody Kraus	07/13	Lovisa Prescott	07/30
Debbie Richardson	07/14	Peyton Dollins	08/04
Cynthia Scott	07/14	Erin Hicks	08/04
Debra Allen	07/14	Carmen Smith	08/04
Laura Van Patten	07/15	Doris Scott	08/05
Caitlin Davis	07/15	Bob Partridge	08/06

Orville Bame



Orville Bame is remaining as MSUMC organist/pianist, but he will be leaving the position of MSUMC Sexton later this summer. Orville has accepted a position to teach history and piano at Grace Christian School. Orville states that he is grateful for his time as Sexton and looks forward to continuing his music ministry here at Main Street. We thank Orville so much for his years of faithful service as our Church Sexton!

The Church leadership is currently looking into a replacement for the Sexton position and we appreciate your patience.

Main Street Calendar

Worship: Helping People Love God

8:30 am Informal Worship

9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship

Ministry at Augusta Rehab: 10:00 am First Sundays

Ministry at Waynesboro Manor: 9:45 am Third Sundays

Masterpeace Ringers: 4:30 pm Sundays

Genesis Bells: 5:00 pm Sundays

Youth Choir (Middle School, High School): 7:00 pm Sundays

Handbells: 9:00 am Wednesdays

Children's Choir: For ages 3 to 5th grade, 10:20 am Sundays

Adult Choir: 7:00 pm Wednesdays

Praise Band: 8:00 pm Wednesdays

Discipleship: Helping People Grow in Faith

Youth Group Activities: 6:00 pm Sundays

Fellowship Dinners: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Wednesdays

Discipleship Classes: 6:00 pm Wednesdays

Women's Social Concerns Circle: 11:00 am Second Thursdays

Women's Dorcas Circle: 11:00 am Second Thursdays

Women's A.N.G.E.L. Circle: 7:00 pm Fourth Tuesdays

Ministry Teams: Helping People Serve Christ

Church Council: 6:30 pm 3rd Monday of every month

Finance Meeting: 6:00 pm 2nd Tuesday every month

Trustees: 6:00 pm Second Sunday of every other month

"Spire" Volunteers: 9:00 am Last Thursday

Mourning to Morning Grief Support: 4:00 pm Wednesdays

Special Monthly Events

July 4th - Happy Birthday USA

July 12th - Youth - Meal for Waynesboro Generals

July 23rd - Youth - Meal for Waynesboro Generals

For more information on any upcoming events, contact Debbie or Kathy in the church office, 540-942-1179.

Children's Ministry

For questions or more information on any children's activities, contact Amanda Hesbach, Children's Director at alhesbach@gmail.com or 434-953-5549.

Reminder About Children's Summer Sunday School

We are changing up our Sunday School for the summer and wanted everyone to know what the changes will look like.

These changes began on Sunday, June 12th

Preschool will have Sunday School as normal.

All Elementary School children will meet together in the 3rd-5th grade classroom for a combined class.

Classes will still meet from 9:45 – 10:45 am.



Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

I am so grateful to all who helped make our Vacation Bible School a success! This is such an important ministry in the life of our church and I appreciate all of you who were willing to give of your time and talents.

Watch for pictures in the next Spire!

Main Street Kids

Hope all of you are having an amazing summer! Watch your email, the E-Spire, and the bulletin for news of events through the month of July and August.

Looking for Volunteers!

Do you love working with children and teaching them about God?

We have a job for you!

We are looking for people to help us in Children's Church during both services. All the lessons and materials will be provided for you. All you would have to do is come and lead the children in the lesson and have fun with our amazing kids! Please let Amanda know if you are interested!

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Items Needed in the Main Street Pantry



Baking Mix (Bisquick, Corn Muffin Mix, etc.)

The Main Street Food Pantry operates from Monday through Thursday, 9:30 to 11:00 am, to assist people in our community in need of food. Financial or food donations are accepted. Contact Doug Edwards (540-942-3787) or Joe Duncan (540-942-6259) for more information.

Welcome Kathy! We're Glad You're Here!



We are pleased to welcome Kathy Vint to our church staff as our new part-time Administrative Assistant. Kathy comes to us with many years of experience from GE, DuPont/Invista. She is a graduate of Ferrum College with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Secretarial Science. Kathy is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church and has served in many volunteer and

committee capacities there.

Kathy joined us on Thursday, June 23rd, and we look forward to her being a part of our staff. We believe that she and Debbie Richardson will make a wonderful team to represent our church, support the staff, and support you. Kathy already knows many of you from her years in the community and she welcomes all of you to stop by the church office to say "Hi" when you get a chance.

From SPR Committee

Financial Update as of April 30, 2016

<u>Item</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference YTD**</u>
Income:			
Giving	167,489	169,024	(1,535)
Other	30,165	25,876	4,289
Total	197,654	194,900	2,754
Expenses:			
Trustees	16,845	23,233	(6,388)
Church & Office	15,859	19,566	(3,707)
Staff Parish Ministries	65,434	69,996	(4,562)
Ministries	27,699	39,683	(11,984)
Apportionments			
District	1,626	6,504	(4,878)
Conference	<u>5,978</u>	<u>23,913</u>	<u>(17,935)</u>
Total	133,441	182,895	(49,454)
Income Minus Expenses	64,213	12,005	52,208

**For INCOME: If the difference is negative, then the income received is less than projected in the budget. If the number is positive, then the income is greater than projected.

*For EXPENSES: If the difference is negative, then the expenses are under budget. If the difference is positive, then the expenses are over budget.



I am happy to present the above status of our Finances as provided by BFI. A copy of the full report is filed in the church office for anyone to examine. Income is slightly ahead of forecast but will fall behind during the summer months. Expenses are significantly below forecast now. However, as apportionments and some other delinquent items are paid, expenses will increase. In July, we should have sufficient data to determine overall expectations for the year 2016.

The outsourcing of the Treasurer's functions to Business Financials, Inc. of Fishersville that began April 1st, has been accomplished very smoothly. They have been most helpful in resolving many of the concerns that had accumulated in our financial records and performance over the past years going back to 2011.

We entered 2016 with a 21st Century Project debt of \$ 64,064. Thanks to the faithful giving of many, this debt is reducing each month. As of April 30, it is now down to \$ 35,927.

If there are questions about finance, please contact Byron Ford or Bruce Allen.



THOSE SERVING OUR CHURCH THIS MONTH

Taking care of our doors each Sunday morning is . . .

Open: Laurie Bame
Close: Gene Mooney



Our bus teams are
July 3 Rodger & Brenda Daniels
July 10 Eugene & Frances Mooney
July 17 Lew & Murhl Blessing
July 24 Tom & Amy Brown
July 31 Jonathan & Susan White

And our Lay Readers at 11 am for the month are . . .

July 3 Jim McKinney
July 10 Alice Chambers
July 17 Cathy Parrigan
July 24 Suzanne Scheetz
July 31 Holly Andrus



Those delivering CD's to shut-ins are...

July 3 Judy von Bernuth
July 10 Jackie Mann
July 17 Stephanie Schaefer
July 24 Lucy Stultz
July 31 Dot Trott



Any articles or information for the August "Lighted Spire" should be sent to the office no later than July 21. Thank you!

It doesn't take much wisdom to notice that we live as Christians in very challenging times. Our UMC General Conference had more than its usual share of challenges this past May in Portland, OR. This morning I read the news that the United Kingdom has voted to withdraw from the European Union, with economic shock waves already being felt in Europe. Our political process is more fraught than usual as we move toward presidential elections in November. And yet... we are united as Christians at a level the world does not understand. John Wesley reminds us, "Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we cannot be of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the people of God may unite..."

It is to the prayerful task of loving with God's love, being present to the world outside our doors and persevering in the call to build the Reign of God on earth that we give ourselves. Main Street has a rich history and a bright future and I thank God that we are together on the journey. I am eager to visit with you, learn the stories and traditions of Main Street, hear your hopes and desires and discern together what God has in mind for us as his people. God never wastes the time that we freely offer to him.

I'll close with words from CS Lewis:
"But for a Christian, there are strictly speaking, no chances. A secret Master of Ceremonies has been at work. Christ, who said to his disciples, "ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you," can truly say to every group of Christian friends, 'You have not chosen one another, but I have chosen you for one another.' The friendship is not a reward for our discrimination and good taste in finding one another out. It is the instrument by which God reveals to each the beauties of all the others.... At this feast it is He who has spread the board and it is He who has chosen the guests...."

Thank you for welcoming us home, into your midst!

Blessings,

Linda

Pastor Linda