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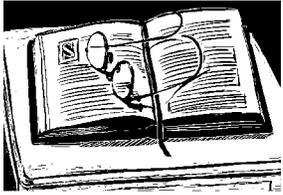
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Pastor Linda's Study Talk

What a joy my first month as pastor of Main Street UMC has been! You've made David and me feel deeply welcomed from our very first days here, with food and friendship and lots of help getting settled in. We are quickly coming to know one another and experiencing energy as we discern the work God is calling us to do together. I'm delighted and grateful to be part of the process. July was a challenging month for Planet Earth, including the United States. Rampant violence, political discord, and mounting chaos can leave us feeling overwhelmed, angry, even hard hearted. The Gospel reminds us that we never want to become what we deplore in others. As Christians, we must remain committed to the common good and for healing and justice for all sides of any divide ("the Bible tells me so"). The truth is that a segment of a community cannot heal without the whole joining in: both genders, all income levels, all ethnicities, all political persuasions. We affirm with our lives as believers that it is possible for wounded and broken people to find common ground and to embrace God's peace together. Now that's a timely mission for the family of Jesus!

I recently found this quote in an old journal of mine: "A wise monk once said, 'I find that in this world what is important is not so much where we stand that counts, but in what direction we are moving.'" Jesus gave us our cardinal compass points: Move toward the Love of God and Love of Neighbor. Let's lean toward both. We will discover in our neighbor the message of life that our Lord intends for us.

On Election Day (November 8), my goal is that our sanctuary be open for Holy Communion and prayer for as long as the polls are open. May we lay down divisiveness and all inflammatory rhetoric at the door and kneel together before our Maker. And then as we go forth to serve, may our hearts be ready to begin passing cold glasses of water and the unconditional love of Jesus to our neighbors, all of them.

In Christ,
Linda
Pastor Linda

School Kit Drive



Since school is starting earlier this year and the tax free dates are August 5-7, we thought we would start our school kit drive for UMCOR earlier to give you a chance to take advantage of that weekend to purchase items. Please pick up a red bag from the Narthex. Instructions are attached to the bag.

Thank you very much for your support.
UMW (Social Concerns Circle)

PC Support



We have a long time church member about to become "the PC guy" for Main Street UMC:

Donald Dollins, so familiar to virtually all of us in his roles in the choir and hand bells, has agreed to take on the volunteer role as Dave Snyder "retires" from the techie job (and thanks a HUGE amount, Dave, for your countless hours and selfless gift of time and talent to a church that isn't your home church!! We truly are appreciative!).

Users of the church network will be seeing more of Donald along with his (same ole as with Dave) backups, Troy Bowie and Richard Ammons, obviously in an expanded, non-musical role.

We salute both men for their service, and look forward to the future!

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

Youth Calendar

August 14th - Promotion Sunday - The 6th graders will be recognized as new members of the youth group

August 21st - Youth and Children's Fall Kickoff - The kickoff will be at 4:00 pm at the parsonage!

August 28th - Meet up for lunch on me! - Come out to New York Flying Pizza after church at 12:30 pm

School Supplies

Donations for school supplies for elementary schools in the area are needed! If anyone in the congregation would like to help out, please bring in anything on this list by August 7 and drop in the box in the main entrance to the Church.

Thanks! Kaersten

- 2 pocket binders
- 1" 3 ring binders
- Tissues
- glue sticks
- #2 pencils
- crayons
- colored pencils
- highlighters
- scissors
- book bags
- lunch boxes
- pencil cases



BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY

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

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.

Peyton Dollins	08/04	Logan Atkins	08/18
Erin Hicks	08/04	Lauren Caulder	08/19
Carmen Smith	08/04	Bill Runkle	08/19
Doris Scott	08/05	Richard Humphrey	08/20
Bob Partridge	08/06	Frank Fletcher	08/20
Ileta Palmer	08/07	Maxine Tolbert	08/21
Jessie Dollins	08/10	Harvey Kelley	08/22
Catherine Parrigan	08/11	Janet Owens	08/23
Doug Edwards	08/13	Ann Walker	08/26
Olivia Brewer	08/15	Julia Lucas	08/28
Scott Lafferty	08/16	Millie Steele	08/31
Rajitha Brewer	08/16	Joyce Miller	09/04
Ann Melinda Humphrey	08/17	Stephanie Schaefer	09/06
Rodney Bradt	08/18	Phyllis Goff	09/06

Teacher's Aide Opening at Main Street Preschool

We are seeking to fill a part-time teacher's aide position for the 2016-2017 school year. The position will require assisting with supervision and daily classroom activities in the 2 year old Butterfly Class and the 3 year old Bluebird Class on Thursday mornings throughout the school year. Applications are available in the church office. Please contact Anne Ramsey at msp.director.msumc@gmail.com if you have any questions.



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

August 7th - Blessing of the Backpacks

August 9th - First Day of School

August 14th - Promotion Sunday

August 21st - Youth & Children's Fall Kickoff

August 28th - Youth Lunch

August 29th & 30th - MSP First Day of School

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.

Children's Calendar

August 7th Blessing of the Backpacks

August 14th Promotion Sunday and Sunday School
Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

August 21st Main Street Kids Kickoff

Children's Church



Many of you have graciously volunteered for Children's Church. I would like to have a **meeting after the 11:00 service on August 7th.** I will serve a light lunch and we can

talk about what Children's Church will look like in the upcoming year and look at everyone's schedules. Please let me know if you can make it or if you cannot but would still like to help at alhesback@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 7th – Both Services
Attention students!

Please bring your backpacks to church on August 7th!



All children and youth will bring their backpacks to the altar and we will have a litany of blessing during the Children's Moment. Let's get ready for the new school year the right way, by praying for our kids, youth, and all who work with them!

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Items Needed in the Main Street Pantry

Spaghetti and Sauce

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.



Mission Committee

The **Mission Committee** will meet with Chair Lisa Meehan and Pastor Linda on **Tuesday, August 9th at 6:30 pm at the Parsonage**. We will look at the next 18 months as we focus on ways to enhance our current missions (**Food Bank and Food Pantry, Christian Housing, Disciples' Kitchen, Thanksgiving Dinner, Nursing Home Worship Services, WARM, Christmas Ministries**) and discern new opportunities before us: **hosting events for Waynesboro Police and at risk youth**, collecting needed items for **WV flood victims** and encouraging our youth in mission events for home repair there, and entering into a **Partnership with "Metodista Paxot 2" in Guatemala**. Paxot 2 is a village of 1500 in the highlands of Guatemala, with a thriving Methodist Church that houses a school for 300 school children. We will pray toward sponsoring school children and a Summer 2017 Mission Team to Guatemala. Interested in supporting missions? Please let Lisa or Pastor Linda know.

Stuff the Bus



Stuff the Bus is only 2 weeks away and we still need volunteers to help us collect school supplies! Children need pens, pencils, folders, backpacks, and much, much more!

United Way of Greater Augusta is partnering with Wal-Mart and the area school systems to "Stuff the Bus", and collect truckloads of back to school items for students in need.

Join us August 5-7, 2016 at Wal-Mart. To sign up as a volunteer, go to http://unitedwayga.galaxydigital.com/aem/general/event/?doc_id=2937 United Way and our partners have worked tirelessly to make this a successful event. Join us as we continue to make a difference in the lives of local families.

Weekday Religious Education in Waynesboro

WRE had 63% participation from students at William Perry and Westwood this year and teachers have had several compliments from parents. They will soon be interviewing new teachers for 2017/2018 to replace those retiring. There was a 2015 deficit of \$22,000 and the school bus has several issues to be taken care of. Donations are always needed and necessary to operate. If you would like this Bible program to continue, please help by supporting it with your donation to:

Weekday Religious Education

P.O. Box 613

Waynesboro, VA 22980

Any questions or concerns may be directed to Pam Stoneburner, President. Her contact phone number is 540-476-3246.

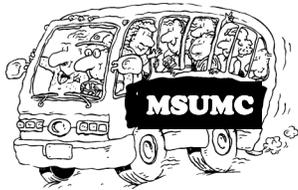




THOSE SERVING OUR CHURCH THIS MONTH

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

Open: Laurie Bame
Close: Richard Ammons



Our bus teams are
August 7 Ron Hiserman & Sue Ball
August 14 Eugene & Frances Mooney
August 21 Lew & Murhl Blessing
August 28 Tom & Amy Brown

Our Lay Readers at 11 am for the month are . . .

August 7 Richard Ammons
August 14 Ron Hiserman
August 21 Debbie Johnson
August 28 Eleanor Duncan



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

August 7 Nancy Woodall
August 14 Brenda Daniels
August 21 Glenda Norford
August 28 Millie Trent



Any articles or information for the September "Lighted Spire" should be sent to the office no later than August 18th. Thank you!

Main Street Kids and Youth Kickoff

August 21st 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

At the Parsonage (2817 Plantation Lane, Waynesboro)

Bring a dish to share. We will provide the rest.



Bounce House, Snow Cone Machine, Games, Music and More !

You do not want to miss this fun event!
Bring a friend and let's have a great time!

Wonderful Wednesdays

Help Needed!!!!!!

We are hoping to get Wonderful Wednesdays going again on September 14th!

This time we are going to pick up kids from school. Then we would do a snack, bible lesson/activity, music and more. It would be from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Here are some things we would need help with:

Drivers – People willing to pick up kids from various schools. Would get a list of kids from Amanda at the church and then pick up kids.

Snack Help – People willing to bring a snack and serve it to the kids or buy a snack for us to serve.

Craft Helpers – Are you great with crafts? We could use your help!

Substitute Helpers – Someone who would be willing to help when Amanda or Dawn have to be out of town.

We will have a planning meeting on Thursday, August 11th at 6:30 p.m.

If you would like to help but cannot attend, please contact me at

alhesbach@gmail.com or 434-953-5549