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From Pastor Linda's Desk

Lent is nearly here. Coming from the Latin word for "lengthen", in the northern hemisphere we notice longer periods of daylight as Lent arrives. **On March 1, Ash Wednesday, we will**

have a 5 pm supper together in the Fellowship Hall. At 7 pm we will have worship in the sanctuary ending with the imposition of ashes as we officially begin our observation of Lent.

How can Lent be most meaningful in your spiritual life? Consider these thoughts from Joe Iovino:

1. Apologize to someone

Lent is a season of repentance. Most often we think of asking God for forgiveness from our sin, but that is only half of the story. Most sins include hurting others, which mattered to Jesus. He taught that if during worship you "remember that your brother or sister has something against you... First make things right with your brother or sister and then come back and offer your gift." (Matthew 5:23-24 CEB). Lent is a great time to seek forgiveness from those we have harmed.

2. Perform random acts of kindness

Express your love for Jesus by loving others. Pay for the order of the person behind you in the drive-through. Give an extravagant tip. Carry gift cards to give away. Ask others how they are doing, then stop and listen to their responses. Share the love of Jesus in any way you can think of each day during Lent.

3. Delve into a book of the Bible

Enhance your devotions by getting to know a book of the Bible well. Read it repeatedly, at least once in a single sitting. Find articles about it. Meditate on it with a commentary. Memorize portions of it. Pray through it. Google sermons about it. Find [hymns based upon it](#). In the six weeks of Lent, you could develop a deep understanding of a book of the Bible about which you have always been curious.

4. Serve people in need

Identify an organization with which you would like to participate. Sign up and get trained. Then volunteer to serve throughout the season of Lent. When Jesus washed his disciples' feet at the Last Supper, he taught that we are called not to be served, but to serve (John 13:1-17).

5. Visit the lonely

Jesus also taught his disciples to treat others as we would treat him. This included visiting those who are sick and in prison (Matthew 25:31-36). Talk to a local nursing home about [washing wheelchairs](#), or a children's hospital about visiting with parents of patients. Volunteer with a [prison ministry](#), senior center, or any other place where people need some human contact. Play games, tell stories, look at photo albums, and enjoy those about whom Jesus said, "when you have done it for [them], you have done it for me."

Main Street Calendar

Worship: Helping People Love God

8:30 am Informal Worship

9:45 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: 5:30 pm Sundays

Handbells: 9:30 am Wednesdays

Joyful Noise: 9:40 am Sundays

God's Kids: 10:15 am Sundays

Caritas: 5:15 pm Sundays

Chancel Choir: 7:00 pm Wednesdays

Discipleship: Helping People Grow in Faith

Youth Group Activities: 6:00 pm Sundays

Wonderful Wednesday: 3:00 pm Wednesdays

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: 6:30 pm 2nd Tuesday every month

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

"Spire" Volunteers: 9:00 am Last Thursday of every month

Mourning to Morning Grief Support: 4:00 pm Wednesdays

Special Monthly Events

March 1st - 7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Community Wide Worship

March 19th - 12:00 pm - Lunch & Massanutten Water Park Trip

March 29th - 12:00 pm - Lenten Luncheon

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





THOSE SERVING OUR CHURCH THIS MONTH

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

Open: Laurie Bame
Close: Laurie Bame



Our recycling volunteer for the month is . . .
Gene Walker



Our bus teams are . . .

March 5 Lew & Murhl Blessing
March 12 Rodger & Brenda Daniels
March 19 Tom & Amy Brown
March 26 Jonathan & Susan White

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

March 5 Dot Trott
March 12 Doug Edwards
March 19 Tracy Straight
March 26 Harold Baldwin



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

March 5 Suzanne Hall
March 12 Lynn Pruett
March 19 Maryellen Lemons
March 26 Peggy Ribet

Any articles or information for the March "Lighted Spire" should be sent to the office no later than March 23rd. Thank you!



We wish birthday happiness to those who have birthdays in March and early April.

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.

Bill Bays	03/02	Stacy Lawhorne	03/20
Jenny Lucas	03/04	Helen Ammons	03/22
Ed Plunkett	03/05	Dot Trott	03/22
Bill Mayton	03/06	Matthew Curry	03/22
Skylar Kraus	03/11	Mark Curry	03/22
Anne Ramsey	03/11	Joyce Bradt	03/24
Maryellen Lemons	03/12	Gene Mooney	03/26
Cameron Guthrie	03/12	Millie Trent	03/28
Michael Curry	03/13	John Knapp	03/28
Kathleen Snyder	03/13	Ethan Atkins	03/29
Barbara Blevins	03/13	Sydney Hill	04/01
Phillip Dollins	03/14	Christian Straight	04/02
Linda Witt	03/17	Clyde Anderson	04/02
Donna Johnson	03/17	Janice McGuffin	04/02
Taylor Hutchinson	03/17	Alison Schultz	04/05
Jim Fowler	03/18	Lisa Meehan	04/05
Evelyn Kiser	03/20	Wayne Lindamood	04/06
Lyn Short	03/20		

Thank You

Dear Rev. Linda Kusse-Wolfe,

Thank you so very much for your gracious and generous hospitality. Thank you also for all the many details you attended to, helping make our concert event so successful.

We are so sorry that we did not get to meet you in person, but we so enjoyed our time with your staff - team that greeted us - prepared and served us a most delicious meal and hosted the evenings event while we were there. Thank you so very much.

Wishing you and all those of the Main Street UMC many new and wonderful blessings.

Sincerely
Elisabeth von Trapp

Elisabeth von Trapp
P.O. Box 827
Waitsfield, VT 05673

Children and Youth Music Ministry

Starting in January, we will start the following weekly practice schedule:

God's Kids	Sundays 10:15-10:45 and Wonderful Wednesdays
Joyful Noise	Sundays 9:40-10:10
Caritas	Sundays 5:15-6:00

Coming soon... Summer music week!

If you have any questions about the Children and Youth Music program, contact Dawn Lemasney, dlemasney@gmail.com, 540-394-0716.

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

March 1	Wonderful Wednesday Ash Wednesday Service
March 8	Wonderful Wednesday
March 15	Wonderful Wednesday
March 19	Massanutten Water Park Trip
March 22	Wonderful Wednesday
March 29	No Wonderful Wednesday – Happy Spring Break!



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6. Read Wesley's sermons about the Sermon on the Mount

[These 13 sermons \(available online\)](#) are central to the message of John Wesley. They make up a little more than one-quarter of the fifty "Standard Sermons" he gave to his Methodist lay preachers to teach them "the essentials of true religion" ("[The Sermons of John Wesley – An Introduction](#)"). Reading these sermons will have you focused on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) and give you a sense of what it means to be a United Methodist in the tradition of John Wesley.

7. Tell others you love them

Some of us struggle to say those three little words. Maybe we assume others already know how we feel. Maybe we think we *show* our love and don't need to say it. Or maybe we are concerned it won't be reciprocated. Fight the fear and say "I love you" to friends, family members, and everyone else you love at least once during the season.

8. Throw a party for everyone

Jesus often used the image of a party to describe the Kingdom of God. He talked about wedding receptions and banquet feasts, and participated in several large group celebrations. Host your own Kingdom party by cooking for the neighborhood, or buying lunch for the entire office or your church. Feed everyone you can and give people an opportunity to be together.

9. Serve in worship

Your church needs you. Sing in the choir, usher, serve as a reader, work with the tech team, help a young family with their baby, or find some other way to serve your church. Don't wait for someone to ask you to use your God-given gifts. Offer yourself in service to your church for the season.

10. Say "thank you"

Parents, family members, mentors, coaches, teachers, authors, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and others have shaped you into the person you are. Each week during Lent, send a note of gratitude to one of them. Tell them how much they meant to you and how they inspired you. Consider including a small gift. Even if you do not know that author or speaker personally, draft an email of thanks.

There are many ways to be observant during Lent. Be original. Find yours.

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Pastor Linda
Linda

Children's Ministry

March Activities

Lenten Luncheon Schedule

Date	Location	Speaker
3/8	St. John's Catholic	Rev. Chapman First Presbyterian
3/15	Westminster Pres.	Rev. Rolo St. John's Catholic
3/22	First Baptist	Rev. Kusse-Wolfe Main St. Methodist
3/29	Main Street Methodist	Rev. Owen First Baptist
4/5	First Presbyterian/ Glen Kirk	Rev. Cranford Westminster Presbyterian

Lent Bible Study

A six week Lent Bible Study titled LENT 2017, Christ Is for Us, will begin on March 8th at 6:00 pm. If you would like to join please call the office to register. Books are available at \$12 each and can be paid by check or exact change to the office.

New Sunday School Class

A new Sunday School Class will be starting March 1st and will meet in the Library. It is titled Restored - Finding Redemption in Our Mess by Tom Berlin. Please call the church office to register.

March Lenten Gospel Readings

March 5th	Lent 1	March 19th	Lent 3
Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11 "Led by the Spirit"		Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42 "Come and See"	
March 12th	Lent 2	March 26th	Lent 4
Genesis 12:1-9, John 3:1-17 "So You Will Be a Blessing"		Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41 "Now in the Light"	

Wonderful Wednesdays



This is a program for elementary school children. We will pick up kids from school. The program will include a snack/homework, bible lesson/craft or service project, God's Kids practice and more. Pick up will be at 5:00 p.m. from the 3rd – 5th grade Sunday School Room.

If you would like your child to be a part of this program or you know a child who would be interested, please pick up a registration form from the church office, outside Amanda's office, or download one from the website.

Family Fun Event – Massanutten Water Park Trip

Sunday, March 19th

A fun trip for both the Youth and Children's families!
We will gather after the 11:00 service for a Pizza Lunch and then head to the Waterpark.
The church will pay for every child and one adult per family. Additional adults will be \$21 (this is our group rate).
**You MUST RSVP to Amanda (alhesbach@gmail.com or 434-953-5549) by Sunday, February 19th.
If you would like to attend and did not RSVP, you may go but you will be required to pay for a full price ticket!**

Massanutten Indoor WaterPark



Children's Ministry

Lent Passports

We are going to try a fun new thing for the children of the church. We are going to have Lent Passports. Each week the children will be able to collect stamps in their passports for things such as the Ash Wednesday Service, Sunday School, Wonderful Wednesday, and other Lent Events. After Easter on Sunday, April 23rd prizes will be available for all children who collected even ONE stamp. We will announce the prizes in the next newsletter! Passports will be available Sunday, February 26th.



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Passports will be available Sunday, February 26th.

Parent's Night Out

Saturday, March 11th

Drop off your kids and join us for Grown Up Game Night

or enjoy a quiet night without kids!

Childcare will be available on Saturday, March 11th from 5 pm – 8:30 pm

For children ages 0 – 5th grade.

Please feed your child dinner beforehand.

We will have games, snacks, and a movie!

Drop-off will be at the preschool door entrance.

Please RSVP to Amanda (alhesbach@gmail.com) or 434-953-5549) by Sunday, March 5th

Grown Up Game Night

Dropping your kids off at Parent's Night Out?

Join us for a Young Adult Grown Up Game Night at Sarah Brown's Home. We will provide drinks and games, bring an appetizer to share.

RSVP to Amanda by Sunday, March 5th. Will provide address at that time.



March Activities

Lenten Series: Pastor Linda will be preaching at First Baptist Church on March 22nd.

New Attenders and Those New to United Methodism: are invited to meet with Pastor Linda in the Church Library all four Sundays in March. We will be reading "**Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess**" by **Tom Berlin**. What do U. Methodists mean by prevenient grace, justifying grace and sanctifying grace? What is our place in the Christian family? Come and find out as we learn together. Please call the church office to register.

Interested in becoming a member of MSUMC? Please consider taking the class for new attenders and those new to Methodism. We will welcome new members into fellowship on Easter Sunday at both services.

Confirmation Class (March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9) for Youth in 6th grade through high school. Please meet Pastor Linda at 4:30 pm in Holy Grounds Coffee Room. Bring your Bible, a notebook and a pen. Please call the church office to register.

Holy Grounds Coffee Room is a brand new class room and meeting room downstairs across from the Children's Sunday School Room. It has been a labor of love for several devoted members of our church. Specifically designed as a Sunday School area for younger adults, it is available for use by other church groups as well. (Be sure to request usage with the church office). **We will dedicate Holy Grounds in both worship services on Sunday, March 5.**

Lenten Study: Will begin on Wednesday nights, March 8, at 6 pm. We will be reading the excellent *Lent 2017: Christ Is For Us* by April Yamasaki. Please call the church office to register and order a book.

Parents' Night Out was a wonderful success in February. Thanks to all our babysitters: Dawn Lemasney, Sue Ball, Rebecca Bowie, Peyton Dollins and Pastor Linda. We enjoyed playing with ten great kids. Our next Parents Night Out is scheduled for March 11th.

Daylight Savings Time Begins



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday, March 11th.

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU!

A special thank you to Main Street UMC for hosting the WARM (Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry) Cold Weather Shelter from February 20-27. The stated mission of WARM, Inc. is "to be a



Christian community showing Christ's love through shelter and support of the homeless". This program provides a seasonal emergency shelter for homeless adults in our community. Main Street's participation certainly met the purpose of WARM!

In providing this thermal shelter,

- Over 65 Main Street individuals volunteered
- 28 meals and snacks prepared and served
- Fellowship Hall arranged as sleeping and dining area for 7 days
- Overnight monitoring provided for 7 nights
- Sunday Worship Service participation encouraged

Through more than 500 hours, you provided a non-judgmental atmosphere of Christian fellowship in response to the physical and spiritual needs of Waynesboro/Augusta County individuals.



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you invited me in... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:35, 40.

Please note: all Thermal Shelter Volunteers are invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, April 11, 6:00-8:00 pm at Fishersville UMC, 1600 Jefferson Hwy, Fishersville. Please RSVP your attendance at www.warmwaynesboro.org.

Children's Ministry

Save the Date!

Summer Ministries



Summer Music Camp

Music Camp

June 12th – 16th 9 a.m. – Noon
Rising K-12th grade.

Vacation Bible School

Hero Central!
June 25th – 29th
Dinner at 5:15 p.m.
Program 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Age 3 – completed 5th grade



Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting

Join us for a Vacation Bible School planning meeting on March 12th following the 11:00 service in the Spares and Pairs room. I will introduce the theme "Hero Central" and share some of my ideas for making this Vacation Bible School a great one! Please come with ideas and suggestions. If you cannot make this meeting but would like to be a part of this important ministry event please contact Amanda at alhesbach@gmail.com or 434-953-5549.

Children's Ministry



Our Wonderful Wednesday Kids filled thermal socks with soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, and toothpaste to give to the guests at the WARM Shelter. A big thanks to Magnolia Dental who donated the toothbrushes and toothpaste for us!

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15th at North Park at 3:00 p.m.

Ages 0 – 5th grade

We will have fun games, face painting, bubbles, and more followed by the Egg Hunt at 3:45 pm. Join us for an afternoon of fun! If it rains we will have it in the church building.

We will need people to help with games! If you can help please let Amanda know at alhesbach@gmail.com or 434-953-5549.



We will also need lots of candy! If you would like to donate there will be a plastic tub for Easter Candy outside of Amanda's office (which is to the left of the Fellowship Hall) by Sunday, April 9th. Please make sure that any candy you bring can fit into a small plastic egg.

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry



Emergency Medical Help Available

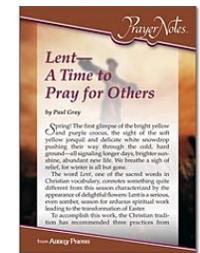
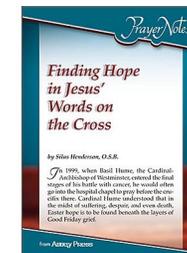
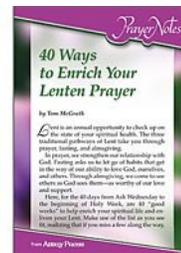
New emergency medical devices are now available and located at the AED station in the room between the sanctuary and church office. We are

grateful that the following members who are trained in basic first aid, CPR and use of the AED (automatic external defibrillator), have also received additional information and review of the new equipment: Richard Ammons, Harold Baldwin, Tom Brown, Kathy Rae Dollins, Doug Edwards and Jim McKinney. They are willing to step forward in case of a medical emergency in our church building! If you are interested in joining the team, please contact the church office.



Lenten CareNotes

CareNotes are for everyone! To help us remember and rejoice in this season of renewal, there is a selection of Lenten related *CareNotes* available in the rack outside the Fellowship Hall. Please look over the many titles and subjects covered!



Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Items Needed in the Main Street Pantry

Canned Fruit

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.



Valuable Kitchen Volunteer Needed

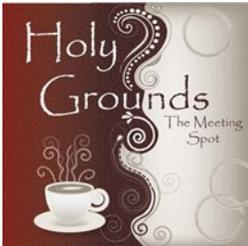
Since the resignation of our long-time, wonderful kitchen steward Lyn Short, we are still in need of a replacement. Evelyn Cotton has volunteered to perform some of the duties which are not time sensitive: inventory in the kitchen, providing needed supplies, and budgeting duties. Now we need someone who is available during the daytime to perform the remainder of the stewardship duties: checks on the kitchen for maintenance and cleanliness issues. It would not involve a lot of time, but it requires someone with flexible availability. Anyone who might be interested, please contact Evelyn to discuss the details.

SPECIAL BONUS: You can name this position whatever you think is appropriate! Thanks!
Contact info: cottonevelyn@gmail.com or phone/text: 540-241-3035



Welcome to "Holy Grounds"

Holy Grounds is the name given our new "coffee shop" located on the Sunday School hall, bottom floor. From Pastor Linda's initial suggestion, to approval from the Trustees and approval by Church Council, volunteers began to offer their support, ideas and willingness to help "make it happen". In late fall a room was located, a plan was established and set in motion.



Today, Pastor Linda's suggestion is a reality, thanks in part to the following who gave their time, talents and gifts to the project: Rod Campbell, Rodger Daniels, Eleanor Duncan, Joe Duncan, George Gay, Jim McKinney, Lynn

Pruett, Tom Puckett, George and Cindy Reed, Kay Robertson, Richard Robertson, Judy Simora, Tracy Straight plus many others who offered their encouragement and prayers every step of the way.

Youth Ministry

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

Youth Calendar

March 1	Ash Wednesday Service
March 5	Youth Group 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
March 12	Youth Group 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
March 19	Massanutten Trip
March 26	No Youth Group – Happy Spring Break

Youth Mission Trip June 4th – 9th

All Middle School and High School Youth

We will be joining the Staunton District Youth Summer Mission Trip.

We will travel to the Eastern Shore of Virginia and do various types of mission work. We will be staying at the Occohannock on the Bay Camp and Retreat Center.

The cost for this trip is \$50 per youth (scholarships are available)



Please let Amanda know if you would like to go ASAP!
Your deposit must be in by February 12th to attend!

Youth Ministry

Confirmation Class

What is Confirmation Class? It is a six week study (complete with many activities) for youth in 6th grade through high school who have not already had a confirmation class. Parents and the congregation make promises when an infant is baptized: to raise that child in the faith, to participate in the church, to model a godly life. Confirmation occurs when the youth says "Yes, I confirm those promises that my parents made for me. I say yes to faith in Jesus. I will live my life as an adult member of the church."

Pastor Linda will have the pleasure of teaching the Confirmation Class on these dates:

- March 5** "What Do Christians Agree On?"
- March 12** "What Is Distinctive About United Methodist Christians?"
- March 19** "What Is a Connectional System and Why Does It Matter?"
- March 26** "How do United Methodists View Other Faiths?"
- April 2** "What Does It Mean to Be On a Mission With Jesus?"
- April 9** "What Am I Signing On To as a Full Member of the Church?"

Above dates will meet at 4:30 pm in the Holy Grounds Coffee Room

- April 15** Easter Sunday: Reception into Full Membership



Main Street Preschool Happenings....



The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll Go !!
-- Dr. Seuss

The students at Main Street Preschool will start the month of March by celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday and Read Across America. The children will participate in Book Character Day, read

several Dr. Seuss' Books, and enjoy a special breakfast of Green Eggs and Ham. Our classes will also be taking a field trip to the Waynesboro Public Library which will include story time, a craft, and a tour.

Our children are eagerly awaiting the arrival of St. Patrick's Day. The mischievous Leprechauns have been known to wreak havoc in the classrooms and I feel certain that this year will be no exception.



On Wednesday, March 22nd, the preschool will be hosting our annual Spring Dinner & Show. Dinner will begin at 5:00 pm. The menu includes baked spaghetti, salad, applesauce, garlic bread, and dessert.

All proceeds from the dinner will benefit our Preschool Scholarship Program. Our show will begin at 6:00 pm and will showcase some of what the children have been learning this year at Main Street Preschool. We hope to see you there!

Happy Spring!
Anne Ramsey, Director