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From Pastor Linda's Desk

Every generation seeks after God in its own way. The lifestyle of Millennials and the patterns of the Greatest Generation are quite different. Children born after 2010 will find ways of relating to their world that we can hardly imagine. Just now, I had a knock at my office door. In came a queue of our preschool children, carrying colorful lanterns. "Happy Chinese New Year!!" they said. And then greeted me in Chinese! What a fun, holy interruption to see those beaming small faces.

Christians have a cornerstone for our relationships with other people. It's called hospitality. Think of our ancestor Abraham, sitting by the shade of his tent in the heat of the day (Genesis 18:1-15). Unexpected visitors show up... three strangers. Abraham immediately gets up and goes to greet them. He invites them to sit down and be refreshed. He asks that he be allowed to serve them. Food is prepared and offered. No, he did not know he was entertaining angels!

The way we greet others— our new neighbors, visitors to church, people standing in the grocery line with us— mirrors our own spiritual condition. Our warmth, welcome and acceptance not only offer hospitality, they tell a story about our own souls. Do you remember the estrangement between Jacob and Esau over a stolen birthright? Years later, the two brothers are reconnected. Jacob does not know whether Esau will welcome him or try to kill him. Esau's tenderness causes Jacob to say "to come into your presence is for me like coming into the presence of God, now that you have received me so kindly" (Genesis 33:10).

United Methodism is the faith community of Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors. Wouldn't it be wonderful if our friends, neighbors and strangers who cross our paths could say "to come into your presence is like coming into the presence of God; you have received me so kindly."

Pastor Linda
Linda

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

- February 1 - 6:30 pm - Elisabeth von Trapp Concert
- February 5 - 6:00 pm - Youth Super Bowl Party
- February 11 - 6:00 pm - Parent's Night Out
- February 12 - After 11am service - Family Fun Event - Roller Skating
- February 14 - Happy Valentine's Day
- February 20 - February 26 - Host WARM Shelter
- February 24 - 10:00 - Staff Retreat

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 bus teams are . . .

February 5 Jonathan & Susan White
February 12 Bruce Allen, Doug Norcross
February 19 Ron Hiserman & Sue Ball
February 26 Eugene & Frances Mooney

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

February 5 Ron Hiserman
February 12 Debbie Johnson
February 19 Eleanor Duncan
February 26 Lucy Stultz



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



February 5 Judy Simora
February 12 Doris Sandridge
February 19 Dot Trott
February 26 Peggy Carter

Any articles or information for the March "Lighted Spire" should be sent to the office no later than **February 16th**. Thank you!



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

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.

Peter Lafferty	02/01	Edna Bays	02/16
Lucy Stultz	02/01	Erin Gomez	02/16
Susan White	02/02	Mae Ford	02/19
Evelyn Britton	02/02	Nancy Woodall	02/20
Earl McGuffin	02/03	Casey Carter	02/22
Nancy DePauk	02/10	Taryn Fitzgerald	02/22
Laurie Lafferty	02/11	Ryan Burks	02/24
Tom Brown	02/12	David Reed	02/24
Forrest Arehart	02/12	Terri Drewry	02/24
Martha Custard	02/14	Peggy Carter	02/27
Peggy Browning	02/14	Orville Bame	02/28
Kenny Pannell	02/14	Joyce Huddle	02/29
Debbie Johnson	02/16	Bill Bays	03/02
Elizabeth Schillinger	02/16	Jenny Lucas	03/04

A Thank You from our Sister in Jamaica, Joyce Cousins

Thank You

Hello Rev. Linda,

How are you?

I trust that you and your Church Family will enjoy a very Blessed, Prosperous and Productive 2017. I kept telling everyone about the Warmth and Good Fellowship which was extended to me from the first day I set foot on the grounds of Main Street United Methodist Church.

So far I am ok, enjoying lovely weather and beautiful sunshine in Jamaica. My family and I enjoyed a wonderful Christmas in Florida.

My son drove me down along with his entire family. We left Virginia on December 22 at 8:30 PM and we reached my daughter's home at 6:30 PM the next day. There we went to church, had lots of fun and ate and drank. Then they left the following Tuesday, back for Virginia.

I am in Jamaica since the 9th of January. My Church Family is so happy to have me back for whatever short time I will stay. I saw Dr.

Hall and I showed him the group picture which you gave to me. He identified his brother and smiled. I passed on the greetings which you sent and we chatted for a while.

I cannot close without thanking you for my Cook Book. I have looked through it but have not tried any of the recipes as yet. I hope to do so when I return to Florida.

Give my regards to the bus drivers like Rodger, Amy, the ladies who travelled on the bus with me and, of course, Debbie Richardson.

Every Blessing
Joyce Cousins

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

Feb. 1	Wonderful Wednesday
Feb. 5	Souper Bowl Sunday: Help collect food items for the food pantry at both services!
Feb. 8	Wonderful Wednesday
Feb. 12	Family Fun Event: Roller Skating in Harrisonburg

Something for Everyone! **District Leadership Training Day** **February 25th**

2 Locations: Same Great Workshops

10:00-11:30 a.m.
Granbery Memorial UMC, Covington

1:30-3:00 p.m.
Christ UMC, Staunton

Fiduciary Faithfulness: Managing Your Church's Money **Workshop Leader: David Dommissee**

Our Virginia Conference Treasurer is ready to help you navigate the way to healthy financial management for your church. We encourage treasurers and finance team members to attend.

Pastor/Staff Parish Relations: Creating a Team that Works

Workshop Leader: Rev. Dave Rochford, Superintendent
Great information for PPR & SPR teams. Better equip the staffing needs and pastoral leadership of your church.

Connect! Creating a Culture of Relationships that Matter **Workshop Leader: Beth Christian**

A biblical and proven approach to outreach. Includes practical ideas and an introduction to a valuable tool for your church.

Trustee's Toolbox: An Approach that Works! **Workshop Leader: Earl David Cash**

Learn valuable tools for maintaining the physical property of the church and the gifts made to the congregation.

Finding the Leaders We Wish We Had **Workshop Leader: Rev. Linda Kusse-Wolfe**

Key strategies for lay leadership recruitment and development.

What does a healthy leadership partnership look like? Laity and clergy are encouraged to share thoughts.

Pastor's February Schedule

Continuing Education

Stetson University's Winter School for Pastors is a top quality continuing education event that has been offered for over twenty years. Stetson is my alma mater and I've enjoyed attending every few years, staying with those I knew in the faith community long ago. David and I plan to attend this year. I will be gone from Sunday afternoon, January 29—flying from Charlottesville after worship) and return on Saturday, February 4. I'll enjoy sharing with you all that we learned!



Pastor Linda's Office Hours

Monday through Thursday: 9 am- noon

Afternoons are spent in pastoral visits, meetings and sermon preparation. To schedule a meeting (at any time) please call the church office or use Pastor's cell phone: 276.634.8136. ***I would love to visit with you!***

An Exploration in the Highlands of Guatemala (February 13-20)

One of the deep blessings of Methodism is being part of a connectional system. We are joined in communication, prayer and mutual help nationally and internationally. Last autumn we had an invitation from the Mayan Highlands of Guatemala. Pastor Thomas of "Jesus, El Buen Pastor Methodist Church" has invited to consider becoming partners in mission. This Methodist church, in a village of 1500 Mayan people, runs an after school program for 300 children. They also support a network of birthing clinics in smaller villages, which has begun to radically reduce maternal and infant deaths. Pastor Linda will be visiting Guatemala this week, accompanied by staff from the Guatemalan UVMIM (U. Methodist Volunteers in Mission) office. We will stay in Mayan homes in the village of Paxot 2, and will be visiting the children during the after school program, making home visits to both the children's parents and to the elderly, attending worship, visiting local artisans and visiting the Central Clinic. I will prepare short videos and a power point presentation to share with the congregation upon my return, as we discern God's invitation to mission.

Children's Ministry

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 Roller Skating in Harrisonburg Sunday, February 12th

Following the 11:00 service. Pizza lunch at the church and then off to Harrisonburg for skating fun. The church will pay for admission for all and skate rentals for kids. Skate rentals for adults is \$1 regular skates or \$3 for in-line skates.



Please RSVP to Amanda by Friday Feb. 10th so we know how much pizza to get. Invite a friend!

Children's Ministry

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!



Parent's Night Out Saturday, Feb. 11th

Drop off your kids and enjoy a night out
or quiet kid-free evening!

Childcare will be available on Saturday, February 11th
from 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

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, Feb. 5th**.



February Blanket Sundays

Burr! When the weather outside is cold and deep with snow, we burrow under warm blankets every night to stay warm as we fall fast asleep. Now imagine a man on a cold bench or a family standing outside of their home, looking at the devastation caused by a natural disaster...

How will they find warmth? For many, a simple blanket given when they most need it is a loving way to offer warmth, to offer hope. Many people without homes have a daily challenge of fighting the bitter cold. Around the world, disasters force people from their homes, sending them to shelters and refugee camps where a blanket can make a big difference.

For declining neighborhoods outside of major cities in the U.S., families struggle to make ends meet. For example, in Detroit, the Brightmoor neighborhood has seen decline in the last years. When 80 Church World Service (CWS) blankets were delivered to a local shelter, it boosted the morale of the community - a small gesture, to show that they mattered and others were thinking of them.

The CWS Blanket program provides warmth, hope, and care during cold and trying times. A gift of just \$10 provides a sturdy, comforting blanket to children, men and women who are struggling against the cold.

This Valentine's Day is a perfect time to give thanks for the warmth in our homes, our churches and our hearts by providing CWS Blankets to those in need. Your generosity has not only the ability to help but to change lives and communities. Let's blanket the world with love this Valentine's Day!

Over the years, members of Main Street UMC have donated funds that support CWS who distribute blankets. Special envelopes are placed in the pew racks for donations. Please make your check payable to Main Street UMC and write "blankets" on the memo line.

Grateful thanks for your kind gift of warmth and comfort,

Harriet Jennings
for United Methodist Women

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.

Wednesday Nights in February

February 1: A Concert with Elizabeth von Trapp (no supper served)
6:30 pm Concert in the Sanctuary
No cost, free will offering, everyone welcome



February 8: "Half Truths: Exploring Popular Sayings That Miss the Point" (supper served 5pm)
An Adam Hamilton study, with DVD
(taught by Harold Baldwin)

February 15: "Half Truths" Study (supper served 5 pm)



Staff Retreat Friday, February 24 (10 am - 1:30 pm)

The staff of Main Street UMC will participate in a staff retreat for worship and visioning lead by Beth Christian, Director of Congregational Resources at the Staunton District Office. They will meet at St. Paul's UMC in Staunton. We will depend on volunteers to answer the office phone and appreciate your understanding and support.

Staff Retreat



Youth Calendar

- Feb. 5** Souper Bowl Sunday – Help collect food for the Food Pantry in both services
Super Bowl Party @ the Parsonage
- Feb. 12** Youth Group 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 19** Youth Group 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 26** Youth Group 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Youth Super Bowl Party Sunday, February 5th at 6:00 p.m.

All youth are invited to join us for a Super Bowl Party on February 5th at 6:00 p.m.
We will meet at the Parsonage
(2817 Plantation Lane, Waynesboro).
Please bring a snack to share with everyone. We will provide chicken wings and drinks.
We will have some games for our friends who are not fans of football.
Pickup will be at half time.
Come cheer on your favorite team and bring a friend!



Youth Ministry

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Hosting the WARM Cold Weather Shelter, Feb. 20 – Feb. 26

Each year our community serves the homeless men and women by providing shelter and meals from November through March. Main Street will serve as a shelter during the week of Feb. 20th through Feb. 26th. The shelter is housed in our Fellowship Hall each evening from 6:00 pm to 7:00 am. Please mark these dates in your calendar and consider how you can participate in this community-wide mission.

The opportunities to serve include: room set-up and transfer of equipment and belongings, check-in and greeting, food/meal preparation and serving, evening interaction, overnight monitoring and take-down and clean-up. **Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex.**

Your participation is a reflection of our church's love of God through mission service.

Youth Mission Trip

June 4th – 9th

All Middle School and High School Youth



MISSION TRIP

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

We will travel to the Easter 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!

Souper Bowl Sunday Collection

Sunday, February 5th
Following Both Services

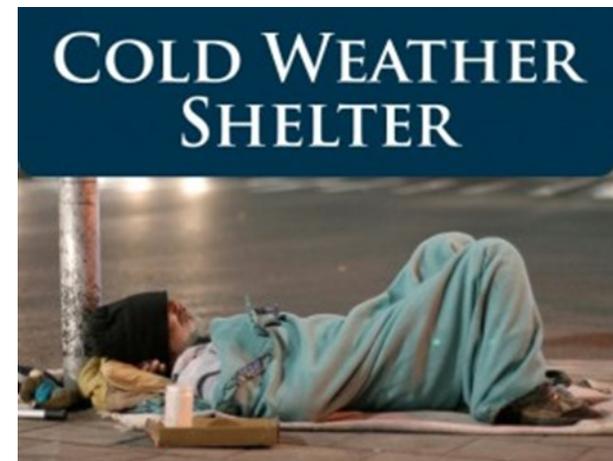
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HUNGER

The youth and children will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations on February 5th as part of the national program Souper Bowl of Caring. We will have tubs in the Narthex for the food and the children will be holding soup pots to collect donations after both services. All proceeds will go to the Main Street Food Pantry.

Please give generously for this important cause!

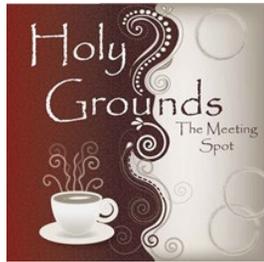


Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Items Needed in the Main Street Pantry

Toilet Paper, Soap and Personal Care Items

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.



Holy Grounds Almost Ready

MSUMC's new coffee house is nearly ready to launch! An old piano has been repurposed as a coffee bar, the Keurig is in place, and window treatments are en route. Soon the rug will be down, end tables in place and the room ready for full participation. Our deep thanks to the many volunteers who have made this possible: Kay Robertson, Tom Puckett, Jim McKinney, Rodger Daniels, Lynn Pritchett, Eleanor Duncan, Ann Walker, Judy Simora ...

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: cotonevelyn@gmail.com or phone/text: 540-241-3035



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 in Holy Grounds Coffee Room

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



Main Street Preschool Happenings....

January was an exciting month for the children of Main Street Preschool! Despite the warm temperatures, there were multiple snowmen, penguin, and polar bear sightings as the students explored the wonders of winter through books, activities, and science experiments.

Our students have been thoroughly enjoying their "specials" each day. These class offerings help to enrich our program and set us apart from other preschools in the area. It always amazes me what our little sponges absorb!

Tuesdays are guaranteed to be fun with our Spanish and Sign Language Classes! The children love Senor Diego and always look forward to seeing him! He continues to teach letters, numbers, the days of the week, and much more. When Senor Diego is not here, the children are busy learning to sign. They



have learned colors, animals, manners, action words, and many songs. Most recently, they learned to sign the book "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" as well as the songs "Jesus Loves Me" and "Old MacDonald Had a Farm".

Wednesdays are always exciting with Ms. L in Music Class! She has the children singing, repeating rhythms, and playing various instruments. We are so blessed to have Ms. L and thankful for her willingness to teach this year!

We conclude each school week with Chapel on Thursdays. For some students, this may be the only time that they learn about God. They have already heard many stories from the Old Testament and learned about the birth of Jesus in December. We will be spending the rest of the school year studying the New Testament and learning about Jesus as a child, the many miracles that he performed, and His death and resurrection.

As you can see, we have had a busy start to the New Year! Please continue to keep our school in your prayers and, as always, thank you for your support of this ministry!

Anne Ramsey, Director



Main Street Preschool



Children soaking up knowledge
During Chapel time with
Pastor Linda.



Children learning music
With Ms. L.