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From Pastor Linda's Desk

"The church exists primarily for two closely correlated purposes: to worship God and to work for his Kingdom in the world... The church also exists for a third purpose, which serves the other two: to encourage one another, to build one another up in faith, to pray with and for one another, to learn from one another and teach one another, and to set one another examples to follow, challenges to take up and urgent tasks to perform. This is all part of what is known loosely as fellowship." NT Wright (Why Christianity Makes Sense).

Koinonia, blessed community, fellowship: all are words that describe the life of believers together. As we leave summer behind and head into autumn, we are drawn toward new possibilities for worship, fellowship and service together. Bible studies (on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning), new Sunday school groups (Holy Grounds and The 3:59 Club), choirs for children, youth and adults, a brand new after school program for our children on Wednesdays and a renewed youth fellowship. How much we have for which to be thankful! Let's take full advantage of the freedom God has given us to gather and to build up one another in love. Christians in many parts of the world long for the liberty that God has granted us here to be public believers.

I am encouraged by our steady climb in worship attendance since early July. Whom do you know that could be encouraged to come to Main Street? As we've gathered in Meet and Greet sessions, 35% of attenders said that they began attending our church because they were invited by a neighbor, a friend or a co-worker. Music is big source of joy (which we know well!) that nourishes us in worship and draws people to us as a congregation. Have you invited someone you know to come and enjoy music with us? We are also looking forward to planning some special Sunday evening concerts for the community to enjoy.

John Wesley, Anglican priest who was the gatherer of "methodical Christians" who came to be called Methodists, urged an ordered life upon ordinary believers (us!). To be healthy and growing, we need: regular worship participation, a small group to belong to and to share with and ways to give our service (with prayer at the cornerstone). I'm so grateful that all these ingredients are within the Fellowship of Main Street UMC. What a privilege it is to be your pastor! Now let's answer the call of faithfulness together.

In Christ,

Linda
Pastor Linda

Fight Hunger with the CROP Walk

CROP stands for: Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. Millions of people around the world walk long distances every day to meet basic human needs – water, food, shelter, and medical care. With the CROP Walk, we raise money to help these people. This fundraiser for Church World Service is held in communities all over the nation to raise money to alleviate world hunger. Before we walk we gather sponsors who pledge contributions for our walking. The Waynesboro/East Augusta CROP Hunger Walk donates 25% of its proceeds to designated local charities that provide food assistance to people in need in our community. The remaining 75% goes to Church World Service to use overseas and in other places in the United States.

This year is the 41st Annual Waynesboro East Augusta CROP Walk. Our church has participated in this walk for almost every one of those years and will join many other churches in our area once again this year. We need both **walkers** and **sponsors** in order to be successful in raising money for this very worthy cause. If you want to be a **CROP Walker**, get a walker envelope from Janice Gentry (jsrafton@yahoo.com or 932-2076) or Kaersten Aylor (kpa004@eagles.bridgewater.edu or 434-989-1878). To donate, see any of our CROP walkers or go online to www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova/MSUMC. You can donate to the Main Street UMC team or to any individual walker who has signed up online at that time.

This year's walk is on Sunday, September 25th at 2:00 p.m. at the Amphitheater at Ridgeview Park.



Two Weekly Bible Studies Beginning

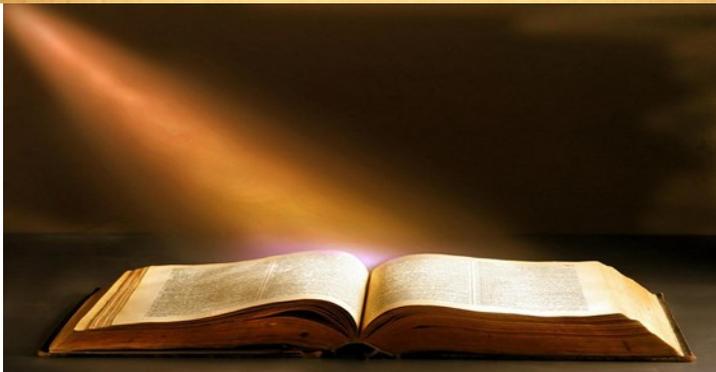
Pastor Linda will teach Bible Studies on Wednesday evening (6-7 pm) and Thursday morning (10-11 am). We will focus on the book of Colossians, written by Paul to a house church in Colossae, in what is now southwestern Turkey. Paul addresses how Christians live rightly in the midst of a pagan culture, how we are called to a major psychological and moral reorientation in our everyday lives, and what the cross means to believers. Please call or email the church office to order your copy of: Colossians & Philemon by NT Wright. We will begin on Wednesday, September 14 and Thursday, September 15.



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

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.

Joyce Miller	09/04	Edith Schleicher	09/17
Stephanie Schaefer	09/06	Frank Bridgeforth	09/21
Phyllis Goff	09/06	Phillip DePauk	09/22
Teresa Towler	09/08	Ty Lafferty	09/26
Katherine Guthrie	09/10	Janet Pompeo	09/30
Norma Harris	09/14	Millie Runkle	10/01
Mildred Broughman	09/14	Wesley Farris	10/02
Rodger Daniels	09/14	Shelia Woosley	10/03
Debbie Bays	09/16	Stephen Winslow	10/04
Tracy Straight	09/17	Henry Vance	10/05



Average Attendance for the Month of August

Worship Services 229

Sunday Schools 56



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

Crop Walk: Sunday, September 25th

2:00 p.m. at Ridgeview Park

Amphitheater

(Registration begins at 1:00 p.m.)

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

Partners in Mission

Paxot 2 is a little Mayan village of 1500 people, up in the highland mountains of Guatemala. El Buen Pastor Metodista (Good Shepherd Methodist) is a thriving congregation that sponsors and houses an aftercare program for 300 school children, from 2-5 pm. These children are fed, taught the scriptures, helped with homework and nurtured. Pastor Tomas and the congregation have invited us, Main Street UMC, to consider becoming a partner church in mission with them. I am planning to travel to Guatemala this winter (perhaps in February) and spend 5 or 6 days meeting school children, talking with Pastor Tomas and doing home visits in Paxot 2. Are there others who would like to travel with me as we discern God's call? We will be traveling at our own expense. UMVIM (U. Methodist Volunteers in Mission) staff person Calley Piland will meet us and travel with us. Please pray over this potential mission partnership with me.

With thanks, Pastor Linda

Meet and Greet Your Pastor

Thanks to each of you for coming to our Fellowship Hall for wonderful conversation and sharing. Between six Meet and Greets, nearly 100 people participated in chatting with Pastor and sharing past joys, present concerns and future hopes. Thanks to all those who hosted these events so graciously. What productive and helpful events these have been!



Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Items Needed in the Main Street Pantry

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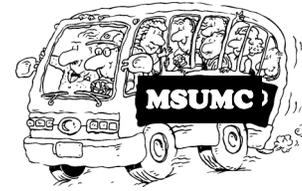
The Main Street Food Pantry operates from Monday through Thursday, 9:30 to 11:00 am, to assist people in our community in need of food. Financial or food donations are accepted. Contact Doug Edwards (540-942-3787) or Joe Duncan (540-942-6259) for more information.



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 . . .

Sept. 4 Rodger & Brenda Daniels
Sept. 11 Jonathan & Susan White
Sept. 18 Bruce Allen & Doug Norcross
Sept. 25 Ron Hiserman & Sue Ball

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

Sept. 4 Eleanor Duncan
Sept. 11 Dot Trott
Sept. 18 Doug Edwards
Sept. 25 Tracy Straight



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

Sept. 4 Mildred Broughman
Sept. 11 Doris Sandridge
Sept. 18 Judy von Bernuth
Sept. 25 Mae Ford



Any articles or information for the October "Lighted Spire" should be sent to the office no later than September 22nd! Thank you!

Main Street Preschool Happenings....

It's that time of year again! The halls of MSUMC are no longer quiet. Instead, they are filled with the music of little feet! We are delighted to bring back our entire staff from last year and to welcome Amy White as a preschool aide. Thank you to Pastor Linda,



Amanda Hesbach, and our church members who have agreed to help with Chapel classes. Also, thank you to Dawn Lemasney for her willingness to teach music this year. What an amazing opportunity for the children! September will be a month full of many "firsts" for our students. Many will be letting go of their mom and dad's hand for the very first time. They will make new friends, learn to share, communicate their needs and feelings, use manners, imagine, create, play, learn, grow, and shine! Please pray for the children and our staff as we begin the new school year. It truly does take a village, and our preschool is blessed to have the help and support of so many individuals. Our staff is excited and committed to making this school year the best that it can be!

Blessings,
Anne Ramsey, Director



Youth Ministry

Volunteer Day at Pygmalion School

October 8th 2016

8:00 AM

Please come out and help make this community service outreach project successful!

Skylar Kraus and Kaci Rexrode are working on a star event project involving Pygmalion School to present at their FCCLA (Family Career Community Leaders of America) state competition.

Pygmalion School is a private special education day school in Staunton, Va. The school works to assist children who have mental, emotional, and intellectual disabilities. Skylar and Kaci are both very passionate about helping these children by improving their school environment, and they need our help!

Volunteers are needed to go to the school on the 8th and help paint classrooms, do yardwork out front, and more organization and clean up within the school. If anyone would like to make a money donation you can make checks out to: WMHS and in the memo put FCCLA-Project.

The school has a wish list if you would like to donate a specific item, for more info on this contact Kaersten Aylor (434-989-1878 or kpa004@eagles.bridgewater.edu)

Feel free to contact Skylar and Kaci if you have any questions about their goals for this project!

pygmalioncommunity2016@gmail.com

I can't wait to see you all at Pygmalion on the 8th at 8am!

More info to come about carpooling and transportation.

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

September 11th – Youth Night at 6 pm

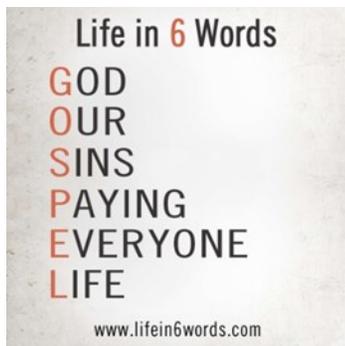
September 18th – Youth Night at 6 pm

September CROP Walk at 2 pm (NO Youth Night)

Coming up soon:

October 8th – Volunteer Day at Pygmalion School

First Youth Group Meeting



Our first youth group meeting will be September 11th at 6PM! We will be discussing "The Gospel in 6 Words". Come out and join us as we discover more about God's word!

CROP HUNGER WALK
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH @ 2PM
AMPHITHEATER AT RIDGEVIEW PARK
700 S. MAGNOLIA AVE.



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

September 14th Wonderful Wednesdays begins
September 18th Family Fun Event
 Mini Golf and Willy's Ice Cream

Children's Church

Starting September 11th Children's Church in both services is starting a new curriculum called Hands On Worship. We will gather together, sing songs, share God Sightings, learn bible stories, make crafts and more.

This will be for children from age 3 – grade 3. We will not be doing Tween Church at 8:30 any longer. We encourage any older children to stay in church and worship.

All children are welcome to stay in the worship service at any time and Activity Binders (with coloring sheets, word games, and mazes) are available in the Narthex for those who would like them.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Amanda.

Main Street Kids Family Fun Event

Mini Golf and Ice Cream

September 18th at 2:00 p.m.

Meet at the church and we will head over to Waynesboro Golf and Games for a round of mini golf and then will go get ice cream at Willy's on the way home.

The church will pay for golf for children and parents and ice cream for the kids.

Please let me know if you are planning to attend by Sept. 15th so that we may plan accordingly.

Join us for the fun and bring a friend!

Children's Ministry

Wonderful Wednesdays

Wonderful Wednesdays will start on September 14th!

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 a 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.

Registration forms need to be returned by September 7th to attend on the 14th.

You may register at any time during the year but a registration form must be filled out a week before the child's first Wednesday in order to have proper transportation. Right now we can pick up from any Waynesboro Public Elementary Schools or Hugh K. Cassell. Parents would be responsible for the transportation of children from other schools.

Wonderful Wednesday Help Needed!

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.

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

alhesbach@gmail.com or 434-953-5549

Join us for the fun and bring a friend!

Children and Youth Music Ministry

There are three new music groups at Main Street! Look for these new choirs in the 8:30 and 11:00 services throughout the fall, and mark your calendar for our Christmas Dinner and Musical on Dec. 11!

God's Kids is for Preschool-Grade 5. We practice on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour, and also on Wednesdays at 3:30 as part of our new Wonderful Wednesday program. We will learn music reading skills and good singing habits while we praise God through classic songs.

Joyful Noise, for grades 6-9, is a fun and exciting new ensemble focuses on praise through singing, instruments, and creative percussion techniques. We will practice on Wednesday evenings, 6:00-6:45, starting August 24.

Caritas, named after the Latin word for love, is for singers in grades 8-12. This group will perform traditional and contemporary vocal worship music. We will focus on singing technique and musical growth in the context of sharing the Good News of Christ. Rehearsals will be held Sundays, 5:15-6:00, starting August 28.

All children and youth are welcome, and adult volunteers are always needed. If you have questions, please contact Dawn Lemasney at dlemasney@gmail.com.

