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Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
Love God—Grow in Faith—Serve Christ

2018

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Message from the Pastor

Holy Living

A blessed 2018 to you all! 2017 has been very good to us at Main Street UMC. We have grown in numbers and vitality, added Sunday school classes and experienced a renewed sense of mission to Love, Grow and Serve. I am grateful to our excellent staff and to each member and attendee for the joy and purpose we know together. I eagerly await all that God has in store for us.

We live in a time that begs for unity and mercy. John Wesley, founder of Methodism, said that conflicts between Christians were a contradiction of the love meant to define Christian life. His vision was "to reform the nation and, in particular, the Church, to spread scriptural holiness over the land." Holy Living will be one of our themes of 2018. Christ's renewal and transformation of human hearts must be expressed in outer change. Love becomes the ruling center of our lives, the center of our souls. We develop a new character that is radically redirected toward the love of God and our neighbor. We sincerely wish our neighbors (the godly and the ungodly) both earthly and heavenly happiness. Our speech, our use of money, our care for the poor and stewardship of life itself becomes holy, set apart from the ordinary. As John Wesley liked to point out, even if we do not think alike, we can surely love alike.

Main Street Calendar

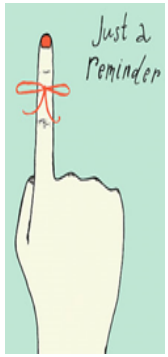
Worship: Helping People Love God
8:30 am Informal Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
Ministry at Waynesboro Manor: 9:45 am Third Sundays
Masterpeace Quartet: 4:30 pm Sundays
Masterpeace Ringers: 5:00 pm Sundays
God's Kids: 9:40 am Sundays
Caritas: 5:30 pm Sundays
Handbells: 9:30 am Wednesdays
Chancel Choir: 7:00 pm Wednesdays

Discipleship: Helping People Grow in Faith
Agapetons Prayer Group: 4:00 pm Third Sundays
Youth Group Activities: 6:00 pm Sundays
Book Club: 10:00 am Tuesdays
Women's A.N.G.E.L. Circle: 7:00 pm Fourth Tuesdays
Wonderful Wednesday: 3:00 pm Wednesdays
Fellowship Dinners: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Wednesdays
Bible Study: 6:00 pm Wednesdays
Women's Social Concerns Circle: 11:00 am Second Thursdays
Women's Dorcas Circle: 11:00 am Second Thursdays

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
January 1st—New Year's Day—OFFICE CLOSED
January 8th—In House Registration for Preschool
January 15th—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 22nd—Public Registration for Preschool
February 2nd—Groundhog Day
February 13th—Mardi Gras
February 14th—Lent Begins– Ash Wednesday
February 14th—Valentine's Day
February 18th—Confirmation Classes Begin
February 19th—President's Day

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



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February

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We wish birthday happiness to those who have birthdays in January, February and

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.

Bertha Johnson	1/02	Peter Lafferty	2/01
Mandy Robinson	1/03	Evelyn Britton	2/02
David Witt	1/06	Susan White	2/02
Frances Mooney	1/08	Earl McGuffin	2/03
Kay Mayton	1/10	Nancy DePauk	2/10
Heather Bame	1/12	Laurie Lafferty	2/12
John Guthrie	1/12	Tom Brown	2/12
Irma Blakemore	1/14	Forrest Arehart	2/12
Elizabeth Kennedy	1/15	Peggy Browning	2/14
Judy Smith	1/16	Kenny Pannell	2/14
Stewart Hall	1/17	Debbie Johnson	2/16
Jason Harlow	1/17	Elizabeth Schillinger	2/16
Hugh Hall	1/19	Edna Bays	2/16
Staci Anthony	1/19	Erin Gomez	2/16
Jay Schaefer	1/20	Mae Ford	2/19
John Lucas	1/20	Nancy Woodall	2/20
David Sheldon	1/22	Casey Carter	2/22
Ruth Pannell	1/23	Taryn Fitzgerald	2/22
Donald Dollins	1/24	Terri Drewy	2/24
Jo Wilkinson	1/24	Ryan Burks	2/24
Don Morris	1/29	David Reed	2/24
Sandee Dixon	1/29	Peggy Carter	2/27
Lucy Stultz	2/01	Orville Bame	2/28

INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY

Main Street will soon have a new church directory that will be available online via the church website and on your smartphone, and which can also be printed from your home computer. This pictorial directory is password-protected. Please contact Sharlene Wade (540-241-1599 or solutions@rockbridge.net) to make certain we have your current address, phone number and email address. To submit your photo, please give Sharlene a hardcopy photo to scan or submit one electronically at solutions@rockbridge.net. We look forward to this new option

Main Street Preschool

December was a wonderful month for the children at Main Street Preschool. They went caroling throughout the building, delivered food to the MSUMC Food Pantry, and sang about the birth of our Lord in their Christmas Program, The Christmas Baby. Thank you to Dawn Lemasney for accompanying the children on piano and Laurie Bame for helping with sound. The students had practiced for many weeks and their hard work certainly paid off!

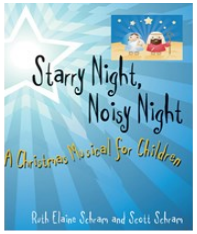
The fun continued with our Polar Express Pajama Day. The children spent the morning making crafts and ornaments, having snowball fights, and playing other reindeer games. They had school wide Christmas Party, watched "A Charlie Brown Christmas", and even had a visit from Santa! Thank you to all who volunteered to help make this day so special for the children!

While we have so much more planned for our students this year, it is time to start thinking about the 2018-19 school year. In House Registration for next year will begin on January 8th. We have already begun to receive calls for next school year, so be sure to register early to secure a spot. Public registration will begin on January 22nd.

I hope each and every one of you have had a peaceful and joyous Christmas. May the dawn of this New Year bring promises of new joys for you and your family. May you be blessed each day with peace, love, and happiness.

Happy New Year!
Anne Ramsey

Children's Christmas Musical

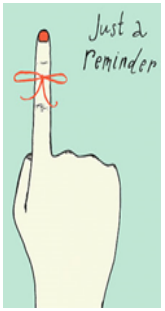


Jesus said that whomever cares to enter the Kingdom of Heaven should come like a child. We surely knew the delight of our children during the Advent season. Our Preschoolers outdid themselves with a splendid musical program with joyful singing and enthusiastically spoken parts. What an outstanding staff and director we have! Thank you, Anne Ramsey and teachers.

And then our church children, under the direction of Dawn Lemasney, outdid themselves in Sunday worship on December 17! Who knew that cows could tap dance and that they had such good solo voices?

Preschool Christmas Program

The Christmas Baby



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Jan. 14	1 Samuel 3:1-10, John 1:43-51 "Your Servant is Listening"	
Jan. 21	Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Matthew 1:14-20 "The Fulness of Time"	
Jan. 28	Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Mark 1:21-28 "What Is This?"	

February 2018
Worship Scriptures & Sermons

Feb. 4	1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39 "While It Was Very Dark" Holy Communion
Feb. 11	2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9 "Seeing the Light"
Feb. 14	**Ash Wednesday, 6 pm in the Sanctuary** Please join us for worship and the Imposition of Ashes as we begin the journey of Lent.
Feb. 18	First Sunday in Lent, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15 "Of One Mind"
Feb. 25	Second Sunday in Lent Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38 "Life Savers"

Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 6 pm in Spares & Pairs

Jan. 17 Resume study of C.S. Lewis's "Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"

Partners in Mission: Paxot 2, Guatemala

We are grateful to have established a vibrant connection with a Mayan Indian village in the highlands of Guatemala. The local Methodist Church there, (Jesus El Buen Pastor, "Jesus the Good Shepherd"), is a vibrant congregation with over 200 in worship each week. The church runs an After School Program that is free and open all 12 months of the year. It teaches literacy, nutrition, Bible & Music and vocational skills. Malnutrition continues to be an issue for about 25% of the students in this village of 1500 persons. There are 390 children in the After School Program

Our church has covenanted to be a partner with Jesus El Buen Pastor Church and its After School program with these specific foci: Prayer for Pastor Tomas and his leadership team; Purchasing shoes for students (50 pairs every three months); Purchasing rice and beans in bulk to be prepared for afternoon meals; Procuring medical supplies for the local clinic. For more descriptions of the village and its people, talk with : Holly Andrus, Becky Grandle, Stephanie Schaefer and David Wolfe, who visited Paxot 2 in October of 2017.

Would you like to join the next Mission Visit to Guatemala? Our **next visit to Paxot 2 is aiming for March 6-12, 2018.** We will fly from DC to Guatemala City, spend two nights in lovely Antigua and 3 nights in Chichicastenango, making the 45 minute drive to Paxot 2 each morning. Meet the Mayan children who are thriving in the After School Program as well as their teachers, make home visits, talk with the public school principal, visit the local medical clinic and its public health nurse and join in worship with our partner church. Your life will be changed! Our Mission Committee can help with airfare. Contact Stephanie Schaefer (Chair of Missions) or Pastor Linda for more information. Is God touching your heart to contribute financially? 100% of your contribution will go for shoes, food and medicine. Please make your check to Main Street UMC, memo: Paxot 2.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation Class for students, currently in 6th grade through high school, will begin on Sunday afternoon, February 18 and will continue for six weeks. Confirmands will be welcomed into full membership on Easter Sunday, April 1. We will meet in Holy Grounds Coffee Room, time to be announced.

Meals on Wheels Appreciation

Many thanks to everyone who helped to deliver Meals on Wheels in December. As I'm sure you all discovered, there are many in our community who really need this type of support. Your gift of service makes a huge difference in their lives!

Items Needed in the Main Street Pantry

January—Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce
February—Toilet Paper, Soap, Personal Care Items

The Main Street Food Pantry operates from Monday through Thursday, 9:30 - 11:00 am, to assist people in our