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From the Pastor's Desk



I am glad to report that the 235th Virginia Annual Conference, held in Hampton, was an inspiring and uplifting time. We had excellent teaching and preaching and many good reports were given and approved as the ongoing work of the United Methodist Church moves along in the 21st century. Visiting Mississippi Bishop James Swanson gave an altar call during the Commissioning and Ordination Service, and over forty young adults responded to his invitation to commit their lives in leadership for the United Methodist Church! Down to the front of the auditorium they streamed as the Bishop laid hands on them and prayed.

"A disciple of Jesus Christ is a lifelong learner who influences others to serve," said our own Bishop Sharma Lewis. This will be the Mission Statement for the Virginia Conference under her leadership. Our task as churches and as individuals is to intentionally form Christian disciples by our influence and our own servanthood.

We at Main Street UMC will be taking our bishop's words to heart. Our Christian education (Sunday school, Bible study and small groups) offerings will coordinate our call to discipleship and spiritual formation across all age levels. We will attend to prayer, biblical literacy, sound theology and Methodist history. It is exciting to learn and grow together and MSUMC has a long history of excellent teachers and leaders. We will influence Waynesboro, our part of the Valley and around the globe as God opens the door for us in mission. And we will hope and pray that our servanthood will inspire and infect others with the desire to please God by being in mission with the least of these.

John Wesley's three rules remind us to: do no harm; do all the good we can; and to stay in love with God. What an important moment of human history we are privileged to live in. Let's let our light shine this summer as we worship, study, serve and have fun together. I am delighted to be appointed as your pastor for a second year and look forward to all that God has in store for us.

Pastor Linda

Wednesdays in July

On Wednesday mornings (July 5,12,19,26) at 10:30 am, you are invited to a Book Group. We will be reading Murder at the Rummage Sale by Elizabeth Cunningham, a faithful 10th generation Episcopalian. Meeting in Holy Grounds Coffee Room, we will read and discuss together: Who is the Christ figure and how do you know? Who

is the most likely scapegoat? What does it mean to be faithful when everyone else is fibbing? What do the children know? Come and join us for a good read, good theology and good fellowship! Please call the church office to register and to reserve a book.

On Wednesday evenings (July 5,12,19,26) at 6:30 pm, you are invited to study the **Book of Galatians** in the Spares and Pairs Classroom. The Letter of Paul to the Galatians was written in the mid 50s CE to a young community of believers in what is now Turkey, as they wrestled with their identity and mission in the world. Paul preached freedom in Christ to the former pagans, but other Jewish-Christian teachers insisted that some elements of the Jewish law and ritual had to be maintained by new converts. Paul insisted that only God could (and would) set people free from the bondage of sin, and from the powers and principalities of the world. Bring your Bible and your prayers, and join us in good discussion: Are we bound by the law or defined by freedom as Christians? Are new people entering the church from non-Christian backgrounds "separate by equal" or full brothers and sisters? How can Christians agree to disagree?

Looking at August (I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for....)

Sunday, August 20 at 4 pm Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall. We will provide ice cream and all the fixings! Please come and join in good conversation and games together as we honor our newest members and our newest Sunday School Class, the Matthew 18:30 Class.

Mission Together: Paxot 2, Guatemala Trip Scheduled for October 10-16, 2017

Why do Christians travel so far to be together? We are motivated by many things: sharing the love that believers feel for one another, learning from our brothers and sisters the hard lessons of faith learned in challenging circumstances, standing with them and for them as they minister in their own area.

Paxot 2 is a small village (less than 1000 people) of Mayan Indians in the Guatemalan highlands. At an elevation of nearly 7000 feet, Paxot 2 has sunny days and chilly nights. "Jesus El Buen Pastor" ("Jesus the Good Shepherd) Methodist Church is the cornerstone of this community. When I attended last February there were more than 200 people in attendance for a two hour service!

We would like to enter into a mission partnership: Main Street UMC and Jesus El Buen Pastor Metodista. Our Mission Committee has approved an ongoing relationship with this Guatemalan church in order to be in mission: working as partners to feed the 250 children in the Methodist church's after school program, partnering with the local clinic in improved health care for the village, and praying for one another daily.

Would you like to spend 6 days in Guatemala with a small group from MSUMC? We will: interact with children in the after school program, visit the health clinic, visit homes of local families, hear from Pastor Tomas about his community's deepest needs, meet with Methodist women who are organizing a weaving cooperative in order to sell shawls and table cloths to help feed the children, and worship together with joy. We will stay at the San Tomas Hotel in Chichicastenango (which you can find online), a lovely, safe and comfortable place.

Is God nudging you to go, or to help someone else to go? Please contact Stephanie Schaeffer, Mission Chair or Pastor Linda.



THOSE SERVING OUR CHURCH in August

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

Open: Laurie Bame
Close: Richard Ammons



Our recycling volunteer for the month is . . .
Byron Ford



Our bus teams are . . .

August 6 Rodger & Brenda Daniels
August 13 Jonathan & Susan White
August 20 Ron Hiserman & Sue Ball
August 27 Bruce & Debra Allen



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August 27 Eleanor Duncan



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August 20 Dot Trott
August 27 Peggy Carter

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August 24th. Thank you!

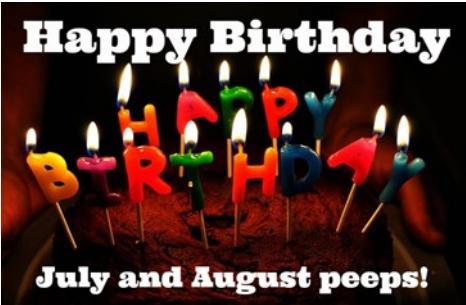


Welcome To Our New
Director of Family Ministries

Sharlene Wade



We are delighted to welcome Sharlene as our newest staff member at MSUMC. She will have responsibility for our children's and youth programs as well as other missions within the church. Sharlene will be employed full time. She comes to us after 10 successful years on the staff of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Staunton. Sharlene is a cradle United Methodist and is married to Rob Wade. You will love getting to know them both!



We wish birthday
happiness to those who
have birthdays in July,
August and early

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.



Bekah O'Dell	07/02	Erin Hicks	08/04
Lloyd Dollins	07/03	Peyton Dollins	08/04
Paula Smiley	07/04	Doris Scott	08/05
Stella Hutchinson	07/06	Bob Partridge	08/06
Dick Hay	07/06	Ileta Palmer	08/07
Richard Ammons	07/07	Jessie Dollins	08/10
Marjorie Cooper	07/09	Catherine Parrigan	08/11
Laurie Bame	07/10	Doug Edwards	08/13
Rachael O'Dell	07/12	Olivia Brewer	08/15
Melody Kraus	07/13	Scott Lafferty	08/16
Debra Allen	07/14	Rajitha Brewer	08/16
Cynthia Scott	07/14	Ann Melinda Humphrey	08/17
Debbie Richardson	07/14	Rodney Bradt	08/18
Caitlin Davis	07/15	Logan Atkins	08/18
Paris Hutchinson	07/17	Lauren Caulder	08/19
Karen Curry	07/18	Bill Runkle	08/19
Don Johnson	07/20	Richard Humphrey	08/20
Don Coffey	07/24	Frank Fletcher	08/20
Ron Hiserman	07/25	Maxine Tolbert	08/21
Eric Bame	07/28	Harvey Kelley	08/22
Judy McKinney	07/28	Janet Owens	08/23
Doris Sandridge	07/30	Ann Walker	08/26
Lovisa Prescott	07/30	Julia Lucas	08/28



Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.
No Gifts Please.

Doug Edwards and Nora Paduano would like to announce their upcoming wedding on July 23, 2107 immediately following the 11:00 am service. We welcome our church family to attend this joyous celebration of marriage.

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

The Secret Boutique Collection

The Missions Committee will be collecting school supplies, toiletries and sanitary supplies beginning in July and until school starts for youth grades 6 - 12 for the Secret Boutique. The Secret Boutique is a district wide mission project located at Wayne Hills with the purpose of providing in-season and in-style clothing and supplies to needy youth in a confidential manner. You'll be hearing more about how Main Street can help this vital local mission as we get into the new school year and more information will be forthcoming about needed supplies as July approaches. Bins will be placed in the Narthex and Main Entrance for collection.

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

July 4 - Celebrate Independence Day

July 23 - Doug Edwards & Nora Paduano Wedding

August 20 - Ice Cream Social

August 24 - Articles for September Spire Due

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



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July 30 Lew & Murhl Blessing

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Audio Ministry



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Children's and Youth Ministry



Summer Music Camp has come and gone. But, the memories of seeing these younger children and youth will be everlasting. It was a joyous time by all. Enjoy some of the pictures that were captured during this week on these 2 pages.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this camp possible including Dawn Lemasney, Donald Dollins, Peyton Dollins (btw - the children ❤️ Peyton), Pastor Linda and all of the volunteers.



July 2017

Worship Scriptures & Sermons

- July 2 Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42
"The Grace of Welcome"; Holy Communion
- July 9 Guest Preacher: Rev. John Brenneke
- July 16 Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
"What the Spirit Sows"
- July 23 Romans 8:12-14; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
"The Marathon of Hope"
- July 30 Fifth Sunday, 10:30 am Worship Only
Romans 8:26-29; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
"The Purpose of Pearls"



August 2017

Worship Scriptures & Sermons

- August 6 Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21
"Let's Give Them Something"
- August 13 Guest Preacher: Becky Grandle
- August 20 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-31; Matthew 15:21-28
"Whose Food Is It?"
- August 27 Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20
"Metamorphosis"

New for The Spire

We're trying something new! This spring and summer, we will publish **ONE** issue of The Spire for May/June and **ONE** issue of the Spire for July/August. Generally, we have less church news during these months and we want to be careful stewards.



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Paxot 2, Guatemala Exploratory Trip

The Missions Committee has adopted Paxot 2, Guatemala as a focus for international mission with the intention of partnering with the Jesus El Buen Pastor Evangelical Methodist Church. An exploratory mission trip is planned for October 10-16, 2017 to learn more about how Main Street can have the most effective impact on the community. Ideas for partnership include providing ongoing financial support for their afternoon school program that feeds 250 children each day during the school year, reviewing building opportunities, and discussing the



development of a weaving cooperative where their beautiful weaving could be sold in our community at market value with the proceeds returned to the village for reinvestment. The trip will likely begin on a Monday and end on Saturday (dates are not chosen yet), with Volunteers In Mission (VIM) providing support services, including daily transportation to the village from a comfortable hotel in the nearest city, about a 15 mile drive. If you are interested in participating in this trip, please contact Stephanie Schaefer at 470-0483 or call Pastor Linda at the church.





Working Office: Quiet Zone (8 am-10 am and other times, too)

A gentle reminder to all that our Church Office is a busy working office. With accounts to post, reports to the District Office and Annual Conference to submit, bulletins and newsletters to publish, our amazing Administrative Assistants do a heroic job for Main Street UMC. Their early morning hours are an especially good time to "get a jump" on the day's many tasks. Please respect their quiet time (**except for emergencies**) and do not interrupt them except to gain admittance through the front door. It is wonderful to be in conversation with good friends and church members, but please go out into the hallway, into the fellowship hall or the entry way for your conversations rather than visiting at length in the church office. Remember, we have a busy working office, making possible our many ministries at Main Street. Our two Administrative Assistants, Debbie and Kathy, are a deep blessing to us and we want to support them in their vital work. **If you have an emergency need** during early morning time (or any other time), please call me on my cell phone, 276.634.8136, and I will respond at once.

Thanks,

Pastor Linda



Information Due: Bulletin information will be due **by Wednesday at 10:30 am** for the following Sunday. This will enable our Teams to create, print and prepare all inserts in a timely way. Spire Information will be due by **10:30 am on the designated day**. **Please email all of your information to the church office.**

Children's Sunday School Room

The big elementary school class room is well used for a variety of children's ministries: Wednesday afternoons (3:00 pm-5:00 pm) will find busy children and adults in our Wonderful Wednesday program and Sunday mornings are busy with Sunday



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Items Needed in the Main Street Pantry

July - Baking Mix (Bisquick, Corn Muffin Mix, etc.)

August - Spaghetti Sauce

The Main Street Food Pantry operates from Monday through Thursday, 9:30 - 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.



"HEALTHY" shout out of appreciation to Main Street UMC!



96 health kits were sent to Conference from Main Street. United Methodist Committee on Relief will distribute the kits to those in need. Thanks to all who helped collect the items for the kits, pack them, and transport them to conference. Harriett Jennings

Meals on Wheels

Our church will be delivering Meals on Wheels to homebound Waynesboro seniors for one route in July. Many thanks to the members who have signed up to do this. Delivery volunteers will pick up the meals from the Waynesboro Senior Center at 10:45a.m. It will take an hour or less to deliver. Our church will deliver again in December and will have all four Waynesboro routes, so we'll need many more people to deliver them. Please contact Janice Gentry (jsgafton@yahoo.com or 932-2076) if you have any questions.

