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Love God—Grow in Faith—Serve Christ*



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Gratitude and Sleigh Bells

James, the brother of Jesus, talks about “the life that is really life” — not a grudging life, not a frightened life, not a life that is a compromise with what we hope and dream for—but a “life that is really life”

(James 6:19). As I look back on 2018 at MSUMC, I give thanks to God for the life we share together in Christian community, a life that is really life. We have taken in two dozen new members, served our community in many ways, offered some of Waynesboro’s very finest music, nurtured children, youth and adults in Christian education, supported our partner church in Guatemala with our gifts and our presence, baptized six persons and added new Directors of Children’s Ministry (Dawn Lemasney), Youth Ministry (Adam Conner), an 8:30 music leader (Adam Phillips) and 8:30 pianists (Mattie and Bettie Tindall). We have blessed both people and animals (in honor of St. Francis of Assisi) and reached out to our community with love. What a year of grace and glory... the life that is really life!

ALL SAINTS DAY



Gratitude is a good starting point for November planning. On November 4, we will give thanks at 11 am worship for our saints who have gone to be with the Lord. Putting a flower on our altar and calling out each precious name, we will hold them in gratitude as we celebrate them now living with God in that life that is really life. On November 4 at both services, we will receive our Pledge Cards. Pledges

for tithes will help us develop and honor the budget for 2019. Jesus reminds us in Luke’s Gospel that the fields are so plentiful for harvest, bursting all over with possibilities for fruition, and yet the laborers are so few. What a joy to be part of a congregation who answers, “yes, Lord, we will!” We will worship and sing and teach. We will prepare and then deliver Thanksgiving dinners to dozens of shut-ins. We will trust God to show us the way forward into the life that is really life.



We live as people between two Advents... the first Advent in which Jesus came to us, a vulnerable baby born to loving parents and the final Advent when Christ comes again and ushers human history to a close. Meanwhile we wait with great expectations to see what God is birthing in our midst.

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December 23 Judy von Bernuth
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Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

Any articles or information for the January/February "Lighted Spire" should be sent to the office no later than December 18th.
Thank you!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jack LeMasney 11/1
Kairi Phillips 11/4
Bill Dillon 11/4
Susan Guthrie 11/5
Audrey Lindamood 11/6
Sherry Winslow 11/9
Emma Hill 11/11
Ed Blakemore 11/11
Peggy Ribet 11/11
Erin Phillips 11/12
Charlene Kelley 11/13
Lou Trott 11/14
Charlene Plunkett 11/15
Maria Knapp 11/18
Max Scheetz 11/18
Chelsie Burks 11/18
Jeffrey Dickens 11/21
Alexandra Carter 11/22
Weston Brown 11/22
Maximus Ambriz 11/23
Frank Smiley 11/25
Irvin Erler 11/27
Amy Brown 11/29
John Rollins 11/29



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Chrissy Schillinger 12/1
Bonnie Hall 12/1
Phil Lemons 12/3
Wanda Kornicke 12/3
Chris Straight 12/3
Jean Cross 12/4
Harold Baldwin 12/5
Suzanne Hall 12/8
Randie Groah 12/8
Scott Bays 12/12
Elaine Carwile 12/16
David Layman 12/17
Mark Kindy 12/18
Gene Walker 12/18
Ray Tolbert 12/18
Edith Dollins 12/19
Kay Neff 12/20
Katlin Fitzgerald 12/22
Susan Campbell 12/22
Amy Layman 12/28
Timothy Carwile 12/30
Linda Davis 12/31
Bertha Johnson 1/2
Mandy Robinson 1/3

We wish birthday happiness to those who have birthdays in November, December and early January.

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!



Items Needed in the
Main Street Food Pantry
November—Toilet Paper, Soap,
Shampoo, Personal Needs Items
December—Canned Meat

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) for more information.

Main Street Preschool Happenings...

November is an exciting month at Main Street Preschool! Our students will learn what it truly means to be thankful. We will discuss the Pilgrims, Native Americans and the very first Thanksgiving. Each class will prepare a dish to share at our Main Street Preschool Thanksgiving Feast.



Also, we will be holding our annual Food Pantry Drive which will run throughout the entire month of November. Our hope is to teach the students the importance of helping each other and charitable giving.

Our focus on service and giving will continue during the month of December. The students will go caroling throughout the church, deliver items that they have collected to the MSUMC Food Pantry, make gifts for friends and family and make Christmas cards for soldiers overseas.

Christmas Trees! Lights! Stockings! Gingerbread Houses! Candy Canes! Cookies! Presents! What's not to be excited about? It's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle, but it's important that we take time to be still and remember that Jesus is the Reason for the Season! Join us as the children share the beautiful story of our Savior's birth on Wednesday, December 12th at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary.



A special thank you to everyone who attended and helped with our Fall Fundraiser Dinner, Art Show & Open House! The children worked very hard to prepare their artwork and enjoyed showing it off! This month, and always, the MSP staff is thankful for our MSUMC family and for the support that you continually give to this wonderful ministry.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and God Bless!
Anne Ramsey, Director

REJOICE always;
PRAY without ceasing;
In all things **GIVE THANKS**

What's UP ...

Bible Study

Bible Study: Wednesday evenings, 6 pm, Spares & Pairs Classroom
On **Nov. 7, 14 and 28**, we will continue with our study of 1 and 2 Peter and Titus.

On **Dec. 5, 12 and 19**, we will do an Advent Study: "The Gift of the Nutcracker" written by Rev. Matt Rawle. "The Nutcracker" ballet was first performed in St. Petersburg, Russia in 1892 and we have loved it as a Holiday Tradition ever since. Matt Rawle will have us look at waiting in the "in between times," gifts at unexpected times, how perspectives are changed and the great good news. The plot of "The Nutcracker" and its themes are beautifully interwoven with scripture and discussion questions. Please join us and call the church office to reserve a copy of "The Gift of the Nutcracker" published by Abingdon, 2018. Cost is \$10.



Book Club

Thursday mornings, 9:30 am, Church Library
We will meet November 1, 8, 15 and 29 to discuss Dan Brown's "Origins." The Book Club **will NOT meet in December.**

CHANCEL Choir

Notice new people in the 11 am Chancel Choir? We are so pleased to welcome new members Sharon and Jack Smith, Babs Bristow, Lisa Seymour, Debbie Angus and Anne (Fowler) Rosenberger. Our Choir sounds just beautiful. Well done, all!



Prayer Request

Please pray for David Wolfe as he journeys to Kaimosi, Kenya (November 20-December 21) to teach pastoral care to seminarians there. We will have him tell us all about it when he returns.



Volunteers in Mission Team to Paxot 2, Guatemala— March 23—31, 2019

Our church will be taking a Team of (about) 12 to do a medical clinic and a stove building project in our partner village in the Mayan highlands. We will stay in a comfortable hotel in Chichicastenango (Santo Tomas Hotel) and travel the 45 minutes back and forth to our village with a professional driver and our own dedicated van. Who can go: anyone who is high school age and older. Middle school students will be considered if they go with a guardian (or if you will allow another adult on our team to be their guardian). Financial help is available for all expenses. Passport is essential. This trip will fill up quickly, so please let Pastor Linda know ASAP if you are considering going. It is a wonderful privilege to learn from our sibling Methodist Church in Paxot 2, as they offer their community a vibrant After School Program and work hard to meet the needs of a village where 25% are hungry. You will find it a joy!



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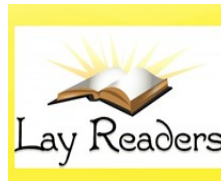
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Our Preschoolers Have Been Busy!



STOP, DROP, ROLL



Special visitors for the Butterflies & Bluebirds



Our Bear and Bunny Classes



He's not so scary, after all!



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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 Bells: 4:30 pm Sundays

Genesis Bells: 5:30 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: 9:30 am Thursdays

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 of every month

Trustees: 6:30 pm 2nd Sunday of every other month

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

Mourning to Morning Grief Support: 4:00 pm Wednesdays

Special Monthly Events

November 4th—Daylight Saving Time Ends—ALL SAINTS DAY

November 6th—Election Day

November 8th—Charge Conference

November 11th—Veterans Day

November 22nd—Thanksgiving Day—Church Office Closed

November 23rd—Church Office Closed

December 2nd—Advent Begins

December 9th—Cantata—One Service at 10:30 am

December 12th—Preschool Christmas Pageant

December 16th—Children's Christmas Musical at 11:00 am

December 21st—1st Day of Winter

December 24th—Christmas Eve—Services at 5 pm and 7 pm

December 25th—Christmas Day—Church Office Closed

December 31st—New Year's Eve

January 1st—New Year's Day—Church Office Closed

Save the Date:

Charge Conference, November 8th (Thursday), 7:30 pm.

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



This Advent season (beginning on December 2), we will light the Advent candles at both worships with short skits each week, rejoice with the Chancel Choir's Cantata (December 9 at 10:30 am— just one service), celebrate with the Children's Musical (11 am on December 16) and of course worship Christmas Eve at 5 pm and 7 pm. Sleigh Bells ring, are you listening? Yes we are! We are listening with gratitude for the Source of that life that is really life. We are listening and waiting for the presence of the Christ child who comes once more into the depths of our open hearts. We are listening for the voice of Jesus himself and ready to answer, "Here we are, Lord. We will!"

Blessed holidays from Pastor Linda and David,
and our gratitude to MSUMC for all that you do and are.

Guatemala Mission Team to Paxot 2

In Honor and Memory of Lucy Stultz

Guatemalan Benefit Dinner—Wednesday, December 5, 5 pm

Our Mission Team to Guatemala will be providing a Guatemalan meal to raise funds for travel expenses to Guatemala in March 2019. Thanks to our dear Lucy Stultz, who contributed generously to the mission of Paxot 2 and many others, we have good funding for stove building, buying shoes for school children and helping with public health needs. This Benefit Dinner will be to help supply scholarship funds for travel for our Team.



Our Music Ministry is on a roll!!!

Christmas Musical

The children and youth will present their Christmas musical, On Our Way to Bethlehem, on **Sunday, December 16th** during the 11:00 service.

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COMPLINE Services

Prayer is a vital part of many religious communities. In the Christian church, we offer our thanks to God on Sunday mornings during worship and throughout our daily lives. In the ancient church, monastic communities would offer their prayers throughout the day in a cycle of

prayers called the Daily Office. The prayer cycle of Matins, Lauds, Prime, Terce, Sext, None, Vespers and Compline was designed as a means of devoting the whole of one's daily life to the Lord. These services allowed time for prayers, readings, psalms, and hymns. Compline was a service to close the day; an opportunity to express joy and thanksgiving and to confess sins. John Wesley, who as an Anglican priest, provided a version of these orders for early American Methodists to use on Sundays each week. We all need to take time out of our busy schedules to pray and meditate. We will be starting a Compline service once a month at Main Street UMC. If you are interested in participating in this service, feel free to contact Adam Phillips at adamcraigphillips@gmail.com for details. Otherwise, we hope you will attend and let the music and chant inspire your prayer life.

"In my heart there RINGS a melody!"

Donald Dollins would like to offer a handbell course to anyone in the church from both services. This would be an introductory course if you are interested in learning more about bell ringing.

There is no long-term commitment for this!! You don't even need to know how to read music!! Just come and have fun with something new!! We have a few already interested so far. Contact Donald or me if you are interested in doing this.



Thank you!
Adam Phillips

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

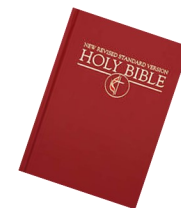
The Chancel Choir, accompanied by an orchestra, will re-tell the Christmas story on **December 9th at 10:30 am (one service)** in our sanctuary. Come join your fellow parishioners, invite your neighbors, as we share "The Greatest Story Ever Told" by Dennis and Nan Allen.



Worship Scriptures & Sermons

November 2018

- November 4 All Saints Day: We will remember, in a special way, our Members who have died from November 2016 through 2018 . Holy Communion will be served and Pledge Cards received for the 2019 church year. Isaiah 25:6-9, Revelation 21:1-6a "All Things New"
- November 11 Rev. Bud Davis, guest preacher at both services
- November 18 1 Samuel 1:4-20, Mark 13:1-8 "God Does Know"
- November 25 Joel 2:21-27, Matthew 6:25-33 "Identify Yourself"



December 2018

- December 2 First Sunday of Advent: The Candle of Hope; Holy Communion Jeremiah 2:21-27, Matthew 6:25-33 "In the End is Our Beginning"
- December 9 Second Sunday of Advent: The Candle of Peace **Cantata Sunday 10:30 am (one service)**
- December 16 Third Sunday of Advent: The Candle of Joy Zephaniah 3:14-20, Luke 3:7-18 "The Best News"
- December 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent: The Candle of Peace Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:2-14 "Glory to God"
- December 24 5 pm Family Oriented Worship Service
7 pm Candlelight Service
- December 30 Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52 "What Do We Assume?"

This Advent Season, we will be having brief skits during the lighting of the Advent candles, at both the 8:30 service and the 11 am service. We hope you will find this an added joy. Our special thanks to Barbara Atchison for her guidance and counsel.

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Parents' Night Out Christmas GLOW Party!

December 8, 6-9 p.m.
Ages: Infant - 10 years

Parents can enjoy an evening out while kids party the night away with glow-in-the-dark games and activities! We will make crafts, practice for our musical and enjoy snacks and a movie. PJs are welcome!

Wonderful Wednesday



We welcomed some new friends to our Wonderful Wednesday crew this fall! Some highlights of our year so far included collecting supplies for the Henry Fork Service Center, making baked apples, making pom-pom critters as gifts, playing games, a visit to Pastor Linda's study and enjoying Joyce's amazing treats! We look forward to making cards for Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels, creating our Christmas musical and celebrating Advent together!

Wonderful Wednesdays is our after-school club for kids in grades K - 5. We do games, crafts, music, Bible study and service projects. Contact Dawn Lemasney, if you have an activity suggestion or if you would like to join us as a volunteer.



Trunk or Treat



Kitchen News



Recycling: We need a couple of more folks, for next year, to do recycling. If you might be able to help, please consider joining the recycling team. It involves being in charge of recycling in the kitchen, as well as paper recycling from the office copy room and choir room, for one month. It usually involves 1-4 trips to the recycle center, depending on the volume that month and your individual pace. If you think you might be interested, please contact Evelyn Cotton, the kitchen steward.

Fellowship Dinners: Kathy Rae and I want to extend a HUGE thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with the Wednesday night Fellowship meals. It's really awesome to get together as a group like that. And thanks to everyone who does such a nice job cleaning up the kitchen after the meal! We're still looking for cooking leaders or groups to do more meals in December, January, and into next year. Don't forget that there is a list of helper volunteers for all categories, and we're always willing to help or find experienced helpers for anyone who wants to lead but lacks experience. Private kitchen tours are also available upon request.



Christmas Stocking Outreach

Main Street will be filling Salvation Army Christmas Stockings again this year for needy children in our community. Stockings will be available for pick-up in the Narthex and Main Lobby and should be returned to Main Street on Monday, December 3. Included in your stocking(s) will be info as to boy/girl, age and suggestions for stuffing the stocking. Please do not overstuff! Please do not include edible items such as gum or candy! Thank you for your ongoing generosity that results in children enjoying gifts on Christmas morning who would otherwise go without. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Schaefer at ssvpas@hotmail.com or 540-470-0483.

Undy Sunday Returns!

Main Street will be collecting **new** underwear for teens (6th through 12th grade) for the Secret Boutique on Sunday, November 4. The Secret Boutique is an upscale clothes closet for needy Junior and High School aged ladies and gentlemen in Waynesboro. The Secret is its location so that students aren't readily identified as "needy" to their peers. The Boutique needs all sizes and colors of junior and young men sized panties, briefs and boxers. Collection bins will be placed in the Narthex and main entrance. Last year, 997 pairs of underwear were donated. Let's see if we can break 1,000 this year! **All new underwear donations are due on Sunday, November 4.** For questions, please contact Stephanie Schaefer at ssvpas@hotmail.com or 540-470-0483.

