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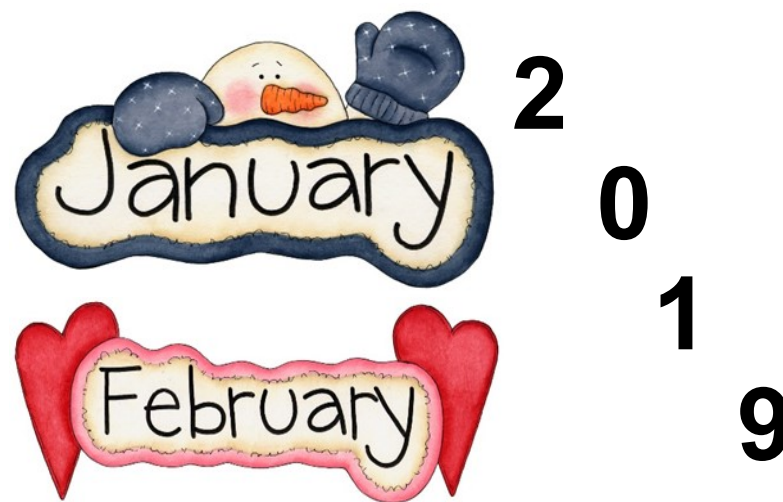
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Love God—Grow in Faith—Serve Christ*



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New Year's Message

FROM THE PASTOR

Happy New Year! My, it feels strange to put 2019 at the top of the page... a

whole brand new year to live into! January is the month of the Magi- those foreign wanderers who crossed dangerous borders of Empires (likely Persian and Roman) and languages (Persian, Aramaic, Hebrew) to pay homage to a holy child, born in Bethlehem. They were undoubtedly very wise and highly educated men in their own land, but they were certainly naive in going to King Herod and politely inquiring, "Where is the baby who has been born King of the Jews? How can we find him? How can we successfully complete this journey that we have begun?"

Sometimes we, too, make the error of going to the wrong sources for answers to deep questions. We go to secular powers who cannot give reliable spiritual counsel. We look to self-help books that are superficial. We may even ask the wrong questions altogether. How did God do this for us, bring the holy child, human and divine into our lives? How do we think of Mary and Joseph and their refugee journey to Egypt to escape the paranoid and power-driven Herod? How did that small boy, Jesus, know himself to be special, beloved and called?

Maybe a better question is "why?" This is a question that young children love to ask! "We are going to sit down now." "Why?" "When we sit in church, we try to be quiet." "Why?" Why is an excellent question! Why did God go all the bother? Why was God motivated to bring the Messiah into the world as a vulnerable child, dependent on many to love him? Why did God gather social outcasts (shepherds) and important foreigners (magi?) and a host of angels to celebrate the birth of Jesus? Why did most good religious people of Jesus time fail to recognize him as Messiah?

The "why" of Jesus and all involved in his story, is the great, unfathomable, humble and holy love of God! We are loved and called into the community of Jesus, loved and redeemed, so that our lives find purpose and peace in the great story of God. In this brand new year of possibilities and challenges and surprises and creativity, may you rest in the profound love that God offers to you!

Pastor Linda

Fees are to help offset utilities, wear and tear, and maintenance - of those churches which charge fees, our fees are well under the others.

With the exception of Faithful Men, our facilities are not available for use on Sundays by guest groups. Wednesdays are also usually not available as we reserve that day for church events and activities.

Ongoing Use Guest/Outside/Community Groups: Use Building Use Request and Policy Forms (ongoing use – should sign a renewal form annually)

Alcoholics Anonymous	Narcotics Anonymous
Waynesboro Choral Society	Faithful Men
Waynesboro Woman's Club groups	

We host the Salvation Army Benefit Concert the first Sunday each year, in cooperation with the Waynesboro Choral Society.

We now also host Grace Christian School Choir Concerts in May and December as long as Staff & Pastor agree to accommodate use, and we have volunteers to host and run AV.

Building Steward for Activities and Special Events

The Building Steward(s) for Activities and Special Events is a Permanent Trustees Sub-Committee position, to be held by church member(s) appointed by the Trustees Committee. The Building Steward(s), in conjunction with the Lead Pastor, Administrative Assistants, Staff, and Building Maintenance person, will approve, schedule, facilitate, and oversee the usage of church facilities by guest groups, to exclude weddings.

RESPONSIBILITIES FOR (DOES DO):

APPROVES, OVERSEES, AND COORDINATES GUEST USE: (ONLY **NON-PROFIT GROUPS** & NOT INDIVIDUALS)

MEETINGS	CONCERTS
FUNDRAISER EVENTS	EVENTS/ACTIVITIES
ACTS AS LIAISON FOR CHURCH	SETS A/C & HEAT AS NEEDED
OVERSEES SECURITY	MAY OPEN CHURCH for GUEST GROUP
MAY CLOSE CHURCH for GUEST GROUP	
CONTACTS & ASSESSES AVAILABILITY:	
KITCHEN STEWARD as needed	
PIANIST/ORGANIST as needed	
CHURCH STAFF AND/OR LEADERS AS NEEDED	
AV TEAM (AS NEEDED ONLY FOR VERY SPECIAL EVENTS)	

AT PASTOR'S REQUEST, MAY ASSIST WITH NON-MEMBER WEDDINGS

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR (DOES NOT DO):

DOES NOT OVERSEE CHURCH USE:

BY MINISTRY GROUPS ACITIVITIES & EVENTS

CHURCH MEMBER WEDDINGS	MEMBER FUNERALS & MEMORIALS
MEMBER PARTIES: BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, SHOWERS, ETC	
SET A/C OR HEAT	OPEN CHURCH
CLOSE CHURCH	

NON-MEMBER FUNERALS ARE COORDINATED BY FUNERAL HOME, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS & PASTOR



THOSE SERVING OUR CHURCH in February

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



Open: George Reed

Close: Eleanor & Joe Duncan



Our recycling volunteer for the month is . . .
TBD

Our bus teams are . . .

February 3 Tom & Amy Brown
February 10 Rodger & Brenda Daniels
February 17 Ron Hiserman, Sue Ball
February 24 Peggy & Tinker Robertson



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

February 3 Ron Hiserman
February 10 Richard Ammons
February 17 Jack LeMasney
February 24 Eleanor Duncan

Those delivering CD's to our homebound are...

February 3 Ann Rosenberger
February 10 Peggy Carter
February 17 Suzanne Hall
February 24 Judy Simora



Don't Miss the

DEADLINE!

Any articles or information for the March/April
"Lighted Spire" should be sent to the office no
later than February 21st. Thank you!



**We wish birthday
happiness to those
who have birthdays in
January, 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!

Bertha Johnson	1/2	Yazmine Ambriz	2/6
Mandy Robinson	1/3	Laurie Lafferty	2/11
David Witt	1/6	Tom Brown	2/12
Frances Mooney	1/8	Forrest Arehart	2/12
John Guthrie	1/12	Peggy Browning	2/14
Irma Blakemore	1/14	Kenny Pannell	2/14
Elizabeth Kennedy	1/15	Elizabeth Schillinger	2/16
Judy Smith	1/16	Edna Bays	2/16
Stewart Hall	1/17	Erin Gomez	2/16
Jason Harlow	1/17	Debbie Johnson	2/16
Hugh Hall	1/19	Mae Ford	2/19
Staci Anthony	1/19	Nancy Woodall	2/20
John Lucas	1/20	Taryn Fitzgerald	2/22
Jay Schaefer	1/20	Casey Carter	2/22
David Sheldon	1/22	Irene Barnes	2/22
Ruth Pannell	1/23	Ryan Burks	2/24
Jo Wilkinson	1/24	David Reed	2/24
Donald Dollins	1/24	Peggy Carter	2/27
Don Morris	1/29	Orville Bame	2/28
Sandee Dixon	1/29	Joyce Huddle	2/29
Peter Lafferty	2/1	Bill Bays	3/2
Evelyn Britton	2/2	Jenny Lucas	3/4
Susan White	2/2	Ed Plunkett	3/5
Earl McGuffin	2/3		



Items Needed in the Main Street Food Pantry

January—Canned Spaghetti Sauce
and Spaghetti

February —Toilet Paper, Soap and
Personal Care Items

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...

December was a wonderful month for the children at Main Street Preschool! During our Polar Express Pajama Day, the children spent the morning making crafts and ornaments, having indoor snowball fights, and playing reindeer games. They had a 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!

We concluded December with our Christmas Program, The Christmas Baby. What a joyous way to celebrate the birth of our Lord! Thank you to Dawn Lemasney for accompanying the children on piano and Pastor Linda for narrating. The students had practiced for many weeks and their hard work certainly paid off!

While we have so much more planned for our students this year, it is time to start thinking about the 2019-2020 school year. In House Registration for next year will begin on January 14th. 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 28th.

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

Main Street Preschool Registration for 2019-2020

It's Registration time again! In House Registration for the 2019-2020 school year will begin on Monday, January 14th. As church members, you have an opportunity to register your child before the general public. Registration will open to the public on Monday, January 28th, so be sure to register soon to ensure a spot for your child. Classes will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Brochures and registration forms can be found on the church website or on the bulletin board downstairs.

What's UP ...

Bible Study

Wednesday night Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, February 5 at 6 pm. For the month of February we will be reading Book Two in C.S. Lewis's Narnia Chronicles: Prince Caspian. Please let the church office know if you would like a copy ordered for you!

Book Club

Book Club will resume on Thursday, January 16 at 9:30 am in the Library. Our book is Richard Rohr's "Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life." All are welcome to join us for discussion. Book are available in the church office.

Last Call for Guatemala Volunteers in Mission to Paxot 2: March 23-31

We have room for two or three more participants on our week long trip to the Mayan highlands of Guatemala. Our Team will be focusing on Public Health: building stoves, providing water purifiers, assisting in the local clinic, doing home and school visits, and worshiping with our Partner Church, Jesus

El Buen Pastor (Jesus the Good Shepherd Methodist Church). Come learn about the Mayan culture and experience the love that Christian people have for one another across cultural differences. Teen agers welcome and financial help available. We will fly out of Charlottesville. Talk to Pastor Linda for details.



Church Family Bowling

January 19, 3-5 p.m.
Staunton Lanes
831 Greenville Ave
Staunton, VA 24401

Everyone is welcome! Ride the church van or meet us there. Please RSVP to Adam Conner or Dawn Lemasney (dlemasney@gmail.com) so we know how many bowlers to expect.



THOSE SERVING OUR CHURCH IN

January



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Open: Laurie Bame

Close: Laurie Bame



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January 27 Jonathan & Susan White

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January 27 Suzanne Scheetz



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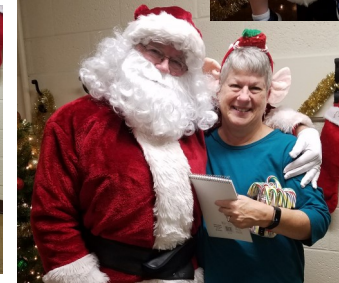
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Thank you!



Polar Express Pajama Day



Visit from Santa and his merry elf!

Preschool Christmas Program



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

Celebration Ringers: 11:30 am Mondays

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 Monday 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

Save the Date:

January 9th—Sacred Strings—6:00 pm

January 20th—Compline Service—7:00 pm

January 19th—Church Family Bowling—3:00 pm

January 27th—Youth—Ice Skating—6:00 pm

February 6th—Fellowship Dinner—5:00 pm

February 17th—Compline Service—7:00 pm

February 21st—Spire Deadline—10:00 am

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

Wonderful Wednesdays

It's hard to believe, but our kids are now halfway through the school year! It's been a great time for us in Wonderful Wednesday.

One of the most popular parts of Wonderful Wednesday is the opening time, when everyone can play games, have a snack and just chill out after a long day at school. Some kids even manage to get their homework done!

We always have a prayer circle where we talk about the happy things we are thankful for, and the things that we are worried about. Then we pray for them. We have had many answered prayers, including sick friends who were healed, friends who were having trouble getting along, and the joyful arrival of a baby brother!

We did three service projects this semester: we collected and purchased school supplies for the UMW to give to Henry Fork Service Center, we delivered "Singing Telegrams" to residents at Summit Square, and we made Thanksgiving cards to distribute with meals delivered by the church.

Our final project for the fall was our Children's Christmas Musical on December 16.

None of this would be possible without our faithful volunteers. Joyce Waymeyer is on duty almost every week. Pastor Linda goes above and beyond, and sometimes to the pizza place! Our school pickup team includes Jean Dillon, Rodger Daniels and Gene Mooney. Thanks also to Babs Bristow, Caroline Baldwin and Rajitha Brewer. Thank you all!

Dawn Lemasney
Children's Ministry Director



Music Ministry News



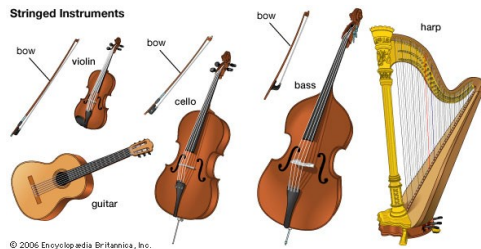
What is Compline?

Compline is a simple service of Night Prayer, sung at the end of the day. A small choir in the Balcony, the altar full of candles and a peaceful sanctuary will welcome you. Come and join us and experience God's peace at the close of your day. Thanks to Adam Phillips, our creative 8:30 am Worship Leaders for his leadership and organization.

Compline at 7 pm: January 20 and February 17.

Sacred Strings

This new music group for string players of all levels will meet for the first time on Wednesday, January 9 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Beginners are welcome. Come and be part of the fun from the very beginning. Contact Dawn Lemasney (dlemasney@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



Worship Scriptures & Sermons

January 2019

- January 6 Isaiah 65:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12
"Old Christmas in a New Year"
- January 13 Isaiah 43:1-7, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
"Remember and Be Thankful"
- January 20 "Out of Africa"
Rev. David Wolfe preaches
- January 27 Nehemiah 8:1-10, Luke 4:14-21
"Who Will Explain It All?"



February 2019

- February 3 Jeremiah 1:4-10
"Who Is There?"
- February 10 Isaiah 6:1-8, Luke 5:1-11
"Who Will Go?"
- February 17 Jeremiah 17:5-10, Luke 6:12-26
"Whom Do You Trust?"
- February 24 Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Luke 6:27-38
"A Whole New Life"



Christian Fellowship Class Party at Rows



Building Steward Information

Hello,

After nine years, I am “retiring” as the Building Steward of Main Street UMC on December 31, 2018.. While serving as the Building Steward, I have been blessed by interactions with individuals, such as yourselves, in meaningful ways, and I have been introduced to a realm of people, activities, and information of which I otherwise would not have had the opportunity. Serving has encouraged me to develop gifts and skills which have improved my ability to adapt in other settings. Serving as Building Steward has provided unique opportunities for fellowship and serving others. These interactions, experiences, and challenges have helped me to grow as an individual, deepened my faith, and nurtured my love for my brothers and sisters in Christ. I encourage you to volunteer in some capacity at Main Street if you are not already doing so.

I am stepping down with joy and the comfort of knowing that Judy von Bernuth has volunteered to serve as the next Building Steward for MSUMC beginning on January 1, 2019. Judy is active in our church and with community groups, which perfectly suits this role which connects us to our community. Judy will be working closely with Pastor Linda, MSUMC staff, the Trustee Committee, and specifically with Helen Ammons, in the role. Thank you, Judy, for accepting the opportunity to serve as our Building Steward, a liaison for our church with our community. Please join me in welcoming and supporting Judy von Bernuth as the new Building Steward for Main Street United Methodist Church.

Sincerely,
Laurie Bame

For those who are not familiar with the role of Building Steward, I share the following:

The Building Steward Role and procedures were established to provide a representative to act on behalf of the Trustees, and church, in cooperation with the pastor, to ensure that the needs and expectations of both the church and guest groups are met. The Building Steward is a liaison to coordinate events and to provide a "go to" person for “guest/outside” groups, and to ensure that while providing a resource for the community, we stay focused on our mission as a church. The role was established out of necessity in 2009, and as a whole, has been conducive to establishing good relations with groups in and out of our community.

An outside group is defined as any non-profit group that is not directly under Main Street's Ministries (Children, Youth, UMW, Preschool); so, even if we are hosting a group, we still need for them to complete a form and sign the Use Agreement. Even if a member is involved in the group, a form must be completed, fees paid, and preferably signed by the director(s) or leader of the group rather than the member (unless they are a Director as in the case of Don Coffey and the Waynesboro Choral Society).



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.

MAIN STREET FOOD PANTRY REPORT

The pantry has a long history, beginning in the early 80's, through the effort of several church members including Lou Trott, who passed on Dec. 14th. Lou's efforts began the pantry over 35 years ago and his many hours of service are greatly appreciated.

As the 2018 year rapidly comes to a close, the Main Street Food Pantry continues to provide assistance to Waynesboro, Staunton and Augusta county households. Each household may receive food from our pantry once each month.

The bulk of the food comes from bi-monthly deliveries from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank in Verona. Additional food donations are received each week from our two local Food Lion stores.



The pantry's work is only possible due to the 25 workers that volunteer their time and to the monthly donations that you make to the ministry. The operating budget of the pantry is totally separate from the annual Main Street budget.

Each day usually 4 to 6 workers: register clients, fill boxes with about 30 Lbs. of food and maintain our records. Month end reports of food inventories and clients are sent to the BRAFB as required by USDA.

The use of computers, for client visit registration, has greatly reduced the paper work effort and monthly reporting to the food bank. We can always use new helpers whether working a regular schedule or as backup due to staff sickness or vacation.

We're open from 9:30 – 11 each morning, Monday through Thursday. You are welcome to come down the steps or through the alley door to visit any time.

On behalf of the food pantry ministry, I want to thank you for your support.

Doug Edwards
Pantry manager