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Love God—Grow in Faith—Serve Christ*



Have a Blessed New Year

**2020**

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Are you practicing writing "2020"? The New Year is upon us, a whole new stretch of time to live into. Time is a popular theme in the scriptures. "For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven," says Ecclesiastes. "Teach us to number days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom," says the Psalmist. And in Esther, "Who knows whether you have not come here for just such a time as this?" "Make the best use of time, for the days are evil," says Paul in Ephesians.



There are two words for time in the New Testament: "chronos" (clock time) and "kairos" (an opportune moment). Chronos ticks along and as we grow older, we are amazed that the moments seem to flow by more and more quickly. But Kairos remains on God's terms, regardless of our age or stage of life. Kairos is "the appointed time for the purposes of God." When God invites us forward in a new mission, a new way of praying, an opportunity to be generous, a new situation in which to trust God completely... this is Kairos.

Do you make New Year's resolutions? A good one might be to notice the Kairos moments God puts before you. God delights in newness and in surprise. Here's to 2020 and God's initiative to make all things new. Let's make the most of our time as we partner with Jesus to build the Kingdom.

Happy New Year!  
Pastor Linda

## Living Safer

Greetings!

This is a new column for The Lighted Spire approved by Church Council last fall. It is intended to be published regularly in The Lighted Spire. By doing so, it is hoped that suggestions, ideas, some actual knowledge from facts, experiences and from professionals (e.g., the Waynesboro Fire Department), and others, more of us can live a safer life when at home, at church and out-and-about. Please note that the articles are suggested to you; if you know better or differently, then that is that. It is simply hoped that what is presented will be a tickler for each of our thinking caps....to live safer each day.

An on-line version will be on the church website too in the "Members" section. Some articles will be only appropriate to members and attenders of Main Street UMC and not the general public. The web version will also have links to video clips to illustrate a sharing or examples of the topic at hand. So, if you have Internet access, you may want to visit and check the on-line version.

Thanks folks,  
Richard Ammons

I bet we are doing a good job with changing batteries in our smoke detectors & carbon monoxide alarms annually, remembering each device has a "life" of service and may test OK and not be OK. But what about *disposal* of those (typically) 9 volt batteries? Did you know that most often there is enough juice in them to start a fire in, say, a trash can, if the terminals are bridged with metal or other conductive stuff? Yep, it is true!

The fix? Don't just toss them in the trash. The easiest and direct way to prevent the bridging is to tape the two terminals with a non-conductive tape (electrician's tape, or even regular ole Scotch tape will work). You get the idea...keep them from "shorting" and making something hot.

Oh, did you know that the Waynesboro Fire Department has a free smoke detector program if you need a unit and are short on cash? They will even install it for you! PLEASE don't go without a smoke detector! It is best to have at/in each bed room. They are life savers!! 540-942-6730 or <https://www.waynesboro.va.us/318/Smoke-Detector-Program>



## THOSE SERVING OUR CHURCH in February

Taking care of our doors each  
Sunday morning is . .

Open: George Reed

Close: George Reed



Our recycling volunteer for the month is. . .

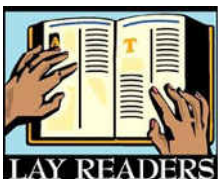
Joe Duncan

Our bus teams are . . .

February 2 Ron Hiserman, Sue Ball  
February 9 Rodger & Brenda Daniels  
February 16 Jonathan & Susan White  
February 23 Eugene & Frances Mooney



Our Lay Readers at 11 am for the month are . . **Need A Ride To C**



February 2 Barbara Atchison  
February 9 Richard Ammons  
February 16 Dawn Lemasney  
February 23 Eleanor Duncan

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

February 2 Susan White  
February 9 Dot Trott  
February 16 Suzanne Hall  
February 23 Judy von Bernuth



Any articles or information for the January/February "Lighted Spire" should be sent to the office no later than February 20th.  
Thank you!



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

If you would like your birthday listed, please call the office at 540-942-1179 and inform us of your special day!

|                   |      |                       |      |
|-------------------|------|-----------------------|------|
| Bertha Johnson    | 1/2  | Laurie Lafferty       | 2/11 |
| Mandy Robinson    | 1/3  | Tom Brown             | 2/12 |
| David Witt        | 1/6  | Forrest Arehart       | 2/12 |
| Frances Mooney    | 1/8  | Peggy Browning        | 2/14 |
| John Guthrie      | 1/12 | Kenny Pannell         | 2/14 |
| Irma Blakemore    | 1/14 | Elizabeth Schillinger | 2/16 |
| Elizabeth Kennedy | 1/15 | Edna Bays             | 2/16 |
| Judy Smith        | 1/16 | Erin Gomez            | 2/16 |
| Stewart Hall      | 1/17 | Debbie Bragg          | 2/16 |
| Jason Harlow      | 1/17 | Grace Brown           | 2/18 |
| Priscilla Painter | 1/18 | Mae Ford              | 2/19 |
| Staci Anthony     | 1/19 | Nancy Woodall         | 2/20 |
| Hugh Hall         | 1/19 | Taryn Fitzgerald      | 2/22 |
| Jay Schaefer      | 1/20 | Casey Carter          | 2/22 |
| John Lucas        | 1/20 | Irene Barnes          | 2/22 |
| David Sheldon     | 1/22 | Ryan Burks            | 2/24 |
| Ruth Pannell      | 1/23 | David Reed            | 2/24 |
| Jo Wilkinson      | 1/24 | Iris DeHooze          | 2/26 |
| 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  |
| Glen McGuffin     | 2/3  | Bill Mayton           | 3/6  |
| Yazmine Ambriz    | 2/6  |                       |      |



### Items Needed in the Main Street Food Pantry

January—Canned Spaghetti Sauce & 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.

## **Bible Study**

Our Wednesday night Bible study will NOT meet during the month of January. We will resume in February!

## **Book Club**

Book Club meets at 9:30 am on Thursdays in the church library. We will resume on January 23, continuing with Eric Weiner's "The Geography of Genius". Everyone welcome!

## **Lent Begins**

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 26, with Ash Wednesday. At 6 pm we will have a worship service with the imposition of ashes.

## **Guatemala Mission Trip** **March 21 - 29**

Do you have a call to our Guatemala mission? We will have an informational meeting on Monday night, January 13 at 6:30 pm in the Pairs and Spares Classroom. Tasks for our March trip include: building a swing set for a school/nutrition program, building stoves, interacting with preschoolers and their moms, working in a large garden, and painting. We need people here in Waynesboro to help with: fund raising and organizational details as well as people to go to the Mayan highlands.

## **Family Game Night**



Sunday, Feb. 9th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Back by popular demand! Bring your family's favorite board games to share. Soup and sandwiches will be provided.

Everyone is welcome - bring a friend!

## **Church Door Lock Upgrade**

A project to upgrade church exterior access security was identified, studied, quotes obtained and project approved by both the Trustees and Church Council in 2019. Council asked we delay formally announcing the project until "early next year". We are doing that now for your info...

The project is being led by Jim McKinney, Rod Campbell and Richard Ammons, sources for detailed information.

The project is to be funded via a Designated/Restricted account, Safety & Security Provisions, #38181, not from the operating budget, exactly like the cameras upgrade of the spring of 2019. When adequate funds are raised, the project will go forward; if funds are inadequate, the project will not be fully executed.

Details will follow separately, but bottom line: select (most entry) exterior doors will be fitted with a door system like that of the main office door, system controlled to schedules for auto unlock and relock per schedules. Scheduled unlocking will not activate until an accredited fob is swiped so church members will be present as doors unlock. Modifications to schedules are readily/easily done by administrators.

When project is completed, present exterior door keys will not be needed (nor will work) to gain church access; that will be done by a fob, exactly as with the present "TruPortal" system at the main office door.

We believe this project will significantly improve people and building security, especially during non-worship/ Sunday school/large event times.

We ask your consideration to help via gifts to fund #38181, Safety & Security Provisions.

Thank you!





## THOSE SERVING OUR CHURCH IN

### January

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

Open: Laurie Lafferty

Close: Laurie Lafferty



Our recycling volunteer for the month is . . .

Ron Hiserman



Our bus teams are . . .

|            |                                 |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| January 5  | Eugene & Frances Mooney         |
| January 12 | Jonathan & Susan White          |
| January 19 | Peggy Barbera, Tinker Robertson |
| January 26 | Tom & Amy Brown                 |

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

|            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| January 5  | Bob von Bernuth |
| January 12 | Suzanne Scheetz |
| January 19 | Grace Brown     |
| January 26 | Holly Andrus    |



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

|            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| January 5  | Carole Hill    |
| January 12 | Phyllis Plyler |
| January 19 | Glenda Norford |
| January 26 | Jim Brown      |

Any articles or information for the March/April  
"Lighted Spire" should be sent to the office no

later than **February 20th.**

Thank you!



## RETIREMENT

It is with mixed emotions that I announce effective 1/1/2020  
my retirement as a Certified Lay Minister of the Virginia Confer-  
ence assigned to Main Street United Methodist Church .

After feeling God's call, I made application in March of 2005 to  
become a Certified Lay Minister. After being interviewed by the  
District Committee on Ordained Ministry, who recommended me  
to the Virginia Annual Conference, I was blessed to become the  
1<sup>st</sup> Certified Lay Minister in the Conference.



Now after 15 years of service and reach-  
ing 82 years of age I have made the diffi-  
cult decision to retire and no longer  
serve in worship services or standing  
committees at Main Street.

I do plan to continue visits to those in nursing homes, hospitals,  
or just need a friend to visit.

I would like to THANK the following who made my service possi-  
ble:

- GOD who called me to service and guided my service
- The Virginia Annual Conference and Staunton District
- Committee on Ordained Ministry who confirmed my call
- The 7 Ordained Ministers that allowed me to assist them  
(Bill Mayton, Gary Milstead, Bud Davis, Todd Schlechty  
Neil Hough, Clay Knick and Linda Kusse-Wolfe)
- And the most important THE CONGREGATION OF MAIN STREET  
that accepted me and allowed me to serve them

Harold Baldwin

# Main Street Calendar

## Worship: Helping People Love God

8:30 am Informal Worship  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
God's Kids: 9:40 am Sundays  
Masterpeace Bells: 4:30 pm Sundays  
Caritas: 5:30 pm Sundays  
Celebration Ringers: 11:30 am Mondays  
Chancel Choir: 7:00 pm Wednesdays  
Holy Communion: First Sundays  
Ministry at Waynesboro Manor: 9:45 am Third Sundays

## Discipleship: Helping People Grow in Faith

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 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

Finance Meeting: 6:30 pm 2nd Monday of every month  
Church Council: 6:30 pm 3rd 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

## Special Monthly Events

January 1st - New Years Day - Church Office Closed  
February 9th - 5:30 pm - Family Game Night

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

# Children OF MSUMC

## Children's Ministry Calendar

December 29 (Sun) No Children's Church or Sunday School  
Combined worship at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall  
January 8th (Wed) Wonderful Wednesday resumes  
January 12th (Sun) 5:30 - 9pm - Ice Skating trip to Generations Park  
in Bridgewater  
February 9th (Sun) 5:30 - 7:30 pm Family Game Night  
March 15th (Sun) Massanutten Water Park - details TBA



## Miracle on Main Street

The children presented their annual Christmas musical on December 15th. The children in the play needed a miracle for the Mayor to learn the true meaning of Christmas. As in real life, God worked in unexpected ways to teach us about forgiveness and the true meaning of Christmas!

# YOUTH OF MSUMC

The Holiday season brings busy but fun times for the Youth. As they prepared for exams, we joined Basic UMC Youth for a little skating fun at Funky's. We followed that by sharing Christmas cheer in the Waynesboro Christmas parade and providing coffee and light breakfast fare for our Cantata participants. After a quick pause to showcase our acting chops in the Children's Christmas play we served warm cider and cookies for the December Compline. As the new year arrives we have many activities planned.

January 12: Ice Skating in Bridgewater 5:30 - 9 pm  
January 19: One Act play at Grace Christian- time TBA  
February 9: Family Game Night 5:30-7:30 pm  
Warm Shelter Dinner: Date and time TBA  
March 15: Massanutten Water Park 12-5

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!  
Adam and the Youth

## Miracle on Main Street



## Worship Scriptures & Sermons

### January 2020

- January 5 Isaiah 60:1-1; Ephesians 3:1-12  
"Rise and Shine"  
Holy Communion
- January 12 Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43  
"God Has No Partiality"
- January 19 David Wolfe preaches
- January 26 Isaiah 9:1-4; Matthew 4:12-23  
"Immediately:"



### February 2020

- February 2 Micah 6:1-8; Matthew 5:1-12  
"Justice, Kindness, Humility"  
Holy Communion
- February 9 Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 5:13-20  
"Here I Am"
- February 16 Deuteronomy 30:15-20; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
"To Whom Do We Belong?"
- February 23 Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-9  
"With Faces Glowing"





## Main Street Preschool Happenings...

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 and Pastor Linda for their willingness to help with this program. The students had practiced for many weeks and their hard work certainly paid off!

The children enjoyed the last school day of 2019 with our Polar Express Pajama Day. They spent the morning making crafts and ornaments, having an indoor snowball fight, and playing other reindeer games. They had a school wide Christmas Party, watched "A Charlie Brown Christmas", and even had a special 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 2020-2021 school year. In House Registration for next year will begin on January 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

## Preschool Christmas Program *"Jesus Loves the Little Children"*

