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Love God—Grow in Faith—Serve Christ*



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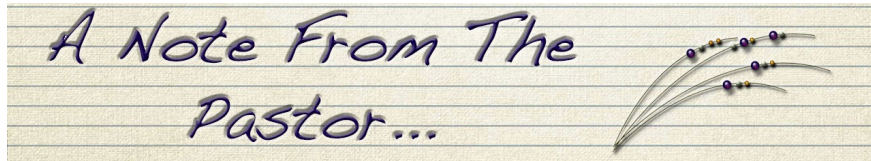
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Teach Us to Number Our Days

Some of our most beautiful months in the Shenandoah Valley will soon be upon us - early autumn with colorful leaves, crisp nights and apple cider. As the seasons turn, we are reminded that time has its own rhythm and flow as we live through the seasons of our own lives. Psalm 90 has a plea to God: Teach us to number our days, that we might gain a heart of wisdom.

To be wise is to have a sound understanding of what makes a good life, what creates healthy relationships, and what pleases God. The richness of the Psalms takes us into and through all the experiences of life: the good, the bad, the seeking and the finding. During the month of September, sermons will focus on praying the Psalms and taking them deeply into our hearts.

October is Stewardship month and we are grateful to have our two lay leaders, Becky Grandle and Stephanie Schaefer leading us. Worship in October will focus on time, talents, gifts and service, with All Saints Day (November 3) focusing on the witness of those who have gone before us and died in the Lord. Their witness continues as they pray for us. (see Hebrews 11:1)

I am most grateful for the excellent staff here at MSUMC with whom I serve: musicians, administrators, educators, leaders with children and youth and our faithful volunteers who teach, visit, feed the hungry and keep UMW strong. Thanks to each of you in this part of the body of Christ, Main Street United Methodist Church. May God bless you and give each of you a blessed autumn.

Pastor Linda

Attractions[™] Dining and Value Guide

Main Street Preschool will be selling the Attractions Dining and Value Guide this year through the end of November. You'll find coupons for dining, entertainment, shopping and much more! Don't forget, Christmas is right around the corner...they make great gifts! If you are interested in purchasing a coupon book, please complete the form below and return to the preschool office by 11/21 or contact Anne at msp.director.msumc@gmail.com. Cost is \$20 per book. Thank for your support!

Attractions[™] Dining and Value Guide

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Attractions Dining and Value Guide _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____
QTY TOTAL

Please complete and return to Main Street Preschool by Thursday, November 21st.



THOSE SERVING OUR CHURCH in October

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

Open: Walker Norford

Close: Suzanne Scheetz



Our recycling volunteers for the month are . . .

Milt & Judy Simora

Our bus teams are . . .

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October 27 Peggy Barbera & Tinker R.



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Thank you!



We wish birthday happiness to those who have birthdays in September, October and early November.

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

Joyce Miller	9/4	John Hill	10/10
Stephanie Schaefer	9/6	Byron Ford	10/11
Phyllis Goff	9/6	Jacqueline Carter	10/12
Teresa Towler	9/8	John Huddle	10/17
Katherine Guthrie	9/10	Lisa Doughty	10/17
Sally Bryant	9/12	Amelia Ammons	10/17
Mildred Broughman	9/14	Gene Woodward	10/19
Rodger Daniels	9/14	Gini Carlton	10/20
Tracy Straight	9/17	Caroline Baldwin	10/20
Edith Schleicher	9/17	Brian Flock	10/22
Frank Bridgeforth	9/21	Evamarie Evans	10/24
Kevin Brown	9/24	Alison Perkins	10/25
Ty Lafferty	9/26	Joseph Lucas	10/25
Doris Rollins	9/26	John Hensley	10/27
Janet Pompeo	9/30	Gayle Horowitz	10/28
Millie Runkle	10/1	Troy Bowie	10/28
Wesley Farris	10/2	Charlotte Combs	10/31
Stephen Winslow	10/4	Jack LeMasney	11/1
Henry Vance	10/5	Kairi Phillips	11/4
Heather Moentmann	10/6	Bill Dillon	11/4
Troy Fitzhugh	10/7	Susan Guthrie	11/5
Tom Steele	10/8	Audrey Lindamood	11/6
Ann Kennedy	10/8	Sherry Winslow	11/9
Cassi Furr	10/9		

Items Needed in the Main Street Food Pantry

September—Bring What You Like
October—Peanut Butter

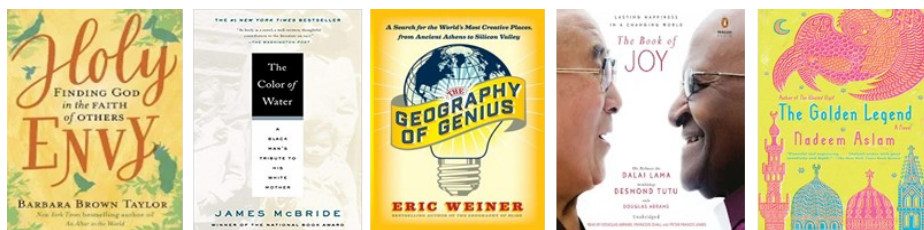


The Main Street Food Pantry operates from Monday through Thursday, 9:30 - 11:00 am, to assist people in our community in need of food. Financial or food donations are accepted. Contact Doug Edwards (540-942-3787) for more information.

Book Club

Thursday, September 5th—9:30 am—Church Library

The Book Club will resume on September 5th. We meet weekly to read and discuss good books: memoir, travel, fiction and faith bring us together.



1. **"Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others" by Barbara Brown Taylor.** Taylor is an Episcopal priest and a retired college professor who looks at the biblical tradition of "holy strangers" who come to the faithful and speak a word of the blessing. Think of Melchizedek offering bread and wine to Abraham and Rahab, the harlot. How do we experience the presence of God in the faith of non-Christian people?
2. **"The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother" by James McBride.** James grew up in Brooklyn, NY, one of 12 children. His father was a black preacher and his mom said that she was "light skinned." Despite poverty and growing up in the projects, all 12 children were college educated and became successful adults (doctors, professors, chemists, teachers). Only in adulthood did the author learn that his mom was born in Poland, the daughter of an Orthodox Jewish rabbi, who settled in Suffolk, VA.
3. **"The Geography of Genius: Lessons from the World's Most Creative Places" by Eric Weiner.** A superb travel writer and historian, Weiner sets off across the world (Athens, Hangzhou, Florence, Edinburgh, Calcutta, Vienna, Silicon Valley) and examines how creative genius flourishes within a culture. Always funny and insightful as a writer!
4. **"The Book of Joy" by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu with Douglas Abrams.** Two revered men of faith, now in their mid-80s, spend a week in dialogue about the nature of true joy, obstacles to joy and the eight pillars of joy. There is a wonderful appendix of suggestions for "joy practices."
5. **"The Golden Legend" by Nadeem Aslam.** Aslam is a prize winning British-Pakistani author who writes of life in a Pakistani village (Muslims and Christians together) with sensitivity and beauty. What happens when a couple is in love despite cultural boundaries of faith? How does the radicalism of Islam affect them? A beautiful read.

September Book: "Holy Envy"

Sept 5: Introduction through Chapter 3
Sept 12: Chapters 4-6
Sept 16: Chapters 7-9
Sept. 23: Chapters 10-12

October Book: "The Color of Water"

++ No Book Club on October 3
Oct 10: Chapters 1-7
Oct 17: Chapters 9-14
Oct 24: Chapters 15-20
Oct 31: Chapters 21- Epilogue

** "Holy Envy" is available in the Church Office for \$15. Please buy a book **ONLY** IF you are planning to join us for Book Club.

YOUTH OF MSUMC



August means time to put away the beach towels and bring out the school book bags. As fall approaches, so does the end of the first very successful growing season of the **Community Garden** at Embrace. As of August 15th, we have provided over 100 pounds of fresh, organic produce to the food pantry with the hopes of finishing with 150 pounds once our tomatoes finish. To see the official weight produced please check out the bulletin board beside the Youth room.

Two weeks ago the Youth went back to school shopping and provided three **UMCOR back to school bags**—they are very proficient shoppers!



In September, we are once again participating in the Area Crop walk on September 29th—we had three Youth participate last year with a goal of five participating this year.



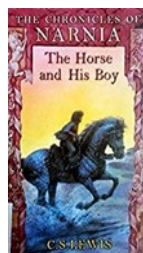
Looking ahead, the Youth is working on a partnership with **Embrace** in the hopes of starting a **Dinner Church Group** where we will get together with other Youth groups in the area to eat and fellowship.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume on September 4th—6:30 pm—Spares & Pairs Classroom

September Bible Study:

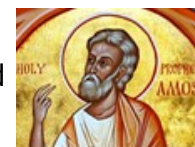
Sept. 4, 11, 18 and 25



We be reading the third book in C.S. Lewis's Narnia Chronicles: "The Horse and His Boy." C.S. Lewis, an Oxford don and faithful Christian, wrote during and after the blitz of London during WW2. We have already enjoyed reading "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" and "Prince Caspian." Please join us for Lewis's faithful re-telling of Gospel Themes (freedom from slavery, redemption, forgiveness and the battle of good and evil) and a robust discussion. Books are available in the Church Office and on Wednesday nights, \$5.

October Bible Study:

Oct 2: No Bible Study; Guatemala Dinner and Power Point Presentation
Oct 9, 16, 23, 30 : Amos, the Prophet





THOSE SERVING OUR CHURCH IN

September

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Open: Laurie Lafferty

Close: TBA



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Don Short



Our bus teams are . . .



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September 29	Harold Baldwin



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September 29	Judy von Bernuth

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Rise Against Hunger: September 7

All volunteers interested in packing meals, come to **Kate Collins Middle School at 9:30 am on Saturday, September 7.**

Instructions will be given by 9:45 so that packing food can begin by 10 am. We are delighted that MSUMC has collected \$1,200 to contribute to this effort. Seventeen local churches will be a part of this event, organized by Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief non-profit organization that coordinates the packaging and distribution of food and other life-changing aid to people in developing nations. Come and join in as we make a difference in our world!



CROP Walk

Ready to walk? Our thanks to David Witt who is organizing MSUMC's Walk this year. CROP is another deep opportunity to make a dent in hunger, locally and globally.



Please mark your calendars for this year's CROP Walk: **September 29, 2019**, 2 pm at Ridgeview Park Amphitheater in Waynesboro. This year is the 50th year since Church World Service started the CROP Walk

program to raise funds to fight world hunger. It's the 43rd year of our local walk and our church has participated since the beginning! Please join our team of walkers and sponsors to celebrate this milestone year. To donate, see any of our CROP walkers or go online to www.crophungerwalk.org/waynesborova/Team/View/114809/Main-Street-United-Methodist-Church
You can donate to the Main Street UMC team or to any individual walker who has signed up online.



Thank you!



UMW GENERAL MEETING - October 10, 11:30 am

Please join UMW for lunch, a program and a short business meeting. Contact Judy von Bernuth if you are able to attend. (540-946-0023, judyvonb69@gmail.com)



YARD SALE—October 19th—Fellowship Hall

Please bring donations for sale on October 17 (afternoon only) or October 18 (all day). Thank you your support!
UMW

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

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 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

September 2nd—LABOR DAY—**Church Office Closed**
 September 7th—Rise Against Hunger Meal Preparation
 September 8th—Grandparents' Day
 September 11th—**NEVER FORGET**
 September 15th—Choir Robe Dedication
 September 20th—Staff Retreat
 September 23rd—First Day of Autumn
 October 2nd—Guatemala Dinner
 October 6th—Blessing of the Animals—8:30 am
 October 14th—Columbus Day
 October 19th—UMW Yard Sale
 October 20th—Commitment Sunday—Fellowship Lunch
 October 24th—Spire Deadline
 October 30th—Fall Family Fun Fest
 October 31st—Halloween
 November 3rd—All Saints Day

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

Every Sunday 8:30 am Children's Church
 9:40—10:45 am Sunday School
 September 11 Wonderful Wednesday Begins
 October 30 5—7 pm Fall Family Fun Fest
 December 6 Parents' Night Out
 December 11 5:30—7:30 pm Christmas Musical Rehearsal
 December 15 11:00 am Christmas Musical

Summer Music Camp

July was the most wonderful time of the year for music campers! We celebrated Christmas in July by playing bells with Donald Dollins and performing the musical, "Little Tree's Christmas Gift." The children brought food for the Main Street Food Pantry. Pastor Linda and Don Coffey joined in the fun as volunteers.



Christmas in July



Wonderful Wednesday

If you know a child who would like to join our Wonderful Wednesday gang, please contact Dawn Lemasney at dlemasney@gmail.com. We have weekly adventures in Bible study, crafts, cooking, music and more. Every Wednesday after school until 5:00 p.m. School pickup is available in Waynesboro. There is no cost, but registration is required:

<https://vbspro.events/p/wonderfulwednesday>



Fall Family Fun Fest

Wednesday—October 30 5-7 pm

We will celebrate the season with dinner, games, crafts and a costume parade with treats for all. Everyone is welcome! Mark your calendar... you won't want to miss this!

Bereavement Ministry



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Please watch for the insert in the September bulletins explaining the bereavement ministry and asking for your help.



Blessing of the Animals

**October 6th—8:30 am—
Fellowship Hall**

Our Annual Blessing of the Animals will again be in the Fellowship Hall during early service.

Please feel free to bring

your (well behaved) dog on a leash, your cat (in a carrier) or other pets (birds, lizards, fish). We do our Animal Blessing in honor of our beloved pets, who are such wonderful companions in our lives. As we do, we remember Francis of Assisi, a gentle Christian who lived from 1181-1226, renounced a life of wealth and luxury and founded a monastic order of great simplicity. It's said that Francis preached to the birds and made friends with a wolf! We give thanks to God for the creation of our pets and of our beautiful earth.



Interested in Leadership for VIM/ Guatemala?

Consider joining Pastor Linda on a Learning Trip to Guatemala beginning November 11. We will join Guatemala VIM Director, Lulu Ramirez and her husband

Rich, as we visit two orphanages, the Methodist Retreat Center and Paxot 2 to develop details of the March VIM Trip.

Guatemala On My Mind Save the Date: March 21-29

Volunteers in Mission Trip to Paxot 2, Guatemala



Ages 12—Adults
Scholarship help available.
Work: Stove building, mural painting,
working with orphans

Worship Scriptures & Sermons

September 2019: A Month of Psalms

The Psalms are the original psaltery of the Judeo-Christian tradition, the prayer book of Jesus and the bedrock of daily prayers in monasteries around the world. We will focus on one particular Psalm each Sunday in September (along with an accompanying Letter from the NT).

September 1	Holy Communion Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Psalm 19 "The Glory of God"
September 8	Philemon 1-21; Psalm 23 "He Restores My Soul"
September 15	1 Timothy 1:12-17; Psalm 84 "Hearts Set on Pilgrimage"
September 22	1 Timothy 2:1-7; Psalm 121 "My Eyes to the Hills"
September 29	1 Timothy 6:6-19; Psalm 139 "All the Days Ordained for Me"



October 2019: Time, Talents, Gifts, Service and Witness

October 6	Holy Communion Luke 17:5-10; Psalm 90 "Teach Us to Number Our Days"
October 13	1 Corinthians 12 "And the Same Spirit"
October 20	Stewardship Sunday Matthew 24:36-51 "Faithful and Wise Servant"
October 27	John 13:1-17 "Among You As One Who Serves"



November 2019

November 3	All Saints Day Revelation 21:1-6 "The Witness of Our Saints"
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Main Street Preschool Happenings...

It's that time of year again! The halls of MSUMC are no longer quiet. Instead, they are filled with the music of little feet!

 **little feet BIG Steps**

September will be a month full of many "firsts" for our students. Some will be letting go of their mom and dad's hand for the very first time. They will make new friends, learn to share, communicate their needs and feelings, use manners, imagine, create, play, learn, grow and shine! Please pray for the children and our staff as we transition into this new school year.



October will be a busy, fun-filled month for the children. We will start the month off with a field trip to Back Home on the Farm. There will be hands on activities, carousel rides, pig races, a petting zoo, hayrides and lots and lots of pumpkins! This trip is always a favorite!!



During National Fire Safety Week, our older students will be taking a field trip to the Waynesboro Fire Department. They will get to tour the fire prevention and safety, fire engines. Meanwhile, our younger students will enjoy a special visit at the preschool from our local fire department.



On Wednesday, October 23rd, Main Street Preschool will be hosting a fall fundraiser dinner. Immediately following dinner, we would like to invite you to join us downstairs for an Art Show and Open House. Our staff greatly appreciates your continual support of the preschool and would love to share with you just a little bit of what the children have been busy doing. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to enhance the student's learning experiences at MSP.

**ART
SHOW
OPEN
HOUSE**

We will finish off the month of October with the children Trick-or-Treating throughout the church. We will need lots of hands on deck for this event to be successful, so please let me know if you would like to help hand out candy to the children on Wednesday, October 31st. The more the merrier!



Wednesday, October 31st. The more the merrier!

It truly does take a village, and our preschool is blessed to have the help and support of so many individuals. Our staff is excited and committed to making this school year the best that it can be!



Blessings,
Anne Ramsey, Director

October Is Stewardship Month

By now, you all have received and, hopefully, read the Stewardship Letter sent by Becky and me to instigate your thinking about what supporting the church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness means for you. Stewardship is not about you and Main Street; it is about the relationship between you and God.

This year, when you receive your pledge card, you will receive an additional card that will provide an opportunity to tell us how you would like to pledge your time and service in ministry, both inside and outside the walls of Main Street. There are any number of things that might pique your interest and make a good fit for your talents and time—Music Ministry, Ministry Care Team, Children and Youth Ministry, Local Missions, Paxot 2, Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners, Food Pantry, Disciples Kitchen, Preschool, Office Volunteers, Bereavement Ministry, UMW Circles, Leadership Committees. There is plenty of God's work to be done!

Commitment Sunday is on October 20, followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Our plan is to let you know how many have pledged and the total amount pledged by the end of our meal. So, it is very important that your card is returned to Main Street no later than



Pledge Sunday

October 20. We thank you in advance for meeting this "deadline".

A final reminder, Becky challenged you to try tithing 10% between now and October 20. Just see how it works for you...it is as much an act of worship as attending Sunday morning service. It is a big step towards Main Street's mission to make Disciples of Jesus Christ through the transformation of the world and to Love God, Grow in Faith and Serve Christ. Please contact your Lay Leaders, Becky Grandle and Stephanie Schaefer if you need any additional information.

