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Thoughts from our Pastor

State of the Church

Every year Pastors are asked to give an accounting of the "State of the Church" for the previous Charge Conference year. Included in that report are 2 main sections. The first is what the Pastor did/is doing. The second is what the church did/is doing. The first is the Pastor's "stats" so to speak. The second part is the church's "stats" but also the good, the bad, the ups, downs, the vision, hopes and dreams from my pastoral perspective.

Part 1: The Pastor

My "stats" for the Past 12 months include:

- 312 visits to hospitals, homes, facilities (not counting church meetings, Bible Studies, etc...)
- 55 sermons preached in MSUMC
- 1 Good Friday sermon preached at St. James AME during Holy Week 2019.
- 2 Bible Study series for Lent (10 sessions) and Advent. Our Lenten study of 2019 was the largest since I have been pastor with an average weekly attendance of 25.
- 6 funerals; 4 in the life of our congregation and 2 others with folks close to the congregation
- 2 weddings and 3 upcoming
- 4 baptisms
- 3 new acolytes trained
- 2 weeks of vacation
- had the privilege of guiding 2 couples in the church through pre-marital counselling. 1 more currently in progress.
- I have been able to connect with the community through interactions with veterans groups; Abbeville Ministerial Association, Police Chaplains, Abbeville Senior Center, Lakelands FCA, and UCMAC.

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Come Holy Spirit!

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PEOPLE TO REMEMBER

- Ned & Mary Barnette – 5 Frank Pressley, Due West, SC 29639
- Bill Blakely - P O Box 115, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Ruth Brock – 165 Brock Dr., Troy, SC 29848
- Jane Cox – Brooksdale Room 102 – 1408 Parkway Road, Greenwood, SC 29646
- Irene Deason – 401 Whip-O-Will Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Carroll Hagood – 1694 Cedar Springs Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Ned and Linda Himes – 307 HillCrest Drive, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Bob and Mary Hipsher – 100 Pineview Street, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Petra Jones – 502 Church St., Abbeville, SC 29620
- Col. Bob Lander – 110 Wilewood Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Harvey Lansing – Abbeville Nursing Home Room 111 – P O Box 190, Abbeville, SC 29620
- David Littell – 107 Hillcrest Drive, Abbeville, SC 29620
- John and Cam Marchi – 108 Sunset Dr., Abbeville, SC 29620
- Rowena Parkenson – 306 Millwood Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Lucy Savitz – 206 Millwood Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Leon & Patty Thompson - P O Box 307, Due West, SC 29620
- Carolyn White – P O Box 158, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Paul Williams – 257 Whip-O-Will Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Marjorie Wilson – 1500 Greenwood Street, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Beverly Wilson – 2623 Stevenson Road, Abbeville, SC 29620

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Bennett Harden
March 8, 1936 – October 4, 2019



Joys & Concerns

Please let the church office know of any joys or concerns of our church family

Prayer Requests

We pray for and intercede on behalf of:
Claudette Kitchens; The Persecuted Church; Petra Jones; Rowena Parkenson; Harvey Lansing; Michael Snead; Irene Deason; Lucy Savitz; Christian Meyers; Jayne Hagen Davis; Ruth Brock; Eric Moats; Jackie Counts; Susan Saunders; Linda Himes; Ned Barnette; Paul Williams; David Wilson; Bridges Poston; Charles McDonald; Austin Smith; Melva Kay; Martin Huggins; Rose Gray

Deployment – Jacob Arnsmeier; Adam Steele: Clayton Hall; Brad Baughman; Marshall Dukes

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Please contact Pastor Brian or Church Office if you know someone in need of prayer.



TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH

Josh Baughman

SOUND TEC

Walt Roark

GREETERS

Bob and Yvonne Whiteside
Thomas and Lindsey Wilson
Pat Stanley and Nancy DeLoach
John and Jeanette Davis

U.M.W. NEWS

United Methodist Women

CIRCLE MEETINGS



Agnes Rogers Circle will meet Monday, November 4 at 6:30 at the home of Nancy DeLoach.

The Ann Moore Circle will meet Tuesday November 5, at 6:30 in the Greene Center. We will be working on angel tree. Hope to see you there!

Lovely Lane Circle will meet Tuesday, November 12th, at 3:30pm in the Greene Center.

Susannah Wesley Circle will meet on Monday November 4th, at 12 noon at the home of Jeri Stone.

U.M.M. NEWS

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men

will meet on
Sunday
November 3, 2019
at 8:00 a.m.
in the Greene Center.



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



Children's Cantata

The children will present the musical "Glory to God in the Highest" during the Christmas season. If you would enjoy being a part of our music ministry program, we invite you to join us. The children rehearse every Sunday morning from 10:00-10:15 am in the Sanctuary.

Youth Meetings

The youth meet each Sunday night at 5 pm in the Youth Building. The youth helped make cookies for Kairos. See page 6 for more Youth news.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Trustees

Monday, November 18, 2019,
in the Youth Building at 5:30
pm, all members of the Trustees
are encouraged to attend. If you
will be unable to attend, please
call the church office.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 28
Greene Center
11 – 1
Need desserts



Notes from the Choir



All Saints Sunday

November begins with a special service on November 3rd, All Saints Sunday. All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith. We read aloud the names of our local congregation who have died over the past year. We sing hymns celebrating the communion of saints. “For All the Saints” (UMH 711) is a favorite of our congregation for this celebration, so I thought I would dig into the history of this hymn.

The words of this great hymn were written by William W. How in 1864. There were originally eleven stanzas. (The current Methodist Hymnal only includes 6 stanzas.) Although hymnals vary in which verses are included, the first two verses (“For all the saints” and “Thou wast their rock”) are always included. The original 4th and 5th verses are never sung, and most hymnals will include “From earth’s wide bounds” as the final verse. Our hymnal stays true to the old English style wording, while some hymnals tend to modernize the wording.

The tune of this hymn is SINE NOMINE, which fits very well with the words. The tune was written by Ralph Vaughn Williams in 1906. The tune name, SINE NOMINE, means “without a name” in Latin. This may refer to the many saints whose names are known only to God.

Written as a processional hymn, “For All the Saints” first appeared with the heading “A Cloud of Witnesses” (referencing Hebrews 12:1). This hymn is a great commentary on the line of the Apostles’ Creed, “I believe in the Communion of Saints.” As we join together on November 3rd to celebrate the lives of the saints who have gone before us, let us join in the singing of this great hymn of our faith.

Kerri





Overcome Your Obstacles!

“And David said to his son Solomon, “Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord God—my God—will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord.” I Chronicles 28:20 (NKJV)

Many times the unexpected will get in the way of making healthy choices. *Problem-solving* involves identifying these barriers (problems) and planning how to overcome and maintain a physically active and healthful eating lifestyle. Change is not easy. When barriers stand in your way such as lack of time, plan ahead; if fast food is too tempting, pack your own snacks and lunch; if you know it will be too hot outside for your comfort, plan indoor activity or be active during a cooler part of the day. Have faith to overcome. For every problem there is a solution. Find ways around your personal barriers. Make healthy choices one step at a time.

Physical Activity

Having trouble sticking with your physical activity plan? Don't be discouraged! Even if you have taken a break and have not been as active as you would like, long term physical activity wellness is for a lifetime. Remember that *some* physical activity is better than none.

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

November is officially Lung Cancer Awareness Month



Remember to get a flu shot

Youth News

2019 9U Soccer Champs!

The Penguins - Members from Main Street – Henry Arant, Jakob Wilson



12 U Volleyball Runner Up!

The Panthers – Members from Main Street – Ivy Arant, Brylie Hawthorne, Lucy Kollmann and Baylee Wilson



Hanging of the Greens

We will have a “Hanging of the Greens Service” on Sunday, December 1, 2019 during Sunday morning Worship in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited.

Relay For Life 2020

You are invited to participate by being a team member for next year's Relay for Life Event. The Relay will be held May 8, 2020 starting at 6:00 pm on the square in Abbeville. Each team member is asked to try to raise at least \$100.00 in donations. Please become interested and help us out. If you are unable to be a team member, please support your church's team through your tax-deductible donations and by attending the event. Give generously and often!

Contact Conway Shirley 379-2386 for more information or if you have a suggestion. Please complete the information below, give it to Conway or place in the offering plate and help our team.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

_____ I (we) would like to be a team member.

_____ I would like to donate \$ _____

_____ I am a cancer survivor

_____ Type _____ # years

_____ I know additional survivors:



-The Navy Reserve keeps me busy in my “free” time – between last year and this I was assigned to a new unit; Force Headquarters Group, Marine Forces Reserve. This past year has taken me to New Orleans, Chicago, Boston, San Diego, a few places in Texas, Minneapolis, and New York...I am thankful I serve a congregation who is so supportive of my ministry to our sea services.

Looking ahead, I anticipate the similar rhythm of visitation, worship services, and interactions with the community in the year ahead.

Part 2: The Church

The past year for our church has been a very positive year. We have continued to be in ministry with and to the Abbeville community and beyond through nearly 1 dozen separate efforts from 5th Sunday loose change offerings to larger projects like Salkehatchie, UCMAC (and its various divisions!), Red Bird Mission/Henderson settlement, and Kairos Prison Ministry. New volunteers were recruited, trained, and have begun work as Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, nursery workers, greeters, liturgists, and acolytes in the last year. We held successful programs of VBS and to celebrate our children’s ministry as well as various special Sunday worship opportunities (All Saint’s, Christmas Eve x2, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday of Holy Week, World Communion, etc...). We baptized 4 persons this year and welcomed 9 new folks into the life of the church with 8 more ready to join – just need to pick a Sunday! All of these ministry efforts, new and old, will continue and have my full support.

One goal which I noted when I first came to be pastor of Main Street UMC folks joining the church by profession of faith or reaffirmation of faith. While it does not tell the whole story, someone joining the life of our congregation in this way signifies that we are doing ministry correctly. Namely, that we are proclaiming the Gospel in Word and deed and folks, at the leading of the Holy Spirit, are responding. In 2016 1 person joined the church by profession of faith. 2017 we had 7 with the help of a solid confirmation class! Last Charge Conference we had 5, and since last Charge Conference we have welcomed 2 by profession or reaffirmation of faith without having a confirmation class! Praise God! We celebrate our faith and nurturing community which made these persons feel welcomed and strengthened in their faith. As we continue to cast and sow seeds, might God bring more persons into the life of the MSUMC!

It is important to highlight that the top reason people give when joining the life and mission of Main St. UMC is relationships. I talk about this all the time: a friend, a colleague, a future spouse, a neighbor, a combination of all 4! Relationships, and not the latest program, church growth model, or entertainment have made Main Street stronger. We worship traditionally but we are intentional. We proclaim ancient creeds. We practice the sacraments ritually. We process on High Holy days. We sing as a congregation – or at least make a joyful noise! We don’t try to be something we are not. Experts say a church like ours should be dying. But relationships trump all of that. So here we are; thriving, growing, celebrating, being God’s Kingdom here on earth!

I mentioned in my report last year that our Christian Formation programs needed a “charge” or reset to accommodate growth and respond to ministry opportunities in the life of the Church. Not a change so much as a charge. Through our Spiritual Gifts inventory which corresponded with a sermon series late last fall and into the new year, several folks’ hearts were “strangely warmed.” Someone volunteered to lead a “young adult” Sunday School class – which is now steadily attended. Children’s Sunday School has also received some much needed volunteers and I am very thankful for all of those who have stepped forward in faith. Our youth group began its second year strong with a solid middle school core of kids who are eager to learn and grow in faith. To remind ourselves, within the church’s circle of influence we have nearly 1 dozen youth and nearly 50 children. Of course this does not count those children in the community whom we could potentially serve. God has given us the people and the gifts to impact many for future generations. What will be our response?

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Another life-giving event (albeit exhausting at times) of the past year, was and is our campaign to re-build and replace our historic pipe organ. It revitalized us as a congregation and has given life to a few other ideas in the past year; namely, a hymn festival which took place in May and was attended by nearly 200 from the community. Last year, we had received pledges for over \$200,000. This year, as of this evening, we have received nearly \$202,000 cash in hand towards the total of \$283,000. We look forward to that being paid off soon-ish!

In terms of mission and vision, we have worked the past 10 months on identifying our core values; words or short phrases which describe who we are. I have led listening sessions, and everyone in the church has had opportunity to provide input and discussion. These core values are not set just yet, but we have narrowed the scope to four areas: worship and education, fellowship, working on a campaign or project, service and outreach. We hope to have a core value from each of those 4 core areas which describe who we are. The purpose for this work is at least twofold: 1) we learn more about ourselves; what we like and don't like, what we're good at and not so good at, where we want to lean in and dig deeper, and where we trust that others in the Kingdom of God will use their gifts to serve. 2) When we know who we are we can better articulate who we are to the world. Mission statements drive vision, purpose, our "why." Core Values are easy words and phrases which describe our behaviors.

Finally, we are not who we are without the influence of those who have come before us. "The Great Cloud of Witnesses" spoken of in Hebrews grew by 4 this year from our congregation. We feel their loss and recognize the thin veil which separates us from them and life eternal in God's presence. We lean on the Hope of resurrection. We name them now before us: Sarah Beaty, Mary Allen, Robert Clarke, Bob Harden.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Brian J. Arant
Pastor, Main St. UMC - Abbeville



Control + Click the image above to go to Samaritan's Purse website to find out suggested items to include and how to pack a shoebox

Operation Christmas Child

Main Street will be a drop off location during the week of November 18-25 for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes sponsored by Samaritan's Purse.

Monday, Nov. 18, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 3:30-5:30 pm

Thursday, Nov. 21, 3:30-5:30 pm

Friday, Nov. 22, 10:00 a.m.-noon

Saturday, Nov. 23, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 pm.

Sunday, Nov. 24, noon-4:00 pm.

Monday, Nov. 25, noon-2:00 pm.

The Missions Committee with the assistance of the Ann Moore circle will receive the shoeboxes from the community.

If you would like to volunteer contact Nancy Walborn, Cecily Ferguson, or Bennie McCoy.
Contact Cecily Ferguson at (864)391-7888 if you have questions.



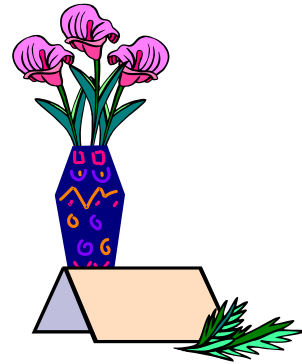


November Birthdays

2	Rev. Frank McCoy
	Walt Roark
3	Mary Barnette
	Ben Blanton
	Mary Beth Peck
	Emerson Hudgens
5	Marianna E. Fleming
6	Patti Miller
	Dudley Horton
	Barry Stone
7	Ruth Brock
8	Kristen Booth
9	Harvey Lansing
11	Bill Savitz
	Ann Davis
13	Ellis Kate Hudgens
14	Jason Beaty
15	Nancy Walborn
	Macy Joy Hite
18	Mary Evelyn Campbell
19	Petra Jones
	Zack Horne
20	Dianne Parnell
	Paula Weis
	Brian Arant
22	Dianne Burdette
	Kathryn Riddle
25	Anne Horne
	Shelley Reid
30	Ivan Randolph
	Steve Lowe

[LINK TO OUR CHURCH CALENDAR](#)

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November Anniversaries

6	Mr. and Mrs. Mike Erwin
12	Mr. and Mrs. Pete Webb
23	Mr. and Mrs. John Marchi
24	Mr. and Mrs. David Littell

November Acolyte

3	Harper Stone
11	Gracie Gary
18	Jacob Arant
25	Cate Dunlap

Please put the above date on your calendar. This is the Sunday you are to be an acolyte for the morning worship service. If you cannot be acolyte on your day, PLEASE find a substitute or swap Sundays with someone.

Please come to Parament room no later than 10:45 a.m. on the Sunday morning you are to be acolyte.





Baby Shower

Please join our Main Street Church Family as we celebrate with **Anna & Ron Brown** as they prepare for the birth of their precious baby, Sunday, November 17, 2019 - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Greene Center Main Street United Methodist Church, Abbeville, South Carolina. We hope to see you there! Anna and Ron are using gray as a nursery color. They are registered at Target and Amazon. Boy? or a Girl? - a surprise it will be!



Poinsettias for Christmas

The Worship Committee again will use flower color red for our Memorial Poinsettias for this Christmas Season.

To facilitate uniform wrapping and size the orders will be filled by one supplier. Those who wish to participate will need only to supply the church office with the number of Poinsettias to order, the name of the donor and the name of the one to be so honored. A price per flower will be available by the end of November. They will be placed in the Sanctuary on December 8th.

Please check the bulletins for the ordering forms, or call the church office by December 2nd.

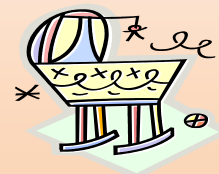
November Scripture Readings

- 3 Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31
- 10 Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38
- 17 Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19
- 24 Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 1:68-69
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43



Nursery Schedule for November

- Nov. 3 Krista Sammons, Julie Boggs
- 10 Caroline Calvert, Allison Dunlap
- 17 Lindsey Wilson, Lucy Kollmann
- 24 Tracy Bowie, Baylee Wilson



Thanksgiving Day Dinner



The volunteers that serve Thanksgiving Day dinner in the Greene Center to needy and elderly people need desserts and volunteers. The turkey dinners and all the trimmings except desserts are provided by the Haven of Rest Ministries. Anyone willing to purchase or make cakes, cookies, or pies please bring them to the Greene Center by Thanksgiving Day, November 28th. Anyone that wants to help serve or deliver meals Thanksgiving Day should call June Prince at 366-9713 or Jane Agan at 366-5881.

Loose Change Sunday



November 24th is Loose Change Sunday. We will be collecting for the Haven of Rest Ministries. Haven of Rest provides the turkey dinners we serve on Thanksgiving and Christmas, at no cost to us. We need to be generous to them.



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2nd. Daylight saving time ends Sunday, November 3rd.

ANGEL TREE



Dear Church Members,

Angel Tree's Wrapping week is really early this year. We will start the Sunday after Thanksgiving. We usually move into the Greene Center and work for 9 days, but because Thanksgiving is late this year, we don't have a week between Thanksgiving and Angel Tree week. The week is early in December and there will be lots to do in less time. Please come and help if you can!

Over the last 31 years, we have seen God's blessing and support so many times throughout the project. We have had many answered prayers through the Christmas Angel Tree Ministry and have been able to reach out to others in a way that none of us could have as individuals.

Many of you have helped in the past – a big Thank you! Please consider helping this year by volunteering your time, praying for the project and/or sponsoring an angel or making a donation.

Times to work in the Greene Center:

Come when you can – leave when you must!

Sunday, December 1.....3:00-9:00 pm
Monday, December 2.....9:00 – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, December 3.....9:00 – 9:00 pm
Wednesday, December 4.....9:00 am– 9:00 pm
Thursday, December 5.....9:00 am– 9:00 pm
Friday, December 6.....9:00am – – until finished (possibly midnight).
Saturday, December 79:00 - until if we don't finish on Friday, call Lori Glace at 378-1944 to see if we are.

The Agnes Rogers and Ann Moore Circles





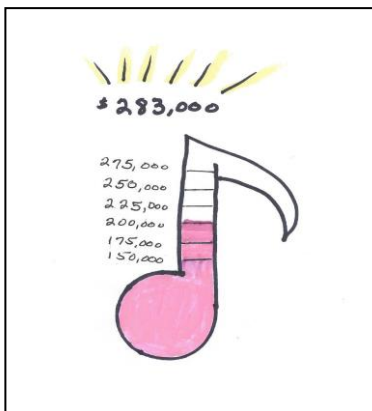
Keep the Music Flowing

Main Street United Methodist Church

Update

We have raised \$201,445.00 for the organ as of October 20, 2019. That is 71.18% of the total cost of \$283,000. The remainder is being collected over the 3 year faith promise campaign and the \$175,000 loan is being repaid.

Thank you for your participation in this campaign to keep the music flowing. Keep praying, keep working and keep giving.



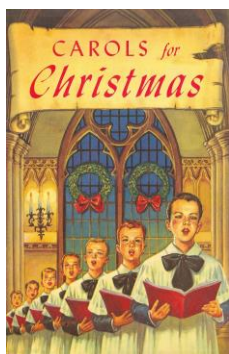
November 3rd is All Saints Sunday

November 3rd is All Saints Sunday when we honor and remember those of our church family who are now a part of the church triumphant. It is always a meaningful and moving service as we remember the life, work and ministry of those who have died in the faith. This year we remember: Mary Smith Allen, Sarah Suber Beaty, Robert George Clark and Robert Bennett Harden.

Fall Festival

A great time was had by all that attended the Fall Festival Sunday afternoon, October 20 at the home of Jenny and Scott Jackson.





Christmas Activities

A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols

Plus a Christmas Party

December 8, 2019

6:00 pm

A Service of Lessons and Carols is a traditional Christmas celebration which intersperses Bible readings with the singing of Christmas carols and hymns. Immediately following the program the church Christmas Party will be held in the Greene Center. You are invited to bring “finger-food”.

New members are invited to bring an ornament and hang it on our Greene Center Christmas Tree. Also, those wishing to do so may “update” their ornaments.

Christmas Carols will be sung and Santa Claus will arrive for a visit with the children.



Update on Programs to Help Schools

Our local schools greatly appreciate help with raising funds for library books and classroom materials. There are some updates to the programs.

The **Campbell Soup Company** is no longer doing the Labels for Education program - so the schools do not need the soup labels.

Wright Middle School's Librarian, Ann Hawthorne, is collecting **Coke Rewards**. These are the bottle tops that have the numbers written on the inside. Coke rewards are also on the cardboard box of can drink packs and on the plastic bag on Dasani Water (the black square on the bottom of the pack).

The **Box Tops for Education** program is continuing. Please collect them as you see them but the Box Tops program is going to some type of digital program that we will share information on when we get it.

If you have any of these items to donate, please put them on the bench in the Education Building. If you know of other schools that are collecting these, please let Lori Glace know and we will share among the schools. Your extra effort makes a BIG difference for our local schools.



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