



# MAIN STREET MAGNET

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## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Pastor Brian's final "Thoughts From Your Pastor" article will be sent out as a separate email. He will be leaving after Easter and this space will be vacant until our new pastor begins with the July Magnet.



## Come Holy Spirit!

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## PEOPLE TO REMEMBER

- 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
- Gin Glace – P O Box 516, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Carroll Hagood – 1694 Cedar Springs Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Linda Himes – 36000 Campus Drive Apt. 508, Westland, MI 48185
- Bob Hipsher – 100 Pineview Street, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Petra Jones – 502 Church St., Abbeville, SC 29620
- Col. Bob Lander – 5 Frank Pressley Dr., Due West, SC 29639
- 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
- Harold and Marion Prince – P O Box 699, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Leon & Patty Thompson – Wesley Commons Assisted Living – Apt. 6117 – 1110 Marshall Road, Greenwood, SC 29646
- Jane 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

MARY POWELL HIPSHER  
SEPTEMBER 21, 1936 – MARCH 1, 2021



## Prayer Requests

**We pray for and intercede on behalf of:** Jane Williams; Jane Cox; Ruth Brock; Irene Deason; Kathy Bernard; Shane Lee; Mary Elizabeth Land; Kevin Bosler; Wayne Wilson; Alana Taylor; Linda Himes; Ted Hawthorne; Leon and Patty Thompson; Gary Greeson; Gwen Lewis, Rose Childress; Dondi Brown; Penny Richey; Bobbie Martin; Hudson Blackburn; Marcia Davis; Mary Beth Peck; Sandra Erwin; Quintella Guillebeaux; Dianne Fossett; Elbridge Wright; Cheryl Ashley; Julie Williams; Anna Pursley  
*Please let us know individuals needing prayers or requested to be on Prayer list.*



## Joys & Concerns

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



### Flower Calendar

#### Dates that are Available

April 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;  
June 13; July 11; September 9, 12,  
19, 26; October 3, 24; November 21.

### TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH

Mike Shirley

## U.M.W. NEWS

United Methodist Women

### CIRCLE MEETINGS



Ann Moore Circle TBA

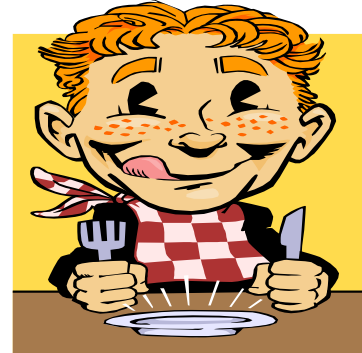
Agnes Rogers Circle info will be announced through our Circle email.

Lovely Lane Circle will not meet until further notice.

Susannah Wesley Circle will not meet until further notice.

## U.M.M. NEWS

United Methodist Men



United Methodist Men  
will meet on Sunday  
April 10, 2021 at 8:00 am  
in the Greene Center

## CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



### Children's News Children

We will have an Easter Egg hunt and Kite Sunday March 28 on church grounds immediately following worship service.

### Youth News

The youth meet each Sunday night at 5:00 in the Youth building

## Upcoming Meetings and Events

### APRIL

March 28 – Palm Sunday  
April 1 – Maundy Thursday  
April 2 – Good Friday  
April 4 – Easter Sunday

**The Church office will be closed on April 5 through April 8. All information for the April 11, 2021 bulletin is due no later than Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Administrative Council** will meet Thursday, April 15, 2021, in the Greene Center at 6:00 pm. All members of these Committees are encouraged to attend. If you will be unable to attend, please call the church office. **All committee reports should be emailed in by April 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Chicken Dinner Sale  
Sunday, April 25, 2021  
Take-Out Only  
10.00**



## NOTES From the Choir

In this season of Lent and Easter, our focus turns to the cross. One of the most used and requested songs in Christian music also focuses on the cross – *The Old Rugged Cross* (#504 UMH). This hymn was written a little over one hundred years ago by George Bennard.

When asked what his inspiration was for writing *The Old Rugged Cross*, George told how John 3:16 was his favorite Bible verse. He explained that the more he read the verse, the more meaning it had to him and whenever he read that verse, he would have a vision of a cross. But it was not a shiny, pretty cross. He always envisioned a rugged and rough cross. A cross where our Savior bled and died for our sins.

It was this vision that inspired him to write a song. The melody of the song came to him in a matter of minutes. The words, however, did not. He only knew that the words must express the idea that “I’ll Cherish the Old Rugged Cross.”

Over several months, George worked on the words of the hymn, never being quite satisfied with the results. He finally decided on the chorus, but the stanzas still did not seem right. It was only after an evangelistic crusade that he participated in where the focus was the cross and people were coming forward to be saved, that he said the Lord showed him the true meaning of His love as shown at Calvary. Following that crusade, he went home and sat down at his kitchen table and the words of the stanzas fell into place for him. He called his wife into the kitchen, took out his guitar and played and sang the hymn for her and she loved it.

George sent the manuscript for the song to be published and received comments such as “You will hear from this song.” And “God has given you a song that will never die.” “This song has moved our hearts as no other song ever has.” George’s response was that he did not really write the song. He was just the instrument that God used to write it.

May the words of this hymn have new meaning for you during this Lenten/Easter season!

(Source: *Al Smith’s Treasury of Hymn Histories*, Better Music Publications, Inc. 1981.)

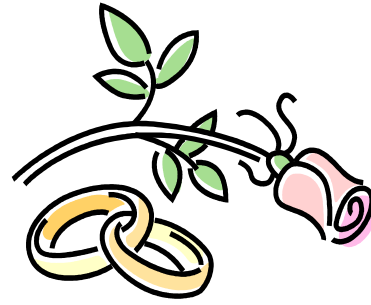
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## April Birthdays

1	Beth Addis
2	Daniel New Sarah Sexauer
3	Mark Horton Matthew Hall Catherine Caroline Dunlap
4	Irene Deason
5	Marilyn Reid
6	Ned Barnette Kim Griffin Barbara Littell
7	William Brooks Baker Jakob Bowen Wilson Ivy Arant
11	Pam Randolph David Littell
12	Marie McNeill
14	Bill Baughman, Jr. Julie Boggs Elizabeth Webb
15	Nancy Erwin
16	Tripp Manuel, III
17	Pamela Bowen Amy Sprouse
18	Janet Horton Pam Baughman
20	Tripp Parnell, III
24	Megan Blackwell
28	Kim Mundy
30	Tori Evans



## April Anniversaries

1	Mr. and Mrs. Ken Smith
3	Mr. and Mrs. David Moberg
8	Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mills
9	Mr. and Mrs. Matt Lee
16	Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Booth
18	Mr. and Mrs. Ben Blanton
19	Mr. and Mrs. Alan Weis

## April Scripture Readings

4	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18
11	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31
18	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48
25	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

## [LINK TO OUR CHURCH CALENDAR](#)

(Click on this link while holding down the control key)





## HOLY WEEK

### Holy Week Services

**Thursday, April 1 – 6:30 pm**  
**Service at Main Street UMC**  
**Maundy Thursday**

**Friday, April 2 – 7:00 pm**  
**Service at Main Street UMC**  
**Good Friday**  
**Tenebrae**

**April 4**  
**Easter Sunday**



## Kite Sunday / Easter Egg Hunt

### Celebration for Pastor Brian

**Sunday, March 28, 2021**

right after worship service  
 on the church lawn.

The church will provide a lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers and the trimmings. In case of rain we will move it to the Greene Center.



## Lenten Coin Holders

The Missions Committee passed out Lenten Coin holders for the collection of a Lenten offering. These coin holders should be returned Easter Sunday, April 4. One-half of the offering will go to The Tracy Jackson Summer Food Program and the remaining portion will go to the United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County. This special offering took the place of the loose change collection for March and April.

**Boy Scout Troop 62 was recognized during the March 21 worship service. This troop is sponsored by Main Street UMC**





Healing the mind, body, and spirit of our community.  
Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.  
1 Corinthians 6:19

## COVID-19 Vaccine

People age 55 and over can now make an appointment to receive the COVID-19 vaccine by calling their health care provider. Even with the vaccine it is important to continue following all safety measures. Everyone is strongly encouraged to continue wearing a mask, practicing physical distancing, frequently washing their hands and staying home when sick. These are proven ways to slow the spread and will be essential to ending the pandemic, even as vaccinations begin.



## April is Stress Awareness Month



Stress that continues without relief can lead to headaches, an upset stomach, high blood pressure, chest pain, problems with sleeping or sex, depression, panic attacks, or other forms of anxiety and worry.

On top of that, if you handle stress with food, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gambling, overspending, or other things that don't solve the problem, you're going to end up with more stress.

Ask yourself what you can do about the sources of your stress. Think through the pros and cons. Take action where you can.

## Attention All Graduating High School and College Seniors

If you are graduating this May or June please call the Church Office (366-2367) so you can be recognized in the May or June Magnet.

Thank You and Congratulations



*Keep the Music Flowing*

*Main Street United Methodist Church*

## Update

As of March 21 we owe \$53,665 on the organ loan and have \$38,854 in the organ fund.

Once the loan is paid off we will still need to make donations to the organ fund so that we can maintain the organ with future tunings and inspections.

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

## NEW PIANO



The Sanctuary piano can no longer be tuned to standard pitch due to issues within the piano. The Worship Committee has selected a new baby grand piano that cost \$16,500, however the choir loft will have to be modified to accommodate a baby grand. The committee is now looking into the cost of these modifications.

A fund has been started if anyone is interested in donating funds or giving memorials towards the purchase of a new piano. As of March 21 we have \$3,455 in the fund.



## Grilled Chicken Dinner

**Sunday, April 25**

**\$10.00**

**Take-Out only, after church**

The Mission Committee will have a chicken dinner sale on Sunday, April 25th. Proceeds will be divided among the organizations we normally support through our loose change offerings. The meals will be \$10 each and will include 1/4 chicken, two sides, rolls and cookies, and will be available for pick up after church on the 25th.

Tickets will be on sale beginning Sunday, March 28, and may be purchased from committee members and the church office. You won't want to miss out on the best grilled chicken ever, prepared by grill master Chris Griffin.

If you have questions, please contact Nancy Walborn at 366-0100.



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