



MAIN STREET MAGNET

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Thoughts from Your Pastor

Season of COVID

When we were beset with COVID-19 back in March, I would have never believed that we would still be dealing with it in July and likely for the foreseeable future. I heard a commentator remark recently that corona virus was like your annoying neighbor no one likes...they aren't going anywhere, you just have to learn to deal with them! And so here we are in this new reality. We're back to in-person worship which is great, but y'all know its not the same without congregational singing, Sunday School, or being able to shake folks' hands before or after worship! And communion? I miss this gathering around the table and the sacraments perhaps most of all. Of course that doesn't even address the myriad other ways COVID-19 has affected our lives. Jobs, school, kid's activities, social events, simply running errands around town is all different now! Throw in all the other fun surprises 2020 has thrown our way and it feels like the world is teetering on the brink!

A wise friend once told me that when we are feeling disoriented and out of sync, that it's a sign that God is speaking to us. And until we listen and discern, we will continue feeling out of place. I wonder if that's not what the world is going through right now. COVID has thrown us for a loop. We certainly feel disoriented and awkward with all the new habits we've been forced to adopt. I wonder if God might be speaking to us through the pandemic we are in. If God can speak to Job through a whirlwind, he can certainly speak to us through coronavirus!

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Come Holy Spirit!

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PEOPLE TO REMEMBER

- Ned & Mary Barnette – 5 Frank Pressley Dr., Due West, SC 29639
- 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
- 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
- Paul and 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

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; Rowena Parkenson; Harvey Lansing; Michael Snead; Irene Deason; Christian Meyers; Jayne Hagen Davis; Ruth Brock; Ned and Linda Himes; Ned Barnette; Paul and Jane Williams; Elbridge Wright; Todd Walter, Jr.; Deirdre Collins; Mary Elizabeth Land; Allison Addis; Baby Sam Crawford; Jeri Stone; Faye Broome; Daniel Banks; Penny Richey; Beverly Wilson; John Marchi; Helen Speer.

Deployment –Clayton Hall

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

Mary Wolfe

SOUND TEC

Michael Hall

Greeters

July 5 – Greg and Michelle Potts
12 – Elaine Nixon, Walt Roark
19 - Bob and Yvonne Whiteside
26 – Thomas and Lindsey Wilson

U.M.W. NEWS

United Methodist Women

CIRCLE MEETINGS



Agnes Rogers Circle
Ann Moore Circle
Lovely Lane Circle
Susannah Wesley Circle

Circles will not meet in July and August

All circles should nominate a lady for the UMW Woman of the Year award and turn the nomination in to Jane Agan.

Remember to collect items for the deployed military personnel and put in the marked barrel in the hall of the Sunday School building

U.M.M. NEWS

United Methodist Men

Men will not meet in July and August.



Flower Dates Still Available

**September 27; October 18, 25;
November 22.**

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



No Activities through July. Have a good, safe summer.

Notes From the Choir



Upcoming Meetings and Events

Church Office Closed

The office will be closed
Monday, July 6 in
observance of
Independence Day.

Trustees

Monday, July 20, 2020 in
the Youth Building at 5:30
p.m. All members of the
Trustees should make
plans to attend. If you will
be unable to attend, please
call the church office.

Administrative Council

will meet Thursday, July 16,
2020, in the Outreach Class
at 7:00 pm. All members of
this Committee are
encouraged to attend. If you
will be unable to attend,
please call the church office.

**All committee reports
should be emailed in by
July 9th.**



I always enjoy learning about what inspires the hymn writers to write the hymns that are part of our Methodist Hymnal. Recently, while participating in an online Max Lucado Bible study “You’ll Get Through This,” I heard the story of Thomas A Dorsey.

The theme of the Bible study focused on the life of Joseph and how to take painful, difficult times in your life and use them for good. As an illustration in one week’s study, Max Lucado told the life story of Thomas A. Dorsey, who was born in Georgia in 1899 to a Baptist pastor and piano teacher. Thomas grew up being surrounded by music and musical opportunities and quickly learned to play blues piano and jazz music.

After a period of playing with bands and recording secular music, he began recording gospel music and eventually became a church worship leader. He married the girl of his dreams and was beginning a family. Life was going well for him. Then as he was out of town leading worship at a church, he was handed a telegram before the service began which notified him that his wife had died during childbirth. He rushed to the hospital, but by the next day, his baby had died also.

He was plunged into a dark period filled with grief and questioning God. His faith was tested. Why would God allow such terrible things to happen to him when he was doing the Lord’s work? A friend of his, who owned a music school, invited Tommy to come to the school and spend a few days. He thought being immersed in music and getting away for a few days would help Tommy.

When Tommy entered the music school, he saw a small room with a piano. He went in, sat down and began to play and pray. It was at that moment that Tommy said he asked God for help and strength. He wrote a song that night that is in our Methodist Hymnal on page 474, “Precious Lord, Take My Hand.”

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Although this hymn was written in 1932, its words stand true even today, 88 years later. For the rest of his life, Thomas A Dorsey testified that the Lord healed him that night. He went on to write 3,000 songs, including “Peace in the Valley.” May we all follow the example of Joseph and Thomas A Dorsey to use the tough times in our life to glorify Christ.

Kerri



What Can You Do to Fight The Coronavirus

What are the symptoms of COVID-19? Symptoms may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure. The CDC list the following as possible symptoms:

fever or chills
cough
fatigue
muscle aches
Headache
loss of taste or smell
sore throat
Congestion or runny nose
nausea or vomiting

Please remember to do the following:

1. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.
2. Cover your mouth if you cough.
3. Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
4. Avoid contact with sick people.
5. Stay at least 6 feet away from individuals so if coughing should occur, the spicules will not reach the approaching individual.
6. Do not shake people's hands or give them a hug.
7. Stay at home while you are sick and avoid others.
8. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces (doorknobs, railings, toilet handles, sink handles, etc.)
9. Notify the appropriate authorities should you suspect that you have contracted the flu or coronavirus. Symptoms include fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

Ticks are expected to be bad this year. Use the following tips for Tick bite prevention:

Tick-borne diseases occur worldwide, including in your own backyard. To help protect yourself and your family, you should:

- Use a chemical repellent with DEET, permethrin or picaridin.
- Wear light-colored protective clothing.
- Tuck pant legs into socks.
- Avoid tick-infested areas.
- Check yourself, your children, and your pets daily for ticks and carefully remove any ticks.





July Birthdays

2	Benny Bowie
5	Eric New
6	Patti Howie
10	Mary Lowe
11	Alice McNeil
	Ned Himes
12	Conway Shirley
14	Andrew Mundy, Jr.
	Kenneth Sammons
15	Lynn Blanton
	Julie Lewis
17	Walt Wilson
22	Buddy Agan, Jr.
	Maria Olson
23	Anna White Brown
24	Dave Bacon
26	Rowena Parkerson
27	Carolyn Gingerich
	Morgan Bowen
30	Harold Prince, Jr.
	Dianne Shepard
31	Riley Addis
	Jonah Kollmann



July Anniversaries

3	Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Randolph
7	Mr. and Mrs. Matt Baker
9	Mr. and Mrs. Chad Posey
11	Mr. and Mrs. Mike Campbell
12	Mr. and Mrs. Stan Keaton
24	Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mundy, Jr.
25	Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bowen

July Acolyte

None assigned for July

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.



[LINK TO OUR CHURCH CALENDAR](#)

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



Mission News



Loose Change Sunday

Loose Change Sunday is July 26. We will be collecting for **UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief.**

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But like any unease we feel, it won't matter unless we listen and discern. I believe this whole season of COVID might be God's way of pruning dead limbs so that the Kingdom may go forward. Or, looking at it from the opposite perspective, this season of COVID could be a season of planting seeds and preparing for the harvest! Will we be distracted by the virus and its effect on our world or will we listen to what God might be saying to us. How is God shaping us?

We're six months in to this season of COVID and I have no idea when it will end. So let us learn to listen and discern God's voice more clearly so that in the season of jubilee to come, we might be ready for the harvest!

Pastor Brian

July Scripture Readings

- 5 Genesis 24:34-38
Psalm 45:10-17
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
- 12 Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- 19 Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- 26 Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



No Nursery in July



A New Church Directory is Coming

Most people have extra time right now so it is a good time to complete the questionnaire for the new Church Directory. We are requesting someone from each member household to complete an online questionnaire about the members of the household. If you are unable to go online you may request a paper questionnaire from the church office by calling 864/366-2367.

Additionally, we are requesting church members to email a family photo. These photos and information will be published in a printed directory and will be available in an online directory.

Hold your smartphone over the QR Code or go to <https://forms.gle/npkbvDmTV7DTkLSHA> to complete the

MSUMC CENSUS form by entering your name, date of birth, gender, relationship, phone number and email of each member of the household. There is also a question that asks for date of marriage. Family photos can be emailed to the church's email account at mainstreetumcabbville@gmail.com



Prayer for Our Nation

From the United Methodist Book of
Worship

Look graciously, O Lord, upon this land.

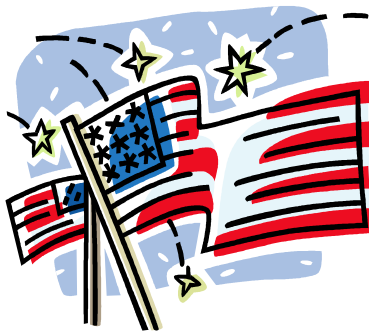
Where it is in pride, subdue it.

Where it is in need, supply it.

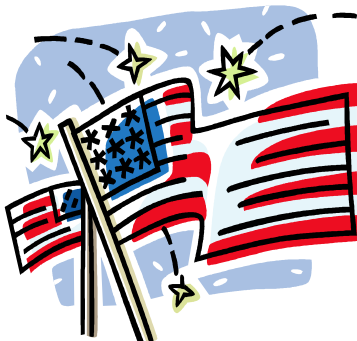
Where it is in error, rectify it.

Where it is in default, restore it.

And where it holds to that which is just and
compassionate, support it. Amen



God Bless America



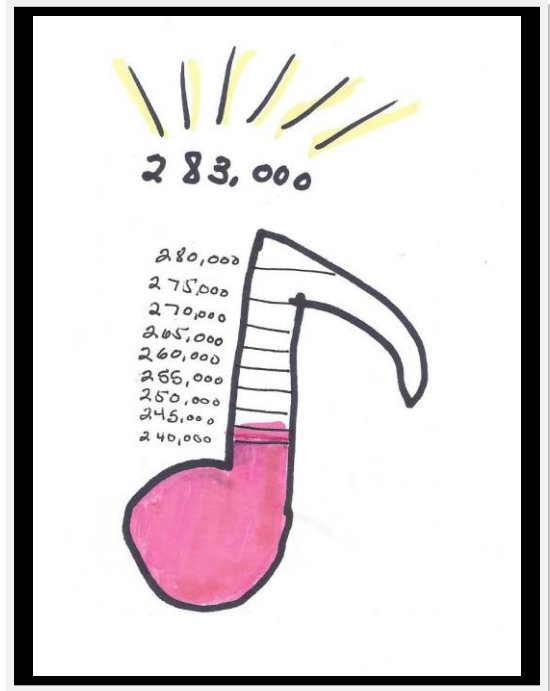
Keep the Music Flowing

Main Street United Methodist Church

Update

We have raised \$245,490 for the organ as of June 21, 2020. That is 86.75% 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.



Safe Sanctuary Policy – Part 6

Starting in February we began printing sections of our Safe Sanctuary Policy so that everyone can become familiar with the provisions. Anyone who works with children, youth or vulnerable adults must follow these rules set out in this policy. In February, we printed the general information about the policy. March's installment listed the definitions that are used in the policy. April listed the selection guidelines for Staff and Volunteer Recruitment. May's installment covered the ongoing education of persons who work with children and youth. June listed the supervision of children and youth. This month list the guidelines for trips and retreats.

VI Trip and Retreat Supervision

Trip and Retreat settings can call for different child/youth protection requirements depending on the circumstances. What follows are Requirements and Guidelines of this Policy. The Requirements should always be implemented. Depending on the circumstances of the setting, who is in attendance, etc., some or all of the Guidelines should be implemented. Those in charge of the trip or retreat should be mindful of both Requirements and Guidelines, in addition to applying their own wisdom to the needs of a given occasion.

Requirements:

There will be at least two screened adults present for all trips, retreats and other events where the children and/or youth gather overnight at, or away from, the church campus.

- A. There will be at least one screened adult for each gender present at co-ed overnight events. At single gender overnight events, at least one of the two screened adults present shall be of the same gender as the child/youth.
- B. The person in charge of youth/children for each overnight trip and/or retreat shall carry parental permission slips including permission for emergency medical care.

Guidelines:

When making overnight accommodations, rooms should be assigned as follows:

- A. Separate rooms for adults and child/youth should be assigned with at least two children/youth per room.
- B. Assignments should be made so that an adult room is between two children/youth rooms.
- C. Adults should make random monitoring hall trips and room checks at night by two adults of the same gender as those being checked.
- D. A hotel should be selected where the rooms open to the interior of the building (i.e., do not open to the outside).

VII Transportation

All Main Street sponsored activities that require transportation must adhere to the Main Street Transportation Policy that includes specific guidelines and requirements for the transportation of children and youth.

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