



MAIN STREET MAGNET

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Main Street United Methodist Church

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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

As we look towards Spring 2021, it is no secret that we are in the midst of a pastoral transition. The SPRC committee had its initial meeting with our District Superintendent a few weeks ago. He has and will meet with the cabinet in determining who is the next pastoral leader of Main St. UMC. The new Pastor will be announced later in March – Lori Glace, our SPRC chair, will say much more about this!

While we do not yet know who the new pastor will be, I do have some updated dates on MY transition which I want to share with you. Pending final approval by the cabinet, my last in-person Sunday will be Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. I will pre-record the following Sunday's sermon for April 11 which will be inserted into April 11 worship. I will load up our remaining items from the parsonage and physically move to Vermont sometime the week after Easter. Beginning April 18 for the following 8 Sundays, Rev. Eric Shepard will preach and lead worship on Sunday mornings. Additionally, he will cover down on any pastoral emergencies during those 2 months. Per our usual Methodist rhythm, the new pastor will begin sometime at the end of June.

Of course, prior to April 4 we will want to have a time to celebrate the 6 years of ministry we have had together. I believe there are details about those plans in this very issue of the Magnet and I look forward to that time of celebration.

The timing for my move earlier than June is quite simple - I want to be with my family in Vermont! Nothing about the last year has gone according to plan for anyone much less those of us who planned a move! As y'all know Kaylor was offered a teaching job back in October which was an opportunity we simply could not refuse. Teaching 4th-5th grade math and science at the village elementary school not 300 yards from the end of our driveway where all four of our kids currently attend was a true blessing. She and the kids have thrived in their new environment and are looking forward to having daddy there to complete the clan! At the same time, I didn't want to leave Main St. UMC "pastorless" for too long so ending on the high holy day of Easter is fitting not only because it truly is ending on a high note, but because it only leaves a few months to fill before the regularly appointed pastor arrives.

This can't be of too much of a surprise given the direction we were headed and even as I type this it feels odd to have a definite end date. But here we are! As always, please reach out to me with any questions/concerns!

Blessings,

Pastor Brian

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 and Mary 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

Joys & Concerns

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

TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH

Julianne Hershberger

Prayer Requests

We pray for and intercede on behalf of:
 Helen Speer; Jane Williams; Jane Cox; Ruth Brock; Irene Deason; Kathy Bernard; Julie Williams; Shane Lee; Mary Elizabeth Land; Kevin Bosler; Wayne Wilson; Alana Taylor; Linda Himes; Ted Hawthorne; Leon and Patty Thompson; Gary Greeson; Bryan Baughman; Gwen Lewis, Rose Childress; Melvin and Donna Welch; Dondi Brown, Mason Weis, Penny Richey; Anna Pursley; Bobby Martin; Marcia Davis; Mary Beth Peck; Hudson Blackburn; family of Mike Culbreath; Neil Keith.



Memorial Lilies for Easter 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 Lilies to order, the name of the donor and the name of the one to be so honored.

The deadline for ordering will be

March 22.

The cost is \$20 per lily

Please check the bulletins for information, or call the church office.

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, March 7, 2021 at
8:00 a.m. in the Greene Center



Daylight **saving time begins**
Sunday, March 14th.

Remember to turn your clock forward one
hour before going to bed on Saturday,
March 13th.

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



Children

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

Youth Meetings

The youth meet each Sunday night at 5 pm in the Youth Building.

Upcoming Meetings And Events

MARCH

Trustees

will meet Monday, March 15, 2021, in the Youth Building at 5:30 pm. All members of this Committee are encouraged to attend. If you will be unable to attend, please call the church office.



NOTES From the Choir

As March begins, we continue our journey through the Lenten season, which began mid-February. March brings us to the end of the Lenten season with Palm/Passion Sunday on March 28th.

Palm/Passion Sunday is the last Sunday of Lent and the first day of Holy Week. Our worship on Palm/Passion Sunday usually begins with a remembrance of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey with palm leaves strewn before him. Most services begin with a procession to hymn #280 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor." This hymn is described on the UMC Discipleship website as the "quintessential Palm Sunday entrance hymn."

The Latin text was written in the 9th century by Theodulph of Orleans with the English translation by John Mason Neale. The majestic 17th century German tune was written by Melchior Teschner. The text generally follows the triumphal entrance into Jerusalem found in all four Gospels.

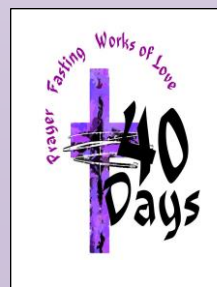
An interesting thing about this hymn is the mention of children singing. There is no biblical reference to children singing during Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Matthew and Luke do include references to children, but not their singing specifically during the triumphal entry.

"All glory, laud, and honor,
To thee, Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring."

We sing this hymn as a triumphant and majestic beginning to the Palm/Passion Sunday service, which then gives way to scripture and music depicting the Passion of Christ, which is soon to follow. Make plans to join us for worship during the month of March as we complete our Lenten journey.

(Source: www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-all-glory-laud-and-honor)

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March Birthdays

2	Calvert Fernandez
3	Sydney Horne
4	Bill Glace
5	Kim Beaty
7	Helen Speer
8	Chris Griffin
10	Kylie Burdette
	Anna Mills Addis
12	Scarlett Arant
13	Brittany Horne
16	Mikki Campbell
	Taylor Griffin
	Russell Wolfe
22	Debby Hite
	Kimberly Dixon
	Jenny Jackson
26	Norman Mills
27	John Walborn
28	Leon Thompson
	Greg Horne
30	Steve Jackson
	Dana Reese Lee



March Anniversaries

7	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hall
11	Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bacon
21	Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Baughman
28	Mr. and Mrs. Will Fleming

March Scripture Readings

7	Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39
14	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9
21	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15
28	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38

[LINK TO OUR CHURCH CALENDAR](#)

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





Baby Gift Card Showers



The Nurture Committee would like our church to help celebrate with these new parents on their upcoming births with a Card Shower. Due to Covid we will be doing Card Showers instead of in-person showers. There are individual baskets for each family on a table in the Sunday School lobby. Or you may leave them in the church office or mail them to the church by March 7th.

Riley and Abby Addis – Baby Girl Due in April - Cards from Target, Amazon or Walmart.

Alexa and Roxies Saunders – Baby Boy Due in April - Cards from Target or Amazon.

Greg and Michelle Potts – Baby Girl Due in May - Cards from Amazon or Walmart.



Holy Week Services

Thursday, April 1 – 6:00 pm
Service at Main Street UMC
Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 2 – 6:30 pm
Service at Main Street UMC
Good Friday
Tenebrae

April 4
Easter Sunday

Missions News



Lenten Coin Holders Offering

The Missions Committee will pass 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.

Dates Still Available



The 2021 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Education Building. Please sign up if you would like to place flowers in the chancel in 2021. **Dates still available: April 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; June 13; July 11; September 12, 19, 26; October 3, 24; November 21.**



Keep the Music Flowing

Main Street United Methodist Church

A Campaign to Replace and Restore the Organ **UPDATE**

As of February 21 we owe \$56,713 on the organ loan and have \$36,268 in the organ fund.

The remainder is being collected over the remaining year of the faith promise campaign and the loan is being repaid.

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



Kite Sunday / Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, March 28, 2021

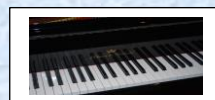
right after worship service
on the church lawn

The church will provide a lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers and the trimmings. Please register by calling church office: 366-2367. We will only prepare enough food for those who register.

In case of rain it will be canceled.



NEW PIANO



The Worship Committee was recently notified by a professional piano tuner that the Sanctuary piano can no longer be tuned to standard pitch due to issues within the piano. We are looking at options for replacing the current piano (which is 30+ years old) with a newer model. After some investigation, the committee decided a new piano would be a better investment than a used piano.

The selection has been narrowed down to an upright piano for \$15,000 or a baby grand for \$16,500. Members of the committee prefer the baby grand; 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 February 21 we have \$2,930.00 in the fund.

Regarding Farewell Gift for Pastor Brian Arant

As most of you already are aware, Brian will be joining his family in Vermont soon after Easter 2021. He and Kaylor have already moved most of their large items and are hopefully not renting another moving van. Due to this and the distance of the move it has been decided money would be more beneficial as a farewell gift.

As all of you know, Brian put his plans to move last year off to remain our pastor. Over the last year he continued ministering to us as his family had to make the move to VT since Kaylor was offered a job near their home teaching. I can only imagine how this 2020 year could have been without Brian and the experience he had with MSUMC and the Abbeville community. With this in mind, I really think this will show him and his family how appreciative we are that he cared enough for MSUMC that he did not leave us in an awkward situation.

If you would like to go in on the special gift offering, you may turn this into Betty or placed in the offering labeled as "special gift". You should write checks out to Main St UMC – or give cash. After all is collected there will be one check written, and Betty will cash this to give as his gift. This way you have a record of this special gift if needed. If you would like to get a card, we will have an area to place these during the Palm Sunday cookout which will be at the church after the service. We will have a special book which will be passed around for those who would like to sign this.

There will be a special video made which Greg Potts is helping us with.

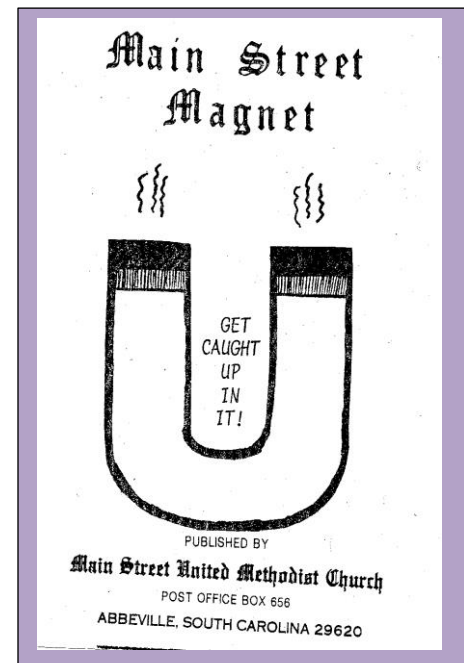
More details will be coming as we get them.

Thank You

Dawne Hershberger- Chairman of Worship

Why is our Church Newsletter called the Magnet?

Main Street has had a newsletter for many years. Back in the 1960's it was called the Main Street Herald. Then in the 1970's it was called the Main Street Messenger. In the early '80's a contest was held to name the newsletter. The entry chosen was created by Laura Bowie (Evans) when she was just a teenager or pre-teen. The winning entry was a picture of a magnet with lines depicting something being drawn toward the magnet. The words "GET CAUGHT UP IN IT" were written between the magnet prongs. This symbolized the church drawing people to our church.





COVID-19 Vaccine

People age 65 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.

Food Safety Mistakes

Have you ever seen someone handling food in a way that you would never do yourself? Maybe they were preparing raw poultry and then immediately handled lettuce without washing their hands. Or maybe they did wash their hands, but they dried them by wiping them on their pants. You would never do that, right? Then again, maybe there are things we all do that might increase our risk for illness. The USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) recently completed an observational study in which participants were recorded cooking in a test kitchen to see if they handled food unsafely while cooking. Preliminary results interestingly show that, participants did not do well preventing bacteria from spreading around their kitchen or verifying that their turkey burgers were safe to eat. **Participants failed to successfully wash their hands 97 percent of the times they should have!** Of the 1,195 recorded points when handwashing was necessary to control possible bacteria transfer, participants failed to wash their hands successfully more than 1,150 times.

The good news is that cooking food safely is in your hands and doing so can help keep you and your family healthy. Control the transfer of bacteria in your kitchen by always following the [five steps of handwashing](#) after touching raw meat and poultry. Know that you have destroyed dangerous bacteria in your meat and poultry by cooking to the proper internal temperature.

If you are cooking a burger, insert the thermometer through the side of the burger, and ensure the probe reaches the center of the burger, which is the coldest portion. Cook meat and poultry to these internal temperatures:

Beef, pork, lamb and veal (steaks, roasts and chops): 145°F with a three-minute rest.

Ground beef: 160°F.

Poultry (whole and ground): 165°F.

Once you have cooked your foods, make sure to pack the leftovers up and refrigerate them within two hours. In hot summer weather (above 90°F), refrigerate them within one hour.

For more food safety information, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-674-6854.

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