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Thoughts from your Pastor

Devotional 4.21.2020

Scripture verse: Love your neighbor as yourself...read Matthew 22:36-40

Also in Mark 12:30-31, Luke 10:27, echoed in 1 John 4, 1 Cor. 13

The command to love our neighbors as ourselves as a faithful response to God's love of us and our loving God, is probably the most basic ethical teaching of Christian faith. Loving neighbor as yourself is a no-brainer for Christians. We don't get to argue with each other about that! If we say we are faithful Christians, we have to love our neighbors as ourselves, and Jesus reminds us that next to loving God, that's the most important thing we can do.

So what does that look like in a season of corona-virus? For one, "social distancing" has become a normal part of our vocabularies – who knew such a term existed 6 weeks ago! Additionally, we have also gotten begrudgingly used to wearing masks and/or gloves, not gathering in large groups (which of course has effected how we meet as a church congregation), changing the ways we shop, checking in on one another, and running errands for folks who can't or shouldn't for themselves. And of course we have lifted each other in constant and consistent prayer in all of this! These are all ways of loving our neighbors during this time. And we have done this faithfully for about 6 weeks now. Perhaps we are now seeing a bit of light at the end of the tunnel where in the next month we might begin to re-open the economies in our neighborhoods, towns, states, and our country.

This, in my mind, brings up another way that we can love our neighbors in this season and the season upcoming. When it is safe, it is important to support our neighbor's businesses! It is important to enable folks to go back to work so that they can support their families. No one wants to be furloughed or quarantined any longer than is necessary so when it is safe, another way of loving our neighbors is to actively support each other in our work. Even if things are different and the ways we do things are different....it is important that we support each other as neighbors in the marketplace.

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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
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.



Dear Church Family,

Jonathan, Marissa, Walt and I want to thank you for the lovely basket of flowers that were given in memory of David.

The meal that the ladies provided was delicious and enjoyed by all. A special thank you to those ladies for the meal.

David loved his church and would be so touched by everyone's thoughtfulness and kindness.

With love, Chaney, Jon, Marissa, Walt

U.M.W. NEWS

United Methodist Women

CIRCLE MEETINGS



Agnes Rogers Circle - TBD

Ann Moore Circle - TBD

Lovely Lane Circle - TBD

Susannah Wesley Circle will not meet in May.

All circles should nominate a lady for the Special Mission Recognition Pin Award at their May or June meeting and turn the nomination in to Jane Agan.

U.M.M. NEWS

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men
will meet on
May 3, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the Greene
Center



Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

June 15-17
9:00 am – Noon
Volunteers are needed



Call Courtney Hite or Church Office if you can help

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



Children's News

Youth News

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

School will be out soon and summer activities will begin. A kick off for bible school is scheduled for Sunday, June 16. Other summer activities will be announced soon.

Upcoming Meetings and Events This Month

Heritage Sunday
May 24

Vacation Bible School
June 15-17



Notes from the Choir



Music Notes

In our current state of virtual worship, there have been many blessings. We have had the opportunity to not only participate in a weekly worship service, but also to connect through weekly devotions, special services, weekly health tips, children's sermons and special organ music concerts. Former members who have moved away or members who are no longer able to attend our in-person services are able to connect with us and worship with us once more.

Dennis Kollmann, organist, is bringing us a weekly Music at Main Street event which is both informative and inspirational. Not only do you get to hear the beautiful music he plays with our magnificent new pipe organ, but he includes background on the music and informative descriptions of the organ and its capabilities. You can catch it live on Tuesdays at 1 pm via Facebook or catch the recording on Facebook or Youtube following the event. Don't miss it!

I would like to thank the small group of dedicated people who make the weekly worship livestream possible. It has brought a semblance of normalcy to our lives. Please let me know if you have hymn/special music requests during this time. We would like to include the music that speaks to you and enhances your worship experience.

Blessings

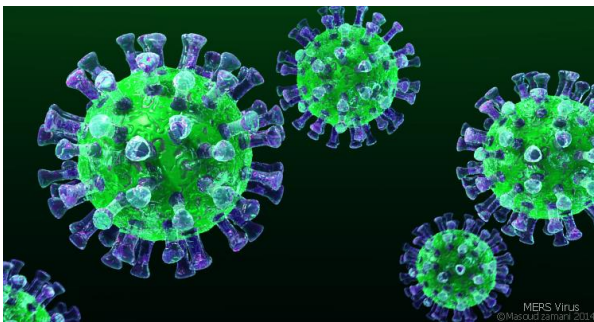
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What Can You Do to Fight The Coronavirus

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.



Are Sitting Patterns Related to Diabetes?

1

- All adults, and particularly those with type 2 diabetes, should decrease the **amount** of time spent in daily sedentary behavior

2

- Prolonged sitting should be **interrupted** with bouts of light activity every 30 min for blood glucose benefits, at least in adults with type 2 diabetes.

3

- The above two recommendations are additional to, and not a replacement for, increased structured exercise and incidental movement.

Epidemiological evidence indicates that excessive time spent in sedentary behaviors (too much sitting) is associated with an increased risk of type 2 diabetes (T2D). This new evidence is stimulating an expansion of diabetes-related physical activity guidelines—suggesting that in addition to moderate-vigorous physical activity, reducing and regularly interrupting prolonged sitting time is likely to have important and varied benefits across the spectrum of diabetes risk.

Safe Sanctuary Policy

Over the next few months we are going to print 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. Contact the church office if you want the entire policy emailed to you.

Ongoing Education of Persons Who Work With Children and Youth

The church shall ensure that regularly scheduled training focused on current issues of reducing the risk of child abuse is available to and received by those working with children and youth. Attendance at this training shall be required of all paid staff members, screened and non-screened volunteers who work consistently with children and/or youth. At the end of training each attendee will sign a covenant to abide by this policy. The training should include:

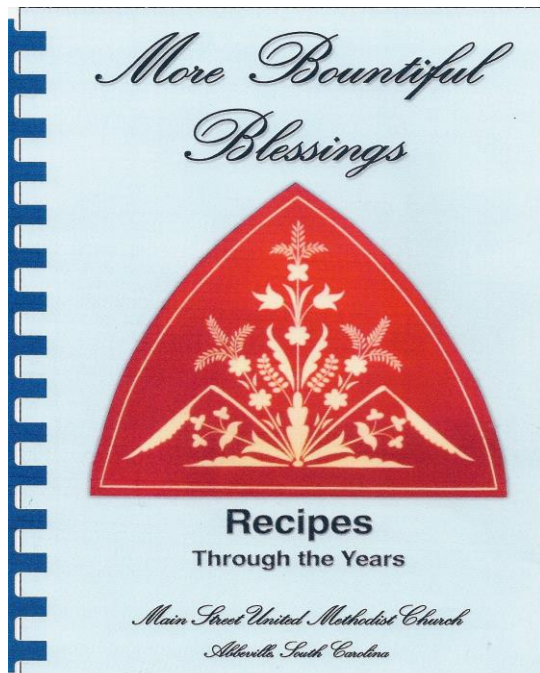
- A. Main Street's Safe Sanctuary Policy.
- B. Main Street's Transportation Policy.
- C. Behaviors or other indicators which may signal problems.
- D. Appropriate behaviors for teachers and leaders of children and youth events and activities.
- E. Requirements of SC state law for reporting incidents of abuse.
- F. Procedures for response to incidents or allegations of abuse and for reporting such incidents.

All paid staff and screened volunteers shall be trained annually in safety, first aid, abuse prevention, evacuation procedures and use of fire extinguishers. Every effort shall be made to have at least one person certified in CPR and First Aid (from a nationally recognized body such as American Red Cross) present at each church activity or event.

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More Bountiful Blessings

Cookbook



This cookbook includes the recipes from the original Bountiful Blessing cookbook plus the new recipes from the 2012 update. In addition, the cookbook includes the history of Main Street including our new pipe organ. This cookbook will make a great Wedding or Birthday present for all your family and loved ones. Don't get left out! The cost is **\$25.00 per book**. You can contact the church office, at 366-2367, or email mainstreetumcabbeyville@gmail.com



Greeters for May

Nancy DeLoach, Mike Erwin
John and Jeannette Davis
Carol Jackson, Julie Lewis
Bob and Lori Glace
Bill and Jordan Glace

Loose Change Sunday



Loose Change Sunday is
May 24,
we will be collecting for
Salkehatchie

Don't forget to turn in your Lenten Coin Holders to the church office. The Missions Committee passed out Lenten Coin Holders for the collection of a Lenten offering. 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.



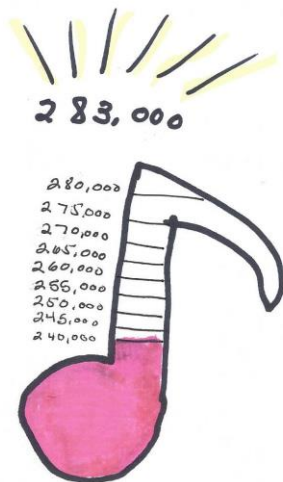
Keep the Music Flowing

Main Street United Methodist Church

Update

We have raised \$240,172 for the organ as of April 19, 2020. That is 84.86% of the total cost of \$283,000. The remainder is being collected over the remaining 2 years of the 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.



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 below are 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 mainstreetumcabbeyville@gmail.com





May Birthdays

- 1 Henry Arant
- 2 Linda Cann
John Marchi
- 3 Valerie Snyder
- 4 Laura Evans
- 5 Gene Butler
Daniel Chamblin
- 6 Stan Keaton
Amanda Hershberger Moss
Andrew Morris
- 8 Bob Glace
Laura Baughman
Kerri Hall
Bryan Glace
- 9 Carole Hill
- 12 Tracey Bowie
Luke Williams
- 14 Archie Beaty
- 15 J B Moss
- 19 Linda Himes
- 20 Carol Jackson
- 21 Lanny McKay
- 22 Marion Bowie, Jr.
Bryan Baughman
- 23 Liz Brown
- 24 Needy Dunlap
- 25 Laura Olson
- 26 Drew Mundy
- 28 Al Carter
Jennifer Nelson
- 29 Michael Hall
- 31 Katherine Hershberger Hudgens



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May Anniversaries

- 9 Mr. and Mrs. Steve Boggs
- 10 Mr. and Mrs. Ned Himes
- 13 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Shirley
- 18 Mr. and Mrs. Marty Cann
- 19 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Burdette
- 21 Mr. and Mrs. Chris West
- 22 Mr. and Mrs. Lanny McKay
- 29 Mr. and Mrs. Grady Butler
- 31 Mr. and Mrs. Keith Manges

May Acolyte

- 3 Baylee Wilson
- 10 Ivy Arant
- 17 Jakob Wilson
- 24 Lucy Kollmann
- 31 William Arnold

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](#)

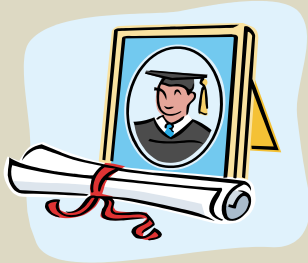
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Flower Calendar

September 27; October 18, 25; November 22.



Seniors

We would like to congratulate our graduating senior this year:

Abbeville High School
Evan Michael Herndon
 Son of Toni and Michael Herndon

Congratulations and best wishes for the future!

TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH

Mike Shirley

SOUND TEC

Mike Shirley

May Scripture Readings

- 3 Acts 2:42-47
 Psalm 23
 1 Peter 2:2-10
 John 14:1-14
- 10 Acts 7:55-60
 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
 1 Peter 3:13-22
 John 14:15-21
- 17 Acts 17:22-31
 Psalm 66:8-20
 1 Peter 3:13-22
 John 14:15-21
- 24 Acts 1:6-14
 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
 John 17:1-11
- 31 Acts 2:1-21
 Psalm 104:24-34
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
 John 7:37-39



Nursery Schedule for May

- 3 Kaylor Arant, Pamela Bowen
- 10 Julie Boggs, Baylee Wilson
- 17 Caroline Calvert, Allison Dunlap
- 24 Tracey Bowie, Lucy Kollmann



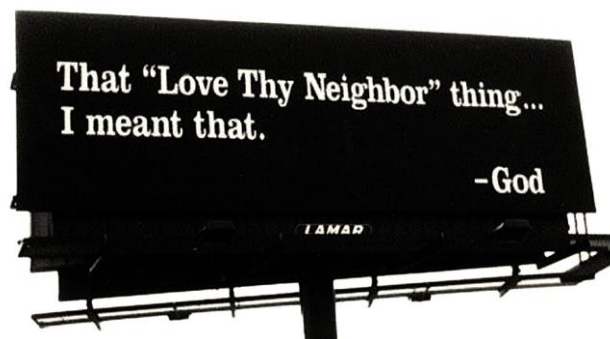
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Now, if you watch the news or scroll through facebook, it would seem that these 2 ways of loving our neighbors are diametrically opposed. Unfortunately, this is an all too predictable part of our reactionary, outrage-loving culture! You either stayed quarantined some say for many months longer and that's the only way to be safe and love our neighbors, or you just restart the economy and send everyone back to work immediately like nothing ever happened...so the narrative goes. But those two things do not have to be mutually exclusive. Those two ideas can both be true and can both happen at the same time. We can love our neighbors by maintaining social distancing standards and caring especially for the vulnerable, AND we can love our neighbors by supporting each other's work, businesses, and efforts to restart the economy – if nothing else a return to normalcy benefits the common good and we are called to do the most good anyway.

Both of those ways of loving our neighbor are true and we should practice both. It is not an “either/or” scenario. As Christians, we will have the opportunity to model those two ways of loving neighbors in these coming weeks and months. Let's be safe by maintaining physical distance between us. Let's check on those who are most vulnerable. But once it is safe to do so let us also be there to reintegrate and support each of our neighbor's efforts to restart and resume businesses and life. Let us not be pulled to the extremes of the partisan tribalism that so pervades our political discourse. Let us love our neighbors in both ways.

Not only is this a faithful response to God during this time of pandemic, it is also a decidedly Methodist thing to do. Famously, Methodists are called use scripture as our ultimate guide and Holy Spirit inspired Word, but to integrate tradition, common sense reason, and experience to guide our action in the world. We are integrating our faith and the word of God with our reason and common sense. Combining the head and the heart....the theological and the practical. In many ways, then, this should be an easy task for us because it is so much a part of what we already do! So let this be your encouraging word for today: love your neighbors in all the ways that we can. Amen.

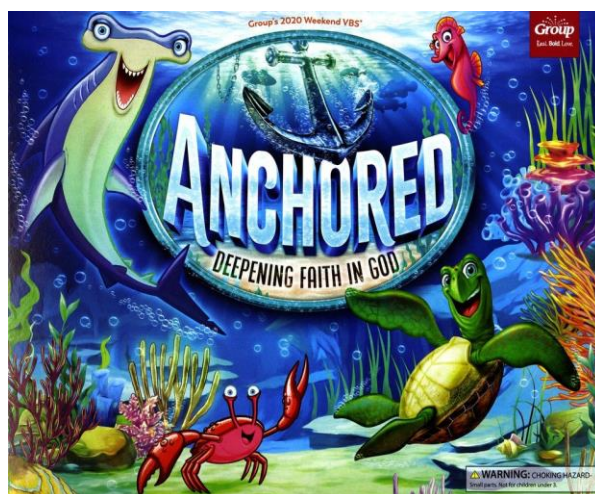
Pastor Brian



Collecting Items for Deployed Military Personnel



The United Methodist Women are sponsoring a project to collect items to be shipped to deployed military personnel. Eric Shepard has agreed to pack & ship the items. There is a marked barrel in the hall of the Sunday School Building for these items. The types of items to be collected are snack foods such as trail mix, peanut butter, jelly, and beef jerky. There is a complete list on the church bulletin board.



Vacation Bible School

June 15, 16, 17

9:00 am – Noon

For 4 year olds through 5th grade

**If you would like to volunteer contact
Courtney Hite or the Church office**

Kick-off Sunday, June 14 after church

Website & Facebook

Don't forget we have a church website with an online calendar of Main Street events and meetings. In addition, there are links to many organizations and copies of all past Magnet newsletters. If you have an email address and are not getting the newsletter online, email us at mainstreetumcabbeville@gmail.com. the address for our website is: www.mainstreetumcabbeville.org

The church's facebook page is Main Street Umc. Our Sunday worship services are on facebook live at 11:00 am. There is a mid-week devotional on Wednesday at 1:00 pm. And on Tuesdays Dennis Kollman is playing the organ on Facebook at 1:00 pm. If you do not caught these on Facebook live they are on YouTube.

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