



MAIN STREET MAGNET

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THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven.” – Ecclesiastes 3:1

What an odd season of life we are in! Six weeks ago corona virus sounded like many of the third-world type diseases which are reasonably localized and only occupy the mainstream as part of science fiction. Fast forward six weeks and the novel corona virus (COVID-19) which originated from bats and is believed to have been first transmitted to a person at an illegal wet market in China, has turned our world upside down! No school. No sports. The numbers of people without work grow by the day. No in-person worship. Grocery stores are forced to ration items because people become greedy when they are panicked and scared. And many other disruptions to our lives.

But friends, as the scripture says, this is just a season. It's a hard season, a fretful season. But it's still just a season. It is temporary and ephemeral; it will not last! The author of Ecclesiastes (believed to be King Solomon) knew this. If you read the rest of Ecclesiastes 3 you will see there are all kinds of “seasons” both joyful and tragic which occupy our human experience. Those seasons, however, are juxtaposed against the eternity of God. God is not a season, God is eternal. God is bigger than whatever is occurring now. And God's presence, goodness, and mercy accompany God's eternal nature. Pandemic is the season we are in now. But God is in control – the great I AM, unmoved by temporal events.

Of course the encouragement of Ecclesiastes 3 is the knowledge that whatever might befall us for a season, God still is everything that God ever was and will be. And when this season of pandemic turns to a season of joy and celebration, God will be with us then also. As God's people, let us conduct ourselves like this is a season. Let us show in word and deed that we know this season will end. After all, we are a people whose faith is rooted in Hope! Let us be a source of hope and inspiration to a world struggling to find that right now.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Brian

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

Prayer Requests

We pray for and intercede on behalf of:
 Claudette Kitchens; The Persecuted Church;
 Rowena Parkerson; Harvey Lansing; Michael Snead; Irene Deason; Christian Meyers; Jayne Hagen Davis; Ruth Brock; Ned and Linda Himes; Ned Barnette; Jane and Paul Williams; Elbridge Wright; Todd Walter, Jr.; Deirdre Collins; Mary Elizabeth Land; Allison Addis; Baby Sam Crawford; Steve Davis; Barry Stone; Faye Broome; Daniel Banks; Penny Richey; Beverly Wilson

Deployment –Clayton Hall



IN MEMORIAM

DAVID WALTER WILSON
AUGUST 3, 1961 – MARCH 10, 2020



Joys & Concerns

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

U.M.W. NEWS

United Methodist Women

CIRCLE MEETINGS



Ann Moore Circle – TBA

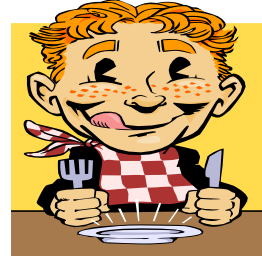
Agnes Rogers Circle will not meet in April

Lovely Lane Circle will not meet in April.

Susannah Wesley Circle will not meet in April.

U.M.M. NEWS

United Methodist Men



United Methodist Men
will meet on
April 5, 2020 at 8:00 am
in the Greene Center

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

Shove Tuesday Games



Children's News

An Easter Egg hunt and Kite Sunday will be Sunday, April 5 immediately following worship service.

Youth News

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

Upcoming Meetings and Events

APRIL

April 5 – Palm Sunday
April 9 – Maundy Thursday
April 10 – Good Friday
April 12 – Easter Sunday

Administrative Council

will meet Thursday, April 16, 2020, in the Outreach Class at 7:00 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 9th.**



NOTES From the Choir

We are coming to the end of the Lenten Season amid uncertain times. Many things in our everyday lives have been halted, as well as church activities – Bible Study, Choir Practice, Youth Activities, etc. Thanks to modern technology, our worship together has not been halted. This past Sunday, we worshipped “together” via facebook – a tool many of us have used for entertainment and social communication. It was indeed strange to be in a virtually empty sanctuary carrying on with worship as usual and communicating with the congregation via a camera.

We have heard from several distant church family and friends who were able to join us for worship through our facebook live/Youtube video. Comments were made such as “This feels like home!” “I enjoyed the entire service more than words can express.” “Wonderful memories at Main St.” “Brian’s sermon and the three hymns selected for this service made my day complete.” Our new temporary method of worship became a blessing to many. God was able to use our trial for His glory to minister to those who needed it.

As I reflected on the worship service of March 22nd, I was reminded of the hymn “We Are the Church” (558 UMH). The first verse states “The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people.”

Although we all enjoy worshipping together in our beautiful sanctuary, we are still able to worship “together” as a church remotely. As Pastor Brian stated, we can continue to be the church and minister to others even during these uncertain times of quarantine and isolation.

May God continue to bless us and protect us!

Kerri



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

3	Mr. and Mrs. David Moberg
8	Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mills
9	Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Horton
	Mr. and Mrs. Matt Lee
16	Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Booth
18	Mr. and Mrs. Ben Blanton
19	Mr. and Mrs. Alan Weis
20	Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hipsher
30	Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Eder

April Acolyte

5	Ivy Arant
12	Lucy Kollmann
19	Baylee Wilson
26	Jakob Wilson

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)



TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH

Julianna Smith

SOUND TEC

Walt Roark



Flower Calendar

Dates that are Available

July 5; September 27; October 18, 25;
November 22.



Greeters for April

Paige Latham, Elaine Nixon
Walt Roark, Pat Stanley
Bob and Yvonne Whiteside
Thomas and Lindsey Wilson

April Scripture Readings

Liturgy of the Palms

5 Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

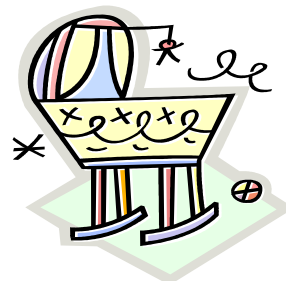
Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66
12 Acts 30:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18
19 Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31
26 Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35



Nursery Schedule for April

5 To Be Announced
12
19
26





HOLY WEEK

Holy Week Services

Thursday, April 9 – 6:30 pm

Service at Main Street UMC

Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 10 –

Service at Main Street UMC

Good Friday

Tenebrae

April 12

Easter Sunday



Kite Sunday / Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5

right after worship service

Chestnut Street Park.

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 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 12. 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.

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.



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

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.

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

New Church Directory

A new church directory is coming. 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 there are paper questionnaire at each sanctuary door. Additionally, we are requesting church members to email a family photo. If you do not have a photo there will be someone available to take photos before and after church on several Sundays in April. These photos and information will be published in a printed directory and will be available in an online directory. Greg Potts is the administrator of this online directory.

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



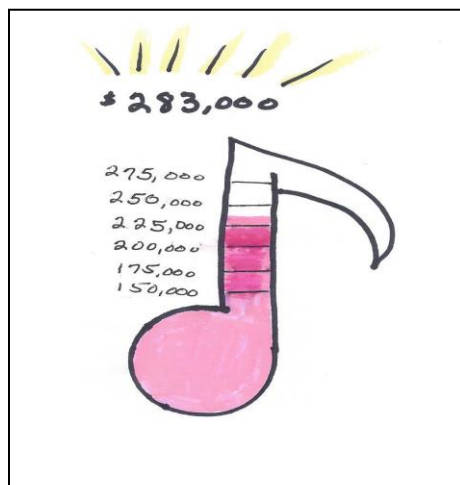
Keep the Music Flowing

Main Street United Methodist Church

Update

We have raised \$237,900 for the organ as of March 22, 2020. That is 84.06% 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.



Come to a Wedding Shower!

Please join our
Main Street Church Family
at a Wedding Shower to celebrate

**Abby King
and
Riley Addis**

Sunday, April 26, 2020
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Greene Center
Main Street United Methodist Church

*Registered at Belk, Pottery Barn,
and Bed, Bath, & Beyond.*



Vacation Bible School

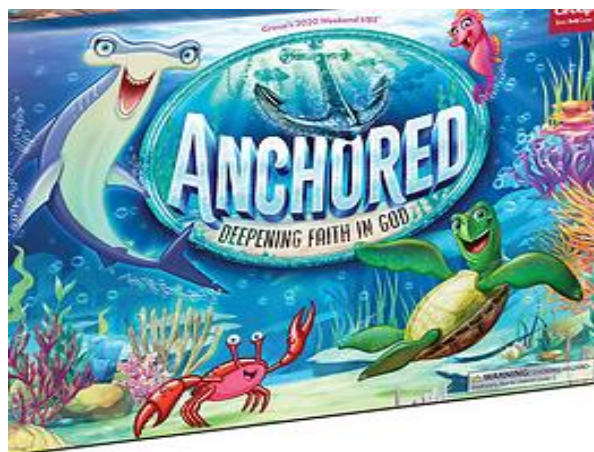
June 15, 16, 17

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 with
lunch and water slide.**



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.

II. Staff and Volunteer Recruitment and Selection Guidelines

- A. Age
Paid staff and screened volunteers who work with children and youth in any position of authority must be at least 21 years of age. Unscreened volunteers must be at least 5 years older than the age of the persons they are working to serve.
- B. Workers with Children and Youth
Main Street United Methodist Church will not use anyone as a paid staff or in a supervisory position for children or youth unless they have completed a satisfactory background check. Hospital personnel, volunteers and teachers who have already submitted to a background check will not need one from the Church.
- C. Application
All applicants must complete and sign an application form. Paid staff and screened volunteers must sign the related waivers giving permission to check references and background information and agree and sign Main Street's "Covenant Statement."
- D. Reference Checks
Three non-related character references will be required for all paid staff and screened volunteers. The references will be done by phone, mail, or in person.
- E. Background Checks
National criminal background checks by the Conference shall be made of all clergy, paid staff, and screened volunteers, to the extent permitted by law, prior to employment. Individuals who have been convicted of felony convictions (violence and drugs other than misdemeanor possession), or offenses involving children, may not work in any church-sponsored activity or program for preschoolers, children, youth or vulnerable adults. A DUI conviction within the last 5 years will exclude a person from driving only.
- F. Confidentiality of Information
Main Street will keep confidential all information received in the application selection process. Applicant has a right to challenge any information. All information will be stored in a locked location with limited access given to pastor and chair of PPRC.

Continued Next Month.....



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