



MAIN STREET MAGNET

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Thoughts from our Pastor

As always, I try to include my Pastor's report from Charge Conference in the subsequent Main Street Magnet. Here is my report for our 2020 Charge Conference a few weeks back.

What extraordinary times in which we live! That phrase almost goes without saying. Since last Charge Conference we have truly lived across 2 periods of time; a time before Covid-19 and a time in the midst of Covid-19. By the grace of God we are hopeful to be in a time of after Covid-19. The past year has wrought many challenges to our regular patterns of life. This certainly includes our lives gathered together as the people of Main Street UMC – Abbeville. We have all had to be creative and adaptive to continue answering God's call and fulfilling the mission which God has called us to. But we have persevered to this point and as Paul suggests will continue to run the race to completion.

This time last year after the close of Charge Conference 2019, we rolled into our normal Fall patterns: a community-wide Fall festival and trunk-or-treat, the celebration of All Saints, community Thanksgiving celebrations including the meal which we host in this very space, practice and rehearsals for the always anticipated Christmas cantata. Last year was our first Christmas Cantata with our new pipe organ. Dennis led and accompanied the choir for the entire cantata – 40 minutes of continual playing. It was fantastic! We carried momentum into Christmas Eve services and the celebration of the coming of Christ into the world. Between our 2 services we had nearly 200 people in attendance. The new year began with a covenant renewal of who we are in baptism with our congregational reaffirmation of baptism service. It seems like a decade ago at this point but we also continued to work through a process of discernment as a congregation. This was a multi-year process which included surveys, and a process of appreciative inquiry with various groups, classes, and interested parties in the life of the Church. We had identified 4 core values around which Main Street UMC exists.

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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
- 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 – 5 Frank Pressley Dr., Due West, SC 29639
- 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
- 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 ALLEN BARNETTE
NOVEMBER 3, 1932 – OCTOBER 4, 2020



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:

Helen Speer; Jane Williams; Jane Cox; Ruth Brock; Irene Deason; Kathy Bernard; Julie Williams; Shane Lee; Mary Elizabeth Land; Kevin Bosler; Tina Rosser; Wayne Wilson; June & Rayford Prince; Alana Taylor.

Please let us know individuals needing prayers or requested to be on Prayer list.

Deployment – none

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

Kim Mundy

SOUND TEC

Walt Roark

GREETERS

Thomas and Lindsey Wilson

Mike Erwin

John and Jeanette Davis

Carol Jackson, Julie Lewis

Bob and Lori Glace

U.M.W. NEWS

United Methodist Women

CIRCLE MEETINGS



Agnes Rogers Circle TBA

The Ann Moore Circle will meet Tuesday at 6:30 in the Greene Center. We will be working on angel tree. Hope to see you there!

Lovely Lane Circle will not meet in November or December.

Susannah Wesley Circle will not meet in November or December.

U.M.M. NEWS

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men

will meet on
Sunday
November 1, 2020
at 8:00 a.m.
in the Greene Center.



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



Youth Meetings

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

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Those 4 areas are: service, worship, hospitality and fellowship, and faith formation/Christian education. The ultimate goal was to identify these areas of strength so that we could more clearly drive mission and vision of the Church for the next decade. We still have work to do on this!

And then it all came to a halt. Just after we celebrated Ash Wednesday service with some of our friends at St. James AME, our world suddenly changed. What we hoped would be a short time apart turned into weeks and months. Our children suddenly were not in school and we were not in church. But we adapted and continued with Church. We went to 100% livestreaming services with a very small skeleton crew in the sanctuary. Easter was simply not the same preaching to an empty sanctuary! At the same time, many folks remarked how they appreciated the intimacy of that service. Dennis began playing weekly organ concerts with selections which people might miss on Sunday mornings. Kerri organized “song leaders” – people who would sing on behalf of the congregation...in a sense like the Levites from old! Pamela, our children’s coordinator put together a series of “take home boxes” with activities and lessons for children to do even if we couldn’t be together. The food pantry which we host went on with record numbers of people helped – same with the Tracy Jackson summer feeding program. Again, with a record number of meals served to children in our county. Church members volunteered to make grocery and pharmacy runs for those who are vulnerable. We managed to socially distance and put a wheelchair ramp in place for a young child with an unexpected medical crisis. In short, we continued to be in ministry in ways similar and different just as we did BC – before Covid! We also managed to finish confirmation class via Zoom and welcomed 4 youths into the life of our congregation. It was a confirmation class like I have never had before!

Later in the summer we cautiously resumed “in-person” worship but have continued live-streaming and probably will forever. It is such a great tool to be able to reach people for whom it may not be safe to return to church just yet. Not to mention those persons on our livestream who have found us one way or another and are now a regular part of our livestreaming family.

Though Covid seems to be here to stay for at least some time longer, the 7 months since the beginning of the pandemic have provided perspective. We will all continue to reflect on where God is leading us and what we might be called to do as we go through this time in the wilderness.

At the very beginning of all of this I wrote a Magnet article entitled “Season of Corona” – lamenting about the current state of things at the beginning of a corona pandemic. It was filled with mourning and lament but also the knowledge that this is just a season and it will pass. Those words ring true today as much as they did back in the early Spring. What is God saying to us? What will we do? Where will we go? We know that whatever season unfolds next, we know that God is with us. And that is enough...for yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

God’s grace and peace.

Pastor Brian

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Administrative Council to meet

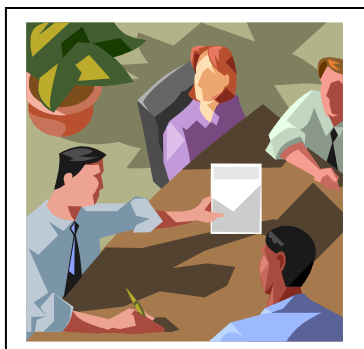
November 19, 2020

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Administrative Council will be Thursday, November 19, 2020 in the Greene Center at **6:00** p.m. All members of the Administrative Council should make plans to attend. If you will be unable to attend, please call the church office.

All committee reports should be emailed in by November 12, 2020.

Trustees

Monday, November 16, 2020 in the Youth Building at 5:30 pm, all members of the Trustees are encouraged to attend. If you will be unable to attend, please call the church office.



Notes from the Choir



November 2020

As promised last month, this month we will learn a little about another important musical element within our worship service, the Gloria Patri. We typically sing the Gloria Patri following our recitation of the Affirmation of Faith, the Apostles' Creed. But what is the meaning behind this song?

The name, Gloria Patri, is actually Latin, which means glory to the Father. The Gloria Patri can be used following the reading or singing of the Psalm or a Responsive Reading. It could also be used at the beginning or close of worship.

The Gloria Patri is another form of Trinitarian praise, similar to the Doxology, which gives praise to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. The words are known as the Lesser Doxology and were written in the 3rd-4th century according to our hymnal. The text we usually sing is as follows:

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now, and ever shall be,
World with end. Amen. Amen.

We typically sing the Gloria Patri to the MEINEKE tune found on page 70 in the United Methodist Hymnal. There is an alternate tune, GREATOREX, found on page 71. There are also numerous other musical settings of the Gloria Patri.

As with the Doxology, the Gloria Patri is another expression of praise used within our congregational worship. While many things may change, it is a comfort to have some things that are meaningful to us that remain the same.

Kerri Hall



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.

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

November is officially Lung Cancer Awareness Month



**Remember to
get a flu shot**



Hanging of the Greens

We will have a “Hanging of the Greens Service” on Sunday, November 29, 2020 during Sunday morning Worship in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited.



Piano Update

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. A fund has been started if anyone is interested in donating funds or giving memorials towards the purchase of a new piano. More information on options and costs will be available in the near future.

--- Worship Committee



Operation Christmas Child

Main Street will be a drop off location during the week of November 16-23 for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes sponsored by Samaritan's Purse.

The Missions Committee with the assistance of the Ann Moore circle will receive the shoeboxes from the community. Due to COVID-19 we will offer curbside drop-off.

If you would like to volunteer contact Nancy Walborn, Cecily Ferguson, or Bennie McCoy.

Contact Cecily Ferguson at (864)391-7888 if you have questions.



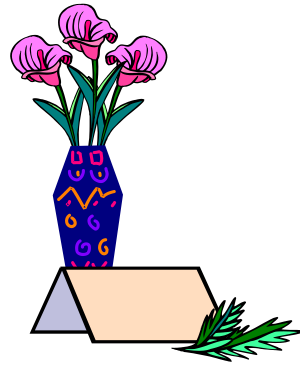


November Birthdays

2	Rev. Frank McCoy
	Walt Roark
3	Ben Blanton
	Mary Beth Peck
	Emerson Hudgens
5	Marianna E. Fleming
6	Patti Miller
	Barry Stone
7	Ruth Brock
8	Kristen Booth
9	Harvey Lansing
11	Bill Savitz
	Ann Davis
12	Don Stone
13	Ellis Kate Hudgens
14	Jason Beaty
15	Nancy Walborn
	Macy Joy Hite
16	Keith Manges
18	Mary Evelyn Campbell
19	Petra Jones
	Zack Horne
20	Dianne Parnell
	Paula Weis
	Brian Arant
22	Dianne Burdette
25	Anne Horne
	Shelley Reid
30	Ivan Randolph
	Steve Lowe

[LINK TO OUR CHURCH CALENDAR](#)

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November Anniversaries

6	Mr. and Mrs. Mike Erwin
12	Mr. and Mrs. Pete Webb
23	Mr. and Mrs. John Marchi
24	Mr. and Mrs. David Littell

November Acolyte

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.





Poinsettias for Christmas

The Worship Committee again will use flower color red for our Memorial Poinsettias for this Christmas 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 Poinsettias to order, the name of the donor and the name of the one to be so honored. A price per flower will be available by the end of November. They will be placed in the Sanctuary on December 13th.

Please check the bulletins for the ordering forms, or call the church office by December 2nd.



Loose Change Sunday

November 22nd is Loose Change Sunday. We will be collecting for the Haven of Rest Ministries.

November Scripture Readings

- 1 Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12
- 9 Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13
- 15 Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30
- 22 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46
- 29 Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, October 31st. Daylight saving time ends Sunday, November 1st.



Keep the Music Flowing

Main Street United Methodist Church

Update

We recently paid an additional \$39,790 principal payment on the organ loan. As of October 10 we owe \$71,609.94 on the loan. We reserved \$30,000 in the organ fund for future loan payments. The balance is being collected over the remaining 3 year faith promise campaign.

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

November 1st is All Saints Sunday

November 1st is All Saints Sunday when we honor and remember those of our church family who are now a part of the church triumphant. It is always a meaningful and moving service as we remember the life, work and ministry of those who have died in the faith. This year we remember: Lucy Coward Savitz, Carolyn Rice White, David Walter Wilson, Ned Elder Barnette, Paul Grier Williams, Steve Paul Bowles, and Mary Allen Barnette.

ANGEL TREE



It is time for the Christmas Angel Tree! We are monitoring and adjusting as we are making plans to accomplish God's work while following safety guidelines. We are planning to wrap in the Greene Center - starting a little early and working for 2 weeks instead of one week. We will be creative in getting the work done while taking safety precautions - if you aren't comfortable helping at the church, ask about other ways you can help. We especially need lots of "daytime" help if you are available, but we need you anytime you can help. We will work Sunday, Nov. 29 - Friday, Dec. 11. **While working in the Greene Center, face coverings are required.**

Over the last 32 years, we have seen God's blessing and support so many times throughout the project. We have had many answered prayers through the Christmas Angel Tree Ministry and have been able to reach out to others in a way that none of us could have as individuals.

Many of you have helped in the past - a big Thank you! Please consider helping this year by volunteering your time, praying for the project and/or sponsoring an angel or making a donation.

Come when you can - leave when you must!

Times to work in the Greene Center:

Sunday, Nov. 29.....3:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Monday, Nov. 30.....9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 1.....9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 2.....9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Thursday, Dec. 3.....9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday, Dec. 4.....9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday, Dec. 59:00 am - 1:00 pm.
Sunday, Dec. 6 3:00 am - 9:00 pm
Monday, Dec. 7 9:00 am - 9:00pm
Tuesday, Dec. 89:00 am - 9:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 9.....9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Thursday, Dec. 10 to be announced
Friday, Dec. 11..... to be announced
call or text Lori Glace at 378-1944 if you need any information

The Agnes Rogers and Ann Moore Circles

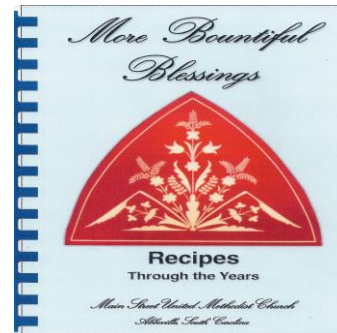
WOODEN ORNAMENTS



The Ann Moore Circle is selling Main Street United Methodist Church wooden ornaments for \$10.00. Proceeds from the sales will be donated to the Christmas Angel Tree.

You may contact:
Conway Shirley
(379-2396 or 379-4503)
Becky Bowie (391-1253)
Beth Addis (378-6311)
Lori Glace (378-1944)
or Allison Addis (378-9577)
to get your ornaments.

More Bountiful Blessings Cookbook



Our Church cookbook, *More Bountiful Blessings* 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 Christmas, 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 mainstreetumcabbville@gmail.com



Fundraising

We are making a second order for the fundraiser with Rada to assist with the Organ Fund from the Kids. I have a few catalogs available if you would like one, please let me know. I will be submitting group orders on November 9..

Orders can be dropped off at the church office or emailed to me. Checks can be mail to the church. I also have paypal or Venmo if needed. pbwilson05@gmail.com

To calculate your total in the group orders it will be the merchandise total plus \$1.00 processing fee per order. Please call me if you have any questions, 864-378-7013

Thanks
Pamela Bowen

A Letter From Mike Allen

Dear Main St.

Hope this note finds everybody
doing well in these trying times.
The Lord has lead me to say
what I long about to say. First
of all I think Main St. is
a church in this community
that really pleases the Lord. By
helping out the community in
many ways, in Jesus name. As
most of you know I have a burden
on my heart for the shut ins
that I went to Main St. It's not
about me either I'm just a servant
in doing the Lord's work. But for
years I now ~~was~~ visiting the shut
ins. I feel we might be falling
a little short on this. ~~and~~ One
of many of the people that I kept
up with who has gone on to be
with the Lord, never like to see me
leave she was so lonesome, I and
she is not the only one either.
All of the few people I call on

visit keep up with our lonesome.
All I'm asking Main St. is to do a
look at the list of shut ins
in our church and call some of
them. It means so much to
them. I know for a fact that
most of the shut ins still send
their offerings (money to Main St.)
to me. ~~\$25.00~~ ~~for~~ its like
saying well take your money, have
a good day. I really hope the
Lord puts a burden on Main St.
to look into this. All the ones
that I know, have worked and
worshiped at Main St. all their
lives. May God Bless You All

Love In Christ
Michael D. Allen
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