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Thoughts From Your Pastor

Core Values

Over the past year, I was given the opportunity to participate in the *Reynold's Program in Church Leadership*. Each year, a few pastors from each of the Annual Conferences around the Southeast are nominated by their respective Bishops to participate in this program. I was nominated in the Spring of 2018 and recently completed the course in May 2019. Of all the helpful tools and knowledge learned and imparted, I focused heavily on a plan to develop core values for Main St. UMC.

What are core values? Developing core values begins with mission and purpose. Healthy churches have clear Mission Statements. Mission Statements are often high theological statements which may or may not obviously connect with ministries the church is actively participating in. In this way, Mission Statements explain the individual church's purpose. But there is often a gap between the Mission Statement and the actual work a church does – this is where a church's core values become important. **Mission Statements provide purpose. Core values drive behaviors.**

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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
- Bill Blakely - Abbeville Nursing Home - Room 227 – P O Box 190, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Ruth Brock – 165 Brock Dr., Troy, SC 29848
- Jane Cox – Brooksedale 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
- Bob Harden – 103 Ridgeway Street, 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
- Lucy Savitz – 206 Millwood Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Leon & Patty Thompson – Wesley Commons Apt. 6117 – 1110 Marshall Road, Greenwood, SC 29646
- Carolyn White – P O Box 158, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Paul 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; Petra Jones; Rowena Parkerson; Harvey Lansing; Michael Snead; Robert Hawthorne; Irene Deason; Charles Addis; Lucy Savitz; Christian Meyers; Jayne Hagen Davis; Ruth Brock; Eric Moats; Jackie Counts; Kathy Scoggins; Susan Saunders; Linda Himes; Ned Barnette; Paul Williams; David Wilson; Lynda McLane; Judy Reed; Howard Smithey; Jeanine Crowder; Jean Ballenine; Dianne Fossett

Deployment –Chris West; Jacob Arnsmeyer; Zachery Floyd; Adam Steele; Clayton Hall; Brad Baughman

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

Please contact Pastor Brian or Church Office if you know someone in need of prayer.



U.M.W. NEWS

United Methodist Women

CIRCLE MEETINGS



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

Circles will not meet in August

*Watch for an upcoming date for
another UMW breakfast meeting.*

U.M.M. NEWS

United Methodist Men

Men will not meet in August



Flower Calendar
Date Still Available
September 15, 29; October 27;
November 24

GREETERS

Thomas and Lindsey Wilson
Pat Stanley, Nancy Deloach
John and Jeanette Davis
Mike Erwin, Carol Jackson

TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH

Barry Stone

SOUND TEC

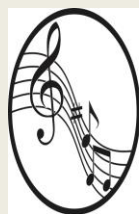
Brandt Addis

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



The August 18 worship service will include a Blessing of the Backpacks. Be sure to bring your bookbags to church.

Watch for Back To School Bash announcement!!



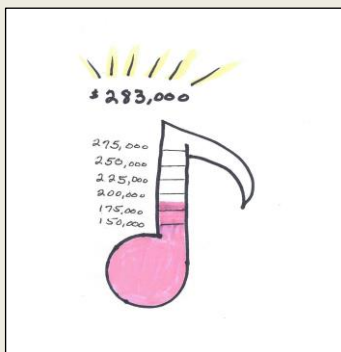
Keep the Music Flowing

Main Street United Methodist Church

Update

We have raised \$187,865.87 for the organ as of July 22, 2019. That is 66.38% 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.



Upcoming Meetings and Events

**Enjoy your last days
of summer!**



Notes From the Choir



Some of our best loved hymns come from the hymn writers following a personal tragedy. The hymn “There’s Within My Heart a Melody” had always seemed to be an upbeat, happy hymn to me. Little did I know, that Luther Bridgers composed it following a tragedy in his family.

Luther Bridgers began preaching at age 17 and after graduating from Asbury College in Kentucky, he became a Methodist pastor. He was well known for his evangelistic zeal and seemed to have a bright future in the ministry. At the young age of 26, he had a lovely wife and three young children.

Luther and his family traveled to Harrodsburg, Kentucky to visit his wife’s family. Upon arriving at a late hour, the family was very tired and went to bed. A neighbor awakened shortly thereafter and noticed that Mrs. Bridgers’ parent’s home was engulfed in flames. He rushed to the home, but was only able to awaken the wife’s parents and Luther. Luther tried to go back in several times to rescue his family, but Mrs. Bridgers and the three children died in the fire.

In the days that followed the fire, as Luther was overcome with grief and sorrow, he remembered that God had promised to never leave or forsake him. During this period of sadness, he wrote the words:

There’s within my heart a melody,
Jesus whispers sweet and low.
Fear not, I am with thee, peace be still
In all of life’s ebb and flow.

In the fourth stanza, he addresses his tragedy with the words “Tho’ sometimes He leads through waters deep, Trials fall across the way...” Reverend Bridger’s personal tragedy gave way to a hymn which continues to bless us all.

Source: Al Smith’s Treasury of Hymn Histories, Alfred B. Smith, 1985, Better Music Publications.

Kerri



Healing Hands Health Ministry

Healing the mind, body, and spirit of our community.

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.
1 Corinthians 6:19



Back to School Health Tips



Parents have plenty of health risks to worry about that weren't an issue when they were growing up. Like videogames, which experts say are keeping children too sedentary and preventing them from sleeping. Or drug-resistant bacteria like methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), which causes painful skin infections. It's gone from a hospital bug to being transmitted during contact sports, making it even more important to disinfect cuts promptly and apply some antibiotic ointment.

Accidents

The leading cause of death in children is accidents, not illness. These cause about 10,000 deaths a year among children between the ages of 1 and 19, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The biggest culprit is automobile crashes. So use safety belts and, where warranted, booster seats or car seats. Know where your kids are walking, and who is driving them.

The other big cause of accidental death in children is drowning. Teach them swimming and water safety, and don't let them out of your sight in the pool or bath.

Medical Care

Tooth decay is the most common chronic illness in children, according to the CDC. It can be more dangerous than you think: There have been cases where untreated dental abscesses have led to blood or brain infections that proved deadly.

Do children really need to see a doctor every year? From a narrow medical perspective, in most cases no, and it's worth saying no to screening tests like urinalysis when there are no symptoms. But the visit gives doctors a chance to check in on how a child is doing physically, mentally and academically.

Vaccines

One reason infections aren't as great a concern as they were 50 years ago is immunization. Vaccines have virtually eliminated polio, whooping cough, measles and even chicken pox. However, there have recently been outbreaks of some of these old scourges, partly because some parents have been limiting vaccine use. Large trials show that vaccines' benefits outweigh their risks.

Germ

To prevent infections, teach children to wash their hands frequently. Hand sanitizer will work but make sure it's got at least 60% alcohol to kill the germs. Teach them not to share personal items like cups or hats, which can spread head lice, and to cough into their sleeve, not their hand. And make them wear sunscreen--sunburns now can lead to skin cancer later.

Nutrition and Exercise

Don't forget children need good nutrition, 10 or 11 hours of sleep a night, and an hour of exercise every day. By: Matthew Herper

August is National Eye Exam Month

August is here and although the summer is shortly coming to an end, the UV Rays are still high and it's important to take proper precautions to protect yourself from the sun.

August is National Eye Exam Month, a month dedicated to the importance of eye health and safety. - See more at: <http://freedom-homehealthcare.com/august-national-eye-exam-month>

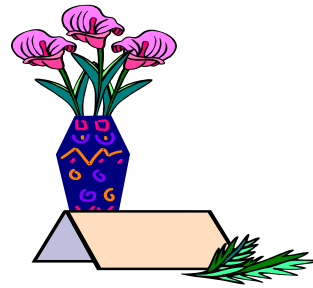
Happy Birthday

August Birthdays

- 1 Julianne Hershberger
- 3 David Wilson
Mary Wolfe
- 8 Robert Lander
Brandon Arnold
- 9 Laura New
- 10 Jane Agan
Jonathan Wilson
- 11 Kim Hagen
- 13 Bobby Bowen
Eric Wilson
Luke White
- 15 Matt Baker
Paige Roberson Latham
- 16 Don Hershberger
- 18 Nancy McKay
- 19 Stephanie Brown
- 24 Thomas Booth
- 25 Anita Clark
- 27 Bennie McCoy
Lauren Jones
- 28 Ray Peck
- 30 Mary White
Mary Riley West

[LINK TO OUR CHURCH CALENDAR](#)

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



August Anniversaries

- 4 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Calvert
Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Dunlap
- 6 Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilson, Jr.
- 8 Mr. and Mrs. Brandt Addis
- 17 Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hite, Jr.
- 19 Mr. and Mrs. Ed White

August Acolyte

- 4 Harper Stone
- 11 William Arnold
- 18 Gracie Gary
- 25 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.



LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!!

We will be taking the children ages 4 thur 5th grade to see

"How to Train a Dragon"



Tuesday, August 6 - at the Greenwood Cinema!!!!

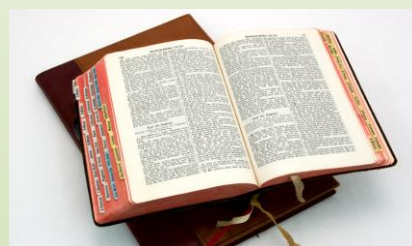
The bus will leave from the back parking lot at
9:15 am.

The movie starts at 10:00 am.

They will stop for lunch before
returning to the church around **1:00pm.**

August Scripture Readings

- 4 Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21
- 11 Isaiah 1:1-1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40
- 18 Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:2- - 12:2
Luke 12:49-56
- 25 Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17



Items for Deployed Military Personnel

We have sent 8 boxes to our deployed military so far. The average weight of the box is 15 pounds. The average cost what is inside the box is just under \$25. It costs \$18.45 dollars to mail each box. (The post office agent shook his head at one of the boxes being over 18 pounds). The contents of the boxes are primarily food. Where it is extremely hot where our personnel are stationed, we send a 4.8 pound canister of powdered Gatorade. This ministry gives our military a big present each month. We have no idea whether they like what is in the box, but bartering takes care of dislikes.

These latest boxes had pictures from children's Sunday School classes.

How can you participate? One of our adult Sunday School classes has donated \$200.00. This money will pay the postage for 10.8 boxes. The UMW is donating items from the list. We need more funds to continue mailing a box each month to each person. August will see two more personnel deployed. Filling and mailing 6 boxes a month is going to cost \$260 per month.

Please be generous.

Eric Shepard

Nursery Schedule for August

- 4 Caroline Calvert, Allison Dunlap
- 11 Julie Boggs, Krista Sammons
- 18 Lindsey Wilson, Lucy Kollmann
- 25 Tracy Bowie, Baylee Wilson





Please join our
Main Street Church Family
as we celebrate the wedding of

Greg Potts and Michelle Phelps

Sunday, August 25, 2019

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Greene Center

Main Street United Methodist Church
Abbeville, South Carolina

We hope to see you there!



Blessing of the Bookbags

Sunday, August 18th

**Make sure you bring your bookbag
to church with you!!!**

Rev. Brian Arant will be blessing them during our
Worship Service to help prepare the children for
another successful and fun year!!!

Walk with Ease

A 6 week class beginning in September

**Your guide to walking for better health,
improved fitness and less pain.**

Taught by Kaylor Arant

Are you experiencing any of the following?

joint pain
stiffness
limited mobility
memory problems
tire easily on exertion
diabetes
depression

**This class is not only for Seniors but for
anyone! bring a friend - everyone invited**

Book & Food provided. Only 6 weeks to feeling better

To best meet the convenience of class
participants, let us know what time & day are
best for you.

For more information or to give your survey
preferences please contact Ann Davis at 366-0097 or
annjefferies@wctel.net.

Loose Change Sunday



Loose Change Sunday is August 25.

We will be collecting for UCMAC Free
Medical Clinic that provides medical care
and prescriptions to uninsured adults in
Abbeville County.

Thoughts From Your Pastor

Core Values

About this time last year, we were gearing up for a capital campaign to replace our historic but broken pipe organ. In the midst of discernment for that campaign, we re-visited our own Mission Statement and found purpose anew:

“Main Street United Methodist Church **exists** to glorify God by **offering praise and worship**, teaching and making disciples of Jesus Christ, supporting each other, serving the community, and spreading the Good News of salvation.”

MSUMC’s Mission Statement provides a beautiful vision for ministry and mission to Abbeville, the world at large, and one another. We exist to worship. But how do we go from Mission Statement to action? How do we journey from vision to “where the rubber meets the road?” Most importantly, how do we articulate the creed of our Mission Statement to explain why we do what we do? The answer? You got it. Core Values! Core values bridge the gap between our Mission Statement and the ways we live it out.

Practically speaking, core values are 3-5 short phrases which describe specific attributes of Main Street UMC in laymen’s terms. For example, one of Chic-fil-a’s core values is “customer first.” Maybe this is why they are so polite all the time right? “My pleasure...” Anyway, In order to capture common themes for the development of our core values, I asked our Church Council at our January meeting to answer three questions:

- 1) When was the last time you felt most alive, engaged, and motivated at MSUMC? Who was involved? What did you do?
- 2) What characterizes MSUMC at our best?
- 3) What is distinct about MSUMC from all other churches?

In the Spring, I broadened the scope to receive information from our Sunday school classes. The responses I have received have been eye opening, encouraging, and though provoking. Now, I would like to hear from anyone else who would like to provide input. Call me, come to the office, text me, e-mail me your answers, send a carrier pigeon!

Thus far, I have received about 70 responses and some clear “values” are emerging. But I want to know what YOU think (if I haven’t heard from you already). The hope is to have these compiled so that your leadership on the Church Council can decide on 3-4 core values. In the end, the goal is to be able to better talk about our purpose, our “why,” “spreading the Good News of salvation.” I hope you will take some time to discern, pray, and ponder. And that you will let me know your answers. As always, it is a privilege to serve alongside each of you as pastor of MSUMC – Abbeville.

-Pastor Brian

AGNES' CLOSET

Providing for the children of Abbeville County through the School Box Fund Fall/Winter Clothing Sale

It may be time to make a little extra room in your closets. Main Street will be hosting its bi-annual Agnes Closet clothing and welcomes your *like-new* items.

This sale is held each year as a way to generate funds to help the Abbeville-area children. Proceeds from the sale go toward the School Box Fund which is used to assist with school-related needs. At this time in our state's economic condition and the realities of many of our children in this county, your generosity is most appreciated. As the community response to the sale continues to rise, we are very much in need of volunteer help. In addition to participating in the clothing sale, please consider donating your time.

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**Sale dates: Friday, August 16, 10:00 am--7:00 pm &
Saturday, August 17, 9:00 am –12:00 pm**

Receiving Days: Wed. August 14, 4 – 8 pm
Thurs. August 15, 10 am – 6 pm
Pre-Sale Thurs. August 15, 6-8 pm
Sale Days: Fri. August 16, 10 am -7 pm &
Sat. August 17, 9am – 12pm
Pick up Days: Sat, August 17, 2:30 – 3:30 pm &
Sun. August 18, 12:00 – 1:00 pm



A few things to keep in mind:

- Early bird shopping opportunity for those who donate 10 items or more and for those who volunteer
- A continued focus on higher quality clothing
- **Please bring your items on appropriate hangers**

You're invited to bring your (very) gently used Fall and Winter only clothes (men's, women's, children) to sell. Baby equipment and toys will be accepted only if in excellent condition. Please no yard sale condition items. Tagging supplies will be available for you to price your own items. You set your own price keeping in mind the condition of the items. You may choose to receive 50% of the selling price while the remaining 50% will be donated to the School Box Fund. Anyone who brings 10 items or more for the sale can attend a special shopping time, Thursday: 6-8 pm. Invite a friend or many friends to join you on the sale dates. Spread the word far and wide!

A few reminders: This year, the pre-sale feature will be **Thursday night, August 15 from 6-8 pm**. Additionally the general sale will begin **Friday, August 16 from 10 am-7 pm**. The sale will continue **Saturday morning, August 17, starting at 9 am and ending at 12 pm**. If you're a yard sale shopper, you can make this your first stop!

A few reminders:

- Absolutely no clothing will be accepted unless the items are new or gently used, clean, pressed, and brought into the Greene Center **on hangers**.
- No out-of-season clothing will be accepted. Due to limited space we can only accept seasonal clothing.
- Tags, tagging guns, and volunteer workers will be present to show you how to price your items. We can no longer accept items with price tags pinned or taped to the item; in the past, these price tags have become dislodged, leaving the item un-priced, and sometimes damaging fabrics on other clothing items. Any items without price tags will be placed in "Lost and Found."
- All un-donated clothes **MUST** be picked up on **Saturday (August 17) between 2:30 – 3:30 pm** or **Sunday (August 18) between 12:00 – 1:00pm**. Clothes not picked up during these times will be donated to the Hospice Store.

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