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Main Street United Methodist Church

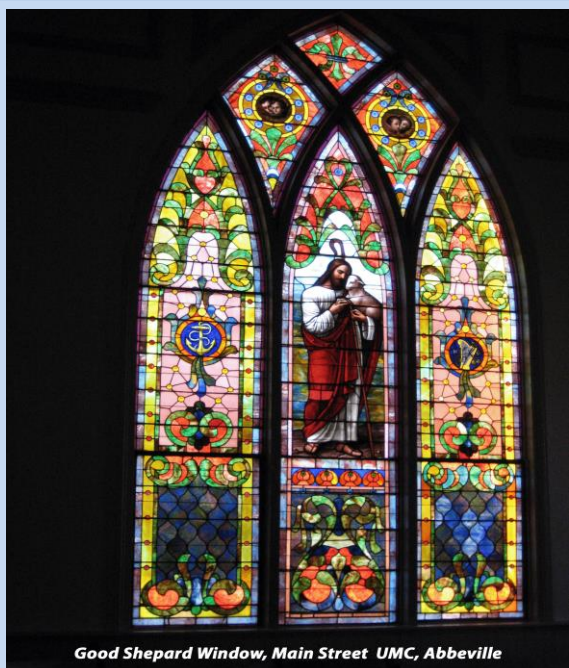
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Good Shepard Window, Main Street UMC, Abbeville

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Pastor Brian is on vacation with his family.



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

IN MEMORIAM

HARVEY JAMES LANSING
NOVEMBER 9, 1928 – NOVEMBER 26, 2020



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; Tony Grice, Forrest Grice; Linda Himes; Ivan Randolph; Joyce Ware; Ted Hawthorne; Joyce Cooper; Leon and Patty Thompson; Lillian Gordon family of the Ladies of the Burton Center; Krista Sammons; Gary Greeson; Susan and Brad Gessler

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



Christmas Angel Tree

We serve a MIGHTY God! Thank you to everyone who prayed; gave; and worked to help provide a brighter Christmas to over 650 needy children in our area. Throughout this project we have seen God bless our efforts through generous giving and answered prayers! Thank you for working together to share Jesus love at Christmas time!

THANK YOU

Dear lovely people of Main Street UMC,

Thank you for being such a wonderful representation of the body of Christ. So many have reached out to us with memorials for Steve. Our years at Main Street were filled with special friends with people devoted to the Lord. Steve's health took us back to Oregon with kids and family, but Abbeville will always have a special place in our hearts. I've enjoyed being able to go online for church services both here and there at Main Street. God bless you all.

Love, hugs and thanks.
 Julie Bowles



U.M.W. NEWS

United Methodist Women

CIRCLE MEETINGS



Ann Moore Circle TBA

Agnes Rogers Circle meeting will be announced at a later date.

Lovely Lane Circle TBA

Susannah Wesley Circle will not meet in January

U.M.M. NEWS

United Methodist Men

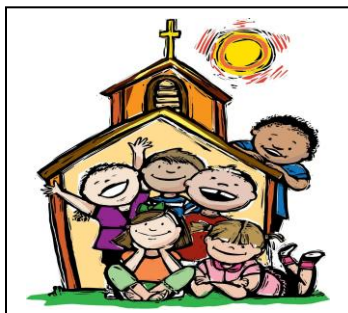
United Methodist Men
will meet on
January 3, 2020 at 8:00 am in the Greene
Center



Flower Calendar Dates Still Available

The 2021 flower calendar has been posted for those who wish to place flowers in the chancel this year. The calendar is located on the bulletin board in the Education Building, or you may sign up by calling the church office (366-2367) to see if the date you wish is still available.

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



Children News

Youth News

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

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Administrative Council

will meet Thursday, January 21, 2021, in the Greene Center at 6:00 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 January 14th.**

Trustees

will meet Monday, January 18, 2020, 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 we enter the season of Epiphany, I thought it would be interesting to explore the history of the hymn "We Three Kings" found on page 254 in *The United Methodist Hymnal*. This hymn, by John H Hopkins, Jr., was written around 1857, based on the narrative of the journey of the magi in Matthew 2:1-12. Its lilting melody in triple meter is very singable with the rhythm almost reminding one of riding a camel. Intentional...hmmm??

The text of the hymn is almost child-like in nature, as it details the visit of each wise man in its own verse, telling a story of what gift each brought to the Christ child. Many times verses 2, 3 and 4 may be sung by a male soloist with the congregation coming in on the chorus (which is the same for every verse).

The text of the chorus uses the imagery of the star, which the wise men followed to find Jesus. The imagery of light is also an important theme throughout Epiphany as we seek to follow the light.

O star of wonder, star of light,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Source:

www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-we-three-kings.

Kerri



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

For many people, the start of a new year brings new enthusiasm, a new outlook, and many times, new fitness goals. This will be the year they finally quit smoking, shed unwanted pounds, or start an exercise program.

According to a Health magazine study, however, only 46 percent of people who make fitness related New Year's resolutions have maintained their goals just six months later. This is because many people tend to make unrealistic resolutions.

People who write down their short-term goals tend to be more successful than those who simply make a resolution. Writing a goal down is important because it helps people remain accountable to themselves, and thus, helps them maintain consistency through a long period.

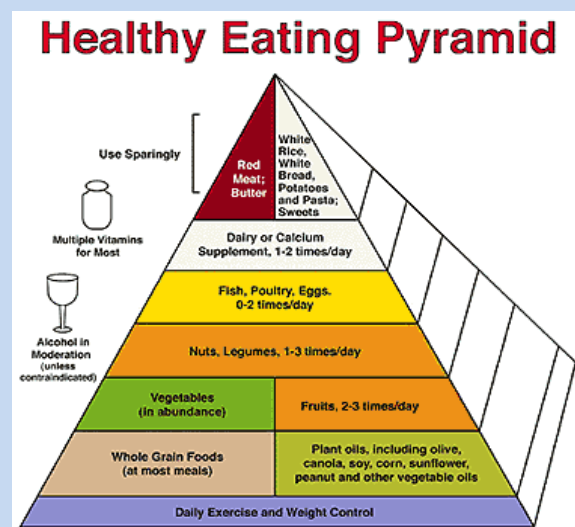
Use the **SMART** principle of goal setting.

SMART is an acronym for setting **s**pecific, **m**easurable, **a**ttainable, **r**ealistic, and **t**rackable goals. Having a goal of going to the gym seven days a week, when you are not going now, might be unrealistic. People should start with a smaller short-term goal, like going to the gym three days this week. That way they are still going to the gym, but not setting the bar too high.

Weight loss goals often fall into this unrealistic category as well. Through proper nutrition and exercise, people should see from a half to two pounds of weight loss per week. Anything more than that is unsustainable.

One pound of fat equals 3,500 calories, so having a 500-calorie deficit each day will yield one to two pounds of weight loss. The 500 calories can come from eating slightly less or from exercise. People should not make drastic changes to their diet, but instead, try incorporating more fruits and vegetables and replacing soda or energy drinks with water. Weight loss resolvers sometimes think that eating less will help, but it is important to eat every two to three hours to boost one's metabolism.

Happy New Year!!!





January Birthdays

2	Fletcher Ferguson, Jr.
3	Kelley Calvert Fernandez Kimberly Thomasson
6	Steve Stanley
7	Jimmy Smith Robert Martin Ella Stone
8	Gary Tilley
11	Blake Baughman
12	Matthew Arnold
13	Heather Hite Stone Lauren S. Windt
14	Mike Campbell
16	Stephanie Whitlock
18	Brandt Addis Casey Thomasson
19	Matthew Stephen Baker
20	Brandon Carter Jeff Horne
21	Link Brown
22	Cecily Ferguson
23	Jimmy Bowen Jennifer Baker
24	Brandon Beaty
26	Bob Hipsher Della Windt
27	Mike Burdette
28	Mary Lou Edens
30	Frankie Stone

[LINK TO OUR CHURCH CALENDAR](#)

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



January Anniversaries

23	Mr. and Mrs. Tom Howie, II
24	Mr. and Mrs. Benny Bowie
29	Dr. and Mrs. Mark Horton

Acolyte Schedule

No acolytes for January

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.



TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH

Barry Stone

SOUND TEC

GREETERS

2020

Estimates of Giving



Please give any offerings to be applied to 2020 Estimates of Giving by January 4th, (Please mark your envelopes 2020). After that date, the accounting records for 2020 will be closed so that we may prepare year-end contribution statements and annual reports for the conference.

Missions News Loose Change Sunday



Loose Change Sunday will be January 24. We will be collecting for the UCMAC, Emergency Assistance which pays rent, utilities and other expenses for low income residents of Abbeville County

January Scripture Readings

- 3 Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12
- 10 Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11
- 17 1 Samuel 3:1-10
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51
- 24 Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20
- 31 Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28





Keep the Music Flowing

Main Street United Methodist Church

*A Campaign to Replace and
Restore the Organ*

UPDATE

As of December 20 we owe \$63,000 on the organ loan and have \$32,000 in the organ fund.

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.



Your 2021 offering envelope boxes are available in the hallway of the Education Building. Please pick yours up today. Also Pledge Cards are at each entrance by the bulletin if you have not filled out yours. You may drop it in the offering plates. Thanks



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. More information will be available in the near future.

--- Worship Committee

Beef Stew Report

Main Street provided \$3,345 in 2020 for Beef Stew! (as of December 13, 2020)

Each UCMAC supporting church is responsible for only one item that goes in the UCMAC Food Pantry food boxes. Main Street provides the Beef Stew that fills the food boxes. The Food Pantry uses about 300 cans each month to fill the boxes. Either you can donate a 20 oz. can of beef stew or money for the UCMAC food pantry volunteers to purchase the beef stew. Most people donate money since UCMAC is able to purchase beef stew for less than the grocery store charges. Each week we have a "Beef Stew Report" in the bulletin to see if we are collecting enough.



\$3,346. That's a lot of beef! Let's try to match that in 2021

Notes of Thanks



To our church family,

Our sincere appreciation for the privilege and blessings that are ours for the opportunity of serving our Main Street Church.

Also, a sincere "Thank you" for the Christmas gifts we received. Our greatest blessing is to continue our work together for another New Year!

Love and Prayers,

Betty, Kerri, and Dennis



The MSUMC missions project for Operation Christmas Child had a very successful year despite the ongoing pandemic. This year, our fourth as the Abbeville County drop-off site, we received a total of 451 shoeboxes from both groups and individuals. This total is only slightly less than our 2019 total of 491. A big thanks to all in our church family who packed a shoebox or shoeboxes or who made a financial donation toward transportation costs. I want to personally thank all of our wonderful volunteers who gave of their time and energy to assist with this project: Bobby Bowen, Paula Weis, Susan Keaton, Nancy Walborn, Jane Keith, Lori Glace, Tina Manges, Bennie McCoy, Mary Evelyn Campbell, Becky Bowie, Carol Jackson, Caroline Calvert, Katy Tilley, Barbara Littell, Beth Addis, Andrew Morris, Craig Ferguson and Yvonne and Bob Whiteside. Please help us pray that each of the 451 shoeboxes is joyfully received by children throughout the world who will come to know Jesus through this loving gift and the Gospel lessons that follow. To God be the Glory!

Cecily Ferguson

Christmas at Main Street 2020



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