

*Good Shepard Window, Main Street UMC, Abbeville*

# MAIN STREET MAGNET

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## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

For the past 2+ years, I have tried to keep you abreast of the happenings at the denominational level of the United Methodist Church. At this point, it is impossible to summarize the happenings of the last 3 years succinctly. So if you'd like a summary, call or e-mail me! What is before us now is the special called General Conference which will occur at the end of February in St. Louis. Delegates from around the world will vote on 1 of 3 plans for how the United Methodist Church might move forward regarding the issue of homosexual marriage, ordination, and inclusion in the life of the Church. Of course, the General Conference can also vote to not adopt any of the plans! I have summarized the plans below with brief commentary and announcement about an opportunity to hear more following:

Option 1: The Traditionalist Plan, this option would maintain the church's current official stances on homosexuality, which declare the practice of homosexuality "incompatible with Christian teaching," preclude clergy from officiating at same-sex unions and prohibit the ordination of self-professed practicing gay clergy. This model also would emphasize accountability and enforcement of relevant church law.

Option 2: The One Church Plan, this option would remove the Book of Discipline's current language about homosexual practice, allowing each Annual Conference the ability to decide how inclusive to be, while protecting clergy who could not, as a matter of conscience, perform a same-sex union or support ordination of openly gay clergy. This is the plan endorsed by the United Methodist Council of Bishops.

Option 3: The Connectional Conference Plan, this option divides the United Methodist Church into conferences based on values rather than geographical boundaries. Each Church and/or Annual Conference would be free to join any of the new conferences. Each new conference would create their own Book of Discipline and standards for ordination.

On February 10 and 17 during the Sunday School hour, we will hold sessions to discuss these plans and educate ourselves about the special called General Conference. I invite you to be present during these times; ask questions, share your thoughts, listen to others.

At some point, Main Street UMC will need to make some choices as well – but that time is not now. As always, while we wait we work! God Bless!

Pastor Brian

## Come Holy Spirit!

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## PEOPLE TO REMEMBER

- Ned & Mary Barnette – P O Box 307, Due West, SC 29639
- Bill Blakely - P O Box 115, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Ruth Brock – 165 Brock Dr., Troy, SC 29848
- Robert Clark – 144 White Creek Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- 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
- Bob Harden – P O Box 144, 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
- Doris New – Petra Health Care, 204 Holiday Rd, McCormick SC 29835
- Rowena Parkenson – 306 Millwood Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Lucy Savitz – 206 Millwood Road, Abbeville, SC 29620
- Leon & Patty Thompson - P O Box 307, Due West, SC 29620
- 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; Persecuted Christians; Jennifer Todd; Petra Jones; Kathy Greene Tillman; Amber Turner; Doris New; Rowena Parkenson; Harvey Lansing; Nancy Wright; Michael Snead; Robert Hawthorne; Irene Deason; Paul Mullet; Lou Martin; Andy Davis; Charles Addis; Lucy Savitz; Robert Clark; Christian Meyers; Beverly Wilson; Ruth Burton; Jayne Hagen Davis; Ruth Brock; Steve Bowles; Sheila LaGreca; Austin Smith; Zachery Floyd; Wanda Campbell; Michelle Strickland and Baby; Mike Cooper; Richard Van Orden; Bobby Crouch

**Deployment** – Ryan Morris; Chris West; Jacob Arnsmeier; Evan Carroll

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

*\*Persons on the Prayer list will generally stay for 2 weeks but may be renewed as long as needed.*



## IN MEMORIAM

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**SARAH AMANDA SUBER BEATY**  
**APRIL 25, 1924 – DECEMBER 22, 2018**



## U.M.W. NEWS

United Methodist Women

### CIRCLE MEETINGS



**Ann Moore Circle** will meet Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm at the home of Carol Jackson.

**Agnes Rogers Circle** will meet Monday, February 4 at 6:30 at the home of Amanda Moss.

**Lovely Lane Circle** will meet Tuesday, February 5, at 3:30 pm, at the Main Street Coffee Shop. Chaney Wilson will have the devotion.

**Susannah Wesley Circle** will meet Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, for lunch at the Old County Diner at 12 noon.

*Paula Weis received the UMW Special Mission Recognition Pin during the worship service on January 6. Thank you Paula for all your contributions to our children and the church.*

## U.M.M. NEWS

United Methodist Men

### United Methodist Men

will meet on  
February 3, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the  
Greene Center



The Methodist Men will have an auction on  
Saturday April 6 in the Greene Center.

8 am to 10 am is viewing of items.

The auction begins at 10 am.

The men will be collecting item from April 1 to  
April 5.

### Dates Still Available



The **2019 Flower Calendar** is posted on the  
bulletin board in the Education Building. **Dates  
Available: February 24; April 28; May 12, 19;  
June 9; July 7, 14; August 4, 11, 25 September 1,  
15, 29; October 20, 27; November 24.**

## CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS



**Children's Valentines Party** - We will have pizza and a movie in the nursery while the parents are enjoying the Valentines Dinner, Thursday February 14, 2019 at 6pm. Please let the church office or Pamela Wilson know if your child will be able to attend.

The children will have activities at 5:30 before the Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday, March 5.

### Youth Meetings

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

## Upcoming Events This Month

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## Notes from the Choir



As a member of several church music groups on facebook, I often run across an interesting article or insight into a particular topic. While scrolling through some of these posts recently, I came across a reprint from a blog by Lindy Thompson. Her blog is titled "Thoughts on the Spiritual Journey." She is from Franklin, TN, and is an active member of Christ UMC. Her blog post titled "I Go To Sing" made me want to shout "Yes, someone else gets it!" I wanted to share the blog with you and hopefully you will agree. (No offense to Brian – we all know the sermon is always helpful!)

### "I Go To Sing"

Reprinted from [www.lindythompson.net](http://www.lindythompson.net)

I might be exhausted and the children might be cranky,  
but I will be going to church on Sunday.  
Don't know who is preaching, doesn't matter –  
the sermon may be helpful or not, holds my attention or doesn't –  
it's the singing.

I go to sing.  
I get up,  
get clean,  
get dressed,  
possibly get mad (at not-ready kids, at empty coffee pot, at traffic)  
get going,  
get there,  
get seated,  
get comfortable,  
get focused  
and when the music starts,  
get saved.  
It's the singing.  
I go to sing.



It's the willingness to *stand if you are able*,  
the common agreement on page number,  
the voluntary sharing of songbooks with people on your row,  
even ones you rode there with – but most of all,  
it's the collective in-breath before the first sound is made,  
the collective drawing upon the grace of God,  
the collective, if inadvertent, admission  
that we are all human, all fragile,  
all in need of the sustaining air, freely dispensed,  
all in need of each other to get the key right and not sound discordant —  
it's the hidden life-celebration in the act of making a joyful noise, all together.  
We don't even have to sound that good. Singing together still brings home  
the *we*-ness of worship, the *not-alone*-ness of life in God,  
the best of all we have to offer each other.

When we are singing, I think that I might actually be able to forgive you  
for being so terribly human, and you might be able to forgive me  
for being so terribly not there yet, and we might be able to find peace *now*,  
not postpone it for some heavenly hereafter but live and breathe it today,  
drawing in the grace of God,  
voicing out our need and hope and gratitude and longing.  
When we are singing, I can feel the better world coming,  
and if I get to be a part of it, you do too . . .

so sing with me, and we'll make our way down that blessed road together,  
collectively better than we ever thought possible.

Kerri





## **February's Birthday**

1	Brandy Baughman
2	Walter Wilson
3	Will Addis
	Tommy Hite, Jr.
4	Emily Blackmon
7	Mike Sprouse
8	Hanna West
9	Carolyn White
10	Beverly Wilson
12	Amy Glace
16	Dawne Hershberger
	Marion Prince
18	Marty Cann
	Kaylor Arant
19	Samantha Horne
	Toni Herndon
21	Lori Glace
	Susan Hagen
	Nancy DeLoach
22	Mike Calvert
23	Chaney Wilson
	Libby Blanton
	Maddie Nelson
	Robert Moberg
26	Mike Herndon
27	Jane Cox
	Ryan Morris
	Billy Wilson, Jr.
28	Lisa Morberg

## **LINK TO OUR CHURCH CALENDAR**

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



## **February's Anniversary**

1	Mr. and Mrs. Gary Tilley
2	Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bowen
3	Mr. and Mrs. Greg Horne
5	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin
7	Mr. and Mrs. Don Hershberger
14	Mr. and Mrs. Bob Glace
	Mr. and Mrs. Ed Evans
23	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weis
24	Mr. and Mrs. Don Nelson

## **February Acolyte**

3	Ivy Arant
10	Cate Dunlap
17	Ramie Addis
24	Lucy Kollmann

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.



## 2019 Loose Change Sundays clip and save for reference

January 27 - UCMAC Emergency Assistance Ministry  
 February 24 - Tracy Jackson Program  
 March - April Easter coin cards: 1/2 goes to UCMAC and 1/2 goes to Tracy Jackson  
 May 26 - Salkehatchie  
 June 23 - Faith Home  
 July 28 - UMCOR  
 August 25 - UCMAC Free Medical Clinic  
 September 29 - Red Bird Ministry/Henderson Settlement  
 October 27 - UCMAC Food Pantry  
 November 24 - Haven of Rest

## Missions News



### Loose Change Sunday

Loose Change Sunday is February 24th,  
 we will be collecting for the  
**Tracy Jackson Summer  
 Food Program**



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

**Julianna Morris &  
 Heath Smith**

Sunday, February 24, 2019  
 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
 Greene Center  
 Main Street United Methodist Church  
 Abbeville, South Carolina

We hope to see you there!

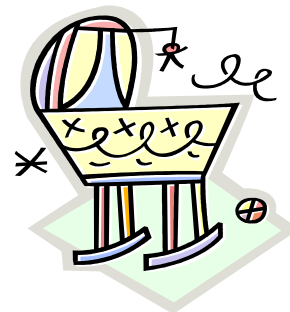
## February Scripture Readings

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| 3  | Jeremiah 1:4-10 40:21-31<br>Psalm 71:1-6<br>1 Corinthians 13:1-13<br>Luke 4:21-30            |
| 10 | Isaiah 6:1-8<br>Psalm 138<br>1 Corinthians 15:1-11<br>Luke 5:1-11                            |
| 17 | Jeremiah 17:5-10<br>Psalm 1<br>1 Corinthians 15:12-20<br>Luke 6:17-26                        |
| 24 | Genesis 45:3-11, 15<br>Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40<br>1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50<br>Luke 6:27-38 |



## Nursery Schedule for February

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|----|---|
| 3  | Caroline Calvert, Allison Dunlap          |
| 11 | Tracy Bowie, Courtney Hite, Baylee Wilson |
| 18 | Lindsey Wilson, Lucy Kollmann             |
| 25 | Julie Boggs, Krista Sammons               |





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## Valentine's Day Dinner

Make plans to attend the Valentine Day dinner on Thursday, February 14, at 6:00 pm in the Greene Center. Candle-light, music, festive fare and fellowship are the order of the evening.

Please return the form to facilitate planning by Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Return these via the offering plates, the church office, or Dawne Hershberger.

Donations to defray expense will be accepted.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_



## Shrove Tuesday

*March 5, 2019*

*5:30 pm – Activities for Children*

*6:00 pm - Fat Tuesday Pancake/ Sausage Supper  
Greene Center*



## Ash Wednesday Service

**March 6**

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

The traditional Imposition of Ashes, an optional observance, again will be offered. Make plans to attend this meaningful Worship Service that begins the Lenten Season.



## Physical Activity 8 tips for getting started

Get motivated to start moving with these lifestyle tips. You already know that physical activity and good health go hand in hand. But if you have a medical condition, aches, pain or a lot of weight to lose, you may be afraid to exercise. Plus, if your physical abilities are limited, you may feel like the little exercise you can do won't do much good — so why bother!

That's understandable. But here's a very personal, worthwhile reason to move more: because you deserve to feel good. Physical activity can help you do just that.

Here's the trick: Don't think about exercise as a chore; instead, focus on how good it can make you feel. From there, take these steps to move more:

- If you're not physically active or have a medical condition, talk with your doctor first to learn which activities are safe for you.
- Find a physical activity that you enjoy and can keep up with over time.
- Get some form of physical activity each day, even if it's only for 10 or 15 minutes.
- Make it as routine as brushing your teeth. Daily activities — such as household chores and yard work — count!
- Start small. Park farther from the store or take a walk around the block. Move at a pace that feels right for you.
- Work toward choosing several types of cardio and muscle-strengthening activities. This will help keep you from getting bored.
- Aim for 150 minutes of moderate physical activity a week. If you need to, break it into 10-minute chunks.
- **Feel good about the activities you can do rather than focusing on what you can't do.**

No matter what you weigh, or what ails you, any physical activity is good for you. It can help you feel better — physically and emotionally

## February is American Heart Health Month



Some heart attacks are sudden and intense — the "movie heart attack," where no one doubts what's happening. But most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Often people affected aren't sure what's wrong and wait too long before getting help.

Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

**Chest discomfort.** Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

**Discomfort in other areas of the upper body.** Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

**Shortness of breath** with or without chest discomfort.

**Other signs** may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

Learn the signs, but remember this: Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, have it checked out. Minutes matter! Fast action can save lives — maybe your own. Don't wait more than five minutes to call 9-1-1.

Emergency medical services (EMS) staff can begin treatment when they arrive — up to an hour sooner than if someone gets to the hospital by car. EMS staff are also trained to revive someone whose heart has stopped. Patients with chest pain who arrive by ambulance usually receive faster treatment at the hospital, too. It is best to call EMS for rapid transport to the emergency room.





## Keep the Music Flowing

Main Street United Methodist Church

### *A Campaign to Replace and Restore the Organ* **UPDATE**

The old organ has been removed and the new organ is being installed presently. A final payment of \$56,600 will be paid at that time. We have collected \$145,032 as of January 1, 2019. The remaining portion of the total cost of \$283,000 will be collected over the 3 year faith promise campaign and the \$175,000 loan will be repaid.

Thank you for your participation in this campaign to keep the music flowing.



Old organ being removed

Old organ being removed



Ready for the new organ

New organ being installed



***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.***

## **Safe Sanctuary Policy**

The General Conference of The United Methodist Church, in April 1996, adopted a resolution aimed at reducing the risk of child sexual abuse in the church. The adopted resolution includes the following statement: Our Christian faith calls us to offer both hospitality and protection to the little ones, the children. The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church state that “children must be protected from economic, physical, emotional and sexual exploitation and abuse” (para.162C).

God calls us to make our churches safe places, protecting children and other vulnerable persons from sexual and physical abuse. God calls us to create communities of faith where children and adults grow safe and strong (*The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church—2000*, Nashville, TN: The United Methodist Publishing House, pp.180-81).

### **Purpose**

The leaders of Main Street United Methodist Church are committed to providing an environment which is as safe as possible for children and youth who attend church or any church sponsored activity or event; and to take the necessary precautions to protect church leaders, staff, and volunteers from allegations of abuse. These policies are written to demonstrate our total commitment to the physical, emotional, and spiritual safety of all our children, youth and vulnerable adults.

Thus, in covenant with all United Methodist congregations, we adopt this policy for the prevention of abuse of children and youth in our church.

*Continued next month!!!!!!*

# Administrative Council Minutes

Main St. United Methodist Church

January 17, 2019

Present: Brian Arant, Ann Davis, Lanny McKay, Yvonne Whiteside, Mike Erwin, Ray Peck, Melva Kay, Kim Mundy, Conway Shirley, David Wilson, Bennie McCoy, Jane Agan, Bob Glace, Jennie Jackson

Excused: Becky Bowie, Betty Bowen, Pam Wilson,

Ann Davis called the meeting to order and Brian opened with prayer. Brian asked for special prayers for several church members.

The minutes of the October & November meetings were approved as written.

- In addition to the written committee reports the following was discussed:

Children's church needs volunteers to help. Also it is time to plan vacation bible school and help is needed to lead the activities.

The need to review the Safe Sanctuary policies was discussed which led to a decision to put portions of the policies in the monthly newsletters over a period of several months.

A discussion was held on the bereavement committees. Several people expressed concern that people do not know who is on which committee. A list of each committee members needs to be displayed somewhere.

A discussion was held on the Prayer Chain. Ann Davis is in charge of emailing prayer concerns and Bennie McCoy is in charge of telephoning those members who do not email. Ann & Bennie will get together to discuss these procedures.

Bob Glace gave additional information from the Trustees. They are trying to get 3 bids for 3 new roofs, maybe as much as \$40-50,000. Trustees discussing handicap accessibility by looking at adding ramp to Greene Center.

Conway expressed concern on what to do with left over poinsettia flowers after the advent season. A suggestion was made to offer them to the food pantry clients.

Some of the Worship committee's report was discussed. The need for the wedding policy to be revised was discussed. Our fees for non-member people needs to be raised. Attendance at Christmas services was discussed. There were 92 at the morning Christmas Eve service and 52 at the evening service. A banner was put in the church front lawn and an ad was run in the newspaper.

David passed out the Finance Report which contained the 2018 end of year figures. We finished the year with a positive \$5,002. David said the 2019 pledge cards are down. He requested that an announcement be made to remind people to turn in the pledge cards. We secured a 5 year \$175,000 loan from Abbeville First Bank to complete the organ payments. The final payment will be made when the organ is delivered at the end of January.

A discussion was held on what to do for members serving overseas in the military. Brian announces that Eric Shepard has agreed to be in charge of sending regular care packages. Anyone wanting to help by providing cards or items to include should contact Eric.

Brian gave his report by stating in the future he wants to do his report first. We need to review our mission statement which states we exist to glorify God. We need to develop some core values based on our mission statement for the next 3 years. Our identity is at the intersection of our mission statement and our core values. He will discuss this further in small groups, individuals and in writing.

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No further business was brought up so the meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Agan for Becky Bowie, Recording Secretary

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