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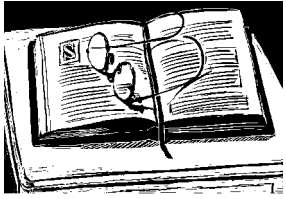
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Pastor Neil's Study Talk

Even though John Wesley instructed the first Methodists to “always be gainfully employed” and to never “trifle away time,” I think all of us benefit from an occasional *trifle*. The problem is that many of us are trifle-impaired. I recently exchanged text messages with a friend who was on vacation. I asked if he was refreshed and renewed. He said no; he was being lazy and unproductive. I replied that I thought being lazy and unproductive was the point of vacation. Evidently he disagreed.

Most of us have learned that being lazy is a bad thing. And as a result we have don't relax very well. It's not that we're against vacations; we just have a hard time letting go. One friend told me that vacations are more work than they're worth. The amount of work to get ready and the amount of work to catch up afterward override the benefit of time away. So many of us are connected by email and cellphone, that every vacation is a working vacation, either by necessity or by habit. An executive once told me that if he didn't check and respond to emails every day, he would have close to one thousand messages in his inbox after a one-week vacation. It's no wonder he didn't take many vacations.

But just because we're not good at letting go, doesn't mean we shouldn't try. We need an occasional lazy day to sit by the pool or float down the river in a canoe. We need to lie on the sand, browse antique shops, or take a long nap. We need to occasionally do whatever it takes for us to let go and enjoy life—even if it's just for an afternoon. For many of us, summer is the ideal time: the days are long and the water's warm.

The truth is that most of us would enjoy vacations more, if we practiced more often. I'm not talking about asking the boss for more days off. I'm talking about taking advantage of the time we have. I'm also talking about the Judeo-Christian tradition of Sabbath-keeping. According to Scripture, God says that one day a week is for worship and for doing nothing. In fact, one of God's concerns is that humanity breaks the Sabbath far too often (see Jeremiah 17:21).

I'm also talking about the Judeo-Christian tradition of prayer. Maybe you've heard of it. Psalm 46 says: “Be still and know that I am God.” Did you know that “be still” in Latin is “vacate”? That's right: God invites—commands—us to take a *vacation* on a regular basis and do nothing but *be* with God.* I know, from personal experience, that it's easier said than done. But that doesn't mean it's not worthwhile. Prayer and Sabbath-keeping are two of God's not-so-secret secrets to healthy living.

I know the first day of school is just around the corner, but it's not too late to trifle away a summer afternoon, to “be still” and know that God is God.

Pastor Neil

*See [Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference](#) by Philip Yancey. Page 26.



Youth Ministry

For questions or more information on any youth activities, contact Tim Fridley at 487-3265 after 5 pm or timothy.fridley@yahoo.com.

Christmas Child Project Jump Start

The youth would like to get a jump start on the Christmas Child project this year. We are asking the congregation if they would like to buy school supplies to buy them during the back to school sales. This will save everyone money on this project. The youth will place a box in the narthex that the items can be dropped off on Sunday morning. Notebooks, crayons, pens and pencils and other items will be collected for the boxes to be packed in November. Last year we were able to pack 150 shoe boxes that touched children's lives all over the world. Thank you for your support in this mission outreach.

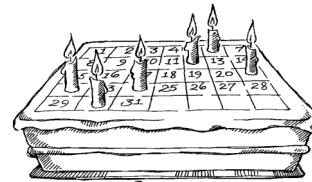
Back to School Lock-In

There will be a Back to School Youth Lock-in on Friday, Aug 12. We will start the lock-in at 7 PM. All youth 6-12 grades are invited to attend an evening of fun and fellowship. We are in need of volunteers to help out with the lock-in. We need 1 male and one female adult that would be willing to stay overnight with our youth and enjoy the events with them. For more information on this contact Tim Fridley (540)487-3265 after 5 PM or e-mail at timothy.fridley@yahoo.com.



The youth would like to thank everyone that attended the hunger meal on July 13. We were able to raise \$425 toward the Stop Hunger Now Campaign. I also would like to thank all the volunteers and youth that helped out with this event.

I would also like to recognize Laurie Lafferty for giving a week of mission work with our youth. Without adult volunteers our program would not be a success. Thanks you for making a difference in our youth's lives.



Birthdays This Month

We wish birthday happiness to those who have birthdays in August and early September.

If you haven't already informed the office of your birthday and wish to be included in future listings of birthdays, please call the office at 942 -1179 and inform us of your special day.

Thanks.

Gene Rothacker	8/2	Logan Atkins	8/18
Cameron Jones	8/2	Lauren Caulder	8/19
Peyton Dollins	8/4	Bill Runkle	8/19
Carmen Smith	8/4	Richard Humphrey	8/20
Doris Scott	8/5	Frank Fletcher	8/20
Bob Partridge	8/6	Maxine Tolbert	8/21
Ileta Palmer	8/7	Jerry Wilkinson	8/22
Edward Moubry	8/7	Harvey Kelley	8/22
Jessie Dollins	8/10	Janet Owens	8/23
Catherine Parrigan	8/11	Tim Fridley	8/24
Julie Tolbert	8/12	Pam Harris	8/24
Doug Edwards	8/13	Ann Walker	8/26
Scott Lafferty	8/16	Kayla Blair	8/29
John Ramsey	8/16	Billy Runkle	8/30
Rajitha Brewer	8/16	Millie Steele	8/31
Ann Humphrey	8/17	Dorothy Weeks	9/3
Phil Dollins	8/18	Phyllis Goff	9/6
Louise Hogge	8/18	Stephanie Schaefer	9/6
Rodney Bradt	8/18	Janet Carlsen	9/7



Carole Hill and her family would like to thank everybody for the recent outpouring of love and support from the MSUMC Family. The cards, food, care, and friendship have been so touching during this most difficult time. Carole would especially like to thank Don and Lyn Short, and others, who helped to prepare the lovely reception after Richard's memorial service. Thank you,

Carole

Main Street Calendar

Worship: Helping People Love God

8:30 am Informal Worship

9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship

Ministry at Augusta Rehab: 10:00 am First Sundays

Ministry at Waynesboro Manor: 9:45 am Third Sundays

Morning to Mourning Grief Support: 4:00 pm Wednesdays

Praise Band: 8:00 pm Wednesdays

Handbells, Choirs will begin again in September.

Discipleship: Helping People Grow in Faith

Youth Group Activities: Every Sunday, 6:30 pm

Women's Social Concerns Circle: 10:30 am Second Thursdays

Women's Dorcas Circle: 11:00 am Second Thursdays

Women's A.N.G.E.L. Circle: 7 pm Second Mondays

Wednesday Night activities will resume in September.

Ministry Teams: Helping People Serve Christ

Church Council: 7:00 p.m. 3rd Monday of every month

Trustees: 6:00 pm Second Sunday of every other month

"Spire" Volunteers: 9:00 am Last Thursday

Stephen Ministers: 7:00 pm First & Third Thursday

Stephen Leaders: 5:30 pm First Thursday

Main Street Adult Singers (visiting nursing homes): 1st Sat. Each Mo.

Special Monthly Events

Friday, August 12, 7 pm: Youth Lock In

Wednesday, August 17, 5:00 pm: Fellowship Dinner

Saturday, August 27: Children's Back to School Party

Saturday, August 27: Stop Hunger Now Event

For more information on any upcoming events, contact Lisa or Kathy in the church office, 942-1179.

Children's Ministry

For questions or more information on any children's activities, contact Tracy Straight at 241-4670 or str8weaver@ntelos.net.

- Please join us for a "Back to School" Luau Theme Picnic and Welcome for Main Street's new Children's Director on Saturday, August 27, at 5 p.m. at 1816 Westminster Road in Waynesboro. Food and drinks will be provided. Please contact Tracy Straight at str8weaver@ntelos.net or 942-1179 to RSVP.
- Children's Choir and Wacky Wednesdays will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 7. There will be a Parents' Meeting in the Baraca-Berean classroom during this time. Come and meet Mandy Williams, our new Children's Director, and share ideas.
- Promotion Sunday is Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a potluck breakfast, and all Sunday Schools are invited to attend. Children ages 3 through 2nd grade will receive Children's Bibles. Third graders will receive their Bibles on Sept. 25 at the 11:00 a.m. service.
- The Children's Choir will sing for the first time on Sunday, Sept. 25, at the 11:00 a.m. service.



Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Items Needed in the Main Street Pantry



Spaghetti and Sauce

The Main Street Food Pantry operates from Monday through Thursday, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., to assist people in our community in need of food. Financial or food donations are accepted. Contact Doug Edwards (942-3787) or Joe Duncan (942-6259) for more information.

New Opportunity for Young Families

Are you a young family with children seeking opportunities to fellowship, share parenting tips, and grow deeper in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ? You are not alone! Basic Adult Group is seeking to begin a program designed for families with children. If you are interested or have ideas, contact Angel Fridley at fourfridleys@hotmail.com or 487-2924. According to response, we plan to coordinate a meeting in the near future!

Stop Hunger Now Event August 27

On Saturday August 27, Main Street Church will join our LARCUM church partners (Grace Lutheran, St. John's Episcopal, and St. John's Catholic) to package meals for **Stop Hunger Now**, an international hunger relief organization based in Raleigh, NC. See www.stophungernow.org for more information about the work they are doing. To date, they have packaged more than 45 million meals for hungry persons in more than 70 countries.

The time and place for the event will be announced later, but we hope you will mark your calendar right now and plan to participate. Not only will we be asking for volunteers to package meals on the 27th, but each church will be raising \$2,500, which will pay for 10,000 meals. Together, the four churches will be packaging 40,000 meals! Our Youth Group has raised over \$400, but we will also need your contributions. Please consider making a gift to this mission project. Checks should be made to Main Street UMC and marked Stop Hunger Now.

Budget as of June 30, 2011

<u>Item</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Var. %</u> *	<u>Var. \$</u> **
Revenue:				
Est. of Giving	229,834	229,608	103%	6,153
Budget Fund Raisers	0			0
Other Budget Revenue	<u>7,876</u>	<u>4,060</u>	218%	<u>3,994</u>
Total Revenue	237,710	233,668	105%	10,147
Expenses:				
Church Operations	51,801	61,887	69%	-15,840
Ministries	13,891	21,222	58%	-7,470
Staff Parish	119,581	119,798	98%	-1,701
District Funds	8,284	8,284	100%	0
Prior Claims	21,311	21,311	100%	0
Other Apportionments	<u>15,401</u>	<u>15,401</u>	100%	<u>0</u>
Total Expenses	230,269	247,903	88%	-25,011
Revenue Minus Expenses	7,441	-14,235		35,158

*If the percent (%) number is less than 100, then the actual is less than budget. If the percent number is greater than 100, then the actual is more than budget.

**For REVENUE: If the variance \$ is negative, then the income received is less than projected in the budget. If the number is positive, then the income is greater than projected.

For EXPENSES: If the variance \$ is negative, then the expenses are under budget. If the variance \$ is positive, then the expenses are over budget.

Additional information is available to members and can be obtained in person from the Church office. Up to date giving totals are in the bulletin on Sunday.

Waynesboro Senior Center Council

Would you be interested in participating with our Council working/volunteering on behalf of the people age 60 and older who live in this community? For more information, please contact Jean Anne Boland at 942-6275 jeanne24477@yahoo.com or Annie L. Hulen at 941-7825 annie@freelanceetech.com

**An Opportunity to Serve in Our
Community**



A Main Street ministry is to bring a worship service to the folks at Augusta Rehab & Nursing Center (near AHC) on the first Sunday of each month, and to Waynesboro Manor (assisted living center on Hopeman Parkway in W'boro) on the 3rd Sunday of each month. [Another church brings a service to AN&RC on the second Sunday.]

Waynesboro Manor residents only have a service "brought in" once a month & they have repeatedly asked for "more Sunday services". "I used to go to my church every Sunday, but cannot now" is a statement repeated very, very often.

The small group of Main Street folks who participate can tell you the value and love that transpires in our very informal and laid back services, at either or both places. Typically, the service lasts about 30 minutes and includes hymn singing, with piano or "boom box" accompaniment, or acapella; the residents enjoy singing the "old favorites" from the available hymnals or song sheets. How well we sound has never been an issue! The service occurs during the Sunday School hour, but that is not required.

Then, one or two of us will read scripture, most often taken from the on-line UMC Lectionary, we will have prayer, and one team member brings a mini-message. (The source of these have come from Pastor Neil's emails & sermons, Billy Graham notes in the paper/on-line, Chaplain Norris Burkes [ditto], or personal stories.)

Do you feel led to bring an informal worship service to the folks at The Manor? Want to get more info? Ask Helen or Richard Ammons or contact them at 943-1343, email at vagentleman42@gmail.com. Do you recall this: **"Is it possible that God is calling you to be an answer to someone's prayer? Will their prayer be answered?"** ~ Rev Neil Hough

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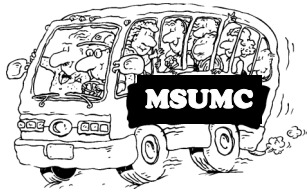
Psalm 51:10



THOSE SERVING OUR CHURCH THIS MONTH

Unlocking our doors each Sunday morning is . . .

Doug Norcross



Our bus teams are

Aug. 7 Rodger & Brenda Daniels

Aug. 14 Dave & Terri Sheldon

Aug. 21 Bruce Allen & Doug Norcross

Aug. 28 Tom and Amy Brown

And our Lay Readers at 11 am for the month are . . .

Aug. 7 Lisa Doughty

Aug. 14 Evelyn Farris

Aug. 21 Ron Hiserman

Aug. 28 Wanda Kornicke



Our Children's Worship helpers are...



8:30 am

Aug. 7 Susan White

Aug. 14 Mae Ford

Aug. 21 Judy McKinney

Aug. 28 Nancy Bowie

11:00 am

Caroline Baldwin

John & Denise Hill

Alice Carlton

Laurie Lafferty

Those delivering CD's to shut-ins are...

Aug. 7 Judy Smith

Aug. 14 Lucy Stultz

Aug. 21 Nancy DePauk

Aug. 28 Jean Dillon



Main Street Preschool Happenings....

Wanda Pittman-Kornicke
MSP Chair

Stacy Lawhorne
Director

Welcome Back!

It is that time of year: the Preschool is starting to come alive after a much-deserved rest. Back again are the days of fun and learning, singing and socializing, growth in body, knowledge, and spirit. Taking a big breath and preparing for the coming whirlwind are all our usual suspects: all our wonderful teachers are returning! Ms. Julie in the Butterflies, Ms. Laurie in the Bluebirds, and Ms. Linda and Ms. Tracie with our 4 year old Bunnies and Bears will be joining Ms. Diane and myself for another exciting year.

We will have our usual welcoming Open House on Thursday, September 1st. The first day of school will be the following Tuesday. We still have a few spaces left in our 2 and 4 year old rooms. If you or someone you know is interested just call me at 942-2324, drop by the church office for some printed info, or find us online at www.msp-learn.com. We always welcome new families, and you may be surprised by the level of love and commitment such a small school can hold!

So enjoy the last few quiet weeks of summer, then hold on tight: MSP will be back in swing before you know it!

Stacy



Any articles or information for the September "Lighted Spire" should be sent to the office no later than August 18. Thank you!

Main Street Finance Update

I wanted to take a few minutes and let you all know where we stand financially at Main Street. First, I want to thank all of you for your generosity to Main Street this year and for answering the call to serve God with our Prayers, Presence, Gifts and Service. We have stepped out in faith and are moving forward with our plan for achieving our goals of Loving God, Growing in Faith and Serving Christ through our missions and ministries.

We started this year with a substantial deficit budget and have been able to bring it down to just a little over \$14,000. This was accomplished through some reductions we have experienced in expenses, but primarily through generous giving.

We are making all of our apportionment payments in the full amount on time and on schedule. We are making the necessary contributions to restore our Trustee Reserve Fund to bring it back to a healthy state to cover any major expenses related to the Building and Equipment. Our ministry areas are continuing to grow and we are seeing the results, especially in our Youth and Children's Programs. We are also able to start some new ministries to serve the community. So as you can see, Main Street is moving forward and returning to a healthier financial state. But we still need your help as we aren't quite there yet.

We are in prayer that your commitment to Main Street will continue with your generous giving. If each Giving Family could contribute just an additional \$150 between now and the end of the year, we will be able to wipe out the remainder of our shortfall (deficit) and end the year having accomplished the ministries we committed to at the beginning of the year. I would like you to prayerfully consider making additional giving with in any amount. Together as a congregation and with God's grace and blessing, we are confident we can accomplish our goals for 2011.

"The Will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you".

**Millie Steele
Finance Chair**

Annual Conference Report 2011

The 229th session of the Virginia Annual Conference was held on June 15-19, 2011 at the Roanoke Civic Center in Roanoke, Virginia. The theme was "Being Christ to Others—Snapshots of the Kingdom". Florida Bishop Whitaker presided due to Bishop Kammerer's illness. He was a very able and effective leader and led us through many, many votes for delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conference. Much business of the church conference was carried out through eighteen resolutions that were presented and voted. Interesting discussion followed each presentation.

Society of St. Andrew Potato Drop held on Friday bagged 39,500 pounds of sweet potatoes which were sent to 12 feeding agencies in Virginia and West Virginia. Also 24,474 health kits were delivered. All kits collected totaled 48,212. It was noted by speaker Kemper that the Virginia Conference was the denominational leader for mission support in 2010. The conference offering was \$167,345.

The conference included wonderful music as well as interesting speakers. In addition to listening to groups sing we participated in the singing. Each session began with "Singing Our Faith". Jim Bennett and his band provided the music and they were "**good**". My favorite speaker was Dr. Sam Wells from England and Dean of Duke Chapel. He encouraged everyone to let indifference go to "**shake it off**" and see what God would have us do.

The conference was a great experience as I learned more about our church and it's relationship to the Virginia Conference and it's outreach to the world and the General Conference. Additional information on election results and other information can be found on the Conference website, www.vaumc.org or feel free to call me at 540-949-8803.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent Main Street at Annual Conference.

Doris Hulvey