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# THE LIGHTED SPIRE

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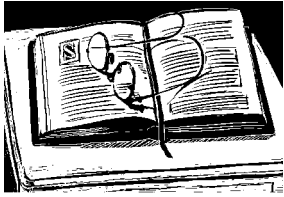
## December 2010

Main Street Ministry Staff

Rev. Neil Hough, Lead Pastor	Don Coffey, Choir Director
Rev. Janet Knott, Care Pastor	Orville Bame, Organist
Rev. Bill Mayton, Pastor Emeritus	Tracy Straight, Children's Choir Director
Harold Baldwin, Lay Pastor	Leola Burks, Youth Choir Director
Kathy Snyder, Administrative Asst.	Donald Dollins, Handbell Director
Lisa Meehan, Administrative Asst.	Julie Conner, Nursery Director
Sondra Evans, Children's Director	Karen Jackson, Nursery Assistant
Tim Fridley, Youth Director	Stacy Lawhorne, Preschool Director

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## Pastor Neil's Study Talk

I once knew a man who hated receiving presents. It wasn't that he was a modern-day Scrooge. He just didn't want his family and friends to waste money getting him stuff. He had what he needed and didn't want or need anything else. I never saw him do it, but I heard that if someone brought him a wrapped gift, he would refuse to open it. He was a faithful, generous Christian man, but he was stubborn. And I think he took pride in being stubborn.

What he didn't realize was that by not accepting gifts, he was hurting the people closest to him. His wife, children, and grandchildren would get upset when he refused their gifts and thought he didn't care about their feelings. He thought he was helping, but in reality, he was not. I haven't seen this man in years, but I hope he has learned to appreciate the joy in eyes of his grandchildren when he receives the gifts they offer him.

Sometimes, in our attempt to de-emphasize the commercial aspects of Christmas, we say that Christmas is not about receiving gifts. We say Christmas is the "season of giving." But I think Christmas is a season for receiving as well as giving. The truth is that, even though it's not **our** birthday, God gives us gifts at Christmas. And God is pleased when we receive the gifts God gives us. That's why, starting November 28, I'm preaching a series of sermons called **The Gifts of Christmas**. I hope you'll come every week and discover what they are; and I hope you'll be willing to receive what God offers.

Because Christmas is about receiving **and** giving, and because it's **not** our birthday, I'm going to be challenging the Main Street Church Family to share the blessings we receive from God with people who have far less than we do. During our worship services on Christmas Eve, we'll be taking a special offering for the Society of St. Andrew,\* a Virginia-based hunger relief organization. I'll be talking about this offering in the coming weeks, but I hope you'll beginning planning now so that you can give generously on December 24.

Anne and I feel blessed to be part of the Main Street family. We hope you will stop by our home (2817 Plantation Lane, Waynesboro) during our Open House on December 11, between 1:00pm and 4:30pm. We wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas and Blessed Happy New Year!

*Pastor Neil*

\*Check out [www.endhunger.org](http://www.endhunger.org).

## Main Street Preschool Happenings....

*Wanda Pittman-Kornicke*  
MSP Chair

*Stacy Lawhorne*  
Director

Merry Christmas!!

Everybody loves a birthday, and there is no greater day to celebrate than on Christmas! The one other thing children love as much as a birthday is a baby. They get so excited talking about the birth of the Christ Child, and all the wonderful things associated with it.

One way we celebrate is to sing. MSP will be performing our Christmas Musical on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 in the Sanctuary. We invite all of you to join us and help us celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. If there happens to be bad weather we will try again on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup>.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of our preschool and all our programs. MSP is proud to be a part of the MSUMC ministry and we reap many benefits from being part of such a loyal and generous family. There would be no preschool without you, so thank you!

The children will also be giving thanks and spreading the spirit of the season. As we always do, the preschool collects food to take to the food bank: our neighbors downstairs. The children deliver the goods and do a little caroling for the volunteers. It is a fun day for everyone.

Our family here at MSP wishes everyone a wonderful and blessed holiday, and Happy Birthday Jesus!

*Stacy*

# Youth Ministry

For questions or more information on any youth activities, contact Tim Fridley at 487-3265 or [timothy.fridley@yahoo.com](mailto:timothy.fridley@yahoo.com).

## Youth Lock-in

The youth will have a lock-in on December 4th. We will meet in the church parking lot by 6:15 pm to walk to the parade route as a group. The parade begins at 7 pm. Following the conclusion of the parade, we will walk back to the church for games, fellowship, pizza and fun! Be sure to dress warmly and bring over-night essentials. Release will be 7 am. Sunday morning. Light breakfast (cereal, muffins, juice and milk) will be provided.



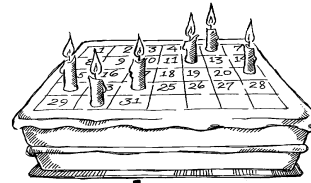
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## BaSiC Sunday School Class

BaSiC will be celebrating advent season in the Adult Class with a DVD series on Jesus as the Messiah, hosted by David Nasser. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Angel Fridley at 487-2924 or at [fourfridleys@hotmail.com](mailto:fourfridleys@hotmail.com). Materials will be provided.

## Church Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 27, and Friday, December 31.



## Birthdays This Month

**We wish birthday happiness to those who have birthdays in December and early January.**

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.

Bonnie Hall	12/01	Gene Walker	12/18
Chrissy Alff-LeDuc	12/01	Ray Tolbert	12/18
Chris Straight	12/03	Rachael McCutchan	12/19
Phil Lemons	12/03	Edith Dollins	12/19
Wanda Kornicke	12/03	Harold Tyree	12/19
Jean Cross	12/04	Sidney Jones	12/21
Harold Baldwin	12/05	Katlin Fitzgerald	12/22
Robin Bower	12/06	Susan Campbell	12/22
Randie Woods	12/08	Helen Dickens	12/23
Debbie Turbeville	12/10	Shari Wilbur	12/23
Scott Bays	12/12	Rosalie Bailey	12/25
John Bays	12/14	Christian Simpkins	12/26
Noah Scott	12/15	Amy Layman	12/28
Elaine Carwile	12/16	Timothy Carwile	12/30
Dan Layne	12/17	David Witt	1/06
David Layman	12/17	Frances Mooney	1/08
Mark Kindy	12/18	Kay Mayton	1/10



## Open House

Anne and Neil Hough will be having an Open House on Saturday, December 11, from 1:00pm to 4:30pm. Everyone is invited to stop by and enjoy some Christmas fellowship. Their address is 2817 Plantation Lane in Waynesboro.

# 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

Masterpeace Ringers: 4:30 pm Sundays

Genesis Bells: 5:00 pm Sundays

Youth Choir (Middle School, High School): 6:00 pm Sundays

Children's Choir: For ages 3 to 5th grade, 6:00 pm Wednesdays

Adult Choir: 7:00 pm Wednesdays

Praise Band: 8:00 pm Wednesdays

## Discipleship: Helping People Grow in Faith

Youth Group Activities: Every Sunday, 6:30 pm

Wednesday Night Meals: Every Wednesday, 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm

Wednesday Discipleship Studies: Every Wednesday, 6:00 pm

Wacky Wednesdays for Kids: 6:00 pm Wednesdays

Youth Group Studies: 6:00 pm Wednesdays

Women's Bible Study Circle: 10:30 am Second Thursdays

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

Bible Study: 2 pm Thursdays

## 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: 7:00 pm Fourth Thursdays

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

## Special Monthly Events

Dec. 4 Youth Lock In at 6:15 pm

Dec. 5 Salvation Army Benefit Concert 7:00 pm

Dec. 8 Children's Christmas Program 6:15 pm

Dec. 12 Christmas Cantata 11:00 am

Dec. 12 Healing Service at 6:00 pm

Dec. 15 MSP Holiday Show 11:15 am

Dec. 24 Family Christmas Eve Service 5:00 pm

Dec. 24 Traditional Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 11:00 pm

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 Sondra Evans at 942-1179 or Creative74@aol.com.

*You Are Invited to*



**Wednesday, December 8th**  
**6:15 pm**  
**In the Sanctuary**

## **Attention Parents: Rehearsal Information!**

We will have a full-hour Christmas Program rehearsal on Wednesday night, December 1, from 6-7 p.m. In addition, we will have a VERY IMPORTANT dress rehearsal on Sunday, December 5, from 11 a.m. (during Children's Church time) till 1 p.m. We will serve lunch to your children for this dress rehearsal. You may stay to help, or you may drop off and pick up.

## **Christmas Eve Family Service, December 24, 5 p.m.**

The children will play a very special part in this Christmas Eve Service. Tracy Straight will give the details soon. Please make sure you talk with Tracy about whether your children will be available to take



Christmas Eve Service part.

## Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

### Items Needed in the Main Street Pantry



#### Canned Meat

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.

#### 2011 Flower Calendar Is Now Available

The 2011 Flower Calendar is located on the bulletin board in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up for dates you would like to provide flowers for the altar. For more information, contact Mary Bleasdale at 949-8960 or Betty Arehart at 942-9317.

#### Advent and Christmas at Main Street

The Christian seasons of Advent and Christmas are seasons of preparation for and the celebration of the birth of Jesus. During Advent, we light candles on the Advent wreath, listen to the prophets and angels, and prepare ourselves to receive the Christ child. At Christmas we join the heavenly chorus and sing the Good News that Christ our Savior is born. **Please invite someone you know to join you** at the following special services:

December 8, 2010 – The Children’s Christmas Program will be presented at 6:15, following the Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner.

December 12, 2010 – The Chancel choir will present a Christmas Cantata, *Mary, Did You Know*. **There will be only one service at 11:00am**.

December 24, 2010 – Christmas Eve. There will be three (3) services at Main Street:

5:00pm – A service of celebration for children and families.

7:00pm – A service celebrating the birth of Jesus in Scripture, song, and candlelight.

11:00pm – A traditional service of candlelight and Holy Communion.



#### Sermon Series – Starting November 28

Christmas is a season of gifts. Nearly everyone gives and receives at least one gift from family or friends. This sermon series will remind us that although it’s not our birthday, God gives us gifts. We hope this series will be a blessing to you as we approach Christmas day.

### Budget as of October 31, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Var. %</u> *	<u>Var. \$</u> **
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Est. of Giving	366,267	350,560	104%	15,707
Budget Fund Raisers	0	6,140	0%	-6,140
Other Budget Revenue	8,453	9,137	93%	-684
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>374,720</b>	<b>365,837</b>	<b>102%</b>	<b>8,883</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Church Operations	103,355	107,369	96%	-4,014
Ministries	26,574	37,917	70%	-11,343
Staff Parish	185,522	186,103	100%	-581
District Funds	15,781	0	***	15,781
Prior Claims	34,448	34,448	100%	0
Other Apportionments	0	0	***	8,759
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>365,837</b>	<b>365,837</b>	<b>102%</b>	<b>8,602</b>
<b>Revenue Minus Expenses</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>281</b>

\*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.

#### Budget Notes:

Due to the significant budget shortfall of \$84,000 between giving and expenditure projections, we are not going to make payments in the following areas and they are NOT reflected in the budget above.

District Funds	15,781	(0)
Other Apportionments	29,531	(10,416)
Trustee Reserves	4,000	(4,000)
Missions	5,000	(5,000)

The actions are necessary for Main Street to move forward and face the financial challenges ahead of us. We are closely and prayerfully monitoring our situation and as changes occur, we will review the payment of the above items.

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.

## From the Desk of Pastor Janet

December – the month of Christmas and gifts. Where does that take your mind? Maybe the word gift sends you on a frenzy to purchase something for everyone on your list. Or maybe it causes you to wonder what kind of gifts you will receive.

Let me take you in a different direction, if I may. James 1:17 says, “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” That kind of gift, my friends, cannot be purchased.

So, in this holiday season, I want to encourage you to give a gift that does not cost money, but only costs you some time and energy. Look around you at all those in your life who just need someone to listen, or someone to encourage them. Maybe someone in your life has lost a loved one this year, and may be a little lonely. Give the gift of time. Maybe someone in your life has lost a job or is dealing with a health issue. Give them the gift of encouragement.

Look around and see if there is someone who may need help getting the tree or the lights out of the attic. Maybe there is someone who would enjoy someone coming to help them bake cookies or decorate the house. That could mean more than any amount spent on a gift.

This Christmas, look around and see the needs and the desires of others. Help them in ways that may not cost anything, but will mean the world.

God has given us everything we have. Let us choose to share our gifts, our time and our energy to encourage and uplift others.

May God richly bless you this Christmas season! Remember, God loves you, and I love you, too.

Pastor Janet Knott  
[jcetknott@gmail.com](mailto:jcetknott@gmail.com)  
540-241-1960

### Healing Service

*There will be a Healing Service on Sunday, December 12 beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the sanctuary. Please come and join us for a time of singing, reading the Word and praying for each other. This is a powerful time of fellowship, worship and prayer. If you would be willing to help in leading this service, or if you have questions, please contact Pastor Janet at [jcetknott@gmail.com](mailto:jcetknott@gmail.com) or 241-1960.*

### Christ Window Ornaments

The United Methodist Women still have Christ Window ornaments for sale. These ornaments will make an excellent Christmas gifts or will look lovely on your own Christmas tree. Make your check payable to **United Methodist Women** for \$20 per ornament. Give your check to Catherine Parrigan, Lucy Stultz or the administrative assistant in the church office to purchase the ornaments. For more information, contact Catherine (943-4983) or Lucy (942-5379).

### Time to Order Poinsettias

This Christmas you may purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of your loved one. The plants will be placed in the sanctuary for the December 12 and 19 services and will remain there until after the Christmas Eve service; at that time, you are invited to take your poinsettia home. The cost is \$9 for each poinsettia. Please place your order on the form below by December 6th.



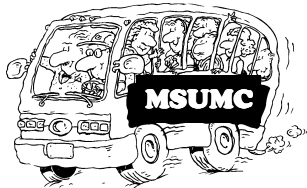
Name _____
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In Honor of _____ _____
In Memory of _____ _____



## THOSE SERVING OUR CHURCH THIS MONTH

Unlocking our doors each Sunday morning is . . .

Gene Mooney



Our van teams are . . .

Dec. 5	Gene & Ann Walker
Dec. 12	Gene & Frances Mooney
Dec. 19	Tom & Millie Steele
Dec. 26	Joe & Eleanor Duncan

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

Dec. 5	Peggy Garvey
Dec. 12	Alice Chambers
Dec. 19	Gene Walker
Dec. 26	Phil Lemons



Our Children's Worship helpers are...

	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>11:00 am</u>
Dec. 5	Brenda Daniels	Sheri Laubach
Dec. 12	n/a	Peggy Garvey
Dec. 19	Dinah Vance	Stacy Lawhorne
Dec. 26		Caroline Baldwin

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

Dec. 5	Judy Smith
Dec. 12	Judy Kiser
Dec. 19	Lynn Pruett
Dec. 26	Jo Wilkerson



Any articles or information for the January "Lighted Spire" should be sent to the office no later than December 20. Thank you!

## Stephen Ministry Notes



Many of us go through difficult times in our lives, such as the death of a loved one, a divorce, unemployment, or a health crisis. We may experience stress from serving as a caregiver to others, or from trying to make ends meet financially.

The current state of our economy has us all feeling uncertain, wondering how our families and our nest eggs will make it through the next few years. We see the government providing golden parachutes in the form of bailouts to big businesses--but what about *you* and *me*? Who is going to help us through not only our financial troubles, but also the other difficult challenges we face?

As Christians, we know we are not alone. God loves us and listens to our thoughts and prayers, but sometimes that does not feel like enough support because we cannot see or hear Him. When we're feeling stressed out, alone, lost, or in serious need of tangible comfort and support, we need someone here on earth to listen to our concerns and to physically be with us through our challenging times.

To fill our need, God provides Stephen Ministers to act as our golden parachutes. We at Main Street are blessed to have thirteen active Stephen Ministers, who are trained and willing to offer support when you need it.

Stephen Ministers don't try to solve or fix your problems. Instead, they skillfully listen to you, pray for and with you, and care deeply about you for as long as you need. If you're in need of a golden parachute, or you'd like to learn how to become a golden parachute for others, contact one of our leaders: Pastor Janet Knott (241-1960), Harold Baldwin or Eleanor Duncan.

### Finishing the Journey

Main Street Church is blessed with many members who have sustained their support to our building renovation project that began in 2005. We have received \$81,914 this year. This is outstanding.

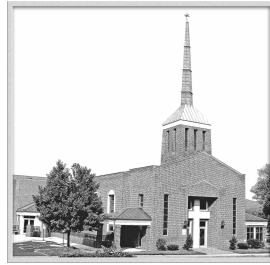
Our debt is now down to \$110,000 and could possibly disappear by Dec. 2011 when our campaign ends. If you were not a part of the original campaign, your prayerful consideration of support now would be appreciated. Pledges and gifts will continue to reduce this debt.

Everyday we are enjoying the entry changes, the elevator, and other improvements. Let's continue our commitment to finishing this journey. Thank you for your loyal support. Contact Byron Ford 943-5072 if you need additional information.

## As Years Go By!

Researched by Ron Hiserman

THE DISCIPLESHIP WINDOW is our fourth stained glass window in our continuing study of Christian symbolism in our sanctuary. Scripture References: Mark 1:16-20; Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 5:1-11; and John 1:35-51.



SHIP—The ship may simply represent the boat left by those who became disciples, or it may be a symbol of the Christian Church, the fellowship of those who accepted the invitation of Jesus, “Follow me”, and have become his disciples. The church is the ship in which Christians sail calm and rough seas of life. The main part of the church is called the NAVE, the word coming from the Latin word NAVIS which means “ship”. Early churches looked like ships. If you are ever down on the Outer Banks of NC, there beside the highway, built in the sand, is a Church built like a ship. The inside of a Gothic church looks like a ship turned upside down.

MAST—The center beam that the sails are attached is a symbol of the up-rightness of God, a straight path to Heaven. It is never bending. It gives support to the sails that guides us in our mortal life and ultimately to everlasting life with our FATHER.

BANNER—Note the banner at the top of the main mast. The banner symbolizes victory, triumph, and rejoicing.

NET—The net may symbolize that disciples are those who have let down the net in faith (“At the word I will let down the net” - Luke 5:5), or it may represent the net left by the fishermen when they became fishers of men (Mark 1:17-18).

Do you see other symbols in this window? What about the colors that are used?

The Sanctuary Window JESUS CALLING THE DISCIPLES IS DEDICATED To The Glory of GOD and in honor of Rev. and Mrs. George H. Boyd and their daughter, Mildred Catherine Boyd. (Several of us baby boomers were MYF classmates of Catherine (Kitty). Rev. Boyd was our minister from 1954-1960. This was the period when our old church was demolished, and over the same ground our present structure was built. The sanctuary windows were only tinted pastel colors for a couple of years, and with donations and memorials our beautiful stained glass windows were installed.

Stained Glass Window  
Picture



### Winter Weather Policy

During the winter months, winter weather may disrupt church services, activities, or events. Please check WHSV and NBC29 if inclement weather affects our Sunday morning schedule. During the week, the church office follows the Waynesboro City Schools. The office is closed when the schools are closed.

### Christmas Activities

Dec. 5	Children's Dress Rehearsal	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	Salvation Army Benefit Concert	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 8	Children's Christmas Program	6:15 p.m.
Dec. 9	Dorcas Circle Christmas Party	5:00 p.m.
Dec. 10	ANGEL Circle Christmas Dinner	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 11	BaSiC Christmas Party	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	Christmas Cantata	11:00 a.m.
Dec. 12	Baraca-Berean Christmas Party	4:00 p.m.
Dec. 15	Main Street Preschool Holiday Show	11:15 a.m.
Dec. 16	Stephen Ministers Christmas Party	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 22	Kids' Christmas Eve Dress Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 24	Family Christmas Eve Service	5:00 p.m.
Dec. 24	Traditional Christmas Eve Service	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	11:00 p.m.