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Winter Weather Policy

During the winter months, winter weather may disrupt church services, activities, or events. Please remember to 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 city schools are closed.

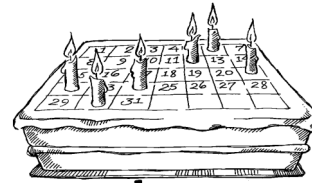
Tables of Eight Diners' Club

The Tables of Eight Diners' Club is starting once again for the Spring season. What a wonderful way to learn other members of the church. How does it work? A group of adults (singles, couples, or families with young children) will gather together for good food, fun, and fellowship. Generally the group meets once a month, but that's up to the group to decide when, where, and what to do—eat in someone's home with everyone helping with the menu, maybe go out to eat, on a picnic, to a play or concert with dessert afterwards. There are several ways to participate: Sign up and be a part of a couples group, singles group, or a family group. The goal: **TO HAVE FUN!**

An organization meeting will be held immediately after church on **February 13** in the fellowship hall. Bring your calendars! Look for the **green sheet** in **January 30th and February 6th** Sunday bulletins giving more information. If you have any questions, please call Ellen Edwards: 942-3787.

Benefit Golf Tournament

The Staunton District United Methodist Men are hosting a Benefit Golf Tournament on April 30 at Vista Links to support the missions of the Staunton District. The primary beneficiaries are Heart Havens and Camp Rainbow Connection. You can help by sponsoring a golf hole and/or playing in the tournament. All funds received for sponsorship will be used to fund these missions. Registration is 11:30-12:30 p.m. Starting time is 1:00 p.m. The tournament is followed by a dinner and awards ceremony. Entry deadline is April 23. Entry fee is \$280 per foursome (\$70 per golfer). Information is available in the church office.



Birthdays This Month

We wish birthday happiness to those who have birthdays in February and early March.

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.

Peter Lafferty	2/1	Mae Ford	2/19
Lucy Stultz	2/1	Nancy Woodall	2/20
Susan White	2/2	Casey Carter	2/22
Evelyn Farris	2/2	Taryn Fitzgerald	2/22
Earl McGuffin	2/3	Ryan Burks	2/24
Laurie Lafferty	2/11	David Reed	2/24
Tom Brown	2/12	Terri Drewry	2/24
Forrest Arehart	2/12	Peggy Garvey	2/27
Martha Custard	2/14	Peggy Carter	2/27
Peggy Browning	2/14	Orville Bame	2/28
Kenny Pannell	2/14	Mary Rothacker	2/28
Debbie Johnson	2/16	Joyce Huddle	2/29
Edna Bays	2/16	Bill Bays	3/2
Erin Gomez	2/16	Mary Cassell	3/2
Joyce Taylor	2/17	Adam Terry	3/3
Avis Gregory	2/18	Gary Smith	3/3



Dear Friends,

It has been heartwarming for me to receive so many messages from the friends at Main Street. They meant more to me than I can express! I now look forward to the time when I can attend worship. I hope you are each one in good health and will have a great new year.

Thanks again for your kindness and I wish health and happiness for each of us!

Edna Peterson

Just wanted to say a big THANK YOU to all who helped send packages to our servicemen. Erik got his & I learned that Jordan received his. Whatever was in it sure made his and a few others' day! Thanks again from the bottom of my and their hearts. Also thank you for all the prayers from our church family for all our servicemen.

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

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

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

Discipleship Classes: Every Wednesday, 6:00 pm

Wacky Wednesdays for Kids: 6:30 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

Healing Service, 6 pm, Sunday, Feb. 13,

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.

Valentine's Event for Children!

The MSUMC Children will celebrate Valentine's Day on Sunday, February 13th, 6-7pm in the Bunny Room. We will make Valentines for our friends and family, have cupcakes, and talk about what it is to love Christ and each other.

Easter Egg Hunt

We are all looking forward to spring and Easter!

Our Children's Ministry is going to be looking to use a backyard (or front yard) of one of our church members for our Easter Egg hunt this year. If you are able to help with loaning your yard, or by helping with our Easter Egg hunt, please contact Sondra Evans ASAP. This is a really big event and we'd like to be able to invite as many un-churched kids as possible. A possible date for this would be Palm Sunday, April 17th. Other dates are possible as well. Please check your calendars, and see if you'd be willing to help and/or volunteer your space. Easter Sunday is April 24th.

Vacation Bible School is coming in June!

Mark your calendars for Monday, June 20th-Friday, June 24th! This will be the week of Vacation Bible School this year. We will have events each night, as in past years. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Sondra Evans to begin preparation. We need so many volunteers for this event. Please pray about how you can be a helper.



Happy Holidays! Thank you so much for sending the holidays and Starbucks gift card...I'm truly blessed to have wonderful people send me thoughtful cards to support me throughout my deployments. So happy to be stateside this holiday.

I'll be moving to Fort Knox, KY...I'll let Ed & Charlene know that you sent your love and support. The weather should be much warmer by the time you receive this card...Happy New Year!

*Best wishes,
SGT Edward Leonard*

Your good thoughts and kind words are greatly appreciated.
Brian Grandle

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Items Needed in the Main Street Pantry

Toilet Paper, Soap,
Personal Care Items



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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Did you know that there are Prayer Shawl kits available that contain everything you need to make a shawl? Please pick up a kit and start a prayer shawl today! There will be a short meeting in the church library on Feb. 6 after the 11 am church service. We need your help whether you can knit, crochet or deliver the prayer shawls. No experience necessary. Please join us! For more information contact Sharon O'Dell at 943-9750.

Healing Service

We will have a Healing Service on Sunday, February 13 beginning at 6:00 P.M. The scripture tells us to pray for one another, so we hope you will join us for the special time of worship and prayer. If you have any questions or need more information about the service, please feel free to contact Pastor Janet at 241-1960. Please join us and let's pray together.

Disciples Kitchen

There will be an organizational meeting for anyone interested in helping serve and/or prepare meals for the Soup Kitchen. Meet up front in the Sanctuary on Sunday, January 30, immediately following the 11:00 am worship service. For more information, call or email Peggy Garvey at 949-0034 or pgarvey@ntelos.net.

Facing Temptations ~ A New Sermon Series

In preparation for the **24 Hours** Lent study and sermon series, Pastor Neil will be preaching a three-week series of sermons on **Facing Temptations**, starting February 20. The Gospel stories that record the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13, and Luke 4:1-13) will guide as we discover that temptations are not always as obvious as they seem. With the example of Jesus to guide us, we will learn to recognize and resist the temptations we face in our everyday lives.

Budget as of Dec. 31, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Var. %</u> *	<u>Var. \$</u> **
Revenue:				
Est. of Giving	445,318	420,720	106%	24,598
Budget Fund Raisers	0	7,368	0%	-7,368
Other Budget Revenue	<u>9,679</u>	<u>10,964</u>	88%	<u>-1,285</u>
Total Revenue	454,997	439,052	104%	15,945
Expenses:				
Church Operations	116,880	128,843	91%	-11,963
Ministries	36,068	45,500	79%	-9,432
Staff Parish	225,758	223,372	101%	2,386
District Funds	15,781	0	***	15,781
Prior Claims	41,337	41,337	100%	0
Other Apportionments	<u>19,173</u>	<u>0</u>	***	<u>19,173</u>
Total Expenses	454,997	439,052	104%	15,945
Revenue Minus Expenses	0	0		0

*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	(0)
Trustee Reserves	4,000	(0)
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 member and can be obtained in person from the Church office. Up-to-date giving totals are in the bulletin on Sunday.

As Years Go By!

Researched by Ron Hiserman

The Calvary Window

Scripture References: Mark 15:20-41;
Matthew 27:31-56; Luke 23:26-49; John
19:17-30



Monogram INRI

From earliest times the church has employed monograms to stand for the name of Jesus Christ. The monogram INRI dates back to the crucifixion of Jesus. Pilate ordered an inscription to be placed above Jesus' head in three languages—Greek, Latin, and Hebrew. INRI stands for the inscription in Latin, Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum, translated "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." Latin was the official language of the Roman Empire. Throughout the centuries this symbol has appeared in most of the famous paintings of the crucifixion in the world's finest collections and museums.

Cross of Calvary

The cross is the most universally accepted of all Christian symbols. It is symbolic of the love of God shown in the crucifixion of Jesus. Jesus transformed the cross from a symbol of shame, punishment, and death into a symbol of life and love.

Shroud

The cross here is draped with the shroud, or winding sheet, in which the body of Jesus was wrapped for burial. This symbolizes the resurrection of Jesus and our own resurrection.

Cross of the Penitent Thief

This is the cross of Hope—note the nimbus, or ray of light, around this cross. Such rays were ancient emblems of divine power. Jesus said, "Today though shalt be with me in Paradise".

Cross of the Impenitent Thief

This is the cross on which the other thief, who had no regrets or sorrow for his sins, died.

Ecumenical Lenten Luncheons

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Church</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Mar. 16	Main Street UMC	Rolo Castillo
Mar. 23	Westminster Presbyterian	Scott Conrad
Mar. 30	1st Baptist	Jon Lovelady
Apr. 6	1st Pres./Glen Kirk	Neil Hough
Apr. 13	St. Johns Catholic	David Washburn

Lunch begins at Noon each Wednesday and consists of soup, sandwiches, cookies and beverage. The cost of the lunch is \$2 per person. Worship is from 12:35—12:50 p.m. Please call the church office by 11:00 a.m. on the Monday prior to the Wednesday lunch at 942-1179 to make your reservation.

Blankets +

When disaster strikes, people need blankets—and much more. They need food, shelter, safe water. And, as the recovery process unfolds, they need tools, training, and other resources to help them rebuild their lives. You may use the special envelopes in the pews during the month of February. Make checks payable to Main St. UMC with "Blankets" on the memo line. Thank you for your support again this year.

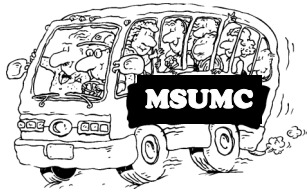
Social Concerns Circle



THOSE SERVING OUR CHURCH THIS MONTH

Unlocking our doors each Sunday morning is . . .

George Reed



Our van teams are . . .

Feb. 6	Gene & Ann Walker
Feb. 13	Mike Woosley/David Witt
Feb. 20	Tom & Amy Brown
Feb. 27	Rodger & Brenda Daniels

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

Feb. 6	Jean Dillon
Feb. 13	Wanda Kornicke
Feb. 20	Ron Hiserman
Feb. 27	Lisa Doughty



Our Children's Worship helpers are...



	<u>8:30 am</u>	<u>11:00 am</u>
Feb. 6	Eleanor Duncan	Sheri Laubach
Feb. 13	Susan White	Stacy Lawhorne
Feb. 20	Tabby Steed	Caroline Baldwin
Feb. 27	Sheri Laubach	Laurie Lafferty

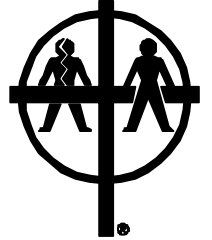
Those delivering CD's to shut-ins are...

Feb. 6	Nancy DePauk
Feb. 13	Jean Dillon
Feb. 20	Joyce Huddle
Feb. 27	Millie Trent



Any articles or information for the March "Lighted Spire" should be sent to the office no later than February 17. Thank you!

Stephen Ministry Notes



Christian Care Giving – A Way of Life

One of the books all new Stephen Ministers read and study is entitled "Christian Care Giving – A Way of Life".

To love and care for others is what Christ calls all of us to do. I continually stand in awe as I see and hear about members of our congregation reaching out to hurting people. I witness people being uplifted, loved, supported, and prayed for.

I suggest that we join together as we make our resolutions for the New Year. Let us resolve to:

Never walk past a hurting person.

Be generous in support of Christian missions that serve hurting people outside our community.

Support, comfort, love, and pray for each other.

Find a way to serve so Main Street may grow and be a vibrant community of believers.

Love your God – Grow your Faith- Serve your Lord Jesus Christ.

If you would like to become part of an organized lay care giving ministry see Pastor Janet. She has started a Lay Visitation ministry that matches lay people to members of the congregation who desire a periodic visit. She can also give you information on Stephen Ministry. This is a ministry that trains volunteer lay people who agree to serve at least two years and provides care to folks dealing with larger life issues. They commit to meet weekly with their assigned care receiver and to meet twice a month as a group for continuing education and peer supervision.

Harold Baldwin – Stephen Leader

From the Desk of Pastor Janet

I read a story this week of Rosemary Brown, a pastor in Tennessee. Rosemary tells the story of a little girl in her church named Mary, who came running up to her one Sunday morning before the start of the service and said, "Pastor Rosemary, can I sing a song this morning?" Not wanting to say "no" or discourage the little girl, she said, "Sure you can." Then, Pastor Rosemary announced that little Mary would sing the call to worship to start the service.

Little Mary faced the congregation, who was waiting expectantly and began to sing. "Jesus wuvs me dis I know for da Bible tells me so. Yes, Jesus wuvs me." And then, Mary threw her hands straight up in the air (like she had just scored a touchdown) and with a triumphant voice she said: "And, dat's dat!" And then Mary sat down.

Mary knew the truth, didn't she? What more do we need? Jesus loves us and that's that. When we are scared or confused or lonely, Jesus loves us. When we have to make a hard decision or face a tough challenge, Jesus loves us. When we feel rejected or cast aside by someone, Jesus loves us. When we lose a loved one or face our own death, Jesus loves us. What more do we need to know? Jesus loves us and that's that!

It is true that Jesus loves us, but Jesus calls us to share that love with others. So, that's not all there is. Jesus tells us to "Love one another as I have loved you." During this month of February, the month of love, let us do all that we can to spread that love that Jesus gives us. For it is when we share the love that we really know the love. Who can you reach out and love this day? Who needs a little love in their life? Who needs to know that Jesus loves them? Let's spread the love so that everyone knows "Jesus loves us, and that's that."

Feel free to any time to contact me if you'd like to talk. Sometimes it's not easy to love, but together and with God's grace, we can do it.

Pastor Janet
241-1960

Main Street Pre School

Wanda Pittman-Kornicke
MSP Chair

Stacy Lawhorne
Director

Here We Grow Again!

It is registration time again for the Fall 2011 school year. If you are interested and want more information about MSP there are many wonderful resources. There are two parent information boards right in the hallways of the pre-school. There are many handouts that can be provided from me (Stacy), the church office, even Sondra in the Children's Ministry Office. You can go online to www.msp-learn.com and find out all about us. There is even a Facebook page if you are curious about more specific going-ons.

But one of our best resources of information is our families. When I was looking for a preschool for my own children I hit the yellow pages. I talked to many people at many different schools. Not being from the area I felt a bit like I was taking a shot in the dark. So I talked to my next-door neighbor. Both of her children had come to MSP and she could not say enough good things. So I took the plunge; it was one of the best decisions I ever made. Now I am that parent singing the praises of MSP! But don't take my word for it. Find one of those many families who have, or have had a child in MSP (or been a student here themselves!).

If you or someone you know is looking for a pre-school talk to me. I can be reached through the church office (942-1179), the preschool voicemail (942-2324), and in the preschool M-Th from 8-12 (appointment recommended!). I would be more than glad to answer any questions, give you a tour, and talk the praises of MSP (I promise to not sing for you).

Hope to be talking to some of you soon!

Stacy