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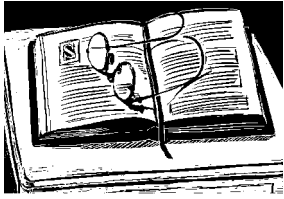
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Pastor Neil's Study Talk

They say the grass always *looks* greener on the other side of the fence, but looks can be deceiving. Most of us know they're right—whoever *they* are—but that doesn't mean we don't take a peek sometimes. Most of us, on occasion, look around and wonder what our lives might be like if we lived in a different place. We might wonder what our lives might be like if we had a different job. We might wonder what life would be like if we had a million dollars, or ten million dollars, whatever amount you define as “a lot of money.” The occasional fantasy isn't bad, as long as we don't let it keep us from living the life we have. There are actually times when our imagination helps us. Like, when we are considering a new job opportunity, we might spend a few minutes trying to imagine ourselves doing something different. We consider what our lives might be like and decide if that's the direction we want to go.

The same dynamic is at work in our Christian lives. As we come into contact with God through worship, prayer, Bible reading, and Christian fellowship, we get a glimpse of a new kind of life as a follower of Jesus. Through our imagination—which is a gift from God—we begin to visualize what we might be and what our lives might be like if we choose to follow Jesus. Hopefully, we like what we see and we let God's vision of new life guide us.

To help us on this journey, I'm preparing a series of sermons called, ***What Will We Be?*** Starting on Heritage Sunday, September 11 (one service at 10:30am), for three (3) Sundays, I'm going to ask you to imagine what our lives might be like if we fully embrace our Main Street mission statement as individual followers of the Jesus and as a church. I'm going to consider ***What Will We Be*** if we *Love God, Grow in Faith, and Serve Christ*. I believe that when we get a glimpse of what God has in store for us, we'll renew our efforts to become fully committed followers of Jesus Christ.

As a companion to the sermon series, my wife, Reverend Anne Hough, is going to be leading a discipleship class on Wednesday evenings, starting September 14, at 6:00pm. Each week, she will explore the past Sunday's Scripture readings in greater depth and help you consider the Scripture's meaning for your own life. Look for opportunities to sign-up for the class on the bulletin's connection cards or contact the church office.

The 23rd Psalm says that God promises to shepherd us into green pastures where we find living water. I think this means that, in God's world, the grass really is greener, and that if we dare peek over the fence into God's pasture, that's where we will want to be.

Come join us. Let's see where God is going to lead us.

Pastor Neil



HEIFER PROJECT UPDATE

The 8:30 Children's Church group have been bringing offerings each Sunday so that we can help people who are hungry. We are doing this through *Heifer International* which partners with impoverished families worldwide. Families are provided with a gift of livestock and then, when the animals have babies, the family passes on the blessing by giving away some of their animals to another family. The goal is to help people on the brink of starvation to raise livestock and grow crops to provide sustainable sources of food and income.

So far we have collected enough money to send a flock of geese and ducks, a sheep and a llama. Now the children have decided they would like to purchase a heifer. This will be our most ambitious collection as a heifer costs \$500! However, together we can do it. The children attending the 11:00 am Children's Church will be joining us in this, so all the children have a chance to participate.

If you would like to make a donation to this mission project, you can give it to a child attending Children's Church any Sunday, or you can put something in the offering, just make your check to Main Street and designate it for “Heifer Project”. Many thanks to all who have already given generously.

Anne Hough

Main Street Preschool Happenings....

It's a Zoo in Here!

Okay, it's actually a farm—that is our new theme for this school year. It's shaping up to be lots of fun! Open House was full of excitement and the promise of another fabulous, high-energy year. We can't wait to start sharing our successes with our Church Family. Watch the bulletin boards for what we are up to next.

As always we are asking for everyone's help making this year great. The preschool is collecting Campbell's Labels and signing up for the Martin's A-Plus Rewards. Labels get us points to "purchase" gear and supplies. A-Plus Rewards gets us cash based on what we spend in groceries for the year. Neither of these programs costs you anything beyond what you are already spending. The more people involved the greater the impact on our school. We are thankful for any help you can give us! --Campbells Labels can be dropped off in the church office or the box outside my office.

--If you are interested in signing up for A-Plus Rewards send your Martin's Card # to mspfundraise@yahoo.com, or drop off this form to the office or the box outside my office. **If you gave me your # last year I do need it again; I must have permission to use it again this year.**

Thank you and stay tuned for lots more exciting things coming up,

Stacy

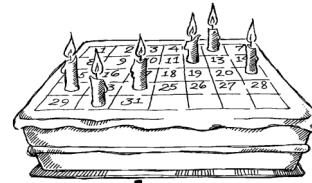
*Wanda Pittman-Kornicke
MSP Chair*

*Stacy Lawhorne
Director*



Martin's card # _____

Customer name _____



Birthdays This Month

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

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.

9/3	Dorothy Weeks	9/19	Margaret Howe
9/6	Phyllis Goff	9/21	Frank Bridgeforth
9/6	Stephanie Schaefer	9/22	Phillip DePauk
9/7	Janet Carlsen	9/24	Jim Meehan
9/8	Teresa Towler	9/26	Ty Lafferty
9/10	Katherine Guthrie	9/27	Ellen Edwards
9/11	Jane Leake	9/29	Samuel Rodgers
9/13	Carolyn Wright	9/30	Janet Pompeo
9/13	Esther Mabry	10/1	Millie Runkle
9/14	Mildred Broughman	10/2	Wesley Farris
9/14	Rodger Daniels	10/2	Bill Garvey
9/14	Norma Harris	10/3	Jon Tolbert
9/16	Debbie Bays	10/3	Patricia Spilman
9/16	Eugene Knott	10/3	Sheila Woosley
9/17	Tracy Straight	10/4	Stephen Winslow
9/17	Edith Schleicher	10/4	Audrey Gowing
9/18	Roberta Skidmore	10/5	Henry Vance
9/19	Jake Evans		

Fundraising Event at Main Street

Alpha Chi, ESA members will hold their annual dinner/auction this year at Main Street on September 17 at 6 pm. The menu includes stuffed shells, meatballs, salad and more. Tickets are \$10 per person for all you can eat. Advance tickets can be secured by calling Betty at 337-2325 or Debbie at 943-5907. Tickets will also be available at the door. Everyone is invited to attend and help Alpha Chi raise funds to benefit our community.

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

Mourning to Morning Grief Support: 4:00 pm Wednesdays

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 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

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

Sept. 7, 5:00 pm: Wednesday Fellowship Dinners Begin

Sept. 7, 6:00 pm: Wacky Wednesday/ Children's Choir

Sept. 11, 9:30 am: Promotion Sunday

Sept. 11, 10:30 am: One Worship Service, Heritage Sunday

Sept. 25, 2:00 pm: CROP Walk

Sept. 30, 10:00 am: Family Fun Day

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 Mandy Williams at 942-1179 or mandym1020@gmail.com.

Children's Choir and Wacky Wednesdays

Children's Choir and Wacky Wednesdays will resume on September 7th, 6-7pm. Parents are invited to stay and meet in the Baraca-Berean classroom for a "meet and greet" time with our new Children's Director, Mandy Williams. Parents, come with ideas and suggestions you may have for our Children's Ministry.

Promotion Sunday, September 11

September 11th at 9:30 is Promotion Sunday. There will be a Potluck Breakfast in the fellowship Hall for all Sunday School Classes and Bibles will be handed out to children ages 3-2nd grade. Please come join us and support our children

Fall Family Fun Day, September 30

Fall Family Fun Day, September 30th, will be at Hess Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch in Harrisonburg. We will be meeting at the church at 10 am to follow one another up to Harrisonburg. There, we will visit the pumpkin patch; there is a corn maze, a cow train, and lots of activities for the kids. This will be a family event so the entire family is invited. The cost will be \$2/person. RSVP to Mandy Williams mandym1020@gmail.com or 942-1179.

"See what love the Father has given us,



that we should be called children of God."

1 John 3:1

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

Items Needed in the Main Street Pantry



Peanut Butter

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.

Heritage Sunday September 11

Join us for Heritage Sunday on September 11, 2011. There will be **one service at 10:30am, followed by lunch in the fellowship hall** after the service. Not only will we look back to where we've been, we'll also look forward to where we're going. It promises to be a wonderful celebration of all that God has done, is doing, and promises to do through Main Street Church. Sign-up for lunch on a connection card, or contact the church office. The Sunday School Promotion Sunday assembly and potluck breakfast will take place at 9:30am in the fellowship hall.

Church Bus and Van Use

There is a Sign Up Calendar for Bus and Van use on the bulletin board in the hall leading to the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up when needing the van or bus. Designate "Bus" on this calendar when the Starcraft Starquest Ford bus is needed for transporting passengers. Please designate "Van" when the high-top Ford van is needed. Please note: the high-top Ford van has been retained and adapted for use *only as a cargo carrier* - the van is to be used only for cargo and is not insured for passenger use.

Wills and Trusts: September 22, 7 PM

Join Tim Carwile and Lora Hamp of Allen & Carwile as they present "Estate Planning 101: The Fundamentals." The presentation will include an overview of the basic legal documents that can be used to accomplish your personal estate planning goals. Specifically, the speakers will discuss the importance of wills, revocable living trusts, powers of attorneys and advance medical directives. These tools can be used to enhance your control over how your affairs and wealth are managed after your death.

Budget as of July 31, 2011

<u>Item</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u> <u>YTD**</u>
Revenue:			
Est. of Giving	268,943	267,876	1,067
Budget Fund Raisers	0	0	0
Other Budget Revenue	<u>8,701</u>	<u>4,736</u>	<u>3,964</u>
Total Revenue	277,644	272,613	5,031
Expenses:			
Church Operations	64,327	72,868	-8,541
Ministries	17,567	24,759	-7,191
Staff Parish	137,030	138,678	1,648
District Funds	9,665	9,665	0
Prior Claims	24,862	24,862	0
Other Apportionments	<u>17,968</u>	<u>17,968</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenses	271,421	288,801	-17,380
Revenue Minus Expenses	6,223	-16,188	22,412

**For REVENUE: If the difference 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 difference is negative, then the expenses are under budget. If the difference 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.

Youth Ministry

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



The youth are getting a head start on the Christmas Child Operation this year. You can help in a few ways.

1. We have a drop off barrel in the narthex that you may drop off items for the shoe boxes. The following items are some suggestions for gifts.

Matchbox cars, small dolls, yo-yos, slinkys, small stuffed animals, soap and wash cloth, toothbrush and toothpaste, combs or brushes, balls, stickers, pens, pencils, small notebooks, marker pens, hair bows or barrettes, hard candy, crayons, and many more items that children may wish to have on Christmas. Please do not buy liquid items, soft candy, war related items, or items too large to fit in shoe boxes.

2. You may also make a donation to the Samaritans Purse Fund. Just write out a check for the amount you wish to contribute and make the check payable to Main Street U.M.C. and mark the check Samaritan's Purse. The youth will do the shopping for you!

3 You may also pack your own box with items you would like to give a child. Please include a \$7.00 check for shipping made payable to Samaritan's Purse and attach it to your shoe box. Please wrap your shoe box but make sure to wrap the lid and box separately. Boxes will be checked at the packing station in North Carolina before being shipped out. You may also go to the official Christmas Child site on the internet and track your box by printing out a code to attach to your box. If you have trouble finding a shoe box, Chick-fil-A and the Family Christian book store have boxes that you may pick up for Christmas Child. All boxes are due no later than the 11:00 service on Sunday Nov 20. The youth will drop the boxes off at the drop off place on Nov 20 immediately after the 11:00 service.

With your help we can make this a record year for touching children's lives with the gift of Jesus. Each box that a child receives will have the message of the gospel. Thank you in advance for all your support. We look forward to achieving great things for Christ!

Thanks, *Tim*



October Is Clergy Appreciation Month

Did you know that October is Pastor Appreciation Month? I know that we all appreciate Pastor Neil for all the many ways that he blesses our church, but did you know that you can show your appreciation to him personally in many ways? The following is a list of ideas to help you decide how to do just that.

- ◆ Attend church regularly.
- ◆ Pray: tell the pastor that you are praying for them and their families and would love to pray for any specific prayer needs/concerns.
- ◆ Volunteer: only 1/3 of all Americans donate their time to their home churches.
- ◆ Share your spiritual growth: Slip the pastor a note and let them know how their teaching of God's word is helping you on your journey.
- ◆ Invite a friend to church: A leader is buoyed when they see their congregation reach out and grow.
- ◆ Criticize privately: Take your concerns to the pastor directly. He'll appreciate your honesty and the opportunity to share perspectives.
- ◆ Befriend his family: Small gestures mean so much. Invite them over to share a meal.
- ◆ Remember them on special days: birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, etc.

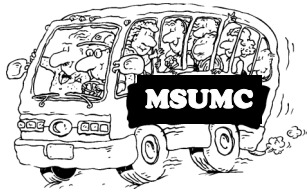
Say "Thank You". Preaching is not the only thing a pastor does. He/she is also an administrator, teacher, fundraiser, janitor, counselor, arbitrator, leader and visionary. The pastor works in a high-expectation environment in which he/she is constantly scrutinized. It costs us nothing to say, "Thank you for everything you are doing. I can see the Lord working through you." But those words are priceless to your pastor.



THOSE SERVING OUR CHURCH THIS MONTH

Unlocking our doors each Sunday morning is . . .

Lloyd Dollins



Our bus teams are . . .

- Sept. 4 Gene & Ann Walker
- Sept. 11 Tom & Amy Brown
- Sept. 18 Rodger & Brenda Daniels
- Sept. 25 Dave & Terri Sheldon

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

- Sept. 4 Scott Lafferty
- Sept. 11 Lucy Stultz
- Sept. 18 Henry Vance
- Sept. 25 Doug Edwards



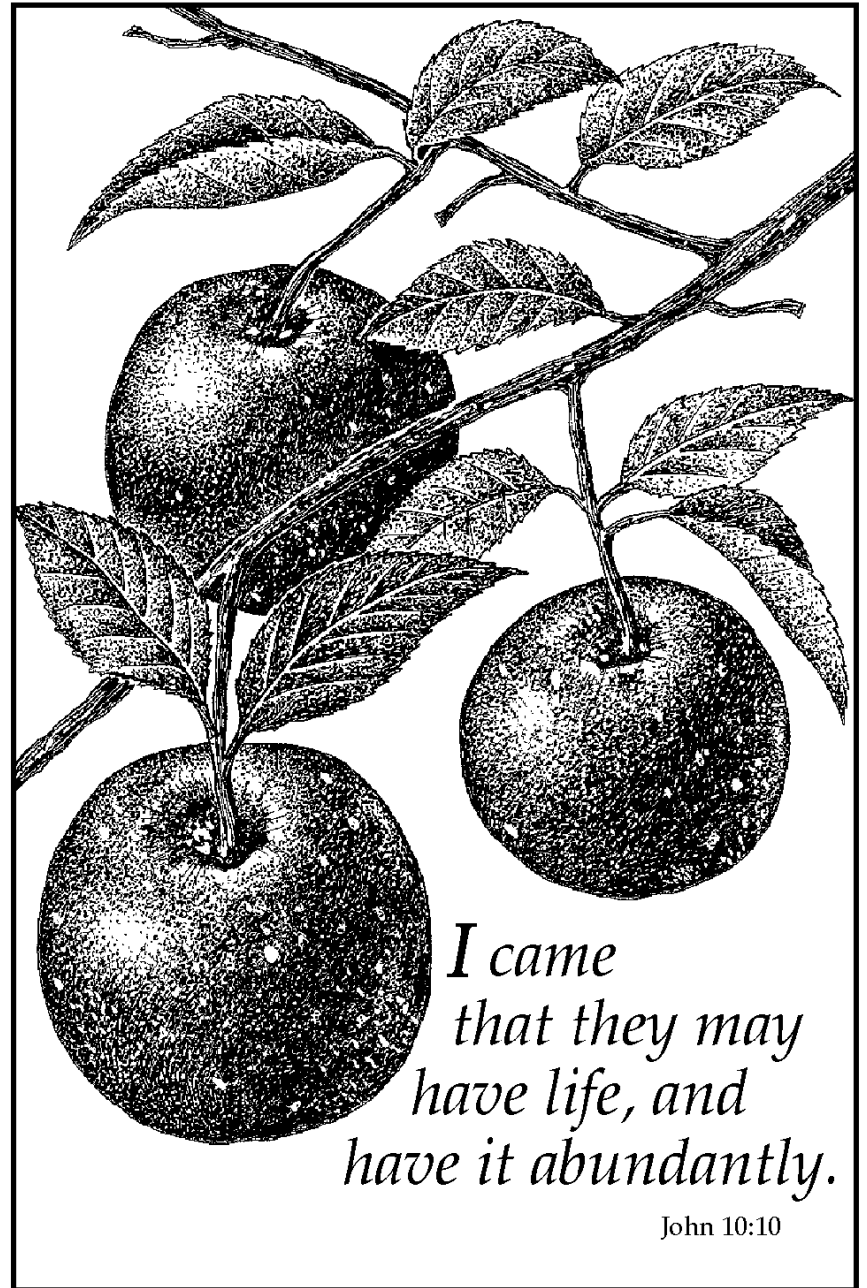
Our Children's Worship helpers are...



- | | <u>8:30 am</u> | <u>11:00 am</u> |
|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Sept. 4 | Suzanne Scheetz | Mandy & Alan Williams |
| Sept. 11 | | S. Lawhorne & Mandy |
| Sept. 18 | Angel Fridley | D. Johnson & B. Grandle |
| Sept. 25 | Brenda Puckett | L. Pruett & L. Lafferty |

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

- Sept. 4 Joyce Huddle
- Sept. 11 Millie Trent
- Sept. 18 Brenda Daniels
- Sept. 25 Bobbie Fitzhugh



*I came
that they may
have life, and
have it abundantly.*

John 10:10



Any articles or information for the October "Lighted Spire" should be sent to the office no later than September 22. Thank you!

