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“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.” Psalm 107

I can't begin thanking Main Street United Methodist church members enough for all you have done in the past couple of weeks. The help with the Estate/ Rummage sale was just outstanding and very successful. The support for the Fall Carnival was tremendous. The support for the church's mission trip to Honduras would not have been possible without so many that sacrificed. And on top of all that, I want to be the first to express my sincere thanks for trusting the leadership at Main Street and supporting Main Street by what you did with the pledge campaign.

What this is an example of is that we have grown as the Body of Christ as a true family that take care of each other and loves each other. We have put away our differences for the betterment of the whole church.

I am truly looking forward to a wonderful holiday season here at Main Street and pray you will be part of all of our services. Thanks be to God who deserves all the glory.

Rev. Steve

Happy Thanksgiving from the Staff. We hope you can enjoy time with your family. The office will be closed on November 23.



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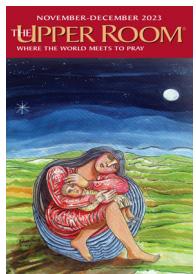
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Honduras Slide Show Wednesday, November 1st

6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall right after Engage Dinner. The program will be in place of the regularly scheduled Bible/book studies.

The Nov/Dec Upper Room

devotionals are available in the church office, the narthex, and ramp door entrance. Prices are \$1.00 for regular and \$1.50



Flowers for our Worship Services

November 5 Greene/Wactor
 November 12 Available
 November 19 Shirley
 November 26 Harmon



The flower calendar is located on the bulletin board outside the church office. Call the church office or visit the calendar to sign up!
 Multiple families can always share flowers if there's a special date you would like.



Celebration Circle

Wednesday, November 8 ~ 10:30 am Fellowship Hall
 The program is **"My Personal Honduras Story"** presented by Kit Adkins, Kathy Kelly, and Allie Williams. World Thank You Offerings will be collected. Optional Lunch follows at Panera Bread.

Thank you

Wow! Just wow! Thank you all for making the Estate/Rummage Sale a huge success. Donations poured in and so did the volunteers! Special thanks to the communications committee for ensuring the event was well publicized. We were able to raise \$11,373 toward the bell tower repairs (surpassing our goal of \$10,000). Items not sold were donated to the Pathway House in support of their ministry.

Love y'all,
 Rhoda Jones and Laura Keck



Stewardship and Finance

Financial Report as of October 29, 2023

Budgeted	Actual	Difference
YTD Contributions: \$641,872	\$608,229	\$(33,643)
YTD Expenses: \$641,872	\$569,642	\$ 72,230

October Apportionments have been paid.

Reminder: If you are going to make a legacy gift to the Foundation, the check needs to be written to Main Street Church Foundation. Thank you.



The Main Streeters are taking a trip to Pelzer for lunch and the theater on Saturday, December 9th. We will drive up for lunch and then attend the Mill

Town Players' Blue Christmas performance at 3:00 pm. Tickets for the Elvis Presley performance are \$21.50, and lunch is on your own.

Call Zella Williams at 223-3620 by November 10th if you like to go so tickets may be purchased. Guests are welcome. The bus has been reserved and can hold 14 people. If we have over 14, we will caravan. Plan to leave from the church parking lot @ 11:30am



ELEVATE

MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STUDENT MINISTRIES

Stay Updated on Elevate Youth!



Remind: Text "@elevateyo" to 81010



Instagram: @mainstreetyouth



Facebook: Elevate Youth

November Youth Activities

Sundays

Sunday School - 10-10:45 am in Youth Room

ELEVATE - 5:30-7:30 pm

Wednesday Evenings:

Dinner - 5:15-6:00 in the Fellowship Hall

ELEVATE - 6:00-6:45 in the Youth Room

ELEVATE After-Party - 6:45-7:00 in Gym/Youth Room

Mark Your Calendars:

- November 12 - TOPGOLF Outing (2:30 pm)
- November 17 - Breakfast Club (Cost covered & transportation provided afterwards - let Preston know if you need a ride!)
- December 3 - Hanging of the Greens
- December 15 - Walk Through Bethlehem Outing
- January 26-28 - Lake Junaluska Retreat



An October highlight - if in grades 6-12, make sure you're part of the fun on Sundays and Wednesdays!

Most Wonderful Time of the Year

As we prepare to begin two months of celebrations, we have much to be thankful for! So many of our youth have been blessed with successful fall seasons to be proud of, and have experienced other personal blessings as well. We can all strive to praise the Lord when good things happen, and can also be thankful in times of adversity, because He promises to work all things for good for those who love Him. God is good, all the time!

-Preston

Pictured Above and Below:
The lesson for October 22 was on handling pressure, and included a pumpkin explosion with rubber bands. When pressures build like rubber bands on a pumpkin, rely on Christ to provide you strength. Staying connected to Him will also help you to live a life that is fruitful!





We extend Christian Love and Sympathy to: Jon, Lori, Lucas, and Ella Bassett on the death of Jon's brother, Mike Bassett of Ladson, on October 9, 2023.

Continuing Prayer Concerns: Rebecca McDonald, John Wise, Jackie Daniel, Buck Griffin, Linda McDonald, Peggy Ackerman, Barbara Fisher, Sally Sprott, Andrea Harris Cabe, Sheri Martin, Melody Johnson, Will Richter (Lisa Smith's nephew), Anne Farquhar, Eddie Bartless, Krissi Sears, Devon Aaron, Mike Johnson, Richard Pinckney, Bob Bennett, Wes Brown, Michelle Stallworth, Aaron Greene, Bobby Pittavino, Elaine Dukes, Pierce Stockman, Mitchell Wray, Carol Blosser, Teresa Robinson (Terry Robinson's sister-in-law), Joe Crum, peace within our city, county, state, and country, and our church.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. Philippians 4:6



ENGAGE in Small Groups

Engage is not just on Wednesdays~

Options are available to suit your schedule.

Monday Men's Bible Study

6 am in the Fellowship Hall
Make the Call
a 40-day Experience for Men
by Mark Rich
Led by Rev. Keck

Monday Disciple II

6 pm in the Genesis to Revelation Class
Led by Ann Landis

Wednesday Morning Small Group

10 am @ Howard's on Main
330 Main Street
November 8 & 22
Feel free to attend as your schedule permits.

Wednesday Men's Bible Study

12:00 in the Library
Led by Glenn Williams
Pizza & Wings provided or bring a bag lunch.
No need to sign up—come when you can.

Thursday Morning Book Study

11 am in the Drake Class
Book of Romans—just bring your Bible
Led by Rev. Keck

Engage Meals — 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm

- November 1** Membership/Evangelism
Chicken casserole, green beans, rolls & dessert
- November 8** Genesis to Revelation
Baked potato & salad bar & dessert
- November 15** Children's Ministries
Soup and Salad
- November 29** New Opportunity Church
Meat and 3 & dessert

Wednesday Nights

- 6 - 7 pm**
Book of Ruth
Meets in the Library
Led by Brian and Susan Albon
- New Creation - Study Group**
Meets in the Fellowship Hall
through November 8
Led by Howard Thomas
- Advent Opportunity**
Meets in the Drake Class
'The Day Christ Was Born'
A Reverential Reconstruction' by Jim Bishop
Facilitated by Debbie Tharpe

Please join any Wednesday evening!



- *Canned Soup
- *Canned Meats
- *Peanut Butter
- *Canned vegetables
- *Canned fruits
- *Grits and Oatmeal

Food Pantry

Monthly on the 2nd Thursday
1:00– 3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall
November 9 December 14 January 11



Upcoming events:
 Wednesdays—6–7pm (except Thanksgiving week)
 Play Practice Begins for the Christmas Program
 "The Greatest Story Ever Told"
 December 10, 2023



Wednesday evening, October 25, was a great time together learning about God picking us, cleaning out all of our yuckiness, and letting our light shine.



Such fun!
 Thank you to all that set up trunk or treat spots, donated candy, and baked goods.

Also what amazing and creative pumpkins! We raised \$474 to help a family in need this Christmas.



CELEBRATIONS

November Birthdays

- 1 Shell Dula
- 2 Rob Jones
- 3 Bob Bennett
- 4 Lori Bassett
Michael Fisher
Aubrey Hoy
- 6 Joey Bagwell
Jackie Daniel
- 7 Barbara Fields
- 11 Debbie Tharpe
- 12 Abby Dent, Julie Driver, David Painter
- 14 Bradley Funderburk
- 15 Isaac Shaffer
- 16 Tommy Sprott
- 17 Linda McDonald, Sherman Culbertson, Hannah Leopard
- 19 Andy Hagood, Sadie Rivers
- 20 Mary Margaret Skinner
- 22 Jarratt Smith
- 24 Mac Godsey
- 25 Jack Childress
- 26 Suzanne Rowland
- 27 John Sprouse, Virginia Workman, Christine Shirley
- 28 Zoe Moore
- 29 Anne Drake
- 30 Gary Patterson



November Anniversaries

- 4 John and Susan Thompson
Steven and Mary Lyle Cathcart
- 21 Marion and Nancy Moore
- 23 William and Martha Culbertson
- 24 Alan and Sandy MacKinnon
- 25 Steve and Cindy Skinner



Daylight Saving Time will end on Sunday, November 5th. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.



It's time to order your poinsettias in honor or memory of your loved ones. They will be in our worship services on December 10, 17, and 24. Order forms will be in your bulletin or call the office—the deadline is **November 13**. The price this year is \$7.00.

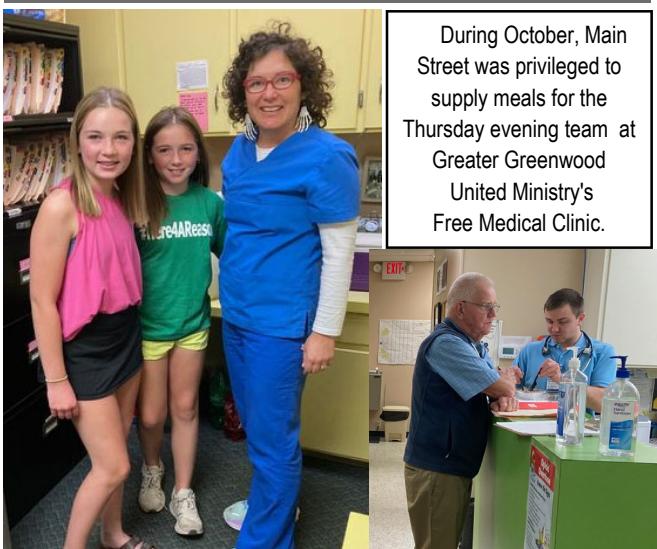
It's Shoebox Season!

Operation Christmas Child



Don't Wait To Pack Your Shoebox To Help Bring Good News & Great Joy To Children Around The World. Shoeboxes are available outside the office. Please return to the church by **November 13**.

Missions



During October, Main Street was privileged to supply meals for the Thursday evening team at Greater Greenwood United Ministry's Free Medical Clinic.

CHURCH FAMILY DECORATING DAY ~ November 26

We will be decorating the church for the Christmas season after the 11:00 service. As always, we'll have lunch first and then prepare our beautiful church for the Advent Season. Please join us! Thanks in advance to all the elves! Many hands make light work!



Looking Ahead to December Events

December 3 **Hanging of the Greens @ 6:30 pm**

December 10 Children's Christmas Play

December 16 Soup Kitchen—Team 3

December 17 Church Wide Caroling

December 24 Christmas Eve Service



November 2023

Sunday
Please keep in mind this calendar is subject to change and is updated regularly.

Monday

Tuesday

Thursday

Saturday Friday Thursday

<p>*Please keep in mind this calendar is subject to change and is updated regularly.</p> <p>We hope to see you at our events!</p>	<p>5 All Saints Sunday Daylight Saving Time Ends Turn your clocks back!</p> <p>9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 12:30 pm Elevate Youth 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 am Men's Monday Study 7:45 am Mud Pies Preschool 10:00 am Hearts & Hands Circle 11:00 am Member Care Committee Meeting 5:15 pm Communications Mtg. 6:00 pm Disciple II Bible Study 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911</p>	<p>7 Election Day</p> <p>7:45 am Mud Pies Preschool 5:00 pm Foundation Board Meeting 5:15 pm Family Ministries Meeting 6:30 pm Wesley Fellowship</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:45 am Mud Pies Preschool 10:00 am Wednesday Morning Small Group 10:30 am Celebration Circle 12:00 pm Men's Bible Study 5:15 pm Engage Dinner 6:00 pm Childrens Play/Practice 6:00 pm Bible/Book Studies 6:00 pm Elevate Youth 6:45 pm Elevate After-Party 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:45 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study 1:00 pm Food Ministry 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:45 am Mud Pies Preschool 7:45 am Thursday Morning Bible Study 11:00 am Food Ministry 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>	<p>11 Veteran's Day</p> <p>3:00 pm Band Practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:45 am Mud Pies Preschool 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 12:30 pm Youth-Greenville Outing 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00 am Men's Monday Study 7:45 am Mud Pies Preschool 10:00 am Membership/ Evangelism Committee Mtg. 10:00 am Prayer Ministry Mtg. 5:30 pm Board of Trustees Mtg. 6:00 pm Disciple II Bible Study 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:45 am Mud Pies Preschool 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Wesley Fellowship</p> <p>Deadline for the BOXES! Yesterday, the 13th</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:45 am Mud Pies Preschool 12:00 pm Men's Bible Study 5:15 pm Engage Dinner 6:00 pm Childrens Play/Practice 6:00 pm Bible/Book Studies 6:00 pm Elevate Youth 6:45 pm Elevate After-Party 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:45 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:45 am Mud Pies Preschool 7:45 am Thursday Morning Bible Study 11:00 am Food Ministry 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 am Soup Kitchen Volunteers TEAM #2</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:45 am Mud Pies Preschool 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 12:30 pm Elevate Youth 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00 am Men's Monday Study 7:45 am Mud Pies Preschool 7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:45 am Mud Pies Preschool 6:30 pm Wesley Fellowship</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00 am Wednesday Morning Small Group 12:00 pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>23 Church is Closed for Thanksgiving Happy Thanksgiving!</p>	<p>24 Church is Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Barton Funeral</p>	<p>26 Christ the King Sunday</p> <p>9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 12:00 pm Church Family Chili lunch and decorating for Christmas 5:30 pm Elevate Youth 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00 am Men's Monday Study 7:45 am Mud Pies Preschool 6:00 pm Disciple II Bible Study 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:45 am Mud Pies Preschool 9:30 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Wesley Fellowship</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:45 am Mud Pies Preschool 12:00 pm Men's Bible Study 5:15 pm Engage Dinner 6:00 pm Childrens Play/Practice 6:00 pm Bible/Book Studies 6:00 pm Elevate Youth 6:45 pm Elevate After-Party 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:45 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball</p>
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Children's Ministry Volunteer List

Email Melissa to be part of the rotation at
melissa.scott@mainstreetgreenwood.org

Acolytes and Crucifer

November 5 Ryder and Peyton Larkins
November 12 Cole D'Alessandro and Annabelle Chappell
November 19 Maggie Shirley
November 26 Caroline and Addison Leopard

Sunday School: Melissa Scott

Nursery : Sydney Sluder & Madalin Radcliffe



The Honduras team has returned, recuperated, and are forever a changed people. Time was split between the farm at the children's home, painting the older boys' cabin, participating in worship and devotion at Joy Academy, and touring the inner city school in Flor Del Campo. Their "house in a day" as well as a latrine was completed.

Funds went toward:

Much needed medicine
Food staples for 2 additional families
Car repairs for 2 employees in need
Donation to someone out of work
Paint supplies for the children's home
Teacher supplies for Joy Academy & STEM projects for Jim Kelly's engineering class at Joy Academy
A house in a day, wood burning stove, latrine, 3 twin beds, & food staples for a month for a family of 5
Donation toward eye surgery for a youth at the children's home
AND we were able to leave \$2000 to build another house the first week of November!



God is using your generosity to bless so many others! None of this would have been possible without your support. Again, many many thanks!

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