

The Main Thing

MAIN STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 2019

Welcome, New Members!



Darin & Tracy Elgersma
Becca, Lydia, & Micah

Where are you from?

Darin grew up in Hudsonville, Michigan.

Tracy is from Xenia, Ohio.

What brought you to Columbus?

The United States Air Force - We were stationed at Columbus this summer and expect to be here for roughly three years.

What is your occupation?

Darin is an instructor pilot in the Air Force. Tracy manages our life (the pay is not very good).

What is your church background?

Darin grew up in a Dutch Christian Reformed Church. Tracy was born into a Catholic family. Her parents became believers when she was five and she was raised in a Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. Since we've been married, we have been a part of many different kinds of churches. We always seek out a body of mature believers, rooted in God's word, that we can grow alongside.

How did you hear about MSPC?

We were invited by Bill and Claudia Denham.

What is your favorite book of the Bible or portion of Scripture?

Tracy's life verse is Romans 12:12.

Darin's is Proverbs 3:5-6.

What is your favorite Christian hymn/song?

Tracy: "Great is thy Faithfulness."

Darin: "It is well, with my soul."

Do you have any hobbies?

We both love to read...when we have the time.



Key & Camille Pittman
Thomas

Where are you from?

Camille: Jackson, MS

Key: I was born and raised in Columbus.

What brought you to Columbus?

Camille: My husband, Key

Key: Besides going to college, I have always lived in Columbus.

What is your occupation?

Camille: Office Manager/Bookkeeper

Key: Outside Sales

What is your church background?

Camille: I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, MS since I was a child.

Key: I grew up at Murrah's Chapel on 1

HWY 69 then became a member of Fairview Baptist.

How did you hear about MSPC?

Camille & Key: The preacher that married us at First Pres (David Strain) suggested we visit Main Street.

What is your favorite book of the Bible or portion of Scripture?

Camille: Psalms

Key: Matthew

What is your favorite Christian hymn/song?

Camille: "How Great Thou Art"

Key: "Amazing Grace"

Do you have any hobbies?

Camille: Currently, just being a mom to our Thomas (4 months)

Key: Hunting



Katie Yeager
Annabelle & Allen

Where are you from?

I grew up mostly in Texas and Oklahoma.

What brought you to Columbus?

To be near family

What is your occupation?

I am a stay at home mom and currently enrolled at the W in Legal Studies

What is your church background?

I have grown up in PCA churches

How did you hear about MSPC?

My parents attend church here.

What is your favorite book of the Bible or portion of Scripture?

Psalm 139

What is your favorite Christian hymn/song?

Be Thou My Vision is my favorite traditional hymn.

Because He Lives is my favorite more modern church song.

Do you have any hobbies?

Our family enjoys playing outside, reading books, and music.



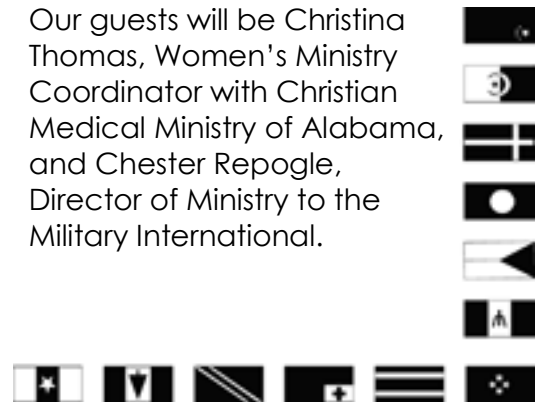
Main Street Members
and Friends:

Please save your old Christmas cards for the Missionary card crafting for 2019. The children of MSPC have a wonderful time creating special cards to send to the missionaries supported by Main Street.

**Missions Conference
February 23-24, 2019**

Rev. Bill Bradford will be the keynote speaker. Rev. Bradford is the pastor of Lawndale Presbyterian Church in Tupelo, MS and a former missionary with Peru Mission.

Our guests will be Christina Thomas, Women's Ministry Coordinator with Christian Medical Ministry of Alabama, and Chester Repogle, Director of Ministry to the Military International.



SOUP'S ON!

MONTHLY CHURCH LUNCHEON

It was a joyous celebration December 16th as the children presented their Christmas program followed by "Mingle and Jingle". We had our largest gathering of 135 people of which a number of these were visitors and extended family members. I believe this will only get better each Christmas, don't you?

January is here, and you know what that means...YES!!! It's time for a favorite of so many folks...SOUP AND SIDES!!! When will it be you ask? Mark your calendar for **Sunday, January 20th, following the worship service.** There will be crock pots by the dozen!

Dust off your soup, stew, or chili recipes. "Test run" a new one or bring out a favorite. Don't forget to think about the side you'll need to complete the delicacy!

If you don't make soup, stew, or chili, that's fine. Just bring one or two "sides" to accompany the main course. Suggestions could be sandwiches, cheese and crackers, cold salads, relish plate, fruit, or desserts.

There will be plenty of cords for your crock pots and plenty of room. I will have cards, tape, and markers for you to "name" your dish and label tops.

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, January 20th, following the worship service.** We'll warm up with bowls of Yum!...Yum!!...Good!!!...as we enjoy our four F's...Fellowship, Family, Fun...without the Fuss!

Happy New Year,

Lynda



Happy Hearts

Bess Swedenburg

Our Christmas meeting is always a special outing and for the last three years we have gone to Lion Hills to feast on their buffet. On December 7, thirty of us gathered at the club and thoroughly enjoyed our meal. The staff at Lion Hills does a great job decorating and there were spectacular Christmas trees in every available space! Fresh poinsettias adorned every table covered with white table cloths and were scattered throughout the restaurant. Festive bags of candy with red ribbons and a candy cane identified each person's place at the tables. We were pleased that Kathyryn and Todd, Colleen, and Diann all joined us for this special occasion. We had a wonderfully planned program to have been presented by Ann Chilcutt and Edna Mae McCoy. However, as soon as we arrived we realized there was a huge problem. There were no partitions in the dining room and everyone in the main dining room would have been either entertained or annoyed by our music! So the decision was made to not do our program. Todd invited us to do the program at the following Sunday evening service and we agreed to do so.

Diann helped put together a bulletin, Allan Brewer read the appropriately selected scriptures and prayed, Ron Simpson sang a beautiful solo and led the singing of the carols, Edna Mae played the piano, and Ann Chilcutt presented "The Twelve Days of Christmas". She led us in singing the song in rounds even though there were not many people to sing each repetitive line. We sang, we laughed, and we enjoyed it all! Then Ann explained that this song has hidden messages and was written in the 16th century when reformed Christians had to be very cautious.

The "Twelve Days of Christmas" was a way of teaching their children some of the major Christian doctrines. For instance, the "partridge in the pear tree" symbolizes our Savior, the tree is of course symbolic of the cross. The "six geese a-laying" were reminders of the six days of creation, "seven swans a-swimming" symbolize the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the "eight maids a-milking" represent the Beatitudes. The "twelve drummers drumming" represent twelve vital Christian beliefs as stated in our Apostles' Creed. "My True Love" referred to God, our most generous benefactor and lover of our souls! So we learned even more than we anticipated as we joyfully sang. Then we sang "The Twelve Days of Christmas" again starting at the "twelve drummers drumming".

We had especially enjoyed the children's pageant during our morning service. It was truly special and beautiful. Every child did their part extremely well and we were surely blessed. Thank you to each person who helped make it happen, and there must have been lots of you! But most of all thanks to our precious children!!! You were a sweet encouragement to the older people in your church and to your families. Your parents were honored and God was glorified as you reenacted our Savior's birth. Dramatization is a very effective teaching tool and you will probably always remember participating in this pageant. And at the end of the day, the older folks led the worship service, not as well as you, but as well as we could! It was an awesome Sabbath.....and a wonderful Christian celebration of Jesus' birth!

Please watch for your cards in the mail and the announcements in the Sunday bulletins for details concerning our next Happy Hearts meeting! May 2019 be a year filled with spiritual blessings for each of us! May God bless us one and all!





Women in the Church

Bess Swedenburg

On the first Saturday of December, as it does each year, WIC held its annual Cookie Swap at the Swedenburg's Honey House. We enjoyed a chicken pasta salad, tomato aspic, and steamed asparagus with homemade rolls and cherry, lemon and chocolate tarts for desserts. The kids' meal consisted of chicken nuggets provided by Kitty Brewer and mac and cheese with rolls. Ann Chilcutt made the aspic, Shirley Swoope made the rolls, and Edna Mae McCoy made cherry tarts. The group had lots of fun and were led in singing Christmas carols by Lauren Zarandona and her sons, Isaac and Silas. They did a great job and entertained us throughout the program! As Kathyryn Matocha said, "It's such a wonderful way to begin our Christmas celebration!" The cookies multiply much like the fishes and loaves and everyone left with bags of homemade cookies. There were also tiny stockings stuffed with candy for each of the children.

Much to everyone's surprise, our sweet friend, Jennifer Garner, went home to be with our Lord and on December 12 we hosted her family and friends for a Bereavement Meal in our fellowship hall. WIC does an amazing task with these meals. The attractively decorated tables, a delicious meal, and the personal service always seems to give the bereaved a sense of being truly loved and affords them a pleasant opportunity to share time with their family and friends. Our committee varies from time to time. For Jennifer's family the committee consisted of the following volunteers: Eleanor Hairston, Shirley Swoope, Ann Chilcutt, Lynda Meharg, Janie Williams, Nancy Franks, Kitty Brewer, Robin Tait, Jean Yelverton, Nell Fleming, Debbie Jenkins, and me. Christmas greens, red berries, open Bibles, the praying hands made by Pat Wallace, mirrors and smilax on a red placemat topped our white table cloths. It was beautiful and greatly appreciated by her family.

Kathyryn Matocha hosted WIC at Night for a special evening in her beautifully decorated home on December 18. Each guest brought a delicious appetizer or sweet treat along with a gift for a dirty Santa exchange. All members of WIC were invited so I decided to attend and enjoy the night out. I had a great time and I'm pretty sure everyone else did also! The food was delicious and plentiful! The gifts were highly sought after and being able to choose someone's already chosen gift was lots of fun. Ivy Harris had three of her gifts taken by another guest! She was a good sport and we laughed because someone always wanted whatever Ivy had! WIC at Night is hosting a night out each month for all of the ladies at Main Street Pres., usually at The Grill. Check the Sunday bulletin for details. If you haven't attended one of these meetings, I would encourage you to do so. It is a great way to get to know other ladies in our church.

WIC in the Morning will meet in our room on third floor at 10:00 with the lesson beginning at 11:00 on January 8. WIC at Night will meet on January 8 at 6:30 at the home of Laurie Flora.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



The Men's Prayer Breakfast met on December 11. The attendance was a little down but those who were there enjoyed a great breakfast and better fellowship.

Allen again used Ephesians as his text emphasizing that we are saved by Grace not works.

The men will not meet in January. The next Prayer Breakfast will be Wednesday, February 13, at 6:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Mike

MSCS NEWS

Although December was a short month here at MSCS, we packed a lot in. All of the classes worked very hard for our annual Christmas program. We want to thank all of the parents, grandparents and friends who came and supported us. The songs were sweet and the reception after was wonderful.



As many of you know, I have recently gotten married and moved to Florence, AL. As sad as I am to leave MSCS, I am so excited to announce that Miss Taylor Cabiness will be taking my place. Miss Taylor has already been such a huge help around the classrooms and I can't wait to see what she does here.

Thank you so much for all the love and support you have shown me in my little time here.

In His Love,

Miss Maggie





January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2	3 <i>Jack & Laurie Chilcutt</i>	4 Kimberly Duncan	5 Corey Conner
6 <i>Communion</i>	7 John Mark Russell John Hunter & Margo Allgood	8 <i>WIC 10:00 WIC at Night 6:30</i> Shirley Blankenship Henry Pilkinton	9 Stephen Russell	10	11	12
13 <i>Community Groups</i> Frances Laws	14	15 <i>Missions Committee 6 p.m.</i>	16	17	18	19
20 <i>Congregational Luncheon</i>	21 <i>Deacons' Meeting</i> Mamie Kate Fisackerly	22	23 <i>Wednesday Activities Resume</i>	24 John & Jane Rogowski	25	26
27 <i>Community Groups</i>	28	29 Laurie Flora Isaac Zarandona	30	31		



JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery

- Jan. 6 Marianne Field
Robin Tait & Katie Yeager
- Jan. 13 Meryl Fisackerly
Laurie Flora
- Jan. 20 Cathy Duncan
Roger & Joy Day
- Jan. 27 Lauren Zarandona
Kitty Brewer

Ushers

- Jan. 6 Ray Kilpatrick, Thomas Glenn,
Jay Nail, Russ Russell, Brent Drown,
Gray Flora, Phillip Goodwin
- Jan. 13 Roger Day, Gee Allgood,
Allan Brewer, Trip Hairston,
Danny Williams
- Jan. 20 Justin Harris, Henry Pilkinton,
Grover Allgood, Bill Laws,
Stephen Matocha, Ben Woodson
- Jan. 27 Roger Day, Matt White,
John Hunter Allgood, Mike Meharg,
Patrick Shipp, Jon Watson



Our Shut-Ins:

- Louise Armstrong
- Sadie Brewer
- George & Martha Clegg
- Verda Laws

Keith Cole

- Phillip Goodwin
- Debbie Jenkins
- Poogie Laws
- Dan Matocha
- John Mark Russell
- Brad Talley
- Faith Whitlock
- Rick Wright

Moms to be:

- Margo Allgood
- Bethany Baxter
- Meryl Fisackerly
- Ivy Harris
- Wendy Herron
- Lucy Lilly
- Jennifer White

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- President Donald Trump
 - Officials in Washington
 - Governor Phil Bryant
 - Mayor Robert Smith
 - Police Chief Fred Shelton
 - Sheriff Mike Aldredge
 - State, City, and County Officials
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- Bethany Christian Services
- Helping Hands
- Life Choices Pregnancy Center
- Palmer Home
- All Churches and Pastors in Columbus

January
Money Counter
Gee Allgood

DECEMBER
BUDGET REPORT

OFFERINGS THIS MONTH

\$ 41,179
(one week remaining)



For unto us a child is born,
Unto us a Son is given...
Isaiah 9:6



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Main Street Presbyterian Church

(A Presbyterian Church in America Congregation)

Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Church Officer Prayer Time

9:15 a.m. Sunday School Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:40 a.m. Morning Worship

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Wednesday Schedule

5:30 p.m. Supper

6:00 p.m. Children and Youth Activities

6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study and Prayer Time

Thursday Schedule

Weekly Prayer Meeting at Noon