

# The Main Thing

MAIN STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2019

## **AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO GOOD**

This past week our town experienced historic flooding, and destruction from a category EF3 tornado. One life was lost, over a dozen were injured, and homes and businesses were destroyed. The tornado touched down just blocks from the church during our Missions Conference. We have much to be thankful for that no one was injured, and no damage was done to the church property. When such natural disasters occur, we have an opportunity to do good to our neighbors.

The apostle Paul wrote to Titus, “The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people” (Titus 3:8). To the Galatians he wrote, “So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Gal. 6:10). There is an order of priority here. First, we are to provide care for those of the household of faith, fellow Christians. Then we are to look to our neighbors, as creatures of our Great God, and do good to them. When Christians engage in such activity, we adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

I know many of you have been involved in caring for Columbus this week. That is great. I want to encourage you to keep it up. We, as a church, need to find ways to help as we are able. Our home town is in great need. Find ways to serve your neighbor. In times like this God works. He may very well be using this catastrophe to draw people into His Kingdom.

***Pastor Matocha***

# My Faith Promise

As we have entered the season of mission emphasis and Faith Promise, you may want to know there are new options available to you as you make your missions giving decisions for the coming year. These options are not intended as replacements but are merely being provided to you to make giving to the mission work of the church as comfortable as possible.

The same Faith Promise pledge card you have been able to fill out in the pew and drop in the offering plate is now available to you online. This is an option we hope will make things easier for those who are homebound or for those who

may be living away from Columbus but would still like to take part in giving to missions through MSPC. On the home page of our church website ([www.mainstreetpres.org](http://www.mainstreetpres.org)), there is a button in the lower left-hand portion of the screen labeled, "My Faith Promise." Clicking on that button will take you to the Faith Promise Card. Under the card are 4 blanks to fill out. Fill in the amount you want to commit to missions for this year (numerical value only, no dollar sign). Then in the appropriate boxes enter your First and last name and email address. The church office receives your Faith promise card immediately. Your commitment remains private along with the other commitment cards filled out and dropped in the plate here at the church. The amount you have committed for the coming year is used to help plan our support for the various missionaries we assist. **Reminder: Filling out a Faith Promise Card whether at church or online does not transfer any funds from anywhere, nor do you receive a bill or a reminder. Filling out a card is merely a promise to give a certain amount of money to missions over and above your tithe over the next 12 months.**

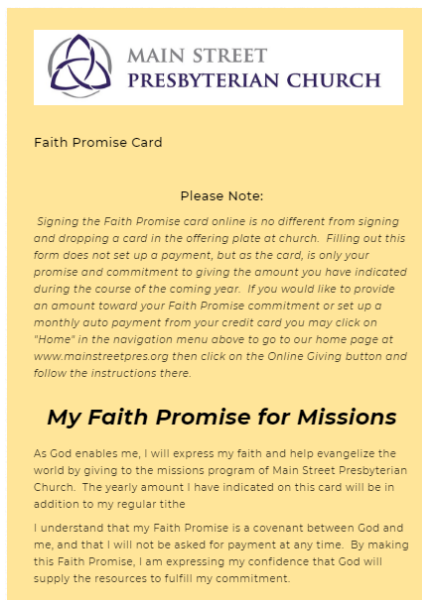
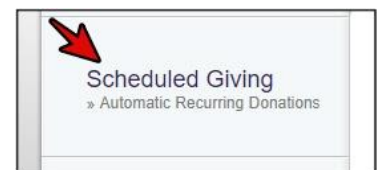
Once you make a Faith Promise commitment, it is up to you how you fulfill that commitment. Some will give their Faith Promise in the offering plate on

Sunday mornings. Some will mail in their Faith Promise giving. Some of you are already using the Online Giving Portal to give your tithe and to make your Faith Promise giving commitment manually each time you give. There is another tool available to you should you choose to use it. Most of us have regularly scheduled payments that come out of a credit or debit card for everything from magazine subscriptions, to home utilities. The same method you probably use to make your monthly cell phone payment, or gym membership can now be used to maintain and keep up with your faith promise commitment.

You can set up a regularly scheduled payment from your debit or credit card to systematically make your Faith Promise giving weekly, monthly, or however you may want. The instructions that follow are also available online at the church website along with other guidelines for using the Online Giving Portal. The instructions carry you through a straightforward method of setting up a regularly scheduled plan for giving and establishing the appropriate cut off point for that schedule. These instructions and the link to the Online Giving Portal can be found by clicking on the Online Giving button, currently located in the lower right-hand portion of the church home page.

## Setting Up a Monthly Scheduled Payment (i.e. Faith Promise):

- If you have a Donor Profile, skip to the next step below. If not, follow the instructions at the website for setting up a Donor Profile.
- Go to our Online Giving Portal by clicking on the "Online Giving Button" above and use your email address and password to sign into your Donor Profile.
- Click on the Scheduled Giving Option



**My Scheduled Giving**

Choose a Fund:

Additional Comments:

Frequency:

Amount:

Installments:

- In the "Choose a Fund" drop down window, choose "Missions"
- In the "Additional Comments" type in "Faith Promise"
- Under "Frequency" choose how often you want to give your scheduled donation. You may choose from "weekly, Bi-weekly, Monthly, twice a month, quarterly, or Annually"
- Set the amount you want to give on each scheduled donation. i.e. If you made a Faith Promise commitment of \$1000 and want to give that donation in 10 monthly installments of \$100, then set the frequency for "Monthly", enter the Amount as \$100, and choose 10 Installments. Then enter the date on which you would like the

**My Scheduled Giving**

Choose a Fund:

Additional Comments:

Frequency:

Amount:

Installments:

Start Date:

donations to begin coming from your debit or credit card.

- Once you have set up all the information in your schedule click on "Activate Schedule". Now your scheduled giving has been set.

The very same PCI Level 1 security used by online and local retailers is used by EasyTithe, our online giving provider. Your information is safe and secure as with any other online payment service. As you make your plans to support missions in the coming year, keep these options for giving in mind. For more information, contact us today.

## **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**



The Men's Prayer Breakfast was held on Saturday, February 23, as part of Missions Conference. We had a real good turn-out enjoying the company of several men and sons who can't usually make the weekday gathering. Patrick, Jay and Henry whipped up a great meal. We benefited from the beautiful table decorations that Debbie Jenkins placed for the dinners. Chester Replogle joined us and gave the men an overview of his work with military congregations.

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast is tentatively set for Wednesday, March 13, at 6:30 AM.

Mike

## **MONTHLY CHURCH LUNCHEON**

Our Missions Conference was not without the "unexpected" event in the manner of a tornado Saturday evening and the flu making its rounds. We missed a number of folks for the luncheon, but our hearts were warm in sharing this time with the missionaries. My thanks to all those who volunteered for the delicious pulled pork meal.

How time flies!! As they say...March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. Let's hope that our weather will cooperate and give us better days to come. With that said, it's also time to share another great meal together.

**It will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, following the morning worship service.**

The congregation will be divided as follows:

If your last name begins with...

**A-E Cold Vegetable/Salad/Fruit**

**F-K Hot Vegetable**

**L-S Meat/Chicken**

**T-Z Dessert**

This will be an old-fashioned pot luck and I know we will look forward to a wonderful variety of dishes. Mark your calendars for the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service** when we can enjoy our 4 F's...Fellowship, Family, Fun...without the Fuss!

*Lynda*





## Happy Hearts

Bess Swedenburg

The day before Valentine's Day, our Happy Hearts group gathered in the fellowship hall to celebrate the occasion! Kitty Brewer, Nell Fleming and I had salvaged the flowers from a shower for the four sons of our church and their brides who are getting married before the end of April! What a year! We actually have three more weddings that we know of to celebrate later in the year. Back to the flowers - they survived and were rearranged and added to for our Happy Hearts party. I have Nell to thank for that wise move. She suggested at the shower that the flowers might last, and they did! Kitty brought fresh daffodils and we were able to make it work! We, of course, added hearts of pink and red, chocolate candies and conversation hearts, ribbons, and red fabrics to adapt the shower flowers for our needs. Red chargers were used to accent the white plates on white table cloths and assorted Valentine napkins were added. It was festive and appropriate! We love decorations and flowers on our tables at Happy Hearts. I'm sure you have surmised that by now.

Our program was totally impromptu! We have enjoyed such wonderful Valentine's Day entertainment over the years. Just to name a few, Robin Weaver, Rhonda and Ed White, Pat Wallace, and the two Jane's from Trinity, have all performed and we have loved each one!! Some have provided love songs for us more than once! So this year, we entertained ourselves! The men were asked to tell their stories of how they met and began their romance with the loves of their lives. They did a great job, and we learned a lot we did not know! The stories were varied, funny, sweet, sort of surprising, and good for lots of laughs! The

men were exceptional storytellers! Most of the women agreed with the stories their husbands told but a few added or corrected minor details. Mostly, we all laughed and had a good time. All of us have been married a long time, most of us at least 50 years, except for Todd and Kathyryn. We were pleased to have Todd join us, but sorry Kathyryn was at home with sick children.

Our Valentine's lunch is usually Italian and we followed the precedent. This year it was spaghetti, a delicious green salad provided by Jean Yelverton, French bread, and a yummy chocolate brownie topped with a beautiful peppermint icing provided by Nell Fleming and Deb Shelton. The dessert was such a pretty shade of pink and completed our Valentine's Day theme.

Our usual and extremely capable cleanup crew did their fantastic job washing and drying dishes, putting them away, and preparing the fellowship hall for the next event. This group means so much to all of us and I truly appreciate their going into action at the end of our meal. By then my battery is running pretty low, but they rise to the occasion and get the job done! We all have a good time from the time we arrive until we leave. If you have never participated, let me encourage you to do so. We really don't care how old you are, just come and join in the fellowship, the laughter, and the meal.

Several of our members suggested that we tour the Tombigbee Waterway Museum while the exhibit is there from the Smithsonian. The museum is housed at 318A Seventh St. North, next to the Lee Home. There are no steps to climb and this should be an easy outing for us. Parking is behind the building which is close and very convenient. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 6. We will meet at our fellowship hall for lunch together before going to the museum at



1:00. It has been a couple of years since we have taken a trip of any kind, so this will be a rather new and exciting experience! I believe we can do this and I look forward to seeing you at the church at 12:00 for lunch first, then to the museum at 1:00. Bring a friend!



# Preschool News



February has been filled with love here at Main Street Christian Preschool. Each class enjoyed exchanging Valentines with one another and enjoyed special treats provided by wonderful parents.

We are all doing what we can to stay well. Registration for next year is happening now, so spread the word.

We have recently enjoyed patriotic songs and learning about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln for President's Day.

Even though we haven't been able to play outside, we have enjoyed being with one another and learning.



Resting in His loving care,  
Miss Cathy





Women  
in the  
Church

*Bess Swedenburg*

WIC in the Morning will be meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, March 5, in the WIC meeting room on third floor of the Villee Building at 10:00 - 12:00. WIC at Night will meet on the second Tuesday of this month, March 12, in HeBrews on the second floor of the Villee Building at 6:30 - 8:30. Both groups are special opportunities to study God's Word and to get to know other women who attend Main Street Presbyterian Church. If you haven't attended please consider doing so, you will be blessed.

Remember that we are meditating on and memorizing Psalm 100. Hopefully both groups are participating in these M&M verses. This is a wonderful way for us to unite together.

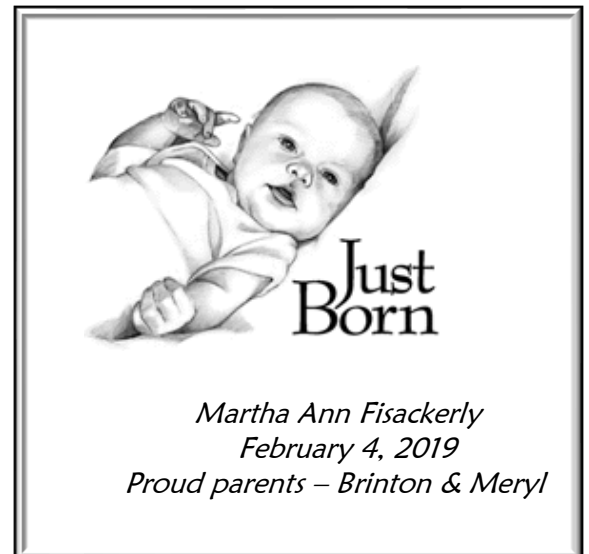
Periodically we have events that are planned to provide an opportunity for both WIC groups to meet together and get to know each other. We have had flower arranging, pottery making, and a cooking demo is in the making. On April 6, Saturday, we have a fun outing already planned for our ladies. We will meet at Harvey's for lunch at 12:30, then tour three of the antebellum homes in Columbus between 2:00 and 5:00. The three homes include Baskerville Manor, Amzi Love Home, and the Stephen D. Lee Home/Museum. Lunch will be a Dutch treat meal and the tour will cost \$25.00. If you are interested, and I hope you are, please RSVP to Frances Glenn at 662-549-4800. Thank you, Frances, for organizing this event. I'm looking forward to it!



*Amzi Love House*  
(c. 1848)



*Stephen D. Lee Home*  
(c. 1847)





# MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  Robin Weaver	2
3 Communion  Robby & Frances Glenn	4	5 WIC in the Morning 10 a.m.  Jay Nail	6 Happy Hearts 12:00	7  Darin Elgersma	8	9  Patrick & Morgan Shipp
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		<b>SPRING BREAK</b>				
		Missions Committee Meeting 6 p.m.  WIC at Night HeBrews 6:30 p.m.				
	Hannah Nail					
17  Jon Zarandona	18	19	20	21	22  John Rogowski	23
24  Vee Ferguson	25	26	27  Becca Allgood Jesse Duncan, Sr.	28  Ron Simpson	29	30  Debbie Jenkins
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# MARCH VOLUNTEERS

## Nursery

- March 3 Kimber-Leigh Drown  
Robin Tait & Katie Yeager
- March 10 Frances Glenn  
Laurie Flora
- March 17 Marianne Field  
Roger & Joy Day
- March 24 Cathy Duncan  
Kitty Brewer
- March 31 Lauren Zarandona  
Justin & Ivy Harris

## Ushers

- March 3 Ray Kilpatrick, Carson Miller,  
Jay Nail, Brent Drown,  
Gray Flora, Phillip Goodwin,  
Russ Russell
- March 10 Roger Day, Gee Allgood,  
Trip Hairston, Allan Brewer,  
Danny Williams
- March 17 Justin Harris, Henry Pilkinton,  
Ben Woodson, Bill Laws,  
Grover Allgood, Stephen Matocha
- March 24 Matt White, Thomas Glenn,  
Patrick Shipp, Mike Meharg,  
John Hunter Allgood, Jon Watson
- March 31 Roger Day, Carson Miller, Jay Nail,  
Brent Drown, Gray Flora,  
Phillip Goodwin, Russ Russell



Praise: The birth of Martha Ann Fisackerly  
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

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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

MARCH  
Money Counter  
Bill Laws

FEBRUARY  
Budget Report  
Offerings this Month  
\$ 51,044

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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**



March 2019

# 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

