

January 2021

Main Street Presbyterian Church

The Main Thing

The beginning of a new year is a good time to evaluate our spiritual health. How committed are we to using the means God has provided to strengthen our faith and grow us to maturity in Christ? How is our prayer life (Luke 11:1-13)? Do we attend worship services consistently (Hebrews 10:23-25)? Are we committed to reading God's word regularly (2 Timothy 3:14-17)? Are we living out the teaching of God's word in acts of love and service (Romans 13:8-10)? What changes are needed to grow in Christ in 2021?

One area I want to encourage you to commit to is daily Bible reading. I don't want you to do it out of guilt or shame. I don't want you to do it because you know it's the right thing to do, although it certainly is. I want you to commit to reading your Bible because it is the means God uses to draw you closer in relationship with him. I want you to read your Bible because you love your Heavenly Father and want to learn what pleases him. I want you to read your Bible because you love Jesus Christ and want to know more of his saving grace. I want you to read your Bible because you love the Holy Spirit and desire his leading.

Ligonier Ministries has a helpful guide to Bible reading plans on their web site. Not all of us are at the same stage in life or spiritual development. The plans listed will appeal to someone attempting to read more consistently for the first time, or someone who has read through the entire Bible multiple times. Choose a plan that you think will work best for you. The important thing is to make a start. Don't get frustrated if you get off track. Just keep at it. You can find the plans at this link: <http://www.ligonier.org/blog/bible-reading-plans/>

If you have children, one of the best things you can do is get them reading the Bible. Here is a link to a review of the book, *Meeting with Jesus: A Daily Bible Reading Plan for Kids*, by David Murray. [The Best Daily Bible Reading Plan for Kids | Tim Challies](#)

"All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another with all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." Colossians 3:16

"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life." John 5:39

Pastor Matocha

Main Street Christian School

MSCS is excited to be starting the second semester of our school year! Before the break, the children had their Christmas program! They had so much fun singing songs about Christmas and the birth of our loving Savior. It was a great way to end a fun-filled semester. This month the children will be learning about winter and all the changes this season brings. Maybe we will get lucky and have a little snow to enjoy! We have a few new children joining us as well. We are always excited for more friends! I ask that you continue to pray for a safe, healthy, and fun year for our students and children.

In His love,
"Ms." Anna Gaines





The Senns

Ethan, Paige, Nelie, and James

Where are you from?

Ethan grew up in MD while Paige is from TN. We met at school in CO.

What brought you to Columbus?

The Air Force

What is your occupation?

Ethan is an instructor pilot for the 49th Fighter Training Squadron, Paige manages the kids and the home.

What is your church background?

We both grew up in the Methodist church, but are grateful to have faithful brothers and sisters in Christ who shared reformed theology with us.

How did you hear about MSPC?

Many of our friends who became members.

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

Ethan-the book of James

Paige-Exodus 3, Ephesians

What is your favorite Christian hymn/song?

Ethan-Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Paige-O Holy Night

Nelie-God Rest Ye Merry, Gentleman

James-O Come, All Ye Faithful

Do you have any hobbies?

Ethan-hunting and fishing

Paige-running and cooking

Nelie-swinging and helping Mom in the kitchen

James-chasing chickens and shooting guns

We like to play tennis, board games, host dinners, and read together.



Briar and Katie Herb

Where are you from?

Terre Haute, IN

What brought you to Columbus?

Briar is in pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base

What is your occupation?

Briar is a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force.

Katie is a nanny.

What is your church background?

Briar grew up in a Southern Baptist Church. Katie grew up in a nondenominational Christian church.

How did you hear about MSPC?

Our friends - the Singletarys

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

Katie - Romans and Ruth

Briar - Proverbs

What is your favorite Christian hymn/song?

Katie - *Jesus Paid it All*

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

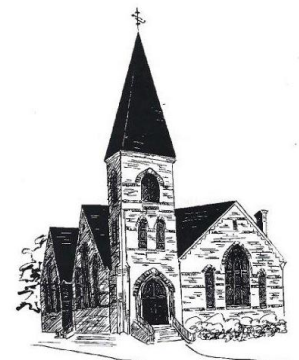
Briar - *In the Garden*

Do you have any hobbies?

Briar - hunting, fishing, woodworking, spending time outdoors

Katie - reading, sewing/crafting, snuggling babies, spending time outdoors

Welcome to
Main Street!





Women
in the
Church

Welcome 2021!

I hope all had a restful and blessed holiday. I want to thank the ladies that decorated the church this year: Kitty Brewer, Ann Chilcutt, Nell Fleming, Katie Herb, Pat Russell, Paige Senn, Shirley Swoope, Jennifer White, and Rhonda White. It was beautiful!

Our morning WIC will meet January 5, 2021 at 10 a.m. Our study will be Faithful God by Sinclair Ferguson. Books are in the office and are \$10.

Our nighttime WIC will meet January 6, 2021 (seems so strange writing 2021- this year flew by) at the home of Janie Williams at 7 p.m.

The WIC ladies' dinner will be January 12 at 7 p.m. -- omelets at the Grill. Please plan to join us!

I hope you will consider signing up to set up communion. Our new guidelines are easy to follow and this is a true way to serve the church. Sign-up sheets will be at the January meetings or call the church office.

Happy New Year!

Janie



January Volunteers

- Jan. 3 Katie Singletary, Jennifer White, Alice Talley
- Jan. 10 Kathyryn Matocha, Paige Senn, Meryl Fisackerly
- Jan. 17 Shirley Swoope, Emily Krohn, Karmel Crandall
- Jan. 24 Frances Glenn, Ivy Harris, Jelaine Fondren
- Jan. 31 Amber Henson, Margo Allgood, Laurie Flora

Budget Report

December Offerings

\$ 45,492
(as of 12-30-2020)

January Counter

Henry Pilkinton





January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Communion Jack & Laurie Chilcutt	4 Kimberly Duncan	5 WIC 10:00 a.m. Corey Conner	6 WIC at Night 7 p.m.	7 John Mark Russell John Hunter & Margo Allgood	8 Shirley Blankenship Henry Pilkinton	9 Stephen Russell
10 Tracy Elgersma	11	12 Main Street Ladies' Dinner The Grill 7 p.m.	13 Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Frances Laws	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 WIC at Night 7 p.m.	21 Mamie Kate Fisackerly	22	23
24	25	26	27 Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	28	29 Laurie Flora Isaac Zarandona	30
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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

MSPC Elders and Deacons

Our Shut-Ins:

Louise Armstrong
Carol Carpenter
Phillip Goodwin
John Mark Russell
The Swedenburg Family
Robin Tait & Family
Faith Whitlock

President Donald Trump
Officials in Washington
Governor Tate Reeves

Mayor Robert Smith
Police Chief Fred Shelton
Sheriff Eddie Hawkins
State, City, and County Officials

Helping Hands
Life Choices Pregnancy Center
All Churches and Pastors in Columbus
Palmer Home

Coronavirus
The financial pressures of small business owners, our congregation, and local businesses
The financial needs of the Church



Main Street Presbyterian Church

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Main Street Presbyterian Church (A Presbyterian Church in America Congregation)

Sunday Schedule

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Morning Worship