

December 2021

Main Street Presbyterian Church

The Main Thing

Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Main Street Presbyterian Church,

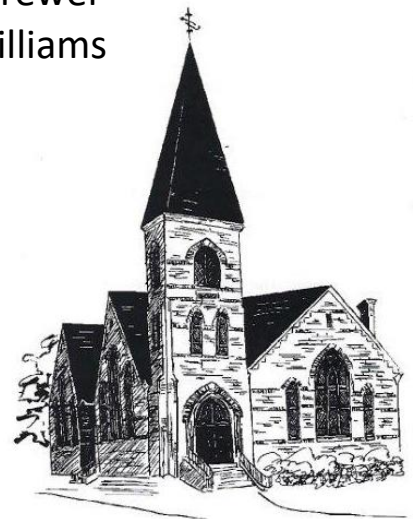
It has been a while since you heard from us, but the Search Committee has been busy and meeting regularly. We have grown closer as a committee as we have worked to develop a clearer vision of what we believe would be the “ideal” man for Main Street. Thanks to the hard work of Meryl Fisackerly, Sandra Pilkinton, Pat Russell, and Diann Carter, we have a new, updated brochure of our church and the City of Columbus to provide to candidates. The whole committee has diligently listened to many sermons and reviewed personal information for over 25 candidates. We have been provided valuable information and advice from Wayne Herring and Bebo Elkin at Consulting Services Foundation. So far, the search has presented periods of excitement and disappointment, but we are not discouraged because we do know God has just the right man He is preparing for Main Street. The search continues! Please be in prayer for your committee that we would have wisdom, discernment, and patience. Also, continue to pray for the man God has for our church.

Your Pulpit Search Committee,

Meryl Fisackerly
Amy Kilpatrick
Sandra Pilkinton
Pat Russell

Gee Allgood
Carson Miller
Kyle Singletary

Allan Brewer
Dan Williams





FAITH PROMISE REPORT

As a church we pledge to support missionaries prayerfully and financially. All monetary support for our Missions Partners comes **only** through our Faith Promise pledges and designated missions giving. It is separate and above the tithe.

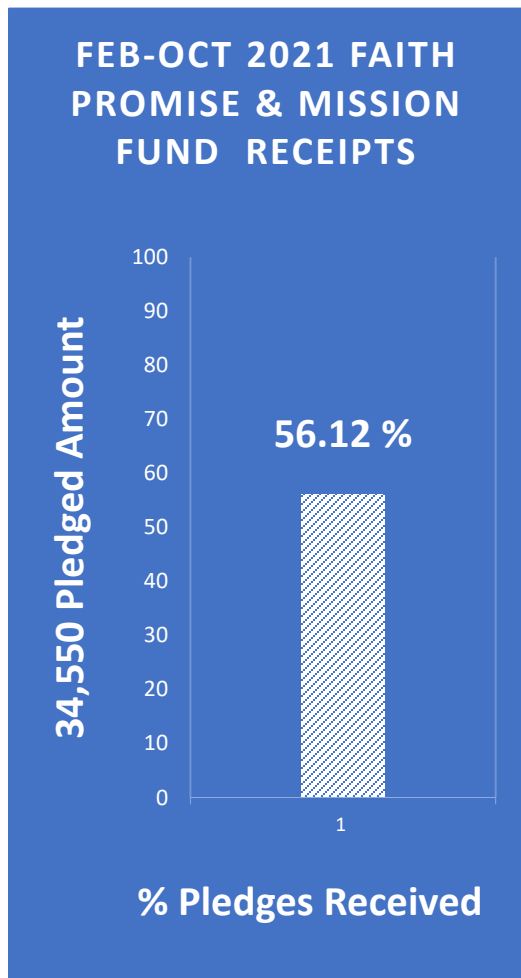
The total of the Faith Promise Pledges received last Spring for 2021 was \$34,550. Since February and through the month of October, we have received donations totaling \$19,388.22. This is approximately 56% of expected pledge receipts.

We have between now and the end of January 2022 to meet our pledges for the current budgeted year. We send the final support payments in January for our Oct. – Dec. fiscal quarter. February 2022 will mark the beginning of the new pledge year.

An end of the year gift is a great way to fulfill your pledge! And might you consider a gift of funds outside a pledge?

There are always ongoing needs and new opportunities for our missions partners to put our gifts to use for His Kingdom work.

In each bulletin, there is a list of the missionaries and the ministries Main Street supports. A more descriptive list is on the next page. The amount we send to them is determined by the gifts received into the Missions Fund through Faith Promise or as designated gifts. Please remember to mark your gifts as Missions Fund or Faith Promise so they are accounted for properly.



Main Street Annual
Missions Conference
February 26-27, 2022
Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Richard L. Pratt, Jr.

2021 MAIN STREET MISSIONS PARTNERS

Support payments for the following missions partners are made from the Faith Promise funds we receive at Main Street. Since space in the bulletin does not permit a description of their ministries, this list may prove informative and helpful. They are not listed in any particular order. There are others who will remain anonymous for security reasons.

Bill Boggess is a Pastoral trainer for French speaking pastors with Equipping Leaders International. Bill went to work with ELI in February of 2019. He came to Christ with the RUF group from our church as a college student.

<https://equippingleadersinternational.org/>

Bob McPherson: Bob works in prison ministry and evangelizes door to door with small churches with CRU, Life Builders. CRU is the new name for Campus Crusade for Christ. He oversees Bible studies at St. Clair Prison in Alabama.

Mississippi State RUF / Joe Johnson is the current Reformed University Campus Minister serving at Mississippi State.

<http://www.ruf.org/ministry/mississippi-state-university>

Christina Thomas: is the Women's Coordinator for Christian Medical Ministry of Alabama and makes several medical ministry missions trips every year. She's a former MTW Missionary.

<http://cmmuab.org/>

Larry Brown is a professor at African Bible College, Malawi.

www.africanbiblecolleges.net

Nell Chinchen, along with her husband, Jack, founded African Bible Colleges. She is Director of Communications including ABC Radio.

www.africanbiblecolleges.net

Clarke Norton: and his wife Khrystya, serve with the Mission to the World Holy Trinity Church plant in L'viv, Ukraine. They disciple and mentor tweens, teens, and their parents in Christian living and work to build community in the truth of God's world through special events and projects.

<http://www.teamlviv.org/ministries.html>

Clete Hux is the Director of and Comparative Religions Apologist for Apologetics Resource Center.

<https://arcaoletics.org/>

Dale & Susan Ellison serve at Peru Mission. They are both active in church planting and Dale oversees the clinics and visiting teams. Susan teaches women's Bible study groups.

www.perumission.org

Wiley and Karon Smith are career Missionaries with Mission to the World. Wiley is a team leader for international medical trips.

<https://www.mtw.org/>

Andy Young is the Pastor of Oxford Evangelical Presbyterian Church, a United Kingdom Partnership Church plant (founded Jan 6, 2019).

andy@oxfordpres.co.uk

Third Millennium Ministries/Richard Pratt is the co-founder of Third Millennium Ministries. He travels extensively to teach and preach.

<https://thirdmill.org/>

Rekindle Children's Hope: a ministry for orphans in the villages of Lysoka and Maumu in Cameroon, Africa through after school programs and discipleship Bible studies

<http://rchafrica.org/>

Ministry to the Military & International: An English-speaking Presbyterian Reformed Church Planting Ministry near and on U.S. Military installations overseas

<http://www.ministrytothemilitaryinternational.com>



MSCS NEWS

Miss Judy and I have had so much fun these past few weeks with our two-year old Class. We have had some lovely weather to enjoy, and we took advantage of those times to go outside and play on the playground and talk about all the changes that fall brings. They love learning the fall poems about leaves.

We made very cute turkey t-shirts with their handprints that they proudly wore for our fall party. We did have a Thanksgiving feast. The food provided by the moms was very much enjoyed.

Recently, we have started learning Christmas songs for our upcoming program. We hope you can join us on the 15th and (fingers crossed) hear us sing songs about the birth of our Savior.

Thank you for your prayers for our sweet preschool. We are truly blessed.

Yours in Christ,
"Miss" Cathy



Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone had a blessed and happy holiday. We all have so much for which to be thankful.

On December 1st we will decorate the church sanctuary. We will begin at 9 and have a sandwich lunch afterwards. A nursery will be provided. This is always a fun time and I hope you can join in.

On December 7th the morning WIC will have a Christmas lunch. Please bring a sandwich and a “happy” for the kitchen. A hot pad, a pie server, or a dish towel would be perfect. We will begin at 11.

WIC at Night will meet on Wednesday, December 1st, for Bible study at 7 p.m. in the home of Janie Williams. The next Wednesday we will have our Christmas party beginning at 6 p.m. Don't forget a \$15 gift to exchange. Please bring an appetizer or dessert! These are great times of fellowship and I hope all you ladies can attend one or both!

I also want to say how much I have enjoyed my time as chairperson of the WIC! It is time for me to step down, but I will always be happy to help in any way. Shirley Swoope has agreed to chair WIC and I know she will be fantastic! I can't wait to see what is in store for 2022.

Merry Christmas,
Janie



Happy Hearts met on Tuesday, November 16, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for pie and coffee. Those of you who know Bess Swedenburg know we didn't only have pie and coffee! I did not sample each and I do not recall all, but I do know we had lemon, apple, pecan, and divinity nut pies. There were savory items on the table as well. Thank you to all who prepared items for this long overdue get together! I can't wait to find out what Bess has planned for us next year!



*Oh, what fun it is to work at Main Street Presbyterian Church!
Diann*





DECEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 WIC at Night 7 p.m. Cathy Duncan Russ & Pat Russell	2 Men's Bible Study Kay Swoope	3	4
5 Communion John Hunter Allgood Katie Weber	6 Jesse Duncan, Jr.	7 WIC 10 a.m.	8 WIC at Night 7 p.m.	9 Men's Bible Study Carson & Ann Marie Miller	10 Briar Herb	11 Nick Brewer Jack Chilcutt
12	13 Margo Allgood Amy Kilpatrick	14 Allan & Kitty Brewer	15 WIC at Night 7 p.m.	16 Men's Bible Study	17 Bertram & Debbie Jenkins	18 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 7:30 a.m.
19 The Christmas Story Presented by the children of MSPC	20 Nick Hairston	21 Happy Hearts 12:00 at Bess' home Reed Hairston	22 WIC "Soup Tasting" WIC at Night 7 p.m.	23 Men's Bible Study	24  Christmas Eve Service 5:30 p.m.	25  Merry Christmas Melissa Allgood
26 Marianne Field	27 Chris & Marcia Lovegren	28 Wyatt Thompson	29 WIC at Night 7 p.m.	30 Men's Bible Study	31 New Year's Eve	

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given...
and his name shall be called



Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6



December Volunteers

12-5-21 Frances Glenn, Jennifer White, Linda Simpson
12-12-21 Pat Russell, Sarah Bean, Jelaine Fondren
12-19-21 Jay & Hannah Nail, Bethany & Savannah Baxter,
Katie Tait
12-26--21 Tracey Elgersma, Bethany Baxter, Margo Allgood



Please remember in prayer:

MSPC Elders and Deacons and The Pastoral Search Committee

Louise Armstrong, Phillip Goodwin, Edna Mae McCoy, Mary Alice McKelvey, William McKelvey, John Mark Russell, Faith Whitlock, Macy Williams

Washington Officials, President Joe Biden

State, City, and County Officials

Governor Tate Reeves, Mayor Keith Gaskin, Police Chief Fred Shelton, Sheriff Eddie Hawkins

Helping Hands, Life Choices Pregnancy Center, Palmer Home, all Columbus Churches and Pastors



Upcoming EVENTS

- December 1 WIC at Night
December 2 Men's Bible Study
December 5 Communion
December 7 **WIC in the Morning Christmas Lunch**
December 8 **WIC at Night Christmas Party**
December 9 Men's Bible Study
December 15 WIC at Night
December 16 Men's Bible Study
December 18 Men's Breakfast and Study
December 19 **The Christmas Story**
(Presented by the Children of Main Street)
December 21 Happy Hearts - 12:00 at Bess Swedenburg's home
December 22 WIC "Soup Tasting"
December 23 Men's Bible Study
December 24 **Christmas Eve Service**
(The office will be closed on Christmas Eve.)
December 25 ***Merry Christmas!***
December 29 WIC at Night
December 30 Men's Bible Study
January 1 ***Happy New Year!***
January 2 Communion
January 4 WIC in the Morning
January 5 WIC at Night
January 9 **Congregational Luncheon – Soup and Sides**
Make your plans now to attend this warm and cozy fellowship.



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

Sunday Schedule

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