

APRIL/MAY 2022

# The Messenger

Main Street United Methodist Church

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD  
by reaching out with warm hearts and making a difference



## Where is the Church Finding Its Answers?



**G**race and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth! I hope you and your family are experiencing a refreshing penitential journey in God's presence this Lenten season as we await the great Resurrection celebration.

The vast majority of the over 7 billion people in today's world are asking several million-dollar questions, ones that arise from the difficult and confusing day-to-day experiences of life. Sometimes the right answers to these questions sound judgmental, unfriendly, and misleading. Some seemingly effective answers can compound the problem instead, leading to reluctance by many to seek the right answers. Unfortunately, the Church, which by nature ought to influence the rest of the world, often appears to be a ship without a rudder. As a witness to God's work on earth, the Church must listen to Christ so that it can sail in right direction and prophetically respond to people's needs.

What does this mean? Being a witness is impossible apart from listening. And the world will not want the answers the Church can offer if the Church does not have a strong, clear message that addresses its dilemmas. In other words, the real challenge is not merely professing to be Christ's witnesses, but witnessing to what He has actually said. The Church must not listen to any other voice for direction.

This tendency to listen to multiple voices (including our own inner voice) for direction was shown by the Apostle Peter on the mount of the transfiguration. On that beautiful day, Jesus had taken three of His disciples—Peter, John, and James—with Him to Mount Tabor to pray. Luke tells us that while Jesus was praying, something supernatural happened—“... the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.”<sup>30</sup>Two men, Moses and Elijah,

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appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus.<sup>31</sup>They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.” On one hand, the mountaintop experience was to reassure Jesus Christ of the joy set before Him as He awaited His crucifixion. On the other hand, it was meant to reveal to Peter, John, and James a glimpse of who Jesus truly was. And along with Jesus in His glory, they saw Moses and Elijah. But Peter misunderstood the essence of the mountaintop experience when he suggested building three shelters:<sup>33</sup>...“Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah...” Luke notes that Peter did not know what he was saying. How did God react to Peter's request? <sup>34</sup>While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.<sup>35</sup>A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.”

Friends, in this sudden interruption to correct the Apostle Peter's request, God made it clear to Peter that though he saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus, in no way were they equal. Building three shelters would be an equalizer that could not happen! So God said, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” Did you notice that the words were still on Peter's lips when God interrupted with both cloud and voice? The meaning is clear. God takes seriously the matter of who the Church listens to. It does not matter who and what they claim to represent. If God has not authorized them to speak on His behalf, the Church has the responsibility to discern who sent them.

In these last days, many unauthorized and ungodly voices want the Body of Christ to listen to them for direction. Unfortunately, they have misled many Christians and denominations. Do not be deceived. If the Church must remain relevant, if our families must get it right, if you and I must fulfill our calling and election, if the world must listen to us, then we must listen to Jesus Christ. May we fearlessly pay more attention to what Jesus is saying and be courageous to obey Him. Amen.

Your fellow disciple in Christ,

*Reverend Samuel*



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## THE MIRACLE *of life*



My name is Terry Smith. I am 80 years old and have been married to my wonderful wife Rebecca for almost 61 years. I was raised in a Christian home and have not strayed from the church or my faith. I believe God has blessed me with many miracles, including the most recent miracle of life.

Last November, even though I thought I was in good health, after several tests, a cardiologist told me I needed "routine" open-heart bypass surgery. I was told the surgery would give me many more years of healthy living. The surgery was scheduled. Before I went for the surgery, my pastor administered the Holy Communion to me three times and told me that God would be in the surgery room with me and through the recovery journey.

The original surgery went well, but six days later, I had internal bleeding and was rushed back into surgery and was opened back up. My heart stopped but the doctors were able to get it restarted. Because of blood clots, I had a stroke. I survived the surgery.

I spent the next month in a rehabilitation hospital learning how to walk and use my right side. While all this went on, the church was praying fervently for me. During one of my appointments, my surgeon's nurse told me, "You are a godly miracle!" Indeed, I am a godly miracle!

I believe I am alive and walking today because of God's mercy and His interceding actions with my terrific doctors. My family, my church family, my pastor and his family, our church prayer group, and all my Christian friends petitioned God day and night on my behalf. God listened and then granted me the gift of a new life! Glory be to God!



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United Methodist Women's Annual

## White Breakfast

Saturday, April 9 at 9 a.m.

Join the United Methodist Women for a lovely morning of fellowship. This year's keynote speaker will be Christianah Odubena. She will share her walk in Faith. She also will talk about her journey with Reverend Samuel and how they have built a God-centered home.

Reserve your seat no later than April 4.  
Call your RSVP to Elaine Craig at the church,  
765-472-3323, or email [mail@mainstreetperu.com](mailto:mail@mainstreetperu.com)



## STRATEGIC TEAM *news*

by Connie Cutler, Strategic Team chair

We extend our thanks to our retiring members, Leon Huskey as past Finance Chair and Tom McKaig as secretary and member at large. Both individuals have been a blessing to our team in their leadership skills and dedication. We appreciate greatly their efforts over the past years on this important leadership team.



**Leon Huskey** has been very active in Main Street, helping with numerous projects including communion, special dinners, and choir. As Finance Chair, he served on the Strategic Team for the last three years. Leon has been very active in our community, serving as the President of the Kiwanis Club, and with Red Cross and Miami Community Foundation. Leon is a retired Lt. Col. Air Force Pilot who spent 26 years on active duty, flying 68 B52 combat missions in Viet Nam. After retiring from the military, he was a Financial Planner for 20 years, retiring in 2011. Along with his wife, Nancy Spahr Huskey, he enjoys traveling, sports, especially tennis, and the Tennessee Vols sports Teams.



**Dr. Tom McKaig** has been very active in Main Street, serving on the Strategic Team since 2010, along with the Staff Parish Committee. He is always involved in Main Street activities, including Week End Backpacks, Operation Christmas Child, Food Trucks, Chicken Noodle Dinners. He is married to Anna Jo McKaig and they keep busy attending their grandchildren's activities. He was an administrator and superintendent for Peru Community Schools since 1974, retiring in 2007. Currently he is an educational consultant. Tom has also been very active in the community, currently serving as Peru Rotary Club President, and on the boards of Circus City Festival, Miami County Community Foundation, MC United Way, MC Economic Development, to name a few.

We welcome new members to the team: Mike McMinn as head of Finance, Laura Hochstedler as Staff Parish Chair, and Anne Collie as member at large. Anne also has agreed to take on the secretarial role that Tom fulfilled for many years.

We appreciate all our team members, and wish to ask the congregation to keep our efforts in their prayers for our church mission as well as contact us at any time with any concerns or thoughts. Our meeting times are normally the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM in the Library and are open to all.

Thank you to all the past and present members of this important leadership team of Main Street United Methodist Church.

## 2022 STRATEGIC TEAM

Connie Cutler  
Strategic Team Chair

Dave Swihart  
Trustee Chair

Mike McMinn  
Financial Chair

Miles Straly  
Missions Chair

Laura Hochstedler  
Staff Parrish Chair

Larry Jordan  
Trustee Treasurer

Ann Collie  
Secretary and Member at Large

Susan Jordan  
At Large Member

Rev. Sam Odubena  
Pastor and Spiritual Leader

## Music Ministry

### Easter Sunday

by Nancy Huskey

Easter Sunday promises to be a "noteworthy" celebration with the help of Jubilation Bells, assisted by Don Krug on the organ.

Music Sunday will be May 15! Please come prepared to hear some beautiful music from our handbell choir and quartet and at least one of our vocal groups. And you can help with your singing! We will all make a joyful noise to the Lord!

## Main Street Matters!

### MISSIONS *update*

by Miles Straly

The work we do matters! The impact is far-reaching in our community and beyond. The next months are full of opportunities to serve.

Main Street UMC will be the host for two Food Finders events this summer. These will be on June 22 and Aug 10. Several volunteers will be needed each day from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please let Miles know if you can help.

The Nelson Port-a-Pit chicken sale fund raiser will be on Saturday, April 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteer helpers are needed for two shifts: 10:30 – 1:30 and 1:30 – 4:30. Proceeds will be shared between Youth and Missions. Pre-sale tickets are available for purchase in the church office.

Free in-home COVID test kits are available through the following online address: [special.usps.com/testkits](https://special.usps.com/testkits). Each family may receive four free test kits.

Main Street UMC has agreed with United Way to be one of Miami County's Emergency Red Cross Relief Centers. In the event of a local natural disaster we will temporarily open our church to house up to ten individuals. This is just another example of our warm-hearted church caring for our community in times of need!



### APRIL 23, 11 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Missions and Youth are joining to present another Nelson's Port-a-Pit chicken sale fund raiser. It will be a drive-by event in our church parking lot. Chicken and Pit Potatoes will be offered from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on **Saturday, April 23**. Tickets are \$8.50. Pre-sale tickets will be available to buy and sell. See Miles.

### MISSION OF THE MONTH

We recently received this note from C.C.'s Closet: "Thank you for your generous donation of \$500. It will go a long way to meet clothing needs for Miami County's children and families. You have been a regular donor and we can't express adequately how much your faithfulness to this ministry means." Since 2017 C.C.'s Closet has served the needs of Miami County's foster children as well as Miami County adults and children who are in need, but not in the foster care system. C.C.'s collects donations of new and gently-used clothing, shoes, toiletries, and baby gear. Monetary donations are used to buy toiletries, pajamas, underwear, socks, diapers, wipes, and other basic needs. Often when children are removed from homes by the Department of Child Services, they have nothing other than the clothes on their backs. C.C.'s fills in the gaps to ensure these children have their basic health, education, and welfare needs. C.C.'s Closet also heads up a Christmas program providing Christmas presents for children in foster care at an average value of \$150 per child. In 2021 they served 145 children. We want to thank C.C.'s Closet for their positive impact in our community and thank you Main Street members for supporting this worthy mission!



## Cluster of our UMC Pastors in Miami County

*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the LORD commanded the blessing—Life forever (Psalm 133).*

“When I think of our Cluster, two words come to mind: fellowship and encouragement. Because we are connected and care, we encourage each other, and that encouragement is made real in our fellowship. Together in Christ.” – Rev. Dr. Bob Land, McGrawsville Community Church

“God is good! He has brought together this wonderful group of pastors. We have shared good ideas, put together times of community worship, and shared who we are. I have been blessed by our times together and knowing each member of the group. Blessings on you, dear friends!” – Pastor Bob Clark.

“The cluster is a practical reality of Psalm 133—we eat breakfast together, worship together, visit each other, and bring our congregations together. I am thrilled by the beauty of our time together, especially the last Ash Wednesday service, the ongoing Lenten services, and the exchange of pulpits. I love this family of God!” – Rev. Dr. Samuel Odubena, Main Street UMC.

“From the beginning of my pastoral journey, I saw the value of a fellowship of clergy, coming together, sharing a meal (breakfast), under the agreement of first, a covenant group, that takes the form of a support group, you might even call it, for the clergy, a safe space. A place to share struggles, questions, discuss ideas for ministry, or simply to relax and laugh together, pray together. To encourage one another and build comradery, to continue the Kingdom work, clergy are called to do, in a world filled with ever-changing pastoral challenges. Any time we gather as a cluster, I see it as a valuable resource and benefit to the spiritual health of our UMC clergy in Miami County. To God be the glory.” – Pastor Evan Strong, Bunker Hill UMC.

*Pictured above from left to right: Evan Strong, Dave Duke, Samuel Odubena, Bette Thompson, Bob Clark, and Bob Land.*



## 1 PETER 4:10-11

**Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Ann Tumlison recipient of the Jewel of a Woman Award



Each year the United Methodist Women’s Ministry presents the Jewel of a Woman Award. This award recognizes one of its members for outstanding service to the church. This year Ann Tumlison is the recipient of this award. The award was presented by Bev Dewald on March 20.

Ann and her husband of 53 years, Zan, have been attending Main Street United Methodist Church since 2005. She and Zan

raised two children, Sean and Stephanie. They are the proud grandparents of six including, Zach, Taylor, Maddie, Zander, Livi, and Katie.

Ann graduated from Arkansas A&M with a bachelor’s degree in Education. She taught elementary school for 30 years in North Carolina and Arkansas.

After retirement, Zan’s work in health administration took the Tumlisons all over the United States. They have enjoyed 49 of our 50 states.

Ann has served the church in many ways over the years, including the annual Chicken Noodle fundraiser, Food Finders, UMW, to name just a few. When an extra helping hand is needed, Ann is always ready and eager to serve. Her cheerful smile, joyful southern drawl, gentleness, and positive attitude are infectious. Ann says, “I love the people here. It is truly the church with a warm heart.”

Congratulations, Ann! May God continue to bless us with your many talents that you generously share. Your giving spirit and genuine love for life are an inspiration.

# Next Gen

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Created by Rev. Sam, Next Gen is a group of Main Street members who are in their 40s and 50s. This group was created to live as the missional bridge through which people can connect with God, to meet, and act purposefully to ensure that Main Street not only survives, but thrives in the coming years through practical evangelism and discipleship. In order to begin this lifelong journey, the first group of Next Gen had a three-week seminar on how to confidently share their faith through the various platforms God has given them. Resource persons were Dr. Samuel Odubena and Dr. W. Jay Moon. Dr. Moon is a professor of Church Planting and Evangelism at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY. The seminar was sponsored by Knox Fellowship. Read what some of the participants are saying:

"I feel God's presence in my life holding my hand every step of the way. He is always with me, and I know that if I listen, he will guide me during my daily life. I grew up in a Christian family and accepted Christ as my Savior at an early age. However, there have been times in my life when I "took the wheel:" instead of "fully" following God. I learned that there is more to being a Christian than just going to church on Sundays. I learned so many things from the seminar. One of the key points was that accepting Christ as my Savior and Lord is just the beginning of a lifetime journey. As disciples of Christ, God expects us to study His Word, grow in our knowledge and understanding of Him, and make other disciples of Christ." – Claire

"After participating in the Next Gen seminar I truly discovered many new nuggets from the Bible on true discipleship. I also compared myself to a 'bone' from my body which God made. The last three years I have been broken in many different ways emotionally and physically but I have hope because God made bones to heal and I believe in the Lord for my healing and it is well with my soul. Though I've known that Jesus had twelve disciples, God brought to light that it was ONLY twelve disciples that God used to initially spread the Gospel. Secondly, I learned evangelism is genuine discipleship." – Julie

"I really enjoyed The Next Gen seminar and the group. I appreciate Sam's knowledge and ability to teach. I have a much clearer picture of what it means to be a disciple. I am around people all the time and I need to be much more aware of opportunities I may have to help people find Christ. I am excited about learning how to do this the way God wants me to. I am also much more aware of what our church really needs. This was an eye opener for me. I do wish that everyone in our church had the opportunity that our group had to refuel. I look forward to continuing this journey." – Todd

"Over the course of the three sessions, I learned that it takes having both your mind and your heart fully focused on God and Jesus in order to continue down the path to discipleship. Without both of these parts of you aligned it can cause you to turn away from the path we have been called to walk." – Brad

In the next edition of *The Messenger*, more testimonials will be shared as this group continues its work to connect people with God. Until then, blessings to all.

*Participants include Kristi Jordan, Claire Smith, Christianah Odubena; Dr. Samuel Odubena, Alex Blong, Bob Blong, Julie Worland, Kent Worland, Anne Collie, Melanie Giek, Brad Hochstedler, Denise Gornto, and Todd Smith.*



## PRAYER *list*

The Scripture admonishes us to pray and intercede for one another. Please remember the following members and friends in your prayers:

Bob and Marcia Harkema	Gary Loe	Lori Haun
Carl Christensen	Terry Smith	Melissa Dillman
Mandy Custer	Gabby	Bradley Conner
Stacy Young	Heather Walters	Angela Dean
Wm. Roger Powers Jr.	Larry Yoder	Jessica Shutter
The family of George Gehring	Ashley Wright	Mary Courtney
Sherry Gehring	Bob Dillman	Anna Marie Slone
Debbie Plothow	Dana Harp	Belinda
Julie Carroll	Kaitlin Frick	Scotty Fisher
Dale Heltzel	DJ Smith	Ron Lamb
Rhoda Ellers and family	Deb Smith	Chris Bond
Will Pierce	Bernita Goble	Debbie Dailey
Vince Gant	Glenn Householder	Terry W. Smith
Judy Satrom and the family of DeLeana Satrom	Kathy Conner	Robert Bonifant
Sandy Althouse	Beth Wright	Pastor Kenny Cole
Erin Savage	Alen Burkhardt	Beth Bengé
Steve Butler	Theo Massaro	Bill Summers
	John Powell	and for our church members and Pastor.
	Joe Slone	

## PRAYER *ministry*

The Prayer Team encourages Main Street members to join our in-person meetings once every two months. We are always looking for new people to join our team. If you are interested, please see Laura Hochstedler or Rev. Samuel for more information.

Prayer is the breath of the Christian life. We are committed to frequently practice the presence of Jesus and stand in the gap for others in prayer. Please send your prayer requests to [mainstprayers@gmail.com](mailto:mainstprayers@gmail.com) or contact Laura Hochstedler at 765-244-7031.

## APRIL *birthdays*

Kenneth Cawood	4/2	Janice Williams	4/8	Christopher Smith	4/15	Melanie Giek	4/24
Alayne Cook	4/2	Lauren Conner	4/10	Kaitlin Bonifant	4/17	Peace Odubena	4/29
Sue Ellen Carswell	4/4	Todd Smith	4/12	Nancy Huskey	4/18	Clayton Cutler	4/30
Beverly DeWald	4/4	Denise Gornto	4/15	Kamon Blong	4/19		

## MAY *birthdays*

Debbie Plothow	5/1	Kyle Walters	5/10	Julie Allen	5/16	Veda Sutton	5/28
Michael McMinn III	5/3	Jacquelynn Cox	5/13	Peter Gorka	5/21		
Nina Smith	5/7	Kristi Jordan	5/13	Chloe Jordan	5/23		
Tobi Odubena	5/10	Mike Neher	5/15	Peggy Straly	5/23		

If your name should appear on the birthday list and doesn't, please notify the office.



# SPECIAL GUEST

## PRESCHOOL *update*

Preschool students had the honor of Rich Ashley from the Peru Fire Department reading to all four of our classes for Read Across America Day.

**See page 10 for important upcoming dates.**





# Jesus Dies on the Cross Word Search



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Read the story below. Find and circle the words that are **underlined**.  
The words can appear in any direction: horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backwards.

## Jesus Dies on the Cross – Matthew 27:27–56; Mark 15:16–37; Luke 23:26–49; John 19:2–3,17–30

The **soldiers** made fun of **Jesus**. They took off his clothes and put a **purple robe** on him. They twisted **thorns** together to make a **crow**n and placed it on Jesus' head. They fell on their knees and pretended to honor Jesus. Then they led him away to nail him to a **cross**.

A man named Simon was passing by. The soldiers forced him to **carry** the cross. They brought Jesus to the place called **Golgotha**. The word Golgotha means the Place of the Skull.

There the soldiers **nailed** Jesus to the cross. Two **criminals** were **crucified** next to Jesus, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said, "**Father, forgive** them. They don't know what they are doing."

Above his head they placed a **sign**. It read,

"This is Jesus, the **King** of the **Jews**."

**Darkness** covered the whole land for three hours. Then Jesus cried out in a loud **voice**. He said, "My **God**, my God, why have you **deserted** me?"

Jesus said, "It is **finished**." Then he **bowed** his **head** and **died**.



## APRIL & MAY *at-a-glance*

### REPEATING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### SUNDAYS

- Sunday Worship, 9 AM
- Adult Sunday School following service
- Youth Sunday School following service
- Children Sunday School following service
- Vocal Group (RISE or 441) 5 PM
- Jubilation Bells rehearsal 6 PM
- Carillon Quartet rehearsal 7 PM

#### MONDAYS

- Staff Meeting 9:30 AM
- Prayer Team Meeting, 5:30 PM

#### TUESDAYS

- Bible Study 6- 7:15 PM, Fellowship Hall

#### WEDNESDAYS

- UMW Coffee 9 AM, Church Library

### APRIL CALENDAR

#### APRIL 3

Holy Communion Service 9 AM  
Cluster Lenten Service: Bunker Hill UMC  
6 PM

#### APRIL 4

Reservations due for White Breakfast

#### APRIL 5

VBS Meeting (Library) 4 PM

#### APRIL 6

Northwest Clergy Fireside Chat Noon  
Strategic Team meeting 5:30 PM

#### APRIL 9

UMW White Breakfast 9AM  
Northwest Lay Leaders Training,  
Remington 10 AM  
Northwest Listening session, Remington  
12:30 PM

#### APRIL 10

Palm Sunday Service 9 PM  
Youth delivering Easter cards/gifts to  
Main Street  
shut-in during Sunday School time

#### APRIL 11-13

**Passion Week** Mid-day Prayer Noon -  
12:30 PM

#### APRIL 13

No UMW meeting

#### APRIL 14

Preschool Easter Celebration Day  
Maundy Thursday Service and Holy

Communion at Parkview UMC, 6 PM

#### APRIL 15

Office Closed  
Preschool Easter Celebration Day  
Good Friday Service, with Parkview at  
Main Street UMC 6 PM

#### APRIL 17

Easter Day Holy Communion Service 9 AM

#### APRIL 18

Psi Iota Xi 7 PM  
Northwest Listening Session, Wabash First  
7 PM

#### APRIL 19

Preschool Garden Gate Greenhouses Field  
Trip 10:30 AM

#### APRIL 20

Preschool Garden Gate Greenhouses Field  
Trip 10:30 AM

#### APRIL 23

Nelson's Port-A-Pit Chicken Sale 11 AM – 4  
PM

#### APRIL 24

Preschool Sunday 9 AM  
130th Anniversary of the Dedication of  
the Main Street UMC building (April 24,  
1892-April 24, 2022)  
Indiana Federated Music Clubs District 5  
Playoffs (Sanctuary) 1-3 PM

#### APRIL 26

Preschool Mother's Day Celebration 9-11  
AM

Preschool Mother's Day Celebration  
12:30-2:30 PM

#### APRIL 27

Cap and Gown Graduation Pictures/  
Spring Pictures

#### APRIL 28

Preschool Spring Pictures

### MAY CALENDAR

#### MAY 1

Holy Communion Service 9 AM

#### MAY 4

Northwest Clergy Fireside Chat Noon  
Strategic Team meeting 5:30 PM

#### MAY 8

Mother's Day Service 9 PM

#### MAY 11

UMW Meeting 10:30 AM

#### MAY 15

Music Sunday 9 AM  
Main Street Potluck Fellowship following  
service

#### MAY 16

Preschool "Kindergarten Day" 9 AM – 3 PM  
Psi Iota Xi 7 PM  
Northwest Lay Members Equalization  
Chat 7 PM

#### MAY 18

Northwest Clergy Zoom meeting Noon

#### MAY 19

Preschool Last Day of Class for the Bees  
May 20  
Preschool Last Day of Class for the  
Ladybugs

#### MAY 22

Youth Sunday 9 AM  
All youth meet after worship service  
for group activity, 10:30-12:30 (lunch  
provided)

Youth group camera party (all youth 3rd  
grade and older)

#### MAY 23

Preschool "Kindergarten Day" 9 AM – 3 PM  
Preschool Last Day of Class for the Owls &  
Butterflies  
Staff Meeting 9:30 AM

#### MAY 24

Preschool End-of-the-Year program 5:30 PM  
Preschool Graduation ceremony 7 PM

#### MAY 26

Ascension Day

#### MAY 29

Peru Community Prayer, Nazarene Church  
5 PM

#### MAY 30

Memorial Day (Office Closed)



*Join us in worship*  
at Main Street United Methodist Church.

# Good Friday Service

Main Street United Methodist Church

April 15 at 6 p.m.



*A Victory Service of Christ's Resurrection*

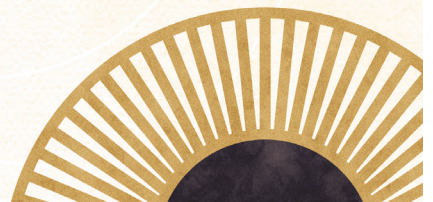
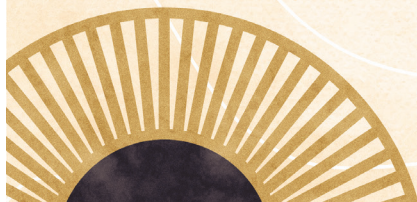
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**Celebrate the Resurrection**

The Empty Tomb

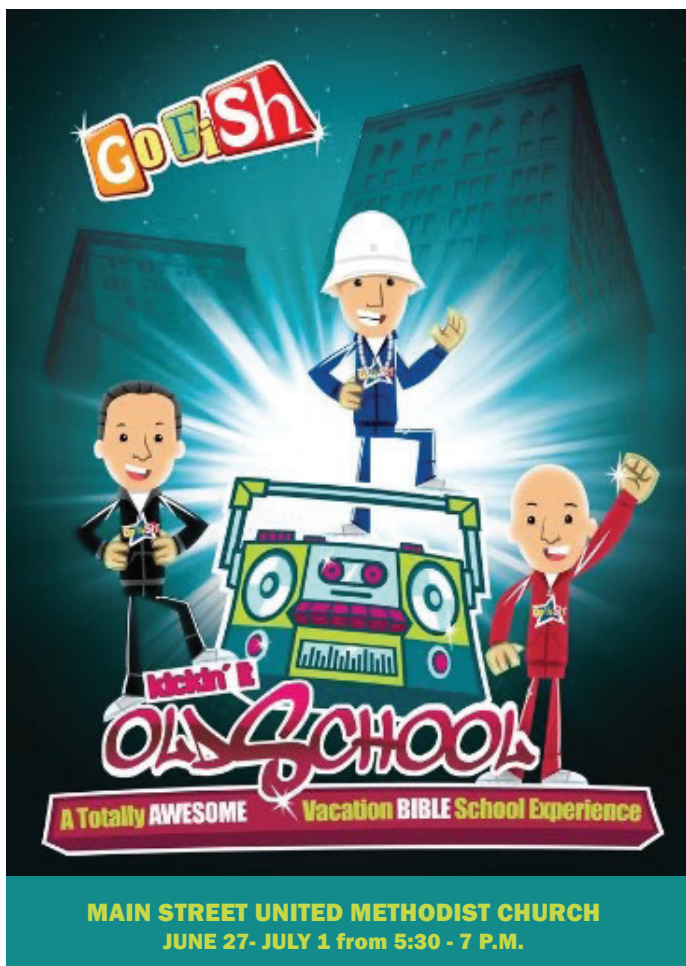
Sunday, April 17

9 a.m.





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JUNE 27- JULY 1 from 5:30 - 7 P.M.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER CALL-OUT

Vacation Bible School will be held from June 27-July 1 at Main Street. We are combining with Chapel of Praise, The Nazarene Church, First Christian Church, and Parkview UMC Church this year. It will be more of a community type VBS so hopefully we can attract more children. "Kickin' It Old School" is the theme this year.

Each night the children will be fed a complete dinner. On Tuesday, June 28, Main Street will be providing a taco bar. We will be asking for specific food donations at a later date but we need a group of people who would be willing to set it up, serve and clean up afterwards. Please let Melanie know if you can help with the meal that evening.

We also will need some volunteers who would be willing to be group leaders and assistants and also people to run the "games" portion of VBS each evening. The games will be pre-planned and all supplies will be provided.

VBS registration forms will be in the church office by mid-May. Contact Melanie if you have any questions.