Each Sunday in August we’ll have coffee and breakfast goodies in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 A.M. We hope this will be a fun way to get ourselves back in the routine of coming earlier to church as we get ready to re-engage in Sunday Morning Bible Study this fall.

Come join us for this time of food and fellowship as we reset our habits and reconnect with each other!

Mark your calendars: We’ll step it up on August 29th with a special Pancake Breakfast at 9:30 A.M. Sign up required for Pancake Breakfast.

The Sanctuary Choir will begin in-person rehearsals on Wednesday Night, September 8th at 7:15.

New Members are welcome!

See Mark Gourley for information.

Choir Social and Cookout
At the home of Mark & Judy Gourley
101 Mowbray Arch
Sunday, August 22
4:00 PM
Spouses and Children are welcome! Just bring your appetite!
Call, text or email Mark by Wed. 8/18 with number attending
919-920-3305
markgourley1984@gmail.com

YOUTH RED CARPET EVENT
Aug. 8th, 6:00-7:30 P.M.

We will welcome our new 7th graders into the youth group during our first Encounter of the new school year.

Good food! Good friends! Good times!
Congratulations to Cooper Bebeau for receiving his Eagle Scout Award!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the car wash on July 25th. We raised $860 for Habitat for Humanity!

Youth Encounter

Youth group is back in action! With so many pressures in our culture, our teenagers desperately need a multi-generational place to find Jesus, rest, and belonging. Youth group is the perfect place for all these things, so we pray that each family will prioritize Sunday night Youth Encounter and other youth programs, into their family calendar.

Youth ministry researchers say that every teenager has three big questions they need our help sorting out: 1) who am I? 2) where do I fit? 3) and what difference can I make? This Fall, these are the conversations we will be having. Our faith in Jesus helps it all make sense. Through stories and conversation, our Fall message series for Encounter is this, "Good God. Good Faith. Good Love."

Also parents, please make plans to attend the simultaneous Parent Meeting and Parent Lab, on August 15 and 22.

August Encounter Calendar (Always 6pm-7:30pm)

8  Red Carpet
15  Back to School Party / Parent Meeting with Skyler Daniel
22  "God is Near" / Parent Lab with Bruce Wilson

"God is Love"

*Youth Bible Study will begin on Sunday, Sept.12, at 10 am.
**Youth Fall Retreat will be November 12-14 at Eagle Eyrie.

Upcoming ECHO Events:

October: Thursday, 10/14 - Genealogy Program
(details forthcoming)

November: Thursday, 11/18 - The White House
Mark Gourley will present a program on The White House, sharing his memorabilia and talking about his experiences conducting performing groups there.

We are planning a trip! Mark your calendars and plan to go with us to Red Hill, in Brookneal, VA - the last home and burial site of Patrick Henry. On September 16, we will leave West Main at 8:30 A.M. The tour is approximately 2 hours (Cost $4 if we have 10 or more). We’ll plan to have lunch at Drug Store Grill in Brookneal and return to West Main in the early to mid afternoon. The sign-up sheet is posted on the hall bulletin board or call the church to sign up. Sign up by September 7.

We are definitely open to a menu change if you have a favorite meal that you like to prepare. Leaders are already in place for the following meals: pork loin, spaghetti, pizza, BBQ, enchiladas, chicken nuggets and meat loaf. Please call Billie Jo if you would like to help or if you have any questions. 792-5960.

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8  Billie Jo Reynolds
9  Linda Taylor
10  Lizzie McAdams
11  Charlize Daniel
12  James Minter
13  JP Kirk
14  Kim Bebeau
15  Sarah Gibson
16  Amanda Dalton
17  Alex Brown
18  Angela Wells
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Happy Birthday to you!

West Main is going to the OTTERBOTS!

Wed., Aug. 4th at 7:00 P.M.
Cost: $5 per ticket
Sign up on the sheet in the main church hallway or by calling the church office. 792-5960.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS THIS FALL!

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This description from our church website was inspired by your conversations during the transition. It captures the essence of who you have been for almost 80 years. It describes what I experienced as I got to know you and learned your story, leading me to move across the country to be your pastor, and motivating me to serve you each and every day since.

These words have been tested over the last 16 months, but they still hold true.

Bound together by the love of God in Jesus Christ, we have continued to walk together through all of life’s difficulty and beauty. We have been resilient and creative in worship, fellowship, and mission. We have focused not on what we can’t do, but what we can do.

And that resilience has paid off. This fall we will celebrate our family, our community, more fully returning home to the corner of West Main and Lockett!

I invite you to join the party! To give thanks and praise to God for the joy of getting back to Wednesday night suppers, Sunday morning Bible Study, and worship in the sanctuary - those “normal” things that I hope we will never take for granted again. I invite you to breathe deeply. To savor cups of coffee, and donuts, and chicken enchiladas. To hug too tightly. To laugh, talk, and sing too loudly. To simply enjoy being with your friends at church again.

But I also invite you to be an active and intentional partner in the reconnecting and rebuilding work it will take for West Main to become an even stronger family, community, and home in 2021 and beyond.

- **Make in-person worship a priority and bring a friend.**
- **Come to Wednesday Night Supper and invite a neighbor (and volunteer to cook a meal or clean up!).**
- **Join a weekly Bible Study group (stay tuned for sign-ups!).**
- **Get your kids engaged in our children’s & youth programs.**
- **Volunteer for a mission opportunity, to teach a class, sing in the choir, make a youth meal or keep the nursery.**
- **Follow WMBC on social media & make sure you’re signed up to receive the church newsletter & mailchimp emails.**
- **Share your ideas with us for new ways we can worship, serve, and grow together!**

I am thankful for you and hopeful for the future God has in store for us - Drew

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

### WEST MAIN MEMBERS

- Richard McFarling
- Dan Taylor
- Linda Taylor, back issues
- Lynne Booker
- Ruth Hess, Roman Eagle
- Coy Harville
- Ken Stokes
- Nancy Davis
- Tony Adeck
- Patty Childress
- Lee Wayland
- Raymond Elliott
- Betty Falk

### ASSISTED CARE

- Nancy Buchanan - Commonwealth
- Virginia Powell - Roman Eagle
- Mercer Motley - Riverside
- Nell Moore - Riverside
- Russell Hines - Atlanta

### FAMILY & FRIENDS

- W.H. Williams’ brother
- Rachel Martin’s brother
- Joyce Payne’s sister
- Jeff Gilliam’s sister
- Sherry Price’s aunt
- Pam Pulley’s mother
- Joy Wood’s mom
- Jamie McAdams’ parents
- Nancy Dalton’s friends
- Tommy Stump & Josephine Casada
- Larry Aaron’s brother-in-law
- Bobby Harris’ sister
- Jack Morning’s friend, Bob
- Judy Gourley’s sister-in-law
- Kathy Harville’s aunt
- Tracey Clatterbuck’s aunt
- Jimmie Payne’s sister
- Billie Calvert’s son in law
- Rena Vaughn’s brother
- Mark Vaughn’s cousin
- Barbara Shaver’s brother
- Donna Helton’s parents
- Raymond Newman’s friend
- The Tucker’s friend
- Pete Heath’s father
- Barbara Pleasant’s mother
- Kevin Kirk’s uncle
- W.H. & Melodie’s friend
- Sallie Minter’s friend, Judy
- Nolan’s grandson
- COVID 19 patients & caregivers

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Our Christian sympathy is extended to:

- Jean Jones on the death of her sister-in-law.
- Friends and family of Romona Reynolds on her death.
Read the New Testament in 2021:

Week of July 25:
1 Corinthians 8-12

Week of August 1:
1 Corinthians 13-2 Corinthians 1

Week of August 8:
2 Corinthians 2-6

WORSHIP THIS WEEK
August 1, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.
Drew Herring’s Topic:
I Can’t Get No Satisfaction
John 6: 24-35