

450 West Main Street

THIS GLORIOUS MESS

During this Advent/Christmas season, I will focus my sermons, Wednesday lessons, and The Gathering on the topic *This Glorious Mess*. I stole the phrase from a quote I once heard: "One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly."



If you read the stories of Jesus' birth in Luke 1-2, and Matthew 1-2, you will see what I mean. There are so many curious events that are, in fact, messes with a lot of glory in them. There is much joy in these stories, but also essential and practical Jesus lessons, too.

So, bring your Christmas-frazzled self to church this Advent/Christmas season, along with your sense of humor, and enjoy a fresh take on the birth of our savior into the world.

THE "YES!" PLEDGE PICKS UP STEAM

We are rolling now on our pledging for the 2018 Ministry Budget. As you can see from the update on the cover of this newsletter we are at 35% pledged. We need to reach 90% to go forward with our 2018 ministry budget. You can see that every single pledge is essential, especially this year as our church will go through a time of transition.

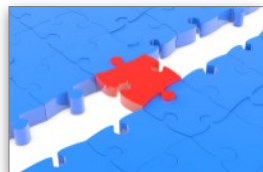


If you have pledged, thank you. If not, prayerfully consider a generous, affirming pledge this year that will secure our Jesus work for the next year. We collect pledges through Sunday, December 31, 2017.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS INPUT ON PASTORAL TRANSITION COMMITTEE

In our last Business Meeting, our church voted to have the Nominating Committee establish a Pastoral Transition Committee to oversee the whole process of a pastoral search.

The Pastoral Transition Committee will be made up of about 12 members, which will consist of two staff members, a representative from Deacons, Personnel, Finance, and Missions, plus six at-large members. Additional members can be added at the suggestion of the Nominating Committee and with church approval.



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West Main Baptist Church

Hi-Lites

November 28, 2017

The Hi-Lites is the newsletter of West Main Baptist Church.

You can also learn what is happening at West Main by going to our website:

westmainbaptist.org

Online Giving



Online: Go to our website and click the DONATE button and follow the instructions.

Mobile: Download the "Simple Give" App, and follow the instructions.

Questions? Call 792-5960.

EXTENDED SESSION Sunday, December 3

Babies: Christine Odongo,
Jessamyn Rubio
2's & 3's: Caskie & Rowan Kirk
4's & 5's: Pam & Paige Swanson

Deacon Greeters Sunday, December 3

Dan Taylor, Joan Daniel,
Jenny Elder

Wednesday Night Dinner December 6

Baked Ziti, Salad, Bread and
Homemade Dessert

Last dinner for 2017

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This Sunday, December 3 11:00 A.M.
The First Sunday of Advent

Decorating Our Sanctuary
The Poinsettia Tree

Bruce Wilson's Topic:
This Glorious Mess: A Very Long Walk
Luke 2:1-4

We dedicate Abigail Holshouser and her parents.

The "YES!" Pledge

PLEDGE UPDATE

Pledges Collected So Far: 62
\$201,495 (35%)

2018 Ministry Budget: \$575,358

We collect until Sunday, December 31st.



God's Storehouse Volunteers Needed

West Main's God's Storehouse work days are **Monday, Dec. 4 - Thursday Dec. 7**. Two volunteers are needed for Monday 9:15-12:00. One volunteer is needed for Tuesday 12:00-2:30 and Wednesday, 12:00-2:30. And we need four on Thursday 1-3:00 and 3:00-5:00. Sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

The Nominating Committee met this week and is now seeking input regarding the at-large members. These at-large members would represent the various demographics and ministries of our church.

If you would consider serving on this committee or want to suggest someone, you can call Billie Jo Reynolds at the church office by December 15. An important note: Just because you are willing to serve on the committee, **does not mean** the Nominating Committee will chose you to serve. There are only a few spaces available and the Nominating Committee must refine their choices to reflect the demographics and needs of the whole West Main family.

Also, you must understand that this committee will require a significant investment of time and energy. Decisions will be made about how to transition from my pastorate through an interim/in-between period and into the ministry of the pastor who will serve West Main for the next 27 years (I hope).

It is a very exciting process that will require the prayers and support of all West Mainers. Certainly I am praying for the Nominating Committee as they formulate this Transition team. I want the very best next step for *my* church that I love with all my heart. What a exciting time for our church family!
Grace and peace, Bruce

CHILDREN'S SPONTANEOUS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH



Four year olds - 4th graders are invited to participate in our "Spontaneous Christmas Pageant" during the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, December 10th. We will practice in the Sanctuary that morning during their regular Sunday School time. (There will be no Sunday School on the 10th for these age groups only.) Following the rehearsal, we will go upstairs for a snack while we wait for the service to begin. **Children in Action (1st - 4th grade) will also sing that morning.**



-We are registered for **Passport** and we have an *awesome* group going, but if anyone else is interested in going, contact Skyler and we will try to get them in as well!

-No Youth Encounter this Sunday due to the Christmas Parade!

-Dec 10, 6 P.M. - Meet at church, but bundle up! We're walking to **the Wales home**, (216 Virginia Ave) for **dinner and story time** with Patrick. We'll enjoy a little backyard bonfire with hot chocolate! (Back at church at 7:30)

-Dec 17- **Extreme Christmas Caroling!** (Time to be determined.)

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 3 (Advent 1)

9:45 A.M. Bible Study
11:00 A.M. *The Hanging of the Greens Worship*
6:00 P.M. Deacons' Meeting

Monday, Dec. 4 - Thurs. Dec. 7

West Main Week of Service at God's Storehouse

Wednesday, Dec. 6

9:15 A.M. Women's Bible Study
5:30 P.M. **Last Emmaus Cafe of 2017**
6:15 P.M. Fifty6: Live it!, Children in Action, Jubilee, Youth Chill and ReNew
7:05 P.M. Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, Dec. 10 (Advent 2)

9:45 A.M. Bible Study
11:00 A.M. *Morning Worship: Christmas Pageant*
6:00 P.M. Youth Encounter
7:30 P.M. Compline Service

Sunday, Dec. 17 (Advent 3)

9:45 A.M. Bible Study
11:00 A.M. *Morning Worship: Lessons and Carols*
TBD Youth Caroling
7:30 P.M. Compline Service

Tuesday, Dec. 19

Staff Christmas Outing, office closed 10 - 4

Sunday, December 24 (Advent VI)

11:00 A.M. Worship Service only in the Fellowship Hall.
5:30 P.M. **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE**

Monday, December 25 - Wednesday, Dec. 27

Church Office closed

Sunday, December 31

11:00 Worship Service only.

Monday, January 1 - Church office closed.

Compline

Begins Sunday, December 10 at 7:00 P.M.

Compline is a time of prayer and silence.

No childcare provided.

Give the Gift of Childcare on Christmas Eve

We are seeking two families to volunteer to provide childcare for infants-tuos for our Christmas Eve Service. If you are willing to do volunteer please call Billie Jo at 792-5960.



IN YOUR PRAYERS, REMEMBER

WEST MAINERS

David Hoffman- surgery
Dec.12, Duke
Larry Aaron - Roanoke
Mark Gourley - radiation therapy
Jean Harville
Gary Ferguson
Paige Swanson
Elizabeth Williams
Harold Henry - Roman Eagle
Virginia Powell - Roman Eagle
Mae Allen - Roman Eagle
Mercer Motley - Riverside
Goldie Keesee - Roman Eagle

WMBC FAMILY & FRIENDS

Jerry & Barbara Shaver's daughter-in-law, Heather
Sue Covington, Rena Leggett, & Jim Jones' mother

Michelle Bloomer's mother, Marsha Sherman
Susan Crew's father and brother
Ellen Reynolds' mother
Laura Luffman's father, Mac
Kathy Harville's aunt
Jennifer Dalton's father
Becky Barker's brother
Lori Beth Dalton's nephew, Jaidon
Dot Stone's sister, Frances
Charlie Bowman's sister
Rena Vaughn's brother
Barbara Pleasant's mother
Peyton Keesee's brother
Nancy Davis' daughter, Kim
George Brooks' father

Our sympathy is extended to Jim Minter on the death of his sister-in-law.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Bonnae Buchanan	19	Elizabeth Gentry
3	Jacob Trainor		Carol Floyd
4	Megan Bond	20	Madison Syvanthong
5	Pam Pulley	21	Sandy Buchanan
6	David Helton		Tom Gay
7	Sara Katherine Cumbo		Nancy Dalton
8	Miles Gibson		Mark Lewis
	Pat Adkins	22	Linda Porter
	Anna James		Harold Henry
	Abercrombie		Ken Carlson
9	Jeff Smith		Wendy Abercrombie
	Josh Lineberry	23	Dylan Turner
12	Vickie Jones	25	Ashley Harper
13	Tim Montgomery		Sarah Turner
	Lynn Huckabee	27	Susan Crews
	Bill Harville		Charlotte Zagol
	Chloe Gay	29	Jean Jones
15	George Buchanan		Sandy Ramsey
16	Rena Leggett		Joseph Uitto
	Ellen Gray Lackey	30	Lee Wayland
18	Barry Flinn		Susan Huckstep
	Helen Grace Wales		Tom Zagol
	Kullen Payne	31	Evienne Bond
			Janet Hankins