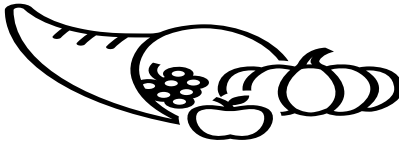


THE MAIN ARTERY

NOVEMBER 2021

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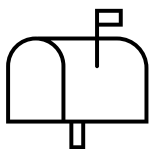
November Events:

- November 5 - MSBC watches "The Chosen" starting this Friday November 5th.
- November 6 – Lamb to Loom -Mizpah Room 10 AM-2PM (see pg.2)
- November 7 – Meatball Sub Luncheon after church (see pg.3)
- November 11 – Veteran’s Day
- November 18 – Church Council Meeting
- November 20 – Free Clothes and More 10 Am - Noon
- November 21- Collection& Dedication date for Operation Christmas Child boxes.
Notes of Thanksgiving collected during service
Coffee Hour & Pie pickup after the service.
- November 24 Thanksgiving Eve Service at Main Street Baptist Church.

Birthdays

November	
11	Rhayleen Abbey
18	MaryAnn Samples
19	Judy Wark

From the Mailbox



October 3, 2021

To the Main Street Church Family!


John and I want today to thank you to all the prayers and well wishes this Church family provided us during our recent health issues.

We want you all to know that we appreciate you and we are doing well!

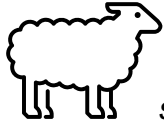
Thank you again!

Always in Christ

John & Cindy Petito

 **New Address** Mrs. Wanda Carl
Elizabeth Church Manor
863 Front Street Room 125B
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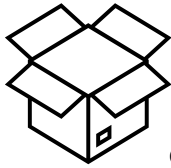
November 6, 2021 Lamb to Loom in the Mizpah Room



²⁵ And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen. ²⁶ And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' hair". - Exodus 35:25-26 (KJV)

For those interesting in any of the Fiber Arts (weaving, knitting, crochet, spinning, etc.) the Lamb to Loom Guild will be meeting Saturday November 6th in the Mizpah Room from 10 AM to 2 PM. It is open to everyone - no matter what skill level. This month, there will be a demonstration on spinning.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



I am excited to announce that we are once again going to be participating in Operation Christmas Child.

This year there's also an online option to pack a box so if you're not up to going out to the store and shopping you can go online and purchase an online box to send. samaritanspurse.org/buildonline

This is a fun activity to do with your family, friends, co-workers, or maybe a group that you're involved in outside of church.

The missions committee has also offered to cover the \$9 shipping cost if you would like to take advantage of that as well.

Our collection date will be Sunday, November 21st where we will pray and dedicate our boxes during the worship service.

They'll be information in our upcoming bulletins and on our Facebook Page. The card table in the back of the church will have boxes available as well as labels and instructions.

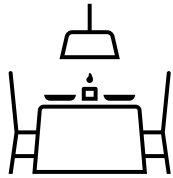
Prayerfully consider participating in Operation Christmas Child this year!

Thank you,

Jeannette Farr

The Deaconess Committee has two great events planned for November – A Meatball Sub Luncheon & Pie Sale.

MEATBALL SUB LUNCHEON



November 7th in the Mizpah Room
(following the Morning Church service)

The cost is \$7.00 which includes a 6" Sub, chips, drinks, vegetables and dessert.

All reservations must be prepaid by October 31st!

There will a deaconess in the back of the sanctuary after church on October 24th & October 31st to take the reservations.



Pie Sale

Pre-Order Apple, Cherry, or Pumpkin Pies.

The Pies are made by our very own Deaconess Committee members.
The cost is \$10 for each 9-inch pie.

A signup sheet will be in the coat room beginning October 31st until November 14th.
The pies will be available for pickup after church on November 21st –
Just in time for Thanksgiving!!!!



MSBC watches "The Chosen" starting Friday November 5th at 6 PM

If you're anything like me, you have heard of The Chosen and you have put it in the need-to-watch-at-some-point-in-my-life to do list. But you haven't gotten around to it. Or maybe you have and you would love to watch it with other people! Well, if you are free Friday evenings at six (beginning November 5th) then you can finally begin to cross this off your list! Just as a quick note, the first episode of the Chosen deals with some heavier emotional concepts, such as suicide and the desperate despair of being a sinner without hope, so you have been cautioned.

If you have any questions or you want to come please contact me (Katie Nicholson) by texting or calling (716)378-2978.



November 11th Veteran 's Day

Displaying an Honor Roll listing parishioners who had served in the military during in World War II was quite common in churches. Main Street Baptist was no exception. In fact, the Honor Roll was reprinted in the church's 75th Anniversary Booklet in 1964. Though we may have not known them it is important we remember them especially on Veteran's Day. This month we will spotlight Marshall B. Bird.

Marshall Bird (member #1776) was baptized along with 7 others at our church during the Easter Evening Service on April 17, 1927. (Incidentally Wanda Carl's brother Frederick Fortran and sister Elizabeth Fortran were also baptized that evening).

Marshall was the son of church members, Raymond and Florence Bird and the brother of Dorothy Bird Abbey. He is listed as one of the trumpeters who participated in the Easter Sunrise Services at George F. Lyon Field, Ely Park, Mt Prospect during the years of 1936-1938. (This called for the trumpets to be played during the 5 o'clock AM hour!!!!) During World War II, he served in the US Army & was stationed at Fort Eustis, Virginia. After the war, he worked at Link Aviation.

Sources used- Church membership records, bulletins, and articles.

Church News

In Remembrance: Craig Douglas Martindale

A burial service was held for Craig Martindale on October 2, 2021, at Chenango Valley Cemetery. He had passed away on February 29, 2020, in Georgia. Craig was a baptized at MSBC. He was the son of Virginia Chase and brother of our former assistant pastor, Rev. Vivan Martindale.

In Remembrance: Joan Wittman

Joan passed away on October 19, 2021, just shy of her 90th birthday (November 25th). She had joined Main Street Baptist along with her parents, Albert & Pearl Wittman and sister Jane on December 31, 1952.

♪ Joe, Margaret and Maryanne Kotylo were recently in town for a visit. Joe was our guest organist for the October 24, 2021, service. During the summer, Margaret and Maryanne sang the National Anthem before the Texas Rangers (vs. Los Angeles Angels) baseball game in Arlington, Texas on August 3rd.

☁ The October 16th Halloween Fest at Recreation Park was unfortunately cancelled due to rain.

Highlights from September Council - Submitted by Recording Secretary, Beth Blakeney

- The Christian Education committee is going to have a booth at the Halloween Fest at Recreation Park for community outreach and they are also doing shoeboxes again for Operation Christmas Child this year.
- The evening service has started again so make sure you come out at 6pm each Sunday night to gather with us. Coffee hour will also be held next month.



MISSION NEWS FROM DIANE RUNION

GRACE ("Excerpts from Recipe for Life, Feasting on God's Grace" by T. Wesemann)

As we prepare for a long-standing tradition of meeting together on Thanksgiving to share with friends and family a feast of turkey and all the fixings, we recognize that it is a day as are all of them, to be thankful to God for His many gracious blessings. Let me share from this neat little book some thoughts on "grace".

As we sit at a table with our stomachs growling waiting for grace to be said so we can eat our fill, there might be other hunger pangs with which one deals. "Perhaps you have been hungry for answers to tough questions, starved for attention, famished for relief from the pain, looking ravenously for a break from the pressure, hungry for compassion.

We've all been there – the apostle Paul, too. He was hungry. But before the Lord satisfied Paul's hunger pangs, he spoke grace to Paul's heart. The apostle wrote about his famous 'thorn' in II Corinthians 12:7-9."

"Whatever tortured him, Paul hungered for relief, for help. The Lord knew Paul's hunger. God heard his repeated pleas. And the Lord said grace. To be precise, the Lord told Paul, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'

With those words, Paul's hunger subsided. Paul began to delight in weaknesses, insults, hardships, and persecution. He realized that when he was weak, he was strong. 'My grace. It is sufficient!'

Paul learned contentment. He could relax in God's love despite his circumstances. He learned to give thanks in all situations. He realized more fully the importance of prayer.

God's grace can satisfy your heart, too. His grace will be sufficient for you. Then hang on tightly for the ride that will follow....You might find yourself rejoicing while the rest of the world moans. You may start loving the people whom everyone else around you hates. You may find yourself boasting in the Lord rather than yourself....You may find yourself wrapping every circumstance in thankfulness to God....Jesus' love satisfies our hunger completely. His grace is sufficient!"

MOSES AGAPITO- NOVEMBER BREADBOX RECIPIENT

We are thankful that Moses arrived in Uganda and has had time with his son. He will be seeing his wife and daughter soon. He asked for money to be sent for the purchase of food for the school in S. Sudan that he has been helping build and fund. \$200 was sent from our international general fund line in the Missions budget which has purchased 6 50kgm bags of corn meal, 1 50 lb. bag of sugar, and the delivery costs to the town where the school is.

He has also requested \$300 to purchase 60 blankets for \$5 each that will be delivered to the refugee camp in Uganda that Moses is looking into serving in some way in future. We will be asking you to help in this regard by donating to the November breadbox offering. If you wish to donate, please write a check to Main Street Baptist Church, notated for November breadbox offering or use the small envelopes in the pew racks for cash.

NOTES OF THANKSGIVING

It has been a tradition in this church to edify one another by sending "thank you" notes to people who have made a difference in our lives over the past year. Sometimes it's just a little pat on the back, or a gift of time, or an ear willing to listen that means a lot to us on hard days or on days when most are too busy to care that one's had success or a heartache.

Many don't realize the gift they've given to you, so why not let them know? If you wish to send a note, bring your note in a stamped, addressed envelope to church on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21st and put it in a specially marked offering plate. The notes will be dedicated and sent out by the church secretary. Who knows? Perhaps you will brighten someone's day!

BOOK TO RECOMMEND

We have so many great books in our church library and Teresa Luckert, our church librarian, does a great job in featuring some on the rack at the entry, and purchases new ones to enhance our library. Thank you, Teresa.

One book I recently read was "Isaiah 53" by Mitch Glaser who is a Messianic Jew (one who accepts Jesus as his Messiah). Isaiah 53 is one part of the Jewish Scriptures that most rabbis don't speak about because the stark description of the Suffering Servant they can't reconcile with their anticipation of what the Messiah came to do and to be. The book is written with Jewish people in mind, but it is edifying for those of us who know Jesus as Lord to read it as well. Check it out.

THANK YOU to all those who helped support Free Clothes and More through purchasing shoppers passes to Boscov's Friends Helping Friends. \$182 was raised.



Looking Back 25 Years Ago:

In November 1996, there was a presidential election between incumbent President Bill Clinton & Vice President Al Gore versus Senator Robert Dole & Congressman Jack Kemp. The Clinton-Gore ticket won re-election. Our previous pastor, Rev. Timothy Bennett (1982-2017) wrote the following for the November 1996 Artery.

"KEEPING OUR BALANCE" by Rev. Timothy Bennett

“ In the month of November, we'll be considering the subject of "balanced believing," using several examples of Scriptural teaching that require us to take into account complementary emphases in order to avoid the errors that otherwise result. A timely example will serve as an introduction. Those of us who are interested in politics may also consider political involvement a Christian duty, an aspect of the church's role as "salt" and "light" in the world. We commend Christians who don't merely criticize societal decay and darkness, who don't stand idly by, but rather insist on having a voice in the processes of government. It's clear that it makes a difference who governs, and in a democracy, it would be irresponsible of Christians to disengage themselves and thereby withdraw their influence. While we're in the world, we should exercise every opportunity to make a better world, a world better informed of and more in keeping with godly standards of righteousness.

On the other hand, Christian political activism has its dangers. There's the danger of an alarmist attitude that regards elections as more decisive, more crucial, than they really are. Politics is important, but the monarchy of the sovereign Lord Jesus Christ will remain intact in any event. There's the danger of divisiveness, of viewing others as "us" or "them," depending on their political persuasion, when the church's view of others should instead always be in terms of "us" i.e. that "they" and "we" are fellow sinners for whom Christ died: "God so loved the world." There's the danger of triumphalism, wherein political victory becomes equaled with the triumph of the church and the gospel. There's the danger of "works righteousness," of so exalting human activity in advancing the kingdom that the greater truth of God's grace and the more powerful weapon (the word) and fruit (love) of the Spirit are neglected.

Thus, a biblical balance is what we need. Be sure to vote, and be a participant in our national and local debates; be "salt" and "light." But remind yourself that Jesus has already been elected by the Father as "King of Kings and Lord of Lords," and that his kingdom has no political boundaries. Walk with the King, speak the truth of the gospel, live a life of love for all people, and so fulfill the Law of Christ”.