

# THE MAIN ARTERY

## NOVEMBER 2022

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### **November Events:**

November 1 – 9 am Sunday School Book Club -Green Room.

The 10 AM Bible Study will not be meeting.

November 11 – Veteran’s Day

November 17 – Church Council Meeting 6:30 PM – Mizpah

The Evening Bible Study will not be meeting.

November 19 – Free Clothes and More 10 Am - Noon

November 20 – Collection & Dedication date for Operation Christmas Child boxes.

Notes of Thanksgiving collected during service;

Coffee Hour, Pie and Sweet Bread sale after church. (See below)

November 23 – Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 24 Thanksgiving

### **November 20<sup>th</sup>**



The Deaconesses will be having a pie & sweet bread sale during coffee hour on Nov. 20th.

We will have an assortment of pies at \$10.00 & sweet breads at \$5.00.

All proceeds will go to Free Clothes & More.

### **There is two weekly Bible Studies:**

Tuesdays at 10 AM - Mizpah Room. Judy Wark is teaching on the Book of Exodus.

It will not be meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Thursdays at 7 PM – A study on grief using the Book of Lamentations will be taught by Jeannette Farr. There is a book to purchase so contact Jeannette if interested. The group does not meet on the night Church Council is in session (Usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month).

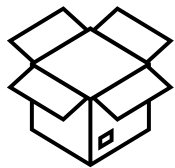
### All Saints and Souls Days

Several Christian denominations observe All Hallows Day/All Saints Day (November 1<sup>st</sup>) and All Souls Day (November 2<sup>nd</sup>). Our church does not have this tradition. Most people, though, are familiar with Halloween or All Hallows Eve which some associate with graveyards, ghosts and other spooky or sweet delights.

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, the Phelps Mansion, as part of the Path Through History weekend, led a tour of Spring Forest Cemetery. The focus was on the symbolism found on gravestones such as the anchor, dove, hourglass, wheat and the scythe. Many of them have Christian or religious connotations. It was fascinating to learn how the view of death has evolved from *Memento Mori* (“Remember you will die”) imagery of skulls, cross bones, etc. This was common on many 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Century headstones, particularly in the New England states due to Puritan influence.

### Birthdays

November	
11	Rhayleen Abbey
18	MaryAnn Samples
19	Judy Wark



### 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](https://samaritanspurse.org/buildonline)

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

**Our collection date will be Sunday, November 20th** where we will pray and dedicate our boxes during the worship service.

There will be information in our upcoming bulletins and on our Facebook Page. The table in the back of the sanctuary has a very nice & creative display set up.

Prayerfully consider participating in Operation Christmas Child this year!

## Church News



Rally Day September 25<sup>th</sup> – aka Sundaes on Sunday.

After the morning service, church attendees toured the nursery, children's, and adult Sunday school classrooms in the education building. Visitors were given a brief description of what the classes were doing. Prayers were said in each room. Ice cream Sundaes were served in the Mizpah room afterwards.

The Adult Sunday School Book Club has started its second reading, The Martyrdom of Perpetua and Felicity. One of the earliest known writings by a Christian woman. Their deaths occurred @202-205 AD.

The Good News Club at Horace Mann is off to great start. Ten children attended the first meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>. They had 8 kids the second week and 14 the third week. Thank you to all of our participants- Pastor Luke, Moses, Tammy, Gail, Priscilla, and Judy. The Good News Club funding comes unused monies from our previous youth outreach- The Park.

Missions news – 67 people were served at the October 15, 2022 Free Clothes and More.

The September Breadbox for Moses Agapito mission field collected \$432.

Over fifty people signed up to attend the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Dinner. Thank you to the Deaconess for all their hard work.

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held at Main Street Baptist on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A Christmas Hymn Sing is planned for December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the Sanctuary.

### MISSION NEWS FROM DIANE RUNION -NOVEMBER 2022



#### BROOME COUNTY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES – CHOW

The theme for the Council this year is “Seeds of Love Together”. There have been many changes in the food program in the last two years which has generated the need to increase the size of the warehouse. That allows them to keep up with the food demands and needs of the community. A representative interfaces with local foundation partners to help provide funding, now that food costs have significantly increased. The organization is now able to work with the Mid-West Food bank that allows them to pick up food regionally for the first time consistently. Recently, a grant was received that supports Broome County's efforts to recover perfectly edible food from local grocers and warehouses and distribute it to 100 food programs helping to feed families and divert it from being wasted. There is now a Greater Good Grocery on the North side, sponsored by CHOW, which had for many years no local grocery available. We help support this effort through our local Mission budget.

**THE DUNNEMANS** sent a card and I quote, “Who would have thought that God would use us for thirty years! Through all those years you have stood alongside us with your prayer and your support. We are truly grateful. We love you all.” In a separate note, they wrote, “ This ministry would not have been of such service to the kingdom without you and Main Street!”

The Dunnemans have an active music ministry that had its origins at this church. They sing in Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, occasionally in Texas, and Canada and they have quite a following. Together, they've produced 3 cassettes and 12 CDs.

**THE CLEMMERS** are back in Africa. Anne is in Goma, a town on the Congo/Rwanda border and Bill is working in Sierra Leone and other countries now in response to another Ebola outbreak. In Goma, there was a dedication of their new building for ministry to homeless children. 30 teachers and counselors have been working with them actively to keep them safe and healthy and to provide the love and care they don't naturally have when wandering the streets. That town has had recent volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, many raids by roving militias, and many personal tragedies beyond comprehension. Your support for this ministry through our Mission budget helps them to be successful in showing the love of Christ for His precious people in that land. Jesus is the key to all the success of the programs. Please pray for them.

### **BREADBOX OFFERING**

I've had questions lately about the Breadbox offering and what it is. Some younger folks may ask, “ So, what's a breadbox?” People in times past often had a breadbox in which to put loaves of bread to keep it from getting stale and to keep it covered. The Breadbox offering doesn't really pertain to that place to put loaves, but it is an over and above giving to benefit mainly local ministries, most of which we don't have in our mission budget. The correlation is from the little boy in the Bible who gave the disciples his loaves and fishes which Jesus multiplied. It isn't intended to take the place of your tithe or mission giving. The designations change each month, so if you can and want to give to certain ones over others, the choice is yours. The money that comes in, goes out directly to that ministry.

**NOVEMBER'S BREADBOX OFFERING** – We've been astounded by the destruction of Ian's wind and storm surge across Florida and South Carolina as well as the deadly storms that ravaged Kentucky and Louisiana this year. Most of us know someone who has had damage in Florida. Samaritan's Purse has been on the scene of those tragic natural disasters. Disaster relief in the United States is one of the organization's major outreaches and one we'd like to help fund this month. Fully equipped tractor trailer units and workers help people get back in their homes, help rebuild and repair homes and trailers, and supply food, water, and medical equipment to clinics. Physical, emotional, and spiritual needs are met in God's people reaching out to those in need. Please pray for their relief efforts and if you wish to donate, write a check to Main Street Baptist Church, notated for November Breadbox or put cash in the small envelope found in the seat back and place in any offering plate.

## HISTORY AND BOOK NEWS



On November 11<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Veteran's Day. Originally known as Armistice Day it commemorated the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. Two of our former pastors, Rev. John M. Sivewright (1933-1947) and Rev. C. Gordon Brownville (1951-1958) were World War I veterans and both served in medical units. They would later cross paths many years later in their religious pursuits.

Dr. Brownville wrote a book With Christ in a Shell Hole about his war service. While our library does not have that book, we do have his book From Law to Grace. This autobiographical work includes a chapter "When I Met Christ In A Shell Hole" which describes his military years. While serving in France he was struck by phosgene & chlorine gas. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his bravery.

From Law to Grace was written in 1945, several years prior to his ministry at Main Street Baptist. However, it does mention people and places that may be familiar to us.

Before becoming a minister, Rev. Brownville was a lawyer. At one time he was employed with the firm of Williams and Copeland in Needham, Massachusetts. One of lawyers, Harold P. Williams, was an assistant to District Attorney Frederick G. Katzmann during the Sacco & Vanzetti trial.

When Brownville later decided to become a minister, he had the option of going to Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, KY (where our current pastor, Luke Beattie went) or Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA. He chose Eastern but his cousin, Beverly Crossman, who was also pursuing the ministry went to Southern Baptist. Main Street Baptist used to have a long connection with Eastern through our former pastors, members, and benevolence contributions.

In 1930, he was called to First Baptist Church of Asbury Park, NJ. John and Mildred Sivewright were members there (and are mentioned in the book). Rev. John Sivewright would become our minister in 1933. Rev. Brownville would eventually go on to be the minister at the famous Tremont Temple in Boston, Mass until 1945. He has interesting stories of Tremont's outreach to the military members during World War II.

It is fitting that during his ministry at Main Street Baptist Church, the Educational Building was built. It was dedicated to Rev. John Sivewright and the young people who served in the armed services. The plaque in the Educational Building entrance way instructs us to "*Enter This Building With Reverence, Leave With A Prayer*".



In this month's Mission column, Diane wrote about the Breadbox Offering.

It was under Rev. Brownville; Main Street Baptist started the Breadbox offering.

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary booklet noted: *"This is a monthly presentation of "extra" money saved from household budgets and is used especially for the relief of the needy, sick and special projects in the mission fields. This plan has received considerable attention in national denominational circles"*

Up until recently, the offering was taken the last Sunday of each month which was designated as Breadbox Sunday.

### **Remember When ..... November 1987**



Two players from Main Street Baptist's softball team, Maynard Wark (1B) and Steve Johnson (3B) were selected as All Stars for the Church Slow Pitch League.

In addition, Jack Cook was the co-winner for Pitcher of the Year.

Source: "Sullivan's ace honored for second year" Press & Sun Bulletin [Sunday] November 22, 1987 pg. 4D.