North Main 2024 July Newsletter



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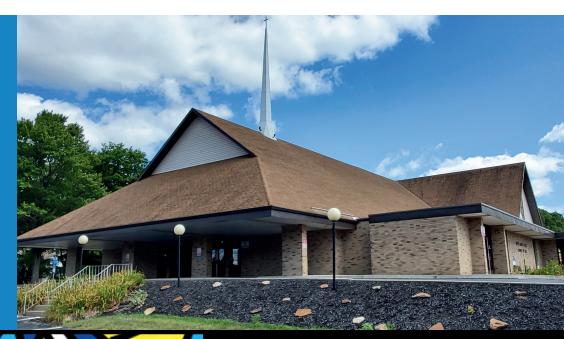
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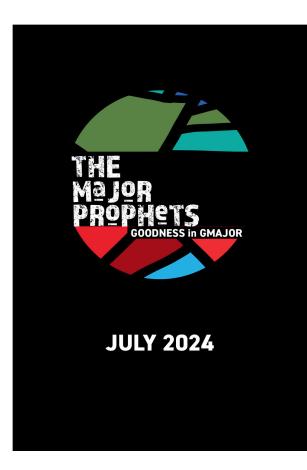
By North Main

The Major Prophets, encompassing Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel, hold a significant place in the Old Testament. These books are designated as "major" not because they hold more importance than the Minor Prophets, but due to their substantial length and profound impact on the history and theology of the Old Testament. These prophets were conduits of God's messages, frequently challenging societal norms and urging a return to sincere worship.

Isaiah's messages are a blend of stern admonitions and hopeful promises. He denounced the people's corruption and hollow religious practices, calling them back to genuine worship. His prophecies, especially those concerning the Messiah in Isaiah 53, have profoundly influenced both Jewish and Christian beliefs. Jeremiah, often associated with "doom and gloom," predicted severe consequences for Judah's moral failures, which unfortunately came to pass, leading to his somber reflections in Lamentations. Despite his mourning, Jeremiah's writings offer a glimmer of hope for future restoration.

Ezekiel, who preached to the Israelites in Babylonian exile, focused on God's holiness and the eventual redemption and restoration of Israel, vividly illustrated through the vision of the valley of dry bones. Lastly, Daniel, celebrated for his unwavering faith and dramatic experiences such as surviving the fiery furnace and the lions' den, emphasized God's sovereignty and faithfulness through his visions.

The Major Prophets delivered messages of judgment but also conveyed hope and redemption, highlighting God's enduring love and the promise of restoration for His people. Their teachings underscore the significance of faithfulness and the ever-present possibility of renewal and grace.



July Sermons

July 7 - The Hopeful Prophet Isaiah

July 14 - The Weeping Prophet Jeremiah & Lamentations

July 21 - The Priestly Prophet Ezekiel

July 28 - The Interpreter of Dreams Daniel



COME CHEER US ON AT OUR GAMES

Mac 1 & 2 are at Slippery Rock University ML is Middle Lancaster at 113 Kings Alley Harmony, PA 16037 7/1 - 6:30PM @ MAC2
7/8 - 6:30PM @ MAC1
7/15 - 6:15PM @ ML
VISIT NORTHMAINCOG.ORG/SOFTBALL FOR UPCOMING PLAYOFF INFORMATION





07 Cultures in Conflict 9:00 AM

Join us in LC4 for this 5-week class as we talk about how to live in a culture where the worldview conflicts with Christianity. Learn from Paul as he presents his beliefs to the most powerful court in Athens and settles among the Greco-Romans of Corinth, who valued wealth and class, worship of multiple gods, and decadent pleasure-seeking above all else. In this sixteenth volume of That the World May Know, discover how to live in your own Athens or Corinth - an increasingly secular Western World - in a way that glorifies God. Experience the Bible in a historical context as you walk in the footsteps of the second missionary tour of the Apostle Paul in Greece.

10 Father's Table

A monthly women's fellowship time that encourages holistic growth with Jesus and healthy connection with ourselves and others! Teens are welcome if present with an adult. Usually meets the second Wednesday of each month. Meet us at 6:30pm in the Parlor and bring a dish to share.

For questions or more info call the church office or Connie Gratzer at **ConnieG@northmaincog.org**

Treasured Study

@6:30 PM

The "tween" years are a critical transition period in the life of a young girl. Girls this age are changing in profound ways, and it can become harder to talk about the things that matter. This 6-week study is designed for moms and daughters to help them connect and talk about topics critical to the preteen years: identity, body, emotions, friendships, technology, and faith. Treasured Journal is available for purchase. Join online at **northmaincog.org/GROUPS** or by emailing Family Life Pastor Melissa Hickman at **MelissaH@northmaincog.org**.



All Students in Grades 6-12 are welcome. These events are for the students, but parents are free to stay and bring snacks!

July 11 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Join us at Grandma Lynn's house for some yard games. 389 Kriess Rd. Renfrew, PA 16053

July 18 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Join us at the Collin's house for a bonfire. 111 Bonniebrook Rd. Cabot, PA 16023

15 Women's Kayak Trip

All women 18 years and older are welcome to join us. Location is to be determined.

Be sure to dress for the weather & bring plenty of water & snacks. Please email Beth Marino at **bamjeep8@yahoo.com** with questions or to rsvp so we know you'll be joining us.



Annual Business Meeting @12:30 PM

If you consider North Main your church home, please plan on staying after service as we will be going over our annual report, the new budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and ratifying new board members. The date was moved to August this year to not conflict with Camp Meeting dates. Typically it is held the last Sunday of July.





July 14th Fishbone 5:00PM

North Main has the opportunity to provide and serve a full meal in the park (location weather-dependent) to the residents of The Island. Each Sunday Fishbone Ministries provides a gospel message and meal to the neighbors on The Island. If you are a foodie or passionate for the people of Butler this is your chance! Scan the QR code for details about how to get involved, or connect with Pastor Christy at **ChristyP@northmaincog.org**

> Butler Rotary Park Shore St, Butler, PA 16001



MOVE-UP DAY!

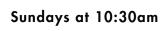
Sunday, July 7th

Our current Kindergarteners (rising 1st graders) will be moving upstairs to JUMP START on Sunday, July 7th. This will be a special POP-UP DAY & we'll be celebrating with popcorn that day! This will allow them time to meet their new leaders & adjust to the new structure before the new school year begins. Different from our preschool ministry structure, JUMP START ELEMENTARY kids (1st-6th graders) sit with their families in the main service until just before the sermon when they are dismissed to Children's Church.



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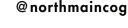
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