

The Main Stream

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Sunday, April 10 – Palm Sunday

8:45am* & 10:55am* — All children in attendance will be able to process into worship while waving palms to remember the beginning of Holy Week. (Nursery will be provided)

8:30am, 8:45am*, and 10:55am*—Join us for Cantata Sunday at all three services. The Adult Choir will be performing their cantata at 8:30 & 10:55am and the Jubilee Praise Band will be presenting their program featuring music and scripture at 8:45am in the Chapel. —Additional details on page 4

Thursday, April 14

7:30pm — Maundy Thursday Service of Communion with a message from Rev. Mark Key. (Nursery will be provided by request; Please send your request to the church office)

Friday, April 15

11:30am — Kernersville Cross Walk— meet at Food Lion on North Main St. led by the Kernersville Christian Ministers Fellowship
7:30pm— Good Friday Service with a message from Rev. Phil Kuntz (Nursery will be provided by request; Please send your request to the church office)

Sunday, April 17 — Easter Worship Celebrations

6:30am — Sunrise Service of Resurrection and Holy Communion with a message from Wayne Purdy
8:45am* — Easter Sunday Worship with a message from Rev. Mike Gehring (Nursery will be provided)
10:55am* — Easter Sunday Worship with a message from Rev. Mike Gehring (Nursery will be provided)

** These services will be offered for In-Person Worship or On-Line by visiting our website, www.mainstreetumc.org*

Before Holy Week begins, join the Kernersville Christian Minister's Fellowship

Praying for our Community

on

Wednesday, April 6 at NOON

at

Kernersville Founder's Park

Prayer will be led by
Rev. Wayne Purdy



Thanks to all that have faithfully supported our building fund over the past seven years. The total cost of the Connection Building was \$3.57 million. After applying campaign funds raised, we initiated a \$1.7 million loan at a low interest rate. Monthly loan payments of \$12,000 began in August 2021. After making the March 2022 payment, the principal balance will be reduced to approximately \$1,612,000. **THIS IS AN EXCELLENT START IN RETIRING THE BUILDING DEBT!**

Monthly building loan payments of \$12,000 are not included in Main Street's 2022 annual budget. Loan payments are funded almost exclusively from building fund contributions. We elected to hold back some of the building fund cash to make sure we were able make monthly loan payments for a while.

The 3-year 'Connection Campaign' pledge period is complete. Thanks to many, building fund contributions are still coming in: this year \$9,500 to date. To continue retiring the \$1.6 million debt we need a third building campaign. We'll be asking you to prayerfully consider making a new 3-year building fund pledge. I'm glad to announce that Chadwick and Tara Stamper will co-chair our next Building Campaign. You will be hearing more from the capital campaign committee as plans are developed...

If you would like to contribute to UMCOR's humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people, you are invited to write a check to Main Street UMC and put Ukraine in the memo line. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

News from our Staff Parrish Relations Committee

The Staff Parrish Relations Committee (SPRC) regretfully announces the resignation of Scott Felts, MSUMC Technology Ministries Director. Scott's last date with us will be Sunday, April 17 as he will be moving to Atlanta to pursue new opportunities.

We are very appreciative of the time Scott has spent with us, his dedicated and hard work supporting MSUMC's ministries, and we wish him well in his new endeavors. Wherever Scott is led, we encourage him to continue his journey he started at MSUMC.

The SPRC has reviewed the position needs going forward and has approved it as part-time with the continued emphasis of growing and supporting MSUMC's ministries through technology contributions.

If you have experience in media, communications, and technology and are interested in this position on a part-time basis, please forward your resume to the church office or contact Zac Price, SPRC Chairperson, for additional information, questions, and next steps.

—Zac Price, SPRC Chair

Upcoming NOW Service Dates

Join us for
NOW: a Night of Worship on the
1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at
7pm in the Chapel.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming
dates:

March 17
April 7 & 21



Childcare is provided! Bring your children with you and they will have a great time of fun while you are in worship!

If you would like to help create Chrismons, come to Room 413 from 10am-2pm and join in the fun as we craft together and add to our collection of these special Christmas tree decorations. We will meet on the following dates: March 17, April 7, and April 21. Contact Debbie Smith for more information (call church office for phone number).

You need to Take a Hike — with our Take a Hike Small Group

Our Take a Hike Small Group comes together to enjoy the great outdoors and enjoy God's splendid creation twice a month. Mark your calendars and make plans to join them on one or all of their next hikes.

Meet at the church parking lot on one or all of the following Tuesdays at 9:15am and we will carpool to our Triad hiking location on

April 5 & 19

For more information,
please call Dawn Marsh.



Our Prayer Shawl Small Group **needs YOU!!!**



Our Prayer Shawl Small Group is just knitting away and they need your help!

If you are an experienced knitter or crocheter or you want to learn, you are invited to come and join this amazing group of ladies.

Here's when they will be meeting again at
9:30am on:

March 24 and
April 14 & 28

For more information on Prayer Shawl,
please email Billie Cole.

MSUMC Spring Folly Volunteer Opportunities—May 6-7, 2022



“Ask Me About My Church” Welcoming Volunteer Opportunity

This year at Kernersville's Spring Folly, Friday, May 6 & Saturday, May 7, Main Street will be having an "Ask Me About My Church" tent in our parking lot. The goal is to give everyone who parks at our church parking lot an opportunity to learn more about the ministries of Main Street so they feel welcome and ready to come back and worship with us. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a 2-hour shift, sit under our new MSUMC tent, and share your love of Christ with our community by being a warm and welcoming presence in our parking lot.

On **Sunday, May 1 at 10:00am in the Parlor** either Pastor Phil or Nick Riddle will be meeting with our volunteers to provide you with general instructions.

Everything will be provided! Remember, if you are in need of community service hours this is a PERFECT opportunity to serve!

Sign up TODAY to work at shift at the tent by using this link:

<https://mainstreetmethodist.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/9f564964-7eff-4e21-9496-0b93c3cd6f2e>

Crisis Control Parking Lot Fundraiser

Main Street UMC will offer FREE parking for our community members who will be attending the 2022 Spring Folly on Friday, May 6 & Saturday, May 7. We will be looking for volunteers to help park cars and accept donations for the benefit of Crisis Control Ministry. This is a fun opportunity for friends, family and church small groups to volunteer for a 2-hour shift on Saturday.

More Details coming soon!

A EUCHARISTIC HYMN

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
By Whom the words of life were spoken,
And in Whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be Thy feast to us the token,
That by Thy grace our souls are fed.

—Reginald Heber

2022 Heritage Club Upcoming Events

Make plans to join our Heritage Club for one or all of these upcoming events and programs! For more information please contact Judy Osborne.

April 19—Reynolda Gardens and Museum —Gardens are Free, museum tour is \$18.00. If you wish to tour the museum, please let Judy know! We will leave the church at 10:00am and have lunch at River Birch Lodge. **Reservations are REQUIRED for this outing by Monday, April 11.** When making your reservation, please specify if you are wanting to go on the garden tour, museum tour, or both so we can plan accordingly.

May 10—Breakfast at Olympic in Colfax
Meet us there at 9am. Afterwards we can go to the Farmers Market.

May 27 — Barn Dinner Theater Show
“Groovin” — the cost is \$61.00 per person and reservations are due by May 2. We will be leaving the church at 5:30pm or meet us there!

Save the Date for these upcoming Children's Ministry Events:

Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday, April 9 2-4pm
see page 10 for more details

Vacation Bible School — June 26-30, 2022

More details coming soon

Kids in Action Camp — July 18-21, 2022

More details coming soon

PRAYER VIGIL FOR EASTERN EUROPE

Our Sanctuary will be open from 10:00am until 5:30pm on Wednesday, March 16 so that you can spend some quiet time in prayer for the people of Ukraine, the nearby countries who are accepting refugees, the people of Russia, and for any other prayer concerns. We will have an offering box available if you would like to make a contribution towards UMCOR's humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country; these funds will provide

direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. If you are unable to join us in the Sanctuary on this date, we encourage you to pray from home or your workplace, or where ever you are---“Oh God of Peace, hear our prayers.” All are welcome, please share with your friends in the community.

The Crown and the Cross Cantata on Palm Sunday, April 10 during the 8:30am & 10:55am Worship Services

All interested singers are invited to sing with the combined choirs this Lent/Easter Season. We are singing music from celebrated American composer Mark Hayes. Our presentation of Hayes' Palm/Passion Suite entitled, *The Crown and the Cross*, on Palm Sunday, April 10, at 8:30 and 10:55 will feature the adult choirs, chamber ensemble, and narrators. More exciting music will follow on Easter Sunday!



We offer 2 identical rehearsals at 7:30 pm for your convenience. Please join us either Mondays or Wednesdays this Spring as we embark upon a Lenten musical journey. Rehearsals are now in progress.

What a JOY it is to sing the praises of God in Christ Jesus during the seasons of Lent and Eastertide. For questions or more information about our adult choirs, please email our Director of Music Ministries at nancy.blakemore@mainstreetumc.org

Come check out the adult and children's Lent and Easter books on display in the Church Library. We are proud of our Library and would like to have more people take an interest in reading again. As we have been working on the inventory, we've found many books that are missing. Would you please check your book shelves, coffee tables, lamp tables, or wherever you like to read at home, to see if you might have forgotten you had any of the church library books and return them to the Library. Thanks for your support.

Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem during the 8:45am Jubilee Service on Palm Sunday, April 10



Please join us on Palm Sunday, April 10 at 8:45am in our Jubilee Service as we remember Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem through music and Scripture. We will sing songs and read through Luke 19:28-40 as the people of Israel celebrate His entry into the city by saying, "Blessed is the king, who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" unbeknownst to them the fate that awaited Jesus. Join us as we prepare for our walk through Holy Week culminating with Jesus' death and Resurrection.



Join Pastor Mike at NOON in the Parlor on the 4th Thursday of each month of the Main Street Book Club
Below is the list of books he is looking forward to discussing with you.

March 24. Frederick Buechner— *Brendan: A Novel*
April 28. Barbara Brown Taylor— *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*
May 26. Desmond Tutu — *No Future Without Forgiveness.*

Circle #4 Easter Fundraiser

brought to you by Wilkerson Moravian Bakery

Help Circle #4 raise funds for their various mission projects by placing your order today for:

Sugar Cake—\$10 suggested donation
Hot Cross Buns —\$8 suggested donation or
8oz bag of Sugar Cookies — \$11 suggested donation

Order are being accepted through March 31 and can be picked up at the church on Thursday, April 14 from 10am-1pm.

Email Janice Atchison or Phyllis Davis TODAY to place your order!

You are Invited to the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Chapel

On Heritage Sunday, May 22, 2022 during the Sunday School hour everyone is invited to join us for a morning of fellowship and celebration as we come together and celebrate the history of Main Street and the 100th anniversary of the our Chapel Hall.



Photo taken in 1922 in front of our Chapel with the town's new firetruck

Eloise Anderson, History Chair along with her committee, is working hard to put together a presentation that shows Main Street through the years that will be found in room 310 off of the Commons. We will also we creating a slideshow of photographs, submitted by you, that shows all of the special moments in our lives that have taken place in the chapel. If you would like to have your photos included in the slideshow please email your photos to Charity in the church office by May 13 (charity.goff@mainstreetumc.org).

If you would like to help plan this special event or would like to become involved with the History Committee, please contact Eloise Anderson.

Join in the fun and help us plan and prepare for Heritage Sunday and the 100th anniversary of the Chapel!



Here's everything you need to know!

Don't cook on Wednesdays, come have dinner this us!

March 23: Nicoise Salad Bar
JC Grose Serving

March 30: Taco Bar
New Horizons Serving

April 6: Chicken Cordon
Blue Casserole
Pathways Serving

April 13: NO DINNER—
Holy Week

April 20: Chicken Corn
Chowder/Potato Soup
Reflections of Christ

April 27: Shepherds Pie
Seafarers Serving

*The cost is \$6.00 per adult
and \$3.00 per child 10 and
under.*

*Please visit our website and
sign up using the Wednesday
Night Dinner Reservation
Form or you can call or
email*

*betsy.tang@mainstreetumc.org
/ 336-993-3411 at the church
office to make your dinner
reservation.*

We extend our sympathies to:

- Frank Robbins upon the death of his mother, Edith Robbins
- Connie Owens upon the death of her husband, Lanny
- Sim & Rina Gaddy upon the death of their daughter, Tara Jones
- Dan Turman upon the death of his mother

We share in joy with:

- Craig & Kathleen Montgomery upon the birth of their granddaughter, Haylie Ann. Haylie's parents are Chris & Kristina Montgomery
- Justin & Taylor Shelton upon the birth of their daughter, Abigail
- Victoria Taylor & McRae Smathers upon their marriage

Oasis: a mid-week service of healing and communion

When you hear the word “Oasis,” do you immediately think of a fertile or green area in an arid region such as a desert?

If you do, then consider for a moment an alternative definition: something that provides refuge, relief, or pleasant contrast. Imagine being able to sit quietly, to hear a brief, inspiring message, to sing, and to pray.

You are invited to experience this calm, refreshing time of worship in the middle of a busy and perhaps chaotic week each Wednesday night* at 5:30 P.M., in the Sanctuary. Hear messages brought by members of our

church family: March 16: Missy Craven—
March 23: Zac Price—March 30: Judy Osborne.

You are invited to dinner with church family and friends in Fellowship Hall following Oasis. In the time it would take to prepare and serve dinner, you can relax, refresh, and renew for the rest of the week. Please join us on Wednesday nights.

*Oasis is held on the Wednesday nights that dinner is served.

—Emily Dreshfield



Help us collect items for ARCA during Lent

ARCA (Addiction Recovery Care Association) is a non-profit residential program located by the Union Cross Park. Here men and women receive medically supervised support and counselling to battle addiction. The Genesis Sunday School Class would like to support ARCA by sponsoring a collection of items needed by the residents. Many arrive from court or the hospital with nothing and no one to bring them cloths or toiletries. Please look for the collection boxes in the Narthex and Tower Entrance area. Also, consider a monetary donation either through the church or at ARCANC.org. We encourage you to visit the website to learn more about services at ARCA. Add the staff, patients, and families to your prayer list. Thank you, Main Street UMC, for all you do! **Deadline for donations is April 17. Below is the list of items that are needed:**

- *New in package underwear and socks (men's and women's, all sizes)*
- *Hygiene products (no alcohol in ingredients)*
- *Feminine hygiene items*
- *New or gently used:*
 - *Jeans*
 - *T-shirts*
 - *Sweatpants/shirts*
 - *Seasonal outerwear*

Welcome to Main Street

Our church family is growing!!! Join us in welcoming our newest MSUMC members to Main Street!



David & Sandra Simpson



*Sandy Forshee & Andrew,
Corbin, Caleb, and Karlie Lutz*



Michael & Lee Ann Messer

Kids Connect Lessons for April



Our Theme: *Hope is believing that something good can come out of something bad.*

Memory Verse: *In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world. — John 16:33b NIV*

Week One

Lazarus Raised
John 11:1-45

Whatever happens, remember how powerful God is.

Week Two

Palm Sunday
John 12:9-16

Whatever happens, remember God is still working.

Week Three

Crucifixion and Resurrection
John 18:1-20:18

Whatever happens, remember Jesus is alive.

Week Four

Jesus Appears to Thomas
John 20:19-29

Whatever happens, remember God is bigger than your questions.



Sign your children up today for the Easter Egg Hunt by visiting our website, www.mainstreetumc.org and you'll find the reservation form under "sign-ups!"

a Record of our Faithfulness

OUR PRESENCE:	2-20-2022	2-27-2022	3-6-2022	3-13-2022
Sunday School	143	168	167	158
8:30am In-Person Worship	65	61	78	47
8:45 Jubilee In-Person Worship	80	83	67	65
10:55am In-Person Worship	148	135	145	158
In-Person Worship Totals	293	279	290	270
8:45am Jubilee Live Stream Worship (Unique Views)	38	62	56	53
10:55am Live Stream Worship (Unique Views)	92	155	81	86
Total Live Streaming Unique Views	130	217	137	139
Live Streaming Totals (unique views x 1.8)	234	391	247	250
Attendance Totals	527	670	537	520
OUR GIFTS as of:	2-20-2022	2-27-2022	3-6-2022	3-13-2022
Connections Building Weekly Contributions	\$358	\$1,314	\$25,302	\$740
Weekly Contributions to Budget	\$48,560	\$16,802	\$25,302	\$24,311
Budget Contributions YTD	\$172,591	\$189,393	\$214,696	\$239,007
Estimated Budget Needs YTD	\$173,965	\$195,710	\$217,456	\$239,202
Difference	(\$1,376)	(\$6,317)	(\$2,760)	(\$194)

One Item More, Each Time at the Store!

Sponsored by the Cornerstone Sunday School Class, this ministry invites you help our neighbors in need by supporting Crisis Control and to pick up One Item More, Each Time at the Store! Crisis Control items for

April is: Instant Oatmeal and Grits .

Donation boxes can be found at the New Connections Building Entrance, the Narthex and in the Chapel.

**Main Street
United Methodist Church**

306 South Main Street
Kernersville, NC 27284



**Everyone is invited to join us as we
prepare our cemetery for Easter
Sunday Sunrise Service.**

Church Staff

Our Ministers: the congregation of Main Street

Mike Gehring, Senior Pastor
Phil Kuntz, Associate Pastor
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Wayne Purdy, Pastor of Youth/College Ministries
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