



*December 10, 2023
Jubilee Worship Service
Main Street United Methodist Church*

Jubilee Christmas

THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRISTMAS

By Rousseaux Brasseur

*We are happy you have joined us for our Jubilee! Worship Service today!
Please sign the Connection Pad so that we may have a record of your presence.*

Today's Jubilee Worship Leaders:

Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director
Wayne Purdy, Pastor of Youth Ministries
Victoria Smathers, Director of Children's Ministries

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Lucy & Jordan Hirschenberger

Our Mission: *To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*
Our Vision: *Fostering vital communities through love and life-changing experiences.*

Let's Worship Together!

Sundays

8:30am less-formal Traditional service in the Sanctuary
8:45am Jubilee Contemporary service in the Chapel
10:55am Traditional Worship service in the Sanctuary

Wednesdays (September-May)

5:30pm Oasis Mid-week Service in the Sanctuary

Thursdays

7:00pm NOW: Night of Worship contemporary service in the Chapel (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

THE WHITE ROSEBUDS on the altar in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of: Bob Stoebe and Dale Hilton.

INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH! Pick up a pre-stamped MSUMC postcard in the Narthex, Chapel, and at the Welcome Desk in the Commons so you can mail it to friend and invite them to church. In addition to our regular worship services, there are several special services during this Advent season—invite someone to the Cantata, or the Service of Hope & Healing, or the Children's program, or to one of our three special Christmas Eve services!

IT'S COOKIE TIME AGAIN FOR BETHANY CAFÉ! We would like to gift our Bethany Café guests some Christmas cookies during Bethany Café on December 16. Bring your homemade cookies to the church office on **December 11-15** during office hours. Please package 6 cookies in a Ziploc bag and label the bag with the type of cookie. We need 200 bags to have enough to include one bag with each meal served.

OASIS WORSHIP SERVICE: Come to the Sanctuary at 5:30pm on Wednesdays for an intimate 30-minute service with Holy Communion and prayer led by one of our pastors, with music by Chuck Foster, and a short devotion by a member of our congregation. Our Oasis service is meant to be a time of refreshment and encouragement in the middle of a busy week. *Oasis will meet only on weeks that we have the Wednesday Night Connect Dinner.*

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **Dec. 13** is Spaghetti Carbonara (*gluten-free entrée is available upon request*). Dinner is served at **5:30pm**. Reservations can be made by: signing a reservation card and placing it in the offering plate; emailing Kathryn (kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org); calling the church office at 336-993-3411; visiting our website or clicking the link in the Thursday Connections email each week. Reservations must be made by **Monday at noon**. The suggested donation is \$6/adult, \$3/child (10 & under). *New Horizons/Journey SS classes serving.*

SERVICE OF HOPE AND HEALING: The holidays are approaching and for some of us they may look different this year. The loss of a loved one, a diagnosis, divorce, loss of a job, or other major life event may have changed our lives. Grief, sadness, tiredness, and anxiety are a few words that may describe the feelings you are experiencing. You may feel the need for gentle instead of jolly. Your Pastors and Stephen Ministers invite you to approach the holidays with HOPE. Please join us for a Service of Hope and Healing on Tuesday, **December 12**, at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Come hear the music, a message of hope, receive Communion, and have the opportunity for prayer and lighting a candle for loved ones, for a gentle entry into the holidays.

OUR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY will be presented in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm on **December 15**. We will hear music from the children's choirs and then enjoy the fully costumed re-telling of the Christmas story in the play titled "The First Christmas". Afterwards, we will enjoy dessert and cocoa/coffee. We hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS CARDS for our Home Friends and Members over the age of 90 are due by **December 15**. A list of names is available in the Narthex and in the Commons at the Member Pickup Station.

OUR PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY will NOT meet on December 21, December 28, January 4, or January 11. Enjoy the holidays and we will resume meeting on January 18.

THE MAIN STREET BOOK CLUB will meet at noon in Room 310 on **December 21**. Everyone is invited to read Charles Dickens' book, *A Christmas Carol*, in advance and join us for the discussion.

NOW: NIGHT OF WORSHIP CHRISTMAS SERVICE—Join us on Thursday, **December 21** at 7:00pm for a special NOW Christmas Service featuring Christmas Carols with special music by some of MSUMC's children. Nursery is provided.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT MAIN STREET starts at 10:30am as we gather as one church at a combined worship service. Come back at 4:00pm for our Family Christmas Eve Service. This service is led by our youth and is a perfect opportunity for all the children in attendance to become a part of the story! You won't want to miss it! Our Christmas Eve Services will continue at 7:00pm and 11:00pm with our Traditional Candlelight Services. These touching and poignant services with Holy Communion are the perfect way to remember and reflect on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

JOB OPENINGS: We would like to hire a Church Organist, Chancel Chorale Accompanist/Pianist, and a Technology Ministries Director. The complete job descriptions for these positions can be found under "NEWS" at mainstreetumc.org or you can contact Tina Crew in the church office for more details (336-993-3411).

CRISIS CONTROL Collection boxes are in the new main entrance for donations to Crisis Control's Item of the Month. December's items are canned mixed vegetables; other non-perishable food items can be donated as well. Items may be dropped off at any time during office hours (8:30-4:00 Monday-Thursday and 8:30-noon on Friday).

SING WITH THE LENTEN CHOIR on March 17, *The Music of Ireland*. Rehearsals start the second week of January.