

MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent

10:55 am

Traditional Worship Service

Church Family News

Victoria Smathers

Voice of Diakonia (*Voice of Servanthood*)

Ann Ballard

WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

Brian Vannoy, organist

Introit

In Christ Alone Medley

-arr. Allen

Alpha and Omega Youth Choir; Wes O'Brien, pianist; Jenny Lail, director

Chiming of the Trinity

* Opening Prayer (*unison*)

Victoria Smathers

Source of hope, bring us into the presence of hope. Inspire us with the strength of faith. Shower us with the waters of mercy and grace, that our hope may be renewed as we learn to trust your promise and love. Amen.

* Processional Hymn No. 368

My Hope Is Built

THE SOLID ROCK

* Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Victoria Smathers

Merciful God, you know the worries and the doubts that fill our lives. Strengthen our faith and inspire our trust. Shower us with your mercy and grace, that we may embrace the fullness of life and love, through the power of your Holy Spirit and the mercy of Jesus, the Christ.

All pray in silence.

God is good. All the time. And all the time, God is good. Trust this truth and receive God's gifts of mercy and love. Amen.

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Victoria Smathers

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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* Sharing the Peace

Victoria Smathers

Joys/Concerns/Prayer

Phil Kuntz

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in

heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE HEAR FROM GOD

Kids' Time	<i>Jesus Loves the Little Children</i>	Victoria Smathers
	Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world; every color, shape, and size, They are precious in his eyes. Jesus loves the little children of the world.	
	Children ages 3 years to 1st grade are dismissed to <i>Kids Connect-Worship</i> . Parents may pick up their children in the Children's Education Building after the worship service.	

Scripture	Genesis 7: 1-5 Pew Bible, OT page 6	Phil Kuntz
Anthem	<i>Once Upon a Tree</i> Chancel Choir; Brian Vannoy, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director	Choplin
Sermon	"Waiting Patiently"	Wayne Purdy

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* Hymn No. 382	<i>Have Thine Own Way, Lord</i>	ADELAIDE
Offering Invitation		Phil Kuntz
Offertory		
*Offertory Response No. 298	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, vs. 4</i>	HAMBURG
	Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.	
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Phil Kuntz
* Hymn No. 415	<i>Take Up Thy Cross</i>	GERMANY
* Benediction		Wayne Purdy
* Chiming of the Trinity		
Postlude		

* please stand as you are able

During the season of Lent, the church is more subdued than other times during the year. This is an expression of our penitence and re-focusing our lives on serving God. The decoration in the church is scaled back and some elements are removed, leading up to Maundy Thursday, when we strip the church of all decoration. During Lent, we remove all the brass that we can from our sanctuary and replace it with wooden candlesticks, wicker baskets for offering, and wooden crosses. For those items that cannot be removed, we cover them in a purple cloth. This scaling back and removal of decoration during Lent and the replacing of it on Easter helps us truly celebrate in a visual way the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for worshiping with us today at Main Street UMC!

If you are a visitor, please sign the attendance pad in the pew so that we can contact you at a later date in order to discuss the ministries of Main Street UMC.

Restrooms are located in the back left corner of the Narthex.

Should you need to step out during worship, you can go to the Parlor and still view and hear the worship service. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

Main Street UMC's Sanctuary is an area where photography, video and audio recording may occur. Camera angles may capture your image as you worship. Our weekly services are routinely shared with others via livestream and DVD. If you would like a DVD of today's 10:55 service, please contact Kathryn at 993-3411 in the church office.

Confidential prayer requests can be made by calling the church office at 336-993-3411 or by clicking the "contact" tab on mainstreetumc.org.

Children's Ministry: We are so happy to share God's love with our children! Main Street is a Safe Sanctuary Congregation.

- **Nursery** (8:30-noon) is available for infants-3 year olds in the Education Building. The nursery is staffed with experienced caregivers and lay volunteers.
- **Kids Connect** is our Sunday School (9:45-10:45am) program for children ages 3 years old to 5th grade in the Education building. Kids Connect offers a large group Bible lesson, worship, and small group activities.
- **Kids Connect-Worship** is offered during the 10:55am service for wiggly kids ages 3 years to 1st grade who can't quite remain in worship the entire time. Kids of all ages are invited to the front for *Moments with Children* before the younger children are dismissed to the Education Building for *Kids Connect-Worship* activities.

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)

Main Street UMC Staff

Mike Gehring, Senior Pastor
Phil Kuntz, Associate Pastor
Al Ward, Minister of Visitation
Wayne Purdy, Pastor of Youth Ministries
Victoria Smathers, Director of Children's Ministries
Nancy Blakemore, Director of Music Ministries
Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director
Jenny Lail, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir Director

Tina Crew, Business Manager
Betsy Tang, Administrative Assistant
Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant
Anthony Simmonds, Custodian
Willie Craven, Custodian
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Announcements

THE WHITE ROSEBUD on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Lin Jones, father of Lee Ann Messer.

VOLUNTEER PIANIST NEEDED: The Carol Elementary Children's choir is in need of a *volunteer pianist* for the Spring semester. We practice on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:00 pm. If you have piano skills, a love for children, and a desire to help, please contact Nancy Blakemore in the church office (336-993-3411).

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 **Feb. 21** is Beef Tips (*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). *JC Grose SS class serving.*

BETHANY CAFÉ volunteers needed: Bethany Café provides a free meal to anyone in our community and is hosted each Saturday at local churches. Main Street UMC hosts Bethany Cafe on the 3rd Saturday of every month and lots of help is needed! Job descriptions and a sign-up form are available at mainstreetumc.org (*look for the "sign-ups" tab on the red stripe*).

THE HERITAGE CLUB will meet for lunch at the Walkertown Seafood Shack on **February 23** at 11:30am.

STEPHEN VISITOR TRAINING: Our Stephen Visitor program is off to a great start and we are now adding an additional training session for more volunteers! A **Stephen Visitor** is a caring, compassionate person who will be assigned to visit a member of our congregation twice a month. The Pastors and Stephen Leaders invite you to become part of this vital caring ministry. We will hold an orientation that will take place on Sunday, **February 25** from 2:00 - 4:30 P.M. in Room 320. This orientation will provide information and training exercises. If you have questions, contact Pastor Phil Kuntz, Emily Dreshfield, or Melissa Dreshfield. To register for the Stephen Visitor Training session, go to mainstreetumc.org and look for the "sign-ups" tab on the red stripe.

THE MAIN STREET BOOK CLUB will meet at noon in Room 310 on **February 29**. Everyone is invited to read Dennis Covington's book, Salvation on Sand Mountain, in advance and join us for the discussion.

INVITATION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT, a short-term Disciple Bible Study will be offered on Wednesdays at 6:30pm starting February 28 and ending on May 1. Buck Murchison will facilitate this Bible Study. This class will meet in Room 320, which is the upstairs classroom in the Commons area (elevator access is available). The participant book is \$18.50 and will be available for purchase through the church office. Register for the class at www.mainstreetumc.org and click on the red "signups" tab. Class size will be limited to 12 participants.

GET YOUR EASTER BAKED GOODS from Circle #4. Once again, we will be selling Wilkerson's Moravian Baked Goods for delivery prior to Good Friday. We will begin the sale for fundraising in March. More details will follow.

IT'S TIME TO PICK UP YOUR CHICKEN PIE ORDERS! You should plan to pick up your order between 9am and noon on **February 24**. If you are unable to pickup your items on February 24, please make arrangements with the person you ordered your items from to meet you or deliver the items to you or please send a friend to pick up your items on Feb. 24; the office may not be available at your convenience to assist during the week.

JOB OPENINGS: We would like to hire a Church Organist 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. February's items are canned greens, black-eyed peas, cornbread mix; 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).

Lyrics

MY HOPE IS BUILT

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.
2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.
3. His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.
4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

HAVE THINE OWN WAY, LORD

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.
2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and try me, Savior today! Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now, as in thy presence humbly I bow.
3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me I pray! Power, all power, surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!
4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway. Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

TAKE UP THY CROSS

1. "Take up thy cross," the Savior said, "if thou wouldst my disciple be; deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me."
2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm; his strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy foolish pride rebel; thy Lord for thee the cross endured, to save thy soul from death and hell.
4. Take up thy cross and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.