

  
**MAIN STREET**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**June 16, 2024**  
*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

**8:30am**  
*Worship Service*

Welcome		Wayne Purdy
Prelude	<i>Prelude and Fugue in G Minor, BWV 558</i> Jeanell Brown, interim organist	J. S. Bach
* Opening Prayer (unison)		Wayne Purdy
	<b>Holy God, we humble our hearts before you in thanksgiving and awe. For by your mercy, we find ourselves at home in the branches of your family tree. We discover ourselves to be a people with a love that never fails. We find ourselves within your grand love story for all time and all creation. Whom can we thank, but you, for such great mercy? Bring your kingdom into our midst as we worship you this day. Amen.</b>	
* Hymn No. 400	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	NETTLETON
Scripture	Mark 4: 26-34 Pew Bible, NT page 38	Phyllis Davis
Anthem	<i>You Raise Me Up with Be Still My Soul</i> Lovland and Graham/FINLANDIA/arr. Fettke Chorale; Jeanell Brown, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director	
Sermon	“One Point at a Time”	Phil Kuntz
* Hymn TFWS No. 2190	<i>Bring Forth the Kingdom, vv. 1-3</i>	BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM
* Affirmation of Faith No. 881	The Apostles’ Creed	Wayne Purdy
	<b>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.</b>	<i>*universal</i>
* Sharing the Peace		Wayne Purdy
Church Family News		Wayne Purdy
Joys & Concerns		Wayne Purdy
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		Wayne Purdy
	<b>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.</b>	

- Offering Invitation Wayne Purdy  
Offertory *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Nettleton, Setting by Paul Manz, op. 21
- \*Doxology No. 95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below:  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**
- Prayer of Thanksgiving Wayne Purdy
- \* Hymn No. 540 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* ST. THOMAS
- \* Reception of New Members Wayne Purdy  
**We rejoice to recognize you as *members* of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to this congregation of The United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**
- \* Benediction Wayne Purdy
- \* Benediction Response *Blest Be the Tie That Binds, vs. 1* DENNIS  
**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**
- Postlude *Fanfare Postlude* Douglas E Wagner
- \* please stand as you are able

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## ***Welcome to worship at Main Street United Methodist Church!***

*When Christians worship, we step into an alternative world. Liturgy and ritual, hymns and prayers invite us into another landscape. Jesus' words and the experience of his presence peel back the rhetoric that pummels our eardrums so that we are able to hear him say to us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14:27, NRSV)*

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### **Thank you for worshipping 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](http://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.

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## **Let's Worship Together!**

**Wednesdays** (September-May)

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

### **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

### **Thursdays**

6:30pm 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

Theo Dunlap, Custodian

Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director

Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

### **Main Street United Methodist Church**

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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 Ancha Pack, Lisa Dodds' mother.

**BABAUNDE'S INFORMATION SESSIONS:** Babatunde has just finished school for the year and is almost finished with his undergraduate degree from Greensboro College. He has summer classes to take, one more fall semester, and he will then graduate in December 2024 (walking the stage in May 2025)! Babatunde wants to take the time to thank the Church and update his support team on where he has been and what he has in store next! Please mark your calendar to attend one of his information sessions: **TODAY** at 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall OR Thursday, **June 20** at 8:00 am for UM Men's Breakfast.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** the deadline for the JC Grose Scholarship (for upcoming college sophomores, juniors, and seniors) is **June 17**; and the deadline for the Frank & Mary Palmer Scholarship (for upcoming college sophomore, juniors, and seniors) is **June 27**.

**TAKE A HIKE** on Tuesday **June 18**. We'll meet in church parking lot at 9. We'll carpool to Reynolda Gardens for a 3 mile walk, fairly flat paved and mulched trails. We'll stop at Dough-Joe's for a donut after. Back to church by about 12.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on **June 19** in recognition of the Juneteenth holiday.

**THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE** is scheduled for **June 20-23**, at Lake Junaluska. Our pastors will be attending, in addition to our Lay Delegates Carol Purdy, Melissa Dreshfield, and Chris Thompson. Kimberly Thompson is also attending as a District Delegate. Please pray for all of the delegates as they conduct the business of the Annual Conference.

**JOIN US FOR** our Night of Worship (NOW) service at 6:30pm on **June 20** in the Chapel. Childcare is provided.

**FAREWELL TO PASTOR MIKE**—Pastor Mike's last Sunday with us before his retirement will be on **June 30**. We will have a combined worship service at 10:30am with lots of great music from the Combined Choirs, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir with the NOW Band, and the Jubilee Praise Band! After the service, we will have a "Farewell Reception" in the Commons so that everyone will have an opportunity to speak with Pastor Mike and Rhonda and thank them for the six years of ministry that they have shared with us. As a gift from our church, we would like to present the Gehrigs with a love offering, so we will be accepting donations in the church office through June 30.

**GOLF BALL FUNDRAISER:** For nearly two decades the Groce/Kirkman Sunday School Class has provided over \$20,000 of scholarships to Main Street Youth. Unfortunately, as age has taken its toll on our class, this is likely the last year the scholarships will be available. In order to build the fund to a reasonable level, Darrell Davis will have golf balls for purchase on Sunday between services. Curt Brown has provided the balls and Darrell has cleaned each one by hand (over twenty gallons). We are asking for a minimum donation of \$6.00 per dozen, however additional donations will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund. There is an excellent variety and most in very good condition. Even if you aren't a golfer, this would be a great gift to a friend and it will help fund our final year of these worthwhile scholarships. Checks can be made to the Groce/Kirkman Scholarship Fund.

**JOB OPENING:** We would like to hire a Church Organist/Pianist. The complete job description for this position can be found under "NEWS" at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) or you can contact Tina Crew in the church office for more details.

**CRISIS CONTROL** Collection boxes are in the new main entrance for donations to Crisis Control's Item of the Month. June's item is condiments; 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).

**WEARING NAMETAGS** is an act of hospitality—let's focus on wearing our nametags to worship services throughout this summer as a way for our new pastor and other new MSUMC members to feel "at home". Contact the church office if you need a new nametag!

**UPCOMING SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS:** Register at [www.mainstreetumc.org](http://www.mainstreetumc.org) and click "signups" on the red stripe

- Vacation Bible School—This year's theme is "SCUBA—Diving into Friendship with God". VBS will be **July 22-25** from 6pm to 8:15pm for ages 3 years to 5th grade and there is no cost.
- Kids in Action Summer Service Camp—This year KIA will be **July 29 to July 31** from 9 am - 3 pm. Our kids have a service project in the morning and a fun activity in the afternoon! There are only 20 spots available so sign up soon! Registration is open to rising 2nd graders - rising 6th graders and the cost is \$80 per child.

**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 a friend and invite them to church.