

  
**MAIN STREET**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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July 28, 2024

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost/VBS Sunday

10:55 am

Traditional Worship

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Church Family News

Phil Kuntz

## WE APPROACH GOD

Prelude

*Jesus Loves Me*  
Jeanell Brown, interim organist

Jason Payne

Chiming of the Trinity

\* Call to Worship

Wayne Purdy

May every family in heaven and on earth gather in name and spirit.

**May God pour out courage and compassion on our congregation through the Spirit.**

May our minds be open, that Christ may dwell within. May our hearts receive the fullness of our faith.

**From generation to generation, God's grace is abundant! Amen.**

\* Vacation Bible School Song

*Forever God, Forever Love*

\* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Wayne Purdy

**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

Wayne Purdy

Joys & Concerns

Phil Kuntz

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Phil Kuntz

**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

Vacation Bible School Recap and Video

Victoria Smathers

Psalter Reading UMH page 746

Psalm 14

Congregational Anthem (lyrics on screen) *Standing In the Need of Prayer*

Jenny Lail, VBS Music Director

Members of the congregation and children are invited to come and sing the anthem with the choir.

Scripture	John 15: 12-17 Pew Bible, NT page 109	Lanny Lancaster
Sermon	“Friends With God”	Lanny Lancaster

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering Invitation		Victoria Smathers
Vacation Bible School Slideshow		
*Doxology No. 94		LASST UNS ERFREUEN
	<b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>	
	<b>Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!</b>	
	<b>Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>	

Prayer of Thanksgiving		Phil Kuntz
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\* Vacation Bible School Theme Song      *Thanks, God*

* Benediction		Lanny Lancaster
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\* Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude

\* 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!**

### **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**

6:30pm NOW: Night of Worship contemporary service in the Chapel (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

## **Main Street UMC Staff**

Lanny Lancaster, 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

**TODAY**—Members of the congregation are invited to come and sing the anthem with the choir.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** will be on **July 31** at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**JOIN US FOR OUR BACK TO SCHOOL SERVICE** on Thursday, **August 1** at 6:30 pm in the Chapel! This year, our Night of Worship Band will lead us in musical worship, we will have a special message from our own Kellie Vinay (MSUMC Preschool Director) and spend time together praying over the start of another wonderful school year. Kids of all ages are welcome and encouraged! Childcare will be available for infants and toddlers and our older children are encouraged to come and participate in worship. We will take an offering for the WSFCS School Buddies Fund, which is a fund that the Social Workers department oversees for the entire WS/FC school system to assist families in need. Bring your bookbags and receive a blessing tag to carry throughout the year!

**CHURCH MICE NEEDED!** The Church Mouse program was started over 15 years ago and is a “secret pal” program designed to keep our MSUMC college students connected to their church family. A Church Mouse is assigned a specific college student and provided with a list of their interests and favorites. Throughout the school year, the Church Mouse is encouraged to send a combination of notes, inexpensive treats, care packages, or gift cards. The identity of the Church Mouse is kept a secret throughout the year and is then revealed at the end of the school year in late April/early May. If you are interested in being a Church Mouse, please contact Kathryn in the church office (336-993-3411 or [kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org](mailto:kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org)) by **August 1**. For questions, please contact Christie Hunter or Tara Stamper.

**A BIG PICNIC AND MORE!** Mark Sunday, **August 4** on your calendars for *A Big Picnic and More!* The Member Care Committee has reserved Shelter #1 at Triad Park from 4:00- 8:00 for *A Big Picnic*, which means lots of FOOD. The church will provide fried chicken, tea, water, plates, cups, cutlery and some serving utensils. All who are able, are encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts, as well as any other desired main dishes. Please bring your food to Shelter #1 between 4:00 - 5:00, and Pastor Lanny will bless the food around 5:15. This is an opportunity to MEET Pastor Lanny and his wife Janet, and to socialize with Main Street friends and to MEET new people! The evening will reveal even *More!* Come and see who will get the Pie in the Face as the culmination of the food drive competition for Crisis Control. Let's all wear our name tags to this event; we will have stickers if you forget your church nametag. Please help us plan by registering your plans to attend by **July 31** at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) under “signups” on the red stripe.

**KAIROS**—It's that season again where Main Street UMC goes to prison!! Well, certain volunteers go, but we need the support of our church family in baking cookies for Kairos! Since COVID however, the rules for cookie baking have become VERY stringent. We would appreciate your participation in helping us bake the cookies, as we need **80 dozen**, so please read the updated directions in the July newsletter and at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) (on the red stripe, click Ministries>Ministries We Support>KAIROS Prison Ministry) if you want to help. Be sure to follow the guidelines or your cookies may not end up in prison. Thank you for your participation in contributing to Prison Ministry work. Please have all baked cookies (1 dozen per baggie) at the church office by Monday, **August 5**. A table is in the Narthex today to seek your help with signing a prayer chain that will be hung on the prison walls and an opportunity to purchase a meal ticket to help with the food costs.

**GOLF BALL FUNDRAISER:** For nearly two decades the Groce/Kirkman Sunday School Class has provided over \$20,000 of scholarships to Main Street Youth. In order to build the fund up, 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 Checks can be made to the Groce/Kirkman Scholarship Fund.

**OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON**—join us in the Fellowship Hall on **August 8** at 11:45am for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox (336-993-5413).

**HONEYBEE FESTIVAL:** Our church will have a booth at this year's Honeybee Festival on Saturday, **August 17** from 10am until 5pm at 4th of July Park. This is a chance for you to represent our church and engage the Kernersville community. The goal is to make more disciples. We are looking for church members to take shifts at the booth on August 17 and to setup on August 16. Sign up to help at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) under “Signups” on the red stripe.

**PUBLICATION DEADLINES:** *Main Street Connections Email* requests are due to the church office by 4:00pm on Tuesdays; Bulletin Announcements are due to the church office by noon on Tuesdays; and Newsletter Articles are due by noon on the FIRST Friday of every month.