


MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 25, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am

Worship Service

Welcome		Victoria Smathers
Prelude	<i>Diptych (Orientis Partibus, c1210)</i> Jeanell Brown, interim organist	Robert Hebble
* Call to Worship		Victoria Smathers
	God is our sun and our shield. God's glory shines upon us. God is our strength and our hope. God's faithfulness guides us. God is our hope and our salvation. God's love and mercy welcome us.	
* Hymn No. 662	<i>Stand Up and Bless the Lord</i>	ST. MICHAEL
Psalter Reading	Psalm 84 Pew Bible, OT page 543	Chuck Dagenhart
Anthem	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> Chorale; Jeanell Brown, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director Verse 3—Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; Be thou my whole armor, be thou my true might; Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower: O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.	SLANE/arr. Rutter
Scripture	Ephesians 6: 10-20 Pew Bible, NT page 195	Lanny Lancaster
Sermon	"The Armor of God"	Lanny Lancaster
* Hymn No. 513	<i>Soldiers of Christ Arise</i>	DIADEMATA
* Affirmation of Faith No. 881	The Apostles' Creed	Phil Kuntz
	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.	<i>*universal</i>
* Sharing the Peace		Phil Kuntz
Church Family News		Phil Kuntz
Voice of Diakonia (<i>Voice of Servanthood</i>)		Cynthia Barron

Joys & Concerns

Phil Kuntz

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Offering Invitation

Phil Kuntz

Offertory

Pastorale from "Partita on St. Anne"

Paul Manz, Op. 6

*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

Phil Kuntz

* Hymn No. 370

Victory in Jesus

HARTFORD

* Benediction

Phil Kuntz

* 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 No 4

C.S. Lang, Op. 85

* please stand as you are able

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)

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.

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!

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

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

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Announcements

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL BOOKS for September/October have arrived! Pick up your copy in the Sanctuary Narthex, at the “Member Pick-up Station” inside the Main Entrance to the Connections Building, or in the Chapel Narthex.

BINS: There is now a *Hope Center* collection bin just inside the Main Entrance next to the *Crisis Control* bin. To learn more about the Hope Center, what they do and what to bring for their bin, see the August newsletter or our church website.

WEDNESDAY DINNERS ARE STARTING BACK UP! THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **September 4** is Meatloaf (*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*). *MSUMC staff serving*.

OASIS WORSHIP SERVICE: Starting back up for the school year on **September 4!** 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.*

LIFE IN CHRIST: A BIBLE STUDY In the midst of a world that competes for our loyalties, Christ invites us to a life in Him. This Fall, Pastor Lanny will be doing a preaching and teaching series on our Life in Christ. Come learn with us as we move forward in Christ together! Choose Wednesdays at 11:00am in Room 320 *OR* Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Room 320 from **September 4 to November 20**. Please register online at mainstreetumc.org and click “signups” on the red stripe. There is no cost; please bring your Bible to class with you.

A 4-WEEK BIBLE STUDY called *A Bead and a Prayer*, led by Miriam Ward, will be offered on Monday mornings (**Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30**) from 10:30am until 11:45 in Room 320. *A Bead and a Prayer* is a beginner’s guide to Protestant prayer beads. We will make our own set of prayer beads and use them as a prayer tool to assist us when we pray. Each participant will need a book and bead supplies. Register with Kathryn in the church office and pay \$11 (exact change or check please) for the book. Miriam will have a bead kit for each participant to purchase once the class size is set. Contact Miriam Ward at 336-955-7015 if you have any questions.

HANDS TOGETHER sign ups are now open! Please go online to choose between all the exciting projects and sign up (mainstreetumc.org and click “signups” on the red stripe). There's something for everyone! The big day is coming soon: Saturday **September 14**.

COMPASSION IN ACTION is a new caring ministry at MSUMC. This ministry will equip church members to care for each other in times of need. Whether a person is facing crisis, is homebound, or just needs to talk, Compassion in Action ministers will be available. *Compassion in Action* is an expansion of Stephen Ministry to include more volunteers and reach more people. For those needing more specialized care, Stephen Ministers and pastors are always available! There is no cost for the training, but participants will need to order their own copy of the training manual and bring it to the sessions. Manuals may be ordered from Amazon for \$10.99 each. Training dates are **Sept. 22-October 27**. For more details and to register, go to mainstreetumc.org and click “signups” on the red stripe.

THE LETTERS OF PAUL – A 24-week Bible study of the shorter letters of Paul (Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Timothy, Thessalonians, Titus & Philemon) led by Pastor Mark Key will begin on **September 29** and meet weekly on Sunday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The last day of class will be April 6. There is no cost; participants should bring their own Bible. Register at mainstreetumc.org and click “signups” on the red stripe.

MSUMC MEMBER DIRECTORY: Get your copy of our updated *non-pictorial* member directory at the Member Pickup Station at the new Main Entrance to the Commons.

THANK YOU for helping to care for our Sanctuary by not bringing in food or beverages.

CHURCH KEYS: If you have borrowed a key to the church and are no longer using it, please return the key to Tina Crew in the church office.

TUESDAYS TOGETHER IN FAITH meets each Tuesday at 10:30am in Room 320 (*upstairs Commons classroom*) for discussions on a variety of topics; sometimes they will do a book study, sometimes a Bible study, sometimes a video series. The group welcomes new friends to join at any time! Contact Susan Fumage for more information.