


MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 8, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am

Worship Service

Welcome

Wayne Purdy

Prelude

Prelude in Classic Style

Jill Gardner, organist

Gordon Young

* Call to Worship

Victoria Smathers

Place your trust in God.

God's faithfulness is unshakeable.

May our worship this day strengthen our faith.

May our faithfulness be unshakeable.

May our words and actions be good and true.

May we grow in godliness each and every day.

* Hymn No. 66

Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Scripture Reading

James 2: 1-10
Pew Bible, NT page 229

Victoria Smathers

Anthem

There's a Spirit of Love in This Place
Chorale; Jill Gardner, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

Miller

Scripture

Mark 7: 24-30
Pew Bible, NT page 42

Phil Kuntz

Sermon

"Truly Human"

Phil Kuntz

* Hymn No. 432

Jesu, Jesu

CHEREPONI

* Affirmation of Faith No. 881

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.

**universal*

* Sharing the Peace

Wayne Purdy

Church Family News

Wayne Purdy

Voice of Diakonia (*Voice of Servanthood*)

Mark Key

Joys & Concerns

Wayne Purdy

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Wayne Purdy

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

Wayne Purdy

Offertory

Voluntary on Blest Be The Tie That Binds

Robert J. Powell

*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. 664

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

THE ASH GROVE

* 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

Toccata

David H. Hegarty

* 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

Jill Gardner, Organist

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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THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **September 11** is Pulled Pork (*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). *Journey and Grose-Kirkman Sunday School classes serving.*

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 & encouragement in the middle of a busy week.

HANDS TOGETHER DAY—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**.

A FREE FARMERS MARKET will be held for the Winston Salem community surrounding the Open Arms Community Center on *Hands Together Day*, Sat. Sept. 14 from 10:00am to noon. To create a free farmers market for those in need of fresh produce, we will need: Donations of fresh, local produce, harvested the second week of September. If you are a gardener or farmer wishing to share some of your harvest with those in need, please bring it to the Church on **Friday, Sept. 13** between 9:00am and noon to our temporary drop-off station for donated produce in the church parking lot (rain or shine). Volunteer(s) will be available during this time to assist with transferring donated produce from the gardeners' vehicles to one of theirs. If you cannot drop off during this time frame, contact Jane Greeson at ellaJgreeson@gmail.com to make other arrangements. Everyone, please ask your friends and neighbors who garden and/or farm if they are willing to donate a portion of their harvest during the 2nd week of September to this community in need. If they are, then please offer your help in gathering and/or dropping off. And...Volunteers are needed. If you love a good Farmers Market and wish to help create a free version for this community, please sign up to help with this Hands Together project for the Open Arms Community by registering at mainstreetumc.org and click on “signups” on the red stripe.

BIBLE STUDY—Wayne Boger will lead “Jesus in the Gospels” Disciple Bible Study class on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in room 310 (downstairs Commons classroom). The class will begin on September 25 and run for 24 weeks. The cost of the class is \$ 50 which covers the two books that are needed. Registration deadline is **September 15**. To sign up please contact Wayne Boger directly at 336-399-5607 or ncpp153@gmail.com

MSUMC ORNAMENTS made of pewter with a lovely image of our church in the snow are available from Circle #5 members in the Commons for a suggested donation of \$25, starting on **September 15**.

THE SHRED TRUCK IS COMING! Gather your papers for shredding and bring them to the church parking lot from 9am until noon on **September 21**. Suggested donation of \$5 per container. All monies collected from this Circle #2 fundraiser will go to assist local ministries.

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. This 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! Training dates are **Sept. 22-October 27**. The training is free, 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. For more details and to register, go to mainstreetumc.org and click “signups” on the red stripe.

GRIEFSHARE: We are pleased to offer a *GriefShare* support group at Main Street that will begin on **September 26** and run through January 2. The group will meet on Thursdays at 10:00am. For more information and to register for the group (limited to 10 participants), go to griefshare.org/findagroup .

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.

PRE-SALE FOR FROZEN CASSEROLES: United Women in Faith will take orders in the Commons every Sunday morning in September for frozen casseroles. There are 2 sizes and 4 flavors to choose from. Please plan to pickup your orders on October 20.