

# The Main Stream

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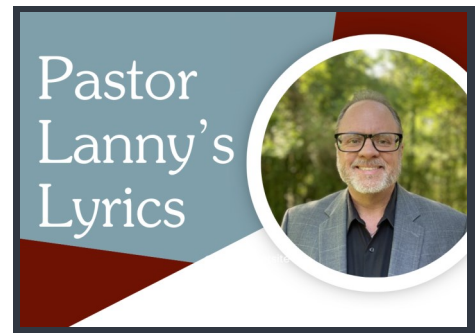


Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Did you know that Sunday, November 24 is the last Sunday of the Church Year? It's true! As followers of Jesus, we mark time differently than the rest of the world. In the Church Calendar, the last Sunday of the year is called Christ the King Sunday. It is a reminder that, through all the highs and lows and in between times this year, Christ Reigns!

Maybe this has been an eventful year for you or your family. Certainly, it has been eventful for Main Street United Methodist Church! Janet and I continue to give thanks for God's call through the Bishop's Appointment of us to come and walk with you as we serve Christ together. The end of the Church Year is a great time to pause and reflect on these things:

1. How has God blessed you this year? How has God granted you joy or deliverance through challenging times? How might you give God thanks for God's abundant blessings? Gratitude is one of the foundations of the Christian faith.
2. How have you answered God's call to serve him and others?
3. How has your faith been challenged this year?
4. To what spiritual practices (including acts of service) do you commit yourself to for the coming year?



One way to give God thanks for God's rich and overflowing blessings for us this year is to make special financial offerings to God through the Church. Every week, Main Street United Methodist Church touches lives with the Light and Love of Christ. It is truly a blessing to participate in Christ's powerful redeeming, renewing, restoring work in the lives of people.

Thank you for your participation in the life of the body of Christ here at Main Street! Your support of Christ's Church through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness is a crucial part of fulfilling our mission from Christ the King himself: "**Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.**" As we do that together at Main Street, people find hope and healing. May Christ reign in our hearts, lives, and service to others in his name now and forevermore!

*Pastor Lanny*



## Advent at Main Street UMC

### Friday, November 22

**7:00pm** — Kernersville Stocking Fund Concert in the Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 1

**8:30, 8:45, 10:55am** — regular worship services (*Nursery available*)  
**NOON** — Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due

### Tuesday, December 3

**9:30am** — decorate the Commons

### Wednesday, December 4

**5:30pm** — Oasis service

### Thursday, December 5

**6:30pm** — NOW: Night of Worship in the Chapel (*Nursery available*)

### Saturday, December 7

**9:00am** — Hanging of the Greens

### Sunday, December 8

**10:30am** — one service for Cantata

### Tuesday, December 10

**7:00pm** — Service of Hope and Healing (*Nursery available upon request*)

### Wednesday, December 11

**5:30pm** — Oasis service

### Friday, December 13

**12:00pm** — Home Friends Cards due  
**6:30pm** — Children's Christmas Program in the Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 15

**8:30, 8:45, 10:55am** — regular worship services (*Nursery available*)  
**3:30pm** — Youth Progressive Dinner

### Wednesday, December 18

**5:30pm** — Oasis service

### Thursday, December 19

**6:30pm** — a special NOW: Night of Worship Service with Preschool in the Sanctuary (*Nursery available*)

### Friday, December 20

**NOON** — cookies due for Bethany Cafe

### Sunday, December 22

**8:30, 8:45, 10:55am** — regular Worship services (*Nursery available*)

### Tuesday, Dec. 24 — *Christmas Eve*

**4:00pm** — Family Christmas Eve Service

**7:00pm** — Traditional Candlelight Service

**11:00pm** — Traditional Candlelight Service



## Christmas Eve Worship Services

On December 24, we have three special services that are a part of Main Street's Christmas Eve tradition.

Join us at 4:00pm for our Family Christmas Eve Service. This service is led by our youth and is a perfect opportunity for all the children in attendance to become a part of the story! You won't want to miss it!

Our Christmas Eve Services will continue at 7:00pm and 11:00pm with our Traditional Candlelight Services. These touching and poignant services with Holy Communion are the perfect way to remember and reflect on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



**Cantata Sunday:  
ONE SERVICE at 10:30 am  
On December 8,  
Presenting "A Thrill of Hope"**

On Cantata Sunday, December 8, the Main Street Christmas Choir will present Joel Raney's cantata, "A Thrill of Hope" at one combined service for the whole church at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. 40 singers are diligently rehearsing this beautiful cantata which includes many familiar Christmas carols and tunes. The Church will have the opportunity to join voices together singing some of the most beloved Christmas Carols of all time. It will be a glorious sound that you don't want to miss at Main Street United Methodist Church!

The SPIRIT is alive and well at Main Street UMC this Christmas! In a world weary of many things the CHURCH has the ultimate answer. The CHURCH has a SONG to SING and the SPIRIT will lead us: "A Thrill of Hope, the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. CHRIST IS the LORD!"

The morning features the adult choirs, the Main Street Handbell Choir, organist and professional singer Jill Gardner, pianist Jenny Lail, guest chamber orchestra and narrators. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!



As in years past, we will decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas with poinsettias.

A poinsettia may be placed in the church in honor or memory of a friend or loved one. These poinsettias can be ordered through the church office for \$10.00 each.

and Memorial Donations **Orders are due no later than November 24.**

You can write a note on an offering envelope and place your payment in the offering plate or you can place your order using the "sign ups" tab on our church website ([www.mainstreetumc.org](http://www.mainstreetumc.org)). If you would rather make a memorial donation instead of purchasing a poinsettia, there is also an option on the "sign up" to make an Honorarium/Memorial contribution to the Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund. Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary and Chapel in early December and we will list the gifts (both poinsettias and stocking fund memorials) in the December 17 newsletter.

## Hurricane Relief BBQ Luncheon

November 24



In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, our hearts have been called in service to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ in Western NC. On **Sunday, November 24**, the UMM will be hosting a churchwide Hurricane Relief BBQ luncheon that will be served at 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will consist of BBQ Pork, BBQ Chicken, Brunswick Stew, vegetables and desserts. We will be accepting a Love Offering and Cash Donations that will be sent to UMCOR to help supply long term assistance to those affected by the hurricane. Church members are encouraged to bring a friend for this event to experience the Love of Christ and Service to others that Main Street UMC is built upon.

*1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*



Main Street's Heritage Club is a group of active adults who gather for fun activities.

**Contact Debbie Smith** (*call church office for phone number*)  
**for more information and to make reservations.**

The Heritage Club would love to have new friends join them at these next events:

- **December 6 — Dinner at Cody Creek.** Seating is at 6:00. Bus will leave the church at 4:30. Cost to ride the bus will be \$5.00. Reservations are required.
- **December 17— High Point University Christmas Lights and Dinner.** Van will leave the church at 4:30, we will drive through the HPU campus and enjoy their holiday lights before having a buffet dinner at Spiro's Family Restaurant.



### Prayer Shawl Holiday Plans

Main Street's Prayer Shawl group will meet on

**November 14 and December 12**

at 9:30 in the Church Library.

December 12 will be a day to bring Brunch goodies to celebrate another successful Prayer Shawl year.

Contact Patty Rapp (*call church office for phone number*)  
for more information —this group loves to have  
new friends join them!



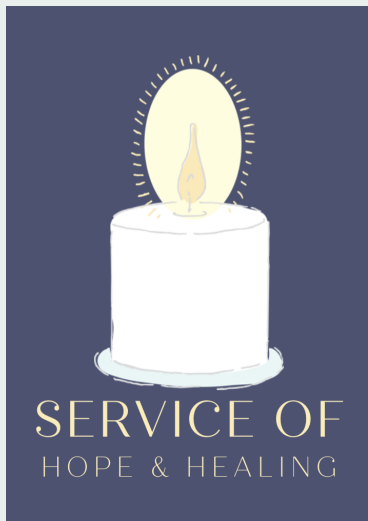
Main Street UMC Preschool is combining with the A&O Choir and the NOW band on

**Thursday, December 19 at 6:30pm**

for a new tradition.

Please join us as our preschool children tell the story of the night our Savior was born! We will enjoy music from kids, adults, and youth and we hope you all will join us for this special night!

### Service of Hope and Healing



The holidays are approaching and for some of us they may look different this year. The loss of a loved one, a diagnosis, divorce, loss of a job, or other major life event may have changed our lives. Grief, sadness, tiredness, and anxiety are a few words that may describe the feelings you are experiencing. You may feel the need for gentle instead of jolly. Your Pastors and Stephen Ministers invite you to approach the holidays with HOPE.

Please join us for a *Service of Hope and Healing* on **Tuesday, December 10, at 7:00pm** in the Sanctuary.

Come hear the music, a message of hope, receive Communion, and have the opportunity for prayer and lighting a candle for loved ones, for a gentle entry into the holidays.

### 2025 Ministry Opportunities Survey

Be sure to pick up a copy of the new *Ministry Opportunities Survey* from the Narthex or Commons and let us know how you would like to share your time and talents with the church. This survey has over sixty opportunities for you to serve and connect with your church family.

The survey is also available online at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) under "signups" on the red stripe.

Surveys are due by November 30.



**Children's Christmas Play,  
"The First Christmas,"  
is December 13, at 6:30 pm**

This year the Kid's Connect Choir will present their Christmas play, "The First Christmas," in the Sanctuary, and the whole church is invited to come! The evening begins at 6:30pm with the voices of children singing. Stella Turner will play Christmas piano music, then follows the Christmas play, a fully costumed, retelling of the Christmas story with audience participation—including a carol sing-a-long of beloved, familiar carols. We will hear from Director of Children's Ministries, Victoria Smathers, who will share about Children's Ministry at MSUMC. The evening ends with Christmas Cookies and Cocoa in the Commons!

This evening promises to be "merry and bright" while touching the very heart of Christmas. We hope to see you there and singing along with us on Friday evening, **December 13 at 6:30 pm** in the Sanctuary!



If you're looking for a meaningful way to celebrate the Christmas season, Mrs. Victoria is looking for individuals and families to light our Advent Wreath in 8:30, 8:45, and 10:55 services beginning Sunday, December 1.

Each Sunday (Dec 1, 8, 15, 22) you will light the corresponding candles, read a short scripture, and lead the congregation in prayer.

Christmas Eve has a special reading, and we need volunteers for the 4:00, 7:00, and 11:00 services.

If you would like to be involved, please email Mrs. Victoria at [victoria.smathers@mainstreetumc.org](mailto:victoria.smathers@mainstreetumc.org) or call the church office at 446-993-3411.



We will have our Church Council meeting followed by our Charge Conference Meeting at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall on **November 24**.

As is always the case, Charge Conference sessions are open meetings in The United Methodist Church. If you are not a member of our Church Council/Charge Conference, but wish to observe this Charge Conference session, please attend. However, only Church Council/Charge Conference members will be able to vote.



Our Stewardship Campaign, “**Forward In Christ**,” is wrapping up but it’s not too late to pledge. As a church community, we moved forward last year by increasing pledges from 2023 to 2024. Continuing this momentum into 2025 will enable us to fund existing ministries and move forward in Christ as God opens doors and lays out new opportunities. Praise God for all the individuals and families that have already pledged! Many have not yet submitted a pledge. Participating in the “**Forward In Christ**” Stewardship Campaign is an important element

of practicing our faith as God has blessed each of us in many ways. Putting your financial commitment in God’s hands with a pledge card helps each of us ensure that He is our top priority. Pledging is easy. Pledge cards were mailed to our homes, are available in the Narthex, Commons, at the Welcome Desk and in the office. Just mail or turn in your pledge card to the office, put it in the offering plate or submit your **Forward In Christ** pledge online at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) by selecting either **Give** or the **Sign-Ups** dropdown.

This month I’m providing only a brief financial update through October 31. Main Street’s expenses through October were \$851,000 versus income of \$812,000. Our deficit improved slightly from -\$43,000 to -\$39,000, however, over half of our operating reserve is currently depleted. We have received gifts of \$113,000 to fund monthly Building Loan payments of \$120,000. Thanks to everyone for continuing to support our building loan commitments and the vital ministries of Main Street.

Wes O’Brien, Chairman of Finance Committee

## Hanging of the Greens

Everyone is invited to join the Altar Guild on Saturday, December 7 starting at 9:00am as we come together to decorate our church Sanctuary and Narthex for the holiday season. What a fun way to catch the holiday spirit!

### **NEW DATE for Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund Concert is NOVEMBER 22, at 7:00 PM**

For over 29 years, many of Kernersville’s children and families have been able to wake up on Christmas Morning with gifts under the tree and a special Christmas Feast on the table. This is made possible by the generosity of community members and the donations from the Annual Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund Concert. This Kernersville Tradition is coming early this year--on Friday, November 22 at 7pm in our Sanctuary. Start the Holiday Season off on a “jolly” foot and join us for this special night of fundraising, music, and merriment on the Friday

BEFORE Thanksgiving!



# Reminder

- We will NOT HAVE our Oasis service or Wednesday Connect Dinner on Nov. 27
- The Church Office will be CLOSED on Nov. 28 and 29

## Job Opening

Main Street United Methodist Church is looking for a part-time custodian to work alongside our current custodial staff on Thursdays and Fridays from 7AM – 4PM. If you are interested, please contact Tina Crew in the Church Office for further information.

### Deck the Halls

Join us on Tuesday, December 3 as we decorate the Commons and other areas for the holiday season. We will begin around 9:30 and finish by noon. Come for all or part of the fun. There will be light refreshments, holiday music and lots of fellowship.



## BRING JOY TO A CHILD

Pack a shoebox with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and **LOVE!**

Check out the display table in the Narthex for more information.

Deadline to return filled boxes to MSUMC is **DECEMBER 1**

Main Street UMC is participating in packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year! Grab a recycled shoebox and consider adding items such as coloring books, drawing and coloring supplies, stuffed animals, toys, school or craft supplies, yo-yos, hair accessories, hats, gloves, socks, puzzles, books and even hygiene items! Main Street will not be providing shoeboxes for packing this year (please use a recycled shoebox or a plastic shoebox-size bin), but the possibilities are still endless! Check out the display in the Narthex for some creative ideas and more information on the do's and don'ts of shoebox packing and return your filled shoeboxes to this display area by December 1.

Join us on December 1 at the 10:55 service where the boxes will be blessed and loaded up to deliver! Have fun shopping and packing the box while imagining the joy that this gift will bring to a child!



## Main Street's Missional Giving

As we focus on moving *Forward In Christ* in 2025, I want to share an update on our 2024 Missional Giving.

Giving financially to Kingdom work is a profound and deeply personal process for each person in our church. Generosity is not about money as much as it is about trust. It's a heart issue more than a wallet issue.

Our giving contributes to the growth and development of our community. It allows churches and charitable organizations to fund projects aimed at improving the lives of those around us. By giving, we actively participate in shaping a more compassionate and supportive community. Whether it's supporting Crisis Control, Shepherd's Center, Youth Missions or offering aid to our Western North Carolina neighbors during times of crisis, our contributions have the power to transform lives and bring about positive change. Your offerings have the potential to create a ripple effect that extends far beyond what you can imagine.

As a church, we have been able to Love Strong in a world that desperately needs to know that we are partners in their journey and that in the future we are all invited to move *Forward in Christ*.

We have been able to make a positive impact with the following ministries (local and global) through your generous and faithful gifts.

Peace,  
Tina Crew, Business Manager

- Non-Monetary Donations in 2024
- 1,278 pounds of food donated to Crisis Control
  - Donations to Booksapalooza
  - Clothing and food donated to Project Re3 Hope Center

\$1,500.00	Samaritan Ministry	\$100.00	Lynne H. Berry School Buddies Fund
875.00	UMAR WNCC	26,411.00	Babatunde/Greensboro College
1,375.00	Next Step Ministries	46,773.00	UMCOR Western NC flood relief
937.50	Children of Zion	1,666.00	UMCOR Ukraine Relief
1,000.00	Open Arms Community	100.00	UMCOR Tornado Relief
374.94	Angel Flight	99.00	UMCOR
100.00	A Room at the Inn	1,888.00	Kernersville Christmas Stocking
187.50	Kairos Prison Ministry	200.00	MSUMC Preschool Scholarship Fund
2,700.00	Egbe School / Care Africa	1,000.00	MSUMC Preschool
100.00	World Relief	100.00	Abundant Life Counseling Center
500.60	Youth Food Bags	250.00	K'ville Christian Ministers Fell.
100.00	Crossnore Children's Home	2,750.00	Van for Vivi
1,500.00	TW Radio Mission (Hodgins)	200.00	Kernersville Elem. School
6,731.00	Crisis Control of K'ville	136.00	Project Re3 Hope Center
750.00	City Lights Ministry	1,000.00	Black & Blue Program
62.50	Habit Missions / Watchmen of the Streets Shelter		<i>(Police lodge Christmas gifts)</i>
2,950.00	Shepherd Center of K'ville		
1,500.00	Food Bank of NW NC		
3,337.00	Pastoral Counseling Center		
1,250.00	Big Hope Medical Outreach Dominican Republic		
28,075.00	Appalachian Service Project		
		<b>\$ 138,579.04 Year-to-Date TOTAL</b>	

## Circle #5 Ornament Sale

Thank you to all who have purchased our Church Christmas Ornaments in support of missions and local charities! We are now down to our last few available ornaments. If you have not yet purchased, please make a point to stop by our table in the Commons area this Sunday to get yours! These ornaments are made of solid pewter and are Made in the USA.

Suggested Donation: \$25.00. Contact Robin Rayfield (*call Church Office for phone number*) if you are unable to be at church on Sunday to purchase your ornament so other arrangements can be made.



### *Sharing in Joy:*

- Congratulations to Noah Smith & Heather Lineberry on their marriage on Oct. 12.
- Congratulations to Margie Hilton upon the birth of her nineteenth great-grandchild, Dorothy Grace Hilton.
- Congratulations to Carolyn Simmons upon the birth of her new grandson, Campbell James Hopkins.
- Congratulations to Justin & Taylor Shelton upon the birth of their son, Joel.

### QR Code for your Bulletin

1. Open your phone to camera mode and scan the QR Code.
2. You will now be shown a path to the Main St. website.
3. Once on the website, you will be shown the page that allows you to choose the service you want.
4. You now have your bulletin for your chosen service.



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## Take a Hike.

Our **Take a Hike Small Group** comes together to enjoy the great outdoors and enjoy God's splendid creation on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. We will have two more Take a Hikes this year, on Tuesday, **November 19** and again on Tuesday, **December 3**. These will be our last hikes of 2024. We will resume hiking in March as the weather warms. Meet in the church parking lot at 9 AM. For more information, contact Wade Hampton.

## Christmas Cards for Our Home Friends and Members over the age of 90

Let's continue the wonderful Main Street tradition of showing love and care for each other. As you begin to write your Christmas cards, please remember these members.

The Member Care committee and Stephen Ministers will be collecting Christmas cards in the Narthex and will deliver them.

***While we encourage you to send cards to all those who are close to you, please bring cards addressed only to those on the list below for the committee to deliver.*** Thank you for honoring this request and for making the Christmas season a little brighter for our Home Friends and members over the age of 90.

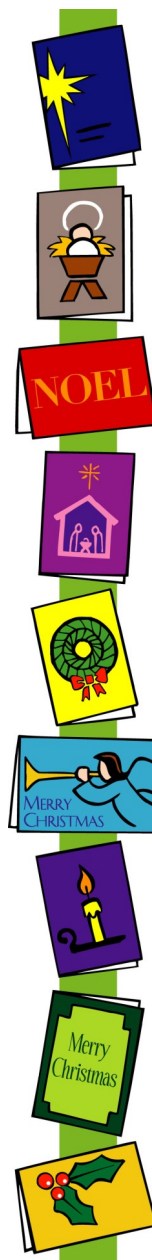
**A card collection box will be in the Narthex  
from November 17 through December 13**

Jack & Barbara Barrier  
Joan Bingham  
Curtis Campbell  
Chip & Billie Cole  
Martha Crawford  
Robert & Katie Dalton  
Betty Edwards  
Ed & Pauline Finn  
Faye Friddle  
Louise Griffin  
Roger & Margaret Grubbs  
Charlie Hall  
Margie Hilton  
Helen Holt  
Janet Jones  
Ken & Jean Ladd  
Mary Lamberson  
Phyllis Lennon  
Jan Manske  
Howard Martin  
Sam Martin

Bettie Moody  
Bill & Patsy Pegg  
Hank & Barbara Pfuhl  
Dave Plyler  
Van & Linda Sherrill  
Elva Sieg  
Laura Smith  
Richard & Betty Stafford  
Jane Staples  
Regie & Ruby Teague  
Mabeth Thomas  
Janet Turner  
Pat Turner  
Reggie Turner  
Kitty Weaver

You are welcome to prepare cards for two former pastors/widows who are now homebound:

Clara Ellis  
Frank & Claudia Grice



### Want to show your support for our neighbors in Western NC?



The "Answer the Call" yard sign not only raises money, it reminds us not to forget about our brothers and sisters still working to put their communities back together.

"Answer the Call" signs will be available in the Commons Area after the 8:30, 8:45, or 10:55am MSUMC Worship Services. The Church Office also has signs available during the week. Checks can be written to the New Horizons Class. We suggest a donation of \$20.

Money raised from contributions for the sign will go to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

# It's Cookie Time again for Bethany Café!

- 6 homemade cookies per ziploc bag
- bring to church office  
December 16-20



We would like to gift our Bethany Café guests some Christmas cookies during Bethany Café on December 21. Bring your homemade cookies to the church office on December 16-20 during office hours. Please package 6 cookies in a Ziploc bag and label the bag with the type of cookie. We need 250 bags to have enough to include one bag with each meal served.

## COLLECTION BOXES

are in the new main entrance for:

- **BOOKSAPALOOZA** — donate new or used books
- **HOPE CENTER** — donate empty egg cartons, clothing, groceries
- **CRISIS CONTROL**— donate non-perishable food, each month has an item to focus on, November's item is Baking Supplies.



Don't cook on Wednesdays, come have dinner with us from 5:30-6:30pm! Dining together is a great opportunity for fellowship, but if you need to get your meal "to-go", then we can do that, too! We have disposable takeout containers but we encourage you to bring your own re-usable containers for "to-go" meals.

**Nov. 20—Spaghetti Carbonara** with Seafarers SS class serving

**Nov. 27—no meal**

**Dec. 4 —Oven Fried Chicken** with Rise & Christian Fellowship classes serving

**Dec. 11—Meatloaf** with Cornerstone class serving

**Dec. 18—Pork Loin** with Genesis/Becoming/ Crossroads classes serving

*The suggested donation is \$6.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child (10 and under). A gluten-free option is available upon request.*

*Reservations for dining in-person or "to-go" must be made by NOON on Monday: use the Wednesday Dinner reservation form on our website under the red "signups" stripe or contact Kathryn in the church office at 336-993-3411 or email [kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org](mailto:kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org)*

## Holiday Tips from your Creation Care Committee

- Shop local. Whether it's local produce from the farmers market, Mrs Hanes cookies, Musten's pimiento cheese, or a unique find at our downtown stores, shopping nearby supports our neighbors and cuts down on driving. Better yet, skip the gifts for adults and make a donation to a charity in their honor.
- Regular wrapping paper is not recyclable. Try using newspaper or packing paper (100 sheets for \$13.98 at Lowe's). Reusable bows and ribbons add color. Gift bags can be used many times. Make tags using old Christmas cards.
- Disposable dinnerware is convenient but not recyclable. Look for compostable brands or use the good dishes and let the dishwasher clean up.
- It's fun to buy new decorations at Christmas, but try using old ones in new ways. Nature provides lovely décor and is usually free. Pine cones, fruit, dried flowers, leaves, potted plants, and many other items can be used for holiday displays.
- Finally, be mindful of the gifts provided by our Creator. Care for our planet and for each other.



## *We extend our sympathies to:*

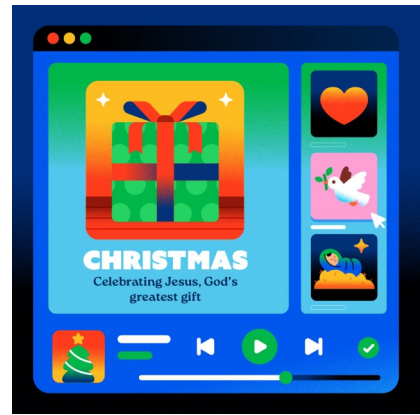
- Marvin Bare upon the death of his cousin, Glen Bare
- Kitty Weaver upon the death of her husband, Bennie Weaver.
- Bill Apple upon the death of his brother, Jimmy.
- Wayne Boger upon the death of his sister, Kathy.
- Harry Davis & family upon the death of his father, Richard Hedgecock.
- Dan Montague upon the death of his sister, Mary Anne Davis.
- Joan Lewis upon the death of her aunt, Bonnie Harmon.

## **JOURNEYS OF PAUL IN GREECE AND TURKEY**

Pastor Mark Key is hosting an educational and spiritual trip to Greece and Turkey tracing the "Journeys of Paul" with Educational Opportunities in September of 2025. The pilgrimage will include a large selection of the places Paul traveled to and wrote letters to. The experience will give the sojourners an in-depth understanding of the apostle who wrote 13 of the 27 books of the New Testament, traveled more than 10,000 miles and started at least 16 churches in the Roman Empire. For more information, contact Pastor Mark at [mkey@wnccumc.net](mailto:mkey@wnccumc.net).



## Elementary



### November

With the help of God's Spirit, we can learn that **HOW** we give is more important than even **WHAT** we give. It's about our hearts. God showed us the ultimate example of generosity by sending Jesus. This month, we'll take a look at how we can respond by being generous to others.

### December

This December, we're singing loudly as we jam out to our Christmas Playlist to celebrate Jesus, God's greatest gift! The best gift God ever gave was Jesus. Because of Jesus, it's possible for us to have a relationship with God that will last forever. As we get in the mix this Christmas season, let's take time to remember the reason we celebrate in the first place: Jesus, the greatest gift the world has ever known.



## Preschool

### November

We don't have to have all the pieces or know where they all go. All we need to know is that God sees the big picture and God's got it. Our job is to trust God and take it one piece at a time. So, whether it's needing help with a big job, knowing which way to go, not having what we need, or talking to God about anything . . . God can handle it, because God's got it!



### December

This month, we're taking a look at the ultimate Show and Tell. God showed the world how much He loves us by giving us Jesus. That is what we celebrate at Christmas, and that is what we will continue to show the world through our actions and tell with our words.

<b>a Record of our Faithfulness</b>				
OUR PRESENCE:	10-20-2024	10-27-2024	11-3-2024	11-10-2024
Sunday School	108	100	118	122
8:30am In-Person Worship	80	68	95	90
8:45 Jubilee In-Person Worship	107	77	94	69
10:55am In-Person Worship	118	141	152	160
<b>In-Person Worship Totals</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>319</b>
8:45am Jubilee Live Stream Worship ( <i>Unique Views</i> )	29	41	20	41
10:55am Live Stream Worship ( <i>Unique Views</i> )	43	n/a	73	71
<b>Total Live Stream Unique Views</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>Live Streaming Totals (<i>unique views x 1.8</i>)</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>202</b>
<b>Attendance Totals</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>521</b>
OUR GIFTS as of:	10-20-2024	10-27-2024	11-3-2024	11-10-2024
<i>Moving Forward</i> Building Fund Weekly Contributions	\$ 650	\$ 3,873	\$ 1,290	\$ 600
Weekly Contributions to Budget	\$ 9,500	\$ 40,463	\$ 8,760	\$ 13,358
Budget Contributions YTD	\$ 717,226	\$ 757,689	\$ 766,449	\$ 779,808

**Main Street Ministries as of Oct. 31**

Regular Giving \$ 747,970  
 Expenses \$ 850,983  
 Over/(Under) (\$103, 013)  
 Budget \$ 931, 785

**Building Fund as of Oct. 31**

Building Fund Giving \$ 112,307  
 Building Loan Payments \$ 120,000  
 Over/(Under) (\$7,693)  
 Loan Balance \$ 1,287,342

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## *Let's Worship Together*

There is no better way to worship our Lord than  
Worshipping Together. Come and Worship with  
us at one or all of our services:

- Less-Formal Traditional Worship Service\*:  
Sundays at 8:30am in the Sanctuary
- Jubilee Contemporary Worship Service\*:  
Sundays at 8:45am Jubilee Service in the  
Chapel
- Traditional Worship Service\*: Sundays at  
10:55am in the Sanctuary
- Oasis Mid-Week Service of Meditation:  
Wednesdays at 5:30pm (September-May)
- NOW: Night of Worship\*: 1st & 3rd  
Thursdays of each month at 6:30pm in the  
Chapel

\* *childcare is provided at these services*

## Church Staff

Our Ministers: the congregation of Main Street

Lanny Lancaster, Senior Pastor  
Phil Kuntz, Associate Pastor  
Al Ward, Minister of Visitation  
Wayne Purdy, Pastor of Youth/College Min.  
Victoria Smathers, Dir. of Children's Min.  
Nancy Blakemore, Dir. of Music Min.  
Jill Gardner, Organist/Pianist  
Tina Crew, Business Manager  
Betsy Tang, Administrative Assistant  
Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant  
Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director  
Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director  
Jenny Lail, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir Dir.  
Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess  
Anthony Simmonds, Theo Dunlap, and  
Willie Craven, Custodians