

THE WHITE ROSEBUD on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Sandy Tufo.

THE RED ROSEBUD on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Michael Thomas Wayne Byers, son of Ashley Greenfield and Jesse Byers, grandson of Wayne & Diane Byers.

THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER on **December 18** is Pork Loin (*gluten-free entrée is available upon request*). Dinner is served at **5:30pm**. Dining together is a great fellowship opportunity, 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. Reservations can be made by: signing a reservation card and placing it in the offering plate; calling the church office at 336-993-3411; emailing Kathryn (kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org); visiting our website or clicking the link in the Thursday Connections email each week. Reservations for dining in-person or “to-go” must be made by **Monday at noon**. The suggested donation is \$6/adult, \$3/child (10 & under). *Genesis/Becoming/Crossroads SS classes serving.*

COOKIES NEEDED: 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.

NIGHT OF WORSHIP (NOW) is starting a new Christmas tradition—Main Street UMC Preschool is combining with the A&O Choir and the NOW band on **December 19** at 6:30pm. 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.

CHRISTMAS EVE: As you celebrate the birth of Christ with family and friends, include one of our Christmas Eve worship services in your plans:

- We have a 4:00pm Family Service that is led by our youth and includes a duet by Alicia Lail and Sarah Foster along with an opportunity for all the children to become a part of the Christmas Story!
- We offer Traditional Candlelight Services at 7pm and 11pm with Holy Communion, special music, and a Christmas message from our Senior Pastor, Rev. Lanny Lancaster.

COUNTING TEAM: We are in need of an additional person to be a part of the Sunday Counting Team on the 2nd Sunday of each month. If you can volunteer, please contact Tina Crew in the Church Office.

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

YARD SIGNS to support our neighbors in Western North Carolina are available from members of the New Horizons SS class and from the Church Office during the week for a suggested donation of \$20 (cash or checks written to New Horizons class). Money raised will go to UMCOR.

CHICKEN PIES: It’s almost time to think about Chicken Pies! Our United Methodist Men will begin taking orders for Mrs. Pumpkins frozen chicken pies on **January 1**. More details coming soon!

THIS IS THE WAY... How is God calling you forward in 2025? How is God calling us forward as Main Street United Methodist Church? Come join us on Wednesdays at 11am or 6:30pm as we look at Jesus’ life, teachings, and ministry and reflect on how that can teach us the way forward into this new year. Pastor Lanny will lead this class in the Chapel starting on **January 8** and ending on May 21. Please let us know that you’d like to attend by registering at mainstreetumc.org and click “signups” on the red stripe.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY on **January 12**—contact Pastor Phil Kuntz if you are interested in becoming a member of Main Street UMC on this date or another date.

HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP BIBLE STUDY: A 6-week video-based study called "A History of Christian Worship" will be offered on Wednesday nights starting on **February 12**. Segments include Music, Art & Drama, Baptism and Communion. How have these elements of worship evolved over the 2000 years of Christianity and in various faith communities? The class will meet from 6:30 to 8:15 in room 320 (upstairs Commons classroom) and be led by Wade and Jan Hampton. No preparation is required between classes, just come, watch, discuss. Please let us know that you will attend by signing up at mainstreetumc.org and click “signups” on the red stripe. Class will be limited to 24 participants and will run for 6 weeks.

Lyrics

Early on One Christmas Morn

Early on one Christmas morn
Jesus Christ the son was born
Singing carols, Christmas songs
Early on one Christmas morn

Early on one Christmas morn
Jesus Christ the son was born
Singing carols, Christmas songs
Jesus Christ the son was born

Three wise men saw the star at night
Star that lit the heavens so bright
Star that led them to where Christ was born
Early on one Christmas morn

Early on one Christmas morn
Jesus Christ the son was born
Singing carols, Christmas songs
Early on one Christmas morn

Early on one Christmas morn
Jesus Christ the son was born

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Noel

Love incarnate love divine, star and angels gave the sign
Bow to babe on bended knee, the Savior humanity
Unto us a child is born, He shall reign forevermore

No-el, No-el, Come and see what God has done
No-el, No-el, The story of amazing love
The light of the world given for us, No-el

Singing carols, Christmas songs
Jesus Christ the son was born

In that city of Bethlehem
Wise men brought Him jewels and gems
Born in a manger humble and low
That is why we love Him so

Early on one Christmas morn
Jesus Christ the son was born
Singing carols, Christmas songs
Jesus Christ the son was born

Mary was his mother calm
cradling him gently in her arms
all hail and praise to Him
peace on earth, goodwill to men

Early on one Christmas morn
Jesus Christ the son was born
singing carols, christmas songs
Early on one Christmas morn

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by Thine advent here;
And drive away the shades of night
and pierce the clouds and bring us light.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel (repeat)

Son of God and Son of man, there before the world began
Born to suffer, born to save, Christ the everlasting Lord
Born to raise us from the grave, He shall reign forevermore