

Announcements

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 Allee Davis and Ella Vinay along with an opportunity for all the children in attendance 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.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE CHANGES: We will NOT HAVE our Oasis service or Wednesday Connect Dinner on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. The Church Office will be CLOSED on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. There will be NO Men's breakfast on Dec. 26. We will NOT HAVE our NOW service on Jan. 2.

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 to the Connections Building, 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.

COLLECTION BOXES are in the new main entrance for: **BOOKSAPALOOZA**, donate new or used books; **HOPE CENTER**, donate empty egg cartons, clothing, groceries; and **CRISIS CONTROL**, donate non-perishable food, each month has an item to focus on, December's item is hot beverages (cocoa, tea, etc).

HELP NEEDED at Jubilee Service to run the ProPresenter Slides—training is available, contact the Church Office if you can volunteer!

BETHANY CAFÉ volunteers needed: Bethany Café provides a free meal to anyone in our community and is hosted each Saturday at local churches. Main Street UMC hosts Bethany Cafe on the 3rd Saturday of every month and lots of help is needed! Job descriptions and a sign-up form are available at mainstreetumc.org (look for the "sign-ups" tab on the red stripe).

Lyrics

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come Thou long expected Jesus born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every lonely heart

Him the people to deliver, born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thy own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thine glorious throne

Come now great Redeemer, Come Emmanuel
Bless the nations with Your presence here
Born our souls to rescue, Born to save Your very own
Long expected Jesus Make our hearts Your home

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From
angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:
Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heaven's all-gracious
King. The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel strain have rolled Two thousand years of
wrong; And man, at war with man, hears not The love-song
which they bring; hush the noise, ye men of strife, And hear the
angels sing.

Silent Night

Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin,
mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heav-
enly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake, at the sight; Glories
stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia. Christ
the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is 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

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Jesus Christ the son was born
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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
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Come Thou long expected Jesus born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every lonely heart

Come now great Redeemer, Come Emmanuel
Bless the nations with Your presence here
Born our souls to rescue, Born to save Your very own
Long expected Jesus Make our hearts Your home (repeat)

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending
low, Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and
slow, Look now for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the
wing. O rest beside the weary road, And hear the angels sing.

For lo the days are hastening on, By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever circling years, Comes round the age of gold.
When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world gives back the song Which now the angels
sing.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light; Radiant
beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

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

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