

  
**MAIN STREET**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 26, 2025  
*Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

8:30am  
*Worship Service*

**WELCOME**

Victoria Smathers

**PRELUDE**

*To God Be the Glory*  
Jill Gardner, organist

W.H. Doane/arr. by Jack Schrader

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Victoria Smathers

This day is holy to our God; do not mourn or weep.

**The Spirit of the Holy One is upon us to bring good news to the poor.**

This day is holy to our God; for the joy of the Holy One is our strength.

**God sends us to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and justice to the oppressed.**

On this day, may be scripture be fulfilled in our hearing:

**May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasant to you, Holy One, our rock and our redeemer.**

**\* HYMN** No. 157

*Jesus Shall Reign*

DUKE STREET

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Leviticus 25: 8-12  
Pew Bible, OT page 112

Pat Knox

**ANTHEM**

*Grace* John Newton/American Melody/arr. Mark Hayes  
Chorale; Jill Gardner, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, director

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Luke 4: 14-21  
Pew Bible, NT page 61

Phil Kuntz

**SERMON**

“This is the Way: Nobody Said It was Easy”

Phil Kuntz

**\* HYMN** No. 581

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

BEACH SPRING

**\* 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.**

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**\* SHARING THE PEACE**

Wayne Purdy

**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

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**

*Offertory on BEACH SPRING*

Dale Wood

**\*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. 98

*To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**\* BENEDICTION**

Wayne Purdy

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Jesus the Light of the World (Refrain)*

ELDERKIN

**Walk in the light, beautiful light; come where his love and his mercy are bright.**

**Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the World.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata on AMAZING GRACE*

J. Christopher Pardini

\* please stand as you are able

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## 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)*

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### 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](http://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.

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## Let's Worship Together!

**Wednesdays** (September-May)

5:00pm 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, Dir. 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/Pianist

Tina Crew, Business Manager

Betsy Tang, Administrative Assistant

Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant

Anthony Simmonds, Custodian

Willie Craven, Custodian

La'Niah Johnson-Flemming, Custodian

Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director

Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

## Main Street United Methodist Church

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# Announcements

**THE WHITE ROSEBUDS** on the altar in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of: Brandon Pegram's mother, Debbie; Scott Higgins' father, Kenneth Higgins; and Dave Black's mother, Priscilla.

**CHILI COOKOFF** to raise funds for Youth Mission Trips this summer will be at 5:30pm **TONIGHT!** Make up a pot of your favorite chili and enter it into our contest (there will be prizes!). Even if you don't want to make chili for the contest, we still need people to eat all the chili, so come on out! Admission is free but donations will be gratefully accepted for Youth Missions.

**THE WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER** on **January 29** is Baked Potato Bar (*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](mailto: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*). We accept cash, check, or cards. *Seafarers class serving.*

**OASIS WORSHIP SERVICE:** Come to the Sanctuary at 5:00pm 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.

**CHICKEN PIES:** Our United Methodist Men are taking orders for Mrs. Pumpkins Frozen Chicken Pies! You can order frozen 9 inch Moravian Chicken Pie, Baked Spaghetti, and/or Brownies for \$15 each, or mix and match 3 for \$42.00. 4 pack 5-inch individual frozen Moravian Chicken Pies are available for \$17.00 and NOT in the mix and match deal mentioned above. Orders can be placed with any United Methodist Men member with your order request, name, email and phone number or call the Church Office. The last day to order will be February 17. You should plan to pick up your order between 9am and noon on **February 22**.

**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. The Heritage Club would love to have new friends join them on **January 31** for Game night at Main Street UMC in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00. Bring a favorite finger food or dessert to share. If you have a game that you like to play, please bring that too. The Heritage Club will also meet for Pizza dinner and movie night on **February 7**. Join us at 5:30 in the Main Street UMC Fellowship Hall for pizza, salad, and dessert. We will watch the movie "Forge" after dinner. Cost will be \$5 per person to cover the cost of the food. Reservations are required by **February 4**.

**FLOOD BUCKETS:** In the months after Hurricane Helene, the needs of our neighbors in WNC are no less urgent or heavy on our hearts. Our *Night of Worship* team is gearing up for a special Hands-On outreach opportunity, and they need your support! A donation of \$75 dollars will sponsor one entire flood bucket full of cleaning supplies and other aid items. Our NOW team will be gathering all the needed materials to pack flood buckets, and we will come together as a church family to assemble them during the NOW service on Thursday, **February 6**. Please consider contributing to this outreach opportunity financially or by joining us on February 6 for assembly! If you have questions about how you can help, please contact the church office.

**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](http://mainstreetumc.org) and click "signups" on the red stripe. Class will be limited to 24 participants and will run for 6 weeks.

**OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON**—join us in the Fellowship Hall on **February 13** at 11:45am for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox (call the church for phone number).