

The Main Stream

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"Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me."—Psalm 42:7 NIV

There is something about following Christ that opens up a deeper way of life for us. We consider how we can be a part of bringing "good news to the poor, release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19, NRSV)

This is a deeper call than simply "making it through the day" or falling into a work-eat-sleep-repeat pattern. It is a deeper call than simply competing with our neighbor to buy more toys. It is a deeper call than what the over/under spread is for the Super Bowl. It is a deeper call than just making sure we always win. Life in Christ is more than a competition.

This is why the psalmist prayed, "Deep calls to deep." There is something deeper in us than what we (and sometimes others) may see at first. That depth is the Spirit of God stirring in us. That is why Jesus, when he was given the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, found the place where it said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

That depth is the revelation of our nature, how God designed us, that we were made for connection with God in Christ and connection with others, especially those who are in need. This calling is bigger than any of us as individuals, yet each of us, as individuals fit into it. Church is the body of followers of Jesus Christ who are striving to walk that path together. When we join with other followers of Christ as the Church, we can truly transform the world by the power of Christ's Love in us. How are you being invited to lean into that or continue to live that out here at Main Street United Methodist Church? This is the Way...

Pastor Lenny



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:

- **February 21** Lunch at the Seafood Shack in Walkertown at 11:30. Meet there and pay for your meal at the restaurant.
- **March 7** Pancake Jamboree at the Benton Convention Center & Shopping at The Mast General Store. Prepaid tickets are \$5 or pay at the door are \$10. Meet at the church at 8:30 am to ride the van or meet us there at 9 am. Deadline to purchase tickets is February 28.

Sharing in Joy:

- Congratulations to Carolyn Simmons on the birth of her new granddaughter, Scottie Taylor Simmons. Parents are Carlos & Julianne Simmons.

It's time to pick up your chicken pie orders!



- You should plan to pick up your order between 9am and noon on Saturday, **February 22**.
- A second pick-up option is available on Thursday, **February 27** from 9:15 to 10:00am.
- If you are unable to pickup your items on February 22 or 27, please make arrangements with the person you ordered your items from to meet you or deliver the items to you or please send a friend to pick up your items on Feb. 22 or 27; the office staff may not be available at your convenience to assist during the week.
- Pickup Location is in the hallway outside the Church Library.

Bring your appetite and your check books
on Tuesday night, **March 4**
from 6:00 to 7:00pm
in the Fellowship Hall to eat all the
pancakes you want.

All proceeds from the Pancake Supper
help us raise money for our youth summer
mission trips.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



ASH WEDNESDAY

The season of Lent begins on March 5, which is Ash Wednesday. We invite you to join us for one or both of our Ash Wednesday services:

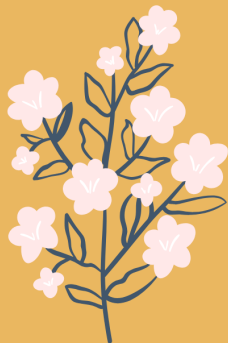
- Community service at noon across the street in the meeting room at Paul J. Ciener Botanical Gardens
- Evening service in our Sanctuary at 7:00pm

As we begin the journey of Lent, may the ashes remind us of our mortality and the hope we have in the resurrection.

Sunday, February 23

Children's Sunday

Celebrating MSUMC's Children's Ministry and Preschool Ministry



"A friend loves you all the time" Proverbs 17:17 NCV

COLLECTION BOXES

are in the Main Entrance to the Commons 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, February's items are canned greens, blackeyed peas, cornbread mix.

Pine Needle Sale

Support Main Street's Boy Scouts in their Pine Needle fundraiser.

located in Main Street's Garden Lot on the
corner of Oakhurst and Cherry St.

Feb. 22 and 23, March 1 and 2

8:00am to 3:00pm

Pickup \$6 per bale Delivery: \$7 per bale



www.bsatroop940.com

**Children's Choirs to Present
"The Lost Sheep" on March 23**



The Main Street UMC Children's Choirs will present their spring musical, "The Lost Sheep" on Sunday, March 23 at 10:00 am during the Sunday School hour in Fellowship Hall. We hope the Sunday School classes will once again come out to support our children in this charming retelling of the parable of the "ninety and nine." The cast of little shepherds and a narrator sing songs reminding us that the life of a shepherd is a hard life, risking his life to seek and save the lost sheep. We learn that Jesus is our Good Shepherd, he searches for us when we go astray, and he calls us to use our hands to "feed his flock" with acts of service. You will not hear a better Sunday School lesson on March 23 than "The Lost Sheep!"

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.





You're Invited to Quarterly Dinners

The United Methodist Men invite everyone to quarterly dinners featuring a variety of programs and speakers this year.

Put these Tuesday dates on your 2025 calendar: **March 18, June 17, September 16 and November 18.**

The dinners begin at 6:30 and the cost of the meal is your donation.

Our **Tuesday March 18** speaker is Bill Blancato, an attorney who lives in Winston-Salem. Bill has been volunteering as a speaker with Citizens' Climate Education since 2013. Bill presents Climate Education programs examining weather and our im-

pacts on the environment. John Stone and Wade Hampton have both heard Bill's interactive and informative presentations.

Make your reservations at mainstreetumc.org under "sign-ups" by March 14.



If you would like to send some cheer to some of our church members by way of a greeting card or letter, please contact Kathryn in the Church Office for a list of names and mailing addresses for those members who are unable to attend church but who are still a vital part of our congregation. You can call her at 336-993-3411 or email at kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org

Let's try to spread out the cards all year long—select a month or holiday that you would like to send cards for and let us know!

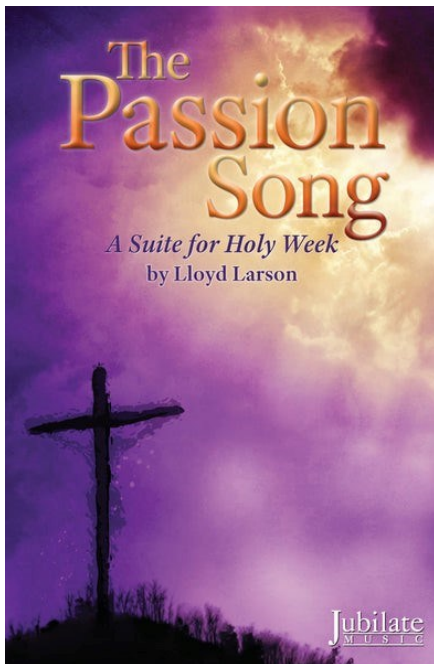
Small groups, Sunday School classes, or individuals are invited to participate in the card ministry.



HPU Chamber Singers in Worship March 16

The High Point University Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. Marc Foster return to Main Street UMC in worship on Sunday, March 16 at the 10:55 Service. This very fine university choir has performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, concert halls and churches across the continental United States, South Africa, and Europe. Later this spring the Singers will concertize throughout southern Italy, performing at St Peter's Basilica in Rome. We are so blessed to host this choir from a local, historically United Methodist university. If you

normally attend at 8:30 or Jubilee, please make plans to stay for the 10:55 service to support these young people with your presence. They will share with us some of the same great music that will be sung at the Vatican. Where else can you hear such music on a Sunday morning in Kernersville!



Cantata *Passion Song* on April 6 at 10:30 am

Cantata Sunday is April 6, One Service, at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary. The combined choirs and orchestra directed by Nancy Blakemore with Jill Gardner, pianist and organist, present "The Passion Song" which includes the celebration of Holy Communion. Rehearsals begin mid-February, on Mondays at 7:00 pm or Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. You may choose the night that works best for you.

From the triumphal entry to Easter morning, this cantata focuses primarily on the events of Holy Week. It features the feast of communion, recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, the Passover Lamb. And ultimately it affirms the risen Christ: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain (Rev 5:12)!

Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare "The Passion Song." Make plans now to attend at 10:30 am on Sunday, April 6, and invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

THE UPPER ROOM

The March/April issues of The Upper Room devotional booklets have arrived.
Pick up your copy today!



NOW stands for
Night of Worship,
which is our contemporary worship service
offered at 6:30pm
on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each
month in the Chapel.

Enter through the Commons for a few minutes of fellowship and snacks before the service, then move to the Chapel for some awesome music led by our NOW Band and an uplifting message in a relaxed style.

Childcare is available.

Check us out: @nowkville on instagram

We extend our sympathies to:

- Ruby Teague upon the death of her husband, Regie Teague.
- The family & friends of Gene Miller.



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.

Feb. 19—Creamy White Chicken Chili with Genesis/Crossroads/Becoming classes serving

Feb. 26—Smothered Pork Chops with Great Expectations class serving

Mar. 5—no meal due to Ash Wednesday service

Mar. 12—Chicken Corn Chowder with New Horizons SS class serving

The suggested donation is \$6.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child (10 and under). We accept cash, check, or card. 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

February is the month of LOVE! Take a moment to reflect on how we can show love to God's creation.

- L** – LEARN about ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle.
- O** – OWN our actions and how they may be affecting our environment.
- V** – VOW to grow and do better.
- E** – ENGAGE and set a good example for those around you.

Thank you to some of our MSUMC "Creation Care-Givers"....

- The United Methodist Men for loading up the old green fellowship hall chairs and delivering them to the Bridge Worship Group in Hickory where they will be dispersed and reused by other church groups.
- The Ladies Tuesday Together in Faith Tea who used glass plates, reusable cutlery, and cups to eliminate the use of disposable items.
- Cynthia Barron who encourages members to bring their own "to-go" containers for Wednesday Night Connect meals.

We are making a difference! Please share with a Creation Care Committee member a way you and your church group are taking better care of God's creation.



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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Main Street's Prayer Shawl group will meet on

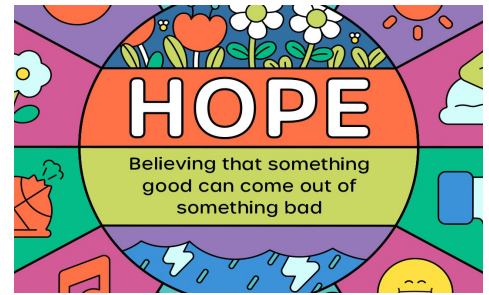
February 27, March 13 & 27

at 9:30am in the Church Library.

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



Elementary



March

Cooperation isn't always something that may happen naturally, but it is something that is near and dear to God's heart. Since the beginning of creation we see how God created us to be in community with one another. Cooperation is a spiritual concept that originates with God, and throughout the Bible, we see how God brought people together to accomplish God's plan for the world. When we work together, we reflect Jesus to others, and our love for one another can point people to Him as we explore what God wants us to do together.

April

Life can be complicated. In fact, Jesus told His disciples that we would have trouble in this world (John 16:33b). Sometimes, we may not understand why something happens the way it does. Yet, in spite of the things that go wrong or the things we don't understand, we can have hope that God knows what's best and is working for our good. Because of that, we can trust God no matter what as we begin to explore why the story of Jesus is good news for everyone.

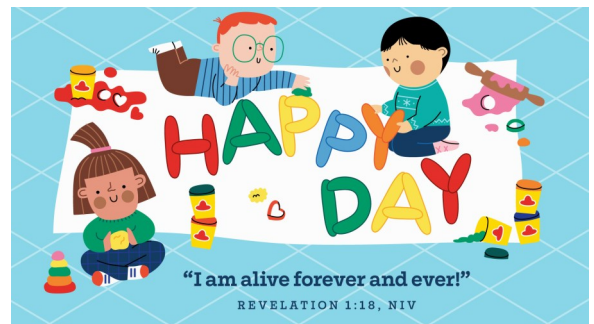


Prek

March

One common phrase we hear children repeat is, "Watch this!" They want us to watch their spins and cartwheels, their dance routines, and what their toys can do. It's fun to pretend to be amazed and say, "Wow," no matter what it is.

This month, we are teaching our preschoolers to watch the One who can do anything. The One who has shown that the power of the Lord is with Him. Who is this One? Jesus, of course! Yes, this month is all about Jesus and how Jesus can do anything!



April

What would you call a happy day? Maybe a day with no traffic, or a day when your boss gives you an unexpected bonus. How about the day you got married, or the day a child was born? All of these are happy days, but this month, we're talking with preschoolers about days that are happy because Jesus is alive. Easter is the happiest of happy days, and every day can be a happy day because Jesus is alive. What an awesome privilege we have to share the good news with preschoolers that Jesus is alive!

a Record of our Faithfulness				
OUR PRESENCE:	1-26-2025	2-2-2025	2-9-2025	2-16-2025
Sunday School	137	121	123	139
8:30am In-Person Worship	80	84	92	65
8:45 Jubilee In-Person Worship	97	82	89	63
10:55am In-Person Worship	167	154	156	145
In-Person Worship Totals	344	320	337	273
8:45am Jubilee Live Stream Worship (<i>Unique Views</i>)	21	35	23	28
10:55am Live Stream Worship (<i>Unique Views</i>)	56	68	66	98
Total Live Stream Unique Views	77	103	89	126
Live Streaming Totals (<i>unique views x 1.8</i>)	139	185	160	227
Attendance Totals	483	505	497	500
OUR GIFTS as of:	1-26-2025	2-2-2025	2-9-2025	2-16-2025
<i>Moving Forward Building Fund Weekly Contributions</i>	\$ 3,510	\$ 1,605	\$ 655	\$ 1,010
Weekly Contributions to Budget	\$ 54,392	\$ 11,900	\$ 12,238	\$ 11,970
Budget Contributions YTD	\$ 95,844	\$ 107,744	\$ 119,982	\$ 131,953

Main Street Ministries as of Jan. 31

Regular Giving \$ 98,303
 Expenses \$ 84,869
 Over/(Under) 13,434
 Budget \$ 133,448

Building Fund as of Jan. 31

Building Fund Giving \$ 31,365
 Building Loan Payments \$ 12,000
 Over/(Under) 19,365
 Loan Balance \$ 1,265,537

PUBLICATION DEADLINE:
 Newsletter Articles are due by noon on the FIRST Friday of every month for publication in the mid-month newsletter.

**Main Street
United Methodist Church**

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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 5:00pm (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.
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Nancy Blakemore, Dir. of Music Min.
Jill Gardner, Organist/Pianist
Tina Crew, Business Manager
Betsy Tang, Administrative Assistant
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Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director
Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director
Jenny Lail, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir Dir.
Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess
Anthony Simmonds, Willie Craven, and
La'Niah Johnson-Flemming, Custodians