

The Main Stream

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"When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."— John 21:15-19 (NRSV)

This interchange between Jesus and Peter after the resurrection is the third time Jesus appeared to the disciples. It's redeeming that Jesus gives Peter three times to affirm his love for him contrasting the three times that Peter denied Jesus. It's not only a resurrection for Jesus, it's a "resurrection" for Peter! He goes from denying that he even knew Jesus to a bold witness and indeed, the head of the fledgling church, taking the witness for Jesus all the way to Rome. All this is possible because of Jesus Christ's life-changing redemption and gift of the Holy Spirit.

Did you know that each day we are given is a mini-resurrection, a new beginning in our journey with Christ? Just as Christ's grace was sufficient for Peter, it is sufficient for you and me as well. It's really the whole reason Christ came. May this assurance hold you today: No matter how we may have stumbled, how many times our actions have "denied" Jesus, Jesus continues to offer relentless and extravagant grace for us to affirm our love for him and neighbor with the simple yet life changing invitation, "Follow Me." It is his Spirit that gives us the strength to do so. May today and everyday be a resurrection day for you!

Peace,

Pastor Lenny



Farewell to Pastor Phil

We look forward to celebrating the 4 years of ministry that Phil Kuntz has shared with Main Street UMC on **June 15**, which will be Pastor Phil's last Sunday with us. We will have a farewell reception in The Commons on June 15 during the Sunday School hour (9:45 to 10:45am).

We know that many members will want to participate in a love offering and share personal "Thank You" cards, etc with Phil. The deadline for contributions to a love offering will be June 30 and cards should be received prior to the farewell reception on June 15. Cards and contributions may be placed in the weekly collection plates or dropped off to the church office; please label these for Phil's love offering.

Most importantly, your prayers, thoughts, and support of Phil, Emma, Edie, and Thomas during this transition period are appreciated.



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 the next events:

- **May 29**—HPU Planetarium (10am show) & Lunch – 20-minute tour of the summer night sky and 25-minute full dome movie. Following the HPU Planetarium Show, we will stop for lunch. We will leave the church at 9:15am. Reservations are required.
- **June 10**—Breakfast at Cagney's in Kernersville at 9:00. Pay for your meal at the restaurant.



Main Street UMC Earns Green Church Award

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it."
(Psalm 24:1)

Your Creation Care committee is overjoyed to announce that Main Street has earned the *Green Church* certification from the Western North Carolina Conference. Being a Green Church is being purposeful in caring for God's creation in everything we do. Main Street has a rich history in being good stewards of God's creation that continues to grow as we build our shared knowledge and challenge one another in ways we can honor and protect God's world.

We encourage you to be aware of your impact on our planet in your daily lives as well as your church life. The Creation Care committee will continue to offer ideas and learning opportunities. Please visit our display board in the Commons area.

Recognizing Disciple Bible Study Participants

Disciple Bible Study is a wonderful experience that fosters relationships and helps us to understand God more than ever before. Disciple class began in September and finished up this May—what a commitment from all of the participants! We would like to recognize those listed below who took that "deep-dive" into the Bible and finished their *Jesus in the Gospels* Disciple curriculum. Let's also give a big "thank you" to the facilitator of this year's class: Wayne Boger!



BECOMING DISCIPLES
THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Margaret Bell
Kim Bradfield
Gwen Bradshaw
Martha Boger
Wayne Boger

Missy Craven
Laura Hochstein
Kelly Kenion
Bob McIlree
Barry Sellers

Our final *Oasis service* and *Wednesday Connect Dinner* of the season will be on May 21.

We will take a summer break and look forward to having everyone join us when we start back on September 3!



Main Street's Prayer Shawl group will meet on

**May 22,
June 12 & 26**

at 9:30am in the Church Library.

Contact Patty Rapp for more information—this group loves to have new friends join them!

June 8 is Pentecost—wear RED!

Wearing red on Pentecost is a great tradition: it's an outward sign of the inward transformation by the Holy Spirit in each of our hearts. As "tongues of fire" came to rest on the disciples on that first Pentecost long ago, we gather in worship and then leave still blazing with the fire of hope God offers all through God's Spirit. The red is a sign that the good news of Jesus came to all who were there in a language they could understand from people with whom they would not otherwise have communicated.



The Bereavement Committee is in need of additional church members to help with serving families during receptions that follow funeral services held at Main Street. Members may provide finger foods such as small sandwiches, cookies, or cakes and assist with serving at the receptions. If you are available and feeling called to serve with this most important ministry, please contact Beth Johnson at (336)813-4088.

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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**J.C. Grose Scholarship
Application NOW OPEN!**

The Grose-Kirkman Sunday School Class announces that applications are open to award the 14th annual J. C. Grose Memorial Scholarship. Application is available at Main Street UMC website under Ministries and Youth: <https://www.mainstreetumc.org/jc-grose-scholarship/>. The scholarship provides financial support to MSUMC members and children of members who are pursuing college degrees at an accredited 2 or 4 year institution of higher learning. The scholarship provides up to 1000 dollars for a student who has completed his or her freshman, sophomore, or junior years. Prior award recipients may also apply for additional years of support by reapplying each summer and maintaining an acceptable grade point average.

The deadline for J.C. Grose scholarship applications is June 16, 2025, 5:00 PM.

Main Street UMC parents and guardians, please make your students aware of this opportunity for financial help. If you have questions about the application, contact Wade or Jan Hampton at 336-749-0927 or you can email them at wjhampton57@gmail.com.

The scholarship is funded through memorial gifts in memory of class members and other funds raised by the Grose-Kirkman Sunday School Class as well as the Cornerstone class. Individuals and classes are welcome to further contribute to this effort for helping our college students.

**We are ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
for the
Frank & Mary Palmer Scholarship**

The Frank and Mary Palmer Scholarship provides financial support to MSUMC members and children of members who are pursuing college degrees at an accredited 2 or 4 year institution of higher learning. The scholarship will provide up to \$1000 dollars for students who are rising sophomores, juniors and seniors. Previous scholarship award winners must wait 24 months before applying for the award again. The student can be awarded the Palmer scholarship along with another Main Street scholarship. Application is available online at mainstreetumc.org under Ministries and Youth.

Details for applicants:

- Criteria- applicant must be a member of Main St and has participated in their programs. They also must be a rising Sophomore, Junior or Senior college student with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher.
- If the scholarship criteria is not met, the scholarship will roll over to the next year.
- Scholarship amount \$1,000 for one recipient per year. At a later date, the Palmers reserve the right to increase the scholarship amount.
- **Deadline for Frank & Mary Palmer Scholarship applications is June 27.** Applications should be sent to the church office before that date. Applications received after June 27 will be returned.
- The scholarship will be awarded the first or second Sunday of August.



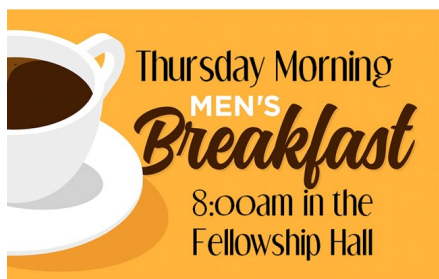
- **May 18**—Graduate Sunday at 10:55 service
- **May 21**—Last *Oasis* service and *Wednesday Connect Dinner* of the semester
- **May 22**—Church Council meeting at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall
- **May 26**—Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
- **June 1**—Confirmation Sunday at 10:55 service
- **June 8**—Wear red for Pentecost!
- **June 19**—No Men's Breakfast and Church Office Closed for Juneteenth
- **June 19-22**—WNCCUMC Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska
- **July 4**—Church Office Closed for Independence Day
- **August 3**—Churchwide picnic at Triad Park
- **August 23**—Hands Together Churchwide Day of Service

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.

**Job
OPENING**

We extend our sympathies to:

- The family & friends of Ann Barton.
- Amal Wood upon the death of her father, Munir Zabaneh.
- The family & friends of Curtis Campbell.
- Morgan Walters upon the death of her husband, Travis Walters.



Men, if you are free on Thursday mornings, plan to attend our men's prayer breakfast!

We meet between 7:15 & 7:30 to greet each other and share our week's stories (insert gossip here), We then are served a wonderful breakfast at 8:00. The cost is only a 5 dollar donation. So, if you're free, make plans to join us!



This is a reminder that the Methodist Men's quarterly dinner is coming in June. It will be on **June 17** at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall.

Everyone is invited (*that means anyone who is interested, not just the men*), just remember to please make a reservation by June 13. This allows the circle preparing the meal to plan enough meals. Reservations can be made at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe.

Our guest speaker for June will be Jon Musser, Director of Mission Services for World Relief Triad, an organization that works with local refugee families. Mike Harris, who volunteers with World Relief, will introduce the speaker. This is a project supported by Main Street with our missions donations. Please plan to attend and learn more about this worthwhile project.

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, May's item is Baked Beans.



Church members who have recently graduated from college (*Associates, Bachelors, and post-graduate degrees*) are invited to submit their name, college, major, and degree earned to Kathryn in the church office (kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org) by May 30 to be included in the June newsletter.

Welcome to SPRING!!

As we get ready to be outside more to plant our vegetable or flower gardens, we need to remember our pollinators. That is, the insects that help our plants to produce the final product we're looking for. We can do a little research to find out which plants will do better in our yard. Whether there is a lot of sun, or a lot of shade, or in between, there are plants that the pollinators will be happy with. Remember it was our own Brady Mullinax who started the push for the honeybee to be our state insect. We need the pollinators so we can have plump vegetables and nice flowers in a month or two. Also, when you set out your plants, don't throw away those plastic pots. You can take them to the Farmers Market where they can be recycled. Who knows, you may see that pot again.

Tip of the month: Save your coffee grounds and let them dry out. When you decide to sit outside this summer, burn them. Not only will you enjoy that nice aroma of coffee, but mosquitoes don't enjoy the aroma and will avoid it.

—submitted by Chuck Dagenhart



What is the Member Pick-Up Station?

When you enter the Main Entrance to the Commons, just before the Welcome Desk you will see the **Member Pick-Up Station** along the brick wall. Here you can find:

- Lost & Found bin
- Church newsletters & other print materials
- Upper Room devotional books
- A bin to return books borrowed from the Church Library
- Alphabetical file folders for mail or other flat items that members can leave for each other to pick up

In this same area, you can find a book rack featuring selected books from the Church Library and a bulletin board for community events. Check it out!





Vacation Bible School July 14-17, 2025

Save the date and plan to send your children and grandchildren to Main Street's Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is "True North" and our kids will go on an Alaskan Adventure where they will learn that we have Jesus—our true north! Give kids a rock-solid foundation and point them to Jesus, their unmovable, unshakable friend forever!

More details about registration and volunteer opportunities will be available soon!



Our **Take a Hike Small Group** comes together to enjoy the great outdoors and appreciate God's splendid creation on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

Our next hike is Tuesday, **May 20**. Next month's hikes are on Tuesdays **June 3 and 17**.

Meet in church parking lot at 9.
Hikes are 2 to 3 miles long.
Contact the church office if you would like your phone number added to the *Take a Hike* text group to receive hike location and type of trail to expect.



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.

May 14—Spiral Cut Ham with Seafarers serving
May 21—Smothered Pork Chops—last dinner of the season— with Rise/Christian Fell. Serving

We look forward to seeing you after the summer break when our Wednesday Connect Dinners resume on September 3!

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



Elementary-June & July



Living and loving like Jesus sounds great in theory, but may be a little hard in practice. However, with the help of God's Spirit, we don't have to do it alone. When we follow Jesus, God's Spirit transforms us, shaping us every day into who God has called us to be and how God is calling us to live. Live It Out is not JUST a theme, but a call to action. It encourages kids to actively live out their faith through their words and interactions with others. And the more we become like Jesus, the more we can make a true difference in this world and in the lives of those around us.



Preschool-June & July

What do you do when you don't know how to do something? Do you pick up your phone and do a quick search? Or do you find someone who knows how to do it and just ask them, "Hey, can you show me how to do this?" We all need people to show us how to do things, and when it comes to how to love others, well, there's only One who can truly show us how—Jesus! This month, we are going to discover how to live it out and love like Jesus. No matter how young or old you are, we all need Jesus to show us how to love others. Together, let's point preschoolers to the One who came to show them how to do the most important thing: loving others the way Jesus loves them.

a Record of our Faithfulness					
OUR PRESENCE:	4-13-2025	4-20-2025	4-27-2025	5-4-2025	5-11-2025
Sunday School	106	80	106	77	84
8:30am In-Person Worship	108	154	76	93	78
8:45 Jubilee In-Person Worship	82	68	92	63	73
10:55am In-Person Worship	182	272	149	117	135
In-Person Worship Totals	372	494	318	273	286
8:45am Jubilee Live Stream Worship (Unique Views)	26	33	25	0 Technical difficulties	0 Technical difficulties
10:55am Live Stream Worship (Unique Views)	70	108	48	0 Technical difficulties	55
Total Live Stream Unique Views	96	141	73	0	55
Live Streaming Totals (unique views x 1.8)	173	254	131	0	99
Attendance Totals	545	748	448	273	385
OUR GIFTS as of:	4-13-2025	4-20-2025	4-27-2025	5-4-2025	5-11-2025
<i>Moving Forward</i> Building Fund Weekly Contributions	\$ 3,185	\$ 450	\$ 2,518	\$ 2,965	\$ 2,310
Weekly Contributions to Budget	\$ 16,991	\$ 21,469	\$ 21,777	\$ 15,038	\$ 17,828
Budget Contributions YTD	\$ 297,160	\$ 318,630	\$ 340,407	\$ 355,445	\$ 373,274

Main Street Ministries as of Apr. 30

Regular Giving \$ 341,436

Expenses \$ 351,198

Over/(Under) (9,762)

Budget \$ 366,169

Building Fund as of Apr. 30

Building Fund Giving \$ 63,550

Building Loan Payments \$ 48,000

Over/(Under) \$ 15,550

Loan Balance \$ 1,243,342

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

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 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)

** childcare is provided at these services*

Church Staff

Lanny Lancaster, Senior Pastor
Phil Kuntz, Associate Pastor
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