

MAIN  STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 1, 2025  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

8:30am  
*Worship Service*

**WELCOME**

Victoria Smathers

**PRELUDE**

*Streams of Living Water*  
Jill Gardner, organist

Douglas E. Wagner

**\* THE EASTER PROCLAMATION**

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!**

Victoria Smathers

**\* HYMN** No. 547

*O Church of God, United*

ELLACOMBE

**PSALTER READING**

Psalm 97  
Pew Bible, OT page 551

Victoria Smathers

**SCRIPTURE**

John 17: 20-26  
Pew Bible, NT page 111

Lanny Lancaster

**HOMILY**

"Unity in Christ"

Lanny Lancaster

**\* HYMN** No. 566

*Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love*

EVAN

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 881 The Apostles' Creed

Phil Kuntz

**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**

Phil Kuntz

**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

Phil Kuntz

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Phil Kuntz

**OFFERING INVITATION**

Offertory Anthem

*Worship As One*

Phil Kuntz

Chorale; Jill Gardner, pianist; Nancy Blakemore, Director of Music

Pepper Choplin

\*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

Phil Kuntz

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH page 12

Phil Kuntz

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### SHARING THE MEAL

Music for Meditation, Jill Gardner

*In the United Methodist Church, the Lord's Table is open to everyone who seeks the grace of God in Christ. Because of our conviction that God's grace is extended to people of all ages, children are welcome at the communion table. You will stand to receive the elements and then kneel to pray at the communion rail if you choose. As a sign of your openness to receive the sacrament, stretch out your hands to receive the bread. The pastors will place a piece of bread in your hand and you will be offered the cup. By faith, this will be for you a sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ. The ushers will guide your coming to and going from the Lord's Table. If you are unable to come to the front to receive communion, just let one of the ushers know and the pastors will serve you in your seat. You are welcome to leave an offering to the poor on the communion rail. Pre-packaged Communion elements are available upon request from the basket at the communion rail.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Phil Kuntz

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

### \* HYMN No. 606

*Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine*

KINGSFOLD

### \* BENEDICTION

Phil Kuntz

### \* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Because He Lives (refrain)*

RESURRECTION

**Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone;  
because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.**

### POSTLUDE

*Postlude in G Major*

Gerald Peterson

\* please stand as you are able

Today's Communion Assistants: Darrell Davis, Tracy Whitaker, Pat Knox, Mike Harris

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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!

### 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

### Wednesdays (September-May)

5:00pm Oasis Mid-week Service in the Sanctuary

### 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  
Tina Crew, Business Manager  
Betsy Tang, Administrative Assistant  
Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant  
Anthony Simmonds, Custodian  
Willie Craven, Custodian  
Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director  
Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

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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: Jan Manske; Wade Hampton; Linda H. Williams, Kelly Kenion's mother; & Arlene Koeller, Kevin Koeller's mother.

**A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE** for MSUMC member Wade Hampton will be held in our Sanctuary at 11:00am on **June 2**.

**A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE** for MSUMC member Jan Manske will be held at 3:00pm on **June 3** at River Landing. A reception will be held at 2:00pm on that same date.

**JOB OPENING:** Main Street UMC is looking for a part-time custodian to work alongside our current custodial staff on Thursdays and Fridays from 7AM – 4PM. Contact Tina Crew in the Church Office for more details.

**TAKE A HIKE GROUP:** Our next hike is Tuesday, **June 3**. 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.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS PENTECOST!** Wear RED on **June 8** as 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 HERITAGE CLUB** will meet for Breakfast at Cagney's in Kernersville at 9:00am on **June 10**.

**SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE:** All Church Council members (*and any interested church members*) should plan to attend a meeting on **June 12** at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are required to have a special charge conference to approve the new associate pastor's compensation package; the meeting will be brief.

**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.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** the deadline for the JC Grose Scholarship (for upcoming college sophomores, juniors, and seniors) is **June 16**; and the deadline for the Frank & Mary Palmer Scholarship (for upcoming college sophomore, juniors, and seniors) is **June 27**. Applications for both scholarships can be found at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) under Ministries and Youth.

**QUARTERLY DINNER:** the Methodist Men's quarterly dinner 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](http://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.

**LET US PRAY FOR** our new Associate Pastor, Rev. Sarah McIntosh and her family: husband Shane and children Abigail and Ellie as they prepare to move to our community this summer. Plan to attend worship on **July 13** to meet Rev. Sarah McIntosh on her first Sunday with us where she will deliver the message at all 3 worship services.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be on **July 14-17**. 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! Register at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org).