



# MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 14, 2025

10:55am

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

## WE APPROACH GOD

### PRELUDE

*Prelude in Classic Style*  
Jill Gardner, organ

Gordon Young

## CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Wayne Purdy

In the beginning . . . **God created mortals, and asked us to care for all creation.**

In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus . . . **Jesus showed us how to love as God loves.**

In our time, and throughout eternity . . . **Jesus commands us to lead others to follow in the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 596

*Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

LIEBSTER JESU

Verse 1--Choir; Verses 2 and 3--Congregation

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 883

Sarah McIntosh

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### \* SHARING THE PEACE

Sarah McIntosh

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Sarah McIntosh

## WE HEAR FROM GOD

### KIDS' TIME

*Jesus Loves the Little Children*

**Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world; every color, shape, and size, They are precious in his eyes. Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

Children ages 3 years to 1<sup>st</sup> grade are dismissed to Kids Connect-Worship.

Parents may pick up their children in the Children's Education Building after the worship service.

**PSALTER READING** UMH page 746 (with sung refrain) Psalm 14

Ray Thomas

**ANTHEM**

*Be My God*

R. Kevin Boesiger

Adult Chancel Choir: Adam Register, Brenda Montague, Carolyn Simmons, Elaine Fotia, Eric Manten, Gail Tozer, Janet Lancaster, Jim Chesson, Joy Malit, Lou Martin, Mac Clement, Melissa Dreshfield, Nancy Blakemore, Rich Blakemore, Sally Brown, Sarah McCullough, Shaw Kenion, Wes O'Brien; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

**SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 1: 1-5, 31, 2: 1-3

Lanny Lancaster

Pew Bible, OT page 1

**SERMON**

“The Creating God”

Lanny Lancaster

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

\* **HYMN** No. 601

*Thy Word Is a Lamp*

THY WORD

**OFFERING INVITATION**

Wayne Purdy

**OFFERTORY**

*Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

Paul Manz

\* **DOXOLOGY** No. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Wayne Purdy

\* **HYMN** No. 337

*Only Trust Him*

STOCKTON

\* **BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

\* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**POSTLUDE**

*Marche Pontificale*

Jacques Lemmens

\* 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.

**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 336-994-3411 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade who can't quite remain in worship the entire time. Kids of all ages are invited to the front for Kids' Time 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

Sarah McIntosh, Associate Pastor

Al Ward, Minister of Visitation

Wayne Purdy, Pastor of Youth Ministries

Victoria Smathers, Dir. of Children's Ministries

Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director

Jenny Lail, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir Director

Tina Crew, Business Manager

Betsy Tang, Administrative Assistant

Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant

Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director

Anthony Simmonds, Custodian

Willie Craven, Custodian

Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

### Main Street United Methodist Church

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## 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. Oasis will meet only on weeks that we have the Wednesday Night Connect Dinner.

## WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER

The entrée on **September 17** is Chicken Marsala (*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; emailing Kathryn ([kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org](mailto:kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org)); calling the church office at 336-993-3411; 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. New Horizons SS class serving.

## SUNDAY MORNING COUNTER NEEDED

If you are available to help count the morning offering after the late service on the 2nd Sunday of each month, please contact Tina Crew in the Church office. Training is provided and the counter will work with a partner.

## HERITAGE CLUB

Everyone is invited to the next event hosted by MSUMC's Heritage Club on **October 23** for Lunch at Daniel Boone Inn and shopping in Blowing Rock – The van will leave at 9:45am. Cost to ride the van will be \$5.00. Lunch seating is at 11:30 and will cost \$29.88 (includes tax & tip) cash or check only, no debit or credit cards. Reservations are required--deadline to signup is October 20, contact Debbie Smith (336-671-1215).

## MAKING CROSSES WORKSHOP

Join Miriam Ward on Monday, **September 15** from 9:30am to 12:30 as we experience a new way of worship—making crosses from found objects! Bring special recycled items from home that are meaningful and then we will take a walk in our local area to collect items from nature before we come back to the church to construct our crosses. More details are in the Aug. 12 newsletter. Contact Kathryn in the Church Office (336-993-3411) to register for this workshop.

## SHREDDING

Circle #2 is sponsoring a Shred Event on Saturday, **September 20** from 9am until noon in the church parking lot. Suggested donation is \$5 per box and all proceeds go to benefit local ministries in Kernersville.

## YOUNG ADULT ENSEMBLE

Ages 20-50 are Young Adults! The first meeting of this new musical ensemble will be held on **September 21** at 5:00pm. Contact Jill Gardner (336-993-3411) for more information.

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council will meet at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall on **September 25**.

## PUMPKIN DELIVERY DAY

It's hard to believe, but pumpkins are almost here! We need YOUR help to unload the truck on **October 4** at 9:00am. We also need help with volunteer shifts in the pumpkin patch throughout October. Contact Kellie Vinay at the preschool or Victoria Smathers at the church office for more information (336-993-3411).

## 2026 MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES SURVEY

Be sure to pick up a copy of the new *Ministry Opportunities Survey* from the Narthex or Commons and let us know how you would like to share your time and talents with the church. Surveys are due by **October 15**.

## PUBLICATION DEADLINES

*Main Street Connections Email* requests are due to the church office by 4:00pm on Tuesdays; *Bulletin Announcements* are due to the church office by noon on Tuesdays; and *Newsletter Articles* are due by noon on the FIRST Friday of every month.

## COLLECTION BOXES

Collection boxes are in the Main Entrance to the Commons for: GOT SNEAKERS—donate used sneakers to be repurposed; HOPE CENTER—donate empty egg cartons, clothing, groceries; BOOKSAPALOOZA—donate new or used books; and CRISIS CONTROL—donate non-perishable food, each month has an item to focus on, September's items are instant grits and oatmeal.

## BLESSED JESUS, AT THY WORD

1. Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee, by thy teachings sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.
2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded, till thy spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded. Thou alone to God canst win us; thou must work all good within us.
3. Glorious Lord, thyself impart! Light of light, from God proceeding, open thou our ears and heart; help us by thy spirit's pleading; hear the cry thy people raises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

## THY WORD IS A LAMP

1. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
2. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Now I will not forget your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

## ONLY TRUST HIM

1. Come, every soul by sin oppressed, there's mercy with the Lord; and he will surely give you rest, by trusting in his Word. Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now. He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.
2. For Jesus shed his precious blood rich blessings to bestow; plunge now into the crimson flood that washes bright as snow. Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now. He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.
3. Yes, Jesus is the truth, the way that leads you into rest; believe in him without delay, and you are fully blest. Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now. He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.
4. Come then and join this holy band, and on to glory go, to dwell in that celestial land where joys immortal flow. Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now. He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.