



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 21, 2025
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am
Traditional Worship Service

WELCOME

Wayne Purdy

PRELUDE

Prelude & Fugue in g minor
Jill Gardner, organ

J.S. Bach

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Wayne Purdy

Praise God, who has taught us to sing.

Praise God, who has gathered us together.

We come before God to begin again,

to renew our hearts and our spirits.

Be assured that God's steadfast love surrounds us and upholds us.

Thanks be to God!

*** HYMN** No. 61

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

PSALTER READING UMH page 785

Psalm 51

Jill Gardner

ANTHEM

Create in Me A Clean Heart

Julie Knowles

Adult Chancel Chorale: Andy Anderson, Carol Manz, Celia Leal, Cheryl McKinney, Chuck Dagenhart, Chuck Foster, Dan Whitney, Dave Black, Debbie Prior, Eric Manten, Janet Lancaster, Leon Martin, Sharyn Turner, Theresa Johnson-Crews, Willie Craven; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 3: 1-13
Pew Bible, OT page 2

Sarah McIntosh

SERMON

"The Rebel People"

Sarah McIntosh

*** HYMN** No. 601

Thy Word Is a Lamp

THY WORD

*** 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 No. 895

Wayne Purdy

OFFERING INVITATION

Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY

Prière à Notre Dame from Suite Gothique, Op. 25

Léon Boëllmann

* **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. 395

Take Time to Be Holy

HOLINESS

* **BENEDICTION**

Wayne Purdy

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** No. 600

Wonderful Words of Life, vs.1

WORDS OF LIFE

**Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; let me more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life; words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty. Beautiful words,
wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful
words of life.**

POSTLUDE

Badinerie from Overture in b minor (BMV 1067)

J. S. Bach

* please stand as you are able

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)

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.

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 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

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ROSEBUD

The white rosebud on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Janet Turner.

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 24** is Meatloaf (*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); 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. Seafarers 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.

MAGNETIC BACKS FOR NAMETAGS

The Church Office has some self-adhesive magnets that can be placed on the back of your existing nametag if you do not like the clip. Please stop by to see Kathryn in the Church Office if you would like a magnetic back for your nametag.

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**.

PUMPKINS

It's hard to believe, but pumpkins are almost here! We need YOUR help to unload the truck on **October 4** at 8:30am. 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). Sign up for shifts at mainstreetumc.org and click “signups” on the red stripe.

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. An electronic version is also available at mainstreetumc.org under “signups” on the red stripe. Surveys are due by **October 15**.

TRUNK OR TREAT & HOT DOG DINNER

Our Children's Ministry along with Great Expectations Sunday School class is hosting their 2nd *Annual Trunk or Treat & Hot Dog Fundraiser* on **October 19**. Our Hot Dog fundraiser dinner will be served from 3:00 to 7:00pm and the Trunk or Treat fun will take place from 4:00 to 6:00pm. Please sign up to attend at mainstreetumc.org and click “signups” on the red stripe. We also need folks to host a trunk, so please sign up for that as well. More details can be found in the September 16 newsletter or contact Victoria Smathers at 336-993-3411 in the Church Office.

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).

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us know how we can pray for you! You can submit your prayer request by calling the church office at 336-993-3411 or by contacting one of the pastors. There is also a “button” on your weekly Connections email that is sent every Thursday, so that makes it easy!