



MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 7, 2025

10:55am

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

arr. John Rutter

The Women of the Adult Chancel Chorale and Choir; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Victoria Smathers

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
The risen Christ is with us. **Praise the Lord!**

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN** No. 598

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

*** SHARING THE PEACE**

Victoria Smathers

PASTORAL PRAYER

Sarah McIntosh

KIDS' TIME

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Victoria Smathers

**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 1st 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 854 (with sung refrain) Psalm 139: 1-12 Sarah McIntosh

ANTHEM

Feast of the Lord

Pepper Choplin

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

2 Timothy 3: 16-17

Lanny Lancaster

Pew Bible, NT page 212

HOMILY

"The Biblical Word"

Lanny Lancaster

*** HYMN** No. 601

Thy Word Is A Lamp

THY WORD

OFFERING INVITATION**OFFERTORY***Simple Gifts*Wayne Purdy
setting by Wilbur Held
LASST UNS ERFREUEN*** DOXOLOGY** No. 94**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

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH page 12 and page 17 Musical Setting A

Lanny Lancaster, Sarah McIntosh, and Wayne Purdy

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Lanny Lancaster

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 elements are available upon request from the basket at the communion rail.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Wayne Purdy

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. 600*Wonderful Words of Life*

WORDS OF LIFE

*** BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY****POSTLUDE***You Shall Go Out with JOY!*

Douglas E. Wagner

* please stand as you are able

Today's Communion Assistants: Betsy Dagenhart and Susan Furmage

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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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 10** is Baked Potato Bar (*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. Great Expectations 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.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDIES

Go to mainstreetumc.org and select “signups” found on the red stripe for more information about the two Disciple Bible Study classes being offered in September. Additional details are also in the August 12 newsletter. Please register in advance.

- *Disciple 1 Fast Track* starts on **September 7** at 6:00pm and is led by Rev. Mark Key.
- *Disciple 2 Fast Track* will have an orientation meeting on **September 24** at 6:30pm and is led by Wayne Boger.

HERITAGE CLUB

Everyone is invited to the next event hosted by MSUMC’s Heritage Club on **September 11** for shopping and lunch in downtown Mt. Airy – The van will be leaving the church at 9:00 for a day of shopping at downtown shops in Mt. Airy. Cost will be \$5.00 to ride the van. Pay for your meal at the restaurant. Reservations are required, 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.

PREACHER JEOPARDY AND DINNER

Preacher Jeopardy is back! Make your reservations now to attend the 2nd annual *Preacher Jeopardy* on **September 16** at 6:30pm. Come watch the Greatest Pastoral Minds of Main Street UMC compete for FUN and prizes. Dinner will be served before the show, so make your reservations by **September 12** at mainstreetumc.org (click “signups” on the red stripe). This is a United Methodist Men Production.

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**.

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.

O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE

1. O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky: we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page, a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.
2. The church from you, our Savior, received the gift divine, and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine. It is the sacred vessel where gems of truth are stored; it is the heaven-drawn picture of Christ, the living Word.
3. The Scripture is a banner before God's host unfurled; it is a shining beacon above the darkling world. It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging tide, mid mists and rocks and quicksands, to you, O Christ, will guide.
4. O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold, to bear before the nations your true light as of old. O teach your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace, till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.

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.

WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE

1. 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.
2. Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life; sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life; all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
3. Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life; Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.