



MAIN STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 23, 2025  
Christ the King Sunday

8:30am  
Traditional Worship Service

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**WELCOME**

Wayne Purdy

**PRELUDE**

*Now Thank We All Our God* J.S. Bach/arr. M. L.Thompson  
Main Street Ringers; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Wayne Purdy

Lift up your voice. Lift it up, do not fear.

**Feeding, gathering, carrying, leading: This is how God will come.**

The old will pass away. A new world will dawn.

**Love, faithfulness, righteousness, peace: These will mark God's new day.**

Love needs a path. Peace needs a highway.

**Even as we wait, let us make a way for God: In our hearts and in our world.**

Let us worship God.

**\* HYMN** No. 694

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

Wayne Purdy

**ANTHEM**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

K. Kocher/K. K. Davis

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,  
Theresa Johnson-Crews, Willie Craven; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

**SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 40: 1-2, 27-31

Lanny Lancaster

Pew Bible, OT page 667

**SERMON**

"The Lord Shall Renew *Your* Strength"

Lanny Lancaster

**\* HYMN** No. 155

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

DIADEM

**\* SHARING THE PEACE**

Wayne Purdy

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 887

Affirmation from Romans 8: 35, 37-39

Wayne Purdy

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

**No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**CANTICLE** UMH page 208 (with sung refrain) Luke 1: 68-79 Missy Craven

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** No. 895 Wayne Purdy

**OFFERING INVITATION** Wayne Purdy  
**OFFERTORY** *Simple Gifts* Dale Wood

\* **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. 102 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET

\* **BENEDICTION** Wayne Purdy

\* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** No. 587 *Bless Thou the Gifts* DEUS TUORUM MILITUM  
**Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless thou the work our hearts have planned.**  
**Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; the rest, O God, is in thy hand.**

**POSTLUDE** Siegfried Karg-Elert  
Marche Triomphale on *Nun Danket alle Gott*, Op. 65, No. 59

\* 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

Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

### Main Street United Methodist Church

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## **HOLIDAY CALENDAR CHANGES**

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, we will NOT have our Oasis Service or our Wednesday Connect Dinner on November 26 and we will NOT have Men's Breakfast on November 27. The Church Office will be CLOSED on November 27 and 28.

## **HELP NEEDED FOR CHURCH LOCKUP**

We're currently seeking a reliable individual to take on the responsibility of securing our facilities each evening. This would also include unlocking and relocking all buildings on Sundays. This role involves ensuring all doors are properly locked and the premises are safe before departure. Attention to detail and a strong sense of accountability are essential, as this task plays a critical role in maintaining the safety and integrity of our operations. This is a paid position. If you or someone you know is dependable and takes pride in keeping things secure, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Tina Crew in the church office at 336-993-3411 for further details.

## **ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP**

Kids Ministry will be hosting a DIY Advent Wreath workshop in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour on **November 30**. This is open for children of all ages and their families to make their own Advent Wreath to take home. We will discover why we light the candles and what they mean. We hope you'll join us for this special activity!

## **POINSETTIAS AND STOCKING FUND DONATIONS**

As in years past, we will decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas with poinsettias. A poinsettia may be placed in the church in honor or memory of a friend or loved one. These poinsettias can be ordered through the church office for \$10.00 each. Orders are due no later than **November 30**. To place an order or make a donation: please use the form at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) and click "signups" on the red stripe; or you can write a note on an offering envelope and place your payment in the offering plate. If you would rather make a memorial donation instead of purchasing a poinsettia, there is also an option on the "sign up form" to make an Honorarium/Memorial contribution to the Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund. Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary and Chapel in early December and we will list the gifts (both poinsettias and stocking fund memorials) in the December 16 newsletter.

## **NOVEMBER FOOD COLLECTION**

Girl Scout Troop 10287's Brownies are excited to partner with MSUMC throughout November to collect canned and dry goods for Crisis Control Ministry, helping ensure that everyone in our community has food on their tables during this challenging time. The girls will also be assembling "Birthday Boxes" for Bethany Café, funded by the girls themselves through their earned troop funds as a way to give back and spread joy. Our Troop appreciates Main Street members' additional contributions to the regular Crisis Control collection bins at the church through **November 30**. For more information, please contact Amanda McGowan at (336) 265-6183. Thank you so much for your support!

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR HOME FRIENDS**

Let's continue the wonderful Main Street tradition of showing love and care for each other with Christmas Cards for our Home Friends and Members over the age of 90. A list of names is available in the November newsletter and at the Member Pick-up Station. A collection box for your cards will be in the Narthex from **November 16 through December 14**.

## **HERITAGE CLUB**

Everyone is invited to the next event hosted by MSUMC's Heritage Club on **December 5** for Dinner at Cody Creek - Seating is at 6:00. Bus will leave the church at 4:30. Cost to ride the bus will be \$5.00. Reservations are required--deadline to sign up is December 3, contact Debbie Smith (336-671-1215).

## **SHOEBOXES**

Main Street UMC is participating in packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year! Grab a recycled shoebox and consider adding items such as coloring books, drawing and coloring supplies, stuffed animals, toys, school or craft supplies, yo-yos, hair accessories, hats, gloves, socks, puzzles, books and even hygiene items! Main Street will not be providing shoeboxes for packing this year (please use a recycled shoebox or a plastic shoebox-size bin), but the possibilities are still endless. Return your filled shoeboxes to MSUMC by NOON on **December 7**. Join us on December 7 at the 10:55 service where the boxes will be blessed and loaded up to deliver! Have fun shopping and packing the box while imagining the joy that this gift will bring to a child!

## **LOVE OFFERING**

After twelve years of work as one of our custodians, Willie Craven is retiring. His dedication, hard work, and positive spirit have made a lasting impact on everyone who has had the privilege of being around him. Willie's contributions have helped shape our church and our success, and his dedication and kindness will be remembered for years to come. If you would like to express your appreciation to Willie upon his retirement, we will collect a love offering to offer him a token of our gratitude for his service to our church. Donations can be made directly to the church office with a note to add to the "Love Offering for Willie Craven". Due date is **December 14**.

## **COLLECTION BOXES**

A collection box for RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG plastic film recycling is located at the Member Pickup Station in the Commons, Fellowship Hall, and Preschool. We also have collection boxes 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, November's items are Baking Items.