

MAIN  STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 11, 2026

10:55am

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Praise and Thanksgiving on the tune of BUNESSAN

Dale Wood

Jill Gardner, organ

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Victoria Smathers

The voice of God calls over the waters: **“Beloved, receive the Holy Spirit.”**

The Son of God beckons: **“Beloved, be born of water and the Spirit.”**

The Spirit of God proclaims: **“Beloved, be born anew this day.”**

The voice of God calls through our baptism. Come! Let us worship.

*** OPENING HYMN** TFWS No. 2248 *Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS No. 33

Lanny Lancaster, Sarah McIntosh, Wayne Purdy

Rob & Kelly Warfield, Olivia and Lila Warfield

Wayne & Marie West

*** 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

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 761 (with sung refrain) Psalm 29

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ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray

Southern USA Folk Song

Young Adult Ensemble; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

SCRIPTURE Matthew 16: 24-26 Lanny Lancaster
Pew Bible, NT page 18

SERMON "Follow the Leader" Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* **HYMN** No. 252 *When Jesus Came to Jordan* COMPLAINER

OFFERING INVITATION Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY *Wade in the Water* African American Spiritual/arr. J. Raney

* **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

CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM UMH pg. 50

Lanny Lancaster, Sarah McIntosh, Wayne Purdy

* **HYMN** No. 605 *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* BEACH SPRING

* **BENEDICTION** Lanny Lancaster

* **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE *Postlude on "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"* setting J. Linker

The Postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship; you are invited to remain seated for a time of joyful prayer.

* 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

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 Linda Bowen, Jill Gardner's mother.

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 **January 14** 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. Genesis/Rise/Christian Fellowship SS classes serving.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

United Women in Faith would like to invite ALL women of the church to join them for coffee and dessert in the Commons at 2:00pm on **January 15**. This is open to everyone—women who are already a part of a Circle and those who are not in a Circle!

MLK SERVICE

We will continue our tradition of hosting the *Community Service of Worship for Human Relations Day Celebrating the Life and Ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* on Sunday, **January 18** at 5:00pm in our Sanctuary. Make plans to attend this meaningful service!

GET READY FOR CHILI!

Our annual Chili Cookoff to raise funds for Youth Mission Trips this summer will be at 5:30pm on **January 25**. Make up a pot of your favorite chili and enter it into our contest (there will be prizes!). Even if you don't want to make chili for the contest, we still need people to eat all the chili, so come on out! Admission is free but donations will be gratefully accepted for Youth Missions.

CHICKEN PIES

Our United Methodist Men are taking orders for Mrs. Pumpkins Frozen Chicken Pies! You can order frozen 9 inch Moravian Chicken Pie, Baked Spaghetti, and/or Brownies for \$15 each, or mix and match 3 for \$42.00. 4 pack 5-inch individual frozen Moravian Chicken Pies are available for \$17.00 and NOT in the mix and match deal mentioned above. Orders can be placed with any United Methodist Men member with your order request, name, email and phone number. The last day to order will be **February 20**. You should plan to pick up your order between 8:30am and 10:30am on February 28.

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

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, January's item is canned beef stew.

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!

NAMETAGS

Wearing nametags is an act of hospitality—please remember to wear your nametags when you come to church and contact the church office if you need a new one!

BAPTIZED IN WATER

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King; heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.
2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King; one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.
3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King; born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.

WHEN JESUS CAME TO JORDAN

1. When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John, he did not come for pardon but as the sinless one. He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins, to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.
2. He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss, for us and our salvation to die upon the cross. So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man, the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.
3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make; this very day invade us, and every bondage break. Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most: to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS

1. Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow. Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago. Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light. Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.
2. We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed. Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread. God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.
3. O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways! To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise! We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born. By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!