

# The Main Stream

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## **THE MISSION OF MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD**

On January 22, 2026, our Administrative Council met to reflect on our values, mission, and vision as Main Street United Methodist Church. It was a great night of celebration as we named and reviewed the ways our church truly TRANSFORMS people's lives. One of the most important values that various members of our council noted was the power of the true welcome we offer people in the name of Jesus Christ. Several recounted the warm ways they were welcomed at Main Street UMC from the time of their first visit.

It reminded me of the power of relationships: real people change real people. How? Through real connections. Never underestimate the power of "simple" kindness and hospitality on our church campus! Think about how you have been welcomed here at Main Street UMC and not just when you first came but week in and week out. It takes a lot for some folks to get up the nerve to even try church these days. So, how we welcome people here really matters. Of course, the call to welcome others with the amazing love of Christ extends beyond our church campus. We are walking billboards for Jesus at school, in the workplace, at businesses in the community, and with our neighbors.

The opportunities for radical hospitality in the name of Jesus are truly endless. How might you show the welcoming love and care of Jesus today with friends, relatives, classmates, co-workers, and/or neighbors? How might you show it on our church campus?

*Pastor Lanny*



Click on QR code  
for Preschool's  
Wish List

The Creation Care Team and Preschool are partnering to invite you to a *Beans & Blessings lunch* to support MSUMC Preschool's Initiative:

"Learning and Exploring, Rooted in Caring for God's Earth" on **Sunday, March 1.**

- The lunch menu will be pinto beans with and without meat, corn muffins, coleslaw, and homemade desserts; a grilled cheese sandwich and applesauce will be available for children.
- Join us after the Sunday School hour or after the 10:55 am service.
- Take out is available.
- Donations are appreciated and will be used for educational opportunities related to Creation Care.
- Sign up at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) (click "signups" on the red stripe) to let us know you are joining us for this delicious meal.

### *Sharing in Joy:*

- Congratulations to Mike & Ann Cronin upon the birth of their new grandson, George. Parents are Grace & David Ingraham.



Contact Debbie Smith at  
336-671-1215  
for more information or  
reservations.

### Upcoming Events for the Heritage Club

- **March 10--Lunch at Seafood Shack** in Walkertown at 11:30. Meet there and pay for your meal at the restaurant. No reservations required.
- **March 27--Pizza Dinner & Movie Night.** Join us at 5:30 in the MSUMC Fellowship Hall for pizza, salad, and dessert. We will watch the movie "Soul on Fire" after dinner. Cost will be \$5 per person to cover the cost of food. Reservations are required by March 24.

## Ash Wednesday--Lent Begins

Today we begin a meaningful journey toward the cross and the empty tomb. Ash Wednesday reminds us of God's mercy, redemption and the hope we have in Jesus. Join us for worship as we gather for reflection and prayer.



Services

at noon and 7:00pm  
on February 18

- We have two opportunities for worship on February 18 for Ash Wednesday in our Sanctuary—at noon and at 7:00pm.
- For the noon service, we are excited to welcome Rev. Pamela Blackstock, Senior Pastor of St. Paul UMC in Winston-Salem, to be our guest preacher for the Noon Community Ash Wednesday Service. Please note that the noon service will NOT be held at Ciener Gardens this year.
- For the 7pm service, we will hear a message from Pastor Lanny, so you could come to BOTH services and have two different worship experiences!





The United Methodist Men invite everyone to quarterly dinners featuring a variety of programs and speakers this year. The dinners begin at 6:30 and the cost of the meal is your donation.

Our **Tuesday March 17** speakers are Joy & Mark Key. Joy, with Mark's assistance, will tell us about their trip to Greece, following in Paul's footsteps. They will be showing pictures as they tell us about their wonderful trip.

All church members (men and women) are invited. Make your reservations by Friday, March 13 -- go to [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) and click "signups" on the red stripe.

*We extend our sympathies to:*

- Bill Dreshfield upon the death of his sister-in-law, Eleanor Dreshfield.
- Don Atchison upon the death of his niece, Amy Atchison.
- The family & friends of John Gribble.
- The family & friends of Howard Martin.
- The family & friends of Rick Frye.
- Richard Hill upon the death of his sister, Libby Hill Carter.

Join us for... Tuesday, February 24

MSUMC

PRESCHOOL SPIRIT

NIGHT

4pm-9pm

Be sure to tell them you are with Main Street Preschool and a portion of the proceeds will come back to supporting us!

There will be BOGO milkshakes and giveaways!











## **Sunday Worship Volunteers Needed**

Have you ever thought about how many people are involved in making our Sunday morning worship services happen each week? Our Pastors and Staff are wonderfully talented, but they simply cannot do everything! We depend upon our volunteers and are grateful to those who share their time as ushers, singers, musicians, psalm readers, sound techs, livestream techs, Communion servers, offering counters, acolytes, and crucifers. We could use a few more people in the following areas, please contact Kathryn in the Church Office ([kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org](mailto:kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org) or 336-993-3411) if you can help out:

- Communion server at your preferred service
- Psalm reader at your preferred service
- Sound tech/video support for Sanctuary services (8:30 and 10:55) & Jubilee

### **Offering Envelopes**

If you would like a box of offering envelopes so that you can prepare your offering at home, please stop by the Church Office and we will gladly share a box of offering envelopes with you!

Western North Carolina Conference

 **RESOURCE CENTER**

The WNCRC Resource Center is a resourcing hub for all United Methodist churches in the Western North Carolina Conference. The Resource Center lending library has thousands of books, DVDs, Sunday School lessons, small group studies, and curriculum for all ages and stages of life. If your small group or Sunday School class is looking for a new study, you might want to check it out!

Visit <https://www.wnccumc.org/resourcecenter> for more information and an online catalog. Contact Tina Crew in the Church Office at 336-993-3411 if you see something that you want the church to request for your group.



## **SOUL FOOD**

FOR BETHANY CAFE GUESTS

Our partnership with two local Starbucks has been very rewarding as we have been able to share the donated baked goods with our Bethany Cafe guests.

**Would you be willing to sign up for this twice a week opportunity to go to the following locations to collect the available items? There will be baked goods to pick up and possibly also coffee (beans or grounds).**

- Starbucks at Union Cross, located at 1476 Jag Branch Dr. (on Mondays and Thursdays)
- Starbucks in Oak Ridge, located at 1684 NC Highway 68N (on Thursdays only) (The Starbucks in Oak Ridge is approximately 6 miles from Main Street UMC.) If so, please signup at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) and click "signups" on the red stripe. Once you have signed up complete details will be sent to you. Any questions please contact Ann Ballard at 336-354-9624 or [aballard9446@gmail.com](mailto:aballard9446@gmail.com).

Pickup times: Monday and Thursday between 1 and 2:30 pm. Once you have picked up the items bring them to Main Street for storage in the Soul Food freezers. Total time commitment each day is 45-60 minutes.

**Look for the bins at church to recycle your plastic bags!**



Recycle your household bags & wrap into Trex's Earth-friendly composite decking and railing!

- produce bags
- store bags
- ice bags
- ziploc & other reclosable bags
- cereal box liners
- case overwrap
- bread bags
- newspaper sleeves
- dry cleaning bags
- bubble wrap
- plastic e-commerce mailers



**Plastics must be clean, dry and free of food and organic residue.**

March/April issues  
of The Upper Room  
are here!

## **THE UPPER ROOM**

These can be found at the Member Pick-up Station in the Main Entrance to the Commons, in the Chapel Narthex, and in the Sanctuary Narthex. Pick up your copy today!

## Annual Chicken Pie Sale



We hope everyone made it through the snow and ice safely. We know that being stuck at home, you probably used up your supply of chicken pies in the freezer. GOOD NEWS!! The Methodist Men are still selling Mrs. Pumpkin's Chicken Pies. See a member of the Methodist Men before February 20, and get restocked for the next Snowpocalypse.

Mark your calendar for **February 28 from 8:30 to 10:30 am** to come and pickup the pies that you have ordered!



**Crisis  
Control**  
MINISTRY

A collection box is in the new Main Entrance for donations to Crisis Control's Item of the Month. The items for March are **PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP;** other non-perishable food items can be donated as well.

**gotsneakers?**  
A Sneaker Recycling Organization

**The Creation Care Committee is collecting used sneakers to be repurposed.**

**ONLY SNEAKERS, please.**

**Look for a collection bin in the Main Entrance to the Commons.**



 **Caretakers** of God's Creation

## QR Code for your Bulletin

1. **Open your phone to camera mode and scan the QR Code.**
2. **You will now be shown a path to the Main St. website.**
3. **Once on the website, you will be shown the page that allows you to choose the service you want.**
4. **You now have your bulletin for your chosen service.**

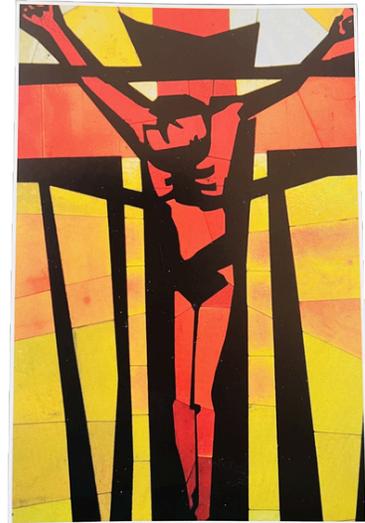


**SCAN HERE**

## SAVE THE DATE!

On Palm Sunday, **March 29**, we will unite in one service at 10:30am as we relive the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the tragic events of Holy Week in a deeply moving Lenten Cantata by Mary McDonald entitled "***It Is Finished***".

All the forces of Traditional Musical Arts at Main Street UMC will come together in this riveting presentation -- our Adult Choir, our Carol Choir, our Main Street Ringers alongside a 10-piece orchestra under the direction of Jill Gardner. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



A collection box is in the new main entrance for donations of the following items to the Hope Center:

- Empty egg cartons
- Clothing in good shape (*including shoes and baby clothes*)
- Fresh produce from your garden
- Grocery items including Toilet paper and other paper products
- Diapers, wipes and baby food
- Feminine hygiene products
- Breakfast cereal, peanut butter, canned meat and other non-refrigerated foods



Mark your calendars for *UMCOR Sunday* on **March 15!** We will have a Special Offering for UMCOR. This Special Sunday is an opportunity to strengthen our connection to global ministries that provide disaster relief, aid for refugees, sustainable agriculture, and more. Every gift makes a life-changing impact.

United Women in Faith is happy to announce that the next *Shred Event* will be held in our parking lot from 9am to noon on **April 25.**





Don't cook on Wednesdays, come have dinner with us from 5:30-6:30pm! Dining together is a great opportunity for fellowship, 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.

**Feb. 25--Chicken Tortilla Soup**

with Seafarers SS class serving

**Mar. 4--Sloppy Joes**

with Rise/Genesis/Christian Fell. serving

**Mar. 11--Chicken Corn Chowder**

Journey/Grose-Kirkman/Becoming serving

**Mar. 18--Smothered Pork Chops**

with Cornerstone SS class serving

*The suggested donation is \$6.00 per adult and \$3.00 per child (10 and under). We accept cash, check, or card. A gluten-free option is available upon request.*

*Reservations for dining in-person or "to-go" must be made by NOON on Monday: use the Wednesday Dinner reservation form on our website under the red "signups" stripe or contact Kathryn in the church office at 336-993-3411 or email [kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org](mailto:kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org)*



Have you ever noticed the piles of books stacked up to the left of the Main Entrance to the Commons? Those books are donations to our **Books-A-Palooza** ministry. Periodically, the books are moved and organized to be exchanged for store credit. The goal of our **Books-A-Palooza** ministry is to give every child at one of our local elementary schools an age-appropriate book (new or used) to take home since many of these students don't have any books at home.

**Ways you can help:**

- You can donate new or used children's books into the container in the Main Entrance to the Commons
- You can donate used books for teens and adults to be taken to a used bookstore to be exchanged for store credit to be used to purchase children's books
- You can make a donation with the note *Books-A-Palooza* and the money will go into a designated account that will be used to purchase new or used children's books.
- Contact Jennifer Graves for more information at [raiford.jennifer@yahoo.com](mailto:raiford.jennifer@yahoo.com)

# KIDS CONNECT

March 2026



## ELEMENTARY

### God View

The connection between truth and God's image, as shown through God's Big Story

**Insight: Compassion That Reflects God's Character**

My faith in Christ is revealed by my compassion and care for others.

### Application

**Humility:** Putting others first by giving up what you want.

## WHAT'S NEW?

We will be offering Ashes To Go for preschool families during morning drop off 2/18!



*Kids Connect*

## PRESCHOOL

### Key Question

Who is amazing?

### Bottom Line

Jesus is amazing!

### Basic Truth

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

## A Record of our Faithfulness

OUR PRESENCE:	1-18-2026	1-25-2026	2-1-2026	2-8-2026	2-15-2026
Sunday School	98	n/a	n/a	104	105
8:30am In-Person Worship	68	ice	snow	81	61
8:45 Jubilee In-Person Worship	70	ice	snow	82	72
10:55am In-Person Worship	104	ice	snow	125	126
<b>In-Person Worship Totals</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>259</b>
8:45am Jubilee Live Stream Worship <i>(unique views)</i>	23	n/a	n/a	30	25
10:55am LiveStream Worship <i>(unique views)</i>	52	130	190	55	51
Total Live Stream Unique Views	75	130	190	85	76
Live Streaming Totals <i>(unique views x 1.8)</i>	135	234	342	153	137
<b>Attendance Totals</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>396</b>
OUR GIFTS as of:	1-18-2026	1-25-2026	2-1-2026	2-8-2026	2-15-2026
Building Fund Weekly Contributions	765	4100	0	3034	2160
Weekly Contributions to Budget	11,984	42,539	0	18,697	18,571
Budget Contributions YTD	40,155	82,695	0	101,394	119,965

### **Main Street Ministries as of Jan. 31**

Regular Giving \$ 82,209  
 Expenses \$ 83,804  
 Over/(Under) \$ (1,595)  
 Budget \$ 103,449

### **Building Fund as of Jan. 31**

Building Fund Giving \$ 16,356  
 Building Loan Payments \$ 12,000  
 Over/(Under) \$ 4,356  
 Loan Balance \$ 1,176,008

### **PUBLICATION DEADLINE**

Newsletter articles are due by noon on the FIRST FRIDAY of every month for publication in the mid-month newsletter.

**Main Street  
United Methodist Church**  
336-993-3411  
306 South Main Street  
Kernersville, NC 27284

## *Let's Worship Together*

Come and Worship with us at one of all of our services:

- Less-Formal Traditional Worship Service\*: Sundays at 8:30am in the Sanctuary
- Jubilee Contemporary Worship Service\*: Sundays at 8:45am in the Chapel
- Traditional Worship Service\*: Sundays at 10:55am in the Sanctuary
- Oasis Mid-Week Service of Meditation: Wednesdays at 5:00pm (September -May)

*\* childcare is provided at these services*

### *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

Tina Crew, Business Manager  
Betsy Tang, Administrative Assistant  
Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant  
Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director  
Jenny Lail, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir Dir.  
Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess  
Anthony Simmonds, Custodian