



MAIN STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 22, 2026  
First Sunday in Lent

8:30am  
Traditional Worship Service

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**WELCOME**

Sarah McIntosh

**CHORAL PRELUDE**

*God So Loved the World*

Bill Wolaver

Carol Children's Choir; Finn Riddle, soloist; Jenny Lail, accompanist; Jill Gardner, Director

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sarah McIntosh

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.

**Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.**

When we confess our transgressions, Christ's grace and forgiveness encompass us.

**Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.**

Open yourselves to the teachings and wisdom of the Spirit.

**Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.**

**\* HYMN** No. 334

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

Sarah McIntosh

**ANTHEM**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

arr. Lloyd Larson

Adult Chancel Chorale: Amei Manten, 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 Johnston-Crews; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

**SCRIPTURE**

Acts 20:20-24  
Pew Bible, NT page 141

Lanny Lancaster

**SERMON**

"The Gospel Goes into the World"

Lanny Lancaster

**\* HYMN** TFWS No. 2241

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

LAND OF REST

**\* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Sarah McIntosh

**Peace be with you.**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 889 Affirmation from 1 Timothy

Sarah McIntosh

Leader: There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.

**People: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.**

**PSALTER READING** UMH page 766 (with sung refrain) Psalm 32 name

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** No. 895 Sarah McIntosh

**OFFERING INVITATION** Sarah McIntosh

**OFFERTORY** *Spirit of God* Lani Smith

\* **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** Sarah McIntosh

\* **HYMN** No. 593 *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM, LORD

\* **BENEDICTION** Sarah McIntosh

\* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** No. 393 *Spirit of the Living God*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**POSTLUDE** *Postlude on LAND OF REST* Wilbur Held

*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

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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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## ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Howard Martin by his family.

## UPCOMING SERVICE

The Celebration of Life service for MSUMC member Howard Martin will be at 2:00pm TODAY in our Sanctuary.

## UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

The new issues for March/April have arrived! Pick up your copy in the Sanctuary Narthex, at the "Member Pick-up Station" inside the Main Entrance to the Connections Building, or in the Chapel Narthex.

## 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 **February 25** is Chicken Tortilla Soup (*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](mailto: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.

## SPIRIT NIGHT AT THE LOOP

Help support the MSUMC Preschool by dining out at *The Loop* in Kernersville on **February 24** between 4pm and 9pm. Be sure to tell them that you are with Main Street Preschool and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the preschool scholarship fund!

## CHICKEN PIE PICKUP

If you ordered frozen chicken pies from our United Methodist Men, you should plan to pick up your order between 8:30am and 10:30am on **February 28**.

## SUNDAY LUNCH

The Creation Care Team and Preschool are partnering to invite you to a *Beans & Blessings lunch* 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.

## HERITAGE CLUB

Everyone is invited to join us on **March 10** for Lunch at Seafood Shack in Walkertown at 11:30. Meet there and pay for your meal at the restaurant. No reservations required.

## QUARTERLY DINNER

The United Methodist Men invite everyone to quarterly dinners featuring a variety of programs and speakers. 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.

## 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, February's items are canned greens, black-eyed peas, cornbread mix.