

MAIN  STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 1, 2026
Second Sunday in Lent

10:55am
Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

PRELUDE

Cantique de Jean Racine Gabriel Fauré/arr. Mark Biggam
Mark Biggam, oboe

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!**

*** OPENING HYMN** No. 340 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

RESTORATION

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Victoria Smathers

Peace be with you.

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 844 (with sung refrain) Psalm 121

Deb Fletcher

ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd from **Requiem**

John Rutter

Adult Chancel Choir: Amei Manten, 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, Sharyn Turner, Wes O'Brien; Mark Biggam, oboe; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:1-2
Pew Bible, NT page 155

Lanny Lancaster

HOMILY

"Put Right with God through Faith"

Lanny Lancaster

*** HYMN** No. 452

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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OFFERING INVITATION

Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY ANTHEM*Bread of Life, Feed My Soul*

John Parker/David Lantz III

Mark Biggam, oboe

*** 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

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

Lanny Lancaster, Sarah McIntosh, Wayne Purdy

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Lanny Lancaster

SHARING THE MEAL

Music for Meditation

Piano Meditation

Mark Hayes

Sophia Cochran, pianist

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 break 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.

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** TFWS No. 2126*All Who Hunger*

HOLY MANNA

*** BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY****POSTLUDE***Gerechter Gott, ach, rechnest du? from Cantata #89*

J.S. Bach

Mark Biggam, oboe

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

Today's Communion Assistants:

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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SUNDAY LUNCH

The Creation Care Team and Preschool are partnering for a *Beans & Blessings lunch TODAY*. 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.

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 **March 4** is Sloppy Joes (*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. Seafarers SS class serving.

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.

UMCOR SUNDAY

We will have a Special Offering on **March 15** for UMCOR (*United Methodist Committee on Relief*). When disaster strikes, when families are displaced, or when communities struggle with poverty, UMCOR steps in to provide relief and recovery. If you would like to contribute to UMCOR's ministry, please put cash in an envelope with UMCOR written on it, or you can write a check to Main Street UMC and put UMCOR in the memo line.

TIME FOR TEA

Join the ladies of *Tuesdays Together in Faith* for afternoon tea on **March 17** from 2 to 4pm in the Commons. So that we can properly plan, please text your RSVP to Susan at 336-671-1244.

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 and click “signups” on the red stripe.

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, March's items are pancake mix & syrup.

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!

COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power. I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.
2. Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.
3. Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.
4. Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me with his arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!
2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire! As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!
3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.
4. When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

ALL WHO HUNGER

1. All who hunger, gather gladly, holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
2. All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
3. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this