

MAIN  STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 8, 2026
Third Sunday in Lent

10:55am
Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

SCOUTING MOMENT

Amanda Frederico

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

A Lenten Psalm
Jill Gardner, organ

Craig A. Penfield

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Worship God with joy and thanksgiving.

Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

We are the sheep of God's pasture.

We are the lambs of God's flock.

Come! Let us worship the Lord.

Victoria Smathers

*** OPENING HYMN** No. 660

God Is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 881 The Apostles' Creed

Wayne Purdy

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Peace be with you.

Wayne Purdy

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Lanny Lancaster

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 814 (with sung refrain)

Psalm 95

name

ANTHEM

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

setting by Howard Helvey

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; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 14:1

Sarah McIntosh

Pew Bible, NT page 175

SERMON

"Disciples Love One Another"

Sarah McIntosh

WE RESPOND TO GOD

* HYMN No. 453

More Love to Thee, O Christ

MORE LOVE TO THEE

OFFERING INVITATION

Lanny Lancaster

OFFERTORY

In Remembrance on the tune of EVAN

John M. Rasley

* 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

Lanny Lancaster

* HYMN No. 566

Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love

EVAN

* BENEDICTION

Sarah McIntosh

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Awake, Thou Wintry Earth

Tom Burchwood

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 Ruby Malit's mother, Ruby Enriquez.

TODAY IS GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

Girl Scouting celebrates faith. According to the Preamble to the Girl Scouts Constitution, "The motivating force in Girl Scouting is faith." We celebrate the troops that meet at Main Street and the larger community as we work to grow girls of courage, confidence, and character.

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 in the middle of a busy week.

WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER

The entrée on **March 11** is Smothered Pork Chops (*gluten-free entrée is available upon request*). Dinner is served at 5:30pm. 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. Grose-Kirkman / Becoming / Journey SS classes 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.

CHILI COOK-OFF

The new date for the Chili Cook-off (*rescheduled due to weather*) is **March 22**. Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm for this fundraiser for youth missions. There will be a variety of chili types and prizes! Admission is free, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Contact Wayne Purdy in the church office for more details about entering your chili in the cook-off.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Join us for a glowing evening at our Preschool Open House on **March 25** from 5:00 to 6:30pm! Come tour our classrooms, meet our wonderful teachers, and speak with our Director about enrolling your child for the 2026-2027 school year. Be sure to stop by our Library/STEAM Room to shop our Book Fair, which will be open during the event. It's going to be a totally GLOWING good time — we can't wait to see you there! Please share this with anyone you know who might be interested in learning more about our wonderful preschool program.

PALM SUNDAY

On Palm Sunday, **March 29**, we will unite in one service at 10:30am as we relive the Triumphant 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*" with our Adult Choir, Carol Choir, Main Street Ringers, and a 10-piece orchestra directed by Jill Gardner.

ADULT MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Methodist Men have arranged the week of May 17 – 22 for our trip to Spruce Pines where we will be lodging at facilities set up by Baptist On Mission. Meals and lodging are estimated to be about \$150 per person for the week. Scholarships are available. Able bodied men, women and teens (15 years plus) are encouraged to join in this rebuilding effort for victims of the Helene disaster recovery. Twenty-five reservation slots are available and the deadline to signup is March 31. An informational meeting will be held on **April 7** at 7pm in room 310 of the Commons. Signup at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe. Additional suggestions and questions, text (leave your name) to: Curt Brown (228) 234-3317 or Bob Oglesby (336) 577-2902.

GRIEFSHARE

We are pleased to offer a GriefShare group (support and healing for those who have lost a loved one) at MSUMC starting on **April 9** at 6:00pm and running for 13 sessions until July 2. Vickie Whitley, MSUMC member and Licensed Clinical Social Worker, will facilitate the group. Register online at griefshare.org/findagroup or contact Vickie at vwhitley518@gmail.com.

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.

GOD IS HERE

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

MORE LOVE TO THEE, O CHRIST

1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee! Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!
2. Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; now thee alone I seek, give what is best. This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!
3. Let sorrow do its work, come grief and pain; sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain, when they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!
4. Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise; this be the parting cry my heart shall raise; this still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

BLEST BE THE DEAR UNITING LOVE

1. Blest be the dear uniting love that will not let us part; our bodies may far off remove, we still are one in heart.
2. Joined in one spirit to our Head, where he appoints we go, and still in Jesus' footsteps tread, and do his work below.
3. O may we ever walk in him, and nothing know beside, nothing desire, nothing esteem, but Jesus crucified!
4. We all are one who him receive, and each with each agree, in him the One, the Truth, we live; blest point of unity!
5. Partakers of the Savior's grace, the same in mind and heart, nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place, nor life, nor death can part.