



MAIN STREET  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 24, 2026

10:55am

Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

**CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

Victoria Smathers

**WE APPROACH GOD**

**PRELUDE**

*A Call to Prayer* from “An American Tribute”

Robert J. Powell

Jill Gardner, organ

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Victoria Smathers

In rushing wind and cleansing fire . . . **God’s Spirit leads us here.**

In courage found and faith renewed . . . **God’s Spirit fills our hearts with longing.**

In visions seen and dreams made real . . . **God’s Spirit takes away our fear.**

In rushing wind and cleansing fire . . . **God’s Spirit sends us to share Christ’s love.**

**\* OPENING HYMN** No. 334

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 881 The Apostles’ Creed

Victoria Smathers

**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.**

*\*universal*

**\* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Victoria Smathers

**MEMORIAL DAY LITANY**

Sarah McIntosh

Today, we give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties.

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the common good:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For those who in all times and places have been true and brave and in the world’s common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to others:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 826 (with sung refrain) Psalm 104: 1-13, 24-35

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**ANTHEM**

*Majesty*

Jack Schrader

Adult Chancel Choir: Amei Manten, Brenda Montague, Carolyn Simmons, Elaine Fotia, Eric Manten, Janet Lancaster,  
Jim Chesson, Joy Malit, Lou Martin, Mac Clement, Melissa Dreshfield, Nancy Blakemore, Rich Blakemore,  
Sarah McCullough, Sharyn Turner, Wes O'Brien; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

**SCRIPTURE**

Acts 2: 1-21

Lanny Lancaster

Pew Bible, NT page 119

**SERMON**

"It's 9 am Somewhere"

Lanny Lancaster

**WE RESPOND TO GOD**

**\* HYMN** No. 332

*Spirit of Faith, Come Down*

BEALOTH

**OFFERING INVITATION**

Sarah McIntosh

**OFFERTORY**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Robert J. Powell

**\* 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**

Sarah McIntosh

**\* HYMN** No. 555

*Forward Through the Ages*

ST. GERTRUDE

**\* BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

**\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**POSTLUDE** *Our National Glory Is Restored by the Promise of Resurrection*

from "An American Tribute"

Robert J. Powell

*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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## **ACOLYTES AND CRUCIFERS NEEDED**

Serving as an Acolyte or Crucifer at the 10:55 Sunday worship service is a GREAT way to serve and be involved in worship! This is a fun opportunity for kids in 2nd grade and beyond. Yes, even high schoolers can help out! Please contact Victoria in the church office to join the schedule.

## **OASIS WORSHIP SERVICE**

Join us on **May 27** for our last Oasis service of the semester at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary for an intimate 30-minute service with Holy Communion and prayer in the middle of our busy week. Our Oasis service will take a summer break before resuming in September.

## **PALMER SCHOLARSHIP**

Main Street UMC is blessed to offer the Frank & Mary Palmer scholarship for *current college students*. Application information and more details may be found at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) under Ministries and Youth on the red stripe. The deadline for Frank & Mary Palmer scholarship applications is **June 25**.

## **OFFICE CLOSED**

The Church Office will be closed on **May 25** for Memorial Day. We will reopen at 8:30am on May 26.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Members of our Church Council (*and any interested church members*) should plan to attend the meeting at 7:00pm on **May 28** in the Fellowship Hall.

## **COLLEGE GRADUATES**

Church members who are 2026 college graduates (*Associates, Bachelors, and post-graduate degrees*) are invited to submit their name, college, major, and degree earned to Kathryn in the church office ([kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org](mailto:kathryn.jenkins@mainstreetumc.org)) by **May 31** to be included in the June newsletter.

## **HERITAGE CLUB**

Meet up with the Heritage Club for Breakfast at Cagney's in Kernersville at 9:00am on **June 8**. Pay for your meal at the restaurant, no reservations needed for this event.

## **YOU'RE INVITED TO QUARTERLY DINNERS**

It's time to start making plans to attend the Methodist Men's dinner on **June 16** at 6:30pm. We plan to have Ashley Cooper speak to us that evening. Ashley is the coordinator of "Rest Stop", a program at Sedge Garden UMC. For those of you have haven't heard of "Rest Stop", it provides a helping hand to caregivers in the Kernersville area. The caregiver can take their loved one to Sedge Garden and leave them with trained caretakers, and have a few hours to themselves or take care of other things. If you or someone you know is taking care of a loved one, plan on attending the dinner on June 16 to learn more. Please remember to *make reservations at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) by **Friday, June 12*** so we can prepare enough food. Everyone is invited, so if you're interested, you are welcome to attend!

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

We are making plans for our *Rainforest Falls* Vacation Bible School and we can't wait to see you there! We will hold VBS in the morning from 9:15 until 12:15 on **July 20-23**. Let Victoria Smathers know if you are available to help and be sure to register your child at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org)

## **BETHANY CAFÉ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Bethany Café provides a free meal to anyone in our community and is hosted each Saturday at local churches. Main Street UMC hosts Bethany Cafe on the 3rd Saturday of every month and lots of help is needed! Job descriptions and a sign-up form are available at [mainstreetumc.org](http://mainstreetumc.org) (*look for the "sign-ups" tab 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, May's item is baked beans.

## **THANK YOU**

for helping to care for our Sanctuary by not bringing in food or beverages.

## SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

## SPIRIT OF FAITH, COME DOWN

1. Spirit of faith, come down, reveal the things of God, and make to us the Godhead known, and witness with the blood. 'Tis thine the blood to apply and give us eyes to see, who did for every sinner die hath surely died for me.
2. No one can truly say that Jesus is the Lord, unless thou take the veil away and breathe the living Word. Then, only then, we feel our interest in his blood, and cry with joy unspeakable, "Thou art my Lord, my God!"
3. O that the world might know the all-atoning Lamb! Spirit of faith, descend and show the virtue of his name; the grace which all may find, the saving power, impart, and testify to humankind, and speak in every heart.
4. Inspire the living faith (which whoso'er receive, the witness in themselves they have and consciously believe), the faith that conquers all, and doth the mountain move, and saves whoe'er on Jesus call, and perfects them in love.

## FORWARD THROUGH THE AGES

1. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine; gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord, manifold the service, one the sure reward. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.
2. Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light; for it we must labor, till our faith is sight. Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified, poets sung its glory, heroes for it died. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.
3. Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall; in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all. Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole, move we on together to the shining goal. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.