

MAIN  STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 5, 2026

10:55am

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

PRELUDE

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory
Jill Gardner, organ

arr. Richard Van Auken

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

INTROIT

The Star-Spangled Banner
The Men of the Adult Chorale and Chancel Choirs of MSUMC

arr. Jack Schrader

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
The risen Christ is with us. **Praise the Lord!**

Victoria Smathers

*** OPENING HYMN** No. 698

God of the Ages

NATIONAL HYMN

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Victoria Smathers

PASTORAL PRAYER

Wayne Purdy

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 795 (with sung response 1) Psalm 72: 1-17

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SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Pew Bible, NT page 181

Lanny Lancaster

HOMILY

"Being Christian in America"

Lanny Lancaster

*** HYMN** No. 697

My Country, Tis of Thee

AMERICA

OFFERING INVITATION

Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY*America, The Beautiful*

Calvin Hampton

*** 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 and Wayne Purdy

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Lanny Lancaster

SHARING THE MEAL

Music for Meditation

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

arr. John Carter

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 bread in your hand and you will be offered the cup. A gluten-free option is available in the center for any who need it. 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** No. 696*America the Beautiful*

MATERNA

*** BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY****POSTLUDE***The Stars and Stripes Forever* John Philip Sousa/arr. L. Larson

Jenny Lail (Primo) and Jill Gardner (Secondo), pianists

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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PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST

Main Street UMC would like to hire a part-time Receptionist/Administrative Assistant. This is a vital part-time operations support position supporting the church's ministries. A complete job description can be found under "News" on the church website www.mainstreetumc.org and you are invited to reach out to Tina Crew in the church office for more information (336-993-3411).

HELP NEEDED FOR CHURCH LOCKUP

We're currently seeking a reliable individual to take on the responsibility of securing our facilities each evening. This would also include unlocking and relocating all buildings on Sundays. This role involves ensuring all doors are properly locked and the premises are safe before departure. Attention to detail and a strong sense of accountability are essential, as this task plays a critical role in maintaining the safety and integrity of our operations. This is a paid position. If you or someone you know is dependable and takes pride in keeping things secure, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Tina Crew in the church office (336-993-3411) for more information.

PART-TIME CUSTODIAN NEEDED

MSUMC is looking for a part-time custodian to work alongside our current custodial staff on Thursdays and Fridays from 7am – 4pm. If you are interested, please contact Tina Crew in the church office (336-993-3411).

HERITAGE CLUB

Everyone is invited to join the Heritage Club on **July 10** for Burgers and BINGO in the fellowship hall at 6:00. We will have hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans and chips. Cost will be \$5 to cover the food. We would like for everyone to bring a dessert to share. Deadline to sign up will be July 7. Come join us for a fun night and be a BIG BINGO winner!

GIFTS TO REST STOP

From now through **July 12**, the Outreach committee is encouraging church members to make gifts to *Rest Stop*, a new program at The Shepherd's Center that gives a break to caregivers of community members with dementia. Many of us have friends or loved ones who have been affected by dementia. A list of those who give "in memory" or "in honor of" someone will be published in late July. A scholarship for one session of *Rest Stop* is \$40. Those making donations can give through the church with the check written to Main Street UMC, putting "Rest Stop in honor of" or "Rest Stop in memory of" in the memo line of the check. Of course, anonymous gifts are also welcome.

RECEPTION FOR PASTOR WAYNE

Mark your Calendar for **Sunday, July 19** during the Sunday School hour in the Commons where we will recognize and celebrate Reverend Wayne's ordination as a Deacon into the United Methodist Church. This is a significant achievement in the life of a Minister and we want Wayne to know how proud we are of him. Refreshments will be served. Please make plans 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

SPEND A DAY WITH HABITAT

The Yadkin Valley District (our district) of the UMC is supporting Forsyth County Habitat for Humanity this year and encouraging all of us to participate (ages 18 and older or 16-17 years with a guardian). Main Street offers two ways for you to do so: Go with a group--Chuck Dagenhart is planning to have a "full" 10-member MSUMC team participate on Saturday **August 1**. Sign-up at mainstreetumc.org. You can also go as an individual--you can sign up for ANY Monday to Thursday and Saturday. Sign up at <https://habitatforsyth.org/volunteer/>. Be sure to say you're from Main Street when you sign up!

ADULT MISSION TRIP

Mark your calendars for **October 25-30**. There will be an adult trip to Swannanoa, NC, where we will be assisting with rebuilds from the damage of Hurricane Helene. We are staying at the Baptist facility in Swannanoa. If you're interested, look for future information, and keep the last week of October open. For information now, contact MSUMC member Ivan Johnson at ivan.in.nc@gmail.com or call him at 704-957-1887

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, July's items are salad dressing, barbecue sauce, hot sauce.

VOLUNTEER SOUND TECHS

We still need sound tech help with all of our worship services, as well as assistance with the ProPresenter slides and livestream. No experience is required and training is available. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

FRESH COFFEE

Stop by the small kitchen in the Commons on Sunday mornings for a cup of coffee and spend a few minutes chatting with friends!

GOD OF THE AGES

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past; in this free land with thee our lot is cast; be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.
3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be thy strong arm our ever sure defense; thy true religion in our hearts increase; thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

AMERICA (MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE)

1. My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing; land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside let freedom ring!
2. My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills; my heart with rapture thrills, like that above.
3. Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song; let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake; let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.
4. Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing; long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light; protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain; for purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.
3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.