

The Main Stream

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“Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations...”—Matthew 28:19a (NRSV)

The Mission of the Church belongs to all Christians. Every single one of us is a part of witnessing to the Risen Christ in our workplaces, schools, neighborhoods and the world. This is why, when we take the vows of membership, we commit to “participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.” All of this is our witness in the church and beyond.

Some are called to help lead the church in set-apart ministry as ordained or licensed pastors, Elders, and Deacons. “Deacons are persons called by God, authorized by the Church, and ordained by a bishop to a lifetime ministry of Word, Service, Compassion, and Justice, to both the community and the congregation in a ministry that connects the two.” (The United Methodist Book of Discipline, p.257). Preparing to be ordained as a Deacon is a long process. A candidate confers with their senior pastor, writes a letter to the district superintendent expressing their sense of calling, presents themselves to the local church Staff/Parish Relations Committee for approval, meets with a District Committee on Ministry for approval, meets with a mentor throughout the process, completes a Master’s Degree or equivalent Course of Study prescribed by the Book of Discipline and Annual Conference, applies for Provisional Status with the Annual Conference through completion of papers and interviews with the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, meets with mentors in a three year residency program in which they serve in full-time ministry (similar to a doctor’s medical residency), and finally, completes papers and another interview with the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.

All of this is to help each candidate discern the call of God in their lives and to provide, for the Church, the most effective pastors to help the church fulfill its ministries. I am very proud to announce that Rev. Wayne Purdy has completed this process and was ordained at the Western North Carolina Annual Conference at a service at Lake Junaluska on June 20. We celebrate Wayne’s call and commitment to Christ and the Church. We are happy that Wayne will continue to serve at Main Street as our Pastor of Youth Ministries and look forward to many more years of fruitful ministry. As an ordained Deacon in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, Wayne will now have opportunities for leadership in our district and conference as well. (We will have an official recognition of Wayne’s ordination later in the summer.) We encourage you to offer Wayne your congratulations and continued prayers for this great achievement in ministry!

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Lenny".

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!



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, see Ivan Johnson. He is the Main Street member heading this project at this time. You can email Ivan at ivan.in.nc@gmail.com or call him at 704-957-1887

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 relocking 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).



Our own Rev. Wayne Purdy was ordained as a Deacon in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 20 at Lake Junaluska during Annual Conference. The "laying on of hands" during ordination is an ancient, symbolic ritual where church leaders place their hands on a candidate for ministry. It acts as an outward sign of bestowing the Holy Spirit, conferring spiritual authority, and commissioning the individual for sacred duties. It was very special for Wayne to have Rev. Lanny Lancaster, Rev. Amy Burton, District Superintendent Dr. Mark Conforti, WNC Bishop Dr. Ken Carter, and Retired North European Regional Conference Bishop Rev. Christian Alsted to lay hands on him during his ordination.





THE REST STOP

DEMENTIA RESPITE
MINISTRY

Want to Make a Gift to Rest Stop?

Asheley Cooper from The Shepherd's Center was the speaker at the UMM dinner on June 16 and spoke about Rest Stop, their new respite service for caregivers of community members with dementia.

Many of us have had loved ones or friends affected by forms of dementia. From now through July 12, our Outreach committee is suggesting that church members donate to Rest Stop in honor or in memory of someone affected by dementia (including caretakers).

A scholarship for one session (Rest Stop meets weekly or twice a week) is \$40. A list of those who gave in memory or in honor of someone will be published in late July, like we do with Poinsettias at Christmas. Those making donations can give through the church office (or offering plate), writing the check to Main Street UMC and putting "Rest Stop in honor of" or "Rest Stop in memory of" in the memo line of the check as appropriate. Of course, anonymous gifts are also welcome.

Volunteers are also needed. For more information on Rest Stop, visit <https://shepctrkville.com>.



Summer schedules can be full, but staying connected matters.

Be sure to check the bulletin, newsletter,

Thursday Connections email, and social media for updates on worship, events, and opportunities to serve.

We are grateful to walk through this season together as a church family.

BE A VBS VOLUNTEER!

CREW LEADERS



Qualifications:
YOU LOVE THE LORD,
HAVING FUN,
AND LOVE CHILDREN!



What does a Crew Leader do?
DURING RAINFOREST FALLS, YOU'LL VISIT DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES WITH A GROUP OF SIMILARLY AGED CHILDREN.

Do I have to teach my Crew?
DON'T WORRY, YOU'RE NOT IN CHARGE OF PREPARING OR TEACHING ACTIVITIES; YOU JUST GET TO BE THERE AND HELP KIDS ENJOY THEM AS YOU SHEPHERD THE MEMBERS OF YOUR CREW.

The best part?
YOU'LL GET TO KNOW AND AFFIRM EACH MEMBER OF YOUR CREW BY ASKING QUESTIONS, REALLY LISTENING, AND BEING ENCOURAGING. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE OUT "LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR".



**We need Crew Leaders for
Preschool and Elementary age groups.**
Please prayerfully consider being a part of this fun and exciting experience!



BE A VBS VOLUNTEER!

STATION LEADERS



Qualifications:
YOU LOVE HAVING FUN, BEING ACTIVE & ENGAGING,
AND DON'T MIND GETTING MESSY!



What does a Station Leader do?
DURING RAINFOREST FALLS, YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF ONE OF THE ACTIVITY STATIONS. THE MATERIALS WILL BE PREPPED AND READY FOR YOU, AND A LEADER GUIDE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO GUIDE YOU THROUGH EACH DAY'S FUN.

The best part?
YOU'LL HAVE A FRONT ROW SEAT TO OUR PARTICIPANTS LIFE-CHANGING ADVENTURE---EXPLORING THE NATURE OF GOD.

We need Station Leaders for:
Imagination Station: Hands-on science experiments and creative crafts.
Perfect for those who love a WOW-factor!
Wild Games: High energy group games & water activities.
Always a fan favorite!
Rooted Bible Adventures: Bible stories come alive in this immersive station!
Perfect for those who have ever been called "dramatic"

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this fun and exciting experience!



Congratulations to Main Street's 2026 College Graduates

- **Blake Albright** graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
- **Savannah Crew** graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
- **Betsy Hanks** graduated from Gardner Webb University with a Doctorate of Education in Curriculum and Instruction.
- **Noah Lancaster** graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Madison with a PhD in Chemistry.
- **Jenna Lang** graduated from Appalachian State with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science.
- **Rachel Tang** graduated from UNC Charlotte with a Masters in Social Work.



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 under Ministries and Youth on the red stripe. The deadline for Frank & Mary Palmer scholarship applications is **June 25**.

WOW!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Spring Folly Parking Lot fundraiser in May for Crisis Control. We raised more than \$8000.

Little Wheels for Meals



The food collection competition where everyone wins!

It's time to start collecting for the Second Annual Little Wheels for Meals Food Drive. Beginning July 12th through July 26th, our Main Street community will be collecting food for Crisis Control Ministry in Kernersville. To participate, place your food donations in the bin of your choice: Pastor Lanny, Victoria or Pastor Wayne. The labelled collection bins will be located in the Main Entrance to the Commons. The person who receives the most food donations will earn the pole position at the Tricycle Race held at the churchwide picnic on Sunday, August 2 at Triad Park. Get those canned goods ready for this highly anticipated race.



Main Street's Heritage Club is a group of fun-loving folks who enjoy an assortment of outings and activities throughout the year. Anyone is welcome to attend and join in the fun! Contact Debbie Smith at 336-671-1215 for reservations.

Plan to join the Heritage Club for their next outing:

July 10 - Burgers and BINGO in the fellowship hall at 6:00 for hamburgers and hotdogs, baked beans and chips. Cost will be \$5 per person to cover the food. We would also like for everyone to bring a dessert to share. Reservations are required by July 7. We hope everyone will come out for a fun night of Bingo with lots of fun prizes to be won.



HANDS TOGETHER DAY



Our churchwide day of service is “all systems go” for Saturday, August 29.

Please save that date, plan to participate and encourage friends and family to do the same. In addition to continuing most of our successful projects from two years ago, we will have new projects from the Preschool and Room at the Inn. Most projects end by lunchtime. Sign ups will begin in August.

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." -- Jane Goodall

We can make positive impact on God's Creation by choosing to:

- Make a habit of cleaning trash from your cars every time you get out of the car
- Use the stairs rather than an elevator (You can save energy and burn a few calories at the same time!)
- Reduce water consumption (Consider water-efficient appliances, Energy Star-rated dishwashers and washing machines; low-flow fixtures, such as showerheads and faucets)
- Utilize drought-resistant plants and landscaping to minimize outdoor water needs.
- Minimize waste by cutting back on the quantity of items you purchase in the first place

Remember that small changes can make a significant impact when an entire congregation works together to honor God through environmental stewardship.

Submitted by Martha Berry



Caretakers



of God's Creation

THANK YOU

To my Main Street Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What an honor it was to be selected for The Triad Honor Flight and attend with my good friends Marvin Bare, Willie Craven and Don Stutts from Main Street UMC. To touch the name of a fallen high school friend at the Viet Nam wall as Willie played Taps brought silence and tears among the crowd of visitors.

On our return, Guardians went up and down the aisle of the plane announcing "Mail Call" as they distributed large envelopes filled with letters from loved ones and church members. As we entered the Airport on our return over 2,000 individuals cheered as bag pipes played welcoming us home. It is a welcome long-since overdue Viet Nam Veterans. As tears fell from many Veterans' eyes, I gazed into the crowd to see a large number of my fellow church members and family. I have never felt so loved. A simple thank-you just does not seem appropriate for the love I feel for the kindness and love shown me and my fellow veterans. It took Phyllis and I over an hour just to read the welcome home letters.

On behalf of Marvin, Willie, Don, and myself, we are eternally grateful,

--Darrell Davis

We extend our sympathies to:

- Suzanne Hill upon the death of her husband, Dean Hill
- Tammy Foster upon the death of her brother, Keith Doggett
- Tina Crew and family upon the death of her uncle, Larry Murphy
- Caren Jenkins upon the death of her mother, Jane Hege
- David McAdoo upon the death of his wife, Betty McAdoo
- Bob Wilde upon the death of his mother, Elnora Uptmore
- Peggy Douth upon the death of her nephew, Darwin Thomas

THE
UPPER
ROOM

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

The new issues for July/August 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.



You do not have to be a skilled housebuilder to participate. You may learn new skills!

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 the MSUMC group--Chuck Dagenhart is planning to have a "full" 10-member Main Street Methodist team participate on Saturday August 1. Sign-up at mainstreetumc.org and Chuck will send you additional information.
- As an individual--you can sign up for ANY Monday to Thursday and Saturday. Hours are 8 to 3 with a lunch break. There are 10 participant slots each day. Just go online to sign up at <https://habitatforsyth.org/volunteer/>. Be sure to say you're from Main Street when you sign up!

COLLECTION BOXES

are in the Main Entrance to the Commons for:

- **BOOKSAPALOOZA** – donate new or used books
- **HOPE CENTER** – donate empty egg cartons, clothing, groceries
- **CRISIS CONTROL** – donate non-perishable food, each month has an item to focus on, June's items are peanut butter and jelly.
- **GOT SNEAKERS** – donate used sneakers to be repurposed.

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.



- June 28-July 4--Appalachia Service Project/MS & HS
- July 3--Church Office closed for Independence Day
- July 20-23--Vacation Bible School
- July 26--Tomato Sandwich luncheon
- August 2--Churchwide picnic at Triad Park
- August 15--Honeybee Festival at 4th of July Park
- August 29--Hands Together Churchwide Day of Service
- September 19--Shred Event
- Oct. 25-30--Helene Rebuild Mission Trip

Vacation Bible School

July 20–23, 2026!

NEW TIME!

**We are excited to offer VBS in the
MORNING!**

9:15 am – 12:15 pm

sign up online at mainstreetumc.org

**Get your kids ready for a downpour of delight!
At Rainforest Falls, kids explore the nature of God!**

**Rainforest Falls is filled with awesome
Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and
touch! Hands-on**

**science experiments, team-building games,
unforgettable Bible songs, and
tasty treats are just a few of the
standout activities that help faith
flow into real life.**



A Record of our Faithfulness

OUR PRESENCE:	5-24-2026	5-31-2026	6-7-2026	6-14-2026	6-21-2026
Sunday School	89	91	80	70	68
8:30am In-Person Worship	81	79	70	71	66
8:45 Jubilee In-Person Worship	68	77	64	59	51
10:55am In-Person Worship	159	171	122	174	115
In-Person Worship Totals	308	327	256	304	232
8:45am Jubilee Live Stream Worship <i>(unique views)</i>	17	34	16	20	15
10:55am LiveStream Worship <i>(unique views)</i>	73	51	54	37	53
Total Live Stream Unique Views	90	85	70	57	68
Live Streaming Totals <i>(unique views x 1.8)</i>	162	153	126	103	122
Attendance Totals	470	480	382	407	354
OUR GIFTS as of:	5-24-2026	5-31-2026	6-7-2026	6-14-2026	6-21-2026
Building Fund Weekly Contributions	2654	1800	2925	1440	1235
Weekly Contributions to Budget	15,029	20,699	12,770	10,311	10,760
Budget Contributions YTD	389,825	410,524	423,294	433,605	444,365

Main Street Ministries as of May 31

Regular Giving \$ 408,223
 Expenses \$ 433,576
 Over/(Under) (\$ 25,353)
 Budget \$ 453,654

Building Fund as of May 31

Building Fund Giving \$ 54,727
 Building Loan Payments \$ 60,000
 Over/(Under) (\$5,333)
 Loan Balance \$ 1,145,028

PUBLICATION DEADLINE

Newsletter articles are due by noon on the FIRST FRIDAY of every month for publication in the mid-month newsletter.

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United Methodist Church**
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Kernersville, NC 27284

Let's Worship Together

Come and Worship with us at one or all of our services:

- Less-Formal Traditional Worship Service*: Sundays at 8:30am in the Sanctuary
- Jubilee Contemporary Worship Service*: Sundays at 8:45am in the Chapel
- Traditional Worship Service*: Sundays at 10:55am in the Sanctuary
- Oasis Mid-Week Service of Meditation: Wednesdays at 5:00pm (September -May)

** childcare is provided at these services*

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

Tina Crew, Business Manager
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Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant
Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director
Jenny Lail, Alpha & Omega Youth Choir Dir.
Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess
Anthony Simmonds, Custodian