



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 12, 2026

10:55am

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Victoria Smathers

VOICE OF DIAKONIA (*Voice of Servanthood*)

Chris Thompson

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

arr. Mark Hayes

Celia Leal, pianist

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Smathers

Come, whether weary or rejoicing. **All are welcome here.**

Come, whether at peace or in the midst of a struggle. **All are welcome here.**

Come, whether growing or wilting. **All are welcome here.**

* OPENING HYMN No. 732 *Come, We That Love the Lord*

ST. THOMAS

* 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.

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* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Victoria Smathers

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Sarah McIntosh

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 756 (with sung response 2) Psalm 25: 1-10

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SPECIAL MUSIC

I Know Whom I Have Believed
Nancy Copeland and Gail Tozer, vocalists

D. Whittle/J. McGranahan

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23
Pew Bible, NT page 13

Lanny Lancaster

SERMON

"How's Your Soil?"

Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*** HYMN** No. 465

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

CANTERBURY

OFFERING INVITATION

Sarah McIntosh

OFFERTORY

The Village
Athena Malit, pianist

Stephen Wrabel

*** 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. 671

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

*** BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE

Sing to the Lord a New Song!

Edward Broughton

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.

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
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Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant
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Anthony Simmonds, Custodian
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COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.
2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.
3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets.
4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high.

HOLY SPIRIT, TRUTH DIVINE

1. Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.
2. Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine; kindle every high desire; perish self in thy pure fire.
3. Holy Spirit, Power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine; grant that I may strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive.
4. Holy Spirit, Right divine, King within my conscience reign; be my Lord, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.

LORD, DISMISS US WITH THY BLESSING

1. Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.
2. Thanks we give and adoration for thy gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound; ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

GIFTS TO REST STOP

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. For memorial donations made by **July 12**, a list of those who give "in memory" or "in honor of" someone will be published in the July newsletter. 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.

LITTLE WHEELS FOR MEALS FOOD DRIVE & TRICYCLE RACE

It's time to start collecting for the Second Annual Little Wheels for Meals Food Drive. Beginning **July 12 through July 26**, 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!

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!

VBS VOLUNTEERS

We are making plans for our *Rainforest Falls* Vacation Bible School and we need volunteers to work with our kids! 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!

TOMATO SANDWICH LUNCH

Creation Care Team, JC Grose/Kirkman Sunday School Class, and New Horizons Sunday School Class invite you to a Tomato Sandwich Lunch on **July 26** in the Fellowship Hall after the Sunday School hour and after the 10:55 service. Please bring your fresh tomatoes to share. Menu: Tomato Sandwiches (bacon optional), chips & homemade desserts. Children (optional grilled cheese sandwich)

SUMMER LADIES TEA

The Ladies of *Tuesday Together in Faith* invite you to a Summer Ladies Tea on Tuesday, **July 28**, at 10:00am in The Commons. RSVP to Susan Furmage at 336-671-1244.

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 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!

CHURCHWIDE PICNIC

Join us on **August 2** for our *Annual Church Picnic* at Shelter #1 in Triad Park. The church will provide water, iced tea, lemonade, and fried chicken. Plan to arrive about 4:00pm with your favorite side dishes and desserts. We will begin eating at 5:15 after the blessing. Back by popular demand, Darrell Davis will emcee our famous "Little Wheels for Big Meals" race, featuring Lanny "Lightning" Lancaster, Victoria "Victory Lane" Smathers, and Wayne "Steelers Win" Purdy exhibiting their skill in the exciting tricycle race. Don't forget to bring your food donations to the church between July 12 and 26 and place them in the designated bins to determine who has the pole position in this highly competitive race. It's always a fun event and a great way to come together with your MSUMC family. Please help us plan by registering your plans to attend at mainstreetumc.org under "Signups" by **July 30**.

TUESDAYS TOGETHER IN FAITH

The *Tuesdays Together in Faith* Bible Study group meets each Tuesday at 10:30am in Room 320. They will begin a new study soon and this is the perfect time to join the group! Kimberly Thompson and Joy Key will be leading the study based on Jennifer Rothschild's *Heaven* starting **August 11** and ending on Sept. 22. The book for this class is approx. \$22 and the corresponding workbook is \$15, contact Susan Furmage for more information at 336-671-1244.

OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on **August 13** at 11:45am for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox (call the church for phone number).

HELP NEEDED AT THE HONEYBEE FESTIVAL

Our church will have a booth at this year's Honeybee Festival on Saturday, **August 15** from 10am until 5pm at 4th of July Park. This is a chance for you to represent our church and engage the Kernersville community. The goal is to make more disciples. We are looking for church members to take shifts at the booth. Sign up to help at mainstreetumc.org under "Signups" on the red stripe.