

The Main Stream

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**"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."—
Philippians 1:6 (NRSV)**

United Methodists representing 614 churches across Western North Carolina gathered June 18-21 for Christian Conferencing. Our annual conference gathering has become such an integral part of my yearly rhythm, reminding me to pause and reflect on the previous year of ministry.

We had a great celebration of the myriad of ministries in the Western North Carolina Conference. Since Hurricane Helene, over 600 homes have been assessed, and more than 140 repairs have been finished, with additional projects in progress. Current efforts aim to complete about 150 more repairs, helping 450 to 500 people, while providing case management support to over 200 households with complex recovery needs. Volunteer engagement continues to be a key part of this effort. So far, 149 early response and recovery teams have been formed, involving nearly 1,500 volunteers who have donated over 40,000 hours of service, equating to about \$1.5 million in in-kind labor. Across the regional hubs, Early Response Teams completed work on more than 120 homes and supported over 400 additional households during the winter with emergency relief supplies, including propane, heaters, and water. Training and preparedness continue to strengthen this ministry.

This past year, we shared the gospel with 92 children through our Christian Preschool Program at Main Street. As I write this, our middle school mission team is working through Appalachian Service Project in Spruce Pine to rebuild homes and lives in the recovery after Hurricane Helene. This is the second ASP trip this summer. We have also sponsored two adult mission trips to affected areas in North Carolina and Georgia. Weekly Bible studies and Sunday school classes give hope and formation to children, youth, and adults. We support over 30 ministry partners in our community. And of course, we gather every Sunday for our Worship Celebrations to encourage us all in our walk with Christ. These are just a few examples of what your faithful giving at Main Street United Methodist Church accomplishes. Together, we can do more to share the Good News of Christ's Love, alleviate suffering, and help the least of these. Thank you for your faithful support!

Peace,



Congratulations to some additional MSUMC college graduates who were accidentally omitted from the last newsletter:

- **Ashleigh Marion Jakubec** graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner Concentration.
- **Ellen Kinlaw** graduated from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington with a Master of Arts and Integrated Marketing Communications.
- **Grayson Weavil** graduated from Wake Forest University with a Bachelor of Science in Statistics.



We will celebrate the start of a new school year by having a "Blessing of the Backpacks" during the 10:55am worship service and the 6:30pm NOW service on **August 16**. Anyone with a backpack is welcome to participate!

Creation Care Team, along with the
JC Grose/Kirkman and New Horizons SS Classes

Invite you to a

Tomato Sandwich Lunch

"To celebrate God's bounty"

***Please bring your fresh tomatoes to share**

When: Sunday, July 26

Where: Church Fellowship Hall

Time: after Sunday school hour & after 10:55 service

Menu: Tomato Sandwiches (bacon optional), chips & homemade desserts

Children (optional - grilled cheese sandwich)





Older Adult Luncheon on August 13 at 11:45am

All Older Adults are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall on **August 13** for lunch and fellowship. This is a relaxed and low-key time to socialize and enjoy each other's company-- the perfect opportunity to invite a friend or to join in the fun yourself!

RSVP to Pat Knox at 336-993-5413



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. From **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!



Never Forget Veterans Ministry

SAVE THE DATE TO HONOR OUR VETERANS

Once again, our Never Forget Ministry will be hosting and honoring veterans with a meal and a program.

Please save the date of **November 7, 2026**

Anyone interested in assisting/volunteering, contact Regena Brown at brownregena@yahoo.com



Main Street's Got Talent

The month of July begins a new tradition here at Main Street where most importantly, our Adult Choirs get a vacation AND the many musical talents of our congregation here at Main Street are featured in Sunday worship! It is my hope that featuring these talents in July as well as throughout our upcoming church year will allow us to do a SPRING TALENT SHOW where we can raise money for our Building Fund!

Please find below the list of talents that have been featured in our July 2026 worship services:

- Sunday, July 5th (250th Birthday Celebration of America): Pianist Jenny Lail and the Men of our Adult Chancel Chorale and Choirs
- Sunday, July 12th: Celia Leal and Athena Malit, pianists; Nancy Copeland and Gail Tozer, vocalists
- Sunday, July 19th: Dwayne Stanley, organist and Jenny Lail, pianist
- Sunday, July 26th: Organist Dwayne Stanley and Pianists David Culler and Jill Gardner

Fall Start-ups for Choir Programs

Adult Chancel Chorale and Choir:

Wednesday Combined Rehearsals in August, starting **August 5th** at 7pm

Carol Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, **September 9th** at 6:15pm

Main Street Ringers will begin rehearsals on Monday, **September 14th** at 6pm



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



Everyone is invited to join the Heritage Club on **August 14** for dinner at Hillbilly Hideaway. If anyone wants to carpool, please meet at the church at 5:00. Everyone will pay for their meal at the restaurant and reservations are required.

Deadline to sign up is August 11;
contact Debbie Smith (336-671-1215) to 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, July's items are salad dressing, barbecue sauce, hot sauce.
- **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.

Night of WORSHIP

You've been asking, and we have been listening.

We are excited to share that our *Night of Worship (NOW) Service* will re-launch this Fall! We will worship together every 3rd Sunday at 6:30pm in the Chapel.

Nursery will be available for tiny ones and we will have *Kids Connect* small group for school-aged children.

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 16 at 6:30pm** as we celebrate the start to a new school year by worshipping together with the NOW Praise Band and a guest speaker.

We hope to see you there!



Supporting the Main Street Preschool Scholarship Fund

For the past five years, I have had the honor and privilege of serving as the Director of Main Street United Methodist Church Preschool. This ministry holds a special place in my heart because it is where I attended preschool as a little girl. It was here that I first learned about Jesus, experienced the love of a church family, and began a lifelong journey of faith and learning.

Each year, our preschool welcomes children and families into a loving Christian environment where they can learn, play, grow, and experience God's love. We are blessed to be part of these children's early years and to help lay a foundation for their future.

One way we extend God's love to our families is through our Scholarship Fund. This fund provides financial assistance to families experiencing hardships and helps make a Christian preschool education possible for children who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend.

Thanks to the generosity of our church, community members, fundraising efforts, and our annual Pumpkin Patch, we were able to provide more than \$5,000 in scholarships last school year. These funds made a meaningful difference in the lives of several families and allowed children to learn and grow in our preschool community.

As we begin a new school year, we are committed to continuing this important ministry, but we need your help. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting our Scholarship Fund in one of the following ways:

- Make a one-time donation
- Contribute spare change in our jugs around the church
- Support and purchase from our annual Pumpkin Patch fundraiser by volunteering and by shopping in our patch.
- Sponsor a child through a monthly donation

Every gift, no matter the size, helps provide opportunities for children to learn, grow, and experience God's love in a nurturing Christian environment.

Thank you all, both individuals and groups, for your prayers, your generosity, and your continued support of Main Street Preschool and the families we serve.

--Kellie Vinay



Until further notice, we are NOT accepting book donations to the Church Library.

Our volunteers need some time to manage the large volume of donations that have already been received. Thank you to all those who have donated books!

Please mark Sunday **August 2nd** on your calendars as we gather together for our **Annual Church Picnic** at Shelter #1 in Triad Park, located at 9652 West Market Street, Kernersville. 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 let us know that you will attend by July 30, using the form at mainstreetumc.org under "signups".

--Member Care Committee



Main Street's Prayer Shawl ministry will meet in the Church Library at 9:30am on the following date:

August 13

Contact Patty Rapp for more information if you are interested in joining this friendly group!

QR Code for your Bulletin

1. Open your phone to camera mode and scan the QR Code.
2. You will now be shown a path to the Main St. website.
3. Once on the website, you will be shown the page that allows you to choose the service you want.
4. You now have your bulletin for your chosen service.



SCAN HERE

The Church Mouse program is a “secret pal” program designed to keep our MSUMC college students connected to their church family. A Church Mouse is assigned a specific college student and provided with a list of their interests and favorites. Throughout the school year, the Church Mouse is encouraged to send a combination of notes, inexpensive treats, care packages, or gift cards. The identity of the Church Mouse is kept a secret throughout the year and is then revealed at the end of the school year in late April/early May. If you have questions, please reach out to Christie Hunter or Tara Stamper.



Contact Betsy in the church office (336-993-3411 / betsy.tang@mainstreetumc.org) by **August 15** if you would like to be a Church Mouse for the 2026-27 school year!

In the month of June, our Main St. youth Made two mission trips With Appalachia Service Project (ASP). One group to Grundy VA, and one group to Spruce Pine NC. ASP has three core principles for volunteers: Safety (preventing accidents on worksites), Sensitivity (respecting the dignity and privacy of families served), and Stewardship (carefully managing tools, building materials, and finances). While all three are important, we'll look at Stewardship in this article.

While on these trips, the volunteers are careful with supplies (measure twice, maybe three times), and cut once. This way there is no wasted material, or money used to buy unnecessary resupplies. They are also stewards at the site where they sleep and eat. They do this by not wasting the food, water, or cleaning supplies for the week. They also recycle any plastic, metal, or cardboard, and bring it back to Main St. to be taken care of.

We older generations can maybe learn a little from our youth. We can pay more attention to what we're doing, so we don't have as much waste. We can recycle more, so we don't send as much to the landfill. And hopefully, in doing this, we may even save ourselves a little money in the process.

1 Peter 4:10 states "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

--submitted by Chuck Dagenhart





We continue to collect your donations of empty egg cartons, clothing, household paper products, and non-perishable grocery items for the *Project Re3 Hope Center* in the rolling bin located at the Main Entrance to the Commons.

The Hope Center is a local site that hosts a Clothing Closet and Food Pantry, located at 3801 Old Hollow Road.

Currently, the Hope Center is in GREAT NEED of summer clothing items: Men's/Women's/Children's clothing, socks, shoes --- anything for summer is needed! Now is a great time for you to do a "closet cleanout" for your summer items in good condition and donate them to the Hope Center!



Thursday Morning
MEN'S
Breakfast
8:00am in the
Fellowship Hall

Join the men of MSUMC and our community for breakfast, a brief devotion, and fellowship every Thursday morning-- suggested donation is only \$5!



Hands Together is Saturday, August 29

Please share and save that date for our churchwide day of service. In addition to continuing most of our successful projects from two years ago, we will have new projects from the Preschool, Room at the Inn and maybe more. Most projects end by noon. The full "roster" of projects and signup form can be found at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe.

Each year, many people tell us how disappointed they are that they are unavailable to take part on Hands Together Day. Good news! We will have two or three projects this year where you can make contributions in advance. Much more news to come!

Kairos Cookies

It's Kairos Cookie Baking Time again. Twice a year, our Kairos team sends a group of volunteers to Central Prison in Raleigh to minister to prison residents during a four-day event. We encourage your participation in this Christ-centered fellowship by supporting our bringing the residents meals and Chocolate Chip Cookies, possibly heaven's greatest gift to desserts. It's a big hit! The Chaplain says that the prison truly calms during Kairos week.

In the past, we have asked church members to participate by cooking and packaging the cookies in specific prison-mandated procedures. You blessed us with your participation, but often times cookies had to be rejected due to the plethora of prison guidelines surrounding the baking and packaging process. So for this upcoming event, we are inviting you to partner with the Kairos team in a different way. You can help us in two ways: 1) Help with the expense of buying the cookie dough, and/or 2) join us in a cookie-baking event in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. We only need about five volunteers to help, so first-come, first-helping?

Sunday, **August 2nd**, we will be in the area between the Narthex and the Chapel asking for donations to the program and asking you to consider praying for us and signing the chain. We will also be baking the cookies on that same day, at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall; please consider joining us!

Thanks in advance for all you've done and continue to do to support this vital ministry that affects the incarcerated.

"I was in prison, and you visited me..." Matthew 25:36-40.

--Your Kairos Team



**Kairos Prison Ministry
International**

The Ladies of
Tuesday Together in Faith
invite you to a

Summer Ladies Tea

Tuesday, July 28th
10:00 am
in The Commons

RSVP to Susan Furmage at (336) 671-1244

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.



We extend our sympathies to:

- Terri Stanley upon the death of her mother, Hilda Tuttle.
- The family & friends of Bettie Moody upon her death.



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).

**Memorials and Honorariums
to *The Rest Stop* received by July 15**



In Honor of:

Greg Vaught

In Memory of:

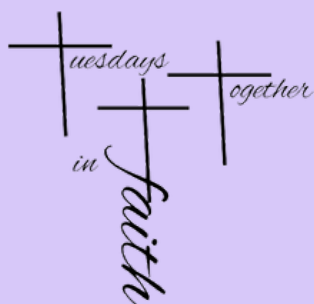
Danny Marsh
Tanya Brumfield
Dave Plyler
Ed Ghent
Eileen Trost
Kenneth Higgins
Pat Thomas
Priscilla Black
Roger Ballard
Robert W. Ward, Jr.
Jeine Danner
J. C. Russell
Myrlene Russell
Curtis Russell
Max & Martha Thompson
Norman & Edith Berry
Wonnice Jordan
Theresa Edwards
Charles M. VanDyke Jr.
Pat Thomas
Carroll & Donald McKnatt
Art & Judy Dreshfield
Curtis Campbell

Given by:

Tom & Beth Vaught

Given by:

Dawn Marsh
Bert Brumfield
Christian Fellowship Sunday School Class
Mike & Susan Harris
Jennifer Toffel
Scott & Tina Higgins
Richard Eskridge
Dave & Polly Black
Ann Ballard
Jan Hampton
Jan Hampton
Patricia Fair
Patricia Fair
Patricia Fair
Kimberly Thompson
James & Martha Berry
James & Martha Berry
Nancy Blakemore
Bernie & Teresa Smith
Ray Thomas
Bill & Emily Dreshfield
Bill & Emily Dreshfield
Judy Osborne



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.



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!



Farewell to our Receptionist/Administrative Assistant

Thank you all so much for letting me work for and alongside ya'll for these last three years! Getting to know you all and be involved in the day to day and the special events has been the greatest blessing. The way everyone has supported me and lifted me up will always stay with me, I could not ask for a better church family! Main Street will always be my church, so I will see you on Sundays!

--Kathryn Jenkins

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 26--Tomato Sandwich luncheon
- August 2--Churchwide picnic at Triad Park
- August 15--Honeybee Festival at 4th of July Park
- August 16--NOW Service in the Chapel with guest speaker for "Back to School"
- August 29--Hands Together Churchwide Day of Service
- September 7--Church Office Closed for Labor Day
- September 9--Oasis and Wed. dinner starts back up
- September 19--Shred Event
- Oct. 3--Pumpkins arrive!
- Oct. 25-30--Helene Rebuild Mission Trip

KIDS CONNECT

Summer 2026



ELEMENTARY

All year, we walked through God's Story—ending with the vital role that each one of us has to play. During the summer, we're digging even deeper into our mission to live like Jesus and share His love with others. That's why this summer's theme is "Kingdom Quest-Seeking the Greatest Treasure."

WHAT'S NEW?

VBS registration is
OPEN!



Kids Connect



PRESCHOOL

We want every preschooler to know and celebrate this truth: I can be part of God's kingdom. Let's pray for our preschoolers and their families. Pray that they come to know that God loves them deeply and that God wants them to be part of His kingdom.

A Record of our Faithfulness

OUR PRESENCE:	6-28-2026	7-5-2026	7-12-2026	7-19-2026
Sunday School	95	60	74	0
8:30am In-Person Worship	69	91	73	68
8:45 Jubilee In-Person Worship	73	62	68	70
10:55am In-Person Worship	104	107	102	105
In-Person Worship Totals	246	260	243	243
8:45am Jubilee Live Stream Worship (<i>unique views</i>)	23	17	15	31
10:55am LiveStream Worship (<i>unique views</i>)	42	43	41	46
Total Live Stream Unique Views	65	60	56	74
Live Streaming Totals (<i>unique views x 1.8</i>)	117	108	101	133
Attendance Totals	363	368	344	376
OUR GIFTS as of:	6-28-2026	7-5-2026	7-12-2026	7-19-2026
Building Fund Weekly Contributions	4675	1450	1675	2225
Weekly Contributions to Budget	30,269	8916	14,998	7831
Budget Contributions YTD	474,634	483,551	498,549	506,380

Main Street Ministries as of June 30

Regular Giving \$ 472,109
 Expenses \$ 509,221
 Over/(Under) \$ (37,112)
 Budget \$ 544,353

Building Fund as of June 30

Building Fund Giving \$ 65,002
 Building Loan Payments \$ 72,000
 Over/(Under) \$ (6,998)
 Loan Balance \$ 1,133,028

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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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)
- Night of Worship (NOW) service*: Third Sundays at 6:30pm in the Chapel

** childcare is provided at these services*

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