



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 26, 2026

10:55am

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

It Is Well With My Soul

David Schwoebel

Dwayne Stanley, organ; Jill Gardner, piano

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah McIntosh

Give thanks to God, for God is good. **God's goodness and mercy are sure.**

Sing to the Spirit, for the Spirit is here. **The Spirit knows the ache for connection deep within us.**

Praise Christ Jesus, who loves us **with a love that is boundless and true.**

Give thanks to God, and sing God's praise, **as we worship together this day.**

* OPENING HYMN No. 405 *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*

SEEK YE

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881 The Apostles' Creed

Sarah McIntosh

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

Sarah McIntosh

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Lanny Lancaster

WE HEAR FROM GOD

PSALTER READING UMH page 828 (with sung refrain) Psalm 105: 1-11

Miriam Ward

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Believe E. Drake, A. Stillman, I. Graham & J. Shirl

Jim Chesson, soloist; Jill Gardner, pianist

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 115: 18
Pew Bible, OT page 564

Victoria Smathers

SERMON

"Wow, God!"

Victoria Smathers

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*** HYMN** No. 133

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER

OFFERING INVITATION

Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY

VBS Slideshow

*** 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

*** HYMN** No. 540

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

*** BENEDICTION**

Victoria Smathers

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare Postlude

Douglas Wagner

Jill Gardner, organ

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
Betsy Tang, Administrative Assistant
Kathryn Jenkins, Administrative Assistant
Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director
Anthony Simmonds, Custodian
Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

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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 **TODAY** in the Fellowship Hall after the Sunday School hour and after the 10:55 service. Menu: Tomato Sandwiches (bacon optional), chips & homemade desserts. Children (optional grilled cheese sandwich)

LITTLE WHEELS FOR MEALS FOOD DRIVE & TRICYCLE RACE

We are collecting non-perishable food items for the Second Annual Little Wheels for Meals Food Drive through **TODAY!** The food items will be donated to 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 are 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.

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.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

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. For this upcoming event, we are inviting you to partner with the Kairos team 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 2**, 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!

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.

HERITAGE CLUB

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 to sign up!

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.

CHURCH MOUSE PROGRAM

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!

JOB OPENINGS

MSUMC currently has three job openings. We would like to hire: a part-time Receptionist/Administrative Assistant; a part-time Custodian; and a part-time facilities lock-up person. If you are interested, please contact Tina Crew in the Church Office. Be sure to visit mainstreetumc.org and look under "News" to find more details about the positions.

NOW SERVICE

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!

SEEK YE FIRST

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Alleluia, alleluia!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Alleluia, alleluia!

FOR THE FRUITS OF THIS CREATION

1. For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God; for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God; for the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labor, God's will is done; in the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done; in our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God; for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God; for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

I LOVE THY KINGDOM, LORD

1. I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode, the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.
2. I love thy church, O God! Her walls before thee stand dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.
3. For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend, to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
4. Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways, her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
5. Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.