



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 16 , 2026

10:55am

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me

W.B. Bradbury/arr. Jason D. Payne

Jill Gardner, organ

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Smathers

When hatred and division separate us, **God's love binds us together.**

When quarrels estrange us, **Christ's grace brings reconciliation.**

When we feel excluded and left out, **The Spirit's peace eases our pain.**

Come! Let us worship the One who makes us one.

* OPENING HYMN No. 191

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

* 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

Wayne Purdy

WE HEAR FROM GOD

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

Victoria Smathers

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, STUDENTS, & STAFF

Sarah McIntosh, Wayne Purdy,
and Victoria Smathers

We are gathered together today in thanksgiving for the gift of education – a gift that we respond to in different ways. In our weariness, and in our excitement; for those of us continuing, and those just beginning; for all who prepare for another school year, we want to offer thanks. Today these people bring forward their backpacks, book bags, briefcases and other carriers that they might be blessed

and dedicated to the glory of God.

We dedicate these items, our work, and ourselves to the glory of God. We thank you, God, for the opportunity to learn, to teach and to serve, so that your work may be done in the world.

May God, the maker of all things, bless these things for the kingdom, and may their use be a blessing to all!

O God, source of all goodness: We give you thanks for the gift of reason and the opportunity for education. Bless our schools, that they may be places of learning and safety where teachers challenge the minds and nurture the hearts of students. Grant that teachers, students, administrators, coaches and support staff may work together in mutual respect and find joy in the challenges of academic life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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 850 (with sung refrain)

Psalm 133

Ann Ballard

ANTHEM

Walk in the Spirit of Love

M. Blankenship & E. Seabough

arr. Jay Rouse

Adult Chancel Choir: Amei Manten, Brenda Montague, Carolyn Simmons, Elaine Fotia, Eric Manten, Janet Lancaster, Jim Chesson, Joy Malit, Lou Martin, Mac Clement, Melissa Dreshfield, Nancy Blakemore, Rich Blakemore, Sarah McCullough, Sharyn Turner, Wes O'Brien; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 4: 8-16

Pew Bible, NT page 209

Sarah McIntosh

SERMON

"Don't Neglect the Gift"

Sarah McIntosh

* HYMN No. 141

Children of the Heavenly Father TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

OFFERING INVITATION

Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY

Aria on "Jewels"

George F. Root/arr. Dale Wood

* DOXOLOGY No. 94

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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. 383

This Is a Day of New Beginnings (vs. 1 – 4)

BEGINNINGS

* BENEDICTION

Sarah McIntosh

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Recessional

Joseph Roff

The Postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship; you are invited to remain seated for a time of joyful prayer.

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

Monthly (Third Sunday of the month)

6:30pm NOW (Night of Worship) service in the Chapel

Main Street UMC Staff

Lanny Lancaster, Senior Pastor
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Wayne Purdy, Pastor of Youth Ministries
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FLOWERS

Today's altar flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my mother, Mary Ellen Shirey, by Regena Brown.

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. Come back to church **TONIGHT** at 6:30pm as we celebrate the start to a new school year by worshipping together with the NOW Praise Band and a message from our own Jacob Hanks. We hope to see you there!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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!

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 our church website, mainstreetumc.org and look under "News" to find more details about the positions.

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR HANDS TOGETHER!

Our churchwide day of caring will be the morning of Saturday **August 29**. Don't miss your chance to join your friends and fellow church members in serving the community and learning more about local nonprofit organizations. Look under "signups" at mainstreetumc.org or pick up a paper form to choose the projects that fit your talents and interests.

SMALL ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

Creation Care's Hands Together Day Project is for the North Carolina Zoo: *Gorillas on the Line*. Cell phones and other small electronic devices contain coltan, a mineral mined in Africa where gorillas live. Recycling these electronics reduces demand for newly mined coltan and helps support gorilla conservation. We have a donation bin located behind the Welcome Desk in the Commons for you to bring your small electronics to donate to this recycling program. Deadline is **August 29**.

BABY SHOWER PROJECT

If you are unable to participate in Hands Together Day on August 29, here is another project that you can be a part of: we are hosting a "Baby Shower"! Bring new (unwrapped) baby clothes or pre-worn baby clothes and maternity clothes in good condition for the expectant mothers at Room at the Inn. From **August 23 to August 29**, there will be a baby-themed box behind the information desk in the Commons. Prayer Shawl Committee is providing baby blankets for the six current moms. (Note: they do not need diapers.)

CONNECT BIBLE STUDY

Do you want to go deeper with Christ? We are offering THREE options for you to be a part of the *Connect Bible Study* each week! Come to the Chapel with Pastor Lanny on Wednesdays at 11:00am or 6:30pm starting on **September 9** - OR - come to Room 320 (upstairs Commons) with Mark Key on Sundays at 5:00pm starting on **September 13**! Register at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe.

PREACHER JEOPARDY

It's that time of year again! Time to make your reservations for the Main Street Methodist Men's Edition of Preacher Jeopardy. This year's event will take place on Tuesday, **September 15**. Dinner will be served at 6:30, with the game starting soon after. Please sign up to attend as soon as possible, because this has become a popular dinner the last couple of years. So, clear your calendars for September 15, make your reservations by **September 11** online at mainstreetumc.org under "signups" on the red stripe, and we look forward to seeing you there. The Methodist Men thank you in advance for your support. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the meal.

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, August's items are toilet paper and paper towels.

JESUS LOVES ME

1. Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
2. Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying "Let them come to me." Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
3. Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way, wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

1. Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
2. God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish; from all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
4. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

THIS IS A DAY OF NEW BEGINNINGS

1. This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.
2. For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.
3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.
4. Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.