



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 16, 2026

8:30am

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

WELCOME

Wayne Purdy

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me
Jill Gardner, organ

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Wayne Purdy

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.

* HYMN No. 191

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

ANTHEM

Walk in the Spirit of Love

M. Blankenship & E. Seabough
arr. Jay Rouse

Adult Chancel Chorale: Amei Manten, Andy Anderson, Carol Manz, Celia Leal, Cheryl McKinney,
Chuck Dagenhart, Chuck Foster, Dan Whitney, Dave Black, Debbie Prior, Eric Manten, Gail Tozer,
Janet Lancaster, Theresa Johnston-Crews; 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

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* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Wayne Purdy

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881

The Apostles' Creed

Wayne Purdy

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. **universal*

PSALTER READING UMH page 850 (with sung refrain) Psalm 133 Darrell Davis

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895 Wayne Purdy

OFFERING INVITATION Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY *Aria on "Jewels"* George F. Root/arr. Dale Wood

* **DOXOLOGY** No. 95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below:

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Wayne Purdy

* **HYMN** No. 383 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings (vs. 1 – 4)* BEGINNINGS

* **BENEDICTION** Wayne Purdy

* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** No. 191 Refrain of *Jesus Loves Me*

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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.

* 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.
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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
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

Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director
Anthony Simmonds, Custodian
Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

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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.