



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 4, 2026
World Communion Sunday

10:55am
Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

PRELUDE

Fantasy Pieces, Opus 73: 1st Movement
Cori Treczer, cellist; Jill Gardner, pianist

Robert Schumann

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Smathers

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
The risen Christ is with us. **Praise the Lord!**

* OPENING HYMN TFWS No. 2236

Gather Us In

GATHER US IN

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Victoria Smathers

PASTORAL PRAYER

Sarah McIntosh

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 750 (with sung response #2) Psalm 19

Susan Lapping

ANTHEM

For Everyone Born

arr. Tom Trenney

Adult Chancel Choir: Amei Manten, Ann Stoebe, Brenda Montague, Carolyn Simmons, 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; Cori Treczer, cellist; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3: 4-14
Pew Bible, NT page 198

Lanny Lancaster

HOMILY

"A Yuppie Finds Jesus"

Lanny Lancaster

* HYMN No. 451

Be Thou My Vision

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OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY

Fantasy Pieces, Opus 73: 2nd Movement

Cori Trenczer, cellist; Jill Gardner, pianist

Sarah McIntosh

Robert Schumann

* 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

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH page 12 and page 17 Musical Setting A

Lanny Lancaster, Sarah McIntosh, Wayne Purdy

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Lanny Lancaster

SHARING THE MEAL

Music for Meditation *Sarabande from Cello Suite No. 3 in C Major, BWV 1009*

J. S. Bach

Cori Trenczer, cellist

In the United Methodist Church, the Lord's Table is open to everyone who seeks the grace of God in Christ. Because of our conviction that God's grace is extended to people of all ages, children are welcome at the communion table. You will stand to receive the elements and then kneel to pray at the communion rail if you choose. As a sign of your openness to receive the sacrament, stretch out your hands to receive the bread. The pastors will place a piece of bread in your hand and you will be offered the cup. A gluten-free option is available in the center for any who need it. By faith, this will be for you a sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ. The ushers will guide your coming to and going from the Lord's Table. If you are unable to come to the front to receive communion, just let one of the ushers know and the pastors will serve you in your seat. You are welcome to leave an offering to the poor on the communion rail.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Wayne Purdy

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

* **HYMN** TFWS No. 2223 *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

ST BRENDAN'S

* BENEDICTION

Lanny Lancaster

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Fantasy Pieces, Opus 73: 3rd Movement

Robert Schumann

Cori Trenczer, cellist; Jill Gardner

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

Today's Communion Assistants: Bruce & Deb Fletcher



***The Vision of Main Street United Methodist Church is to
Connect with Christ
Connect with Each Other and
Connect with the Community***

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)

6:00pm 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
Cynthia Weinstein, Administrative Assistant
Kellie Vinay, Preschool Director
Anthony Simmonds, Custodian
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FROZEN CASSEROLE PRE-SALE

United Women in Faith are taking orders in the Commons **TODAY** for frozen casseroles. Plan to pickup your casseroles on November 8 in the Fellowship Hall; all casseroles must be preordered. Varieties include Sweet Potato, Mrs. Mary's Chicken, Poppysseed Chicken, and Swiss Chicken casseroles.

OASIS WORSHIP SERVICE

Come to the Sanctuary at 5:00pm on Wednesdays for an intimate 30-minute service with Holy Communion and prayer led by one of our pastors, with music by Chuck Foster, and a short devotion by a member of our congregation.

WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER

The entrée on **October 7** is White Chicken Chili (*gluten-free entrée is available upon request*). Dinner is served at 5:30pm. Reservations can be made by: signing a reservation card and placing it in the offering plate; emailing receptionist@mainstreetumc.org; calling the church office at 336-993-3411; visiting our website or clicking the link in the Thursday Connections email each week. Reservations for dining in-person or "to-go" must be made by **Monday at noon**. The suggested donation is \$6/adult, \$3/child (10 & under). We accept cash or check. New Horizons SS class serving.

REALLY, REALLY FREE MARKET

Creation Care Team's "Really, Really Free Market" is Saturday, **October 10** from 9 to noon in the church parking lot. Please bring your unneeded items to the church parking lot that morning at 8:00am, you do not need to stay, and leftover items will be collected by a charity thrift store. At this market, no money changes hands. We clean out our unwanted items and share them with our neighbors who may have uses for them. It's just another way to recycle! Keep in mind that we can't handle heavy, unwieldy furniture or appliances. Your Creation Care team members will have tables ready and will assist you in unloading and putting out your items. See our display near the Welcome Desk for more information.

TRIP TO SEE JILL PERFORM

Our Jill Gardner is a featured performer at the Martha Bassett show in Elkin on Thursday **October 15**. We would like to show our support by attending the show. We have access to half-price tickets at a cost of \$15 and will stop for dinner on the way (if you use church transportation then please bring \$5). If you would like to travel with the group from the church to see this performance, please register online at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe. Contact Jan Hampton at janwardhampton@gmail.com. Cash payment will be accepted when you arrive for the show.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT and HOT DOGS and NOW!

Get ready for a fun afternoon and evening on **October 18!**

- *Trunk or Treat* in the parking lot at 4:00pm. Contact Victoria Smathers (Victoria.smathers@mainstreetumc.org) for information about hosting a trunk—the more trunks we have, the more fun we will have! We are also accepting donations of nut-free candy and other small treats to hand out at each trunk.
- *Hot Dog Supper* in the Fellowship Hall hosted by the Great Expectations Sunday School class. Donations accepted to cover the cost of the meal.
- *NOW service (Night of Worship)* in the parking lot at 6:00pm with a message from Sarah McIntosh and awesome music from the NOW Praise Band as we worship OUTDOORS! Bring your folding chairs!
- Join us for one, two, or all three events!

HERITAGE CLUB

You are invited to join the Heritage Club on the trip to Boone on **October 22**. We will leave the church at 9:45 AM and head to Boone for lunch at 11:30. Cost for the meal will be \$32.89 (this includes tax and tip) and they are now accepting credit cards. After lunch, we will head over to the Shoppes on the Parkway (previously known as a Tanger Outlet) for a short shopping trip before heading back home. Reservations are required by **October 19**, please contact Debbie Smith at 336-671-1215.

ADULT MISSION TRIP

As you know, there is still a lot of need in the wake of Hurricane Helene even though it's been almost 2 years. This year's October rebuild mission will be near Asheville, NC in Swannanoa. We will stay at a Baptist on Mission (BOM) facility. The dates are **October 25-30** and we will be doing construction-related home repair and/or new build (details TBD). All/any skill level is needed. In the past, we've done painting, caulking, finish trim, framing, roofing, insulation, window/door installation, siding, and more. Contact MSUMC member Ivan Johnson for more details and/or go online to register at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLR5ZCJ>

LUNCH FOR VETERANS

We want to invite our church family to join us in honoring the military veterans in our congregation and community on **November 7** at noon; we will host a special fellowship luncheon/recognition service in our church's Fellowship Hall. If you or a family member have served in the United States Armed Forces, we would love for you to join us so we can express our deepest gratitude for your sacrifice and dedication. Please sign up by contacting the Church Office by **October 26** so we can prepare accordingly.

COLLECTION BOXES

We 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, housewares; BOOKSAPALOOZA—donate new or used books; and CRISIS CONTROL—donate non-perishable food, each month has an item to focus on, October's item is canned meats.

GATHER US IN

1. Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame; call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
2. We are the young our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face, we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in the rich and the haughty, gather us in the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the staff, here we will take the bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
4. Not in the dark of buildings confined, not in some heaven, lightyears away, but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the Kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

BE THOU MY VISION

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
3. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.