



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 27, 2026

10:55am

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Sonatina in the Antique Style, Opus 157, No. 4 (Allegro)

Fritz Spindler

Sophia Cochran, pianist

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

CAROL CHOIR INTROIT

I Am A PROMISE Bill & Gloria Gaither/arr. Craig Adams

Jill Branoff, accompanist; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Smathers

Sing praise to God, **our Creator and Redeemer.**

Sing praise to Christ, **our Lord and Savior.**

Sing praise to the Spirit, **who has called us to worship this day.**

* OPENING HYMN No. 160

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Victoria Smathers

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

Wayne Purdy

WE HEAR FROM GOD

ANTHEM

Come, Sing the JOY of the Lord

Sandra Ford

Carol Choir; 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; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries; Linda Wakefield, handbell soloist; Jill branoff, accompanist

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM No. 33

Sarah McIntosh, Wayne Purdy, Victoria Smathers

Catherine Collins Froelich

PSALTER READING UMH page 799 (with sung refrain) Psalm 78: 1-4, 9-20, 32-38

Jim Barrett

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61: 1-3
Pew Bible, OT page 691

Sarah McIntosh

SERMON

“Connect with our Community”

Sarah McIntosh

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*** HYMN** No. 572

Pass It On

PASS IT ON

OFFERING INVITATION

Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY

Gymnopédie #1 from Trois gymnopédies
Sophia Cochran, pianist

Erik Satie

*** 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. 584

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*** BENEDICTION**

Sarah McIntosh

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE

Sonatina in the Antique Style, Opus 157, No. 4 (Presto)
Sophia Cochran, pianist

Fritz Spindler

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



***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.

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

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

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ROSEBUD

The white rosebud on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Leonard & Lois Porcelli, Gina Muller's parents.

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The red rosebud on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Nalani Juan Johnson, granddaughter of Anthony & Lisa Simmonds.

PLASTIC RECYCLING PROGRAM ENDING

Our Nex-Trex plastic bag recycling program is coming to an end. The collection bins will be removed from locations around the church **TODAY**. Even though Main Street's project is ending, we hope you will continue to recycle your plastic and drop it off at local grocery stores—our donations have resulted in over 1000 pounds of plastic bags staying out of landfills, so it really makes a difference!

SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUNDRAISER

The United Women in Faith are sponsoring a Spaghetti Lunch **TODAY** from 10:45am until 12:30pm. Make plans to meet up with some of your church friends to enjoy food and fellowship together! No reservations needed. Donations will be accepted; proceeds will go towards the mission projects of United Women in Faith.

WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER

The entrée on **September 30** is Meatloaf (*gluten-free entrée is available upon request*). Dinner is served at 5:30pm. Dining together is a great fellowship opportunity, but if you need to get your meal "to-go", then we can do that, too! We have disposable takeout containers but we encourage you to bring your own re-usable containers for "to-go" meals. 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. Great Expectations SS class serving.

FROZEN CASSEROLE PRE-SALE

United Women in Faith are taking orders in the Commons before worship on **Sept. 27, and Oct. 4** 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, Poppyseed Chicken, and Swiss Chicken.

CONNECTION SURVEYS

Let us know how you would like to share your time and talents with MSUMC. Look in the Narthex and Commons for survey forms and an electronic version is also available at mainstreetumc.org under "signups" on the red stripe. Surveys are due by **September 30**.

THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!

Our pumpkins will be arriving Saturday, **October 3** at 8:00 AM! We'll meet in the parking lot at 7:45 AM and could use lots of helping hands to unload the truck. Can't make it that early? No problem—come when you can! We especially need extra help toward the end of unloading the truck, so even if you can't arrive right at 8:00, we would LOVE to have you join us! Many hands make light work, and we're so excited to fill our patch with pumpkins! We also need help with volunteer shifts in the pumpkin patch throughout October. Contact Kellie Vinay at the preschool or Victoria Smathers at the church office for more information (336-993-3411).

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 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 with any questions 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!
- *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!

REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART

1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks, and sing; your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. Rejoice, (Rejoice,) rejoice, (rejoice,) rejoice, give thanks and sing.
2. Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud; whilst answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud. Rejoice, (Rejoice,) rejoice, (rejoice,) rejoice, give thanks and sing.
3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go; from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. Rejoice, (Rejoice,) rejoice, (rejoice,) rejoice, give thanks and sing.
4. At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their heavenly home, Jerusalem the blest. Rejoice, (Rejoice,) rejoice, (rejoice,) rejoice, give thanks and sing.
5. Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore. Rejoice, (Rejoice,) rejoice, (rejoice,) rejoice, give thanks and sing.

LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION

1. Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
2. Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
3. Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward, asking that the world around us share your children's liberty. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
4. Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive." Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give. May your care and mercy lead us to a just society. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.
5. Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end." Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity. With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.