



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 6, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am
Traditional Worship Service

WELCOME

Sarah McIntosh

PRELUDE

Meditation in C Major
Jill Gardner, organ

John S. Dixon

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah McIntosh

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

* HYMN No. 617

I Come With Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Sarah McIntosh

ANTHEM

Holy Spirit, Flame and Fire
Kincaid Vinay, Liturgical Dancer

Deborah Govenor

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, Leon Martin, Theresa Johnston-Crews; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18: 15-20
Pew Bible, NT page 20

Lanny Lancaster

HOMILY

"Spirit Life: Unity"

Lanny Lancaster

* HYMN No. 560

Help Us Accept Each Other

ACCEPTANCE

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Sarah McIntosh

PSALTER READING UMH page 861 (with sung refrain) Psalm 148

Pat Knox

PASTORAL PRAYER

Sarah McIntosh

OFFERING INVITATION

Sarah McIntosh

OFFERTORY

Duo in G Major

John S. Dixon

* **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

Sarah McIntosh

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

Sarah McIntosh

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

SHARING THE MEAL

Music for Meditation

Just As I Am

J. Mansfield

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)

Sarah McIntosh

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** No. 389

Freely, Freely

FREELY, FREELY

*** BENEDICTION**

Sarah McIntosh

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE** No. 557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds, vs. 1

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata

David H. Hegarty

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

Serving Communion Today: Ken & Theresa Crews, Pat Knox, Tracy Whitaker

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)

6:00pm 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
Cynthia Barron, Kitchen Hostess

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THANK YOU

for helping to care for our Sanctuary by not bringing in food and coffee/beverages.

ROSEBUD

The white rosebud on the altar in the Sanctuary is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Ellen Lancaster, Lanny Lancaster's mother.

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.

DISCIPLE 3 BIBLE STUDY

We are excited to be offering the *Disciple 3 Bible Study: Remember Who You Are* which covers the Prophets and the Letters of Paul. Wayne Boger will lead this 24-session class and it will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30pm. The orientation meeting will be held on **September 9** at 6:30pm and the first class will begin on September 16. The cost for materials is \$40 and you can pay at the orientation meeting. Please register in advance at mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe.

OASIS WORSHIP SERVICE

Oasis starts back for the Fall on **September 9**! 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 **September 9** is Pork Tenderloin (*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, check, or cards. Grose-Kirkman and Becoming SS classes serving.

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.

SHREDDING

Circles #2 and #5 are sponsoring a Shred Event on Saturday, **September 19** from 9am until noon in the church parking lot. Suggested donation is \$5 per box and all proceeds go to benefit local ministries in Kernersville.

HERITAGE CLUB

The Heritage Club will go see Thomas Dambo's "Little Sally" Troll in High Point on Monday, **September 21**. The van will leave the church at 10 am. You can ride in the van, follow us or meet us there. There is a short nature trail leading to the sculpture so you might want to bring a cane or walker if you feel like your balance might be challenged. We will eat lunch at Santorini's Grill in High Point afterwards. If you would like to join us, please call or text Debbie Smith at 336-671-1215.

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**.

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.

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/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>