



MAIN STREET

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 18, 2026

10:55am

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wayne Purdy

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Jill Gardner, organ

Lani Smith

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Victoria Smathers

Come to us, O God. **Breathe through our worship with your Holy Spirit.**
Fill us with your faithful love. **Guide us with your ancient teachings.**
Come to us, O God. **Be in our prayer and praise.**

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 89

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ODE TO JOY

* 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

Sarah McIntosh

WE HEAR FROM GOD

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 769 (with sung response #2) Psalm 34

C.J. Garrison

ANTHEM*And the Father Will Dance*

Mark Hayes

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

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22: 34-40

Lanny Lancaster

Pew Bible, NT page 25

SERMON

"The Greatest Commandment"

Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD*** HYMN** No. 453*More Love to Thee, O Christ*

MORE LOVE TO THEE

OFFERING INVITATION

Sarah McIntosh

OFFERTORY *More Love to Thee, O Christ (with Nearer my God, to Thee)* arr. J. Evanovich*** 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. 671*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

SICILIAN MARINERS

*** BENEDICTION**

Lanny Lancaster

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY****POSTLUDE***Postlude in G Major*

Gerald Peterson

*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



Connect with Christ
Connect with Each Other
Connect with Our 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.

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
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Anthony Simmonds, Custodian

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THANK YOU

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

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 21** is Baked Pasta (*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 cynthia.weinstein@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. Grose-Kirkman/Becoming SS classes serving.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT and HOT DOGS and NOW!

Get ready for a fun afternoon and evening **TODAY!!**

- *Trunk or Treat* in the parking lot from 4 to 6pm.
- *Hot Dog Supper* in the Fellowship Hall from 4 to 6pm 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. Remember to bring a folding chair!
- Join us for one, two, or all three events!

NOW SERVICE

You are invited to worship with us at our *Night of Worship (NOW)* service **TONIGHT** at 6:00pm in the parking lot. Bring your lawn chairs and get ready to enjoy music from the NOW Praise Band and a message from Pastor Sarah!

KITCHEN HOSTESS JOB OPENING

We are taking applications for a positive presence to fill the ministry of Main Street's Kitchen Hostess. Responsibilities would include the preparation of the Mid-Week Connect Meal and coordinating other church-sponsored meals plus general oversight and maintenance of the Kitchen. If cooking for a crowd sounds like the ministry for you, please email Tina Crew (tina.crew@mainstreetumc.org) for more details.

HERITAGE CLUB

You are invited to join the Heritage Club on the trip to Boone on **October 22**. We will leave the church at 9:30 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.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

The new issues for November/December have arrived! Pick up your copy in the Sanctuary Narthex, at the "Member Pick-up Station" inside the Main Entrance to the Connections Building, or in the Chapel Narthex.

ALL SAINTS

All Saints Day is Sunday, **November 1**. *All Saints* is the day set aside in the Christian Year to remember those who we love who have made a significant impact on our lives and faith and who have completed this life and now live forever in the church eternal. You are invited to stop by the Sanctuary Narthex and place a bell on the All Saints Day Banner as a remembrance of those you love who have died. The All Saints Day Banner will be displayed during our 8:30 and 10:55 worship services on November 1.

OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on **November 5** at 11:45am for lunch and fellowship! RSVP to Pat Knox (336-993-5413).

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 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.

FROZEN CASSEROLE PICKUP

Pick-up your pre-ordered frozen casseroles from the United Women of Faith on **November 8** in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00am to 12:30pm. Bring cash or check (written to United Women of Faith) for the suggested donation of \$14 per small casserole and \$18 per large casserole.

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.