MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 15, 2026 10:55am
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS Wayne Purdy

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Tracy Roberson

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* Carolyn Hamlin
Jill Gardner, organ

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Victoria Smathers
Raise your eyes to the God of heaven and earth. **We raise our hearts and voices with songs of praise.**
Awaken your mind to the mysteries of God. **We open ourselves to listen and learn in new ways.**
Notice your blessings and gifts, miraculously given by God. **We offer our lives and gifts to bless and grow God's love in the world.**

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN** No. 103 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

*** 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. **universal*

*** GLORIA PATRI** No. 71 *Glory Be to the Father* GREATOREX
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** Victoria Smathers

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895 Lanny Lancaster

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 809 (with sung refrain) Psalm 90 name

ANTHEM *I Trust in You* Darcy Stanley

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, Sally Brown, Sarah McCullough, Sharyn Turner, Wes O'Brien; Jill Gardner, Director of Music Ministries

SCRIPTURE Joshua 24: 1-3, 14-25 Sarah McIntosh

Pew Bible, OT page 215

SERMON "Whom Will You Serve?" Sarah McIntosh

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*** HYMN** No. 413 *A Charge to Keep I Have* BOYLSTON

(You are invited to bring your 2027 Financial Commitment Cards to the Communion Rail during this hymn)

OFFERING INVITATION Wayne Purdy

OFFERTORY *Simple Gifts* Wilbur Held

*** 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** TFWS No. 2222 *The Servant Song* THE SERVANT SONG

*** BENEDICTION** Sarah McIntosh

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE *Recessional in F Major* 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

The Vision of Main Street United Methodist Church

Connect with Christ
Connect with Each Other
Connect with Our Community

Thank you for worshiping 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.

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

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UPCOMING FUNERAL
The Celebration of Life service for MSUMC member David McAdoo will be at 3:00pm on November 21 in our Sanctuary.

NOW SERVICE
You are invited to worship with us at our *Night of Worship (NOW*) service every 3rd Sunday at **6:00pm** in the Chapel. Nursery will be available for tiny ones and we will have *Kids Connect* small group for school-aged children. The next *NOW* service will be **TONIGHT** and we hope to see you there!

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 **November 18** is Chicken Casserole *(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. New Horizons SS class serving.

CHURCH COUNCIL/CHARGE CONFERENCE
We will have our Church Council meeting and Charge Conference at a combined session on **November 19** at 7:00pm in the Chapel. As is always the case, Charge Conference sessions are open meetings in The United Methodist Church. If you are not a member of our Church Council/Charge Conference, but wish to observe this Charge Conference session, please attend. However, only Church Council/Charge Conference members will be able to vote.

KERNERSVILLE STOCKING FUND CONCERT
For over 30 years, many of Kernersville's children and their families have been able to wake up on Christmas Morning with gifts under the tree and a special Christmas Feast on the table. This is made possible by the generosity of community members and the donations from our Annual Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund Charity Concert. This concert will again be presented in our Sanctuary here at Main Street UMC on **November 20** at 7pm. Start your holiday season off by attending this special night of fundraising, music and merriment!

CONSECRATION SUNDAY SPEAKER
We are excited to welcome our Yadkin Valley District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Mark Conforti, to MSUMC as our Guest Preacher on **November 22** at all 3 services as we celebrate Consecration Sunday. You will not want to miss his inspiring message!

CONSECRATION POTLUCK DINNER
Join us at our Consecration Dinner on **November 22** in the Fellowship Hall for a huge church family potluck meal to mark the culmination of our "Connect" stewardship campaign. We will start bringing our food items and gather at 5:00pm with the blessing to be offered at 5:30pm. The Member Care Team will provide tea and lemonade and then we need a variety of main dishes, side dishes and desserts to make this a true potluck dinner. To help us better plan, please signup by **November 20** to let us know that you plan to attend. To signup, go to mainstreetumc.org and click "signups" on the red stripe.

ADVENT WREATH
Be part of our Advent tradition! We're looking for readers of all ages to help us light the Advent wreath during worship services this season. Let Victoria know if you would like to share in this special time of reflection as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus. We'd love to have you be part of it!

POINSETTIAS AND MEMORIAL DONATIONS
As in years past, we will decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas with poinsettias. A poinsettia may be placed in the church in honor or memory of a friend or loved one. These poinsettias can be ordered through the church office for $10.00 each. Orders are due no later than **November 29**. You can write a note on an offering envelope and place your payment in the offering plate or bring your payment to the Church Office. If you would rather make a memorial donation instead of purchasing a poinsettia, there is also an option on the "sign up" to make an Honorarium/Memorial contribution to the Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund. Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary and Chapel in early December and ***we will list the gifts (both poinsettias and stocking fund memorials) in the December 15 newsletter.***

CHAPEL CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS
United Women in Faith Circle #5 is selling beautiful MSUMC ornaments again this year. These ornaments are made of solid pewter and are made in the USA. We have about 25 ornaments left from last year's order of "Chapel in the Snow". We will ask for a suggested donation of $25 each and these will be available in the Commons on November 15, 22, 29 and December 6 (or until we sell out). Proceeds from this sale will go to missions of the church and our community.

SHOEBOXES
Main Street UMC is participating in packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year! Grab a recycled shoebox and consider adding items such as coloring books, drawing and coloring supplies, stuffed animals, toys, school or craft supplies, yo-yos, hair accessories, hats, gloves, socks, puzzles, books and even hygiene items! Main Street will not be providing shoeboxes for packing this year (please use a recycled shoebox or a plastic shoebox-size bin), but the possibilities are still endless. Return your filled shoeboxes to MSUMC by **NOON** on **December 6** . Join us on December 6 at the 10:55 service where the boxes will be blessed and loaded up to deliver! Have fun shopping and packing the box while imagining the joy that this gift will bring to a child!

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR HOME FRIENDS
Let's continue the wonderful Main Street tradition of showing love and care for each other with Christmas Cards for our Home Friends and Members over the age of 90. A list of names is available in the November newsletter and at the Member Pick-up Station. A collection box for your cards will be in the Narthex from **November 15 through December 7**.