MAIN STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 8, 2026 — 10:55am
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost — Traditional Worship Service

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS — Victoria Smathers

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT — Emmett Ellis

WE APPROACH GOD

PRELUDE — *Pastoral Dance on Simple Gifts* — Andrew Clarke
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 voicees 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. 662 — *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* — ST. MICHAEL

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** No. 883 — Victoria Smathers

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*** 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 — 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 799 (with sung refrain) Psalm 78 Chuck Dagenhart

ANTHEM *Blessed Be the Lord, Who Doeth Wondrous Things*

H. Purcell/arr. H. Whitford

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 Matthew 23: 1-12 Lanny Lancaster

Pew Bible, NT page 25

SERMON "Humble Yourself" Lanny Lancaster

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*** HYMN** No. 430 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON

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

OFFERING INVITATION Sarah McIntosh

OFFERTORY *Alleluia from Exultate, Jubilate* W.A. Mozart/arr. D. Kelley

Rachel Hall, French horn; Carol Manz, piano

*** 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 Sarah McIntosh

*** HYMN** TFWS No. 2176 *Make Me A Servant* MAKE ME A SERVANT

*** BENEDICTION** Lanny Lancaster

*** CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

POSTLUDE *Postlude on Two American Folk Tunes("Foundation" & "Simple Gifts")*

C. Callahan

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
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UPCOMING FUNERAL
The Celebration of Life service for MSUMC member Chip Cole is this afternoon at 3:00pm in our Sanctuary.

ROSEBUD
The white rosebud on the altar in the Sanctuary is in memory of Terry Southern, husband of Anne Southern and son-in-law of Helen Holt.

FROZEN CASSEROLE PICKUP
Pick-up your pre-ordered frozen casseroles from the United Women of Faith **TODAY** 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.

WEDNESDAY CONNECT DINNER
The entrée on **November 11** is Hamburger Steak *(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. Great Expectations Fellowship SS class serving.

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 OUTING
You are invited to join the Heritage Club on **November 12** to visit Southern Supreme Fruitcake Factory for shopping and lunch at Best Foods cafeteria. Van will leave the church at 10:00. We will eat lunch first and then go to the Fruitcake Factory. Deadline to sign up is **November 9**, please contact Debbie Smith at 336-671-1215.

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 on **November 15** and we hope to see you there!

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.

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** at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for a huge church family potluck meal to mark the culmination of our "Connect" stewardship campaign. 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.***

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** .