My family and I would like to express our humble and sincere gratitude to the congregation for allowing me to serve as one of your pastors at Main Street UMC.

I remember 15 years ago, when Lynn, Margaux, Caroline and I were welcomed into this church family and the community of Kernersville. I had just graduated from Duke Divinity School and had never served as a full-time pastor. I had never preached a sermon outside of the academic world. I had a lot to learn! Everyone I met was very patient with me and helped me along the way.

We worshiped God together on Wednesdays and Sundays surrounded by a beautiful sanctuary and blessed with wonderful music. On Wednesday nights, we prayed for each other at Oasis and shared Holy Communion. Our Stephen Ministers prayed for us and anointed us with oil.

We did Adult Bible Studies together on Wednesday mornings and shared lunch together. You invited me to teach your Adult Sunday School classes. We participated in Disciple Bible Studies on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings. We shared breakfast with the UMM on Thursday mornings.

We traveled together to the Holy Land. Lynn and I were honored to be sponsored to participate in Presbyterian Pilgrimage. We served together as volunteers for Presbyterian Pilgrimage weekends. We did prison ministry together at Central Prison through KAIROS prison ministries. You baked 1,000s of cookies so we could share the love of Christ to prisoners.

We did numerous Outreach and Missions ministries in Kernersville and the surrounding areas through Adult and Youth Mission trips, Helping Hands, Hands Together Day, Bethany Café, Habitat for Humanity, Bethesda Center,

Continued on page 2
The Ways You Have Touched Our Life

Parking for Spring Folly/Crisis Control, and sharing meals at the Fourth of July Park.

You blessed me with a wonderful pastoral care team of retired Ordained Elders and trained Stephen Ministers. During the past 15 years you have allowed me into some of the most intimate details of your lives. You trusted me with confidential information. I took this responsibility very seriously.

We celebrated the births of newborn babies, baptisms, weddings, and anniversaries. You invited me to visit with you in your homes. You allowed me to visit you in the hospitals and nursing homes. You called me when there was a death in the family. I mourned the losses of loved ones and you invited me to celebrate their lives.

Over the years we have been blessed with an incredible staff. Each person brings a unique set of abilities and gifts. Our staff at Main Street UMC has made my ministry more powerful and effective because of their willingness to work together as a team. I am very thankful, and I will miss them terribly.

It has been a wonderful privilege to serve as your Pastor of Congregational Care. I will never forget the pastors, staff, congregation, friendships, and long-lasting memories of doing ministry together. May God bless each and every one of you.

Blessings and peace, Pastor Rick, Lynn, Margaux, and Caroline
Scholarship Applications are now open

JC Grose Scholarship

The JC Grose Class announces that applications are open to award the tenth annual JC Grose Class Memorial Scholarship.

The application is available on the church website www.mainstreetumc.org under Ministries/Youth.

The scholarship provides financial support to Main Street United Methodist members and children of members who are pursuing college degrees at an accredited 2 or 4 year institution of higher learning. The scholarship provides up to $1,000 dollars for a student who has completed his or her freshman, sophomore, or junior years. Prior award recipients may also apply for additional years of support by reapplying each summer and maintaining an acceptable grade point average. The deadline for scholarship applications is Friday, June 11, 2021 at 5:00 PM. Main Street UMC parents and guardians, please make your students aware of this opportunity for financial help.

If you have questions about the application, contact Wade Hampton at 336-996-1560 or at wjhampton57@gmail.com. Members of the JC Grose Class serve as the scholarship selection committee and will choose from applications submitted. The scholarship is funded through memorial gifts in memory of class members and other funds raised by the JC Grose Sunday School Class.

Linville Scholarship for High School Seniors

Applications are now available at the church office or on the church website, www.mainstreetumc.org, for the Linville Scholarship. Applicants should be a member of Main Street UMC and actively participate in church programs. Preference will be given to those applicants who exhibit a strong desire for teaching or a science related career. For more information, please contact the church office for an application.

All applications must be returned to the church office by Sunday, May 23, 2021.
Attention Parents of College Graduates

On June 6, Graduate Sunday, we would like to honor our new college graduates and those who have earned new postgraduate degrees by having them briefly stand at their pew for recognition during the 11:00am service and with name and degree information shown on the screen. Church members who have recently graduated from college are invited to submit their name, college, major, and degree earned (B.S., B.A., Master’s, etc) to Betsy (betsy.tang@mainstreetumc.org) at the church office by June 4 to be included in the June newsletter.

Join us on Thurs., May 20 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall for — NOW—Night of Worship.
All children in attendance can join us for our SLIPPERS & SMORES Kids Night during NOW! Bring your kids in their jammies for a night of fun before bed!

LIFT YOUR VOICE & SING IN 2021

As we anticipate the return to all three worship services at MSUMC and as we look toward the fall, we are recruiting singers for both of our traditional service choirs. We have had a very committed group of singers who have remained constant during the pandemic year, but additional new singers are needed to help rebuild the choirs and take them to new musical heights this year. We currently have a combined in-person and Zoom rehearsal that takes place on Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. For those who prefer to sing from home there is a Zoom component. Singers on Nancy’s email list receive a weekly Zoom link and can sing from home, or you can come to the Sanctuary where we spread out in the pews to rehearse in person! We are preparing music for Rick Carter’s last Sunday on May 30 as well as for the July 11 start-up of all 3 services and the welcome for in-coming Pastor Phil Kuntz. This is a significant summer for Main Street and we invite you to lift your voice as an expression of gratitude to God for all that God has brought us through during the pandemic year. Joy will have the last word! Come, sing your thanks and praise! For More info contact Dir. of Music Ministries, Nancy Blakemore at nancy@mainstreetumc.org.
Dear Main Street,

Our Main Street family showered our family with love during Roger’s extended illness and death. You brought joy into our lives in so many ways – prayers, visits, food, phone calls, cards, emails, offers of help and responding so willingly when I asked for help. Even during COVID when we were grieving we received cards and phone calls that made the days much brighter. Our appreciation and love for each of you is boundless. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,

—Ann Ballard and family

Thank you so much for the love and concern you have poured upon us as Gerald’s declining health necessitated his transition to assisted living at Arbor Acres. Your words of encouragement that we both have received through cards, calls and a “You Are Loved” yard sign have helped us through these challenging weeks. We have felt the blessing of your prayers lifted in our behalf. We feel so fortunate to be a part of such a loving church family.

—Gerald & Terri Sapp

I want to thank all those who sent me a Sympathy card for the passing of my Mom, Laura (Lolly) Johnson. I am so glad I was able to spend 3+ years with her and that you all got to meet her. I truly appreciate the kind words expressed in your cards; they brought comfort and joy knowing so many of you care about her and me. She lived a very good and fulfilling life and was loved & admired by our family and most all of her community in Wayne, PA for her graciousness and constant sense of humor. We all joked that she knew everyone in town because strangers to her were just friends she hadn't met yet. The memorial service for her will be held in June at Wayne Presbyterian Church which is her burial site.

—Sally Brown

Thank you for all the support, love, cards, and gifts we have received during our long, hard journey.

Although we have broken hearts, we know Bob is at rest and at peace!

The kind words of encouragement have meant so much.

—Joan Pegg and family

I want to say Thank You for the outpouring of support through your phone calls, cards, text messages, the Seafarers Class, and also the Stephen Ministry at Main Street in the loss of my 19 year old grandson, Connor Tiffany. Your prayers have been so uplifting in this immense time of sorrow.

—Connie Trainer

I would like to thank my church family for all the kind words, notes, cards, love offering and lovely framed picture of the church. It has been my honor to serve with you at Main Street. I look forward to working with the staff and other volunteers in growing our church and God’s kingdom.

—Susan Furmage
Kids Connect Lessons for the month of June

**REMEMBER THIS:**
“*I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.*”
—Psalm 27:13 NIV

**Our Theme:**
Confidence is learning to see yourself the way God sees you.

---

**Week One**
John 3:16
God So Loved the World

**SAY THIS:**
You can be confident because God loves you.

**Week Two**
Joshua 5:13-6:20
Israel Captures Jericho

**SAY THIS:**
God’s plan is the best plan.

**Week Three**
Judges 6-8
Gideon

**SAY THIS:**
God can use you no matter what.

**Week Four**
1 Kings 18:16-46
Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

**SAY THIS:**
God can do the impossible.

---

At Home Activities for the month of May:

**Morning Time:** Write the word YOU and your child’s mirror. Tell them, “You can be confident in who YOU are because God loves YOU.”

**Drive Time:** Ask your child, “What is something you thought was impossible but turned out to be possible? Always remember that God can do the impossible.”

**Meal Time:**
- Q&A for kids: What is something you feel really confident in and something you don’t?
- Q&A for parents: When was a time you didn’t feel confident in God’s plan but trusted anyway? How did it work out?

**Bed Time:** Do you ever feel like the underdog in your life—like other people are bigger, stronger, smarter, or more important than you? Gideon was an underdog but that didn’t stop God from using him to save God’s people. If God could use Gideon, He can definitely use you, no matter the situation. Pray that you can face tough situations this week with confidence, knowing that God can always work through you.
a Record of our Faithfulness

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>OUR PRESENCE:</th>
<th>4-25-2021</th>
<th>5-2-2021</th>
<th>5-9-2021</th>
<th>5-16-2021</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>In-Person Worship</td>
<td>209</td>
<td>175</td>
<td>224</td>
<td>213</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Live Streaming (unique views)</td>
<td>265</td>
<td>233</td>
<td>186</td>
<td>201</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Live Streaming (unique views x 1.8)</td>
<td>477</td>
<td>419</td>
<td>335</td>
<td>362</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Attendance Totals</td>
<td>686</td>
<td>594</td>
<td>559</td>
<td>575</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>OUR GIFTS as of:</th>
<th>4-25-2021</th>
<th>5-2-2021</th>
<th>5-9-2021</th>
<th>5-16-2021</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Connection Campaign YTD (Building Fund)</td>
<td>$317,899</td>
<td>$320,334</td>
<td>$321,748</td>
<td>$321,748</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Weekly Contributions to Budget</td>
<td>$14,567</td>
<td>$17,947</td>
<td>$17,325</td>
<td>$34,801</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Budget Contributions YTD</td>
<td>$319,544</td>
<td>$337,491</td>
<td>$354,817</td>
<td>$389,618</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Estimated Budget Needs YTD</td>
<td>$363,211</td>
<td>$384,576</td>
<td>$405,942</td>
<td>$427,307</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Difference</td>
<td>($43,666)</td>
<td>($47,085)</td>
<td>($51,125)</td>
<td>($37,688)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

We share our joys with:

- Chip & Billie Cole upon the birth of their grandson, Brooks Griffin Cole
- Jeannie Marcinkowski upon the birth of her granddaughter, Luna Rose Haywood Ball
- Gerald & Terri Sapp upon the birth of their granddaughter, Willa Evelyn Sapp
- Laura Ring upon the birth of her grandson, Brody James Melton

We extend our Sympathies to:

- Karen Kemp upon the death of her father, Kurt Valade
- Gail Tozer upon the death of her mother, Edna Mauney and her nephew, Alan Beck
- Reggie Turner upon the death of his uncle Roosevelt Bennett & aunt Connie Graham
- Betsy Tang upon the death of her mother, Maryella Cameron

One Item More, Each Time at the Store!

Sponsored by the Cornerstone Sunday School Class, this ministry invites you help our neighbors in need by supporting Crisis Control and to pick up One Item More, Each Time at the Store! Crisis Control item for June is: Canned Meats (Salmon, Beef, Spam, Tuna). Donation boxes can be found in the Narthex and in the Chapel.
Main Street
United Methodist Church
306 South Main Street
Kernersville, NC 27284

Visit www.msumckidsconnect.org
for more information on our Children’s
Ministry and upcoming events

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 28 - July 1
Preschool (ages 3-4)
9am-NOON
All ages (3-12)
6-8:15pm

ROCKY RAILWAY
Jesus’ power pulls us together

Kids in action Day Camp
For rising 3rd-5th graders
July 19-22—9:00am-3:00pm

Church Staff

Our Ministers: the congregation of Main Street

Mike Ceheng, Senior Pastor
Rick Carter, Pastor of Congregational Care
Al Ward, Min. of Visitation
Wayne Pudy, Dr. of Youth/College Ministries
Katie Riddle, Dr. of Children’s Ministries
Nancy Bolemone, Dr. of Music Ministries
Charity Goll, Admin. Ass't.
Betty Tang, Admin. Ass't.
Tina Crew, Business Manager
Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director
Robin Cooper, Weds Dinner Hostess
Ruth Beeson, Preschool Director
Rebecca Torres, Nursery Supervisor
Keith Macey, Organist
Jenny Lai, Pianist & Youth Choir Director
Anthony Simmonds, Custodian
Wille Gaven, Custodian

The Main Stream is published monthly by Main Street United Methodist Church located at 306 South Main Street, Kernersville, NC 27284. All information herein is expressly for the use of our friends and members. Articles and comments may be directed to the editor at charity.goff@mainstreetumc.org.