



Main Street United Methodist Church, Kernersville, NC

The Main Stream

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It's Time Again to be Baking Cookies for KAIROS Prison Ministries

By the end of the day on Tuesday, July 31, we need **280 Dozen Homemade cookies** for our Kairos Prison Ministry Team to take with them to Men's Central Prison in Raleigh August 1-4, 2018. Cookies may be brought into the church office or given to one of our KAIROS team members. The team members for this trip are Mike Tozer, Richard Hedgecock, Steve Reid, Chip Cole, Bob Langlais, and Kemp Baker.

The purpose of KAIROS is to build strong Christian communities inside prison walls. KAIROS begins with a three-day short course in Christianity and continues with small prayer groups among residents of the institution. Cookies are distributed to every resident during the three-day weekend. The **homemade cookies** are a tangible and vital expression of Christ's love and witness from the outside community — YOUR WITNESS—during this life-changing weekend!

Please remember these IMPORTANT KARIOs cookie rules:

- Chocolate Chip Cookies Only
- ONLY STURDY Chocolate Chip cookies. Thin, crisp cookies break easily and cannot be used
- DO NOT use M&M's for chocolate chip cookies
- COOKIE SIZE: 2 to 2- 1/2 inches in diameter
- Please package 12 cookies in each one-quart-sized ZIPLOC bag (NOT bags with SLIDER TAB zipper closure as they are not allowed in the prison)
- Allow cookies to COOL COMPLETELY before bagging

*Remember: These cookies are used as an expression of God's love to men behind the walls of Central Prison. Bake them with care, pack them with love, and send them with your prayers.
Thank you for your love & support.*

Our Methodist Men



On **Tuesday, August 7 at 7:00pm** all the men of Main Street are invited to the next United Methodist Men Quarterly dinner. Reservations for this dinner need to be made by **FRIDAY, AUGUST 3**. Please make your reservation by calling the church office at 336-993-3411. Our guest speaker for this dinner will be Dr. Earl Crow.

Since May 2015, Dr. Earl Crow has been writing a weekly column in the Saturday issue of the *Winston Salem Journal* called *Everyday Religious Questions* which attempts to answer questions submitted by readers.

Dr. Crow formerly taught religion and philosophy at High Point University and Wake Forest University. He has pastored churches, still performs weddings, preaches, and offers seminars. He majored in religion at Duke University, attended the Duke Divinity School, has studied at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and received his Ph.D. from the University of Manchester, England.

Get to Know our new Minister of Visitation, David Raiford

David and Jeannie were college sweethearts, married soon after college, and moved to Kernersville in April of 1987 with their 3-year-old twins, David and Jennifer. Being raised in the Presbyterian Church, their lives were forever changed when they enrolled David and Jennifer in the Mother's Morning Out Program at Main Street UMC Preschool and became Main Street UMC members in November of 1987.

After becoming involved in the life of the church, the Holy Spirit guided David into a life filled with service. He led Stewardship Campaigns, taught Sunday School, Chaired the Administrative Board (now called Church Council), and served on most of the Committees. David found himself taking Disciple Bible Studies and joining his brothers and sisters in Christ at Main Street in various mission opportunities. The more he joined others in ministry, the more he felt called to do more.

In 2004, David began his seminary career at Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, received his first appointment in the United Methodist Church in 2005, graduated from Hood in 2007, and was ordained as an Elder in the Western North Carolina Conference in 2010. That same year, he was appointed to Mount Mitchell UMC in Kannapolis where he served for 5 years. In 2015, he served a 2-point charge in Tobaccoville. In 2018, David retired from full-time ministry and moved back to Kernersville. David and Jeannie are looking forward to renewing old acquaintances and making new ones at Main Street UMC. David is very excited that the SPRC has invited him to join Main Street's staff as a part-time Minister of Visitation beginning August 1. David has been on a great spiritual adventure for the past 13 years but is looking forward to coming "home" and discovering where God will lead them in the future.

In addition to his work at Main Street, David and Jeannie are looking forward to travelling, especially to Charlotte to see their son, David and his family: Ana, Alex, and Savannah. David and Jeannie are also looking forward to joining Jennifer Graves and her husband Mark in worship at Main Street.



If you are 65 and older you are invited to attend the Older Adult Luncheon at 11:45am on August 12 in the Fellowship Hall of Main Street UMC. RSVP to Pat Knox at 993-5413



All the men of the church are invited to join us on Thursday mornings at 8:00am for a buffet breakfast and Pastoral Devotion. Come out and have breakfast, fellowship, & Bible study with us and be on your way to work by 8:30! The suggested donation is \$5.00 to cover the cost of the meal.

Get Connected and Stay Connected



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A Stephen Ministry Moment

oasis. [oh-ey-sis] a small fertile or green area in a desert region, usually having a spring or well; something serving as a refuge, relief, or pleasant change from what is usual, annoying, difficult, etc.

Refreshing. Recharging. Renewing. Reinvigorating....

Do you need healing or a mid-week boost? Did you have to miss Sunday worship? Do you just like to have another opportunity to worship God through connection with your church family?

Join us in the Sanctuary at 5:30 each Wednesday evening for **Oasis**, a half hour to sing, hear a devotion from a fellow church member, share our prayer requests, and receive Holy Communion. You are welcome to kneel at the altar rail to pray, and Stephen Ministers are available to anoint you with oil and to pray for you if you choose.

Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)

²⁸“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Come to **Oasis**.

Our Lost & Found bin is overflowing . . .

Please check the church office to see if any of the items belong to you! We also have a large number of containers, dishes, and platters (left in the church kitchen, Fellowship Hall, and from various youth functions). Look on the bookshelf to the *right of the door* when you enter Betsy’s office. Any unclaimed items will be donated on **July 24**.

Dear Main Street,

I want to thank everyone for the cards, visits, phone calls, gifts, wonderful meals the week I came home, weed pulling, getting my garden up and running, hugs and most of all for lifting me up in prayer. It is the most comforting feeling to feel the healing and the Holy Spirit's presence as a result of your prayers. Your words of encouragement helped me to persevere onward to not let this mighty blow to my body take my strength and determination from me. Donnie still needs me and your prayers, God bless you all!

—**Teresa Holden-Stutts**

Thank you so much for letting us have our group meeting at your church.

We wouldn't have been able to complete our Silver Award Project without you. We were able to design hopscotch boards and print them at Piney Grove Elementary. This will educate kids with their multiplication.

We were also able to do fund things like our Christmas Party!

Thanks again!

—**Girl Scout Troop 40839**



**Don't forget to
Sign the
Connection Pads
on Sunday**

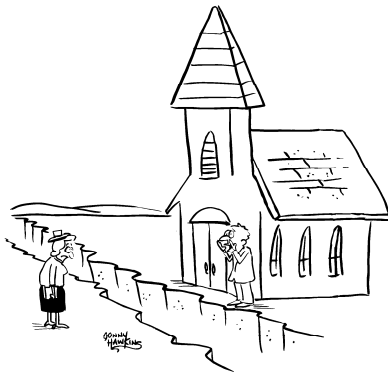
One Item More, Each Time at the Store!

*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 items for August is: **JELLY**. Donation boxes can be found in the Narthex and in the Chapel.*

Joys and Sympathies

We share our Joys with:

- To Wayne & Ruby Jones for their 71st wedding anniversary
- To Gene Holleman for his 95th birthday
- To Meredith McEntire on her marriage to Matthew Barker
- To John Cole on his marriage to Sidney Westhoven
- To James Melton on his marriage to Annie Fulp
- To David Watts on his marriage to Georgia Walker
- To Kilby Young on her marriage to Sean O'Heay
- To Dale & Margie Hilton upon the birth of their great-grandson, Elroy James



"Ethel, take a leap of faith!"

Get Connected

Worship Times, Deadlines, and Committee Meetings

Worship Opportunities

Wednesdays

5:30pm — Oasis Service of Healing and Communion in the Sanctuary

Sundays

8:30am — Casual Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

8:45am — Jubilee Contemporary Service in the Chapel

11:00am — Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

Publication Deadlines

Main Street Connections Email

4:00pm on Tuesdays

Bulletin Announcements

9:00am on Wednesdays

Newsletter Articles

12:00pm on the FIRST Friday of every Month

Here's What's Happening at Main Street

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| July | 21 | 11:30 AM | Bethany Café | Sept | 3 | Church Office Closed - Labor Day |
| | 23 | 7:00 PM | Building Ctte | | 5 | 5:45 PM Wed Night Dinner |
| | 26 | 7:00 PM | Church Council Mtg | | 5 | 6:15 PM Children's Council Mtg |
| | 29 | 12:15 PM | Outreach Ctte | | 10 | 6:30 PM Preschool Board Mtg |
| August | 1 | 6:15 PM | Children's Council Mtg | | 15 | 11:30 AM Bethany Café |
| | 7 | 7:00 PM | UMM Dinner | | 16 | 6:00 AM BLOOD DRIVE |
| | 9 | 11:45 AM | Older Adult Luncheon | | 17 | 7:00 PM Trustee Mtg |
| | 9 | 7:00 PM | SPRC | | 20 | 7:00 PM Member Care Ctte |
| | 12 | | Coffee Fellowship | | 20 | 7:00 PM Finance Ctte Mtg |
| | 18 | 11:30 AM | Bethany Café | | 22 | 10:00 AM Shred Truck— |
| | 23 | 7:00 PM | UMW Exec Mtg | | | UMW Fundraiser |
| | 26 | 5:00 PM | Back to School Service | | 28-29 | Preschool Consignment Sale Fundraiser |

For more details on these events and other activities at Main Street visit our website www.mainstreetumc.org

a Record of our Faithfulness

| OUR PRESENCE: | 6-17-18 | 6-24-18 | 7-1-18 | 7-8-18 |
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| Sunday School | 162 | 195 | 162 | 195 |
| 8:30 Worship | 139 | 123 | 131 | 126 |
| 8:45 Jubilee!! | 83 | 100 | 113 | 123 |
| 11:00 Worship | 245 | 164 | 169 | 144 |
| Total Worship | 467 | 387 | 413 | 393 |
| OUR GIFTS as of: | | | | |
| Building up/Reaching Out | \$1,144,763 | \$1,145,128 | \$1,145,984 | \$1,146,532 |
| Weekly Contributions | \$16,324 | \$17,100 | \$25,525 | \$18,785 |
| Contributions YTD | \$520,625 | \$537,725 | \$563,250 | \$582,036 |
| Budget YTD | \$570,672 | \$594,450 | \$618,228 | \$642,006 |
| Difference | (\$50,046) | (\$56,724) | (\$54,977) | (\$59,969) |

Upcoming Worship Volunteers

| Worship Group | 7-22-18 | 7-29-18 | 8-5-18 | 8-12-18 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Counting Team | Team 3 | Team 4 | Team 1 | Team 2 |
| 8:30am Acolytes | — | — | — | — |
| 11:00am Acolytes | Miracle Riddle & Testimony Riddle | — | Ryan Engle & Julia Malit | Miracle Riddle & Testimony Riddle |
| Crucifer | John Heafner | — | Emma Engle | Brett Blevins |
| Altar Guild | Tina Higgins | Tracy Whitaker | Becky Lewis | Anne Frazier |
| 11:00am Nursery | Peyton O'Brien | Barbara Fager | Sarah Whitaker | Suzanne Brookshire |
| 8:30am Greeters | Bert Brumfield | Margie Hilton | Janice Atchison | Bob Oglesby |
| 8:45am Greeters | Ray & Beth Polomski | Jack & Robin Rayfield | Bill & Beth Wooten | Pizzino Family/ Connie Trainer |
| 11:00am Greeters | Chuck & Betsy Dagenhart | Liza & Coleman Garner | Ed & Barbara Fager | Marge & Bob Jones |
| Prayer w/the Pastors | Brad & Donna Rodgers | Missy Craven | Jim Barrett | Evelyn Frye |
| Sound Tech | Kevin Bixby | Kathy Cissna | Marc Engle | Sloane Pigg |
| Welcome Team | Jim Albright & Robin Yontz | Tom Vaught | Sally Brown | Janice Atchison |

Communion Assistants for Sunday, August 5 will be: Pat Knox, Debbie Crowder, Theresa Wilson, Barbara Fager, Wayne & Martha Boger, Julie Connell, Pat Turner, and Tina Higgins

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Our Vision

Fostering vital
communities
through love and
life-changing
experiences.

Church Staff

Our Ministers:

The Congregation of Main Street

Rev. Mike Gehring, Senior Pastor
Rev. Rick Carter, Pastor of Congregational Care
Dr. Al Ward, Min. of Visitation
Rev. R. Dale Hilton, Interim Min. of Visitation
Wayne Purdy, Dir. of Youth/College Ministries
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Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director
John Higgins, Media/Tech Coordinator
Robin Cooper, Weds Dinner Hostess
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John Fair, Interim Organist
Jenny Lail, Accompanist
Anthony Simmonds & Willie Craven, Custodians

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