

The

Main Stream

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Called Session of the General Conference Informational Session at Main Street

On February 20 at 6:40 pm in the Sanctuary, you are invited to join us for a Special Information Session to learn more about the discussions and decisions that will be taking place in St. Louis, MO during the Called General Conference at the end of February. Our guest for the evening will be the Rev. Andy Langford.

Andy Langford has been a United Methodist pastor for 42 years. He has served as a pastor, edited our Book of Worship, and has written 23 books. He has attended, staffed, and served as a delegate for 10 General Conferences. He has a unique historical and church political perspective on the upcoming 2019 called General Conference.

Looking for a New Sunday School Class?

On January 27 the Holt-Sigmon Sunday School class will welcome prospective new members. The class meets in room 108. Coffee and almond pound cake will be served. Dr. Al Ward will teach the lesson.



The Connection Campaign

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Transforming.**

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Jan. 2 marked the beginning of a new opportunity for Main Street, the Connection Campaign ~ Building. Serving. Transforming. With our pledged assistance, we can begin a campus expansion project to bring us closer together and more importantly, to foster new avenues for ministry to each other and the community. Notice the Connection Campaign logo, a graphic depiction of Main St. using the steeple as an arrow. The 3 diamonds represent the 3 buildings being joined together to make us more welcoming, the purple arrow points heavenward, and the gray arrow represents “outward focus” as we pursue the cross. Building and connecting will allow our transformation through Christ Jesus.



Martin Luther King Jr. —A Community Service of Worship

Sunday, January 20 at 5pm with guest speaker Brigadier General Kevin Vereen, Deputy Commanding General Operations-United States Army Recruiting Command (USAREC) at Fort Knox Kentucky

Dear Main Street,

I would like to thank each of you for your love and prayers during my very unexpected back surgery. The surgery was a success and I have progressed so much faster than was expected. I know it is all because I was surrounded by the love and prayers of my immediate family and my church family. Thank you for the many cards, calls and food, but most of all, thank you for your love and support, and for being such a caring church. I truly felt God's healing presence throughout the entire ordeal. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as the remaining paralysis heals.

—*Margie Hilton*

A Stephen Ministry Moment...

Thank you to everyone who shared the Joy of Christmas by writing Christmas cards to our home bound members, and those who cannot attend church regularly. We delivered cards to, and shared the love of this wonderful church family with, forty one members this year.

May the Joy and Blessings of Christmas be yours the whole year through; and, if challenging times do come, please remember ~ you are not alone. We are here for you.

—*Your Main Street Stephen Ministers*

Troop 940 Eagle Scout Project

Ryan Porter, a member of Troop 940 & Main Street UMC, is working on his Eagle project. He will beautify the flower bed, as well as build picnic tables for The Academy at Middle Fork Elementary in Walkertown. He is asking for any donations to support the cost of the materials needed to complete this project. Checks should be made payable to: Main Street UMC & marked for "Ryan Porter Eagle Project". Deadline for contributions is February 1, 2019.

Small Groups, Sunday School Classes, families, and individuals are welcome to contribute to this worthwhile and important cause.



Find your cookbooks! Get out your pots!
Make a pot of Chili and get ready to for the

Youth Chili Cook-Off

on
Sunday, January 27 from
5:30pm—7:00pm

You won't want to miss this great time
of fun, food, and fellowship!

Admission is free—donations will be
accepted. Call or email Wayne at
336-993-3411 /
wayne@mainstreetumc.org
TODAY for more information.

Help Us Raise Money for Youth Missions



Did you lose something? Come check our Lost and Found.

Please check the church office to see if
any of the items belong to you.
Any unclaimed items will be donated on
January 28.

Get Connected and Stay Connected

Attention Men of Main Street

On **Tuesday, January 29 at 7:00pm** all of the men of Main Street are invited to our Quarterly United Methodist Men Dinner and Meeting. Come out and enjoy a great homecooked meal and a special presentation by Jeff Hatling, the Community Development Director with the Town of Kernersville.

Jeff Hatling, will be discussing with us the overview of town growth and development, how the town is changing and managing growth, and possibly the results of the Transportation Study. Jeff has worked for the Town since 1997 and brings a wide range of knowledge and experience to our town's growth. We also want to consider how Main Street's vision statement 'Fostering vital communities through love and life-changing experiences' fits with the growth and change we see in our larger community.

Reservations are required, so please contact the church office by **Friday, January 25** if you are planning to attend.

Adult Mission Trip to Eastern North Carolina

For our Adult Mission Trip this Spring, we are working with the *Baptists on Mission* for assignment in the Lumberton or Wilmington areas where rebuilding is in progress from damage by the recent hurricanes. We will depart on Sunday, April 28, and return on Friday afternoon, May 3. We will let you know more details as we have them, but our exact assignment may not be determined until closer to our week.

On **Sunday, March 24**, Tim Meares, will be cooking and hosting our Annual Fundraiser Lunch to help us raise the funds needed to make this mission trip a success. So mark your calendars and make plans to join us; you won't want to miss it!

If interested in joining us on the mission trip or helping with the fundraiser, please contact Wayne or Martha Boger TODAY at 336-399-5607 / thebogers1996@gmail.com.



St. Patrick's Day Sunday, March 17

Sing with MSUMC Choirs for the Lenten Cantata inspired by the music of Ireland! Rehearsals for the Lenten Cantata start at 7:30pm on Mondays or Wednesdays; you may choose the night that works best for you.

Listening files are available for learning the music. Rehearsals have begun as of January 14. Join us this week! The Cantata is slated for March 17 at the 8:30am and 11:00am services. A 15-minute pre-service concert of Irish music, performed by the talented duo *The Fiddler and the Flutist*, will precede the late service from 10:45-11:00 am.

There is a place for you in Main Street's music ministry. Connect with others who love and serve God through music. Use your unique gifts and talents to share the story of God's love as seen in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For more information about the Irish program and other musical opportunities at Main Street please contact Nancy Blakemore at nancy@mainstreetumc.org or call 336-993-3411. We look forward to connecting with you!

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 February is: **Instant Potatoes**. Donation boxes can be found in the Narthex and in the Chapel.*

Joys and Sympathies

We express our Joy with:

- Jill Branoff on being named Teacher of the Year at East Forsyth High School

We extend our Sympathies with:

- Tina Koeller, Carolyn Haiman, and Connie Courtney upon the death of their sister-in-law, Gwen Humphrey
- Bill Gentry upon the death of his wife, Carolyn
- David Plyler upon the death of his wife, Nancy



A Night of Praise & Talent

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Special Event in March. *A Night of Praise and Talent* is scheduled for the evening of Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Main Street members of all ages are encouraged to attend and participate by showcasing their 'God Given' talents. This could include visual arts, theatrical arts, music, dance, and more. Performing arts are requested to be of sacred rather than secular in nature. Visual arts could include but are not limited to drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry making and woodworking. Between acts there will be "Mission Moments" to increase awareness of Main Street outreach opportunities. Attendees of the event will be requested to bring specific toiletries for the City with Dwellings Ministry as part of our Outreach initiatives. More information on the toiletry donations will be provided later. The *Night of Praise and Talent* event will be a wonderful way to outreach and connect with each other as a community during the season of Lent.

Those interested in performing or showcasing their talent can sign up at www.mainstreetumc.org. Details for how to sign up will be forthcoming. For more information, please contact Wes O'Brien at 336-749-5212 or Sally Brown at 228-234-3316.

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

Sat. Jan 19	11:30 AM	Bethany Café
Mon. Jan 21	8:00 AM	OFFICE CLOSED
Mon. Jan. 21	7:00 PM	Trustee Meeting
Thurs. Jan 24	7:00 PM	Church Council
Sun. Jan. 27	5:00 PM	Youth Chili Cookoff
Tues. Jan 29	7:00 PM	UMM Dinner
Sun. Feb 3	5:00 PM	Youth Super Bowl Party
Tues. Feb 12	6:30 PM	UMW General Mtg
Thurs. Feb 14		SPRC
	11:45 AM	Older Adult Luncheon
Sat. Feb 16	11:30 AM	Bethany Café
Mon. Feb 18	7:00 PM	Trustee Meeting
Wed. Feb 20	6:30 PM	Way Forward Presentation
Sat. Feb 23	9:00 AM	Chicken Pie pickup

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

a Record of our Faithfulness

OUR PRESENCE:	12-23-18	12-30-18	1-6-19	1-13-19
Sunday School	198	179	242	0
8:30 Worship	133	117	128	0
8:45 Jubilee!!	177	89	160	0
11:00 Worship	272	245	235	241
Total Worship	582	451	523	241
OUR GIFTS as of:	12-23-18	12-30-18	1-6-19	1-13-19
Building up/Reaching Out	\$1,162,315	\$1,163,802	—	—
The Connection Campaign (Building Fund)	—	—	\$502.00	\$1,112.00
Number of 3-year Pledges Received	—	—	—	37
3-year Pledged Total	—	—	—	\$246,780
Est. 3-year Pledge Needed	—	—	—	\$1,200,000
Pledged Balance Needed	—	—	—	(\$953,220)
Weekly Contributions	\$30,619	\$18,471	\$19,941	\$14,312
Contributions YTD	\$1,110,741	\$1,140,001	\$19,941	\$34,253
Budget YTD	\$1,212,679	\$1,236,457	\$23,511	\$47,022
Difference	(\$101,937)	(\$96,455)	(\$3,569)	(\$12,769)

Upcoming Worship Volunteers

Worship Ministry Group	1-20-19	1-27-19	2-3-19	2-10-19
Counting Team	Team 3	Team 4	Team 1	Team 2
8:30am Acolytes	Ryan Engle & Samantha Cook	—	Jack Christy & Samantha Cook	Lauron Smith & Mckenzie Smith
11:00am Acolytes	Andrew Wyatt & Laney Blevins	Whitley Davis & Savanna Parsons	Sophia Cochran & Nate Pitts	Testimony Olubunmi & Dalton Whicker
Crucifer	Caroline Kuebert	Allee Davis	Miracle Olubunmi	Emma Engle
Altar Guild	Pat Knox	Amy Cook	Betsy Hanks	Marsha Martin
Kids Connect-Worship Vol- unteer (11am)	Circle #1	Circle #1	Circle #2	Circle #2
8:30am Greeters	Becky Oringderff	Bennie Weaver	Janet Helms	Tom Vaught
8:45am Greeters	Mike & Julie Connell	Kristen O'Brien & Missy Craven	Dave & Jayne Danner	Patrick & Vicki Horner
11:00am Greeters	Joan Lewis & Missy Craven	Sam Martin & Karen Hixson	Chuck & Betsy Dagenhart	Steve Kemp & Bob Stamper
Prayer w/the Pastors	Missy Craven	Ed & Priscilla Lang	Chuck Foster	Evelyn Frye
Sound Tech	Sloane Pigg	Kevin Bixby	Kathy Cissna	Marc Engle
Welcome Team	Jim Albright & Robin Yontz	Phil Bauguess	Janice Atchison	Tom Vaught

Communion Assistants for Sunday, Feb 3 will be: Mary Carl Christy, Pat Knox, Marvin Bare, Cheryl McKinney, Patrick Horner, Vicki Horner, Julie Connell, Bill Dreshfield, Emily Dreshfield, Missy Craven, Tina Crew, and Patty Stone

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Return Service Requested

Mid-Week Connect

Fellowship Meal

(formerly Wednesday Night Live)

served from 5:45-6:30pm

Suggested donation of \$5/adult, \$3/child (10& under)
with a \$15 per family maximum requested,

Reservations are required by Mondays at Noon.

**These menus are subject to change.*

Date	*Menu	Sunday School Class Volunteers
Jan 23	Green Chile Chicken Bake	Seafarers
Jan 30	Spiral Ham and Potatoes	Pathways
Feb 6	Sour Cream Noodle Bake	Coffee & Christ
Feb 13	Green Chile Bake	Cornerstone
Feb 20	Beef Casserole	Crossroads/Seekers
Feb 27	Hot Ham & Swiss Cheese Sandwiches	Great Expectations

Our Ministers:

The Congregation of Main Street

Mike Gehring, Senior Pastor
Rick Carter, Pastor of Congregational Care
Al Ward, Min. of Visitation
David Raiford, Min. of Visitation
Dale Hilton, Min. of Visitation
Wayne Purdy, Dir. of Youth/College Ministries
Nancy Blakemore, Dir. of Music Ministries
Katie Riddle, Coord. of Children's Ministries
Charity Goff, Admin. Assistant
Betsy Tang, Admin. Assistant
Susan Furmage, Business Manager
Tina Crew, Financial Secretary
Clay Howard, Jubilee Music Director
John Higgins, Media/Tech Coordinator
Robin Cooper, Weds Dinner Hostess
Ruth Beeson, Preschool Director/Nursery Supervisor
Keith Maxey, Organist
Jenny Lail, Accompanist
Anthony Simmonds, Custodian
Willie Craven, Custodian

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