

The Main Stream

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A New Journey begins for Pastor Claude

Many of you know of my passion for international Christian missions. You've heard me teach on missions in Bible studies and sermons, and you've seen my enthusiastic endorsement of the missionaries sponsored by this church.

I have been offered two unique opportunities to go on short-term mission trips during the next 12 months. One is an invitation to teach two college-level courses at a new United Methodist University in Tanzania, East Africa. The other is to conduct training seminars for United Methodist pastors in Cambodia.

Because I feel called to do both these trips in one year, I will be stepping down from pastoral ministry for the 2018-2019 conference year, which runs from July to June. In the United Methodist Church, pastors can be appointed to Sabbatical Leave for one year to pursue a program of study or travel. I have applied for this relationship with the Annual Conference, and it has been granted, so as of July 1, I will be on Sabbatical, and (this is the hard part) I will no longer be your pastor. The bishop will appoint a new Senior Pastor to replace me. We will announce who that will be on Sunday, April 29. Since you are getting a new Senior Pastor, I will not be able to return to Main Street. When I come off my year of Sabbatical, I will be appointed to another church.

(To learn more, please visit the church website and read or listen to the sermon for Sunday, April 8. In that sermon, I explain the details of this transition.)

I want you to know that this has been a difficult choice. I'm excited about pursuing my missionary dreams. I am not excited about leaving Main Street. Lorie and I love this church. You are a great church. From my first Sunday in July of 2014—four years ago—I have felt a very strong connection to this church. God has used you to change me, mold me, shape me, and make me a better pastor, a better person, and a better Christ follower.

—Pastor Claude

Love OFFERING *for Pastor Amy*

We would like to thank and celebrate the 10 years of service that Rev. Amy Burton gave to Main Street UMC as our Minister of Education by collecting a Love Offering in her honor. Along with your prayers, this gesture of love will be a tangible gift to show Pastor Amy our gratitude and appreciation for everything she has done for Main Street.

In those 10 years, Pastor Amy has organized our children's programs including Kids Space, Sunday School, Kids in Action Summer Mission Camp, Vacation Bible School, recruited teachers for Sunday School, Branch 45, and mentored our children in Confirmation. She also served as our Acolyte Coordinator and our Nursery/Preschool Liaison.

Outside of our Children's Ministry, Pastor Amy has been instrumental in our Jubilee Contemporary Worship Service with her vision and the direction of this growing worship service.

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College Scholarships are now OPEN

The seventh annual **JC Grose Class Memorial Scholarship** application is now available on the church website (www.mainstreetumc.org). The scholarship provides financial support to Main Street United Methodist members and their children 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 application 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 15, 2018, 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.

Applications for the **Linville Scholarship** are also available on the church website (www.mainstreetumc.org). The Lola & Buck Linville Scholarship was established by the children of Mr. & Mrs. Linville, in their memory. The winner of this scholarship must be a High School Graduate and an active member of Main Street and our ministries. Preference is given to students who exhibit strong aptitude and desire for a career in teaching or science. The Linville Scholarship application needs to be completed and returned to the church office no later than Sunday, May 2018. The Linville Scholarship will be awarded on Senior Recognition Sunday at on Sunday, June 3 during the 11am worship service.

Older Adult Luncheon

Come out for a great time of FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and BINGO at our Older Adult Luncheon on **Thursday, May 10 at 11:45am**. Please RSVP to Pat Knox by calling 336-993-5413.



All singles of Main Street are invited to the Singles Ministry Spring Dinner on **Friday, April 27 at 6:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will include Poppyseed Chicken, Vegetables, Rolls, Desserts, and Tea. Our Guest Speakers will be Maggie and Mollie Moore (& Sugar) who will speak to us about Diabetes and their journey through this disease. Cost: \$6 at the door. RSVP: bonadams55@triad.rr.com by Monday, April 23.

Dear Main Street,

Thank you so much for the support that we received from so many church members after the passing of Polly's mother, Katharine "Andy" Watson. Although she recently moved to this area, she was always amazed by the number of visits and messages from our church members.

A special "thank you" to John Higgins, who was able to livestream the funeral on the internet so that Andy's family members around the world could enjoy the wonderful service.

—Dave and Polly Black

Cranes Nest Ministry

At 10:00am on the FIRST Saturday of each month at Next Step Ministries on Hwy 66 in Kernersville, volunteers are needed to help load the Cranes Nest Ministry Trailer with donations from Next Step. If you have questions about this ministry or would like more information please contact Jeff at 336-403-5683.



Main Street and the Musical Arts in our Community

Carina Sturdy to Present Senior Organ Recital at UNCSA on April 21

Main Street UMC organist, Carina Sturdy, will present her Senior Organ Recital at the UNC School of the Arts, in Crawford Hall on Saturday, April 21 at 2:00 pm. The theme of her recital is “Fashions in Organ Music,” featuring music from the Renaissance to the modern era. Carina graduates from UNCSA in May with a degree in organ performance. She has received a full scholarship to the University of Notre Dame where she will pursue a Master of Sacred Music degree in organ. Let’s support Carina with our presence at UNCSA on April 21. Anyone needing a ride to the recital please contact Nancy Blakemore at nancy@mainstreetumc.org or call Nancy at 336-601-4388.

Main Street Supports the Arts in Kernersville

One of the ways that Main Street UMC supports the Arts community in Kernersville is by providing a venue and rehearsal space for various musical groups. Several outstanding concerts are taking place here at Main Street this Spring, and everyone is invited to attend!

The First Annual **Kernersville Junior Choral Festival** is set for **Friday, April 20, 7:00 pm**. The Sedge Garden Elementary School Chorus, Piney Grove Chorus, and Cash Elementary Cougar Chorus will combine for this performance benefiting *Kids of Childhood Cancer*. A love offering will be taken.

The **North Carolina Chamber Orchestra** under the baton of maestro Paul Manz will perform a premier concert here at Main Street UMC on Sunday evening, **April 22, 7:30 pm**. This is a ticketed event with a special discount for Main Street members. Check out the NCCO website at <https://www.ncchamberorchestra.org/> for more details and ticket information.

Heart of the Triad Choral Society, in conjunction with the Glenn High School and East Forsyth High School Choruses, will perform Dan Forrest’s *Requiem for the Living* here at MSUMC on Friday, **May 11, 7:00 pm** and again on Saturday afternoon, **May 12, 3:00 pm**. Carol Earnhardt will conduct what promises to be an extraordinary weekend of music.

Main Street Youth and Children to Present Spring Musicals

The **Alpha & Omega Youth Choir** will present their musical *Speak Life* on two different Sundays this spring, first on **April 22 at the 8:45 am Jubilee Service**, and again on **April 29 at 8:30 and 11:00 am**.

The **Cherub & Carol Children’s Choir** for 2nd through 5th graders will present the musical *Nailed It!* on Sunday afternoon, **May 20 at 5:00 pm** in the main Sanctuary. Mark your calendars and plan to come out in support of Main Street youth and children!

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 April is: **Canned Fruit**. Donation boxes can be found in the Narthex and in the Chapel.*

A Kairos Invitation

I was in prison and you came to me. (Ma.25.36)

Have you ever wondered what's it's really like to participate in Prison ministry? This summer, August 1-4, The Kairos team at Main Street will be hosting this summer's Kairos event at Raleigh Central Prison. A Central Prison Kairos event works best with seven to ten new team members and two have already shown interest. If you are interested to learn more please let one of our team members know so we can arrange a meeting time to introduce you to Kairos and answer any questions.

It could be argued that after Aldersgate, prison ministry was the third Christian ministry by John Wesley following the outdoor "horseback sermons" and public education. It's in the blood of our Methodist heritage. According to his diary he tried to visit a prison once a week.

'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
(Lu.15.6-7)

Please consider contacting a member of the Main Street Kairos Prison Team to learn more about this ministry and how you can become a member. Currently this summer's team members are: Rev. Rick Carter, Kemp Baker, Chip Cole, Willie Craven, Bob Langlais, Don Stutts, and Mike Tozer. (Kairos has male and female events. This one is for males.)

Witness the joy over the lost sheep being found.

Spring Folly Parking Fundraiser for Crisis Control

Go to our website (www.mainstreetumc.org) to sign up for a 2-hour shift as we welcome guests to our parking lot who will be parking here during Spring Folly. The monies raised during The Spring Folly will be given to Crisis Control to help those in our community in need.

We only need 48 more volunteers so sign up TODAY!



2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**"Rolling River Rampage:
Experience the Ride of a
Lifetime with God"**

Mark your calendars for **June 25-27** from 6-8:15 PM and make plans to join us for Vacation Bible School.

You won't want to miss this wonderful time of learning, fun, and fellowship. Registration for children and volunteering are now open on the website!

Go to www.mainstreetumc.org and sign up today!



Kids in Action, a children's service camp, will take place **July 16-19, 2018** for rising 3rd-6th graders from 9am-4pm. Each morning, we will meet at the church for a service project, have lunch, and do a fun activity in the afternoon. The cost for the camp is \$75, which covers the fun activities and snack each afternoon. Children are asked to pack their lunch each day. Adult volunteers will be needed so if you can help please contact the church office.

Our Church Newsletter, The Main Stream

The next issue of our church newsletter, *The Main Stream*, will be published on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. The Deadline for all article submissions will be on Friday, May 4, 2018.

Cancer – Now What?

Learn about the emotional aspects of dealing with cancer

A diagnosis of cancer, whether your own, a loved one's, or a friend's, can leave one feeling shocked, worried, sad or scared. If you, or someone you care about, are facing the challenges that come from a diagnosis, treatment, or any stage of the battle with cancer, you don't have to face it alone. On **Tuesday, April 24**, the Stephen Ministers are hosting a program, *Cancer – Now What?* Rev. Dave Howard, the Chaplain at Kernersville Medical Center, will speak on the emotional aspect of dealing with cancer. Copies of the book, *Cancer – Now What?* will be available.

The book, *Cancer – Now What?* is written by Dr. Kenneth Haugk, Ph.D. Dr. Haugk is an ordained pastor and a clinical psychologist. After caring for his wife who had cancer, Dr. Haugk and his team at Stephen Ministry, did extensive research and the result is *Cancer – Now What?*, a resource filled with helpful information, practical ideas, and hope-filled encouragement. There are good suggestions for becoming informed, understanding medical matters, working with and relating to your medical team, relating to immediate family, relating to friends and extended family, and more including dealing with the emotional dimension of cancer and spiritual matters.

You are invited to join us on **Tuesday, April 24, at 6:30pm**, in the Sanctuary to hear Rev. Howard speak. In addition to the *Cancer – Now What* books, information about CareNet Counseling and Stephen Ministry will be available

Upcoming Heritage Club Outings

Enjoy lunch and good fellowship at Seafood Shack in Walkertown, NC on **May 15 at 12:00pm**—Drive on your own OR meet at the church at 11:30am to carpool.

May 25, 2018 — Dinner & play at the Barn Dinner Theatre. Cost is \$49.00 per person and money and reservations due **NO LATER THAN MAY 4**. This is group rates if 20 or more go. Less than 20 will be \$54.00 per person. We will leave the church at 5:45pm. Call and make your reservations **TODAY** by calling Judy Osborne.

Love Offering for Pastor Amy

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Behind the scenes, Pastor Amy helped Main Street become a Stephen Ministry congregation and provided curriculum for our Adult Sunday School Classes and Disciple Small Groups. She was a vital member of Lay Leadership Committee, the Member Care Committee, the Vision Team, and many other committees and groups to help guide them and help them to fulfill their visions and missions within Main Street. Her knowledge and creativity helped incorporate the Liturgy into all of our worship services.

Pastor Amy is also very active in our conference serving on DCOM (District Committee of Ordained Ministry), Chairperson of the Committee of Superintendency, and leads RIOM (Residents in Ordained Ministry) group that mentors provisional local pastors.

The ministries and members of Main Street will miss Pastor Amy's wisdom and guidance. As a church family, we ask for prayers that God will allow the next chapter of her ministry to be more enriching for her, more fruitful for the church she will be serving, and that her service will bring even more glory to God.

We ask that all love offering donations for Pastor Amy be turned in to the church office by Monday, May 7.

Get Connected and Stay Connected

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Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

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 Volunteer
April 25	Chicken Divine	Crossroads/Seeker
May 2	Brat-n-Tot Bake	Great Expectations
May 9	Chicken French Onion Casserole	Genesis
May 16	Chicken Salad Wraps	Reflections in Christ
May 23	Taco Salad	JC Grose

Joys and Sympathies

We share our Joys with:

- Tom, Dyan, Katie, & Kimberly Riden and Sherry Stone, our newest Main Street Family Members

We extend our Sympathies to:

- To Craig Montgomery upon the death of his father, Frank Montgomery
- To Gene Miller upon the death of his wife, Willi Miller
- To Nick Pizzino upon the death of his uncle, Rod Hall
- To Linny Baker upon the death of his wife, Robin
- To Lisa Bendt upon the death of her mother, Glenda Brown
- To Gloria Oglesby upon the death of her father, Richard Forrest
- To Cheryl Manz upon the death of her mother, Alice
- To Jeanne Marcinkowski upon the death of her uncle, Bobby Johnson

**We share our full list of prayer requests every Wednesday at our 5:30pm Oasis Worship Service. This updated list of prayer requests can be found in the church office, the Chapel, or at Oasis each Wednesday Night.*

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

Upcoming Committee Meetings

A complete list of church events can be found on the church website.

Thursday, May 10, 2018

7:00 PM — SPRC—223

Monday, May 14, 2018

6:30 PM— Preschool Board Mtg—103

Thursday, May 17, 2018

7:00 PM — Finance Ctte Mtg — 107

Monday, May 21, 2018

7:00pm — Trustees — Parlor

Thursday, May 24, 2018

7:00 PM — Church Council—Fellowship Hall

a Record of our Faithfulness

OUR PRESENCE:	3-25-18	4-1-18	4-8-15	4-15-18
Sunday School	196	196	228	223
8:30 Worship	159	209	115	141
8:45 Jubilee!!	90	187	133	159
11:00 Worship	341	485	257	254
Total Worship	590	881	505	554
OUR GIFTS as of:	3-25-18	4-1-18	4-8-15	4-15-18
Building up/Reaching Out	\$1,137,231	\$1,137,831	\$1,139,753	\$1,139,953
Weekly Contributions	\$21,644	\$32,082	\$19,379	\$20,867
Contributions YTD	\$260,549	\$292,632	\$312,011	\$333,448
Budget YTD	\$285,336	\$309,114	\$332,892	\$356,670
Difference	(\$24,786)	(\$16,482)	(\$20,881)	(\$23,222)

Upcoming Worship Volunteers

Worship Group	4-22-18	4-29-18	5-6-18	5-13-18
Counting Team	Team 4	—	Team 1	Team 2
8:30am Acolytes	—	—	Samantha Cook Jack Christy	—
11:00am Acolytes	Miracle Riddle Testimony Riddle	Virginia Wyatt Laney Blevins	Hailey Coulston Savanna Parsons	Ryan Engle Julia Malit
Crucifer	Caroline Kuebert	Meredith Blevins	Brett Blevins	Emma Engle
Altar Guild	Kay Bare	Pat Knox	Amy Cook	Betsy Hanks
11:00am Nursery	Ann Cronin	Peyton O'Brien	Barbara Fager	Sarah Whicker
8:30am Greeters	Carl Cook	Phil Light	Ann Martin	Pat Knox
8:45am Greeters	Pizzino Family & Connie Trainer	Rob & Beth Johnson	Mike & Lesley Witt	Dave & Jayne Danner
11:00am Greeters	Ed & Barbara Fager	Coleman & Liza Garner	Marge & Bob Jones	Kelly & Matthew Thompson
Prayer w/the Pastors	Chuck Foster	Frank Robbins	Jack Rayfield	Steve Reid
Sound Tech	Michael Whicker	Kevin Bixby	Kathy Cissna	Marc Engle
Welcome Team	Jim Albright & Robin Yontz	Phil Bauguess	Tom Vaught	Sally Brown

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Join us and **Discover Main Street**

At Main Street we strive to be a welcoming community of faith. It is difficult to experience all the many aspects of our church in the worship and Sunday School hour. So we would like to invite you to Discover Main Street, a get-to-know the church event. Join us **Sunday, April 29** after the 11am Worship for lunch and information sessions.

At the Discover Main Street gathering, you can:

- Get to know the ministers
- Take a tour of the campus
- Learn about the history of Main Street
- Understand more about Methodism
- Get involved with activities & missions

Lunch and a nursery will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office so that we can accommodate everyone by emailing or calling Charity in the church office at 336.993.3411 / charity@mainstreetumc.org.

Church Staff

Our Ministers:

The Congregation of Main Street

Dr. Claude Kayler, 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
Nancy Blakemore, Dir. of Music Ministries
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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
Carina Sturdy, Organist
Jenny Lail, Accompanist
Anthony Simmonds & Willie Craven, Custodians

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