



# The Main Stream

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## 2018 Special Christmas Events at Main Street



Join us for our regular worship services\*  
at 8:30am, 8:45am, and 11:00am on December 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30!

### Saturday, December 1

9am & 10am

9:00am

**Breakfast with Santa** (*reservations required, visit [www.mainstreetumc.org](http://www.mainstreetumc.org) for more information*)

**Hanging of the Greens** — Everyone is welcome and invited to join us as we decorate our church!

### Wednesday, December 5

5:45pm

**Mid-Week Connect Fellowship Meal and Family Advent Activities.** Check our weekly emails and bulletins for more information on the weekly Family Advent Activities.

### Friday, December 7

7:00pm\*

**Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund Show** — Admission is free; donations accepted to benefit the Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund.

### Sunday, December 9

8:30 & 11:00am\*

8:45am\*

12:00pm

12:00pm

(*See page 5 for more information*)

**Our Annual Christmas Cantata** featuring our choirs and a portion of Handel's *Messiah*.

**Jubilee!** Contemporary worship in the Chapel.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Deadline** — Shoeboxes will not be accepted after noon on December 9.

**Crane's Nest Ministry Toy Drive** — Donations all of your new and unwrapped toys should be placed in the collection boxes in the Narthex.

### Wednesday, December 12

5:45pm

**Mid-Week Connect Fellowship Meal and Family Advent Activities.** Check our weekly emails and bulletins for more information on the weekly Family Advent Activities.

### Friday, December 14

6:00pm\*

Our Main Street Kids are hosting a Dinner Theatre featuring "The Story of the 1st Christmas". Seating will be limited; reservations are required.

\*Nursery Provided — Continued on Page 2

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## Sunday, December 16

7:00pm\* The Main Street UMC Handbell Choir and Combined Choirs present *Evening of Christmas Classics*. A love offering will be taken for the Handbell Fund that will be used to help with the cost of refurbishing Main Street's handbells.

## Wednesday, December 19

5:45pm **Mid-Week Connect Fellowship Meal and Family Advent Activities.** Check our weekly emails and bulletins for more information on the weekly Family Advent Activities.

## Friday, December 21

7:00pm\* **Service of the Longest Night** for those for whom the Holiday Season is tinged with sadness. This service will be held in the Sanctuary.

## Monday, December 24

4:00pm **Family Christmas Eve Service**, led by our Youth with participation in the Christmas Story by all children in attendance, and including the blessing of babies born in 2018. Holy Communion will be served at this service.

7:00pm\* **Traditional Christmas Eve Service** with candlelight and Holy Communion including choirs, music for harp and strings, trumpet, organ, and piano.

11:00pm **Traditional Christmas Eve Service** with candlelight and Holy Communion including choirs, music for harp and strings, trumpet, organ, and piano.



## **Poinsettia Orders are due by Sunday, December 2**

It's not too late to order a Poinsettia that will be placed in the chancel in honor or in memory of a loved one.

The plants will be placed in the Sanctuary or the Chapel until Christmas Eve (*After worship on Christmas Eve, you may take your flowers home*). This year the wrapped plants will cost \$13.

If you would prefer to make a donation to the Kernersville Christmas Stocking Fund (*a local fund to buy gifts for the needy*) instead of ordering a poinsettia, we will recognize those donations as well on Sunday, December 16.

The deadline for ordering is **December 2**. You may make out your check to *Main Street UMC* with a designation of *Poinsettia* or *Kernersville Christmas Stocking*.

**WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY ORDERS AFTER DECEMBER 2.**

**THE POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN ON NOVEMBER 25.**

“Once we have seen [Jesus] in a stable, we can never be sure where he will appear or to what lengths he will go or to what ludicrous depths of self-humiliation he will descend in his wild pursuit of men.”

—Frederick Buechner

*Get Connected and Stay Connected*

## Christmas Card Ministry

It's the time of year again when we start thinking about preparing for the Christmas season. As you begin to write your Christmas cards, please remember our homebound members. As in years past, the Stephen Ministers will be collecting Christmas cards in the Narthex and will deliver them.

*While we encourage you to send cards to all those who close to you, please bring cards addressed only to those on the list below for the Stephen Ministers to deliver.* Thank you for honoring this request and for making the Christmas season a little brighter for our homebound members.

**A card collection box will be in the Narthex from November 25 through December 9.**

Joan Bingham	Hobby & Nell Kiser
Ann Brooks	Goldie Laughridge
Ann Brown	Howard & Ruth Martin
Ralph Bryant	Gene Miller
Martha Crawford	Glennie Oglesby
Eddie Crawford	Tommy Patterson
Magilene Doggett	Bob & Joan Pegg
Betty Edwards	Nancy Plyler
Monkey Flynt	Clay Ring
Helen Fulp	Clara Mae Ross
Carolyn Gentry	Louise Sapp
Sarah Gramley	Gil Snyder
Roger & Margaret Grubbs	Jackie Stuart
Juanita Higgins	Regie Teague
Ruth Hinson	Mabeth Thomas
Gene Holleman	
Virginia Hudson	
Ruth Ingram	
Flo Johnston	
Wayne & Ruby Jones	
Sarah Jones	
Ann Kirkman	



*The Heritage Club is going to be busy. Will you be joining them on their next outing? Here's what's coming up!*

**Friday, December 7 —**

The Depot restaurant at Cody Creek in Dobson. There are a few seats on the bus available so sign up today. They will be leaving the church at 5:00pm.

*Reservations are filling up fast so call Judy Osborne at 336-993-2201 TODAY to make your reservation and join in on the fun!*

## “Footsteps of Paul” Cruise



On Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00pm in the Chapel, Pastors Mike & Rick will be having an informational meeting about their upcoming Educational Opportunities Tour in 2019. This cruise will be a roundtrip tour of Italy following the Footsteps of Paul.

This cruise/tour will take place Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019.

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## *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 December is: **Sugar, Flour, and Baking Items.** Donation boxes can be found in the Narthex and in the Chapel.*

## In case you are wondering what our Youth Connect Group have been up to...

In upcoming issues of our church newsletter, our youth will be sharing the events, projects, and activities that they have been doing to connect to God, each other, and our community. Would you like more information about our Youth Connect program? Email or call Wayne Purdy (336-993-3411 / [wayne@mainstreetumc.org](mailto:wayne@mainstreetumc.org)) in the church office TODAY!

On Oct. 17 our mid-week Bible study, Youth Half Time, focused on “RESPECT”: what it means to respect authority, our elders, our peers, and ourselves. We explored what the Bible says about the topic of respect.

On Oct 21 our Alpha & Omega Youth Choir sang at Rev. Eric Tang’s two churches. They represented Main Street UMC well in their actions, their graciousness, and in the way they used their God-given talents to worship God.

On Oct 21 Mike Young provided our youth lesson on how to stop the cycle of bullying. This is an important topic that many of the youth in our community face on a daily basis. We would like to offer a special thank you to Mike for this very special life lesson.

On Oct 24 at our Youth Half Time Bible Study they had a follow up discussion to a previous lesson on youth evangelism. Did you know that 82% of active church members originally became involved because someone invited them to church? Our youth do!

On Oct 31 we closed the Pumpkin Patch with a record breaking season! Thank you to all who participated in our MSUMC pumpkin patch this year.

Our youth were also able to send over 50 towels sets, over 150 bars of soap and 50 containers of wet wipes to the ReCreation retreat center in Florida. ReCreation has been housing the linemen for weeks now. The linemen are visiting from all over the country as they restore power to the pan handle of Florida after Hurricane Michael.

Thank “YOUth” for being the hands and feet of Christ!

—Submitted by Mollie Moore

stay connected  
church directory

A Church Pictorial Directory is a powerful tool in our church to help each of us know each other better. Our last directory is now out-dated and it is time for a new one. Please make an appointment to have your picture taken on one of the sign-up Sundays (Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9 & 16) or go to [www.mainstreetumc.org](http://www.mainstreetumc.org) to sign up online. Your participation will help the church and yourself. Every family photographed for the directory will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost. You will also have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits at the time of photography with a 20% discount.

Photo dates will be Jan. 2-5, 7 & 8, 14 & 15, and 21 & 22.

### Join our Photography Team

We are looking for volunteers to join our NEW church Photography Team. Just be at our church events and take pictures of the festivities. Use your camera or your phone; no fancy equipment needed. Contact Charity for more information and or to sign up today!

Our Vision:

*Fostering vital communities through love and life-changing experiences.*

## Cantata Sunday Features Handel's *Messiah* on December 9

The Main Street UMC Music Ministry will present selections from the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah* on Cantata Sunday, December 9 at 8:30 and 11:00. The Chancel Choir and Chorale join forces on this beloved Christmas classic featuring choir, soloists, and chamber orchestra and organ. The morning begins with Charles Wesley's classic Christmas Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*. It concludes with John Rutter's arrangement of Handel's *Joy to the World* and the *Hallelujah* chorus as a sung benediction. Members of the congregation are invited to come up and sing with the choir on the *Hallelujah!*

## Evening of *Christmas Classics* on December 16

The Main Street Handbell Choir and Main Street Combined Choirs will collaborate on an evening of Christmas classics to benefit the Handbell Fund on Sunday, December 16 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This program incorporates all sorts of "Christmas Classics"—everything from *Carol of the Bells* to *The Birthday of a King*; from the Appalachian carol *I Wonder as I Wander* to the ultimate Christmas classic *O Holy Night*, as well as the country classic *Mary, Did You Know?* and many more. On this program we will celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the most beloved Christmas carol of all time—*Silent Night*. A love offering will be taken for the Handbell Fund to help meet expenses associated with refurbishing Main Street's handbells that have been in use for more than 35 years. Pat M. Hill will conduct the Main Street Handbell Choir. Come enjoy an evening of classic Christmas tunes and support the Main Street Handbell Choir, all in one special musical evening!

*"Beautiful music ... is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us."*

—Martin Luther



**Saturday, December 1  
from 6-9pm**

On December 1, we are excited to offer Parents Night Out, a special opportunity for the parents of Main Street and preschool families.

The evening will include dinner, playtime, crafts, movie, and LOTS OF FUN!

There will be preschool teachers, MSUMC Youth volunteers, and nursery workers caring for your children.

This event is a fundraiser for our Youth program and Alpha & Omega Youth Choir. All of the money raised will support these groups' mission trips. A suggested donation of \$20.00 for the first child and \$10.00 for each additional child is requested and will be greatly appreciated.

For more information or to sign your child up for this night of fun please email or call Katie Riddle (336-993-3411 / [katie.riddle@mainstreetumc.org](mailto:katie.riddle@mainstreetumc.org))

Reservations are due to the church office by 4:00pm on Monday, November 26

Our Mission:

*To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

## *Joys and Sympathies*

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### **We express our Joy with:**

- To Brandon & Stacy Pegram upon the baptism of their daughter, Lila Louise
- To Thomas & Maddie Mabe upon the birth of their twins, Bodie & Sophie
- To Hayden & Eileen Kirby-Smith upon the marriage of their daughter, Catherine
- To Bob & Ann Stoebe upon the birth of their great-grandson, Milo Gray Karaguavanis
- To Bobby & Meredith Vaught upon the baptism of their daughter, Braelyn Elisabeth

### **We extend our Sympathies with:**

- To Tim Meares upon the death of his father, Ralph
- To George Jenkins upon the death of his brother and niece
- To Linda LaRue upon the death of her sister, Sandra Cummings Kelly
- To Mabeth Thomas upon the death of her sister-in-law, Sarah Reece
- To Ann Brown upon the death of her husband, Cecil Brown
- To Debbie Crowder upon the death of her father, Doug Hall
- To Pastor Claude Kayler upon the death of his father, Jack Kayler
- To Lisa Duggins upon the death of her mother, Betty Smith
- To Danny Flynt upon the death of his sister in law, Kathy Flynt

## *Get Connected*

Worship Times, Deadlines, and Committee Meetings

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### *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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### **Monday, November 26, 2018**

1:00 PM History Committee

### **Saturday, December 1, 2018**

9:00 AM Hanging of the Greens

10:00 AM Crane's Nest pickup

6:00 PM Parent's Night Out

### **Sunday, December 2, 2018**

12:15 PM Outreach Ctte Mtg

1:00 PM Kernersville Parade

### **Friday, December 7, 2018**

7:00 PM Christmas Stocking Fund Concert

### **Sunday, December 9, 2018**

12:00 PM Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Due

Crane's Nest Toy Drive Pickup

### **Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

7:00 PM Footsteps of Paul Meeting

5:30 PM Children's Dress Rehearsal

### **Saturday, December 15, 2018**

11:30 AM Bethany Café

### **Sunday, December 16, 2018**

3:30 PM Youth Progressive Dinner

### **Tuesday, December 18, 2018**

6:00 PM College Christmas Dinner

*For more details on these events, other activities, and more visit our website  
[www.mainstreetumc.org](http://www.mainstreetumc.org)*

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## *a Record of our Faithfulness*

<b>OUR PRESENCE:</b>	<b>10-21-18</b>	<b>10-28-18</b>	<b>11-4-18</b>	<b>11-11-18</b>
Sunday School	195	192	204	221
8:30 Worship	115	92	120	159
8:45 Jubilee!!	103	88	116	160
11:00 Worship	227	307	182	188
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>507</b>
<b>OUR GIFTS as of:</b>	<b>10-21-18</b>	<b>10-28-18</b>	<b>11-4-18</b>	<b>11-11-18</b>
Building up/Reaching Out	\$1,154,397	\$1,155,317	\$1,156,397	\$1,156,977
Weekly Contributions	\$20,007	\$26,183	\$23,406	\$19,830
Contributions YTD	\$905,255	\$931,438	\$954,844	\$974,674
Budget YTD	\$998,676	\$1,022,454	\$1,046,232	\$1,070,010
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$93,421)</b>	<b>(\$91,016)</b>	<b>(\$91,388)</b>	<b>(\$95,335)</b>

## *Upcoming Worship Volunteers*

<b>Worship Group</b>	<b>11-25-18</b>	<b>12-2-18</b>	<b>12-9-16</b>	<b>12-16-18</b>
<b>Counting Team</b>	Team 4	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
<b>8:30am Acolytes</b>	Lauron Smith & McKenzie Smith	Jack Christy & Samantha Cook	Lauron Smith & McKenzie Smith	Ryan Engle & Daniel Hall
<b>11:00am Acolytes</b>	Laney Heafner & Savannah Vaughn	Andrew Wyatt & Laney Blevins	Whitley Davis & Savanna Parsons	Sophia Cochran & Nate Pitts
<b>Crucifer</b>	Meredith Blevins	Virginia Wyatt	Brett Blevins	Julia Malit
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joan Lewis	Beth Vaught	Tina Higgins	Tracy Whitaker
<b>Kids Connect-Worship Volunteer (11am)</b>	Elizabeth Ann Richardson	<b><u>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</u></b>	Lauren Elmore	Joan Lewis
<b>8:30am Greeters</b>	Tanya Brumfield	Charles Hall	Mary Carl Christy	Earl Lewis
<b>8:45am Greeters</b>	Jack & Robin Rayfield	Pizzino Family/ Connie Trainer	Rob & Beth Johnson	Mike & Lesley Witt
<b>11:00am Greeters</b>	Liza & Coleman Garner	Edwin & Nellie Walker	Earl & Joan Lewis	David McAdoo & Suzanne Hill
<b>Prayer w/the Pastors</b>	Brad & Donna Rodgers	Missy Craven	Jim Barrett	Evelyn Frye
<b>Sound Tech</b>	John Higgins	Sloane Pigg	Kathy Cissna	Kevin Bixby
<b>Welcome Team</b>	Jeff Harpe	Janice Atchison	Ed & Pauline Finn	Leslie Antieau

**Communion Assistants for Sunday, December 2 will be: Carolyn Wemyss, John & Janet Helms, Tina Higgins, Liza Garner, and Beth Vaught**

# Main Street United Methodist Church

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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
Nov 28	Poppyseed Casserole	Crossroads/ Seekers
Dec 5	Tortellini Soap/ Cornbread	Great Expectations
Dec 12	Enchilada Casserole	Genesis
Dec 19	White Chili	Reflections of Christ
Dec 26	NO DINNER	—

### 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

*Church Staff*

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