



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



BUILDING



WELCOMING

September 20, 2015
Services at 8:30/11:00 am
www.msumc1.org and 92.9FM (WZLA) Sundays at noon

Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

17th Sunday After Pentecost

Green

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided.

Large print hymnals, bulletins, and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

“The church is God’s people marching through a mess towards God’s kingdom.”

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming

TRINITY CHIME

Richie Pinckney

PRELUDE

Meditation (Vierne)

Steve Driskill: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Allie Williams: Prayer Sentinel, Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Our Vision and Mission Statement

As the friends of God, let us bless the Lord.

Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever! Amen.

What is the mission of Main Street United Methodist Church?

We are “Following Christ from City Center.”

And what is our vision?

**“As members of Main Street United Methodist Church,
we are called to grow as a community of disciples of Jesus Christ by:**

- * Faithfully worshipping our holy God with love and devotion;**
- * Compassionately serving those in need;**
- * Building bridges to the diverse neighborhoods of the Greenwood community;**
- * Welcoming all to hear God’s story.”**

PROCESSION HYMN, No. 131

We Gather Together

(Crucifer: Bennett Charles, Acolyte: Vivi Joy Pinckney)

***MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER**

Based on Acts 2:41-47

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our holy, heavenly Father,
you have chosen not to work alone but through your people.
You called Abraham as the father of a new nation,
a people that Moses led out of Egypt towards the Promised Land,
a people who endured suffering and from whom the Messiah came.
We thank you for Israel, for the Jews, for the Faith and Book they gave us.
We thank you for the day Jesus left Nazareth to fulfill his calling,
the day he was baptized by John in the river Jordan,
the moment you poured out the Spirit on him without measure,
and the day he called his first followers to become his disciples.
Stir our hearts with love for the Lord Jesus and for one another.
Visit us now with the light and power and gifts of the Holy Spirit.
Set our hearts and minds ablaze with holy fire from on high.
Use us as a launching pad for your work in Greenwood and beyond.
Teach us how to be your people and give hope to a broken world.
Amen.** (Wait upon the Lord's presence in expectant silence.)

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70**

Glory Be to the Father

TESTIMONY FROM GOD'S PEOPLE

What This Church Means To Me

WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

God's Covenant Renewed

Exodus 24:1-18

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(Myra Greene: Lay Reader)

THE OFFICIAL TEACHING OF THE U.M. CHURCH

The U.M. Confession of Faith Article V: *The Church*

“We believe the Christian Church is the community of all true believers under the Lordship of Christ. We believe it is ‘one, holy, apostolic and catholic’ (Nicene Creed) It is the redemptive fellowship in which the Word of God is preached by men (and women) divinely called, and the sacraments are duly administered according to Christ's own appointment. Under the discipline of the Holy Spirit the Church exists for the maintenance of worship, the edification (i.e. the building up) of believers and the redemption of the world” (*The Book of Discipline 2012: 71*).

CHILDREN'S TIME

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

ANTHEM

Holy Is He (Clydesdale)
John McFadden: Music Director

Chancel Choir

SERMON LESSON *Who And What Is The Church?* Acts 2:41-47, 1 Cor. 1:10-17
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
(1st in a 7 week series, "The Disciples Path" leading to Stewardship Sunday.)

SERMON

The Ideal And The Real

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD READ AND PREACHED

Am I proud to be a disciple of Jesus and a member of his church?

*HYMN, No. 558

We Are the Church

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals* Steve Driskill: Organist

***DOXOLOGY, NO. 95** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER** *Hymnal: 895*

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN, No. 644

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

*CHORAL BENEDICTION, No. 672

God Be With You....

Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE** *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee (Bach)* Steve Driskill: Organist

The flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Tanner Cronic by their family.

Please join us for prayer in the chapel on Thursdays from 6:30-7:00pm

Sunday, Sept. 27

Disciples Pray and Meditate

James 5:13-20