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December 16, 2018

Welcome to Main Street United Methodist Church! Our Mission is: "Following Christ from City Center" Third Sunday of Advent

Purple

Welcome Visitors, Register Attendance, Church Concerns, Announcements

ENTRANCE

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Rodney Cleveland, organist

*Call to Worship

Rhonda McGinnis, Lay Reader

Leader: We await the birth of a child.

People: We can hardly wait.

Leader: We await the arrival of God's greatest gift.

People: We are ready to receive.

Leader: We await the one who is God with us. **People:** We open our hearts to the Christ child.

*Hymn No. 203 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Crucifer: Jarratt Smith, Acolyte: Mary Margaret Skinner

Advent Banner: Layton Logan

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Marilyn and Lomax Murphy

A Lesson from Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Prayer: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation, and you will say in that day: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice! Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously! Amen.

Song A Candle is Burning To the tune of Away in a Manger

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright, a candle of hope in a dark winter night. While angels sing blessing from heav'ns starry sky, our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

Scripture Reading Hosea 2:2-3, 3:1 Rhonda McGinnis

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Childrens' Christmas Program

Sermon Scandalous Love Pastor James

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

*Hymn No. 121

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

*Offertory Response No. 219 What Child Is This (Verse 3)
So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the
King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the
King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the

babe, the son of Mary.

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn No. 240 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Reception of New Members No. 48

Carroll and Brenda Sams

*Benediction

*Sung Response

Away in a Manger

(Verse 3)

*Postlude

Rodney Cleveland, organist

*Please stand if you are able

Chancel Flowers

The poinsettias are given to the glory of God by the Moore family in loving honor of Wygenia Moore and in memory of Bennie Moore.

Outreach Service and Lunch

Our Special **Christmas Outreach Lunch and Service** is set for **December 22**! This is a great way to give back to the community and demonstrate your love of Christ through your service. We're recruiting volunteers for this event. If you'd like to participate in any way, **please let Gray Stallworth know**. There are ways you can participate even before that date in case you are away or have other plans.

Christmas Eve Service

Our Christmas Eve Communion Candlelight Service will be at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Come as a family and celebrate our Savior's birth!

A video recording of today's 11:00 service is available on our website, www.msumc1.org.

Serving This Sunday, December 16

Prayer Sentinel: Kit Adkins

Sound System Operator: Brian Andrews Acolyte Parent Volunteer: Lisa Smith

Children's Nursery Volunteer: Jo Patterson

MSUMC's nursery depends on church member volunteers to assist during each service. To sign up contact Lisa Smith at children@msumc1.org or 864-980-0431.

Stewardship Report as of 12/09/2018

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	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
YTD INCOME:	\$ 683,168	\$ 777,097
YTD EXPENSES:	\$ 682,847	\$ 777,097
YTD SURPLUS		
OR (DEFICIT):	\$ 321	

Attendance 12/09/2018

45 8:30 am Service Sunday School 76 11:00 am Service 91

Missions Committee

December we are collecting canned pasta for the food bank. You may drop off donations in carts located outside the Fellowship Hall, the Sanctuary, or at the church office. Thank you!!

Carolina today!

Everyone is invited to join the Dula Class for their annual Christmas Caroling at 3 pm to spread Christmas cheer to our homebound members. Meet in the Fellowship Hall to divide into groups.

ENGAGE is Small Group Ministry!

Beginning in January there will be small groups on Sundays and more small groups & dinner on Wednesdays, and even more to begin in February. Reaister on-line or through the office.

On Sundays, childcare is available for infants through three-year old children from 8:30 am -12:15 pm, first floor in the Asbury Building.

THIS WEEK at MAIN STREET

Monday, December 17

9:00 am-12:00 pm Mud Pies Preschool 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 1565-Asbury 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Church League BB-gym 6:00 pm-8:30 pm Jesus In the Gospels-Gen to Rev 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 911

Tuesday, December 18

9:00 am-12:00 pm Mud Pies Preschool 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Church League BB-gym 6:00 pm-8:00 pm Disciple 3-Gen to Rev 7:30 pm-9:30 pm College Ministries-SWB 1st flr.

Wednesday, December 19

9:00 am-12:00 pm Mud Pies Preschool 5:00 pm-6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Elevate Youth

Thursday, December 20

6:00 am-8:00 am Toastmasters-Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Girl Scouts 1389-FH

6:30 pm-7:00 pm Prayer Meeting-Chapel

Friday, December 21

6:00 pm-Celebrate Recovery-Fellowship Hall Saturday, December 22 12:00 pm Outreach Service/Lunch-Asbury Gym

Sunday, December 23 8:30 am Early Service-Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Breakfast Served-Fellowship Hall 10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary

Monday, December 24

5:00 pm-6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 25 Church Office Closed Wednesday, December 26 Church Office Closed

To learn more about future events planned at MSUMC, visit our website at www.msumc1.org.

Main Street United Methodist Church Staff

Pastor James McCoy-Bruce, Senior Pastor Debbie Tharpe, Administrative Assistant John McFadden, Director of Music Ministries Jo Patterson, Office Assistant Rodney Cleveland, Interim Organist Linda Miller, Financial Secretary Gray Stallworth, Engagement Coordinator Lee Robirds, RN, Congregational Nurse Sharon Britz, Director of Youth and Student Ministries Scott Parham, Building Superintendent

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