



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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211 North Main Street
Greenwood, South Carolina 29646
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December 23, 2018

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

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Purple

Welcome Visitors, Register Attendance, Church Concerns, Announcements

ENTRANCE

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Angel Medley
Handbell Choir

arr. Osman

*Call to Worship

Mark Robirds, Lay Reader

Leader: God has done great things for us!

People: God's love is heralded in the promise of Christ.

Leader: Holy is God's name!

People: God's promises are fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

Leader: God's mercy extends from generation to generation.

People: God's salvation is offered in the gift of Christ.

*Hymn No. 196

Come, Thou long-Expected Jesus

Crucifer: Ella Bassett, Acolyte: Bradley and Katie Funderburk

Advent Banner: Lucas Bassett

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Gary, Melissa, Bradley, Katie and Ben Funderburk

A Lesson from II Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Prayer: God of hope, God of peace, God of joy, and God of love, teach us how to love one another as reflections of your light in the world. God of promise, God of love, into our darkness come. 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

1 John 3:14, 16-18

Mark Robirds

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Fear Not

McDonald

Children's Message

Mary Lynn Polk

All children are invited to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergartners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

Hymn No. 204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Sermon

Jesus' Wish List

Pastor James

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***Hymn No. 213**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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. 218**

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

***Benediction**

***Sung Response No. 217**

Away in a Manger

(Verse 3)

***Postlude**

Rodney Cleveland, organist

**Please stand if you are able*

Chancel Flowers

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

Christmas Eve Service

Our Christmas Eve Communion Candlelight Service will be
at 5:00 pm tomorrow evening 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 23

Prayer Sentinel: Allie Williams

Sound System Operator: Joey Burns

Acolyte Parent Volunteer: Lori Bassett

Extended Session Worker: Susan Thompson

Children's Nursery Volunteer: Angie Baker

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.

Missions Committee

In 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!!

ENGAGE is Small Group Ministry!

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

Hanging of the Greens Thank you!

Thank you everyone for coming together in helping make this year's Hanging of the Greens another successful service! So many people showed up! Everyone did an outstanding job from hanging greenery and bows, preparing globes, to decorating the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary, including rehearsing, the choir, all the way through the entire service and reception. It is truly amazing to see the hands of God work together in keeping the tradition in our church alive for 31 years. It warms my heart seeing all of us, the multi-generations working hard together.

Thank you again, and I hope you have a warm and safe Christmas!

Merry Christmas!

Debbie Tharpe,
Hanging of the Greens Chairperson

Stewardship Report as of 12/16/2018

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
YTD INCOME:	\$ 701,866	\$ 792,962
YTD EXPENSES:	\$ 703,680	\$ 792,962
YTD SURPLUS		
OR (DEFICIT):	\$ (1,814)	

Attendance 12/16/2018

8:30 am Service	116
Sunday School	66
11:00 am Service	179

THIS WEEK at MAIN STREET

Monday, December 24

5:00 pm–6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 25 Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26 Church Office Closed

Thursday, December 27

6:30 pm–7:00 pm Prayer Meeting-Chapel

Friday, December 28

6:00 pm–Celebrate Recovery-Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 30

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 31

6:00 pm–8:00 pm Church League Basketball

Tuesday, January 1 - Church Office Closed

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

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.

Main Street United Methodist Church Staff

Pastor James McCoy-Bruce, Senior Pastor
John McFadden, Director of Music Ministries
Rodney Cleveland, Interim Organist
Gray Stallworth, Engagement Coordinator
Lisa Smith, Children's Program Coordinator
Allison Wooten, Mud Pies Director

Debbie Tharpe, Administrative Assistant
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Linda Miller, Financial Secretary
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