



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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December 2, 2018

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

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

First Sunday of Advent

Purple

Welcome Visitors, Register Attendance, Church Concerns, Announcements

ENTRANCE

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Savior of the Nations, Come
Rodney Cleveland

*Call to Worship

Myra Greene, Lay Reader

Leader: Shout to the Lord! Sing aloud to God!
People: God is with us now.
Leader: Sing of God's deeds. Speak of Christ's grace.
People: God is with us here.
Leader: Live as God's people. Walk on God's ways.
People: God is with us on the way.

*Hymn No. 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
Crucifer: Claire Leuthner-Barrineau
Acolyte: Daniel Leuthner-Barrineau
Advent Banner: Bennett Charles

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Loving God, your church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us each week as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn No. 204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Toby, Caroline and Annabelle Chappell

A Lesson from Isaiah 64:1-9

Prayer: Faithful God, out of death you bring life. Renew us in hope, that we may be alert to the advent of Christ among us. God of promise, God of hope, 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

Isaiah 9:2-7

Myra Greene

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

O Come, Divine Messiah
Chancel Choir

arr. Helvey

Children's Message

Pastor James

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. 198

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

Sermon

Expect a Miracle

Pastor James

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

Service of Word and Table

No. 12

Morning Prayer

Offering

Offertory

Sleepers, Wake!

Bach

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.

Holy Communion: The Great Thanksgiving

No. 13

Giving The Bread and Cup

Communion Servers:

Joe and Vickie Chandler, Shell and Mary Dula
Marilyn and Lomax Murphy, Mary Lynn Polk, and Belva Few

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn No. 196**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Lighting and Blessing of the Chrismon Tree

Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son, who rescued us from the darkness of sin by making the cross a tree of life and light. May this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Advent Grace

Postlude

Sleepers, Wake!
Rodney Cleveland, organist

Ferguson

**Please stand if you are able*

Chancel Flowers

The Chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Larry Gates and in memory of Alma Gates from Phillip and Barbara Gates.

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

Serving This Sunday, December 2

Prayer Sentinel: Glenn Williams

Sound System Operator: Albert Dukes

Acolyte Parent Volunteer: Gemma Charles

Extended Session Worker: Caroline Chappell

Children's Nursery Volunteer: Sam Valkenburg

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 11/25/2018

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
YTD INCOME:	\$ 637,474	\$ 745,367
YTD EXPENSES:	\$ 662,568	\$ 745,367
YTD SURPLUS		
OR (DEFICIT):	\$ (25,094)	

Capital Campaign Update as of 11/25/2018

Total Collected 2018	\$ 54,943
Total Funds Available	\$ 11,548
Bank Loan amount	\$136,476
Next principal payment due-Dec. 24	\$ 20,500

Attendance 11/25/2018

8:30 am Service	46
Sunday School	139
11:00 am Service	155

Missions Committee

This month 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!!

Pastor James is holding an informational session for those interested in joining Main Street or who have recently joined, next Sunday, December 9 at 9:45 am in the Chapel.

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 3

9:00 am–12:00 pm Mud Pies Preschool
11:30 am–1:00 pm Hearts & Hands-The Alcoves
6:00 pm–8:00 pm Church League BB-gym
6:00 pm–7:30 pm Girl Scouts 1565-Asbury 2nd flr.
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 4

9:00 am–12:00 pm Mud Pies Preschool
4:00 pm–6:30 pm Care Team Meeting-Library
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 5

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
6:30 pm–7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm–8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball-gym

Thursday, December 6

6:00 am–8:00 am Toastmasters-Fellowship Hall
9:00 am–12:00 pm Mud Pies Preschool
6:00 pm–7:30 pm Girl Scouts-Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm–8:00 pm Girl Scout Leaders-SWB Conf.
6:00 pm–8:00 pm BSA District Meeting-Library
6:30 pm–7:00 pm Prayer Meeting-Chapel

Friday, December 7

9:00 am–12:00 pm Mud Pies Preschool
6:00 pm–Celebrate Recovery-Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 8

2:00 pm–4:00 pm Celebrate Recovery-Youth Rm.

Sunday, December 9

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
12:00 pm–2:00 pm Pill Packing
4:00 pm–5:30 pm Church Council-Drake Class
5:30 pm–6:00 pm ENGAGE Snack Supper-FH
5:30 pm–7:00 pm Elevate Youth-Youth Room
6:00 pm 'Star of Bethlehem' by Pastor James and children's activities
7:00 pm–8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

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

John McFadden, Director of Music Ministries

Rodney Cleveland, Interim Organist

Gray Stallworth, Engagement Coordinator

Sharon Britz, Director of Youth and Student Ministries

Lisa Smith, Children's Program Coordinator

Allison Wooten, Mud Pies Director

Debbie Tharpe, Administrative Assistant

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Melvin Boyd, Building Caretaker