



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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December 15, 2019

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

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Third Sunday of Advent

Purple

Welcome Visitors, Register Attendance, Church Concerns, Announcements

ENTRANCE

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Divinum mysterium / Corde natus
Rodney Cleveland

Blackwell

*Call to Worship

Jon Bassett, 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.

Leader: We await the salvation of the world.

*Hymn No. 213

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
Crucifer: Witt Smith Acolyte: Benjo Smith
Advent Banner: Jarratt Smith

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Ashleigh, Justin, Addison and Caroline Leopard

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 joy on a dark winter night. While angels sing blessings from heav'ns starry sky, our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

Children's Christmas Program *The Heavenly Misfit*

Heavenly Misfit Angel - Ben Funderburk

Voice of God - Lucas Bassett

Youth Narrators - Ella Bassett, Jordan McCoy-Bruce, Elizabeth Porter, Madalin Radcliffe

Angel Ensemble - Crawford Burns, Annabelle Chappell, Katie Funderburk, Peyton Larkins,

Ryder Larkins, Caroline Leopard, Lucy Sims, Maggie Shirley, Mary Margaret Skinner,

Rosemary Skinner, Hudson Smith, Laney Smith, Walker Thompson

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Jon Bassett

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

*A Life-Giving Christmas Joy:
A Light in the Darkness*

Pastor James

***Hymn No. 208**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

Morning Prayer

Offering

Offertory

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Rodney Cleveland

Bennett

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. 206**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

***Benediction**

***Congregational Benediction**

Rejoice, Rejoice!

Refrain No. 211

Postlude

Savior of the Nations, Come
Rodney Cleveland

Bach

**Please stand if you are able*

Chancel Flowers

The poinsettias are given to the glory of God by the Williams family in loving memory of Jackie Williams.

Outreach Service and Lunch

Our Special **Christmas Outreach Lunch and Service** is set for **December 21!** This is a great way to give back to the community and demonstrate your love of Christ through your service. We still need volunteer servers. **Please let Gray Stallworth know if you can help.**

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. There is a link to make on-line donations there, also!

Flower calendar for 2020 will be available soon

Serving This Sunday, December 15**Prayer Sentinel:** Kit Adkins**Sound System Operator:** Toby Chappell**Acolyte Parent Volunteer:** Tara Smith**Extended Session Worker:** Caroline Chappell**Children's Nursery Volunteer:** Jo Patterson

MSUMC's nursery depends on church member volunteers to assist during each service. Call Church Office to help.

Stewardship Report as of 12/08/2019

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
YTD INCOME:	\$ 670,727	\$ 867,300
YTD EXPENSES:	\$ 658,682	\$ 867,300
YTD SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT):	\$12,045	

Attendance 12/08/2019

8:30 am Service	51
Sunday School	129
11:00 am Service	180

MSUMC Caroling today!

Everyone is invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall today at 3:00 pm for the annual Christmas Caroling to spread Christmas cheer to our homebound members. Meet in the Fellowship Hall to sign Christmas cards, get your sheet music, and divide into groups to carpool to our church loved ones.

Honduras Missions Needs

We are collecting 75 used colored t-shirts (adult medium, large & x-large) so jump ropes can be made for Honduras!

Photographs

Stop by the Church Office to pick up your Lifetouch 8x10 that was sent to the church for you.

Childcare is available on Sundays

for infants through two-year old children from 8:30 am – 12:15 pm, first floor in the Asbury Building. Must sign your child in and out.

THIS WEEK at MAIN STREET**Monday, December 16**

9:00 am Mud Pies Preschool
5:30 pm–7:00 pm Girl Scouts 1565-Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Mud Pies Christmas Program
6:30 pm–9:00 pm Companions in Christ-G2R

Tuesday, December 17

9:00 am Mud Pies Preschool
9:30 am Staff Meeting
4:00 pm Prayer Ministry Team
4:15 pm–5:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal
6:00 pm–7:30 pm Celebration Circle
7:30 pm–9:00 pm Wesley Fellowship-SWB

Wednesday, December 18

9:00 am Mud Pies Preschool
5:15 pm Discipleship Task Force-Genesis to Rev.
7:00 pm–8:30 pm Pick-up BB-Asbury Gym

Thursday, December 19

6:00 am Toastmasters-Fellowship Hall
9:00 am Mud Pies Preschool
6:00 pm–7:30 pm Girl Scouts 1389 Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 20

6:00 pm–Celebrate Recovery-Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 21

12:00 pm Christmas Outreach Lunch-Asbury Gym

Sunday, December 22

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
7:00 pm–8:30 pm Pick-up BB-Asbury Gym

To learn more about future events planned at Main Street, visit us on our website at www.msumc1.org.

Main Street United Methodist Church Staff

Pastor James McCoy-Bruce, Senior Pastor

Gray Stallworth, Pastor of Discipleship

John McFadden, Director of Music Ministries

Rodney Cleveland, Organist

Josie Shirley, Children's Program Coordinator

Preston Goforth, Director of Youth & Student Ministries

Debbie Tharpe, Administrative Assistant

Jo Patterson, Office Assistant

Linda Miller, Financial Secretary

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Allison Wooten, Mud Pies Director