



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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December 1, 2019

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

Rodney Cleveland

***Call to Worship**

Myra Greene, Lay Reader

Leader: We know what time it is –

People: the moment to wake from sleep.

Leader: We awaken to greet the day, yearning for God's peace on this earth.

People: Let us lay down our swords and put aside all works of darkness.

Leader: Let us walk in the light and live as peacekeepers.

People: Let us worship our God as expectant believers.

Leader: We worship with joy, knowing Christ will come.

***Hymn No. 519**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Crucifer: Ella Bassett

Acolyte: Coleson and Quinn Marino

Advent Banner: Lucas Bassett

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

Lindsay, Joey and Crawford Burns

A Lesson from Isaiah 64:3-8

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'n's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.***

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

Scripture Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Myra Greene

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

O Come, Divine Messiah
Chancel Choir

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. 196

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Sermon

*A Life-Giving Christmas Hope:
Next Year Will Be Different*

Pastor James

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

Service of Word and Table

No. 12

Morning Prayer

Offering

Offertory

Rodney Cleveland

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. 15

Giving The Bread and Cup

Communion Servers:

Marilyn and Lomax Murphy, Vickie and Jo Chandler
Mary and Shell Dula, Belva Few, and Carol Harley

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn No. 189

Fairest Lord 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

Rejoice, Rejoice!

Refrain No. 211

Postlude

Rodney Cleveland

**Please stand if you are able*

Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Anne Drake's 88th birthday on November 29th.

Church Council Meeting

If you're a church officer, staff, committee chair or just want to come...be one of the faces at your Church Council table - **Sunday, December 8, 4:00 pm, Drake Classroom**

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!

Serving This Sunday, December 1

Prayer Sentinels: Ann & Charlie West

Sound System Operator: Jeff Smith

Acolyte Parent Volunteer: Lori Bassett

Extended Session Worker: Tara Smith

Children's Nursery Volunteer: Hannah Thompson

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

Stewardship Report as of 11/24/2019

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
YTD INCOME:	\$ 641,389	\$ 831,900
YTD EXPENSES:	\$ 617,956	\$ 831,900
YTD SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT):	\$23,433	

Attendance 11/24/2019

8:30 am Service	60
Sunday School	144
11:00 am Service	208



Plan on coming December 4th & 11th for our Missions nights. Dinner will be provided on the 4th, and on the 11th it will be pot luck supper!! But we need you to please make reservations for both either on-line, www.msumc1.org or call the Church Office. Both nights will be hands-on helping!

Honduras Missions Needs

75 used colored t-shirts (adult medium, large & x-large) so jump ropes can be made for Honduras! Please bring them to the church office.

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 2

9:00 am Mud Pies Preschool

11:00 am Hearts and Hands Circle-Fellowship Hall

5:30 pm–6:30 pm Girl Scouts 1565-Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm–9:00 pm Companions in Christ-G2R

7:00 pm–8:30 pm Boy Scouts 911-Scout Room

Tuesday, December 3

9:00 am Mud Pies Preschool

9:30 am–11:00 am Staff Meeting-G2R Class

10:00 am Susanna Circle-Wesley Commons

4:00 pm–5:00 pm Care Team-Library

4:15 pm–5:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal

7:30 pm–9:00 pm Wesley Fellowship-SWB

Wednesday, December 4

9:00 am Mud Pies Preschool

5:00 pm–6:00 pm Children's Council mtg.-Library

5:00 pm–7:00 pm Engage Family Night-FH

6:00 pm–7:00 pm Children's Ministries

7:00 pm–8:15 pm Chancel Choir Practice

7:00 pm–8:30 pm Pick-up BB-Asbury Gym

Thursday, December 5

9:00 am Mud Pies Preschool

6:00 pm–7:00 pm Girl Scouts 1389-Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 6

5:30 pm–8:30 pm Parents' Night Out-FH

6:00 pm–Celebrate Recovery-Fellowship Hall

8:30 pm–10:00 pm Youth Christmas Party

Saturday, December 7

3:00 pm–6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery Christmas

Sunday, December 8

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

4:00 pm–5:00 pm Christmas Drama Rehearsal

4:00 pm–5:30 pm Church Council Meeting-Drake

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

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Allison Wooten, Mud Pies Director