



 **Main Street**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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December 22, 2019

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

He Is Born the Holy Child
Handbell Choir

arr. Kinyon

***Call to Worship**

Henrietta Morton, Lay Reader

Leader: Sing loudly with praise for God.

People: God is with us here!

Leader: Rejoice in the God of our salvation.

People: God is in our midst!

***Hymn No. 238**

Angels We Have Heard on High

Crucifer: Addison Leopard Acolyte: Caroline Leopard

Advent Banner: Libby Hartung

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle

Bailey, Hannah, Walker and William Thompson

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 love
in 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

Scripture Reading

Romans 1:1-7

Henrietta Morton

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Hark the Glad Sound
Chancel Choir

arr. Shaw

Children's Message

Myra Greene

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. 229

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Voices of Christmas: Love

Barbara Gates and Jeff Smith

Sermon

*A Life-Giving Christmas Love:
The Essence of Life*

Pastor James

*Hymn No. 224

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

Morning Prayer and Lord's 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.

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn No. 251

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Rejoice, Rejoice!

Refrain No. 211

Postlude

Rodney Cleveland

**Please stand if you are able*

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!

Church Council Meeting

Our next Church Council Meeting will be on January 5th, 2020, at 4:00 pm
in the Drake Sunday School 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!

Flower calendar for 2020 will be available soon

Serving This Sunday, December 22

Prayer Sentinel: Glenn Williams

Sound System Operator: Stuart Driver

Acolyte Parent Volunteer: Ashleigh Leopard

Extended Session Worker: Susan Thompson

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 12/15/2019

| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budgeted</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| YTD INCOME: | \$ 678,670 | \$ 885,000 |
| YTD EXPENSES: | \$ 680,750 | \$ 885,000 |
| YTD SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT): | (\$2,080) | |

Attendance 12/08/2019

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| 8:30 am Service | 112 |
| Sunday School | 137 |
| 11:00 am Service | 169 |

Mission Sunday January 12th!

Everyone is invited to gather in the Asbury Gym Sunday, January 12th, from 9:00 am-11:00 am for the Missions Fair. Mission opportunities and community agencies will be here. And lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 service. Tickets are on sale in the Church Office, \$8 for adults.

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

Tuesday, December 24

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

Wednesday, December 25 Merry Christmas

Church Office closed for Christmas

Thursday, December 26

Church Office closed

Friday, December 27

6:00 pm–Celebrate Recovery-Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 29

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

Wednesday, January 1 Happy New Year

Church Office closed for New Year's Day

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

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 entered our doors! Everyone did an outstanding job from purchasing greenery, to 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 32 years. It warms my heart seeing all of us, the multi-generations working together.

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

Merry Christmas!

Debbie Tharpe,

Hanging of the Greens Chair and Team

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

David Weathers, Building Superintendent

Michael Fisher, Building Caretaker

Allison Wooten, Mud Pies Director