

*9th Sunday after Pentecost*

*July 30, 2023*

**“Making a Difference”**

THE PARABLE OF THE  
SOWER AND THE SEED

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



**Main Street United Methodist Church**

**9AM - Worship in the Fellowship Hall**

**10AM - Sunday School**

**11AM - Worship in the Sanctuary**

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday

9:00am-1:00pm

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**Our Mission is: “Following Christ  
from City Center”**

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

May God richly bless you in this Service today and bring you back to be with us again. If you would like to learn more about Main Street ministries, get connected to a Bible Study

or request prayer, please visit our website

[mainstreetgreenwood.org/connection-card/](http://mainstreetgreenwood.org/connection-card/)

or call our Church Office at 864-229-7551.

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am Green

**Prelude** *In thee Is Gladness* J. S. Bach  
Will Thomas, Organ

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Keck

### Chiming of the Trinity

**Introit** *Make Me a Servant*  
Chancel Choir

**\*Opening Prayer** Lori Bassett, Lay Reader  
Heavenly Father, creator of heaven and earth, we worship your name. Thank you for the opportunity to study your word. We believe in it as the light to direct our paths. As we dive into your word, may you especially speak to us. May it change our minds and thoughts. Help us to rely on you entirely and grow in you more. We are ready to listen to you through your word for encouragement, counsel, and increase our faith in you. We love you, Lord. In Jesus' Mighty Name, we pray and believe. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Wonderful Words of Life* #600  
Crucifer: Coleson Marino  
Acolytes: Quinn Marino and Cole D'Alessandro

**\*Apostles Creed** #881

**\*Glory Be to the Father** #70

**Children's Message with Rev. Steve and Charlie**  
*Following the Children's Message, 3-year-olds through Kindergartners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.*

**\*Hymn of Preparation** *Fairest Lord Jesus* #189

### Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**Anthem** *10,000 Reasons, Bless the Lord* Heather Sorenson  
Chancel Choir

**\*Scripture Reading** *Matthew 13:1-9* Lori Bassett

**Sermon** *Just Old Dirt* Rev. Keck

### Giving of Tithes & Offering

**Offertory** *Sonata No. 3, II. Andante tranquillo* F. Mendelssohn

**\*Doxology** #95

**\*Hymn of Dedication** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* #454

### \*Closing Prayer

**\*Congregational Response** *Here I Am, Lord* #593 (refrain)  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

**Postlude** *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* D. Wyrzten

\*All who are able, please stand.



### Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Don on his birthday today and Dan on his August 18th birthday by their mother, Betty Staples.

### **2023 Stewardship Report as of 07/23/2023**

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
YTD Contributions:	\$437,640	\$402,258	\$(35,382)
YTD Expenses:	\$437,640	\$376,919	\$ 60,721

### **Attendance 07/23/2023**

9:00 Service	36
Sunday School	106
11:00 Service	148
On-line	0

### **Main Street's First Service Looking for Some Help**

Main Street's first service is looking for some additional voices that would be willing to assist with leading in the singing. The other need is someone who can play the guitar and assist in leading the music. Please share with someone you may know who might be interested or if God is calling you please call the church office to let us know.

### **Building Caretaker**

Main Street is in search of a part-time Building Caretaker, whose primary focus is perform maintenance-related duties and secondary role is perform custodian duties to augment or back-up the building custodian, all in order to ensure all MSUMC buildings, equipment and grounds are functional and well maintained. Refer to the Employment tab under Contact Us at [mainstreetgreenwood.org](http://mainstreetgreenwood.org) to review complete job description, minimum qualifications and application procedures. Position open until filled.

### **Loose Change is TODAY!**

The children will be taking up loose change today for their last Sunday of the month mission works! Thanks to those who have donated! Your contributions today will help support the fall Honduras mission trip.

### **Announcement from the Membership and Evangelism Team**

**Last call** to have your picture taken today so we can put it in the church directory. See Preston Goforth after the service. Or send one in to Debbie Tharpe via email by **August 1st deadline** to: [debbie.tharpe@mainstreetgreenwood.org](mailto:debbie.tharpe@mainstreetgreenwood.org).

We also want to make sure your contact information is current for the directory. Log into our Church Directory to review your info and update it as needed. Go to **Realm Connect** & log in. Or if you have not created your account in **Realm** (the church's on-line directory) please contact Debbie so she can send you an invitation to create an account. It's a handy dandy tool to have it at your fingertips! Contact the church office if you have moved, changed your telephone number, or dropped your landline.

**Serving This Sunday, July 30**

**Sound System Operator:** Brian Andrews

**Media Boot/Camera:** Jean Griffin

**Prayer Sentinel:** Peggy and Steve Ackerman

**Acolyte Parent Volunteer:** Rebecca Marino/Ashley D'Alessandro

**Sanctuary Stewards:** Lou Walters & Anne Rogers

**Children's Ministries Needs**

**Wednesday Evening Children's Help**

Melissa is in need of some fun, energetic volunteers to help teach children on Wednesday evenings beginning August 30th. She would like to split the children into three different groups so she would need a couple leaders and helpers for two different classes.

Please contact Melissa if you are interested.

**Thank you!**

Thank you very much to everyone who donated school supplies for our Stuff the Book Bags event. We've donated them to Woodfields Elementary School! We made a difference!

**Upcoming Youth Activities**

**August 13th Blessing of the Athletes**

During the 11:00 service all student athletes and coaches will be invited to come forward for our Blessing of the Athletes. This is for all student athletes and coaches.

**Family Ministries Ice Cream Social**



Join us this evening at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a Sunday afternoon of fellowshiping with ICE CREAM and all the fixings! What a great opportunity to mingle and get to know each other and have a refreshing cup of your favorite ice cream! Hope to see you TONIGHT!

**August Camp Meeting Sundays**

Everybody, let's get casual for the month of August. In August we are going to have what I want to call Camp Meeting Sundays.



All of the songs will be the songs you grew up singing in Church and the dress for the month of August will be casual. Come join us and bring a friend!

**September 10th - Sunday at the Lake**

Join us for worship at Camp Fellowship on Sunday, September 10th, at 10:30 am with a covered dish lunch afterwards. We will have our 9:00 service but will not have Sunday school that morning. More details to come!

## THIS WEEK at MAIN STREET

### Sunday, July 30

**Just Old Dirt** Matthew 13:1-9

9:00 am Early Worship Service-Fellowship Hall

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary

2:00 pm Mud Pies Teacher Meeting-Asbury Outreach Gym

3:00 pm Greenwood County Historical Society-Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm **Family Ministries ICE CREAM Social-Fellowship Hall**

7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball-Asbury Outreach Gym



### Monday, July 31

7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911-Scout Room

### Tuesday, August 1

9:30 am Staff Meeting-Library

### Wednesday, August 2

10:00 am Wednesday Morning Small Group-Howard's on Main

2:00 pm Nurture Committee Meeting-Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, August 3

7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball-Asbury Outreach Gym

### Friday, August 4

6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery-Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, August 6

**Wheat or Weed** Matthew 13:24-30

9:00 am Early Worship Service-Fellowship Hall

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary

7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball-Asbury Outreach Gym

*To learn more about future events planned at  
Main Street, visit us on our website:*

[www.mainstreetgreenwood.org](http://www.mainstreetgreenwood.org)

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ENGAGE begins in one month!

We need and are looking for teachers or leaders for an adult class option this fall. You can even co-teach or co-lead with others.

Please, listen to that little nudge you're hearing and if interested in leading a class this fall call the church office to let us know. This is a great way to serve the Main Street congregation. Thank you, Steve

### UPCOMING BIBLE AND BOOK STUDIES

Disciple II starts August 7 @ 6pm. Books are available to purchase.

Men's Wednesday Bible Study Lunch returns August 23 @ noon

Wednesday Night Engage starts August 23-5:15 supper, 6:00 studies

Thursday Morning Book Study starts August 24 @ 10am

Monday Men's 6am Bible Study starts September 18

*Pastor - Rev. Steve Keck*

*Gina Jolly, Director of Music Ministry*

*Debbie Tharpe, Administrative Asst.*

*Dr. Will Thomas, Organist*

*Jo Patterson, Office Asst.*

*Preston Goforth, Youth & Young Adult Director*

*Linda Miller, Financial Sec.*

*Melissa Scott, Children's Ministry Coordinator*

*Michael Fisher, Custodian*

*Allison Wooten, Mud Pies Creative Learning Director*