



### FOLLOWING CHRIST FROM CITY CENTER

#### Letter from the Pastor

If there is one thing I have learned since being here at Main Street is this congregation is one that loves to talk and share stories, and I love that. We all have a story about where we are, where we have been and why we are where we are. It is called our faith story, and that is the most important story. If you have never written out how you came to God, this is a good time to do it. We have many opportunities on a daily basis to share with others. You never know when your story of faith may change the life of someone else.

Amen,  
Steve

#### New Evangelism Cards

**Evangelism-** this word conjures up all kinds of negative images for many of us. We think of people preaching the Gospel on the street as onlookers pass by, or certain denominations ringing doorbells of strangers, or people handing out religious tracts on a college campus.

In fact, when I was gathering people to serve on the Evangelism team, I had to do some explaining to quiet those fears. I like what Pastor Steve said at our last meeting, "Evangelism is relationships!" How simple, how freeing! Taking it a step further, relationships are not under the jurisdiction of one committee. Relationships are the whole congregations responsibility. It is the committee's mission to give the congregation the tools to forge relationships.

This card is a easy way to give people information about our church. An example is: You meet someone getting your tires changed and strike up a conversation with them and find out they are new in town. You casually invite them to church, now you have a card to give them. Another example: you are feeling generous and pay for the people's meal behind you in the drive through. You ask the attendant to give them that card; leave one for the attendant as well. Keep them in your wallet or purse, you never know when the opportunity will arise to invite someone to church, nothing forced, just be spontaneous. You can get them from the church office. Let's have fun with this!!

Your Evangelism Committee



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## Flowers for our Worship Services

September 4      Jim Kelly  
 September 11      Lisa Smith  
 September 18      Available  
 September 25      Available



Multiple families can always share flowers if there's a special date you would like.  
 Call the church office to sign up!



### Hearts and Hands Circle

September 5 @ 10 am ~ Church Library

### Susanna Circle

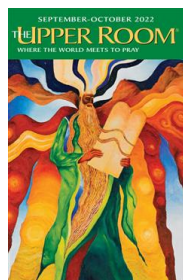
September 6 @ 10 am ~ Wesley Commons

### Celebration Circle

Wednesday, September 14 @ 10:30 a.m.

### Fellowship Hall

Our own Main Street member & Greenwood Mayor, **Brandon Smith**, will be our special speaker as we begin under our new name **United Women in Faith** living out our vision of turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth not only around the world but right here in our own Greenwood community.  
 Optional lunch to follow at Olive Branch Italian Restaurant.



The September/October Upper Room devotionals are available in the church office, the narthex, and ramp door entrance. Prices are \$1.00 for regular print and \$1.50 for large print.

### Mission Opportunity      Soup Kitchen Subs

Main Street has 3 teams who work the 3rd Saturday each month. If you would be willing to be on the Sub list, please call the church office. Your day begins at 9:00 am and finishes up around noon. Not only will you be a blessing to others, but you will be blessed as well.

### Men's Bible Study

The men's study meets on Wednesdays from 12-12:45 pm in the Church Library.  
 They are studying 1st and 2nd Peter and Jude.  
 Come whenever you can and bring a bag lunch.  
 Contact Leader: Glenn Williams with questions.

## Stewardship and Finance

### Financial Report as of August 28, 2022

|                              | Actual    | Budget    |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| YTD INCOME:                  | \$509,951 | \$501,060 |
| YTD EXPENSES:                | \$462,757 | \$501,060 |
| YTD SURPLUS<br>OR (DEFICIT): | \$47,194  |           |



### Church office will be closed—September 5, 2022

Our congregation loves to travel so take a piece of Main Street with you! Simply snap a photo with your Main Street bandana, and email it to Preston or Jo. We will post it to Face book. If you haven't gotten your bandana, come by the church office!

Donations welcomed.  
 The Kecks take on Hawaii



## #MainStreetontheMove

Have you recently changed your address, email, cell number, or dropped your land line ??? Please remember to update the church. Many thanks!

## October Connection Deadline

The deadline for the next Connection is **Tuesday, September 20th, for our October edition.**  
 Please submit your articles and photos to:  
[churchoffice@mainstreetgreenwood.org](mailto:churchoffice@mainstreetgreenwood.org).



# ELEVATE

MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STUDENT MINISTRIES

## Stay Updated on Elevate Youth!

-  **Remind:** Text "@elevateyo" to 81010  
 **Instagram:** @mainstreetyouth  
 **Facebook:** Elevate Youth

### Youth Activities in September

#### Sundays

- Sunday School - 10-10:45 am in Youth Room
- Sunday evenings: Elevate - 5:30-7:30 pm

#### Wednesday Evenings

- Dinner - 5:15-6:00 in the Fellowship Hall
- Elevate - 6:00-6:45 in the Youth Room
- Elevate After-Party - 6:45-7:00 in the Gym/Youth Room

#### Mark Your Calendars:

- September 10: Join in ramp project (details TBA)
- September 11: Main Street Bakes
- September 16: Breakfast Club at Shipley's
- October 7: 5th Quarter (10pm-12am)



August 2022 was full of adventures for Elevate Youth!

Pictured above: A pool party on August 7.

Pictured left: Elevate-ing! On August 14, youth took a visit to the bell tower.

Pictured below: A fun time at Lake Day on August 28! We are so grateful to the Painters for hosting.



### #MainStreetOnTheMove

Remember to send in a photo representing MSUMC! Especially when you travel, but can be in town as well! See an example here with Jarratt at a GHS football game.

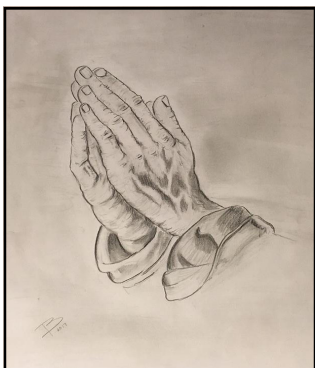


### College/Young Adult Small Group

All college students and young adults are invited to meet for small-group lunch at Olive Branch on Friday, September 9! Come join at 12:00 pm, and invite a college or young-adult age friend to join!







**Christian Love and Symphony is extended to: Keith and Ann Landis** on the death of Keith's sister, Karen Kuntz, on August 14, 2022, at Hospice House. **Allie and Glenn Williams** on the death of Allie's mother, Hlnkie Adams, on August 23, 2022 in Greenwood. **Gabriel McKee and Morgana McKee** on the death of their father, John McKee, on August 30th, 2022, in Abbeville.

**Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Joy Pinckney, Helen White, Rachel Holder, Gale Robinson, the Meredith family, the Cason family, Renae Sandifer, Jo Wilson, Kirra Grace Hantske, Josh Strange, Don Staples, Sherman Culbertson, Randy Rouse, Anna Bynum (Glenn Twining's mother), Juanita Leopard, Emma Dixon, Jane Abbot (Suzanne Nicholson's sister), Jeff Amos, Jackie Daniel, Peggy Ackerman, Teresa & John Robinson (Terry Robinson's sister-in-law & brother), Barbara Fisher, peace within our country, any unspoken prayers, and our church.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God.  
Philippians 4:6



## ENGAGE IS BACK Through December 7, 2022

Who: **EVERYONE:** Children~Youth~Adults  
When: Wednesday Evenings (5:15-7:00 pm)  
What: Dinner @ 5:15 - 6 pm with programs to follow  
Where: Fellowship Hall for dinner  
Adult Options:

David, The Good, the Bad & the Ugly  
Brian Albon- Library

Taste and See - Ann Landis & Susan Albon—Drake Class

### Menus for September

September 7—Bring a coverage dish ~No charge  
September 14—Pizza and Brownies  
September 21—Hot Dogs and fixings  
September 28—BBQ sandwiches, chips, slaw







**September 11 - 3rd Graders Bible Presentation**  
**September 18—Balance Point Gymnastics Party**  
**4-6 pm—Pizza will be served.**  
**An adult will need to stay with their child/children**  
*And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.*  
**Mark 10:6**



Dear Congregation,  
 We would like to  
 thank everyone for  
 donating items to our  
 children's room – we  
 love everything!!

Main Street UMC  
 Children



### Engage Kick off for Children and Youth

August 24, 2022

Sunday @ the Lake— Camp Fellowship-  
 Cute Kiddos!

Foam Party—What a blast—Adults want to be included next time!





## CELEBRATIONS

### September Birthdays

- 1 Addilyn Scott
- 2 Preston Goforth  
Margaret Whitt—Burnette
- 3 Ed Munnerlyn  
Addison Leopard  
Jamison Tinsley, Shirley Pate
- 5 Chuck Bell, Arthur Radcliffe
- 7 Lena Meredith
- 8 Gina Maxie
- 9 Barry Campbell, Ruple Harley, Chrissy Andrews, Brent Rowland  
Bayne Rowland, Robert Baildy
- 10 Stella Oliver, William Culbertson, Sam Valkenburg
- 11 Coleson Marino, Stephanie Smith
- 12 Jeff Smith, Ansley Workman, Caroline Chappell
- 13 Wesley Kelly
- 14 Ben Funderburk
- 16 Steve Ackerman, Sally Maxie, Ben Smith, Brittany Smith  
Helen Haendle, Brenda Sams
- 17 Gina Jolly
- 18 Angie Baker, Donna Childress
- 19 Doris Arnold, Tom Goeden
- 20 Steven Stewart, Phillip Grimshaw
- 21 Cheryl McCord, Tucker Meredith
- 22 Bob Cureton, Brenda Wall, Jo Patterson, Bobby Chandler  
Richie Pinckney, Melissa Funderburk
- 23 Claudia Cason
- 24 Lamar Maxie, Nancy Moore
- 25 Billy Nicholson, Fred Wactor
- 26 Jo Wilson, Marler Askew
- 27 Mike Games, Barbara Gates, Jasper Swearingen
- 28 Betty Strange
- 29 Rhonda McGinnis, Christine Wilson, Athena Hagood
- 30 Margaret Gearhart, Nita Rudy, Kim Gultch, Kayla Key



### September Anniversaries

- 8 Buck and Jean Griffin
- 9 Tyler and Samantha Shelley
- 18 John and Holly Bracknell
- 21 Brian and Chrissy Andrews
- 28 Wesley and Kristen Brooks
- 29 Tanner and Hannah Workman



Missions Committee presents...

### Main Street Bakes



Go back to the '50s for a cake auction  
and HUGE bake/prepared foods sale



Sign up to attend or to donate food items for the sale.

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

(864) 229-7551 or [jo.patterson@mainstreetgreenwood.org](mailto:jo.patterson@mainstreetgreenwood.org)

Sunday, September 11

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Fellowship Hall



\$5 per person

Includes baked potato bar  
and baked mac and cheese  
for the kids



All proceeds benefit **Greater Greenwood United Ministries**

GGUM will be accepting donations of  
children's books (gently used or new) and hand held can openers.



SAVE THE DATE

Fall Consignment Sale

September 13-17

MSUMC's Gym


Field trip to the museum



Rev. Keck got to introduce  
Charlie during Chapel.



# September 2022

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| <p><b>* Please keep in mind this calendar is subject to change and is updated regularly. We hope to see you at our events!</b></p>  |  |   |  | <b>1 Mud Pies Scholastic Book Fair</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>9:00 am Mud Pies Grandparent's Bookies & Cookies | <b>2 Mud Pies Scholastic Book Fair</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>9:00 am Mud Pies Grandparent's Bookies & Cookies<br>6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery | <b>3</b>   |
| <b>4</b><br>9:02 am Early Service<br>10:00 am Sunday School<br>11:00 am Traditional Worship<br>3:00 pm Money Management<br>5:30 pm Elevate Youth  | <b>5 Labor Day—Church is Closed</b><br>10:00 am Hearts & Hands   | <b>6</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>9:30 am Staff Meeting<br>10:00 am Susanna Circle<br>6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship   | <b>7</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>10:00 am Breakfast Small Group<br>12:00 pm Men's Bible Study<br>5:15 pm Engage Dinner<br>6:00 pm Engage Studies<br>6:00 pm Children's Ministries<br>6:00 pm Youth Elevate<br>6:45 pm Elevate After-Party<br>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  | <b>8</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>10:00 am Steve's Book Study  | <b>9</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>12:00 pm Bible Class Lunch<br>6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery   | <b>10</b>  |
| <b>11</b><br>9:02 am Early Service<br>10:00 am Sunday School<br>11:00 am Traditional Worship<br>3:00 pm Money Management<br>4:00 pm Church Council Meeting<br>6:00 pm Main Street Bakes                           | <b>12</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>10:00 am Prayer Team Mtg.<br>11:00 am Care Team Mtg.<br>6:00 pm Bible 101<br>6:30 pm Men's Group<br>7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911 | <b>13</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship  | <b>14 Consignment Sale</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>10:30 am Celebration Circle<br>12:00 pm Men's Bible Study<br>5:00 pm Children's Council<br>5:15 pm Engage Dinner<br>6:00 pm Engage Studies<br>6:00 pm Children's Ministries<br>6:00 pm Youth Elevate<br>6:45 pm Elevate After-Party<br>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal | <b>15 Consignment Sale</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>10:00 am Steve's Book Study                                  | <b>16 Consignment Sale</b><br>7:00 am Youth Breakfast Club -at Shipley's<br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery                   | <b>17 Consignment Sale 9:00am-2:00</b><br>Soup Kitchen Volunteers TEAM #3<br> |
| <b>18</b><br>9:02 am Early Service<br>10:00 am Sunday School<br>11:00 am Traditional Service<br>3:00 pm Money Management<br>4:00 pm Children's Ministries-Balance Point Gymnastics Party<br>5:30 pm Elevate Youth | <b>19</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>6:00 pm Bible 101<br>6:30 pm Men's Group<br>7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911   | <b>20</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>9:30 am Staff Meeting<br>6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship<br><br><b>Deadline to submit articles to the church office for October's Connection</b> | <b>21</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>10:00 am Breakfast Small Group<br>12:00 pm Men's Bible Study<br>5:15 pm Engage Dinner<br>6:00 pm Engage Studies<br>6:00 pm Children's Ministries<br>6:00 pm Youth Elevate<br>6:45 pm Elevate After-Party<br>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal   | <b>22</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>10:00 am Steve's Book Study<br>7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball                     | <b>23</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery  | <b>24</b>  |
| <b>25</b><br>9:02 am Early Service<br>10:00 am Sunday School<br>11:00 am Traditional Worship<br>3:00 pm Money Management<br>5:30 pm Elevate Youth<br>7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball                                   | <b>26</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>6:00 pm Bible 101<br>6:30 pm Men's Group<br>7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911   | <b>27</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>6:30 pm Greenwood Wesley Fellowship  | <b>28</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>12:00 pm Men's Bible Study<br>5:15 pm Engage Dinner<br>6:00 pm Engage Studies<br>6:00 pm Children's Ministries<br>6:00 pm Youth Elevate<br>6:45 pm Elevate After-Party<br>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal   | <b>29</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>10:00 am Steve's Book Study<br>7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball                     | <b>30</b><br>7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool<br>6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery  |  |



### Children's Ministry Volunteer List

Email Melissa to be part of the rotation at

[melissa.scott@mainstreetgreenwood.org](mailto:melissa.scott@mainstreetgreenwood.org)

#### Acolytes and Crucifer

- September 4** Addilyn & Emma Grace Scott and Josh Albon  
**September 11** Peyton & Ryder Larkins and Ella Bassett  
**September 18** Ben Funderburk and Bradley Funderburk  
**September 25** Annabelle Chappell and Katie Funderburk

#### Sunday School

- September 4** Melissa Scott  
**September 11** Melissa Scott  
**September 18** Melissa Scott  
**September 25** Melissa Scott and Vickie Chandler

#### Nursery:

- September 4** Mary Dula and Sydney Sluder & Madalin Radcliffe  
**September 11** Carol Harley and Sydney & Madalin  
**September 18** Joanne Campbell and Sydney & Madalin  
**September 25** Sydney & Madalin

#### Extended Session:

- September 4** Kayla Key  
**September 11** Hannah Workman  
**September 18** Hannah Thompson  
**September 25** Susan Thompson and Lauren Rivers

Thank you for making arrangements and letting Melissa know if you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday.

### Charleston Wraps

(more than wrapping paper)

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What a great opportunity to support Main Street's preschool.

Deadline—September 13, 2022

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