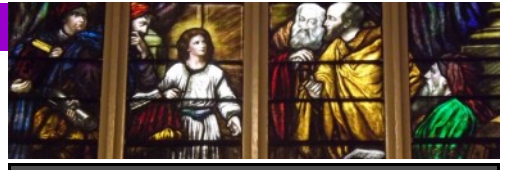


FOLLOWING CHRIST FROM CITY CENTER



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Main Street
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Invites the Community to
MUSIC @ MAIN STREET
 Featuring
 Main Street UMC Choir directed by Gina Crooks
 plus other Local Musicians

SUNDAY, MAY 31st
4:00 - 5:00 PM
Church Sanctuary

Please join us for this free concert as we honor widows and widowers in our community.




Enjoy Ice Cream with us in the Fellowship Hall after the concert.



Live-stream available!

211 Main Street North, Greenwood, SC



High School Seniors
 We want to celebrate you on Graduate Sunday, May 17th. Please send us your senior photo, favorite hobbies, extra-curricular activities, favorite church activity, favorite Bible verse, and your post-graduate plans. Also, any other graduations? Please let us know! Call the church office!

MOTHER'S DAY
10 MAY

Breakfast
ALL mothers are invited!



 Food provided!



ELEVATE
 10 AM
 ASBURY GYM



Flowers for our Worship Services

- May 3 Communion
- May 10 Greene/Wactor
- May 17 Available
- May 24 Available
- May 31 Available



The 2026 flower calendar is located on the bulletin board outside the church office. Call the church office or visit the calendar to sign up!

Multiple families can always share flowers if there's a special date you would like.

Stewardship and Finance

Financial Report as of April 26, 2026

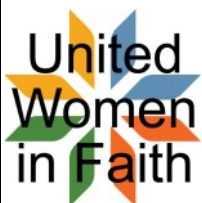
	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
YTD Contributions:	\$227,919	\$164,840	(\$63,079)
YTD Expenses:	\$227,919	\$183,381	\$44,538

Reminder: If you are going to make a legacy gift to the Foundation, the check needs to be written to Main Street Church Foundation. Thank you.

Member Support Team

Fresh local strawberries, cards, visits, milkshakes, and meals, were some of the ways we have stayed in touch with our homebound and short-term illness members.

Also, the team is working closely with Family Ministries on a **community-wide** program on May 31, honoring widows & widowers. Everyone is invited to attend "Music @ Main Street". The committee would like to encourage all members to invite friends. Keep on the look out for even more details!!!



Susanna Circle
Tuesday, 5th
10:00 am ~ Wesley Commons

Celebration Circle
No meeting in May
Have a great summer and we will see you in the fall!

13 Straight Special Sundays

- March 29 - Palm Sunday
- April 5 - Easter Sunday
- April 12 - Baptism
- April 19 - Baptism
- April 26 - Youth Sunday
- May 3 - Holy Communion & reception of new member
- May 10 - Confirmation Sunday, Mother's Day, baptism, and reception of new member
- May 17 - Ascension Sunday & Graduate Sunday
- May 24 - Pentecost
- May 31 - Memorial Day Celebration
- June 7 - Myra Greene giving message
- June 14 - Holy Communion
- June 21 - Father's Day

Each Sunday is a special day to worship our Savior, but these consecutive Sundays from March 29—June 21 have added significance.

Gina Crooks, Director of Music Ministry
gina.crooks@mainstreetgreenwood.org

Congratulations to Ben Bagwell for receiving the prestigious Ann Hutto Music Award from Lander University. It recognizes outstanding contributions to both the University Singers and Old Main Singers. Ben will graduate on May 6th with a BS in Music: Vocal. Well done, Ben!



Drumming Circle

Did you know????

The United Methodist Church Book of Discipline states that all churches are required to have a representative/ contact person for the conference Native American Committee. In fulfilling that roll, Marilyn Murphy recently took a 3 day Tribal Bus Tour with the Committee. Tribal stops were Catawba Cultural Center, Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois and United Tribes of SC in Pickens, Lower Eastern Cherokee in Gray Court, Waccamaw in Aynor, and the Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe in Ridgeville. As United Methodist we recognize the rich cultural history, traditions, and deep spirituality of our SC Native American peoples. If you would like to learn more, please contact Marilyn Murphy @ 864-993-1900 or mmurphy@wctel.net for a program for your group.



Stay Updated on Elevate Youth!

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

May Youth Activities

Sundays

Sunday School - 10-10:45 am in Youth Room

Wednesday Evenings:

- May 6 - Main Street May Day cookout supper at 5:15, then youth will host a car wash fundraiser 6:00-7:00 under the portico
- May 13 - Mulch-spreading service project (watch for details from Preston)
- May 21 - American Legion Flag Project for Memorial Day (meet at 5:30, pick-up at 8:00)

Mark Your Calendars:

- May 3 - Pelican's Outing (5:30-7:00)
- May 8 - Breakfast Club (Cost covered & transportation provided afterwards - let Preston know if you need a ride!)
- May 10 - Mother's Day Breakfast at 10:00 am
- May 10 - Confirmation Sunday
- May 17 - Graduate Sunday
- June 15-19 - VBS



Above: Thank you to these youth for leading worship on April 26 for Youth Sunday! Youth led worship at both services. Walk in freedom!

Salkehatchie

The 2026 Salkehatchie Mission Team served in the Iva/Anderson area on March 29-April 2! Thank you for keeping them in your prayers: Peyton Larkins, Addy McCaslan, Gracey Montag, Mary Margaret Skinner, Preston Goforth, Cathy Painter, and Marilyn Murphy. (Pictures below)



Confirmation

Please be in prayer for our Confirmation class!

Confirmands are Ryder Larkins (mentored by Joey Burns), Addy McCaslan (mentored by Allie Williams), Maggie Shirley (mentored by Lisa Smith), and Rosemary Skinner (mentored by Lindsay Burns).

All are welcome to leave a note or non-monetary gift in the Confirmation Blessing Boxes outside the Church Office.

Lions Club Mission



Have old eyeglasses you don't know what to do with? Drop them off at the church office! The youth will donate to Greenwood Lions Club!



Other Youth Missions

The Lions Club Mission will continue going forward! Thank you for your support.

We also have an ongoing collection of soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House as well! Soda tabs can be dropped off outside Jo's office.



We extend Christian love and sympathy to the D'Alessandro family on the death of Ashley's grandmother, Marion Galloway of Greenwood, on April 18th.

Continuing Prayer Concerns: Andrea Harris Cabe, Karen Bowling, Betty Staples, Mary Lynn Polk, Elaine Dukas, Joe and Allison Hartung, Marian Adams, Henrietta Morton, Judy Roberts, Julie McDade, John Harr, Kelly Ackerman, Miriam Garner, Joe Chapman, Sam Pinckney, Tommy Andrews, Ray Shirley, Robert Tinsley, Devon and Peggy Aaron, Edith Blanchett (Kathy Johnson's mother), Jackie Daniel, Richard Pinckney, Cheryl McCord, Sara Catherine Wil-

kinson, our church, peace around the world and within our city, county, state, and country, and any unspoken prayers.

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 in Small Groups

Engage is not just on Wednesdays~ Options are available to suit your schedule.

Thursday Morning Study

11:00 am in the Library
Max Lucado's Life Lessons from James
(This study concludes on May 14th)
Glenn Williams—Leader

Wednesday Nights

Engage May Day Meal 5:15 - 6:00 pm

May 6 Hamburgers, fixings, baked beans, potatoes, & a surprise dessert! Hosted by:
Family Ministries

Please RSVP @ mainstreetgreenwood.org by 1:00 on Monday each week so our "chefs" can plan.

***** To help offset the rising costs of kitchen supplies, we are asking each group to donate \$20 of their profits to Account #5701—General Kitchen Supplies. Thank you for understanding and helping out!**



Epworth's Mother's Day Offering May 10

100% of this offering provides comprehensive care for the children. Epworth is **not** an apportioned item in the Annual Conference budget.

This is your opportunity to support this ministry. Epworth Children's Home provides a safe, stable and loving environment for every child it serves.

Programs offered include:
Residential Services Program Family Care Center
Independent Living Program Foster Care
Epworth Early Intervention Center Kinship Care

Please prayerfully consider giving.
There will be special envelopes provided.

MAIN STREET MAY DAY

Wednesday, May 6th
5:15 pm to 7:00 pm

JOIN THE FELLOWSHIP!

Hamburgers, Main Street Family Feud for adults, activities for the kids, and a car wash fundraiser hosted by ELEVATE Youth!

REGISTER ONLINE OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE!

MAIN STREET READS
"with a Twist"

BEGINNING APRIL 23RD THROUGH MAY 14TH

Thursdays @7 pm
We are "reading" the classic—*The Pearl* by John Steinbeck. The text is projected onto the screen accompanied with audio. Check it out!



Food Ministry
1-3 pm in the Fellowship Hall
2nd Thursdays
May 14 June 11 July 9
peanut butter, canned fruit, and sleeves of crackers



Stay tuned for fun summer events.
 Ms. Allison – 864-344-1414
allison.wooten@mainstreetgreenwood.org
 Ms. Wendy - 864-993-6328



Thank you to Steve and Cindy Skinner for hosting the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th.



Easter Sunday with Jon Bassett sharing the Easter Story



The children's ministry served a muy bueno fiesta when they hosted Engage on April 8th.

Main Street
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

RAINFORREST FALLS
 Exploring the Nature of God

JOIN MS. ALLISON & MS. WENDY FOR MAIN STREET UMC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 15-19 ~ 9AM - NOON
AGES: COMPLETED K3 - 5TH GRADE
 (Must be fully potty trained)

Register by May 31st! →

CELEBRATIONS

May Birthdays

- 3 Randy Rouse
- 4 Katie Funderburk
- 7 Linda Bell
Ashleigh Leopard
Kerri Jones Thompson
- 8 Hudson Smith
- 9 David Irwin
Steve Williams
- 10 Prakash Elston
- 11 Mary Kate Skinner, Sydney Sluder
- 12 Kim Sprouse, Jonathan Leopard
- 13 Campbell Driver
- 14 Terry Robinson
- 16 Mary Dula, Wade Boring
- 21 Frankie Connell, Ryan D'Alessandro
- 22 Candy Tinsley, Joseph Shirley, Rachel Jolly
- 23 Mike Johnson
- 24 Keaton Alexander
- 25 Joey Adams, Margaret Crooks
- 26 Allison Wooten
- 27 Page Dietz
- 29 Lori Anne Hagood
- 30 Graham Shaffer
- 31 Lisa Smith, Dean Donley



May Anniversaries

- 1 Tyler and Lauren Coates
- 6 Rhett and Angie Baker
- 15 Frankie and Judy Connell
Fred Wactor and Myra Greene
- 18 Mike and Kathy Johnson
- 20 Ryan and Ashley D'Alessandro
- 26 Tyler and Jennifer Larkins



April 12, 2026 was a happy day for the Grimshaw family as Mary James was baptized by Rev. R.T. Bowling. Mary James is pictured with her parents, Phillip and Taylor. Older sisters, Alice Lorraine and Annie complete this precious family. Mary James, your church family is excited to watch you grow. Jesus loves you!



How proud are we of Jonathan Bassett? Jon was the recipient of the inaugural "Mentor of the Year" award by Lander University. He is indeed a blessing to his students and colleagues as well as to all of us at Main Street.

Our Youth Director, Preston Goforth has been asked to be on the youth advisory committee at Lake Juanaluska. What an honor! Your Main Street family is so thankful for your leadership and proud the advisory committee has recognized it, also.

Bernadine Rose Bautista was baptized on April 27, 2026. Bernie is the daughter of Betty Pinckney and Anselmo Bautista. Vivi Joy and Richie Pinckney are her older sister and brother. Your Main Street family is very proud of you for making this important step in your faith journey.



Congratulations and a lifetime full of love and blessings to Brab and Gina Crooks. They were married on April 17th by Rev. Steve Keck. And to think, they met at choir practice, and the rest is history! God's timing is always perfect.

May 2026

Saturday

Friday

Thursday

Wednesday

Tuesday

Monday

Sunday

We hope to see you at our events! Call the Church Office with any questions.
864-229-7551

3
9:00 am Early Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:00 pm District Sending Forth Service
7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

10 Mother's Day

9:00 am Early Servi
10:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Mother's Day Break-fast for 'ALL' MOMS
11:00 am Traditional Worship
7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

17 Graduate Sunday

9:00 am Early Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Service
7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

24
9:00 am Early Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Service
7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball

31 Memorial Day Celebration
9:00 am Early Service
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Service
4:00 pm Music at Main Street
7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

4
7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911

5
7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool
10:00 am Susanna Circle at Wesley Commons

11
7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911

18
7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool
5:30 pm Family Ministries Mtg.
6:00 pm Mud Pies End of Year Program
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911

25 Memorial Day Church is closed.
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911

6 Main Street MayDay

7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool
11:00 am Member Support Mtg.
5:00 pm Engage MayDay
6:00 pm Elevate Youth Car Wash Fundraiser

7
7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool
11:00 am Lessons from James Book Study
7:00 pm Main Street Reads With a Twist

13
7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool
5:30 pm Youth Service Project
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

20
7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool
5:30 pm Youth Flag Project
6:00 pm Mud Pies K4 Graduation and Reception
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

27
4:15 pm Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

8
7:00 am Youth Breakfast Club
7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool
9:00 am Mud Pies Muffins for Moms-Asbury Gym
6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery

14
7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool
11:00 am Lessons from James Book Study
1:00 pm Food Ministry
7:00 pm Main Street Reads With a Twist
7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball


21
7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool
11:00 am Ascension Study
6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 1389
7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball

22
7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool
6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery

29
6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery

1
7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool
6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery

15
7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool
6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery

16
9:00 am Soup Kitchen
Volunteers TEAM #2


23

30



Children's Ministry Volunteer List

Email Mary Kate Skinner to be part of the rotation at mkskinn@gmail.com

Acolytes and Crucifer:

- May 3** Ansley Boring & Maggie Shirley/Mary Margaret Skinner
- May 10** Bernie Bautista & Diana Fields/Ryder Larkins
- May 17** Crawford Burns & Cori D'Alessandro/Caroline Leopard
- May 24** Diana Fields & Maggie Shirley/Addy McCaslan
- May 31** Finnley & Campbell Smith/Joshua Albon

Sunday School & Extended Session:

Allison Wooten and Wendy Hill

Nursery: Sydney Sluder & Kim Gultch



As a reminder, the office will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 25.

The May/June Upper Room devotionals are available in the church office, the narthex, and side door entrance.

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Reptiles, Baby Goats and Insects—Oh my!

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