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Letter from the Pastor

By the time you read this newsletter article, my last month as your pastor will be coming to an end. But before I go, let me say thank you. Thank you for making this appointment at Main Street United Methodist Church the greatest appointment I have ever had. The moment I met with the staff, even before I got here, I knew this was going to be the place for me. Thank you for loving me and Laura so deeply.

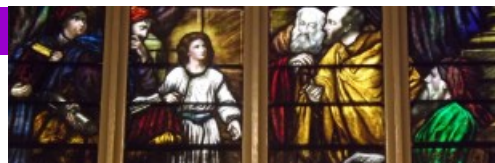
As I move on, I want to encourage everyone to think for themselves. If you have a question or a concern, consult the only book that has all the answers. The Holy Bible. Participate in the life of the church one hundred percent. Be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

There is no perfect church, and there is no perfect pastor. Churches are made up of human beings and are a combination of saints and sinners, mostly sinners. Not everyone is going to always agree on everything, but let love be the driving force behind everything that you do. God has not given up on his children, and He is not going to give up on Main Street United Methodist Church.

Remember that nothing is as important as prayer. Prayer is a means of communicating with God on an intimate level. Prayer is a way of seeking direction and guidance for your life. Prayer is also a path to personal transformation and deepening faith.

As we part, let us commit to praying for each other. The Kecks will pray for the church, and please pray for Laura and me.

Love you, Steve



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

GOD IS LOVE

June 8-12, 2025

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Dinner provided each night

Activities include:

- Bible stories
- Crafts
- Music
- Recreation

Register by scanning the QR code or by calling the Main Street or First Presbyterian church office.

More Information: Main Street UMC: 864-229-7551 First Presbyterian: 864-229-5854

Flowers for our Worship Services

June 1	Available
June 8	Shirleys
June 15	Available
June 22	Greene/Wactor
June 29	Available



Call the church office or visit the calendar on the bulletin board outside the church office to sign up to provide flowers for our worship services. Multiple families can always share flowers if there's a special date you would like.



**Hearts and Hands
Susanna Circle
Celebration Circle**
Enjoy your summer! Looking forward to seeing you in August.

Member Care

Who are we? Our member care team meets monthly to care for our 13 homebound members in various ways. In May, this hard-working group accomplished much including 9 home visits, mailing 6 cards, providing a meal, delivering 4 bouquets of fresh flowers, and contacting a member by phone. Many thanks to Mary Dula, Caroline Hawthorne, Susan Pinckney, Terry Robinson, Anne Rogers, and Carolyn Thomes for your dedication to our members who are unable be with us in person.

Stewardship and Finance

Financial Report as of May 25, 2025

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
YTD Contributions:	\$298,200	\$219,588	(\$78,612)
YTD Expenses:	\$298,200	\$236,296	\$61,904

Capital Fund:
05/25/25 \$15,872.51



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.



What a gorgeous day to have a picnic at Cokesbury College! On May 15th, the Bible Class and their teachers enjoyed fellowship and an optional tour.

Join us for a

RETIREMENT

Covered-dish

LUNCHEON

in honor of

Steve and Laura Keck

Sunday, June 22

Fellowship Hall

Following the

11:00 am service

The church will provide meat and drinks.

Please register your family by noon on Monday, June 16th using the QR code, visiting mainstreetgreenwood.org or by calling the church office at 864-229-7551.

As many of you know, Rev. Keck has decided to retire! Please join us in showing our love and appreciation to him and Laura for their ministry to our congregation over the past three years as they prepare for retirement.

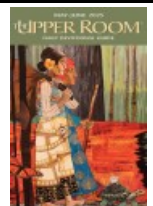
If you would like to contribute toward a monetary gift for them, make your check payable to MSUMC and mark it as "Retirement Gift". Contributions may be placed in the offering plate through Sunday, June 15th. You may also mail your gift or drop it off at the church office. We are asking for all contributions to be received in the church office by noon on Monday, June 16th.

In addition, you may leave cards and notes of appreciation in the box outside the church office. Blank note cards and pens are available. We wish Steve and Laura the best!

The May/June Upper Room

devotionals are available in the church office, the narthex, and ramp door entrance.

\$1.00 for regular
\$1.50 for large print



ELEVATE

MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STUDENT MINISTRIES

Stay Updated on Elevate Youth!

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

June Youth Activities
 Save these dates for summer fun!

Youth Summer 2025

VBS ➤ **JUNE 8-12**

RAMP DEMO DAY ➤ **JUNE 13**
 PLUS A POOL PARTY AT STEVE & CINDY SKINNER'S!

WHITEWATER CHARLOTTE OUTING

➤ **JUNE 16**
 Sign up by June 12
 Cost: \$25 per person

CAROWINDS
 ➤ **JULY 15**
 Sign up by July 11
 Bring ticket!

 PLUS weekly Sunday School in the Youth Room! 10-10:45 am

"FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE GATHER IN MY NAME, THERE AM I WITH THEM." -MATTHEW 18:20

**Questions?
 Contact Preston!**

preston.goforth@mainstreetgreenwood.org

864-993-0463



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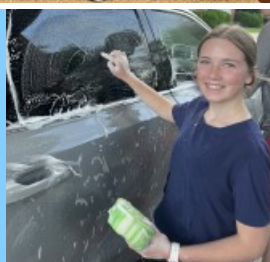
These youth enjoyed an outing to Greenville on May 4! We "Elevated" to the 3rd floor at TopGolf and dropped off soda tabs at Ronald McDonald House!



We saw Shrek at GHS on May 7! Outstanding job by the Greenwood High Theatre Department students & staff!



We are grateful for a successful Car Wash Fundraiser on May 14 as part of Main Street May Day! The youth group raised over \$200 to go toward summer service projects. Thank you to all who supported, and shout out to our youth for all of the hard work!



10:4 Project

Reminder: 10:4 Project

Our ongoing effort for the youth group to have done 10 service projects over the past 4 months, any time of the year! On May 21, we placed flags on veterans' graves for Memorial Day.



In Memoriam

Virgil Stephen "Steve" Driskill
May 5, 2025

In Memoriam

Suzanne Thomason Rowland
May 23, 2025

Continuing Prayer Concerns: Georgia Sherard, Andrea Harris Cabe, Sally Adams, Jane Cunningham, Gail Bass, Jackie Daniel, Richard Pinckney, Billy Plyler (Joey Plyler's grandfather), Sandra Lewis, Jimmy Britt (Drew Singletary's grandfather), John Harr, Pete Callison, Elaine Dukes, Joan Herin, Peggy & Devon Aaron, Peggy Ackerman, Cheryl McCord and Durham Bley (Cheryl's grandson), Annie Catalino, John (Steve) Robinson (Terry Robinson's brother), Edith Blanchett (Kathy Johnson's mother), Marian Adams, Ann Pendergrass, Courtney Fingar (Mud Pies parent), Weston Boggs, Sara Catherine Wilkinson, our church and its ministries, 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.

Monday Men's Bible Study

Join us-6 am in the Fellowship Hall for our last session.
Led by Rev. Keck

Wednesday Men's Bible Study

Summer break- Returning in August



Missions

SOUPS

FRUITS

FOOD MINISTRY

PEANUT
BUTTER

CANNED
MEATS

JUNE 12, JULY 10, AUGUST 14 & SEPTEMBER 11
1:00 - 3:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Greater Greenwood
United Ministries

WOMEN'S CLINIC DONATIONS

June Mission Project

- Accepting items through Monday 6/23
- Collection boxes outside of the church office
- For monetary donations, venmo @EllaBassett with subject: "GGUM Donation"

Hygiene items needed for patients

- Tampons & Pads
- Chapstick
- Tissues

- Brushes/Combs
- Hair Ties

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Dental Floss
- Mouthwash

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Facecloth
- Shave gel
- Body lotion

Contact ella.bassett@duke.edu



Sign up for Vacation Bible School
June 8th–12th 5:30-7:30 pm
 Use QR code or call the church office.
 Volunteer for VBS, by emailing Kayla
kayla.beard@mainstreetgreenwood.org or come
 to the Volunteer Meeting June 5th at 6:00 pm



May's Loose
 Change of \$114
 will be donated
 to help the
 children at
 Epworth

Children's Home. Thank you for
 always being generous and
 teaching our children to give to
 those less fortunate.



Mother's Day, May Day and More! The children's ministries have had a blast in the two weeks of May that we gathered! Mother's Day was beautiful with our first Mother's Day breakfast and our children singing "The Blessing of a Mother's Love" in worship. Main Street May Day was such a success and so much fun was had by all! Thank you so much to those who supported, prayed for and donated to the children's ministries! Thank you so much to the Cornerstone class for their help with the food for May Day and to the Family Ministries for their support and providing games for the adults while the kids had water slide fun with Mrs. Kayla! Look out, summer, here we come!!!



CELEBRATIONS

June Birthdays

- 2 Madison Workman
- 3 Mary Lynn Polk
- 5 Phillip Keck
- 6 Ceres Massengill
Tanner Workman
Logan Coates
- 8 Suzanne Nicholson
Jeanie Patterson, Paige Swearingen
- 10 Joshua Albon
- 11 Brian Albon
- 12 Henrietta Morton
- 13 Cera Adams
- 14 Joshua Sluder, Ella Winfield
- 15 Mary Alexander
- 16 Grayson Tharpe
- 18 Ted Morton, Vivi Pinckney, Matt Valkenburg
- 19 David Patterson
- 20 Kathy Johnson
- 21 Sarah Washington, Drew Singletary
- 22 Zella Williams
- 23 Ed Wiedemann
- 24 Laurie Stuart
- 25 Ann Drew Hodge
- 27 Ella Bassett
- 29 Tee Tunstall
- 30 Winston Shirley



June Anniversaries

- 2 Robert and Candy Tinsley
- 3 Shell and Mary Dula,
- 6 Lomax and Marilyn Murphy
Ruple and Carol Harley
Jon and Lori Bassett
- 7 Ed and Laine Wiedemann, Joey and Sally Adams
- 11 Ed and Trudy Troublefield
- 12 Will and Kerri Thompson
- 13 Joey and Sharon Bagwell
- 14 Frank and Ann Workman, Joey and Lindsay Burns
- 15 Charles and Sarah Alice Schulze
- 17 Andy and Sarah Hartung
- 18 Drew and Marie Philipp
- 21 Jeff and Lisa Smith, Gary and Jo Patterson
- 24 Jim and Miriam Garner
- 29 Will and Della Carter



Congratulations to our college graduates!

Ann Meriwether Baker

Bachelor of Science in Finance with a minor in
International Affairs from Wofford College

Samuel Brabham Crooks

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
from Clemson University (Cum Laude)

Rachel Ellesor Holder









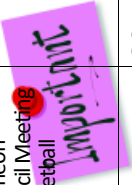

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design
from Appalachian State



Main Street celebrated our high school graduates on May 18th. Pictured with Rev. Keck and Preston are Hannah Crooks, Gavin Moore, and Richie Pinckney. Hannah will attend Wofford, and Gavin is heading to Auburn. Richie plans to enlist in the US Army. In addition, Aiden Tidwell who sings in our choir, will stay in town and attend Lander. Your Main Street family is proud of you and send you off with much love and many prayers.

June 2025

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

1 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball	2 6:00 am Men's Monday Study 11:00 am Member Care Committee Meeting 5:30 pm Trustees Board Meeting 6:00 pm Passionate Era Boys BB 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911	3 5:00 pm Passionate Era Boys BB 5:30 pm Missions Committee Meeting	4 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Children's Council Meeting 7:15 pm Nominations and Leadership Development Meeting 7:30 pm Carolina Sprinters	5 4:00 pm SC Elite Boys BB 5:30 pm Carolina Sprinters 6:00 pm VBS Volunteer Meeting 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball 	6 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	7
8 Annual Conference Week 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School 	9 Vacation Bible School 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911 	10 Vacation Bible School 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School	11 Vacation Bible School 11:30 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School	12 Vacation Bible School 1:00 pm Food Ministry 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School	13 9:00 am Youth Ramp Demo 2:00 pm Youth Pool Party 6:00 pm Children's Pool Party at the Skimmers 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery 	14
15 Father's Day 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball 	16 8:00 am Youth Whitewater Outing 6:00 pm Passionate Era Boys BB 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911 	17 5:00 pm Passionate Era Boys BB	18 7:30 pm Carolina Sprinters	19 4:00 pm SC Elite Boys BB 5:30 pm Carolina Sprinters 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball	20 Flag Day 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery 	21 9:00 am Soup Kitchen Volunteers TEAM #2 
22 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 12:00 pm Rev. Steve Keck's Retirement Cover-dish Luncheon 4:00 pm Church Council Meeting 7:30 pm Pick-Up Basketball 	23 6:00 pm Passionate Era Boys BB 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911	24 5:00 pm Passionate Era Boys BB	25 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Carolina Sprinters	26 10:00 am Children's "Meet Me at the Movies" 4:00 pm SC Elite Boys BB 5:30 pm Carolina Sprinters 7:00 pm Pick Up Basketball 	27 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	28
29 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Coffee and Conversation with R.T. 11:00 am Traditional Service 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball	30 12:30 pm Mud Pies Committee Meeting 6:00 pm Passionate Era Boys BB 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911					We hope to see you at our events! Call the Church Office with any questions.



Children's Ministry Volunteer List

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

Acolytes and Crucifer

June 1 Campbell & Finnley Smith; Peyton Larkins
June 8 Crawford Burns; Benjo Smith
June 15 Ansley Boring; Josh Albon
June 22 Crawford Burns; Maggie Shirley
June 29 Crawford Burns; Ryder Larkins

Sunday School & Extended Session:

June 1 Joanne Campbell and Kayla Beard
June 8 Lindsay Burns and Joanne Campbell
June 15 *Call the church office to sign up*
June 22 Mary Dula and Kayla Beard
June 29 Lindsay Burns

Nursery: Sydney Sluder & Rachel Jolly



Our Facebook Page has
pics from the end of the
year and & K-4 graduation

Good bye, Pastor
Steve and Charlie.
Enjoy retirement!!

We'll be
back in
August!

The Connection

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Allison Wooten, Mud Pies Creative Learning Director

Debbie Tharpe, Administrative Assistant

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Linda Miller, Financial Secretary

Donald Young, Building Caretaker

Michael Fisher, Custodian