

WEEKLY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 1

9:00 am- UMM Community Breakfast
9:45 am- Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship Service
12:15 pm- Youth Outing (Lunch and Shopping for Angel Tree Project)
4:00 pm- Advent Decorating & Soup/Chili Supper
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open

Monday, December 2

11:00 am - 6:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open

Tuesday, December 3

10:30 am- Centering/Intercessory Prayer (Sanctuary)
11:00 am - 6:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open

Wednesday, December 4

10:00 am- SnackPack Distribution
11:00 am - 6:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open
7:00 pm- Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 5

11:00 am - 6:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open

Friday, December 6

11:00 am - 6:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open

Saturday, December 7

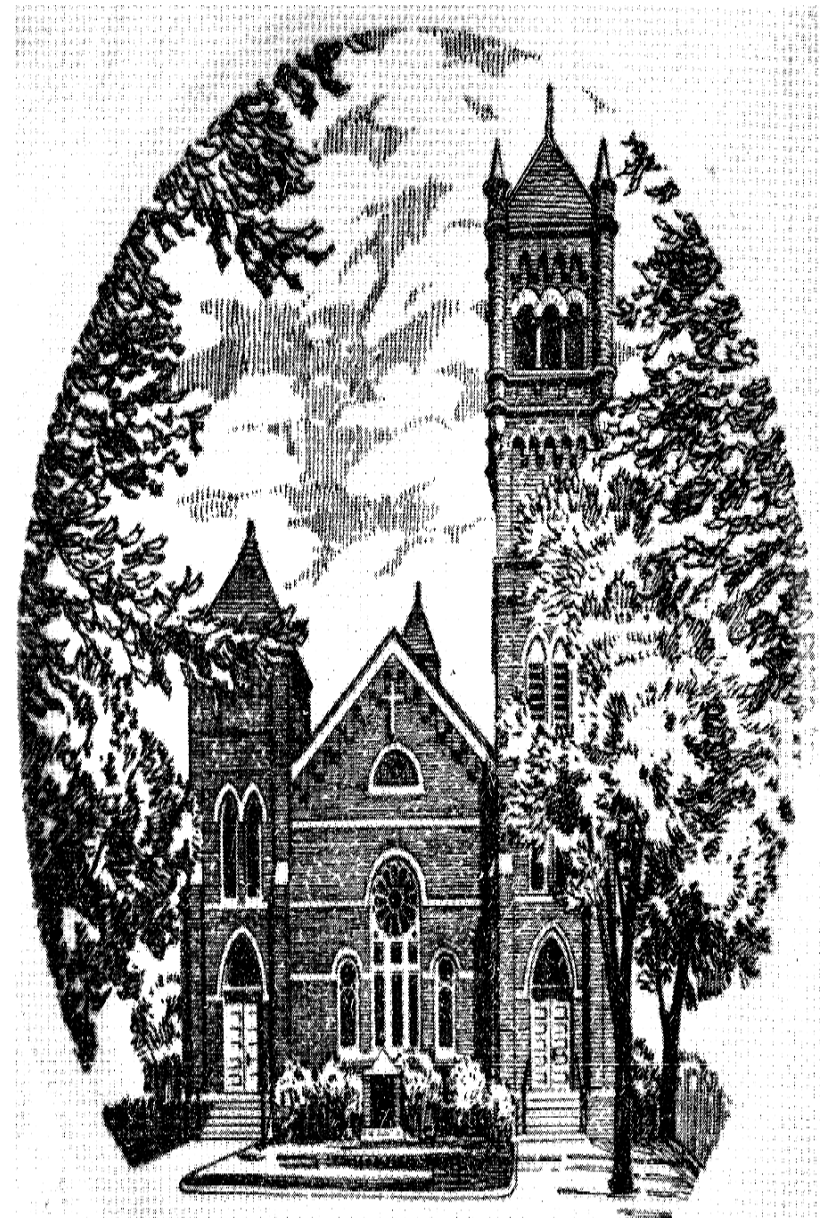
11:00 am - 6:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open

Sunday, December 8

9:30 am- Fellowship Breakfast
9:45 am- Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship Service
12:00 pm- Luncheon

Stewardship Report for week of 11/24/2019

Revenue	\$ 3,558.00
Weekly budget	\$ 5,156.49
Worship Attendance	100



MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

221 South Main Street - Reidsville - North Carolina

A Church for All God's People

Sunday, December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

Liturgical Color: Purple

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Opening Sentences

Leader (L): O Lord, our Lord

People (P): **How majestic is your name in all the earth**

L: You have set your glory above the heavens

P: **And from the lips of children ordained praise**

L: O Lord, our Lord

P: **How majestic is your name in all the earth**

Prayer for the Advent Wreath

L: Loving God, your church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever.

P: **Amen.**

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Angie Stallings

(to be sung after the wreath lighting)

Shine on us, O God of justice;

Guide our path through gloom of night;

Bear within us Wisdom's glory;

Come to us, O Christ the Light.

Glory be to God and peace on earth.

Christ will come, Alleluia!

HYMN 196 (UMH) "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Prayer

L: Creator God, breath of all life through whom all things are created and sustained; all sons and daughters, flocks and herds, all birds of the air and fish of the sea. You walked this earth as child and Creator. You touched the soil, quenched your thirst, embraced this world, brought life and light, love and laughter into dark and death-filled lives. Creative God, breath of all life, through whom all things are created and sustained,

P: **We bring you our sacrifice of a contrite and willing heart . Amen.**

Lesson from Scripture

Luke 1:68-79

Jim Carroll

HYMN RESPONSE 209 (UMH) "Blessed Be the God of Israel"

Worship Assistants Today: (Next Week)

Acolyte: Zachary Pugh (**Lauren Aswell**)

Breakfast Hosts: UMM/Community Breakfast (**Ann Marie & Becky Hoover**)

Infant Nursery: Pam Fargis (**Debbie Lassiter**)

Head Usher: Mark Perkinson

Ushers: Dale Erickson, Ross Poole, Hal Griffin, Patrick Brady

Offering Counters: Phyllis Perkinson & Laura Craddock (**Chuck Clark & Elizabeth Matherly**)



Church Family: Everette Sykes; The Brady Family; Ramona Setliff; Sybil Jones; Lillian Brady; Charlie Setliff; Jimmy Waynick; Betty Knight; Pete Parks; Johnny Hoover; Tommie Ward; Nancy Powell; Phyllis Holderby; John Noell; Hal & Donna Griffin & family; June Mooney-Riggs; Geoff Peoples; Gilbert Noetzel; Julius Fargis; Shepherd Varnedoe; all homebound members; members in nursing facilities; our church and one another.

In the Community: Rosalie Pickard; Judy Moore; Ashley Taylor; Cheryl Doolittle; Barbara Moyer; Renee Griffiths; Tammi Romine (friend of Martha Carroll's); Kitty Avery; Matt Ritchie (Friend of JD and Jan Paschal); Bob Deal and Family; Bill Hanes (Jan Paschal's brother); Mike Tabor; Lisa Diedrich (Joe McAllister's Mom); Douglas Diedrich (Joe's Stepdad); Stacy Setliff; Joe & Nina Chandler (health issues); Timothy Russell; Jordan Massey; GW (resident of Avante); Mayanna Guisinger; Brenda Cayton; Theresa Kocher; Helen Lovins; Brenda Odell; Tish Gemmill (esophageal cancer, Marguerite's sister); Steve (Tyke) Allen (stroke); Deborah Caskey-Slamon; Iris Conner (Norma's Aunt); Randy Abercrombie (cancer) & family; Bill Schaur (cancer, member of Sunnycrest Church); Tommiann Hill; Nancy Baker (Mary Ella's Sister); George Carter (Meryl Murphy's brother-in-law); the world.



CRUISING CHRISTIANS DECEMBER EVENT

Please join the Cruising Christians on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, at 6:00, for an evening of singing Christmas carols and old-fashioned fellowship. Nancy McCuen, Melodie Royster, and Anthony Hearn will entertain and lead us in singing Christmas carols to begin the celebration of the birth of the Babe, Jesus.

We will have a catered meal to enjoy before the entertainment begins. The price of the meal is \$12.00 per person.

Please remember to sign up and pay today in order to let our caterer know how many to plan for.



Children's Message Sherry Rountree

The Offertory and Offertory Prayer

The Anthem "Come Down, Emmanuel" Chancel Choir

The Sermon "The Carols We Sing: The Benedictus" Rev. Joe Tarpley

Intercessions

L: We pray firstly for those closest to us, our immediate family and closest friends—for their health, needs, joys and fears. (*Silence*) God of creation, God of Salvation,

P: **Hear the prayers of our hearts.**

L: We pray for our extended family and friends who we might not see each week—for their love and concern, for their wellbeing. (*Silence*) God of creation, God of Salvation,

P: **Hear the prayers of our hearts.**

L: We pray for those who we only have contact with annually or less—for a blessing this Advent-time. (*Silence*) God of creation, God of Salvation,

P: **Hear the prayers of our hearts.**

L: We pray for this world and its people—for the needs of this week and the future. (*Silence*) God of creation, God of Salvation,

P: **Hear the prayers of our hearts.**

L: God you speak to us through thunder and whisper; you love us as if there were but one of us to love.

P: **Hear the prayers of our hearts.**

HYMN 219 (UMH) "What Child Is This"

Dismissal and Blessing

L: God has given us the Word for a light to shine upon our path; May we meditate on that Word, and follow its teaching. May we find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day; go in peace and with God's blessings.

P: **Amen.**

Response (*singing*)

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

Chime of the Trinity

Postlude

UMH, The United Methodist Hymnal

Announcements

YOUTH AT MAIN STREET will be going out to eat lunch today and shopping for their Christmas tree angels. Youth are welcome to join us for this outing today.

TODAY YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US as we complete our decorating in the Sanctuary, the Commons area and the fellowship hall. We will meet at 4p. We will also be having a soup and chili supper tonight. Your efforts are really needed as we "round out" the decorating for this beloved time of year.

JOIN US TUESDAY MORNINGS for Centering, Intercessory Prayer in our Sanctuary at 1030a. All are welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, we will be having a luncheon after the morning worship service. Sign up today in the Commons area. This is a benefit luncheon for our youth and children's program.

The Dean Craddock Class is responsible for the soup kitchen on Dec 8.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE at Mission First on Sunday, December 8 at 6p. Called a "Blue Christmas" service, it focuses on those who find it difficult to be upbeat and joyous at this time of year because of the loss of loved ones, certain life struggles or other challenging circumstances.

REGARDING POINSETTIAS... We are placing an order with A&A Plants at a cost of \$13 per plant. Please place your order with the Administrator in the Church's office by December 9. You may also bring poinsettias to the church that you purchase from some other place (store, florist). We will, of course, include all names (in honor of/in memory of) for poinsettias placed in our sanctuary. Reminder: you must call the church's office with your information by December 9.

We are ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on Thursday, December 12. Please sign up for your time slot to help with this community effort today. (sign up in the Commons area)

ADVENT RETREAT DAYS... There will be two (2) Advent Retreat times this month on December 10 and 17. Join us for these study/conversation times at 1030a in the church's library. We will be considering "Almost Christmas" based on a sermon by John Wesley and his encouragement for people to follow Christ wholeheartedly.

IF YOU DID NOT TURN IN YOUR ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD this past Sunday, you are encouraged to do so today. Extra cards are available at all of the entrances to the Church. Our estimate of giving is a very positive way we show our commitment to Main Street Church and to the ministries that occur here. Our goal is to increase our estimate of giving over this past year. We are appreciative for all who have turned in cards to date.

Announcements

The Dean Craddock Class Christmas Party will be on Sunday night December 22 at Vicky Alston's house. It will be a covered dish supper.



The beautiful flowers gracing our sanctuary today are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Pat Foy Brady.

WE ARE COLLECTING GLOVES AND STOCKING CAPS for our participants who come to the Christmas Breakfast in mid-December. A collection "bin" is located in the Commons area for these donations. Thank you.

The Christmas Homes Tour will be on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 12:00-5:00. Admission will be \$15. Along with the tour is our Holiday Bake Sale! All church members, ladies and men, are needed to help support the tour and the bake sale. We need lots of homemade pies, cakes, cookies, candies, soup and breads! You may bring baked items to the church on Friday, December 13 from 10-11 or on Saturday morning from 9:00-10:00. Please help the United Methodist Women have a successful tour and bake sale. There are wonderful homes to visit and you are sure to share the spirit of Christmas! All profits from this project go to local mission projects.

HOMES

*Sandy & Karen Brady
972 Church Street Extension*

*David & Martha Cross
351 Chickasaw Drive*

*The Penn House
324 Maple Avenue*

*Scott Greene and Stokes Ann Hunt
1210 Huntsdale Road*

*Rev. Robert & Sara Peterson
1907 Shepherd Drive*



Christian sympathy is extended to the Brady Family in the loss of Pat Foy Brady. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss.