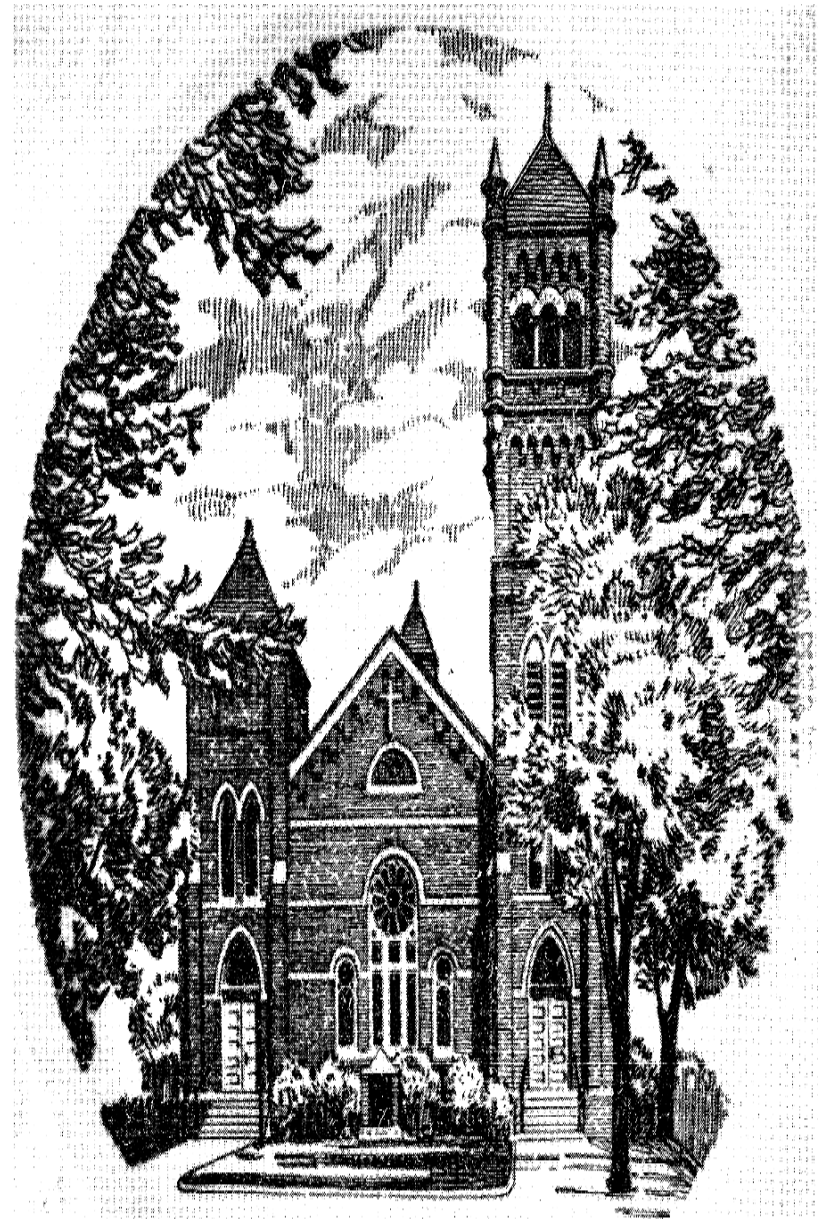


 **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** 

Church Family: Everette Sykes; 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; 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.



MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

221 South Main Street - Reidsville - North Carolina

A Church for All God's People

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

Liturgical Color: Blue

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Opening Sentences

Leader (L): In the beginning, Lord, we were alone
Like the earth before your Spirit moved over the waters.
We were formless and empty and darkness filled the depths of our hearts.
Then, it was as if you declared 'let there be light'
And out of darkness we began to see hope like a shimmering ray of love
Breaking through the parting clouds at the conclusion of the night.
In the beginning, Lord, we were alone
But when we saw you in the light we were no longer afraid.
You held out your hand and though we had a choice
We had no choice because to refuse was to embrace again the darkness.
In the beginning, Lord we were alone
Now we are again a part of your creation loved, wanted, needed, family.
In the light of your presence we hold out our hearts that others
Might glimpse through it your reflection and be drawn from the
Darkness that we once embraced into the light of your sunrise
The brightness of your face.
Lord Jesus, Song of God, Savior of the world
All: **Be the center of all that we are, and the life that we lead.**

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Dan & Karen Daniel

(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 203 UMH "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Prayer

L: Loving God, we gather in this season of promise to worship you and sing your praise. We praise you for your love and for your faithfulness, for you are the source of all hope and from you all joy springs. You are the one we expect, but your coming is always unexpected. You are the one who turns everything upside down and you make all things new. Advent God of surprises, we worship you and we wait for you to awaken our wonder and astound us with your arrival.

People (P): **Amen.**

WEEKLY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, December 8

9:30 am- Fellowship Breakfast
9:45 am- Sunday School
Dean Craddock S.S. Class – Soup Kitchen
11:00 am – Worship Service
12:00 pm- Luncheon in Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open

Monday, December 9

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

Tuesday, December 10

10:30 am- Advent Study (Library)
11:00 am - 6:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open
7:00 pm- Circle #2 Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, December 11

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

Thursday, December 12

10:00 am- 8:00pm- Ringing Bell for Salvation Army
11:00 am - 6:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open

Friday, December 13

10:00 am- 11:00 am- Drop-off of Baked Goods for Homes Tour
11:00 am - 6:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open

Saturday, December 14

9:00 am- 10:00 am- Drop-off of Baked Goods for Homes Tour
11:00 am - 6:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open
12:00- 5:00 pm- UMW Christmas Homes Tour

Sunday, December 15

9:30 am- Fellowship Breakfast
9:45 am- Sunday School
11:00 am – Worship Service
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm- Dewey's Bakery Open

Stewardship Report for week of 12/01/2019

Revenue	\$ 9,294.57
Weekly budget	\$ 5,156.49
Worship Attendance	110

**FINANCE REPORT
47 WEEKS / ENDING 11/24/2019**

YTD INCOME FOR 47 WEEKS	\$235,992	
	* COMPARED TO	COMPARED TO
	BUDGET	EXPENSES
	\$242,332	\$218,767
DIFFERENCE +/-	-\$6,340	+\$17,225

* ANNUAL BUDGET /52 WEEKS= \$5156/WK x 47 = \$242,332

Worship Assistants Today: (Next Week)

Acolyte: Lauren Aswell **(Kayleigh Perkinson)**

Breakfast Hosts: Ann Marie Noell & Becky Hoover **(Need Volunteer)**

Infant Nursery: Debbie Lassiter **(Judy Hill)**

Head Usher: Mark Perkinson

Ushers: J.D. Paschal, John Kolessar, Bradley Goodman, Craig Dickens, and Parker Turpin

Offering Counters: Chuck Clark & Elizabeth Matherly **(Susan Clark & Angie Stallings)**

Lesson from Scripture Luke 1:47-55 Larry McDowell

HYMN 218 UMH "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Children's Message Jim Carroll

The Offertory and Offertory Prayer

The Anthem "The Advent Road" Chancel Choir

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

Intercessions

L: Circle us, Lord

Circle us with the light of your presence, bright within this dark word

Enable us to be overcomers of fear and temptation

Enable us to be victors over sin and despair

Enable us to become that which you would desire *(silence)*

Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation,

P: **Circle us with the light of your presence**

L: Circle us, Lord

Circle our family within the shelter of your outstretched arms

Protect them in each moment of their daily lives

Protect them in the decisions that they face

Protect their homes and relationships *(silence)*

Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation,

P: **Circle our families with the light of your presence**

L: Circle us, Lord

Circle this nation with Advent love and hope

Create a desire to listen to the Advent message

Create a willingness to understand and respond

Create a need to reach out to the Christ Child *(Silence)*

Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation,

P: **Circle our nation with the light of your presence**

L: Circle us, Lord

Circle this world with the joy of your Salvation

Where there is sickness and disease bring healing

Where there is hunger and despair bring hope

Where there is torture and oppression bring release *(silence)*

Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation,

P: **Circle this world with the light of your presence**

HYMN 232 UMH "When Christmas Morn Is Dawning"

Concluding Prayer

L: Lord, you have given us your Word for a light to shine upon our path; grant us so to meditate on that Word, and to follow its teaching, that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: **Amen.**

Response *(to be sung by all)*

***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

IF YOU HAVE NOT TURNED IN AN ESTIMATE OF GIVING card to the church to date, please consider turning one in. We believe the estimate of giving card is a little different from an actual pledge. There is the flexibility of changing your projected estimate as life circumstances change throughout the year. About 55% of our total projected expenditures for 2020 have been committed to at this point. Thank you for your generosity toward Main Street Church and its ministries.

ON TUESDAY OF THIS WEEK at 10:30a, you are invited to join us in the library for an Advent Retreat Day (we will adjourn before lunch time). As a part of this Advent "journey," we will have our intercessory prayers for the day as well (**NOTE: NO CENTERING/INTERCESSORY PRAYERS IN THE SANCTUARY**). This year's 2 Advent retreat days (Tuesdays Dec. 10 & Dec. 17) will focus on John Wesley's sermon "Almost Christmas" and how we can make deeper commitments to Christ during this festive time of year. All are welcome.

Circle #2 will meet at the church on Tues., December 10 at 7:00 to finalize plans for the Christmas Homes Tour.

We still need a few "ringers" to help us RING THE BELL FOR THE SALVATION ARMY on Thursday, Dec. 12. We especially need ringers for later in the afternoon/early evening. Thank you for your support.

Christian sympathy is extended to the Hardy Family in the loss of Tom and Dan's mom, Jean Hardy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss.

Announcements

JOIN US ON DECEMBER 19 for our Pre-School Christmas program in the fellowship hall. The program begins at 6p and our preschoolers will be singing. **PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH (primarily finger foods/ easy to handle foods) FOR THIS EVENT.** Let's rally to support our PreSchool program for this holiday tradition.

The Dean Craddock Class Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 22 at 6pm at Vicky Alston's house. It will be a covered dish supper.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: Tuesday, Dec. 24 @ 5p, Church Sanctuary

The Christmas Tour of Homes will be Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 12:00-5:00. Admission is \$15. Please help support the tour by bringing baked goods to the church on Friday, December 13 from 10:00-11:00 or on Saturday morning from 9:00-10:00. All profits from the tour and the bake sale are used for local mission projects. Plan to attend the tour and enjoy fun and fellowship as you support this community project!

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*



The beautiful flowers gracing our sanctuary today are to the Glory of God and in memory of Jean Hardy.