

Thank you to everyone who ordered a Poinsettia!
Please take your Poinsettia home after church on **Dec 22, 2024.**

Playschool Christmas Program and Spaghetti Dinner:

On Tuesday, December 17 at 6:00 P.M., our playschool will present a short Christmas program followed by a spaghetti dinner. Volunteers are needed to help with the dinner. See sign up sheets in The Commons area to help.

Rosebud: The people of Main Street Church celebrate the birth of **Ripley Douglas Finch Roberts;** son of Sarah Marrs and Chris Roberts, grandson of Doug & Connie Marrs; born on December 6, 2024. He weight 8 lbs 8 oz, 19 1/4 inches.

Candlelight Worship & Communion

Christmas Eve—5:00 P.M.

Main Street United Methodist Church Sanctuary.

All Welcome.

Snack-Kit Ministry: The people of Main Street United Methodist continues to give snack kits to neighbors in need. The snacks and toiletries are distributed on Wednesdays of each week at 10 a.m. Your continued contributions of deodorant, toothpaste and soap or donations to purchase supplies helps tremendously with this ongoing project. Call the church office if you would like to help. *Thank you for all donations!*

Main Street Church Calendar	
Sunday, December 15, 2024	
9:30 A.M.	Sunday School - Fellowship Hall
10:30 A.M.	Sunday Worship -Church Sanctuary
Monday, December 16, 2024	
6:30 P.M.	SPRC Committee Meeting - Edna Watt RM
Tuesday, December 17, 2024	
6:00 P.M.	Playschool Christmas program & Dinner
Wednesday, December 18, 2024	
6:00 P.M.	Bible Study-Luke 1:39-55 - Library
7:00 P.M.	Choir Practice - Choir Room
Sunday, December 22, 2024	
9:30 A.M.	Sunday School - Fellowship Hall
10:30 A.M.	Sunday Worship (Take Poinsettias Home)
Tuesday, December 24, 2024 - Christmas Eve	
5:00 P.M.	Candlelight Worship & Communion
December Monthly Mission Offering is for Main Street United Methodist Help Fund. The offering supports people of the church and community that are in need.	
The NOW Committee is collecting canned green beans and canned corn for the Reidsville Outreach Center during the month of December. <i>Thank you for your support!</i>	

Main Street United Methodist Church



Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

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MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 15, 2024

Come Let Us Adore Him

Prelude

Prayer 459 *The Serenity Prayer*

Hymn 211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs.2)*

Advent Wreath Reading *Isaiah 35:10*

*We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Joy.
May the joyful promise of your presence, O God,
Make us rejoice in our hope of salvation.
O come, O come, Emmanuel.*

Hymn 211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs.3)*

Affirmation 880 *The Nicene Creed*

Children's Message

Hymn 203 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Congregational Life

Offering

Hymn 70 *Glory Be to the Father*

Scripture *Luke 3:7-18*

Sermon *Presence*

Prayer 890 *Most merciful God...*

Hymn 224 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

Sending

Postlude

Sunday Next: Third Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024 || Luke 1:39-55

Isaiah 35:10

¹⁰ Those who have been ransomed by the LORD will return.

They will enter Jerusalem singing,
crowned with everlasting joy.
Sorrow and mourning will disappear,
and they will be filled with joy and gladness. (NLT)

Prayer List: Homebound Members, Emma McGinnis, J.D. Paschal, Aaron Griffith, Barry Williams, Tommy Hicks, Johnny Glover, Jesse Sigmon, Joe Alexander, Joanna Gibbs, Dennis Irving, Shannon French, Wanda Poole, Mitch Mason, Regina Hampshire, Ray Gibson, Rebecca Filibey, John Noell, Donna Snoufer, John Rush, Kennedy Kolesar, Mary Lynn Somers, Steven, Latoyia, and Lee Rakestraw. **Please call the church office to be added/removed from Prayer List.*

Luke 3:7-18

⁷ When the crowds came to John for baptism, he said, "You brood of snakes! Who warned you to flee the coming wrath?" ⁸ Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God.

Don't just say to each other, 'We're safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.' That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. ⁹ Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰ The crowds asked, "What should we do?"

¹¹ John replied, "If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry."

¹² Even corrupt tax collectors came to be baptized and asked, "Teacher, what should we do?"

¹³ He replied, "Collect no more taxes than the government requires."

¹⁴ "What should we do?" asked some soldiers.

John replied, "Don't extort money or make false accusations. And be content with your pay."

¹⁵ Everyone was expecting the Messiah to come soon, and they were eager to know whether John might be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered their questions by saying, "I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire." ¹⁸ John used many such warnings as he announced the Good News to the people. (NLT)