

Welcome and Announcements, and Signing the Friendship Pads

Passing the Peace of Christ : "May the grace and peace of Christ be with you."

Prelude "How Great Our Joy" Beth McBride & Carole Hall
Worship Leader 8:45 Bob Dixon

+Call to Worship Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle Evelyn Penn
Beth McBride

"In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David" (Luke 2:1, 3-4).

Today we remember Joseph, worn-out traveler and worried husband, doing what was necessary for the sake of his family, the burden of poverty stifling his hope in the promise of God. There was no room for him, yet he knows to whom he belongs.

Today we give thanks for the Josephs among us, migrating far from home where there is no choice, fiercely devoted to the ones they love, unwavering in their belief that there is room for all in the kin-dom of God.

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Joseph, who knocks at the door, ready to take his place among royalty.

"Advent Song" (verse 4) TFWS 2090

+ Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" p. 203

+Affirmation of Faith A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada p. 883

+Gloria Patri p. 70
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

First Reading II Samuel 7:1-11, 16 p. 281 BB, p. 268 RB

Blessings Gathering of Prayers

Call to Prayer "Sanctuary" p. 2164 TFWS

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Walt Westbrook

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Children's Moment

We provide a staffed nursery for infants - 5 yr. old during 8:45 worship and 11:00 am worship. Children's Church is provided during the 11:00 am worship for ages 3-6.

Receiving the Offering Prayer of Dedication Worship Leader

+Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Special Music "Breath of Heaven" Beth McBride, Flute
Carole Hall, Piano

Epistle Lesson Romans 16:25-27 p. 165 BB, p. 155 RB

Gospel Lesson Luke 1:26-38 p. 56 BB, p. 53 RB

Sermon "Here Am I" Rev. Walt Westbrook

+Hymn "Once in Royal David's City" p. 250

+ Benediction

+Sung Benediction "When They Saw the Star" (See Insert)

+ Postlude

In Mourning / The Families of: Robert Ronckovitz (P. Vida), Phil Heffin, Sue Cropp (B. Gardner), Terry Robins (B. Gardner), Donnie Shelton (C. Conrad), Linda Whalen, Wesley Childress (J. Keene), Elizabeth Rollins (S. Edwards)

Recent Concerns: Katherine Hull, Pat Hawkins, Bob Haney, Gus Bowling (M. Murray), Bill Parker (E. Penn), Brian Cleft, Jason Elsasser (W. Smith), Sharon Grossman (H. Powell), Cpt. Gil Kendall (B. Wood), Logan Garland (J. Smith), Nancy Chuny, Judy Back (S. King), Avery Rodgers (S. King), Madison Kolan (B. Anderson), Michelle Loyd (L. Morris), Gary Beeson (M. Thompson), Bob Haines, Dylan Gragot (M. Thompson), Gene (J. Smith), Karin Luddwig, Roy Mathly, Ivy Kiser, Becky Hubbard, Dorothy Hughes, Ann Cooper (K. Smith), Kevin Haselbush, Sam Wood (J. Polen), Allen Wood (J. Polen), Bob Payne (B. Nash), Sean Harris (J. Dixon), Cassidy Bailey (M.A. Holt), Andrea (S. Gmitter), Sheila Ambrose (P. Vida), Merinell Vance, Patty Cushing (R. Keene), Greg Pote (B. Wood), Stella Minnick (L. Reichard), Dennis Hundley (J. Purcell), Caleb Lewis (R. Payne), Rick Jackson (R. Payne), Infant D'Ostilio (J. Hardwick)

Away from Home: Will Tripp, Mason Daniels (R. Keene), "Frankie", Kevin Dembo, David Dobzynski (D. Foster), Vinny Ellis, Greg McBride (B. McBride), Mallory & Zachary Armstrong (M.A. Holt), Jacqueline Perdue (D. Jerman), Scott McKinney (D. Reading), Curtis Lineweaver (M. Haselbush)

Continuing Needs: Hallie Loftice, Mark Wilson (B. Wood), Mark & Patty Payne, Sonny Edwards, Irene Limerick (M. Morgan), Kristy Parnell (H. Ryan), Mike Sponseller, Virginia Curtis (R. Courtney), Janice Stollings (J. Studley), Drew & Ben Harding (S. Roland), Suellen Ensign (S. Wiegand), Robert Runger (B. Anderson), Helayne Holland (E. Penn), Joe Burnette, Diane Miller (E. Penn), Betty Westbrook, John & Mary Lou Cox, Margaret Sacks (S. Wiegand), Ronnie Bond (B. Anderson), Theresa Sims (L. Berry), Dorothy Deloach (R. Hogue), Jack Goff, Susie Shaffer (J. Harford), Eddie Martinez (B. Anderson), Joseph Rodgers (B. Anderson)

*This Week at a Glance***Sunday, December 18**

7:30 am UMM Breakfast
Bible Study Rm. 10
Seekers Pastor's Office
Bible Basics SH. A
Nursery – 2 Rm. 15
3 & 4 yrs. Rm. 6
K – 1st Rm. 8
2nd – 3rd Rm. 18
4th – 5th Rm. 17
6th – 8th Rm. 16
9th – 12th Rm. 4
11:00 am Christmas Cantata
6:30 pm UMYF

Monday, December 19

Happy Birthday Mike Miller & Brenda Trant!

11:00 am Prayer
6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Tuesday, December 20

11:30 am Bridge

Wednesday, December 21

*Happy Birthday Sally King & Jason Roland!
Happy Anniversary
Jesse & Margaret Ann Stone!*

7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, December 22

*Happy Nicholas Belako,
Lindsay Earnhardt & Courtney Wilkerson!*

7:00 pm Girl Scouts
7:00 pm Al-Anon

Friday, December 23

*Happy Anniversary
Rodney & Becky Hubbard!*

11:30 am Bridge

Saturday, December 24

5:30 pm Children's
Christmas
Service
8:00 pm Candlelight
Service

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 20 Thurman Brisben
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services
Dec. 25 Caroling Service & Christmas Brunch
Dec. 26 Newsletter Deadline

Christmas Spirit

The Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee has decided to continue our tradition of recognizing St. Matthias' excellent staff by providing a monetary gift at Christmas. You can participate in this action by donating in the regular church collection with an envelope and/or check marked "Staff Christmas Gift" **TODAY!** Thanks for your generosity!

If you are in worship service as morning as our guest, you are invited to consider joining St. Matthias UMC! If you feel the call to unite with this congregation, please contact Rev. Westbrook. He will be more than glad to sit down with you to discuss your spiritual journey, what led you to St. Matthias, and how you may become a member. We welcome you.

Rev. Westbrook's cell phone is the best way to contact him:
434-210-0367.

Or you may email him at walt@stmatthiasumc.org. He would be happy to hear from you.

Christmas Cards
As a gift to you, the Youth Group will collect your Christmas cards and deliver them to church members **TODAY!** Thus saving you the stamps! A box is located outside the sanctuary doors to collect any Christmas cards you would like to send your St. Matthias family.

Christmas Eve Services

8:00 p.m. Candles, carols, communion, choir.
5:30 p.m. Children's Service by and for children and their families.

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. with Brunch

2011 Contributions

If you wish your remaining contributions for the year to be posted to your 2011 statement, they must be postmarked by December 31, 2011. If you prefer to make your contribution in person, please do so during office hours. All contributions dropped off by December 31st will be posted to this year.

2012 Offering Envelopes

New 2012 Offering Envelopes are now available for pickup on the table in the Narthex. If you do not have envelopes, please contact Chris in the church office.

Scripture Reading for December 25
Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98 (UMH 818);
Hebrews 51:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

Church Conference

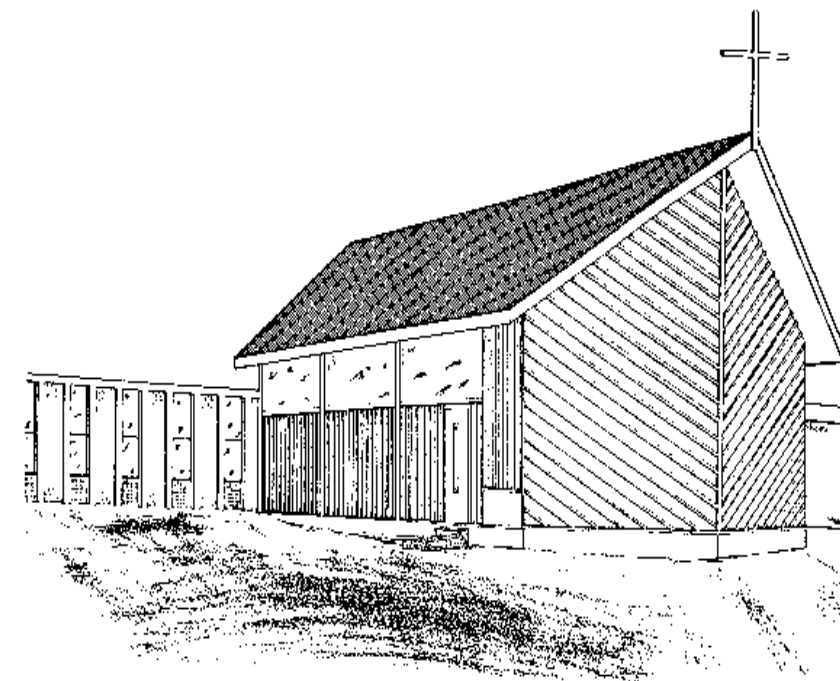
A Special Church Conference will be held on January 8, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. to vote on the Resolution of Establishing a Church Endowment. Deal Tompkins will be doing a presentation explaining the Endowment Fund in more detail prior to the vote. Copies of the Resolution are available on the table outside the church office.

Today in the
town of David a
Savior has been
born to you....



**May the peace and forgiving love that Jesus
brought be reborn in your heart this
Christmas.**

**Merry Christmas
from the staff of St. Matthias!
Walt, Chris, Carole, Judy, and Greg**



St. Matthias United Methodist Church

Do No Harm

Do Good

Stay in Love with God

8:45 & 11:00 Worship:

Staffed nursery for infants – 5 yrs

11:00 Worship:

Children's Church for 3 – 6 yrs.
after Children's message during service.

Sunday School 9:45 – 10:45:

Nursery for infants – 2 yrs.

Sunday School Classes:

for ages 3 – grade 12

Large Print Bulletins- Available by request to an Usher.

... amplified earphones and telecoil loops are in the basket on the shelf at the sanctuary door.
... wheelchair available

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Rev. Walter W. Westbrook

Attendance: December 11, 2011

Sunday School: 28

Worship: 144

Assisted Living: 24

Finance: Weekly Need: \$5,608.62

Last Sunday: \$7,499.00