

Prayer of Illumination

Spirit of God, in the proclamation of your Word, reveal to us the hidden mystery of your love in Christ, and strengthen our faith that we may approach you with boldness. Amen.

Isaiah 60:1-6

+ Matthew 2:1-12

Message Find

+ I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, UMH 206

Recognition of Leadership

The Great Thanksgiving, UMH 15

The Lord's Prayer, UMH 895

Receiving the Bread and Cup

All are welcome at Jesus' table! A gluten-free option is available. You are invited to bring your Tithes and Offerings and financial pledges forward as you come to Holy Communion. The separate baskets are for our local mission fund which is used to help families with utility bills and food.

Prayer After Communion

+ Go, Tell It on the Mountain, UMH 251

+ Blessing/Postlude



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in memory of Doris Jerman by her daughter Mary Perdue and Pete Jerman.

Things to know about worship

First, we are glad you are here! We hope that your visit gives you a glimpse of God's love for you, and we want to make your time here as comfortable as we can. The screens will help you with words and directions and this bulletin will guide you through the service. Please quiet your phone or device but the use of Bible apps are encouraged. There are times when we will invite you to stand as you are able, and these are marked with a '+'. Large print bulletins and hymnals are available upon request. A handicap accessible restroom and wheelchair are available. Please let one of the ushers, greeters or pastor know if you need anything or have questions. Thank you for any financial contributions you may make during the offering time or online at stmatthiasumc.org. These are tax deductible and help us offer ministry to our community and world. Please be sure to use the tear-off sheet to check in, share prayer requests, register for activities and get more information. May God bless us all!

Later by Ann Weems

Later after the angels, after the stable, after the Child, they went back... as we always must, back to the world that doesn't understand our talk of angels and stars and especially not the Child. We go back complaining that it doesn't last. They went back singing praises to God! We do have to go back, but we can still sing the alleluias!



Vital Church Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 15, 5:30 p.m.
@ Garaffa's Pizza



Love & Laundry
Friday, January 18 ~ 1 – 5 p.m.
@ The Laundry Basket



Third Sunday Fellowship ~ Jan. 20
9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Honduras Mission Meeting
TODAY, Jan. 6 @ 12:15 p.m. in room 10.

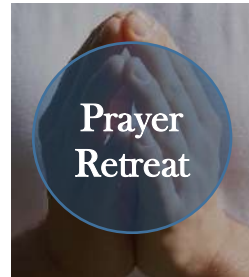
2019 mission trip to Honduras -- 29 June to 6 July.

New Bern, NC Mission Trip ~ March 6-10, 2019
Rebuilding after Hurricane Florence. Twenty-five spaces are reserved. Please let Peg Jones know if you are interested in going - (540) 775-5729. Deadline:



We will be preparing and serving a meal
TODAY, January 6th from 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Brenda Wood, (540)809-4616.

www.brisbencentral.org



Meditative Prayer Retreat

Saturday, January 19, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Walk in registration available.
Sign up on the front bulletin board.



De-Greening of the Church
Fri., Jan. 11 @ 10:00 a.m.

Please consider stopping by to help de-green the church POC:
Erica Murray, 540-907-3263 or
6855wav@gmail.com



Thank you everyone who bought a poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary!! Please feel free to take your poinsettia home with you after service today.



Ink Cartridge Recycling

Please consider donating your used ink cartridges to the church office. Cartridges may be left in the Mission hallway.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 6

12:15 p.m. Honduras Mission Mtg.
3:30 p.m. Thurman Brisben
5:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice
5:45 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, January 7

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry
10:00 a.m. Prayer
5:30 p.m. Upper Room
7:00 p.m. SPRC

Tuesday, January 8

7:45 a.m. Exercise Class
1:00 p.m. God Celebrators
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Wesleyan Bldg. Bros.

Wednesday, January 9

10:00 a.m. UMW Meeting
12:00 p.m. **Bulletin Deadline**
5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Finance

Thursday, January 10

6:00 p.m. Upper Room
7:00 p.m. AI-Anon
7:00 p.m. Worship

Friday, January 11

Pastor's Sabbath
10:00 a.m. De-Greening the Church

Saturday, January 12

7:00 a.m. Pray Like a Man
8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Prayer

SMUMC by the Numbers

Attendance on December 30

Sunday School: 27

Morning Worship: 98

Weekly Need: \$6,363.50

12/30/18 Offering: \$4,087.00

YTD Need: \$324,539.50

YTD Received \$282,739.05

Monthly Need Dec: \$38,181.00

MTD Received Dec: \$27,410.05

●Amount given to SOSA: \$133.02

●Amount given to Staff Gifts Fund: \$1,320.00

●Amount given to UMFS: \$700.00

●Number of Christmas Food Baskets distributed: 20

CONNECT

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please update contact information

Please circle one

Visitor Member

Regular Attender

Please pray for....

I would like this to be shared:

in the bulletin

with the prayer team

only with the Pastor

I would like the Pastor to call me

Prayers of the Community of Faith!

I would like to sign-up for the following events:

New Bern, NC – Mission Trip

Meditative Prayer Retreat

What has been the most surprising blessing this Christmas season?

I would like more information about:

- Becoming a Member of SMUMC
- Love & Laundry Ministry
- Honduras Mission Trip
- Micah Breakfast
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- New Bern, NC Mission Trip (Mar. 6-10)
- The Food Pantry
- The Youth Group
- Small Groups
- Heartwood Food Packing
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- volunteering in the church office

Mourning / Families of: ●Joe Byrnes ●Pop Pop Johnson ●Joey Claffy ●Bill Howell (D. Jenkins) ●Mike McGee ●Kenny Johnston

Continuing Needs: Greg Anderson ●Paul Balgavy (R. Balgavy) ●Loretta Bass (Patsy Vida) ●Debbie Carpenter (B. Anderson) ●Margaret Courtney (R. Courtney) ●Pattie Cushing (R. Keene) ●Ruby Duddleson (R. Keene) ●Lindsey Fortune (D. Farrar) ●Jennifer Giannuzzi (B. Giannuzzi) ●Dennis & Connie Hagan ●Mrs. "Clyde" Hambrick ●Mary Ann & David Hill (J. Studley) ●Rev. Wayne Hogue ●Shelley Holmes (B. Holmes) ●Michelle Hutchinson (D. Jenkins) ●Billie Jo Hynson (B. Gmitter) ●Pete Jerman ●Jim Kocher (J. Belako) ●Kyra (P. Vida) ●Ed Marks (J. Clark) ●Dick Moore ●George Nosek (D. Garrett) ●Lisa Holsinger Powell (P. Vida) ●Dian Rubiera (B. Giannuzzi) ●Emerson Rudacille (J. Studley) ●Bob & Claire Runger (B. Anderson) ●Joe & Lita Schepers ●Dorothy & Pastor Bob Van Natta (W. Hogue) ●Amy Watkins (C. Hall & L. Cooper) ●Bob Watts (J. Cover) ●Renewal of UMC ●Ken & Charlotte Stockwell ●Patricia Turley (J. Keene) ●Austin Wolfe (R. Varela) ●Betty Zelloe (D. Jenkins)

Prayer Requests from the week of December 16: ●Sam Frantum ●Dorothy Hale & Family ●Rut Thomas ●Velma Bailey's family ●for those in prison, for justice within our criminal justice system ●Dick Moore & Joe Schepers

Prayer Requests from the week of December 23: ●Paul Rauh ●Ann Michael ●Beth Bradshaw ●Jason Toombs ●Larry Gentry ●Family of Joe Byrnes ●Fran Fredericks ●Ann Cooper's family ●Debbie Whittington ●Those who are grieving ●those who died in Indonesia, tsunami ●UMC General conference in February ●for the Government shutdown ●Sam Frantum ●Peace for our nation ●Joe & Lita Schepers ●Family of Pop Pop Johnson ●Family of Joey Claffy ●Michelle Hutchinson ●General Khalifa ●Todd, Conner & Noah Harford

Prayer Requests from the week of December 30: ●Debbie Whittington ●Joe Daley ●Dodie Smith ●Marian Lynch ●Judy Purinton ●Jack Goff ●Kseniya ●Shelva ●Lynette Ware ●Joe & Lita Schepers ●Fran Fredericks ●those suffering from natural disasters ●Patti, Brian & Jennifer Johnston ●Brooks family ●Bob Kordes ●Earline Haney

Questions for Reflection

In Epiphany when the magi make their great journey to see the Christ Child, we see Jesus drawing all creation to the divine life revealed in him, and we see the realization of God's dream of reconciled creation. In our own way, we are each endowed by the Spirit with unique and precious gifts for sharing God's healing love in a good but often divided world. What spiritual practices do you engage in that allow you to stay peaceful, courteous, and develop a respectful regard for difference? How do you stay present and create openness for finding, revealing, and activating God's reconciling love in the world?

Household Prayer: Morning Glorious God, each day provides opportunity to awaken to the radiance of your presence, and to welcome your blessing into my life. How often I forget that I am your home! Help me to draw more closely to you, that I may manifest your love more deeply in the world. May every bright place and darkened corner grow ever more luminous as I bear your light this day. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening Holy Jesus, I thank you for sharing your life with me today. As darkness comes and blankets the earth, be with all who suffer from sickness, hunger, or lack of shelter. Kindle in them the warmth of your presence, and surround them with your steadfast care. I am grateful for the blessings of this day. And in the light of your love I rest this night. Amen.

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Called to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the Transformation of the World

Worship:

Sundays: 8:45 & 11:00
Nursery for infants to 5 yrs
Kids Own Worship (pre -5th grade): 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship:
1st & 3rd Sundays @ 5:45 p.m.

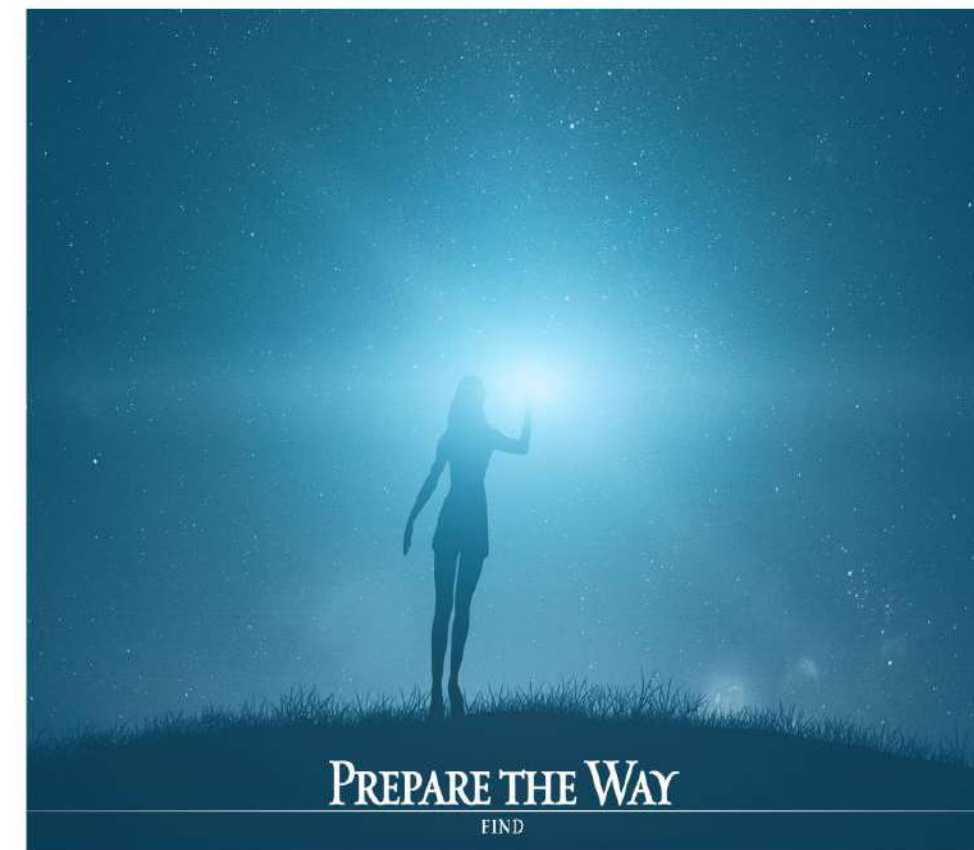
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**ST. MATTHIAS
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January 6, 2019

Epiphany Sunday

Greeting and Opening Prayer

+Introit Angels from the Realms of Glory, UMH 220 (v.1)

+ Call to Worship

Arise, shine; for your light has come.

the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Come, worship the Lord of glory.

Proclaim God's praise among the nations.

+ We Three Kings, UMH 254

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness.

Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power.

Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions.

Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution.

Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

8:30 a.m. Children's Moment

Special Music

Little Baby Boy

St. Matthias Choir