

+ Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Message "More than..."

+ Down to the River to Pray, W&S 3164

Baptismal Covenant IV, UMH 50

+ How Firm a Foundation, UMH

+ Blessing/Postlude

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!

God Moments

As you go through the day, let particular moments bring deep awareness of God and life. I usually find these moments come as invitations and, although many of them get lost in my busyness, the fruit of taking time to respond far outweighs the small investment of time.

Let me describe some God moments from today. While driving to work I noticed a group of pelicans sitting on a weir in a small river, drying their wings in the morning sun. I allowed the moment and its beauty to touch me, to speak to the deep places within me. During the morning as I worked in the church office, I experienced two interruptions. First came a young woman from a meeting in the room next door. It was a brief conversation, but she suddenly, quite spontaneously, came over, kissed me on the cheek, and then left. It felt like a gift to be treasured for a few moments.

Around lunchtime someone went into the church to practice for a piano recital. Beautiful music flowed throughout the building, and I was moved to pause and allow it to touch me. On some days I perceive many such moments at other times I am capable of missing them all! But I have come to see them as God moments, calling me to awareness of the depth and richness of the present moment and raising my awareness.

—Ann Siddall and Gary Stuckey, Tending the Seed, Upper Room Books.

New Bern, NC Mission Trip Meeting

TODAY @ 12:15 p.m.



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

Love & Laundry



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

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



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.



ASSISTANT NURSERY CAREGIVER WANTED

We are in need of a paid assistant nursery caregiver every Sunday morning, 8:30-12:30, and occasional hours during special events. The qualifications and duties are posted on or with Facebook, Indeed, and the UMC Conference and District. For further information, please contact Pastor Bert Cloud, 540-373-8759, or Peg Jones, 540-775-5729. Application deadline is Jan. 30, 2019.



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Giving envelopes are on their way, but not for a few more weeks. There was a delay with production and unfortunately, a delay in receiving our shipment. You can use envelopes left over from last year, but please change the date. New numbers will be issued with your box of 2019 envelopes.



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 13

12:15 p.m. New Bern Mission Mtg.
5:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice

Monday, January 14

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

Tuesday, January 15

7:45 a.m. Exercise Class
1:00 p.m. God Celebrators
5:30 p.m. Vital Church Meeting
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Projection Team Mtg.
7:00 p.m. Wesleyan Bldg. Bros.

Wednesday, January 16

10:00 a.m. UMW Crafts
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

Thursday, January 17

6:00 p.m. Upper Room
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Comm. Mtg.
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon
7:00 p.m. Admin Council

Friday, January 18

Pastor's Sabbath
1:00 p.m. Love & Laundry

Saturday, January 19

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

SMUMC by the Numbers

Attendance on January 6

Sunday School: 37

Morning Worship: 133

Weekly Need:

1/6/19 Offering: \$8,179.00

YTD Need: \$

YTD Received \$

Monthly Need Jan: \$

MTD Received Jan: \$8,179.00

● Amount given to SOSA: \$133.02

● Amount given to UMFS: \$700.00

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

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

New Bern, NC – Mission Trip

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
- New Bern, NC Mission Trip (Mar. 6-10)
- The Food Pantry
- The Youth Group
- Small Groups
- Heartwood Food Packing
- volunteering in the church office

Prayers of the Community of Faith!

Mourning / Families of: ● Joe Byrnes ● Pop Pop Johnson ● Joey Claffy ● Bill Howell ● Mike McGee ● Kenny Johnston ● George May ● Shelva Fairfax ● Pattie Bravo ● Joyce Whitney

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 ● Amelia Sharer (E. Wetzel) ● 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 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

Prayer Requests from the week of January 6: ● Sam Frantum ● Peace in the world ● Christie Conrad ● Donna Spiak ● Gen. Khalifa ● Patrick & Shawna ● Our Nation ● Fran Fredericks ● all those incarcerated ● Wendi Trant ● Amelia Sharer ● Dodie Smith

Questions for Reflection

How may I live in the power of the Holy Spirit this day? What in my life is like chaff that the Holy Spirit burns away in order for me to live as a free and faithful child of God?

Household Prayer: Morning Loving God, we begin this new day in the sure knowledge that you have claimed us as your children. In all that we do, keep us mindful of actions that are pleasing in your sight. In all that we say, make us attentive to the witness we give to your love. Let our lives be an example to all whom we encounter, living as daughters and sons of God who follow in the path of Jesus, our Lord and our brother. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening As evening comes and we end the labors of this day, we thank you, Lord Jesus, that you have been our companion. If we have disregarded your fellowship, forgive us. Where we have strayed from your path, correct us. Let us rest this evening as children of God, sheltered in the love of those who belong to your holy family of grace. Amen.

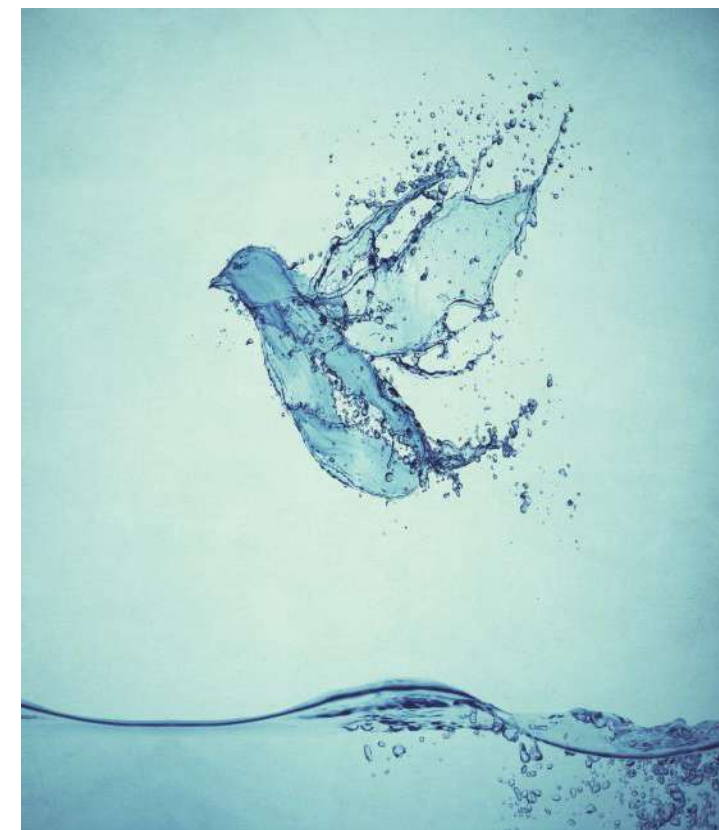
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Called to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the Transformation of the World

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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Baptism of the Lord Sunday

St. Matthias UMC 

January 13, 2019

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Greeting and Opening Prayer

+ Introit Sweet, Sweet Spirit, UMH 334

+ Call to Worship
The voice of God resounds upon the water.
The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.
The Son of God is named, "Beloved."
And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"
Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.
Let us worship God in holy splendor.

+ The Lily of the Valley, FWS 2062

Commissioning of Lay Leadership for 2019

+ Spirit of God, FWS 2117 (v.1 & 5)

Offering and Doxology

Prayer for Illumination
Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for your healing mission the heavens opened in a flash of glory as vision and voice blazed upon the waters. May your Spirit so burn in us that we hear your word translated into deed and follow Jesus in paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. Amen.

Isaiah 43:1-7

Special Music

Wonderful Counselor

St. Matthias Choir