

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

+ Luke 4:14-30

Message

+ Where Love is Found, UMH 643

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

+ Shalom to You, UMH 666

+ Blessing

+ Postlude



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in memory of Fran Varela's birthday by Roger Varela.

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](http://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!

What If...

I believe that asking *What if?* is a worthwhile spiritual practice. It keeps our eyes and minds open to what God is doing in the world, and it keeps us grounded as well. If we will simply follow Jesus into the world with a willingness to love, God will do the transformative work in us and in others. It may not look the way we expect it to look, and it may not happen on our time frames. That's okay because it's not about us. It's about what God is doing in the world. What if all of Jesus' apprentices imagined a world made whole and holy by the love and grace of God?

—Rebecca Bruff, *Loving the World with God: Fourth Day Living*

SOUPER BOWL

"Souper Bowl" Sunday (30 Hour Famine Fundraiser) Join us in the Fellowship Hall TODAY after second service for a bowl of delicious soup. Stay and eat or fill a container to take with you. There will be a variety of soups: creamy, noodle, chili, to name a few. Warm up with a hot bowl of goodness AND support the youth group in their 30 Hour Famine efforts!

Briefing and Conversation about Called General Conference

Sunday, Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m., Pastor Bert will offer an open briefing about the special conference called by the bishops to address our denomination's response to human sexuality, particularly homosexuality. This international gathering of UM leaders is scheduled for February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. Along with an introduction to the conference, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and have respectful conversation as well.



Business, Brown Bags and Bunco! United Methodist Women Meeting Wed., Feb. 6

Meeting at 10:00 a.m. will be business, brown bags and Bunco!! Come and bring your lunch and learn a fun game! Sing up on the front bulletin board; we need 12 to play! POC: Mary Ella Fuquay



Reading Buddies

Got an hour each week for 6-8 weeks to read with a little child, after school at Grafton Village? Contact Mary Ella Fuquay for info!



SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 6 (rain date April 13): outdoor flowerbed and yard clean up at St. Matthias! 9 - noon, followed by a potluck picnic for all! Watch for sign-up sheet coming... POC: Mary Ella Fuquay

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Giving envelopes have arrived! They can be picked up on the table outside the sanctuary doors. Please note that you will have a new number. Thank you for your patience! If you did not receive a box of envelopes and would like one, please call the church office.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 3

12:15 p.m. Souper Bowl

Monday, February 4

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry
10:00 a.m. Prayer
11:30 a.m. Trust Project Study Group
5:30 p.m. Upper Room

Tuesday, February 5

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, February 6

10:00 a.m. Business, Bags & Bunco
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, February 7

6:30 a.m. Micah Breakfast
6:00 p.m. Upper Room
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon
7:00 p.m. Trustees

Friday, February 8 Pastor's Sabbath

Saturday, February 9

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

Sunday, February 10

6:30 p.m. Holy Conversation & Briefing

SMUMC by the Numbers

Attendance on January 27

Sunday School: 32
Morning Worship: 122

Weekly Need: \$6363.50
1/27/19 Offering: \$5,610.53
YTD Need: \$25,454.00
YTD Received \$18,834.53
Monthly Need Jan: \$25,454.00
MTD Received Jan: \$18,834.53

Amount given to 30 Hour Famine: \$335.00

CONNECT

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please update contact information

Please circle one

Visitor Member

Regular Attender

Please pray for....

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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

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What is a sign of God's hope to you?

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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

**Mourning / Families of:** ● Joe Schepers

**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) ● 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 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

**Prayer Requests from the week of January 20:** ● Sam Frantum ● Peace for our Nation ● Jean Stone ● Sara Payne ● Margaret Ann Holt ● Carolyn Sprinkle ● Honduras Missionary trip (Betsy Giannuzzi) fundraising ● Traveling mercies (Murray family) ● Dodie Smith ● Amelia Sharer ● Joe & Lita Schepers, strength and peace

**Prayer Requests from the week of January 27:** ● Cooperation among branches of government ● Debbie Whittington ● Family of Joe Schepers ● Gen. Khalifa ● Loss of family pets ● Bishop Lewis ● Mary Cross & Pam Green ● Fractured family to find peace with one another

### Questions for Reflection

In Jesus' first sermon, he referred to two scriptural stories to illustrate God's love. Why did that so enrage the congregation that they wanted to kill him? Do some of Jesus' teachings still enrage us today?

**Household Prayer: Morning** God, you have given me the gift of another day; may I live it in gratitude. Help me to be loving to others, to Earth, and to myself; in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Household Prayer: Evening** Holy One, this day is drawing to an end. Be with me as I pause and ponder all the love I saw and received today.

Help me to see you in each moment of love. Where I fell short of being patient and kind, help me to feel your patience and kindness toward me, and give me peace, as I give this day back to you. Amen.

**St. Matthias United Methodist Church**  
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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## 4th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

St. Matthias UMC

February 3, 2019

Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany

Greeting and Opening Prayer

+Introit Take My Life and Let It Be, 399

+ Call to Worship

From the very beginning, God calls us.

**God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.**

We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid.

**But God reassures us in many and various ways through the course of our days.**

Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,

**God is with us and sustains us.**

+ This is My Father's World, UMH 144

Prayer of Confession

God of life, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always lived lives of love. We have lost patience and been rude. We have been irritable and insisted on our own way. We have even let love end. Forgive us and heal us, dear God, through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

8:30 a.m. Children's Moment

Special Music

He's Always Been Faithful

St. Matthias Choir

Prayer of Illumination

**Spirit of life, God of love, open our hearts and enter in, that hearing your word of love, we may become your love for others. Amen.**