

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalms 138, UMH 853

Special Music In The Garden St. Matthias Ringers

+ Luke 5:1-11

Message Call

+ Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore, UMH 344

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer, UMH 895

Tithes and Offering

Doxology

+ Here I Am, Lord, UMH 593

+ 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!

JESUS' OWN LIFE AND DEATH offer a paradox through which God reveals God's own self in a sacrificial life, a despairing death, and a hopeful resurrection to show us how we may grow spiritually. And yet, this question may continue to plague us: Is God responsible for creating or allowing suffering to be part of our world? This question has never been answered with satisfactory results after centuries of debate, but it is part of the paradox. In this debate, we find a hidden kernel of truth that we can join hands with a great cloud of witnesses and be certain that God remains present throughout our suffering and pain, nurturing us and giving spiritual growth to all who move from despair to hope. —John R. Wimmer Blessed Endurance: Moving Beyond Despair to Hope

THE MOST SERVANT-HEARTED PEOPLE are often unlikely to toot their own horns. But their stories are beautiful and deserve to be told. At a casual dinner not long ago, I listened in awe as my friend Sam told the others at the table about the faithful and persistent work of his next-door neighbor, who tirelessly directs an after-school program for children in an underserved area. The neighbor would never have mentioned the years of work or the pouring of his own resources into this ministry. He wouldn't have described himself as selfless or sacrificial or Christlike. But he is, and his story wanted to be told—not to glorify himself but to point to what God can do through everyday disciples. —Rebecca Bruff Loving the World with God: Fourth Day Living

Briefing and Conversation about Called General Conference

TONIGHT 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. All are welcome.



To all who volunteered their time and talents in support of the funeral and reception for Joe Schepers. Your generosity and love is greatly appreciated.



Meet our new DS!

The Rev. Charles F. Bates, currently serving as lead pastor at Fishersville UMC on the Staunton District, will be the new district superintendent of the Rappahannock River District. He will replace the Rev. Dr. Ted Smith who has served as the Rappahannock River DS since 2011.

LOVE & LAUNDRY will take place Friday, Feb. 22 from 1:00-5:00. Donations of quarters, or checks, are appreciated! Volunteers are always welcome. POC: Mary Ella Fuquay, (540) 479-8265



Reading Buddies

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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

Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 10

2:00 p.m. Honduras Off-Site Mtg.
6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Comm. Mtg.
6:30 p.m. Holy Conversation

Monday, February 11

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
7:00 p.m. SPRC

Tuesday, February 12

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 13

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
7:00 p.m. Finance

Thursday, February 14

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

Friday, February 15
Pastor's Sabbath

Saturday, February 16

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

SMUMC by the Numbers

Attendance on February 3

Sunday School: 34
Morning Worship: 121

Weekly Need: \$6363.50
2/3/19 Offering: \$9,635.00
YTD Need: \$31,817.50
YTD Received: \$28,469.53
Monthly Need Feb: \$25,454.00
MTD Received Feb: \$9,635.00
Amount given to 30 Hour Famine: \$1,764.00

CONNECT

Name(s):

Phone:

Email:

Please update contact information

Please circle one

Visitor Member

Regular Attender

Please pray for....

Multiple horizontal lines for prayer requests.

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:

Reading Buddies

Outdoor Flowerbed & Yard Clean Up

Were you a Scout? What is your best memory of being a Scout?

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 ● Mary Lee Jones

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 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

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

Prayer Requests from the week of February 3: ● Marshall & Janice Anderson ● Gen. Khalifa ● Ted Jones & Family on the passing of his wife Mary Lee ● Dodie Smith ● Michael Naifeh ● Kseniya ● Dolly King Rodger ● Dysfunctional families estranged from each other ● Sam Frantum ● Peace and Unity in our country ● Marian Lynch

Questions for Reflection

Sometimes we are afraid to tell others about our experiences of the holy and about God's call in our lives, because we don't want to annoy or oppress others. There is a difference between witnessing through indoctrination and witnessing through acts of compassion. How do you witness to others about your faith? The disciples had already fished all night without catching anything; what quality or characteristic in Peter might have helped him "give it another try" when Jesus invited him to cast his net again? What quality or characteristic within you helps you to keep trying, to start again, after disappointment or even failure?

Household Prayer: Morning

God, I give you thanks this morning as I watch the beauty of the newborn light, listen to the first stirrings of a new day in nature, and ponder the miracle of my own breathing and your presence in it all. Holy, Holy, Holy! Increase my strength of soul today. And whenever I see a need, help me to respond, "Send me!" Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Thank you, God, for the gift of this day. Like the fisher folk who became disciples, I have put in a day of work. As evening comes, it is time to rest. If, as I review my day, I am tempted to say, "I am not worthy of your presence, God," reassure me with the calming words of Jesus, "Do not be afraid, come be with me." Amen.

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Called to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
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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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February 10, 2019

Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany

Greeting and Opening Prayer

+Introit

Softly and Tenderly

St. Matthias Ringers

+ Call to Worship

In the sanctuary, God, the Holy One,
whose glory fills the whole earth,
calls us.

**Beside the sea, along ordinary paths,
in our daily work,
God calls us.**

We respond with our whole heart,
singing God's praise and giving thanks.

**In steadfast love, God fulfills
the divine purposes for our lives.**

Let us listen for that call...

+ Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty, UMH 64

+ Affirmation of Faith, Apostles' Creed, UMH 882

+ O How I Love Jesus, UMH 170 (v.1)

Prayer for Illumination

**God of steadfast love and faithfulness,
you have exalted your name and your word above everything.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
help us to hear your word with understanding,
that in our speech and actions,
we may exalt your name above all things;
in Jesus name we ask it. Amen.**