

+ Luke 6:27-38

Message: Tell the Story

+ 8:45 | Love to Tell the Story, UMH 156 | 11:00 In Christ Alone

The Ripple Effect

Tithes and Offering

Doxology

+ 8:45 Blest Be the Tie That Bind, UMH 557 | 11:00 Father Make Us One

+ Blessing

+ Postlude 11:00 Trees of the Field

The flowers on the altar last week were given to the Glory of God in memory of Joyce Whitley by Gail Day.

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!

A Prayer for the United Methodist Church

Gracious and loving God, who leads, teaches and guides, You who offer compassion, grace and mercy, be with us now. We passionately seek Your presence during challenging times and circumstances and we trust that you are moving in and around our lives.

We, as one part of your Body, the Church, go into the days and weeks ahead seeking to discern Your deep desire for us as The United Methodist Church.

Give us courage as we continue to live and respond to Your invitation to be Your hands, feet and voice. We ask for a fresh wind of Your Spirit and guidance for each of us as individuals, for the faithful congregations, and for this global community of United Methodists.

We ask for Your wisdom and presence for those among us who have been called to serve as delegates as the Special Session of General Conference gathers today. Grant them clarity and a discerning spirit as they seek to listen for You in their midst.

Reveal to them Your deep desire for our future as a church. Give them and us the faith to lay aside our personal wants and needs so that we can be truly present to You, sit with You in reverence and awe, and listen deeply for the still small voice that woos us, comforts us, and invites us to that place where we can live fully and wholly into the Kingdom life that You desire for us.

We lay all this before You as the deep desire of our hearts and minds in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen

Bishop Sharma Lewis will hold and address titled “State of the Church: Where do we go from here?” on Monday, March 4, following the Special Session of General Conference. The event will be livestreamed at www.livestream.com/vaumc/stateofthechurch from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. featuring an address by Bishop Lewis as well as time for questions and answers. The event footage will be archived at the same link for later viewing. Questions for this Q & A period may be sent to wayforward@vaumc.org prior to the event and during the event. Email event questions to Rev. Marc Brown, MarcBrown@vaumc.org.

POST GENERAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

Several Post General Conference meetings are scheduled. Current District Superintendent, Ted Smith, will be giving an overview of events from the General Conference. All are welcome to attend. -Thurs., February 28 -- Tabernacle UMC, Fred. @ 7:00 p.m. -Saturday, March 2 – Trinity Catlett UMC @ 10:00 a.m. -Saturday, March 2 – Warsaw UMC @ 4:00 p.m.



PANCAKES AND PAINTING TUESDAY, MARCH 5 @ 5:30 p.m.

Join St. Matthias’ Children & Family Ministries for a night of Pancakes & Painting. Pancake dinner starts at 5:30 followed by a painting party at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up on the front bulletin board or RSVP to Jamie Gardner, 540-850-1987 or jandcgardner@yahoo.com.

FRED CAMP 2019 June 30-July 6

Fred Camp is a Christian camp for high school youth working to repair Hearts and Homes in the Fredericksburg area. There is also a need for adult chaperones. A \$100 deposit is due to Jim Davis by March 17 for youth and adult chaperones planning to attend. Please contact Jim Davis for more information or visit www.fredcamp.org

HOLY CONVERSATION ABOUT FINANCES

Sunday, March 10 @ 6:00 p.m. All invited to attend. POC: Church office, 540-373-8759



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 24 St. Matthias Day 5:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice
Monday, February 25 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 6:30 p.m. Children & Family Comm. Mtg.
Tuesday, February 26 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 27 General Conference Session Closes 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, February 28 6:00 p.m. Upper Room 7:00 p.m. Al-Anon
Friday, March 1 Pastor’s Sabbath
Saturday, March 2 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 February 17 Sunday School: 35 Morning Worship: 117

Weekly Need: \$6363.50 2/17/19 Offering: \$3,565.00 YTD Need: \$44,544.50 YTD Received: \$37,673.53 Monthly Need Feb: \$25,454.00 MTD Received Feb: \$18,839.00 Amount given to 30 Hour Famine: \$2,315.00

CONNECT

Name(s):

Phone:

Email:

Please update contact information

Please circle one

Visitor Member

Regular Attender

Please pray for....

Blank 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:

Pancakes & Painting

Outdoor Flowerbed & Yard Clean Up

Beef Stew & Biscuits

What does St. Matthias mean to you?

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
- Fred Camp
- Red Cross Blood Drive

Mourning / Families of: ● Joe Schepers ● Mary Lee Jones ● Nancy Collett ● Pete Sullivan
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 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
Prayer Requests from the week of February 10: ● Ed Marks ● Doris ● National, state, local & global unity ● Randy McNulty ● Lucas ● For Christ to lead the upcoming conference in the direction he wants. ● Bill Spicer ● Jim & Earline Haney ● Rev. Walt & Betty Westbrook
Prayer Requests from the week of February 17: ● Gen. Khalifa ● Dave Rose & Family ● Wendi Trant ● Jody Senna ● Jody ● Dean Brandon ● Family of Pete Sullivan ● Beth ● Michael Naifeh

Question for Reflection

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love...It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." (John 15). St. Matthias was chosen to fill the place of Judas, to fill out the Twelve Apostles. In some ways, we can see him as an example for all of us who step in to be a servant of our Lord for others. Jesus gives us the gift of tremendous love. He simply asks us to remain in his love, to make our home in him, as he makes his home in us. How is this shown in your life? What ways is Jesus choosing you? How have you allowed Jesus to be at home in your life?

Household Prayer: Morning

Dear Jesus, in remembering the added Apostle, Matthias, I thank you for numbering me among your Apostles. Help me to remain in your love, each and every day, in the midst of the things you ask of me, in the ways you ask me to witness to your own merciful love for others. I ask this with faith in the power of your Spirit among us.

Household Prayer: Evening

Almighty God, you chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve. Help us to be guided and governed by your spirit and faithful leaders. Grant me rest tonight so that I may live faithfully and bear fruit through my service to others.

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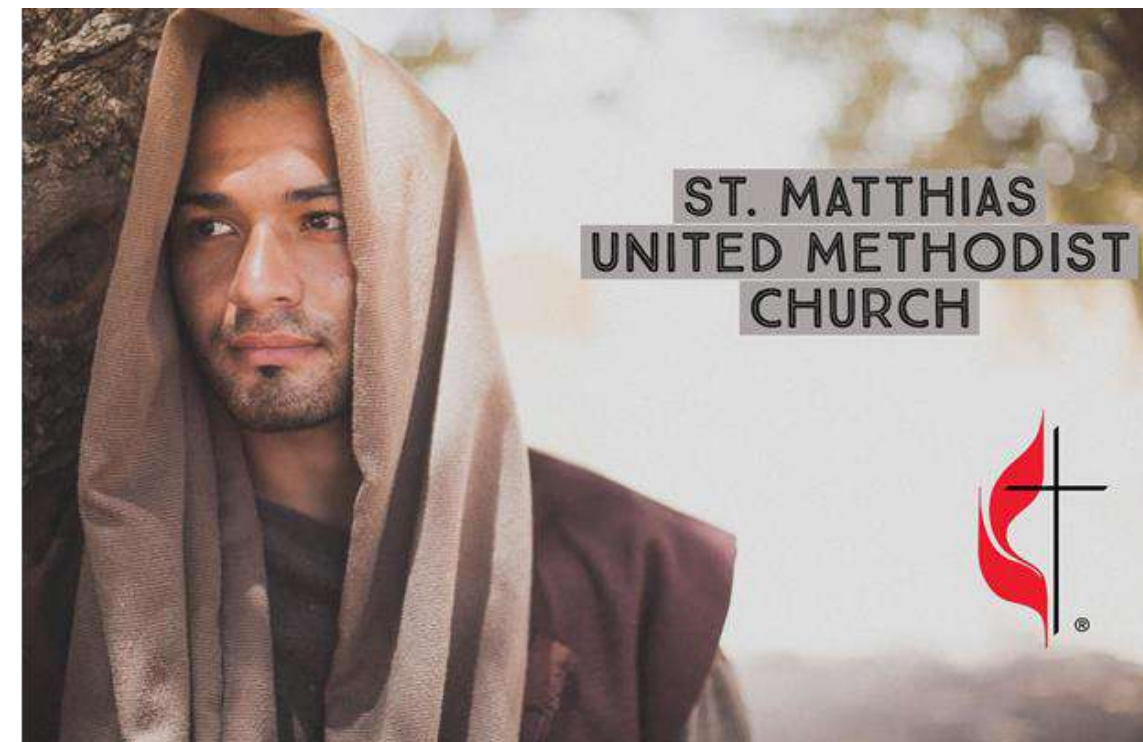
Worship:

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 24, 2019

St. Matthias Day/Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

Greeting and Opening Prayer

+Introit 8:45 I Stand Amazed in the Presence, UMH 371 (v.1&5) | 11:00 Shine Jesus Shine

+ Call to Worship (adapted from Ps. 37:4-5, 7, 39)

**Take delight in the Lord,
who satisfies the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord
and trust in God's actions.

**Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for God.**

The Lord is our salvation
and our refuge in times of trouble.

+ 8:45 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus, UMH 277 | 11:00 Have You Seen Jesus My Lord

Prayers of the People and for the Church

+ 11:00 Celebration of Membership, UMH 33

Special Music 8:45 Blessings, Carole Hall, piano solo | 11:00 Come to the Table

Prayer for Illumination

**Gracious God, by your Word you provide all we need –
for salvation,
for wholeness
for abundant life.**

**Now draw us close in your Spirit
so that we may discover your will
and live according to your purposes;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Acts 1:12-17, 20-26