

Special Music

Be Still and Know

St. Matthias Choir

Prayer of Illumination

By your Spirit, O God, enlighten our hearts, open our minds, fill our vision with your radiance, and give us life, as we hear your Word today. Amen.

Exodus 34:29-35

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

+ Luke 9:28-36

Message: Making Sense of It All

+ Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus, UMH 349 (sing twice, meditatively)

The Great Thanksgiving

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

+ Amazing Grace, UMH 378 (v. 1,3 & 6)

Blessing

Postlude



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in memory of Helen Ferree by Jane Studley.

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!

New Staff for St Matthias

The SPPRC takes great pleasure in introducing our two newest staff members, Natalie McKinney and Sharon Stoeckel. They will be "job sharing" the position of Assistant Nursery Caregiver to nurture and love our precious children. Sharon has been filling in for us for many years and Natalie just recently, so they are familiar and loved by the children already. They both come highly recommended by individuals in the Stafford and King George County school systems and share a love of children of all ages and challenges. We are excited and looking forward to working with these two faith-filled women for many years. Please stop by the nursery on a Sunday morning after services to say, "Welcome."

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.
-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.



COFFEE, DOUGHNUTS & AWAKEN THE DAWN TONIGHT, March 3 @ 5:45 p.m.
Bring the family and join 'Awaken the Dawn' for coffee, doughnuts and evening worship!



PANCAKES AND PAINTING TUESDAY, MARCH 5 @ 5:30 p.m.
Pancake dinner starts at 5:30, painting party at 7:00 p.m. Sign up on the front bulletin board.

FRED CAMP 2019 June 30-July 6

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

Are you interested in attending the "Walk to Emmaus?" This three-day retreat created to empower pilgrims to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world will take place Mar. 21-Mar. 24 for men and Apr. 4 - Apr. 7 for women. Contact Beth McBride for info, bethmcb24@gmail.com.

FLOWER BED & YARD CLEAN UP & POTLUCK PICNIC Saturday, April 6 (rain date April 13): 9:00 - noon



Ash Wednesday Service March, 6 @ 7:00 p.m.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The blood drive is from 9:00-1:00, Sunday, March 24.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 3

5:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice
5:45 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, March 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, March 5

7:45 a.m. Exercise Class
1:00 p.m. God Celebrators
5:30 p.m. Pancakes & Painting
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Wesleyan Bldg. Bros.

Wednesday, March 6

10:00 a.m. UMW Crafts
12:00 p.m. **Bulletin Deadline**
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, March 7

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

Friday, March 8

Pastor's Sabbath

Saturday, March 9

7:00 a.m. Pray Like a Man
8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Prayer
3:00 p.m. Girl Scout Awards

SMUMC by the Numbers

Attendance on February 24

Sunday School: 31

Morning Worship: 121

Weekly Need: \$6363.50

2/24/19 Offering: \$2,913.00

YTD Need: \$50,908.00

YTD Received: \$40,586.53

Monthly Need Feb: \$25,454.00

MTD Received Feb: \$21,752.00

●Amount given to 30 Hour Famine: \$2,425.00

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

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: ●Nancy Collett ●Pete Sullivan ●Kyle ●John Lewis

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 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

Prayer Requests from the week of February 24: ●Randy McNulty ●Olivia Gardner ●Alvin Finney ●United Methodist Church ●Family of Robin Lanzzone ●Jason Toombs, Lita Schepers, Justin McClelland ●The Lewis Family ●Mary Bailey ●Lauren Polen ●Michael Naifeh ●Gen. Khalifa ●Nelda Deacon ●Amelia Sharer ●Family of Tom DeCosmo ●Susie Perry

Questions for Reflection Look at Luke 9:35: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" Where have you heard words like these before in the Gospels? (Hint: see Luke 3:22.) Where have you heard words like these in your own life? When have you had a strong sense of being chosen, claimed, and called by God? How have you responded?

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord Jesus Christ, as morning dawns, be our light in this new day. Let our lives reflect your glory, our words show forth your goodness, and our actions shine with your grace; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord Jesus Christ, as evening comes, be our light and hope in darkness. Draw near to us in grace, surround us with your presence, and fill us with your peace; in your holy name we pray. 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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March 3, 2019

Greeting and Opening Prayer

+Introit Great is Thy Faithfulness, UMH 140 (v. 1 & 3)

+ Call to Worship

Will you come to the highest mountain?

We come to worship the Lord.

Jesus is waiting, waiting to greet you.

Jesus, we come. Jesus, we're here.

Come!

We come to worship the Lord.

+ I Come With Joy, UMH 617

Ripple Effect: Children's and Family Ministries

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

When one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by the authority of the Holy Spirit working among God's holy people, I declare your sins forgiven. Turn now with unveiled faced, and see to the health of all creation as newborn children of God.

All: Glory be to God. Amen.

Passing the Peace