

Gloria Patri, UMH 70

Ripple Effect First Responders Lunch

Anthem

Children's Moment

Prayer for Illumination

**Shepherd of Souls, you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word; open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in you. Amen.**

Psalms 23

Ephesians 2:1-10

+ Lead Me, Guide Me, FWS 2214

+ John 10:22-25

Message Created in Christ Jesus to Do Good Things

Prayers of the People

Tithes and Offering

+ Doxology

+ Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us, UMH 381

Blessing

THE ENCOUNTER between Jesus and Mary Magdalene reminds us to take seriously one crucial New Testament ministry—the ministry of weeping with those who weep. This is important. We can become so absorbed in our own pain and the stories behind it that we do not see the tears of those around us. We forget that the risen Christ, who meets us in our tears, calls us to embody his presence in a deeply wounded world. He calls us always to follow him to those places where people are struggling and in need and to share in his ministry of wiping away their tears. One way to accomplish this task is to weep with those who weep.

**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 '+'. 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!



**SATURDAY, MAY 18 8:00 – 2:00**

It is open, but not limited to cars, trucks, vans and motorcycles. All makes and models are welcome. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with a suggested entry fee donation of \$15.00.



**UMM YARD SALE SATURDAY, MAY 18 8:00 AM**



Next week is National Police Week and Roger Keene will be preparing a Spaghetti Lunch at St. Matthias UMC on **Thursday, May 16 from Noon - 2:00 p.m.** The meal is for all of our law enforcement, fire and rescue personnel in Stafford County, especially our local fire and rescue stations and Sheriff's Deputies. The Mission Committee is helping to pay for the food, but Roger will need help setting up tables and chairs on Thursday morning and serving lunch. This would be a great time to say "thank you" to the men and women of the Sheriff's office and Fire & Rescue. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Tammi Ellis, [ellistw09@gmail.com](mailto:ellistw09@gmail.com)

**Lorraine Sperlazza Scholarship**

St. Matthias UMW will be awarding the Lorraine Sperlazza scholarship to a graduating high school girl again this year. Applicants should submit a resume of activities and achievements and a letter describing how St. Matthias UMC has impacted their lives and their decisions regarding their future plans. Applications should be placed in the UMW mailbox on or before May 31, 2019.

POC: Mary Ella Fuquay



**VBS IS COMING!!**  
July 22-26  
**\*5:00-8:00 PM (evening hours)**

Maybe you've wanted to volunteer your talents and love with the children who attend VBS, but have not been able to because of your job. I hope you will consider this new opportunity to come join in the fun and help us build a firm foundation of faith in our youngest disciples. Planning meetings will be held Saturdays @ 9:30 a.m. **May 25, June 29**

**Week at a Glance**

**Sunday, May 12**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

5:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice

**Monday, May 13**

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry

10:00 a.m. Prayer

5:30 p.m. Upper Room

**Tuesday, May 14**

8:00 a.m. Exercise

1:00 p.m. God Celebrators

6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

7:00 p.m. Wesleyan Bldg. Bros.

**Wednesday, May 15**

10:00 a.m. UMW Crafts

12:00 p.m. **Bulletin Deadline**

6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

7:00 p.m. Finance Comm. Meeting

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 16**

12:00 p.m. Law Enforcement

Appreciation Luncheon

6:00 p.m. Upper Room

7:00 p.m. Al-Anon

7:00 p.m. Admin Council Meeting

**Friday, May 17**

1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Love & Laundry

**Saturday, May 18**

7:00 a.m. Pray Like a Man

8:00 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Show

8:00 a.m. UMM Yard Sale

9:30 a.m. Prayer

**SMUMC by the Numbers**

Attendance on May 5

Sunday School: 19

Morning Worship: 101

Weekly Need: \$6406.00

5/5/19 Offering: \$8,043.00

YTD Need: \$114,612.00

YTD Received: \$107,227.73

Monthly Need May: \$8,043.00

MTD Received May: \$8,043.00

**CONNECT**

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

VBS Volunteer

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Messy Church

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What does St. Matthias mean 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
- The Food Pantry
- The Youth Group
- Small Groups
- Heartwood Food Packing
- Fred Camp
- Red Cross Blood Drive
- Messy Church
- Vacation Bible School

## Prayers of the Community of Faith!

**Mourning / Families of:** ●Eddie Watson ● Sherry Weston Thomas

**Continuing Needs:** ●Paul Balgavy (R. Balgavy) ●Loretta Bass (Patsy Vida) ●Debbie Carpenter (B. Anderson) ●Margaret Courtney (R. Courtney) ●Pattie Cushing (R. Keene) ●Christina Doelfel ●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 ● Suzanne Keller (Gmitter family) ●Jim Kocher (J. Belako) ●Kyra (P. Vida) ●Ed Marks (J. Clark) ●Dick Moore ●George Nosek (D. Garrett) ● Lisa Holsinger Powell (P. Vida) ●Emerson Rudacille (J. Studley) ●Bob & Claire Runger (B. Anderson) ●Lita Schepers ●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) ●Rona Vernimb ●Austin Wolfe (R. Varela) ● Betty Zelloe (D. Jenkins)

**Prayer Requests from the week of April 21:** ●Rochte family ●Nancy ●Victims of Sri Lanka attack ●Roberta Randall and Lucas Fearson ●Sam Frantum ●Gen. Khalifa ●Heather ●Bruce Thompson ●Dean Brandon ●Lorraine Butler ●Ron Hall ●Family of Brian Kern

**Prayer Requests from the week of April 28:** ● Rita Ashby ●Betsy Clement ●Prayers for Sri Lanka, religious tolerance and healing ●Kevin ●Roberta Randall & Jody Senna ●Family of Eddie Watson

**Prayer Requests from the week of May 5:** ● Martha Haselbush ●Dan Oliver ●Betsy Anderson ●The Garaffa family ●Joby Senna ●Betsy Clement ●Florence Gmitter & Jim Bussert ●Prayers for peace for the world

### Question for Reflection

Psalm 23 affirms that God supplies our every need. How do our lives change when we trust this great promise of God?

### Household Prayer: Morning

Holy God, you have called a people to be your family out of every tribe, language, and nation, to love and serve you daily in a world of beauty, complexity, and diversity. Help us to honor and respect the dignity of difference as we seek to be one with you and each other this day and always. Amen.

### Household Prayer: Evening

O Shepherd of all, you have brought us to the close of another day; for this gift and the blessings we now name, we give you thanks. . . . All that we have and all that we are come from you; and so, trusting in the goodness of your divine care, let us lie down this night in peace, that tomorrow we may rise to greet you in resurrection joy. 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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## St. Matthias United Methodist Church



Mother's Day | 4th Sunday in Easter | 12 May 2019

Greeting and Prayer

Prelude

Call to Worship

Come, God gather us for worship,  
like a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings.

**Our God, loving, nurturing.**

In love, God saves and supports us,  
teaching us the way we should go.

**Trusting in God,**

**we continually offer our praise!**

+ Motherhood: a Gift, a Calling

Affirmation of Faith

**In defiance of corruption and falsehood,**  
we commit to truth and integrity and we pray  
for honesty and uprightness to increase in our world.

**In defiance of apathy and hatred,**  
we choose to be proactive in love and we pray  
for understanding and peace to increase in our world.

**In defiance of skepticism and cynicism,**  
we embrace the mystery of faith and we pray  
for humility and wonder to increase in our world.

**In defiance of self-interest and human arrogance**  
we celebrate God's salvation and we pray  
for compassion and faith to increase in our world.

**In defiance of all that would oppose God's purpose among us**  
we choose again to follow Christ, and we continue to pray,  
not just now, but at all times. Amen.