

Prayers of the People

Sharing Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

8:45 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, UMH 206 | 11:00 Who You Say I Am

Blessing

Postlude 11:00 Jesus & John Wayne



The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in memory of Josephine LaFamena by Patrick Lonergan and in memory of Clarence Anderson by Greg & Betsy Anderson.

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. 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!

Aging is a spiritual journey. To be on an intentional spiritual journey as we grow older is to be at peace with God. It means we have accepted the reality that we live our lives under the loving gaze of a mysterious God who is ever beyond us, deeply in love with us, and always with us.

--Richard H. Gentzler, Jr.

An Age of Opportunity: Intentional Ministry by, with and for Older Adults



YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF 2019

Youth Group leadership has decided to TUBE THE RAPPY RIVER as our kickoff event this year. We will meet at the church **TODAY after 2nd service** at 12:30 pm in order to get to VIRGINIA OUTDOOR CENTER by 2pm. They take care of the rest:) An all day pass to tube is \$18 per tuber for a large group, if cost to participate is a concern, please let me know. After we have tubed a time or two, we'll have a picnic dinner at Old Mill Park (the end location for tubing). Invite some friends and join us for a day of fun as we kick off a new year of Youth Group.

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"We will once again be putting a team of hands and feet together to go help the victims of Hurricane Florence in Newport, North Carolina. The dates are 27 October-2 November. The cost will be \$90.00 per person to cover food and insurance (\$60.00 food/\$30.00 insurance). We will be meeting on 13 October right after the 11:00 service to collect forms, pay the fee and discuss details. If you are interested, Susan Courtney will have forms available to fill out prior to our meeting. For questions, please contact Peg Jones, (C) 540-903-6321 or pegjonesva@gmail.com."

Our next Love & Laundry event will be on **Friday, August 23, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** (different day, different time), at the Laundry Basket in Chatham Square shopping center. If you want to be a part of this ministry, please sign up on the front bulletin board. No need to stay all 4 hours; any help is appreciated. **POC:** Mary Ella Fuquay

LADIES SING – AUGUST 25

All the ladies/girls of the church will be singing "I Surrender All" on August 25 to celebrate our commitment to follow Jesus all the days of our life. Please consider coming to the 11:00 service with a friend to sing this special hymn and you will find a "Sunday" sundae waiting for you after we sing!

"This Week" with Pastor Bert begins Wed., Aug. 21. Each session will have time for prayer, study of scripture to be preached on the upcoming service. Everyone is welcome. This is a drop-in class and preparation is not necessary. The in-person group should take an hour or less and the online version will be 20-30 minutes. Each session will be on-demand after the broadcast.

Come and Sing

If you have been praying about singing in the choir, now's your chance! We will begin our new year on Wednesday evening, **August 21 at 7 p.m.** Our discussion will include the new schedule for Sunday morning services and the upcoming cantata. Please consider being a part of this wonderful "family" time as we worship our Savior in song. We hope to see you there!



Mark your calendars for Saturday Evening, Sept 21. The United Methodist Men will host a Chili Cookoff fundraiser at the Church to support the facility needs at St. Matthias. All are invited to attend. Bring a friend, lots of them. Pray for good weather and an overflow crowd

Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 18

7:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast
9:45 a.m. 3rd Sunday Fellowship
12:30 p.m. Youth Group Kick-Off Event
5:00 p.m. Praise Practice

Monday, August 19

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry
10:00 a.m. Prayer

Tuesday, August 20

8:00 a.m. Ladies' Exercise
1:00 p.m. God Celebrators
6:30 p.m. SPPRC Meeting
7:00 p.m. Wesleyan Bldg. Bros.

Wednesday, August 21

9:00 a.m. "This Week" with Pastor Bert
10:00 a.m. UMW Craft
12:00 p.m. **Bulletin Deadline**
5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Begins
6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Meetings Begin

Thursday, August 22

7:00 p.m. Al Anon

Friday, August 23

10:00 -2:00 Love & Laundry

Saturday, August 24

7:00 a.m. Pray Like a Man

SMUMC by the Numbers

Attendance on Aug. 11

Sunday School: 27

Morning Worship: 113

Weekly Need: \$6406.00

8/11/19 Offering: \$4,927.00

YTD Need: \$197,899.00

YTD Received: \$184,872.52

Monthly Need August: \$25,624.00

MTD Received August: \$15,659.00

Amount Given to the Family of Andrew Holt: \$4,765.00

Amount Given In Memory of Al Payne: \$500.00

Amount Given Towards Purchase of New Hymnals: \$666.00

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:

Congregational Care Team Member

Messy Church

Reading/Study Buddies @ Grafton E.S.

What is your favorite confirmation memory?

I would like more information about:

- Becoming a Member of SMUMC
- Love & Laundry Ministry
- NC Mission Trip
- Reading/Study Buddies @ Grafton E.S.
- The Food Pantry
- The Youth Group
- Small Groups
- Heartwood Food Packing
- Congregational Care Team
- Messy Church
- Vacation Bible School (Director 2020)
- Helping with the weed ministry
- Aspire Women's Event

Mourning / Families of: ●Anna Beach ●Dean Brandon ●Clarence Anderson

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 ●Betty Zelloe (D. Jenkins)

Prayer Requests from the week of July 28: ●Randy ●Bless St. Matthias ●Family of Dean Brandon ●Harper Grace Morris ●C. Luke ●Linda Hysun ●Jim & Earline Haney ●Family of Anna Beach ●Leslie Hill ●Nancy Samuels

Prayer Requests from the week of August 4: ●Jennifer Smith ●Families fractured by dysfunction & lack of forgiveness ●Lee Payne ●Nelda Fields ●Chuck Luke ●People of El Paso, Texas & Ohio and for an end to violence ●Wendi Trant ●Chris Hylton

Prayer Requests from the week August 11: ●Those who need cataract surgery ●School starting ●For peace and unity in our congregation and our denomination ●Jason Toombs ●The teachers, kids and parents as school starts ●All victims of gun violence ●Continued peace ●Rosanna

Question for Reflection

How do you reconcile a sense of division within yourself and the world with the unity we are promised as the people of God? What sustains you in times of conflict? Identify some occasions in your life when you were unable to recognize an invitation to reconciliation and wholeness.

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord of Life, we greet this new day sustained by the great cloud of witnesses who praise your name. Help us to lay aside any burden or distraction that might prevent us from fully serving you this day. Give us perseverance and joy so that we may come to the end of the day confident in your presence and aware of your blessings. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God of Hope, confirm for us as the close of this day the fulfillment of your promise of provision. Release our concerns for things done and left undone. Give us your peace so that we rise refreshed to serve you with openness and love. 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:
(On Break, Resumes September)
1st & 3rd Sundays @ 5:45 p.m.

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Greeting and Opening Prayer

Centering Music

+ Call to Worship

Sing a song of praise for the vineyard of our beloved.

Give us life, O Lord!

Clear your lives of the stones that hinder your growth.

Give us life, O Lord!

Place your faith in the one who makes you strong.

Give us life, O Lord!

Surrounded by that great cloud of witnesses,
call on the one who comes to save us.

Give us life, O Lord!

Consecration of Worship and Song Hymnals

+ Love Lifted Me, W&S 3101

Prayer for Illumination

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalms 80 (UMH 801) sing response 1

+ 8:45 Guide My Feet, FWS 2208 (v.1&2) | 11:00 Open the Eyes of My Heart, W&S 3008

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Sermon Cloud of Witnesses

Special Music 8:45 Hymn | 11:00 Stand in Your Love

8:45 Affirmation of Faith, Apostles' Creed, UMH 881

11:00 Celebration of Confirmation, UMH 33 Samantha Gmitter