

Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 8
5:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice
6:30 p.m. Youth Group Meeting

Monday, September 9
9:00 a.m. Food Pantry
10:00 a.m. Prayer

Tuesday, September 10
8:00 a.m. Ladies' Exercise
1:00 p.m. God Celebrators
7:00 p.m. Wesleyan Bldg. Bros.

Wednesday, September 11
9:00 a.m. "This Week" with Pastor Bert
10:00 a.m. UMW Crafts
12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting
7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting

Thursday, September 12
7:00 p.m. Al Anon
7:00 p.m. Worship Meeting

Friday, September 13

Saturday, September 14
7:00 a.m. Pray Like a Man

SMUMC by the Numbers

Attendance on Sept. 1
Sunday School: 24
Morning Worship: 95

Weekly Need: \$6406.00
9/1/19 Offering: \$6,413.00
YTD Need: \$204,305.00
YTD Received: \$198,685.52
Monthly Need Sept.: \$25,624.00
MTD Received Sept.: \$6,413.00

Amount Collected for Rise Against Hunger: \$513.00

YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING SCHEDULE
Sun., Sept. 15 - Parent Meeting 6:30 - 7:30
Sun., Oct. 13 - Fund Land Trip 1:00-3:00
Sun., Oct. 27 - Trunk or Treat 5:00 - 7:30
Sat., Nov. 16 - Leaf Raking 9:00 a.m. - until
Sat., Nov. 24 - Thurman Brisben 3:00 - 7:00

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please update contact information

Please circle one

Visitor Member

Regular Attender

Please pray for....

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Congregational Care Team being formed to extend visits, meals, Holy Communion, etc. to our homebound St. Matthias members. See Pastor Bert or Mary Ella Fuquay if interested!

Acolyte Training - Sept. 23 - 6:00 p.m.

Adults and children (rising first grade or older) who would be interested in serving are invited to attend training Sept. 23, 6 p.m. for children, 7 p.m. for adults. Please contact Jamie Gardner for more information.

Bishop's Convocation Prayer is Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10-3 in Richmond. Please see info on bulletin board to sign up; we can carpool from the church. Cost is \$10, which includes lunch! Deadline to sign up: September 13. POC: Mary Ella Fuquay

Mission Trip to Newport, NC ~ Oct. 27 - Nov. 2
The cost: \$90.00 per person (\$60.00 food/\$30.00 insurance). Trip meeting is 13 October @ 12:30 p.m. Forms and money will be due at that time. If you are interested, forms are available in the church office. For questions, please contact Peg Jones, (C) 540-903-6321 or pegjonesva@gmail.com."



Sat., Sept. 21 @ 5:30 p.m.

The United Methodist Men will host a Chili Cook-off fundraiser at the Church to support the facility needs at St. Matthias. All are invited to attend!! Sign up on the front bulletin board.



Even when the people were forgetful and stubborn, your Holy Spirit called to them to be unafraid, to follow. It led them through the desert to a land of sweet dwelling.

During all the times of fear and tumult, you sang the song of hope through the prophets, who called people back to you with tender forgiveness.

On a dark winter night you sang your sweetest song and birthed a Savior who came to bring us life and witness to your love and power.

At the lakeshore you called to the simple people, the fishermen, to come and follow you. They witnessed your miracles of healing and forgiving love.

When the night seemed to be the darkest, even though it was mid-day you gave your Son to be a witness to your love. From his cross He forgave those who crucified Him and reminded a thief that paradise would be his home.

On the early morning, the women were startled with the news of His resurrection. Could it be that all he had said was true?

The disciples hid in fear of what others might say, think or do. They were astonished at his presence to them.

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, help us to dream dreams and see visions of all that is possible for the healing and hope for this world.

Help us cross lines which divide and unite to proclaim boldly that you are the Spirit of Absolute Love and Peace. Emblazon our spirits. Make bold our voices. Give joy to our hearts, for we have been called to be witnesses, even to the ends of the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

The Offering

The Doxology

+ I am the Church, UMH 558

Blessing

Postlude 8:45 Bind Us Together, FWS 2226 | 11:00 I Saw the Light



The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in memory of Seth Morris by the Morris/Lonergan family.

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!

Candor

In a certain sense, it doesn't matter what you say in your conversation with Jesus. When it comes to the spiritual life, who you talk to is more important than what you say. Your questions aren't as important as the person to whom you address your questions. Even if you use the Psalms as the words of your prayers, thinking that somehow these (or any other words) are the "right" words to pray would be foolish. Instead, the Psalms demonstrate that any words - even despondent, angry, or violent words - can be constructive if and when addressed to God. (Seriously, if you haven't read the Psalms, take a look; they contain a full range of human emotion. Some of them are downright shocking.) As disappointed, frustrated, or lost as you may feel from time to time, dare to address your disappointment, frustration, and anguish in prayer to God rather than letting a sense of propriety or shame sucker you into letting the conversation lapse - either by putting on airs of piety of cutting off communication entirely. Candor with God is key. -- Matthew Croasmun, Let Me Ask You a Question: Conversations with Jesus.

## Prayers of the Community of Faith!

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

Congregational Care Team Member

Worship Leader Training (Date TBD)

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)

Help with flower bed weeding

Aspire Women's Event

Serving as Worship Leader

**Mourning / Families of:** ●Suzanne Keller ●Jason Toombs ●Bill Pugh

**Continuing Needs:** ●Paul Balgavy (R. Balgavy) ●Loretta Bass (Patsy Vida) ●Debbie Carpenter (B. Anderson) ●Carol & Ron Cohn ●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 ●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) ●Robert & 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 August 18:** ● Everyone dealing with the concerns of life ●Families being stressed due to job transfers requiring them to move ●Jason Toombs ●Those being failed by mental health care and for mental health and drug abuse courts ●Linda Cannon ●Rona Vernimb ●Ray Smith ●Travel mercies for Barbara Brown and Judy Chaplin ●Kids going back to school ●Those who work in the heat and the homeless ●Mo Khalifa ●Joyce Courson

**Prayer Requests from the week of August 25:** ● Family of Jason Toombs ●Pam ●Martha Haselbush ●all those suffering from grief ●Jim & Earline Haney ●Tracy Mallorie ●peace ●James Childers ●Helen Coleman ●Ned Donalson ●Ed Conrad ●Robert Runger ●Bill Pugh

**Prayer Requests from the week September 1:** ● Robert Runger ●Family of Bill Pugh ●Kathy ●Patsy Vida ●Ed Marks ●Vi & Jan Henderson ●Wendy Stumpf ●Carol & Ron Cohn ●All in the path of the hurricane ●Ron ●Family of Jason Toombs ●Health of the family members of Andrew Holt ●Bill ●Pam

### Question for Reflection

If I cannot see the log in my vision (Matthew 7:3-5), how can I remind myself that it exists?

### Household Prayer: Morning

God of waking and sleeping, we give you thanks that you have brought the morning and opened our minds to a new day. Give us courage for the events that will unfold in the next hours. Help us to see our neighbors as you see them. Show us the way of peace. Amen.

### Household Prayer: Evening

God of all compassion, our rock and our salvation, for all that we have done today that bears good fruit, we give you thanks. For all that we have done today has missed your purposes, we ask forgiveness. Restore us to your strong foundation, and assure us of your love. Protect us now in sleep from all danger. This we pray in Jesus' name. 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 15)  
1st & 3rd Sundays @ 5:45 p.m.

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St. Matthias  
United Methodist Church

8 September 2019 | 13th Sunday  
in Season of Nurture & Growth



Greeting and Opening Prayer

Centering Music

+ Call to Worship

We are the Easter people!

**We have witnessed the Resurrection of our Lord.**

We are now called to be people of the Pentecost.

**We are called to boldly share the good news of God's love.**

Open your hearts, O people, to God's great power and love.

**We open our hearts to hear God's word for us and to joyfully proclaim Jesus Christ as our Savior. Amen.**

+ Every Time I Feel the Spirit, UMH 404

Ripple Effect

Prayer for Illumination

**Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.**

Acts 1:8, 2:1-36

Special Music 8:45 Come and Find the Quiet Center, FWS 2128  
11:00 The Old Country Church, All Girl Band

+ John 16:5-25

Sermon Act with Power

+ Spirit of God, FWS 2117

Litany of Remembrance

From the very instant of creation, your Holy Spirit moved on the waters of creation, bringing to life the creative love that is God.