

Message Living Generously 4 Tower

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer, UMH 895

Sharing our Tithes and Offering

Prayers of Thanksgiving

+ Doxology, UMH 94

+ Leaning on the Everlasting Arms, UMH 133

+ Blessing

Postlude

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in honor of Jessica Gmitter's 17th birthday by her parents.

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!

Glimpses of God

My husband and I gather with friends once a month for spiritual challenge and support, all of us sharing what we find helpful (or not) in our attempt to grow closer to God. One friend, retired pastor Wayne Anderson, told us of a practice he employs, which he calls "rummaging for God" in the events of the day. Each night as he lies in bed awaiting sleep, he sifts through the day's encounters with people, the glimpses of nature, the work he has done. He tries to discover where God has shown through, where the Spirit's action in events had gone unnoticed at the time. He says he usually finds so many that he falls asleep before he recalls them all! ...

Looking for evidence of God's activity in our lives has the power to transform our attitude from disappointment with self to ever-growing gratitude toward God, who is intimately involved with us.

With this awareness of God's activity will come a spirit of joyful anticipation and a sense of profound gratitude for all of life. Gratitude cannot help but flow into thankfulness and then into praise. Rummaging for God will emerge into a life lived to the praise of God's glory.

- Jane Marie Thibault and Richard L. Morgan
Pilgrimage into the Last Third of Life

It Is Enough

IT IS ENOUGH to affirm Jesus' living presence at work in our lives, to call on the power of the Risen One, to pray in Jesus' name, to ask the living Jesus to enfold our lives with his transcendent life. It is enough to picture or to think of Jesus looking directly at us and speaking our name as those who are personally loved and loved forever. It is enough to grow in the trust that enables us to tell "him the whole truth."

- Flora Slosson Wuellner
Feed My Shepherds

Walk to Emmaus ~ Please join with us in prayer for the pilgrims and the team on the Women's walk Nov.15-17.



Finance information Session THIS EVENING 6:00 p.m. Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Jesus is loving our neighbors. Here are a few ways you can help...



SAMARITAN PURSE ~ SHOEBOXES Shoeboxes are DUE TODAY. POC: Erin Wetzel, 540-809-8105



ANGELS & DOVES 2018 Salvation Army Angel Tree & Kenmore Club's Dove Project



Tags available on the Mission bulletin board. Please return to the church office by Sun., Dec. 2

2019 mission trip to Honduras -- 29 June to 6 July.



If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Trudy Monroe. Contact information: 313-550-3979



SEEKERS ADVENT STUDY Because of Bethlehem by Max Lucado Cost of the book is \$10 Sign-up on the front bulletin board. All are welcome!



Began Tues., Nov. 13 - Nov. 27 @ 11:00 a.m. POC: Debbie Whittington 540-372-7521 www.thetruthproject.org

Thank You



Thank you to everyone for all the prayers, cards, calls and happy faces that stood as a reminder of your love for me during the eye surgery and beyond. I am improving every day and have no more "fog" to look through! God is good to those who love Him and I just want to praise Him for being faithful all the time as He leads us along! God Bless You Always, Carole Hall

Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 18 7:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast 9:45 a.m. 3rd Sunday Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Finance Information Session

Monday, November 19 9:00 a.m. Food Pantry 10:00 a.m. Prayer 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, November 20 7:45 a.m. Exercise Class 11:00 a.m. The Truth Project 1:00 p.m. God Celebrators 7:00 p.m. Wesleyan Bldg. Bros.

Wednesday, November 21 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, November 22 HAPPY THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 p.m. AI-Anon

Friday, November 23 OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, November 24 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 November 11 Sunday School: 26 Morning Worship: 135

Weekly Need: \$6,363.50 11/11/18 Offering: \$6,030.80 YTD Need: \$286,358.00 YTD Received: \$240,162.80 Monthly Need Nov: \$25,454.00 MTD Received Nov: \$13,817.00

Happy Thanksgiving

This week Pastor Bert will be traveling to be with his family for Thanksgiving, but will return for Sunday Worship. As always, you can call or text 540-736-7007.

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



POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM

COST: \$16.00

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PONSETTIAS: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ WHITE with RED BOW

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 26

What is your best memory St. Matthias?

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I would like more information about:

- Becoming a Member of SMUMC
- Love & Laundry Ministry
- Honduras Mission Trip
- Micah Breakfast
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- Serving a meal at the Thurman Brisben January 6, 2019 (3:30 p.m.)
- Micah Ministries Cold Weather Shelter
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- The Food Pantry
- The Youth Group
- Small Groups

## Prayers of the Community of Faith!

**Mourning / Families of:** •Eugene Sullivan •Beth Bowen

**Continuing Needs:** Greg Anderson •Velma Bailey (M. Holt) •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) •George Nosek (D. Garrett) • Lisa Holsinger Powell (P. Vida) •Dian Rubiera (B. Giannuzzi) •Emerson Rudacille (J. Studley) •Bob & Claire Runger (B. Anderson) •Joe & 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) •Austin Wolfe (R. Varela) • Betty Zelloe (D. Jenkins)

**Prayer Requests from the week of October 25:** •Steve Swift •Amelia Sharer •Those recovering in the FL panhandle •Todd, Connor & Noah Harford •Sam Frantum •Karen •The Butler family •The Bray family •Those recovering still in Puerto Rico •Evelyn Penn

**Prayer Requests from the week of November 4:** •Rebecca McNamara •Shawna Breggenti •The families in North Carolina the mission team will help this week •Pamela Morrison •Amelia Sharer •Robin Lanzone & Family •Jodi Rhodes-Bruner & Family •Those who are in prison •Jeff Berry

**Prayer Requests from the week of November 11:** • Shooting victims in Thousand Oaks, CA •Amelia Sharer •Family of Beth Bowen •Sam Frantum •Mohammed Khalifa •Kseniya •Jeff Andrew •Michelle Hutchinson & Phyllis Prado •Coakley family •our church and our country •Jason Toombs •Joe Schepers •Margaret Ann Holt •Jack Cates & Mike Gibson

**Questions for Reflection** What can you do to encourage another person? What can you do to make your prayers and worship more passionate?

**Household Prayer: Morning** Dear God, empower me to encourage others for the glory of your name as I go throughout my day. In Jesus' name I ask it. Amen.

**Household Prayer: Evening** Dear God, thank you for keeping me throughout the day. Grant me a night of peaceful rest, and put a song of praise in my heart when I wake in the morning. In Jesus' name I pray. 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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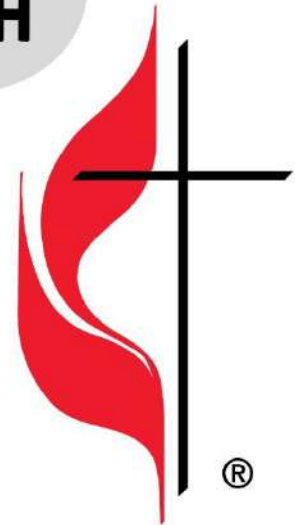
EXPERIENCING THE LIFE THAT IS TRULY LIFE

**LIVING GENEROUSLY**

A 5 WEEK CINEMATIC JOURNEY OF BIBLICAL LIVING FROM THE IMAGINE

**A Cinematic Journey in Biblical Living at Each Service in November and on our SMUMC Facebook Group.**

# ST. MATTHIAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**CALLED TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD**

November 18, 2018

Season of Nurture & Growth

Greeting and Opening Prayer

+Introit Now Thank We All Our God, UMH 102 (v.1&2)

+ Call to Worship (1 Sam 2, Mark 13)  
Let us proclaim the source of our hope and strength.  
**Our lives belong to God, the maker of heaven and earth.**  
Let us rejoice in the foundation of our faith.  
**There is no rock like our God.**  
Let us put our trust in God alone.  
**No one shall deceive us.**  
Let us worship the source of our hope and strength.  
**We will worship the living God.**

+ We Gather Together, UMH 131

Affirmation

**This world would deny you, Lord, and rely on human wisdom in their search for answers to questions they have yet to ask, but we will praise you, and exalt your name, for we know that you are Alpha, the beginning of all things, and Omega, the end, and all that is between. We have known your healing, we have known your provision, we have known your victory. Our sorrow has turned into dancing and our tears to songs of joy. We shall praise you ever more. Amen.**

+ Choral Response, Now Thank We All Our God, UMH 102 (v. 3)

8:30 a.m. Children's Moment

Special Music

Jesus Loves Me

Madison Main

Prayer of Illumination John 18:33-37

**Spirit of truth, move now in ancient words and cluttered hearts that we might hear your voice and live, for we long to be glad servants of your hidden, holy reign. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

Proverbs 18:10-11

+ John 14:15-27