

+Choral Response 8:45 I Love You, Lord FWS 2068 | 11:00 You Are my All in All

Special Message from the Gideons

Matthew Wagner

Special Music 8:45 The Lily of the Valley, FWS 2062 | 11:00 Dream Small

Prayer for illumination

Pour out your thoughts, O God. Make your Word known to us, and teach us your ways. Amen.

Psalms 19

James 3:1-12

+8:45 Where He Leads Me, UMH 338 | 11:00 I Want to Know You (In the Secret)

+Mark 8:27-38

Message

Christ

Pastor Bert

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer, UMH 895

Sharing our Tithes and Offering

Prayer of Thanksgiving

+Doxology, UMH 94

+8:45 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, FWS 2129 | 11:00 Amazing Grace (Eagles Style)

+Blessing

Postlude

11:00 Jesus the Rock (and He Rolls My Blues Away)



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

Things to know about worship

First, we new 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 users, 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!

Prayer in the Face of Disaster

Lord God, we don't know how to pray. This immense disaster feels overwhelming. We can only imagine how the victims feel, and we are so many miles away that we feel helpless. Surround those directly involved with your loving presence. Comfort the families of the dead and injured, Sustain those waiting for word of those they love. Protect, strengthen, and uphold the rescuers and emergency personnel. Help all of us to remember that your love is bigger and stronger than despair and destruction. Guide and strengthen us to reach out to those affected in ways that will bring healing. Give them and us a sense of your peace and hope. In the name of Jesus, our friend and healer. Amen.



Make a difference for people impacted by Hurricane Florence today by giving to UMCOR. Make your check to St. Matthias and put "UMCOR Disaster" in the memo line. UMCOR is ranked as a 4 star 'exceptional' charity by Charity Navigator with 100% of funds going to their designated area for relief. Operational costs are funded by a once yearly special offering called UMCOR Sunday. Learn more at UMCOR.org



Beef Stew & Biscuits Sun., Oct. 14 ~ 12:15 p.m.

Donations to benefit Rise Against Hunger.

Food packing Event
Sun., Nov. 4 ~ 2-4:00 p.m.

THURMAN BRISBEN CENTER

We will be preparing and serving a meal at TBC on **Sunday, September 23rd**. If you are interested in volunteering, please see the sign-up sheet on the front bulletin board or contact Brenda Wood, (540)809-4616 or bwood@fredericksburgva.gov.

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

Mission trip November 4-10 in Fayetteville, NC. Planning meeting **16 Sept. @ 12:15**, Room 10.

Our 2019 mission trip to Honduras is scheduled for **29 June to 6 July**.



Potato Bar Sun., Sept. 30 @ 12:15 p.m.

Donations will benefit local missions.



Fall Festival ~ Sat., Oct. 6 Annual Craft/Bake Goods Sale



Man Stuff Yard Sale ~ Sat., Oct. 6 8:00 – 12:00 p.m.

You may bring donated items to the church starting Sun., Sept. 30 (please, not before).



Winter Coat Mission Shorey Chapel, Maine

Please bring your winter coat donations to the church office on or before **Sun., Oct. 7**.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 16

11:00 a.m. Kid's Own Worship
5:00 p.m. Praise Practice
5:45 p.m. Evening Worship
6:30 p.m. UMYF

Monday, September 17

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry
10:00 a.m. Prayer
6:00 p.m. Nom. & Lay Leaders Mtg.
7:30 p.m. SPPRC

Tuesday, September 18

7:45 a.m. Exercise Class
5:30 p.m. Vital Church Meeting
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Wesleyan Bldg. Bros.
7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Service Mtg.

Wednesday, September 19

10:00 a.m. UMW Crafts
12:00 p.m. **Bulletin Deadline**
5:30 p.m. Bell Practice
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, September 20

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
6:00 p.m. Upper Room
6:29 p.m. Prayer
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon
7:00 p.m. Admin Council

Friday, September 21

Pastor's Sabbath
1-5:00 p.m. Love & Laundry

Saturday, September 22

7:00 a.m. Pray Like a Man
8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Discipleship Classes 9:45 – 10:45
Staffed nursery ~ infants - 2 years

9:45 a.m. Adults

"Good News" Rm. 10
"Rock, Road, Rabbi" Fellowship Hall
"Restoring Fellowship" Youth Rm. A

9:45 a.m. Children & Youth

6th - 12th grade Youth Rm. B
1st - 5th grade Rm. 8
Preschoolers - K Rm. 6
Nursery Rm. 15

SMUMC by the Numbers

Attendance on September 9

Sunday School: 33
Morning Worship: 133

CONNECT

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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:

Rise Against Hunger food packing

Volunteering at the Thurman Brisben Center
Name(s) & contact info

Beef Stew & Biscuits
Name(s) & contact info

What passage from the Bible really speaks to you?

I would like more information about:

- Love & Laundry Ministry
- Honduras Mission Trip
- Fayetteville, NC Mission Trip
- Rise Against Hunger Food Packing
- Serving a meal at the Thurman Brisben Center
- Micah Ministries Cold Weather Shelter
- Reading Buddies @ Grafton Elementary School
- Lay Servant Ministry Training
- Becoming a Member of SMUMC
- The Food Pantry

Mourning / Families of: ●Wingfield Butler (J. Studley) ●Becky York ●Jessica Pearson

Continuing Needs: ●Velma Bailey (M. Holt) ●Paul Balgavy (R. Balgavy) ●Loretta Bass (Patsy Vida) ●Debbie Carpenter (B. Anderson) ●Margaret Courtney (R. Courtney) ●Pattie Cushing (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) ●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 August 26: ●Wanda ●John McCain's family ●Dick and Dianne Moore ●Nancy ●Prayer for a light sentence was answered ●Roman Catholic Church ●John Thomas ●Continued prayer for Mohamed Klahifa ●Harley ●Dodie Walker ●Maya Wick ●Bob Archer ●Lisa Powell

Prayer Requests from the week of September 2: ●Kseniya ●Greg Shanks ●Mo Khalifa

Prayer Requests from the week of September 9: ●Allison Fuquay ●Barry Jones ●Eleanor Bandy ●Riley Randall ●JoAnn Laxton ●Charlie Edelman ●Mo Khalifa ●Michelle Hutchinson ●Marie Montalvo ●Jennifer Giannuzzi ●Margy Shuppy ●All those still recovering in Puerto Rico ●Jason Toombs

Questions for Reflection How do you seek God's wisdom in your life? What are the signs and symbols of God's presence that surround your everyday life?

Household Prayer: Morning

As I open my eyes, I can see the heavens that tell of your glory. Allow me to be part of this creation that proclaims your handiwork and your real presence in the world. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

As the day winds down, allow me to find satisfaction in the thought that I have taken my cross and followed you. Allow me to find rest in the knowledge that I did not act as if I was ashamed of you. And if I failed you, forgive me and allow me to find solace in the new mercies of the morning. Amen.

Micah Job Opportunity – Work with neighbors in need every day, and get paid to do it. Micah is now accepting applications for staff at the cold weather shelter and two positions at the Respite house, and eight-bed group home for homeless individuals who are recovering from a recent hospital stay. Find out more at www.micahfredericksburg.org/about-us-new/join-our-team/

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.

Pastor:

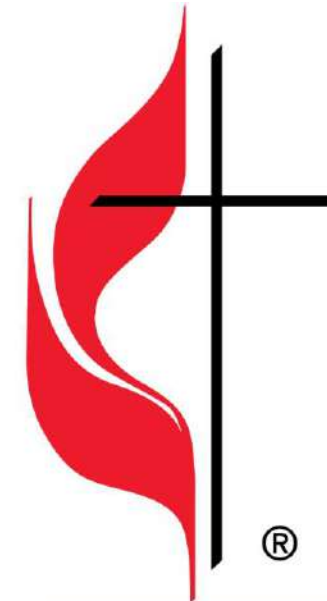
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September 16, 2018

The Season of Nurture & Growth

Greeting and Opening Prayer

+Introit 8:45 This is the Day UMH 657 | 11:00 Down in the River to Pray

+Call to Worship (Prov 1, Ps 19, Mark 8)

In the streets and city square, Wisdom cries out. My friends, are we listening?

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

The heavens and the earth proclaim the glory of God. My friends, are we listening?

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

The word of God revives the soul and warms the heart. My friends, are we listening?

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?" Dear friends, what is our answer?

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

+ 8:45 In the Wake of New Disaster | 11:00 This Is Amazing Grace

+Affirmation of Faith

We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come. We follow Christ, who comes to us from God, and reveals God to us.

He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry.

He was crucified, died and was raised by God, and reigns over all Creation; and he bids us to die and rise with him.

We live by the Spirit, together with communion of saints, as members of the Body of Christ, God's holy universal church.

We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of resurrection and the reality of eternal life.

In all things it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.