

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer, UMH 895

Sharing our Tithes and Offering

Prayer 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 Hartman and Murray birthdays.

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!

CHRISTIAN LIFE is thoroughly communal, for being in Christ means that we are in it together unto death and beyond. Thus at the heart of each church is a core of persons vowed to a countercultural lifestyle at odds with an individualistic society. As organically both divine and human, the church has used a beautiful image to express this — the Holy Mother church.

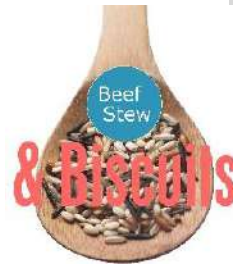
Certainly the church is human, with a goodly collection of hypocrites and sinners. Yet just as essentially is she divine — consecrated by Christ as his body on earth so that "the gates of Hades will not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). Gregory of Nyssa deepens this analogy with the idea of the church as nurse, its teachings being our milk, its sacraments our food.

Worship is at the center of the church's communal life. While it may not always be clear what the shabby little church across town is all about, be assured that it is an invitation touching our deepest yearning — to be embraced in an organic belonging that God intends for the church to provide.

— W. Paul Jones
Becoming Who God Wants You to Be (Upper Room Books)



Potato Bar -- TODAY, Sept. 30
Come to the Fellowship Hall after the 11 AM service and fill your potato with all the fixings and Jocelyn's famous chili! Donations will benefit local missions.



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.

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

Mission trip November 4-10 in Fayetteville, NC.

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



Make a difference for people impacted by Hurricane Florence today by giving to UMCOR. Thank you so much for what you have already given. Year to Date total collected is \$1903.00. You can still give by making your check payable to St. Matthias with "UMCOR Disaster" written in the memo line. You can learn more about UMCOR at www.UMCOR.org

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.**



RIDE SHARE RE-START! If you would be able and willing to give someone a ride to church occasionally or continually, please let Cathy Bray or Mary Ella Fuquay know.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 30

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

Monday, October 1

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

Tuesday, October 2

7:45 a.m. Exercise Class
1:00 p.m. God Celebrators
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Wesleyan Bldg. Bros.

Wednesday, October 3

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, October 4

Fall Festival Set-up

10:00 a.m. Disciple 4
6:00 p.m. Upper Room
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon

Friday, October 5

Pastor's Sabbath

Fall Festival Set-up

5:30-8:00 p.m. Fall Fest. Craft Pre-Sale

Saturday, October 6

7:00 a.m. Pray Like a Man
8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:00 a.m. Man Stuff Yard Sale
8:00 a.m. Fall Festival/Bake Sale
9:30 a.m. Prayer

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 23
Sunday School: 21
Morning Worship: 101

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

Ride Share

Willing to pick-up

In need of a ride

Name(s) & contact info

Beef Stew & Biscuits

Name(s) & contact info

What is your biggest hope for St. Matthias?

I would like more information about:

Becoming a Member of SMUMC

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

The Food Pantry

Mourning / Families of: ●Wingfield Butler ●Becky York ●Jessica Pearson ●Bill Cleary ●Richard Webster
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 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

Prayer Requests from the week of September 16: ● Jason Toombs ●Charlotte & Ken Stockwell ●Dick Moore ●those impacted by Hurricane Florence, forest fires and typhoons ●Healing hearts and healing sickness ●Mike Murray ●Jack Cates ●George Woodall ●Evalynne Downes ●Brent Jones

Prayer Requests from the week of September 30: ●Randy & Sharon Cervone ●Family of Richard Webster ●Michelle Hutchinson ●NC flood victims ●Sonya Bristow ●Joe Reichard ●Mike Murray ●Celine ●Martie Archer

Questions for Reflection

How can you see God as an active presence in your life and in the life of others? How can you be grateful and adore God not only in the times when you are the subject of God's blessing but also in times of trouble and tribulation?

Household Prayer: Morning

May the first words in my mouth today be the sound of the name of Jesus. Lead me to reflect on his power as I seek to live my day, honoring the One who gave me salvation and a new life. In his powerful name I pray. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, was I an agent of hope and salvation to others as you have been to me? As the day winds down, help me to think about those times during the day when I lived in your grace and the times when I failed to be salt in your world. Keep on working in my life, through the power of your Holy Spirit, so that I can become more like you want me to be. In the name of Jesus. 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.

Pastor:

Rev. Bert Cloud

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Office:

Ms. Susan Courtney

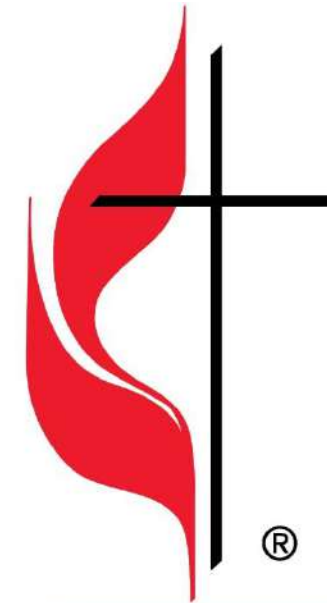
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September 30, 2018

The Season of Nurture & Growth

Greeting and Opening Prayer

+Introit Come, Now is the Time to Worship St. Matthias Ringers

+ Call to Worship

If it had not been for God, who was on our side, we would have fallen prey to those who want to harm us; we would have been swept away by sadness and fear.

Blessed be the Lord, our protector!

God has broken the snare that took away our freedom. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be God's holy name!

+ A Mighty Fortress is Our God, UMH 110

+ Affirmation form Romans 8:35, 37-39, UMH 887

+Choral Response, Gloria Patri UMH 70

Children's Moment, 8:30 a.m.

Special Music

Celtic Grace

St. Matthias Ensemble

Prayer for illumination

Your Word is our salt; without it, we lose our being, our joy, and our ability to endure. Open our hearts and our minds to listen, to really listen, to your Word today. Amen.

Psalm 124

Esther 7: 1- 6, 9- 10; 9: 20- 22

+His Eye is on the Sparrow, FWS 2146

+Mark 9:38-50