

THE SAINT MATTHEW MESSENGER

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Pledges and Gifts to St. Matthew for 2011

As we approach the end of the year, many of us will be completing our pledges and gifts to St. Matthew. We encourage you to make these contributions early and remind you of the deadlines for making gifts for 2011.

- Contributions may be made during our last church services of the year on Sunday, December 25th.
- Contributions may be delivered to the church office staff through Wednesday, December 28th. If you're delivering a contribution when the church office is closed on December 30th, you may drop your envelope in the mail slot in the office door.
- If mailed to the church, your check must be dated and the envelope postmarked by Friday, December 30th.
- For gifts of stock, please contact Kelly Wagner in the Church Office to make arrangements. To ensure proper delivery and credit, *this type of gift transfer should be completed before Christmas.*

We are very thankful for each of you and your commitment to the financial support of St. Matthew and its mission.

Finance Committee

St. Matthew in Mission

Your Missions Team has worked this year to provide a variety of means where you, the members of St. Matthew, could Connect with Missions. We supported Salkehatchie, GAIHN, Epiphany, Pendleton Place, Epworth, Triune, United Ministries, Operation Christmas Child, and the Angel Tree in addition to several local schools. You have been given opportunities to actively participate with GAIHN, United Ministries, Triune, and Salkehatchie. You have supported other mission projects through donations of money or goods. As we end the year, Operation Christmas Child is under way, and the Angel Tree is here. Thanks to you for helping us in our mission outreach to the community. Please let us know if you have suggestions for the way you would like to see St. Matthew in Mission. Your Mission Team: Claire Winkler, David White, Charles Clemmons, Heather Bistyga, Maya Powers, Betsy Boaze, JP McGuire, and David Michaelis.

Operation Inasmuch St. Matthew Mission Day

Our numbers were not large, but we accomplished a great deal on Saturday, November 5th. United Ministries has a nice new landscaped entrance thanks to: Kim, Kate & Gray Geddie, Tom and Dawn Anderson and HER MOTHER who worked harder than anyone else, Christina and Christopher Grant, and the St. Matthew Junior boy's basketball team! GAIHN has a newly painted interior in one of its transitional homes thanks to: Betsy Boaze, Mary Ann Stonoha, and The Cree Family. Triune has new fruit trees in their community garden thanks to: David, Janine, Caleb and Elizabeth Michaelis and Gary Groff.

Our February 2011 UVMIM team to Lesotho, in southern Africa, has been postponed for one year. We will continue to try to raise the needed building funds over the course of this year, and hope to go in February, 2013

Hopefully you have filled and returned a shoe box gift for Operation Christmas Child. You have two more opportunities at St. Matthew to help in our own community.

- United Ministries will give new sweatshirts, hats and gloves to their participants during the month of December. Please bring those items – unwrapped – and place in the baskets in the narthex and in the Family Life Center.
- The Angel Tree is up in the narthex. On it you will find cards with wish list items for older children in foster care. Please take one and purchase the items for that child. You could even share the list with another member and purchase the items together.

A big thank you goes out to all the St Matthew volunteers who helped to extend hospitality to GAIHN families in November.

GAIHN Carriage Rides – online reservations www.GAIHN.org

Dates to Remember



Please give a warm welcome to our new member:

Jessie Griffeth

Come to Rachel Circle!

Rachel Circle Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 pm
 Carrie Johnson's Home
 803 Wembley Road., Greenville SC 29607

Everyone will be bringing an appetizer or dessert to share. If you would like to take part in the ornament exchange, bring an ornament and your Angel Tree gift wrapped.

Services in December

December 4th-11:00 am, Worship Service the Choir presents "Nine Lesson in Carols"

December 4th-5:00 pm, Children's Christmas Pageant, with supper to follow.

Advent Worship-December 4th, 11th & 18th. 8:45am (gym) and 11:00am (sanctuary).

December 24th-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:30pm

December 25th-Christmas Morning Worship, 11:00 am



To order a Poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one please complete this form and place it with a check payable to Saint Matthew Church in the offering plate. The cost of each plant is \$10. Deadline for ordering is Monday, December 5th. The flowers will adorn the Sanctuary in December.

In Memory/Honor of:

_____ By:

Please circle memory or honor

Please indicate if this is a donation.

January Birthdays

December Birthdays

Emma Peter	1	Rex Gray	1
Karis Easler	1	Tom McIntyre	1
David Harding	3	Bess Hewell	3
Jonathan Moyd	3	Sydney Jaynes	4
Sheridan Moyd	3	Sue Edmonds	5
Louise James	4	Mary Beth Jackson	5
Mary-Grace Tolbert	5	Matthew Jackson	5
Emily White	6	Holly White	5
Sam Taylor	8	Marion Tucker	7
Helen Bates	9	Olivia Doshier	8
Kimberlie Kirkpatrick	9	Elizabeth Hewell	8
Dan Bistyga	10	Don Gilstrap	9
Chris Grose	10	Stephen Anderson	10
Fred Haefflinger	11	Charles Hughes	11
Doris Fisher	13	Kellie Owans	13
Jim Easler	15	Phyllis Richmond	13
JoAnne Hutto	16	Art Eberly	14
Dag Royals	16	Cypriana Brannon	15
Emily Bistyga	17	Justin Hirsch	16
Burns Edmonds	17	Jennifer Jackson	17
Chris Taylor	17	Cameron Sanders	18
Robert Markel	18	Allison Warren	19
Connelly Mitchell	19	Adelaide Johnson	20
Mallory Mitchell	19	Kathy Swilley	21
Alycia Brady	20	Jane Eberly	22
Angie Howard	20	Jim Garland	23
Beth Murphy	20	Julie Greer	24
Taylor Anderson	21	Andy Shull	25
Claire Orr	21	Anna Cobb	27
Christopher Grant	25	Kiep Jordan	27
Christina Via	26	Angel King	27
Maggie Edmonds	27	Rebecca Gray	29
John Markel	27	Debbie Looper	29
Ellis Gardner	29	Kary Mitchell	29
Dot Looney	29	Henry Shiflet	29
Ashley Howard	30	Olive Koger	30
Dennis Dempsey	31	Zack Tollison	30
L.C. Julian	31	Tom White	30

We are collecting Campbell soup labels for Red Bird Ministries. Put them in the narthex can or bring them to the church office.

Basketball Practices and Games

No Basketball Practice on Sunday, December 4th.

Practices

I-Mites: 3pm on Sundays

Mites: 3pm on Sundays

Men: 4pm on Sundays

Jr. Boys: 5pm on Sundays

Sr. Boys: 7:30pm on Sundays

Sr. Girls: 8pm on Tuesdays

I-Mites Games

Saturday, December 3rd @ 12:15pm @ Westminster Presbyterian

Saturday, December 10th @ 10:45am @ First Baptist

Saturday, December 17th @ 10:45am @ Westminster Presbyterian

Mites Games

Saturday, December 3 @ 1:00pm @ St. James

Saturday, December 10 @ 1:00pm @ St. James

Saturday, December 17 @ 1:45pm @ St. James

Jr. Boys Games

Saturday, December 3 @ 11:30am @ First Baptist

Saturday, December 10 @ 8:30am @ St. Mary

Saturday, December 17 @ 10:30am @ AYMC (new gym @ First Baptist)

Senior Girls Games

Monday, December 5th @ 7:00pm @ All Saints

Monday, December 12th @ 6:00pm @ John Knox

Monday, December 19th @ 7:00pm @ All Saints

Monday, January 2nd @ 6:00pm @ ARP

Senior Boys Games

Monday, December 5 @ 8:00pm @ St. Mary

Monday, December 12 @ 8:00pm @ St. Mary

Monday, December 19 @ 7:00pm @ TLC

Monday, January 2 @ 9:00pm @ W. Presbyterian

Men's Games

Thursday, December 1 @ 7:00pm @ W. Presbyterian

Thursday, December 8 @ 8:00pm @ W. Presbyterian

Thursday, December 15 @ 7:00pm @ All Saints (new gym at Christ Church)

Thursday, December 29 @ 9:00pm @ W. Presbyterian

The Annual Christmas Luncheon for the Christian Fellowship Sunday School Class will be held at Stax Grill (850 Woods Crossing Road) on Friday December 9, 2011 at noon.

Youth Calendar

Sunday, December 4th: Following the 11am service the youth will meet in the Fellowship Hall for lunch before heading out to shop for our Christmas Family. We will return to the church to wrap presents and hang out until the Children's Pageant at 5pm. Parents are welcome to join us!

Sunday, December 11th: Christmas Party at the Murphy's House @ 5:30pm. Parents can drop off and pick up from the Murphy's. Everyone needs to bring a gift for the exchange; there is a \$10 maximum for presents.

Sunday, December 18th: The youth will go to a late night Christmas movie. Details will come to you via email about what time and which theater.

Sunday, December 25th & January 1st: NO UMYF, Enjoy the Christmas Holiday & New Year with your families!

Saint Matthew in Motion

For the month of December the children will be diving deeper into the story of Mary and Joseph as they are told about the birth of Jesus. The children will explore the genealogy of Jesus, the decree for a census, and the journey that Mary and Joseph took together.

Have you heard the name of Jake Vaughn was omitted in the November Have You Heard column? He was also honored on All Saint's Day November 6th.

Have you heard that \$31,227.25 worth of pumpkins were sold giving Youth Ministry a profit of \$12,490.90? Kudos to all who volunteered in the "patch" and especially to Rebecca Griffeth for keeping it running smoothly.

Have you heard that there is a scholarship fund to assist youth who may not be able to meet expenses for UMYF functions? If you care to contribute, please mark your check "Youth Scholarship." United Methodist Women have contributed \$500 to this scholarship.

Have you heard if you have been missing pew friends that usually sit near you in church we should call them and tell them they are being missed? We may be sheep without a shepherd right now, but "this too shall pass."

Have you heard the Children's Christmas pageant is December 4th at 5 p.m. followed by a church dinner (don't forget to bring your favorite dessert to share)?

Have you heard the Christian Fellowship Sunday School Class Christmas luncheon is December 9th at Stax Grill at noon?

Have you heard United Methodist Women have purchased the star atop the Chrismon tree as a memorial to Bebe Bethea, Polly Trussell, Wanda McCall and Dora Devore?

Have you heard Hannah Treece has been inducted into the National Honor Society at Greenville High School?

Have you heard no one has contacted me to keep this column going? This is my final posting. I'm hoping someone will step up and keep up the church news.

For Memorial Fund

In memory of Dora DeVore from Brenda & Tim Barnett, Lucile Cunningham, Nancy Field, Barbara & George Holzberger, Ellen & Rodney Jordan, Trinity Class, Nancy & Gary Groff, Nedene Greer, Denise & Terhune Sudderth, Dawn & Tom Anderson, Betty & Michael Davis, Elizabeth Pitman, Ethel & George Sherrill, Peggy & John Jordan, Betty & Mike McVey, Mel & Jodye Deter Pfister, Patty Rhodes, Rev. & Mrs. D. Murray Shull, Jr., Patrick & Cindy Wilson, Sally Wise & Michael Watts.

In memory of Jo Caper from Brenda & Tim Barnett, Trinity Class, Nancy & Gary Groff, Lucile Cunningham, Denise & Terhune Sudderth, Betty & Michael Davis

In memory of Wanda McCall from Denise & Terhune Sudderth, Betty & Michael Davis

In memory of Jane Coleman from Betty & Michael Davis

In memory of Bebe Bethea from Denise & Terhune Sudderth

Youth Scholarship Fund

In memory of Dora DeVore from Carolyn Monroe, Jean Sanderson

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

In memory of Dora DeVore from Christian Fellowship Class, Saidee New

In memory of Wanda McCall from Dot Looney

For Missions

In memory of Angel Ballenger from Fleming & John Markel

For Epworth Children's Home

In memory of Wanda McCall from Dawn & Tom Anderson

For Choir Fund

In memory of Dora DeVore from Helen Deal & Family, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Elliot



We will be loyal to the Church and uphold it with...

OUR PRAYERS

Those in need of Prayer

Mary Walker Morris
 Andy Grose
 Ellen Harvey
 Bess Hewell

Nancy Trumbull
 Wesley Kelly
 Robert Lee
 Dora DeVore
 Lois Reid
 Cathy Gardner
 Judy Cochran

Out of Town

Rev. Tom Field
 Ann Shock

Serving Our Country

Evan Childers
 Tom Jordan
 Chad Cunningham
 Jeffrey Van Camp, Jr.

the Homebound

Georgia Clarke
 Miles Day
 Louise James
 Betty Derrick
 Jim Gibbs
 Mary Walker Morris
 Lois Smith
 Frank & Mary Cole
 Doris Fisher
 Clarence Trussell

OUR PRESENCE

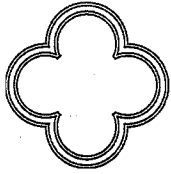
	8:45	Sunday School	11:00
Nov 6	77		177
Nov 13	64	104	137
Nov 20		126	
Nov 27		138	178

OUR GIFTS

November 6	18,499
November 13	8,751
November 20	12,322
November 27	6,538
Received YTD	480,695

OUR SERVICE

	December 4	December 11	December 18	December 25
Liturgists	David Michaelis	Clint Henderson	Mike Shull	Terhune Sudderth
Children's Church	Matt Smith/Bryan Moorhouse	Joy O'Hanlan/Kelly Wagner	Sarah Taylor/MD Hirsch	Claire Winkler/Kim Geddie
Greeters	The Creels The Murphys	The Edmonds The Bates	The Smiths The Easlars	The Misners The Whites
Acolytes				
Crucifiers				
Ushers for the month	Michael Easler Edward Johnson	Scott Brady	Anna Cobb	Mark Murphy
Communion	Clair Orr			
Pew Angels		Jane Haeflinger/Sarah Jane Tollison		Kim Geddie/Helen Graben
Altar Guild	Angel King Betty Shull	Jennie Ervin	Anna Cobb Lillian Darby	Sara Young Laura Bridgeman
Coffee Ministry(Day by Day)				



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Sam Taylor..... Organist
Kelly Wagner Church Administrator
Christina Via..... Preschool Director
Pam Worthy..... Church Custodian

Mission

The mission of Saint Matthew United Methodist Church is to continue Christ's work in the world.

Vision

We believe that God's vision for Saint Matthew United Methodist Church is to be a congregation of disciples that values children, youth and families and communicates the story of faith to them in creative ways. We will build a Christian community by increasing our ministry to all ages through a variety of activities and worship approaches that reach out to others with the life-transforming message of the gospel.