

THE SAINT MATTHEW MESSENGER

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Dear St. Matthew family,

Cari and I are so grateful for the wonderful time we spent with so many of you on September 16th. We are also grateful for those who graciously hosted the reception. Your many words of encouragement that night have provided us with great strength as we find ourselves in the midst of this transition. We are also humbled and filled with thanksgiving over the incredible generosity you demonstrated through your financial gifts to us. Thank you. Please know that our seven years as your parsonage family were some of the best years of our lives. You were so supportive and gracious to all five of us during our stay with you. We really do appreciate the time so many of you spent with us that evening. We are thankful for the opportunity to remain in Greenville and to continue our friendship with all of you.

Grace and Peace,

Cam, Cari, Hannah, Benjamin, and Ethan

Have you heard?

Have you heard about Youth Sunday which was held September 25th? Jessica Bilcliff and Alycia Brady extended their thanks to their church family encompassing their lives from very young children to the present. And what about Matthew Burn's most moving solo, "Steal Away"? Give yourselves a pat on the back, along with all other UMYF that participated!

Have you heard that the October General Meeting of United Methodist Women was held October 14th at the Palmetto Olive Oil Company and hosted by the Rachel Circle?

Have you heard that the following deceased members of Saint Matthew will be honored at our annual All Saints Day to be held on November 6th? Elizabeth (Bebe) Bethea, Wanda Mc Call, William Morris, Grover Reid, Carl Smith and Pauline (Polly) Trussel.

Have you heard who this year's winners of the chili cook off were?

1st place: Gary, Hunter & Garrett Brown (would you expect any less from our in-house chef's?)

2nd place: Lisa & Mike Potter

3rd place: Becky Grogan, mother of Rebecca Griffeth

Have you heard that there should be no flyers, advertisements, announcements, etc. placed on the Narthex glass doors?

Have you heard United Methodist Women have been made aware that The Hershey Chocolate Company uses child labor in chocolate production and that the cocoa they use to make chocolate does not use fair trade certified cocoa (which guarantees farmers a stable price)?

Have you heard congratulations are in order for Stephen Anderson, who recently passed the Florida State Bar Exam?

Have you heard we unloaded about 6,000 pounds of pumpkins during this year's pumpkin patch season?

Have you heard we have made over \$24,000 in pumpkin sales by publication time for the newsletter? That equals over an \$8,000 profit for the youth ministries of the church.

Have you heard 18 youth and 2 adults participated in the Transformed Fall Retreat at Awanita Valley in October? The United Methodist Youth Groups represented were from: Buncombe Street, Advent, Berea Friendship, Disciples, and St. Matthew. There were 175 youth and adults in participation from all five churches.

Have you heard that the December newsletter will be my final "Have You Heard" column? Yes, after two years and 24 issues, it's time to pass it to someone willing to carry on. Questions? Call Nancy Field at 370-9385

Dates to Remember



November Birthdays

Betty Clark	1
Kira Jordan	1
Jamie Gaines	2
Hank Ballard III	3
Arissa Gaines	3
John Sanders	3
Colman Tolbert	4
Sarah Clemmons	6
Tyson Fine	6
Anita Collins	7
Michael Davis	9
Rosemary Galloway	9
Brent Oxley	10
Susan Brannon	12
Jule Canaday	15
Jennie Ervin	15
Tom Harvey	15
Brenda Barnett	16
Evans Easler	19
Stacy Bizzell	20
Kim Geddie	21
Thomas Looper	21
Matthew Swilley	21
Clark Leach III	22
Nedene Greer	24
Lucile Cunningham	24
Addie Johnson	24
Steve Grose	25
Teena Vanvick	25
Andrew Bellino	28
Heather Bistyga	28
Becky Grose	28
DeArmond Canaday	29
Bettie Creel	29
Olivia Pugh	29
James Grubb	30
Mary Kittles	30

December Birthdays

Emma Peter	1
Karis Easler	1
David Harding	3
Jonathan Moyd	3
Sheridan Moyd	3
Louise James	4
Mary-Grace Tolbert	5
Emily White	6
Sam Taylor	8
Helen Bates	9
Kimberlie Kirkpatrick	9
Dan Bistyga	10
Chris Grose	10
Fred Haeflinger	11
Doris Fisher	13
Jim Easler	15
JoAnne Hutto	16
Dag Royals	16
Dan Bistyga	17
Burns Edmonds	17
Chris Taylor	17
Robert Markel	18
Connelly Mitchell	19
Mallory Mitchell	19
Alycia Brady	20
Angie Howard	20
Beth Murphy	20
Taylor Anderson	21
Claire Orr	21
Christopher Grant	25
Christina Via	26
Maggie Edmonds	27
John Markel	27
Ellis Gardner	29
Dot Looney	29
Ashley Howard	30
Dennis Dempsey	31
L.C. Julian	31

Meanders Monthly Outing



Mark your calendars. Meanders will be going to lunch on Thursday, November 17th to Harry & Jeans on Woodruff Road. The bus will leave the church promptly at 11:15am.

ANGEL TREE IS FAST APPROACHING! EACH YEAR WE GIVE CLOTHING AND TOYS TO CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE FOR CHRISTMAS. OUR FOCUS IS OLDER CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE WHO NORMALLY WOULDN'T RECEIVE MUCH. LOOK FOR WEEKLY INFORMATION IN YOUR BULLETIN. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER WITH THIS GROUP, PLEASE CONTACT 242-1966, EXT. 130.

The next Rachel Circle Meeting is @ Claire Barnett's on November 8th @ 6:30pm.
106 Melville Ave, Greenville, SC 29605

Deck the Halls

Join us on December 4th at 4pm for an evening of Christmas Fun that is sure to get you into the season of cheer. We will begin with a Christmas Pageant by our children, followed by a caravan of caroling to church friends and neighbors; then we will return to the church for dinner together. After dinner, we will enjoy hot chocolate, apple cider, and holiday cookies for dessert! Please RSVP to the church office by Sunday, November 20th, so that we can plan for transportation and food!



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. The deadline for ordering is **Monday, December 5th**. The flowers will adorn the Sanctuary in December.

In Memory/Honor of: _____

By: _____



THE THANKSGIVING EVE
SERVICE WILL BE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER
23RD AT 6:30 PM.

Basketball Information

Practice Schedule for Basketball



I-Mites: Sunday at 3pm, coach Pastor Elise

Co-ed Mites: Sunday at 3pm, Coach Steve Frank

Men: Sunday at 4pm

Junior Boys: Sunday at 5pm, Coaches Gary Brown & Tom Anderson

Senior Girls: Sunday at 8pm at ARP, Coach Garrison Taylor

Senior Boys: Sunday at 7:30pm, Coach Andy Shull

Game Schedules

All Game schedules will be posted online via our church website. If you need game information please contact your coach or Rebecca Griffeth.

Save these dates!

-November 20th is the next Youth Bake Sale

-St. Matthew in the Mountains will be March 23rd-25th at Camp Greenville.

Ski Trip Reminders

The youth will be going to Winter Place, WV for the annual ski trip, January 13-16, 2012. In addition to spectacular skiing, Edward McCutcheon and Jay Knudsen will be leading our evening program. Deposits of \$70 were due in September and October. The third deposit of \$60 is due by November 30th. A few more chaperones are needed for this trip! Please contact Rebecca Griffeth if you would like to participate in this annual event. Scholarships are also needed for this trip. If you or your Sunday school class would like to sponsor a youth for this trip, please contact Rebecca.

Youth Calendar

Saturday, November 5th: Operation Inasmuch

Sunday, November 6th, UMYF 6-7:30pm: Guest Speaker David White. A dinner host family is needed for this evening.

November 12th-13th: Overnight at the Brown's cabin. More details to come!

Sunday, November 13th: 6-7pm Ski Trip meeting: no meal, no UMYF.

Saturday, November 19th: Yard clean up day from 2-4pm

Sunday, November 20th: Bake Sale in the morning, Youth council meeting in the afternoon, UMYF from 6-7:30pm- meal provided by the Bilcliff/Little family.

Sunday, November 27th: NO UMYF

Casting Call!

It's that time of year again! We are looking for children ages 5K through 5th grade to participate in our annual Christmas pageant. This year, we are presenting the traditional Christmas story with a contemporary twist that is sure to bring humor to the Nativity! We have both speaking and non-speaking roles to fill, and a lot of them are small speaking parts. We need to know ASAP who is planning to participate this year! Please contact Katy Smith if your child would like to be a part of the pageant this year.

Show Time: Sunday, December 4th at 4pm

Practice Times: Sundays, early afternoons in November (1pm or so, giving enough time to grab some lunch)

St. Matthew in Motion

In the month of November, the children will be learning about John the Baptist and the role he played in preparing the way for Jesus. We will have a special visitor with us during Sunday school on November 13th that you will not want to miss! Our Bible memory verse for November is, "John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness saying, 'Prepare the way of the Lord.'" This abbreviated verse comes from Matthew 3:3, and can be found on page 1054 of the Adventure Bible.

Save the Date: Missions Blitz On November 5!

On Saturday, November 5, from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon, St Matthew will serve our community on our very own Operation Inasmuch Day. Operation Inasmuch is a one-day, church-wide missions blitz. EVERYONE is encouraged to participate! You will be invited to sign up for one of several different outreach projects that minister to the local community. After serving others, we will enjoy lunch together back at the church. For further information about Operation Inasmuch, visit www.operationinasmuch.org.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The deadline date for dropping off boxes is **Wednesday, November 16**. Boxes can be dropped off in the office, Narthex or gym. Questions? Please call Heather Bistyga at 954-298-0309.

Need a Holiday Gift?

Many of you have sampled or even bought some of the fantastic "Day by Day Blend" of coffee, latte mix, hot chocolate, and lemonades; we hope you have enjoyed them! So much so, that we want you to continue enjoying the "Day by Day Blend" throughout the year. We still have a small amount of Coffee, Latte mix, Hot Chocolate, and Lemonades available for purchase in the church office. Either come by the church office to shop, or contact Rebecca Griffeth at 242-1966 or via email: smumyf@gmail.com.

The Altar Guild is looking for HELP! Mr. and Mrs. George Sherrill and their son Steve have graciously decorated and un-decorated the Christmas tree for many years. They have done a beautiful job, but must retire. We need a family to help decorate the tree this year. We also need a 2nd family to help un-decorate the tree. The tree is donated by L.C. Julian in memory of his wife Sarah, and is delivered and set up. We just need some helpful hands to place the special handmade ornaments onto the tree. If you or your family could help, please contact Laura Bridgeman at 213-9276.

The tree will be up on Friday the 2nd of December, and ready to be decorated on Saturday the 3rd. The tree needs to be taken down by the 31st of December.

Plourde

Bruce Plourde
Digital Artist and Co-Founder of
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Saint Matthew Christmas Ornaments

We are now offering beautiful Christmas ornaments by local artist Bruce Plourde. There is a lovely selection of scenes across the Greenville area, as well as our own church. The ornaments are 19.95 each, and order forms are located in the gym, narthex, and church office. This is a fundraiser for the UMYF program to help offset costs for activities throughout the year. Ornaments will be ready in early December. Don't miss the opportunity to order yours for this Christmas season!

It's time to be planning for our UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers In Mission) team to the Kingdom of Lesotho!

The tentative dates for this mission are February 3-21, 2012, and the anticipated cost is about \$3,500.00 per person.

The work at hand is centered around the need to continue the construction of facilities for an orphan support center in the village of Roma; but not all needed positions are in building construction. Volunteers needed include folks willing to work in any of the following:

Masonry and carpentry skills
Art, dance, music, photography
Classroom substitution and after school tutoring
Sewing, knitting, crocheting, basket weaving
Computer skills
General go-for skills

If you are already planning on being a part of this mission, or if you are thinking about going, please attend an information/organization meeting for this team on Sunday, October 30 at 7:30PM at the home of JP McGuire: 106 Pelham Springs Place 29615. If you are planning on going on the mission, but cannot make the meeting, please contact JP at 919-920-7282 or jpmcguire@nccumc.org.

Lesotho is a small, mountainous, independent country completely surrounded by the Republic of South Africa. February is summer time in southern Africa, but because of the high altitude and the distance from the equator, Lesotho summers are more like our Springs, with lows of 65-70 at night, highs of 80-85 by day, and very low humidity. There are no health warnings, and there are no vaccinations required. Malaria does not exist in Lesotho.

The country has been devastated by HIV/AIDS; also, it has such a high orphan population that many orphans live by themselves. The Support Centers, which are built and staffed by concerned individuals and groups, allow a safe place for study and adult-supervised play.

And don't forget that we need to raise money for the construction of the building. St. Matthews is currently collecting donations.

For Epworth



In memory of Wanda McCall from Jean Sanderson

For Memorial Fund

In memory of Wanda McCall from Lucile Cunningham, Audrey and Tom White, Marilyn Howard, Marion Tucker

In memory of Marjorie Winkler from Marion Tucker

Attention Nurture Team

The Nurture Team will meet on Tuesday, November 15th at 11:00 am in the Conference Room. Please notify Olivia Pugh (242-2124 or ovpugh@yahoo.com) if you are unable to attend. We will be making plans for outreach for the holidays and for 2012.

Needed: Communion Stewards! No experience necessary. Will train! If there are enough volunteers, the maximum commitment would be as little as one Sunday a year. For more information and to say, "YES!" please contact Claire Orr via email at orrhouse@charter.net or call 246-6729 (h) or 243-1551(c).

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

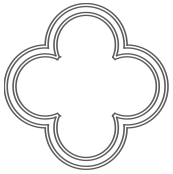
	8:45	Sunday School	11:00
Oct 2nd		135	160
Oct 9th	59	141	179
Oct 16th		127	123
Oct 23rd	45	112	

OUR GIFTS

October 2nd	11,336
October 9th	7,289
October 16th	10,592
October 23rd	7,878
Received YTD	421,671

OUR SERVICE

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Liturgists	Betty Davis	Nancy Field	Adelaide Johnson	Terhune Sudderth
Children's Church	Annette Jaynes/Helen Graben	Sandy Burn/Amy Moorhouse	Henry Ballard/David White	Carrie Johnson/Jill Plating
Greeters	The Browns The Geddies	The Cobbs The Taylors	The Mitchells Adelaide and Jim	The Burns The Johnsons
Acolytes				
Crucifiers				
Ushers for the month	Michael Easler Michael Burn	Steve Frank	Ben O'Hanlan	Mike Shull
Communion	Kim Geddie			
Pew Angels		Jane Haeflinger/Sarah Jane Tollison		Kim Geddie/Helen Graben
Altar Guild	Jennie Ervin Mary Douglas Hirsch	Jennie Ervin Mary Douglas Hirsch	Anna Cobb	Sara Young
Coffee Ministry(Day by Day)				



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Church Staff

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Rebecca Griffeth **Director of Youth and Children's Ministries**
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.