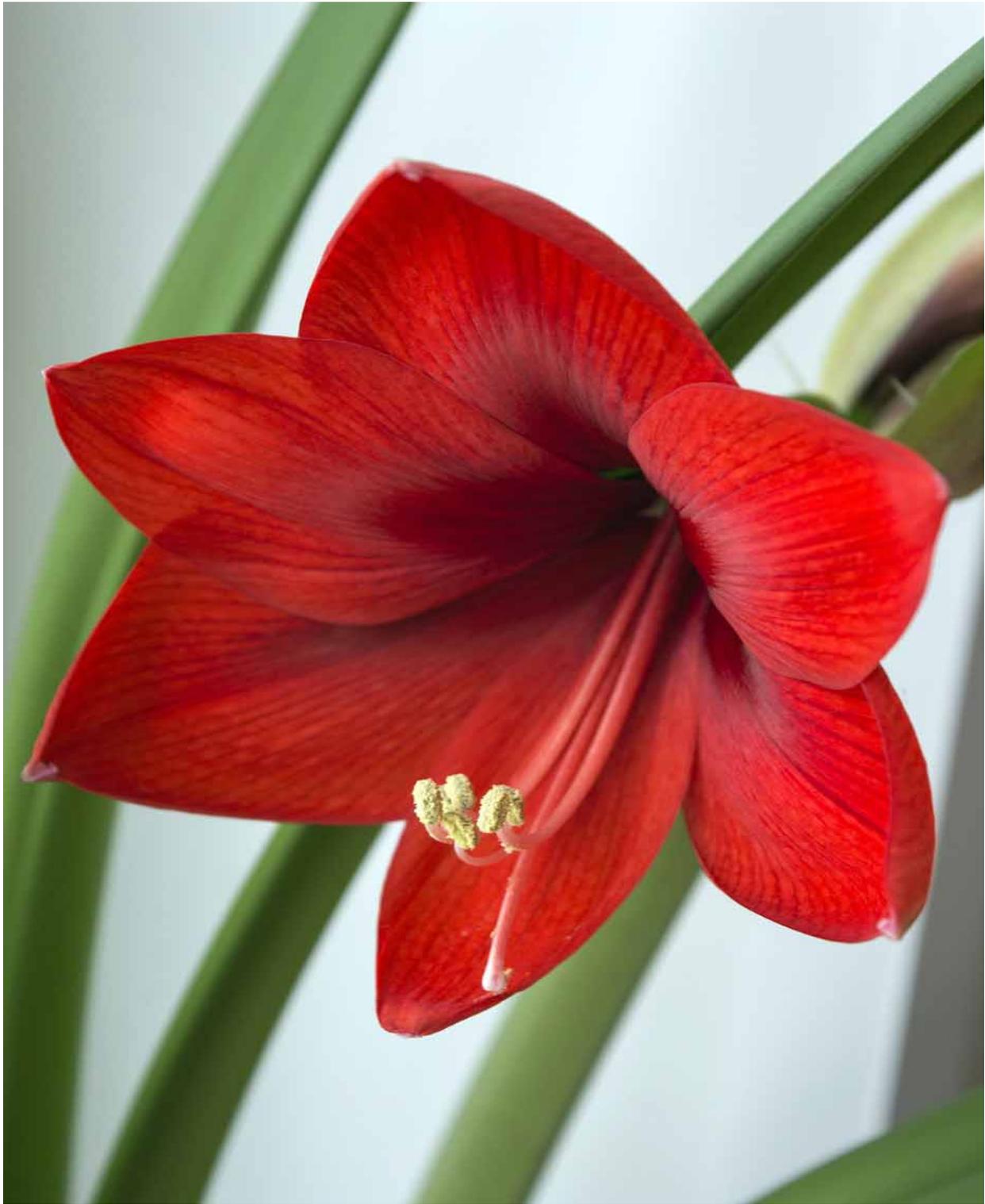


# 2017/2018 WINTER PROGRAM



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# WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW UMC!

## OUR MISSION

Building life-changing relationships with God, one another, and our community.

## OUR VALUES

- Welcoming worship
- Growing genuine relationships
- Sharing life together
- Caring for our community

## OUR STRATEGY



## OUR LIFE MEASURES

Living as a disciple of Jesus is all about relationships:

- With the Father that is personal and daily
- With one another that is connected and caring
- With the community that reflects God's love, power, and grace

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Consider the advent of our new Quarterly Program Guide as an **Invitation**.

First, it is an **invitation to lay leaders and Church Staff alike**, to exercise what is meant to be one of the hallmarks of our Methodism, namely *discipline*, in the planning and the implementation of our ministry program.

It is an invitation to:

- Envision programming needs and possibilities well ahead of time, in order to be able to give them maximum thought and consideration and, through conversation with fellow ministry leaders, to make the end product as effective as it can be.
- Evaluate that what is planned and carried out, helps us live into our vision of being a part of “life-changing relationships, with God, with one another, and with our community”.
- Plan and implement ministry programs carefully in conjunction with those in the church who are doing the same, hopefully eradicating calendar conflicts and space utilization conflicts.

Second, it is an **invitation to all members and friends of St. Matthew**, to take part in more of what happens around here, given that — hopefully more effectively than before — you will have the necessary information in hand and well ahead of time.

Finally, it is an **invitation to all members of St. Matthew** to make use of the Quarterly Program Guide as a tool to **make new friends** for our congregation, sharing with them in a way never before available the full spectrum of programs in which they might participate and/or contribute to helping happen.

**Please note** that we are **mailing hard copies** of the *inaugural* Program Guide to all members and friends of the congregation. In the future (and our next publication will be for March-May, 2018), however, we will be **emailing digital copies** except in the case of those who specifically request that we continue sending a hard copy by physical (“snail”) mail. So, if you desire to continue to receive your copy by physical mail, **please notify Susan Woods** ([swoods@stmatthewumc.net](mailto:swoods@stmatthewumc.net)).

May God honor our efforts to be more effective in ministry through this new publication.

Grace and peace,

Randy+

# WORSHIP

## REGULAR WORSHIP

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### Day by Day Service

**Sundays at 8:45 am • Family Life Center**

Worship with praise music, fellowship, prayer, and God's message for you today. Located in the gym in the Family Life Center.

### Traditional Worship Service

**Sundays at 11:00 am • Sanctuary**

Worship with hymns, choir and organ music, prayer, and God's message for you today. Located in the Sanctuary.

### Children's Church during 8:45 am Worship • Family Life Center

Follow the leader out of the worship service just before the sermon. Children will be brought back to to the worship area after the sermon.

### Children's Church during 11:00 am Worship • Room E-202 (second floor of Education Building)

Follow the leader after the Children's Sermon during the 11:00 o'clock service. (If it is your child's first time in Children's Church, please walk them to the Sanctuary entrance). Parents pick up children after church

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

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**Nov 22 at 6:30 pm • Sanctuary**

Join us for this service of Thanksgiving and bring a canned good for the foodbank.



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**December 3 at 11:00 am • Sanctuary**  
"Hanging of the Greens"

## LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

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**Sunday, December 17 at 11:00 am • Sanctuary**

A St. Matthew tradition of choral and instrumental music along with scripture readings presented by the Sanctuary Choir.

## BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

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### Blue Christmas

**Monday, December 18 at 7:00 pm • Sanctuary**

This service of prayers, readings, music and meditation is intended to help those who find it hard, because of bereavement—however long past—to "get in the Christmas spirit." We will light candles in memory of now absent loved ones whose company and companionship once made the pre-Christmas period of the year among our greatest joys. St. Matthew members interested in taking part are urged to invite any others whom they feel might be helped by such a service.



## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

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**Sunday, December 24 at 4:00 pm • Sanctuary**

**Contact: Cari Treece** (ctreece@stmatthewumc.net)

Our Children's Christmas Eve Service is a visual, participatory, and delightful retelling of the Christmas story with every child involved. Children can choose to be a magi, shepherd or angel and become part of the unfolding story. The special service will be less than 30 minutes with a child-friendly reception afterwards.



Designed for the young—and the young at heart—the Children's Christmas Eve Service is a great opportunity to invite the children of your friends and family to church this Christmas season.

**Sunday, December 24 at 5:00 pm • Sanctuary**

Join us for a candlelight service of communion and hymns. A reception will follow in the Parlor immediately following the service. (Details on *Connect* page)

**\*\*This is a Sunday and regular Sunday morning services will also be held.**

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

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**Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30 pm • Sanctuary**

# WORSHIP

# FINANCE

## MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

### Handbells

**Practice Wednesdays from 6:20-7:00 pm •  
Choir Room (S302)  
Leader: Sam Taylor**

This 5 octave musical ensemble performs in worship on a regular basis. It is open to all who are interested.

### Sanctuary Choir

**Practice Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm  
Choir Room (S302)  
Leader: Sam Taylor**

The Sanctuary Choir is the main ensemble leading the congregation in worship at the 11:00 am service each Sunday morning. The group presents anthems and special music and is open to all age groups. No auditions are needed.



\*\* Due to the Thanksgiving Eve service on 11/22, neither ensemble will meet.  
\*\* No practice for either group on 12/27.

### Children's Choir

**Practice Wednesdays from 5:40-6:10 pm  
Chapel-Education Building (E201 )  
Leader: Jody Webb (864-640-2832)**

The Children's Choir at St. Matthew invites our youngest members ages K4-5th grade to participate in singing about God's love for us. If you are interested in your child being a part of this very special choir, please contact Jody Webb.



### Day by Day Praise Band

**Practice Wednesdays at 6:00 pm  
Family Life Center (gym)  
Leader: Sidney Attaway (864-242-1966)**

This group of instrumentalists and singers lead the 8:45 am Contemporary Worship in song each Sunday. The band presents praise songs, hymns and service music for the liturgy in modern, innovative ways. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Sidney Attaway.

## SPOTLIGHT ON FINANCE

The financial information below is based upon financial results through September 30, 2017. These were the latest results available at the time the program guide was printed.

Anticipated Income for 2017	\$556,500
Anticipated Income through September 2017	\$385,500
Actual Income Received Through September 2017	\$399,346
Anticipated Expenses for 2017	\$617,865
Anticipated Expense through September 2017	\$463,398
Actual Expenses through September 2017	\$474,756

The 2017 budget anticipates expenses that exceed income by \$61,365. The church has reserve funds and lease income from Veritas Preparatory School that can be used to help fill this gap.

The church will be able to maintain staff and programs during this transition period, serve our current members, and grow our church family. It is apparent, however, that additional income will be needed to sustain the growth and progress of our church. That gives all of us the opportunity to review our resources and ability to increase support for our church and its mission.

In September, a letter was sent to the Congregation updating our financial situation and the fact that we have incurred additional expenses which were not in the original 2017 budget. To date, an additional \$9,500 in gifts have been received in response to that letter. If you need a copy of that letter, please contact the church office.

*Copies of the current financial reports are available on the bookcase in the hallway outside the church office.*

# LEARN EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school for all ages is from 10:00-10:50 am each Sunday. Visitors are always welcome. For more information contact Cari Treece (ctreece@stmatthewumc.net)

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Young Adults • Room S-102** (Sanctuary Building)

**Leader: Clint Henderson**

Young adults in their twenties to thirties strive to discuss the unique challenges that young adults/ couples/ parents face in today's world. We want to build friendships, support, and spiritual comfort for the next generation at St. Matthew.

**November Study: "Adulthood" by Jonathan Pokulda—Six Lessons covering God's Will, Career, Singleness, Dating, Commitment, and Faith.**

After strenuous studies, you walk across the stage, gripping your diploma—you've arrived. Adult at last. But all of a sudden, you hold a paycheck in one hand and a stack of bills in the other. You find yourself in the treacherous seas of adulthood surrounded by insurance, bosses, potential spouses, and everything in between. How can you begin to navigate your 20's and 30's, and still honor God in the process?

*No class on November 26.*

**December Study: "Don't Miss Christmas" by Rick Warren**

Is it possible to miss Christmas? It's the most advertised, commercialized, anticipated, and celebrated holiday of the year. Even with Christmas all around you, it's still possible to miss it. Pastor Rick shares the barriers that cause you to miss the full joy of Christmas and how to break them down to ensure you experience the blessings of the holiday.

*No class on December 24 and 31*

**Christmas Party— December 9, 6:00 pm** (Location TBD)

**Growing in Faith • Room S-103** (Sanctuary Bldg)

**Leader: Edward Johnson**

**Teachers:** Edward McCutcheon, Chris Bizzell, Carrie Johnson, Blake Brookshire

We are a welcoming, laid back group of thirty-forty somethings, who embrace the fact that we have actually grown up (a little) from our post college days. Our weekly lessons focus on dealing with busy lives from a Christian and Biblical based perspective. Raising children and teenagers, growing careers, and leadership roles in the church and the larger community guide a lot of our discussions. We have both kid-friendly and just-adult gatherings outside the Sunday School hour.

**Christmas Party: December 9 at 6:30 pm**

at the home of Blake & Tim Brookshire, 7 Quail Hill Dr. Bring a dirty Santa present, food and something to sip on.

**Faithful Followers • Room S-403** (Sanctuary Bldg)

**Leaders: Sarah Smith & Laura Bridgeman**

We are adults (tends to be late 40's through the 50's, 60's, and 70's age group) who are growing in Christ and nurturing one another. Both couples and singles, we are a close-knit group who enjoy being together! We have varied lessons promoting discussion and participation, taught by class members on a rotating basis and guest speakers, also. We meet from September to May, with social gatherings throughout the year.

**November Study: "Good Questions" will be taught by Rev. Bob Woods**

This series explores questions commonly asked by Christians on their faith journey.

**Advent series (December 10 & 17th): taught by Joel Shaw with Spread the Word Ministries**

**Annual Christmas Brunch: Sunday, December 3 from 9:30 –11:00 am** (between worship services) at the home of Gay & Bob Davis, 427 McIver St., just a block from the church.

**Annual Christmas Party: Tuesday, December 12 at Forest Lake Clubhouse** hosted by Marilyn Howard

*No class on November 26, December 24 and 31*

# LEARN EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

## **Trinity • Room S-104 (Sanctuary Building)**

**Leader: Betty Davis**

The Trinity Class studies lessons from various books in the Cokesbury catalog, both Bible studies and books that address social issues from a Christian perspective, taught by class members. The class is involved in numerous mission/outreach projects and provides a caring supportive network for each other.

**Annual Christmas Party: Saturday, December 9 at 6:30 pm** at the home of Denise & Terhune Sudderth, 110 Ridgeland Drive.

## **Aldersgate • Room S-106 (Sanctuary Building)**

**Leader: Ellen Jordan**

**Sunday School Teachers:** Pat Wood, Robert Boggs, Marc Murphy, L.C. Julian

The Aldersgate Class uses Adult Bible Studies UM International Series. The class has monthly social gatherings at local restaurants. We make contributions to the church throughout the year and have chosen to support the Washington Center and Fostering Great Ideas through year's end.

**November Study: "God's Covenants."**

**December Study: "Faith in Action"**

## **Christian Fellowship • Room S-105 (Sanctuary Bldg)**

**Leader: Nancy Field**

We are a friendly, caring group with concern for one another and comprised of seniors from age 70 to upper 90's. From our classroom, you may take the elevator to the sanctuary for the 11:00 am worship service.

The lessons are from the United Methodist Adult Quarterly Bible Studies and are taught by a different teacher each Sunday. Class participation and questions are encouraged during the lesson.

**November Lessons:** God's Conditional Covenant, Promise of a New Covenant, High Priest of the New Covenant, and God's True Covenant.

**January Lesson:** The Early Church Proclaims Faith in Christ

**February Lesson:** A Living Faith in God.

## **Disciple FAST TRACK New Testament Study Wednesdays • January 17—April 25, 2018 6:25 pm • FLC (Fellowship Hall)**

This study immediately follows our "Wonderful Wednesday" evening fellowship meal. Taking three weeks off for Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and Easter Week, we should complete this 12 week session by April 25. Those who were not able to join the Old Testament Study this fall are welcome to join us for the New Testament Study in the new year.

*Important: If you do plan to join this Study in January, please notify Cari Treece so that we can pre-order the number of Study Manuals needed and have them ready for distribution on Sunday, January 7.*



# LEARN EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

## YOUNGER CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

### **Infant Nursery Room E-101**

(first floor Educational Building)

**Caregivers: Jessie Zettler, Beverly Hawkins**

This nursery is available for newborns to approximately 16 months (or until they are able to walk well) during our Sunday morning services. The Infant Nursery is a peaceful space with an area with dim lighting so that infants may sleep in the cribs. This nursery is staffed only with women and has a nursing mother's room so that moms can feel comfortable to nurse in private.

### **Toddler Nursery Room E-103**

(first floor Educational Building)

**Caregivers: Valerie Gray, Lyuda Prince**

This nursery is for walkers to age three. The toys and activities in this room are tailored for children this age. There is also an adjoining bathroom to accommodate children who are potty training.

### **What to bring**

Parents should bring the following items each time your child visits the nursery - a diaper bag, diapers, change of clothes, and a ready to use bottle or sippy cup. All items should be labeled.

### **Nursery Availability**

The nurseries are available during all worship services, Sunday school, and Wednesday night programs. For church meetings or other Bible studies, the nursery will be available on an as-needed basis. We encourage you to bring your children with you to any family-oriented events. If you are unsure whether childcare will be provided, please call the church office to inquire or request childcare. The infants may be combined into the Toddler Nursery, depending on the number of children present.

### **2 & 3 Year Olds • Room S-105**

(first floor Educational Building)

**Teachers: Parents of our 2 & 3 year-olds rotate as teachers**

Play and learn how Jesus loves me using Deep Blue Curriculum! Sunday school is available beginning the fall quarter after a child turns 2. The nursery staff will take your two or three year old child from the nursery to Sunday school or vice versa, depending on which service you attend.

### **4K • Room E-204**

(second floor Educational Building)

**Teacher: Bob Ground**

Discover how Jesus lived using Deep Blue Curriculum and hands on experiences! In this fun classroom, children play and learn in a market place, house, carpentry station, and sand & water tables.

### **2 Year Olds-4K Lesson Schedule**

**November: Solomon Becomes King**

**Bible Story: 1 Kings 2:1-4; 3:1-15**

December: A Baby is Born

Bible Story: Luke 2:1-7

January: Jesus and the Children

Bible Story: Matthew 19:13-15

February: Jairus' Daughter

Bible Story: March 5:21-24, 35-43



# LEARN EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

## ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

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### **K5-6th Grade**

Our curriculum is designed to provoke discovery and invite kids into a new understanding of how to grow in a relationship with Jesus.

Each week, Elementary school students dig deeper into the Bible through activities, discussions and Bible study.

### **Teachers:**

**K5, 1st & 2nd Grade • Room E-206**  
(second floor of Education building)

**Paul & Susan Brannon**

**3rd & 4th Grade • Room E-208**  
(second floor of Education building)

**Bartley & Katy Sides,  
Lindsay & Jennie Carrington**

**5th & 6th Grade • Room FLC 203**  
(second floor of Family Life Center)

**Jim & Marnie Cree**

### **K-5 6th Grade Lesson Schedule**

November's focus is Gratitude.

- 11/5:** What are you grateful for?  
Psalm 100  
Bottom Line: Celebrate what God has done.
- 11/12:** What do you do when you don't feel grateful?  
Matthew 20:1-15  
Bottom Line: Adjust your attitude.
- 11/19:** What are creative ways to say thank you?  
Luke 17:11-19  
Bottom Line: Say thank you.
- 11/26:** What's keeping you from being thankful?  
1 Thessalonians 5:18  
Bottom Line: Always be grateful.

December's focus is Generosity.

- 12/3:** What do you have to give?  
1 John 4:9-11  
Bottom Line: Because God gave, I can give.

- 12/10:** What is it important to give to others?  
Luke 12:13-21  
Bottom Line: Don't miss your chance to give.
- 12/17:** What are some ways you can give this Christmas?  
1 Timothy 6:18  
Bottom Line: Look for creative ways to give.
- 12/24:** What does Christmas mean to you?  
Luke 2:1-18  
Bottom Line: God gave us Jesus.
- 12/31:** How can you be more generous?  
Matthew 2:1-12  
Bottom Line: Give like you're giving to God.

*\*\*At the time of this publication, the curriculum lessons for 2018 had not been placed online. The lesson details will be communicated to the parents by the weekly parent e-mails sent out by Cari Treece.*



# LEARN EDUCATION FOR YOUTH

## YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

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**Youth • Room FLC-102** (2nd floor Family Life Center)

**Leader: Sidney Attaway**

We spend our time together learning what it is like to know who God is and how we can walk closer to him. There's no formula for knowing everything about God, but there are a few things you can do to get to know Him better.

November:

**11/5**

*Bottom Line:* Creation points to the Creator.

We'll see one way we can know God better is by looking at the world He created.

**11/12**

*Bottom Line:* Prayer helps us know God better.

We'll discover that maybe the best way we can view prayer is to see it as a way of growing closer to God.

**11/19**

*Bottom Line:* You don't have to know everything to share everything.

We'll see that when it comes to talking about God, we already have all we need to help both ourselves and others know Him more.

**11/26**

*Bottom Line:* Worship is more about the Who than the how.

We'll learn that worship isn't as much about how we do it as it is about Who it's directed toward.

**\*\*Note:** December, January, and February will continue with a study series. Check the Youth Page on the website for more information on upcoming series!

## YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHT – UMYF

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**Youth • Room FLC-102** (Family Life Center)

**Sundays • 6:00-7:30 pm**

**Leader: Sidney Attaway**

The goal of our youth program is to build relationships with St. Matthew students that foster their personal knowledge of, trust in, dependence upon, and love for Jesus Christ. UMYF groups enjoy a meal and time of fellowship each Sunday. Youth participate in group discussions, service projects, team building activities, games, and study issues of concern from a Christian perspective.

**November: Measure Up Series**

Break free from the trap of trying to compare ourselves to those around us and instead teach us to look for our value in the ways God has uniquely gifted us.

**11/12:** When you compare yourself to others, there's no way to win.

**11/19:** When you compare yourself to others, look to God not people.

**11/26:** Instead of comparing yourself to others, celebrate what they have and use what God has given you.

**Worship Night • Sunday, December 3**

Come out and worship with us, in the youth room as we spend time giving praise to God.

*No youth group December 24. Merry Christmas!*

*Youth group will resume on January 7.*

*No youth group January 28, 2018*

**February: Playing with Fire Series**

Have you every thought about the power of your words? Our words can build someone up or leave them burned. Discover when we use our words for good, they have the power to change our lives and the lives of others for the better.

**2/11:** James tells us that our words can be just as powerful as fire—a weapon that we must learn to control.

**2/18:** We'll realize the potential we have to change lives when we refuse to keep our nice thoughts to ourselves.

*\*\*February 25 to be determined.*

## 2018 CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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**Sundays, Beginning February 4 • 4:00-5:30 pm**  
**Conference Room**

Youth in Grades 6-8 are invited to take part in this important opportunity for youth Guided by the Pastor, Youth Director, Adult Mentors and their parents, youth will "firm up" their knowledge of Jesus and their commitment to following him as a member of his Body, the Church.

*We will meet each Sunday until Confirmation Sunday, May 20, except for Easter Day (April 1) and the Sunday after (April 8). The weekend of May 4-6 we will attend a **Confirmation** Retreat program at Lake Junaluska, NC.*



# SERVE

## MISSION FOCUS

**Department of Juvenile Justice Christmas Luncheon • December 18 at 11:30 a.m.**

**Contact: Chris Bizzell** (chris@bizzapps.net)

*"I was in prison and you came to visit me... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these... you did for me."  
Matthew 25:36, 40*



Join your St. Matthew Family in serving Christmas lunch to kids at Greenville's Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Our church has a history of working with DJJ, located on McGee Street (just off 385 in downtown Greenville.) We need your help serving and/or cooking delicious holiday food for the luncheon. The link to sign up and help is: <http://tinyurl.com/y8s25uas>

Leading up to this date, we will host an Angel Tree in the Narthex, to provide small Christmas gifts and basic needs for these kids. An online signup will be linked in the weekly e-blast. Email Chris Bizzell to get involved.

**Triune Mercy Center Fifth Saturday Lunch • December 30 at 11:45 a.m.**

**Contact: Claire Winkler**  
(Claire.winkler@charter.net)



Triune Mercy Center is a non-denominational church in Greenville that works closely alongside the homeless and addicted populations in the city. Every 5th Saturday of the year, our church prepares and serves lunch to those in need. Please email Claire Winkler if you are interested in cooking and /or helping with this ministry.

**Collection for Food Pantry at United Ministries • Ongoing**

**Contact: Terhune Sudderth, Debbie Wattenbarger**

United Ministries works to provide those in need with Education, Employment, Crisis Assistance, and Homeless Services. The Food Pantry's goal is to provide some stability when families are in crisis with food. St. Matthew has an ongoing food drive to keep their pantry stocked. When you do your weekly grocery shopping, consider shopping for United Ministries too! Items needed: dried beans, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, canned soup/vegetables, meats, fruit, cereal and grits. Please place your items in the designated containers in the Narthex, Education Building (first floor lobby), Family Life Center (second floor lobby) or the Church office.



## MISSION FOCUS (CONTINUED)

**Chili Cook-Off • January 21, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**

Funds raised will go towards our summertime youth work at Salkehatchie. (Details on *Connect* page)

**Souper Bowl of Caring 2018**

**February 4 • 8:45 & 11:00 am worship services**

**Contact: Sidney Attaway**

The Souper Bowl of Caring empowers youth and unites communities around the time of the Big Game to help those in need. It is dedicated to tackling all of the issues that exist in communities, including poverty, hunger and homelessness. Our youth will be at both Sunday worship services with cooking pots decorated with the teams playing in the Super Bowl. They will be taking donations to help support the Souper Bowl. Place your money in the pot for the team you are supporting and we all win!



## CARING MINISTRY FOCUS

**Nurture Team Committee**

**Contact: Caroline Cullinan**  
(864-907-1136 or carolculli@yahoo.com)

The Nurture Team serves to provide encouragement for the congregational members experiencing life changes. If you would like to be part of the Nurture Team please contact Caroline Cullinan.



Next meeting: January 21, 2018 at 3:00 pm in the Parlor.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**Contact: Nancy Groff**  
(nngroff@juno.com)

Volunteers knit or crochet shawls, blankets or lap robes while praying for the recipient to be embraced by God's loving presence. When completed, the shawls, blankets or lap robes are made available to the Pastor to take to members as appropriate when he makes pastoral care calls. All are welcome to help.



# CONNECT

## CONNECTING EVERYONE

### Wednesdays Together

Every Wednesday • Family Life Center

Bring the family and join us for dinner and fellowship. Reservations are requested by emailing or calling the church office by Monday of each week. Activities are as follows:

**Children's Choir** • (E201 Education Building)  
5:40-6:10 pm

**Dinner** • (Family Life Center Gym)  
5:45-6:15 pm

**Handbells** • (S302 3rd Floor Sanctuary Building)  
6:20-7:00 pm

**Discipleship Class** • (FLC-Fellowship Hall)  
6:25 pm

**Centering Prayer** • (Chapel-2nd Floor Education Bldg)  
Three Restful Wednesday in November

**Sanctuary Choir** • (S302 3rd Floor Sanctuary Bldg)  
7:00-8:00 pm •

### Christmas Eve Reception

Immediately following 5:00 pm service • Parlor

Contact: Dawn Anderson 325-1086

Please bring and appetizer or two to share!

### Chili Cook-Off • January 21, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Contact: Blake Brookshire  
(910-620-7020 or jblakebrookshire@gmail.com)

Join the St. Matthew family in the gym for our Annual Chili Cook-Off! Start testing your recipes because this will be a fun time including a silent auction, crowning of the Chili Champion, and more! It will also mark the beginning of registration for St. Matthew in the Mountains, our yearly church retreat. You don't want to miss it!



The funds raised from our Chili Cook-Off and auction will go towards our summertime youth work team, known as Salkehatchie. This is a servant ministry of the SC Board of Global Ministries which involves high school and college age youth, adult community leaders and persons of different cultures in repairing and physically improving housing of South Carolinians in need, while also motivating community cooperative efforts and providing all participants with opportunities for personal growth and service.

## CONNECTING ADULTS

### Meanderers

Meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month  
11:30 am

Contact: Nancy Field

The Meanderers are a group of young-at-heart seniors who gather every third Thursday of the month (except December) for lunch and fellowship at different restaurants. Each month a different host makes the restaurant reservation and sends in the information to the church office. Although the group mainly consists of seniors, anyone is welcome to attend.

November 16 Hostess: Elinor DeYoung  
Epicuren Restaurant  
1455 Woodruff Road  
Bus will leave the church at 11:00 am.

December No meeting

January 18 Host & Hostess: Gary & Nancy Groff

February 15 Hostess: Gay Davis

### Oyster Roast & BBQ

February 24 at Stone Lake Clubhouse  
6:00-9:00 pm.

Contact: Kim Geddie (864-270-9555)

Join us for this annual event and wonderful time of fellowship. Price to be announced closer to date.



# CONNECT

## CONNECTING WOMEN

### Mary Martha Group

S103 (1st Floor Sanctuary Building)

**Leader: Ellen Jordan**

**Teachers:** Phyllis Richmond, Pat Wood

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month during the school year, except December. Meetings are casual with either Bible or mission studies, or programs of interest to older women.

November 14	Bible/Mission Study -Phyllis Richmond
December	No meeting
January 9	Program TBD
February 13	Program TBD

### Faithful Friends Group

Meet in members homes monthly at 6:30 pm

**Leader: Robyn Campbell**

We are a small group of young women who gather monthly to grow in our relationship with each other and with God!

11/14	Home of Blake Brookshire
12/12	Home of Carrie Johnson
1/9	Meeting place TBD
2/13	Meeting place TBD

### Women's Walking Group

Mondays at 10:30 am behind the church at the Cady Shelter

**Leader: Gay Davis** (davivr592@aol.com)

All women are invited no matter your fitness level. During inclement weather the walk will take place at McAlister Square.



**Women's Retreat • Saturday, February 10**  
**Spaulding Farm Clubhouse • 9:00 am-2:00 pm**

**Speaker: Beth Templeton**

“Uncharted Journey: Loss, Letting Go, and Growth in the Midst of Life's Transitions”

During transition in our lives—children being born, beginning school, or leaving home; moving from familiar areas; experiencing the death of a friend, pet, or family member; divorce; medical challenges; changes or loss of a job; aging—we realize that we need a safe place to share with others our sense of loss, the nudge to let go, and the desire to grow through these unsettling experiences. Uncharted Journey provides that safe place. Registration and more details will be available in January.

## CONNECTING YOUTH

### Christmas Movie Night

December 10 • 6:00 pm in the Youth Room

Wear your Christmas attire and enjoy popcorn!

### Ski Trip

January 12-15, 2018

The youth will travel to Nellysford, VA to Wintergreen Resort for their annual ski retreat over the MLK holiday weekend. The cost is \$300 per person which includes lodging, lift tickets and rentals and 2 meals. Registration forms are due 12/1/2017. Forms will be available at the church office and on the website.



### Super Bowl Party • Sunday, February 4

Get together to celebrate the Souper Bowl of Caring and to have fellowship together watching the Super Bowl! We will watch the first half of the game. Food and drinks will be provided! Location and time to be determined.



## CONNECTING CHILDREN

### Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 10 at 5:30 pm in the Gym

**Contact: Jody Webb**

(864-640-2832 or jbjwebb@gmail.com)

The Children's Choir will present a 30 minute program focusing on the birth of Jesus Christ with songs and short narratives. Come get in the spirit of Christmas!

### St. Matthew UMC Preschool

**Contact: Christina Via** (864-242-2880)

The St. Matthew Preschool is an outreach ministry of the church to serve the community.

*November 1-20:* Canned Food Drive for local food banks.

*December 18:* Annual Happy Birthday Jesus Party in the Fellowship Hall

*January:* Back to regular school schedule

Closed on MLK holiday.

*February:* Valentine Celebrations

Fall Enrollment begins.— First two weeks are for current students and St. Matthew members.

*The Preschool will be closed Friday, February 16 and Monday, February 19 for Greenville County Break.*

# JUST FOR FUN



## BIRTHDAYS

### NOVEMBER

Betty Clark	1
Jim Hopple	3
Lynn Hopple	5
Sarah Clemmons	6
Tyson Fine	6
Lauren Hughes	6
Michael Davis	9
Susan Brannon	12
Jim Shew	12
Jennie Ervin	15
Tom Harvey	15
Brenda Barnett	16
Dee Reid	17
Stacy Bizzell	20
Kim Geddie	21
Thomas Looper	21
John Webb	22
Mary Sims Costigan	22
Addie Johnson	24
Nedene Greer	24
Melissa Nocks	24
Steve Grose	25
Becky Grose	28
Bettie Creel	29
Olivia Pugh	29

### DECEMBER

Frances Carrington	1
Ava Taylor	1
Brian Taylor	1
Sophie Gwaltney	5
Emily White	6
Sam Taylor	8
Jen Stocker	8
Helen Bates	9
Kimberlie Kirkpatrick	9
Katherine Hirsch	9
Jim Easler	15
Elijah Vicars	15
Van Vicars	15
JoAnne Hutto	16

### DECEMBER (CONTINUED)

Dag Royals	16
Chris Taylor	17
Robert Markel	18
Connelly Mitchell	19
Mallory Mitchell	19
Alycia Brady	20
Beth Murphy	20
Taylor Anderson	21
Claire Orr	21
George McKinney	23
Christopher Grant	25
Christina Via	26
John Markel	27
Susan Woods	28
Dot Looney	29
Dennis Dempsey	31
L.C. Julian	31

### JANUARY

Rex Gray	1
Bartley Sides	1
Tom McIntyre	1
Christopher Taylor	3
Sue Edmonds	5
Holly White	5
Marion Tucker	7
Olivia Doshier	8
Stephen Anderson	10
Charles Hughes	11
Phyllis Richmond	13
Art Eberly	14
Cypriana Brannon	15
Justin Hirsch	16
Johanna Silk	16
Britton Vicars	19
Adelaide Johnson	20
Kathy Swilley	21
Alison Ballard	24
Andy Shull	25
Jan Taylor	25

### JANUARY (CONTINUED)

Ford Costigan	25
Anna Cobb	27
Angel King	27
Rebecca Gray	29
Debbie Looper	29
Kary Mitchell	29
Henry Shiflet	29
Olive Koger	30
Zach Tollison	30

### FEBRUARY

Marty Brown	3
Laurie Ervin	5
Lorraine Brown	6
Don Smith	7
Ann Osborne	11
Catherine Barnett	14
Christina Grant	14
Hope Gwaltney	14
Jimmy Orr	15
Ed Rose	18
Steve Quam	19
Lewie Bates	22
Ethan Looper	22
Ethan Treece	22
Nancy Field	23
Sarah Jane Tollison	23
Charlie Webb	25
Samuel Carrington	26
Ellen Jordan	27
Eleanor Royals	27
Matthew Anderson	28



# INFORMATION

## CONTACT US

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8:30-12:30 Friday

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### Volunteer Children's Music Director

Jody Webb

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## 2018 CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

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### Worship Teams

Support welcoming worship services and opportunities to develop our relationship with God

### Worship Service Team

Marc Murphy (Chair)

### Contemporary Music Team

Sidney Attaway (Director of Contemporary Worship) & Angel King

### Traditional Music Ministries

Sam Taylor (Organist/Music Director)

### Children's Music Ministries

Jody Webb (Children's Choir Director)

### Education Teams

Provide education opportunities to promote building our relationships with God and others

### Adult Education Team

Cari Treece (Director of Christian Education)

### Youth Education & Ministries

(Sunday school, UMYF)

Sidney Attaway (Director of Youth Education)

### Children's Education & Ministries

Cari Treece (Director of Christian Education)

### Preschool (Mother's Morning Out)

Christina Via (Preschool Director)

### Service Teams

Oversee opportunities to care for our church and the community

### Missions Team

Blake Brookshire (Chair)

### Congregational Care Team

Caroline Cullinan (Chair)

### Welcome Team

(TBD)

### Nominations

Randy Smith

### Connection Teams

Plan and coordinate events that foster building genuine, caring relationships with each other

### Women's Ministries Team

Jennie Carrington

### Men's Ministries Team

(TBD)

### Fellowship Team

Mary Ann Stonoha (Chair)

### Communication Team

Susan Woods (Office Administrator)

### Administrative Teams

Oversee the management of our property, church business and fiscal affairs in an effort to support and strengthen the mission and ministries of the church

### Finance Committee

Lindsay Carrington & Mike Shull (Co-Chairs)

### Board of Trustees

Lee Geedie (Chair)

Brad Cline (Church Leadership Council Representative)

### Staff/Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

Tim Brookshire (Chair)

### Office Administration

Susan Woods (Office Administrator)

### Church Leadership Council

### Members at Large

Bartley Sides

Mary Douglas Hirsch

### Church Leadership Council

Christina Grant (Chair)

Lindsay Carrington (Co-Chair)

### Lay Leader

Susan White