

Opportunities and Announcements

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 15

8:45 am Day by Day Service
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional Worship
 12:00 pm Children's Ministries Mtg.
 4:30 pm Confirmation @ Menchies
 6:00 pm UMYF

Monday, April 16

10:00 am Women's Walking Group
 6:15 pm Special Olympics Basketball
 6:30 pm Church Leadership Council

Tuesday, April 17

Wednesday, April 18

5:40 pm Children's Choir & Children's Activities
 5:45 pm Fellowship Meal
 6:00 pm Day by Day Band Practice
 6:20 pm Handbells
 6:25 pm Disciple Fast Track
 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 19

11:30 am Meanderers
 5:00 pm Wheelchair Basketball

Friday, April 20

6:30 pm NA Group



Congratulations to Clint & Erin Henderson upon the birth of their son, Cole Thomas on April 10th. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Big brother is Daniel.

Thank You!

We are very grateful to Chris Taylor for his having stepped in and put his talents to work in serving as our Head Usher these past several years.



April 18

Plate Meal-Spaghetti, House Salad, Bread
 Kids Meal-Chicken Nuggets/Fries
 Alternative Option-Grilled Shrimp Salad

A reservation must be made by Monday evening for the upcoming Wednesday meal. Reservations can be made by using the orange pew cards, the eblast link or calling the office.

SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP

"All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee."

With these familiar words we acknowledge that ALL we have in the way of materials, goods and talents are gifts from God. Stewardship requires that we contribute to God's work in and through St. Matthew, not only with our time, varied abilities and talents, but that we prayerfully make a commitment of our financial support. Being a good steward means using your resources faithfully. We encourage you to think of giving to the church as a spiritual discipline that expresses your thanks for the many blessings God has given you and deepens your relationship with God. When we give sacrificially, we are giving back to God what is already his.



To the family of Sara Young who passed away on April 6th.
 To Paul Brannon upon the death of his mother, Lillie Fay Brannon who passed away on April 11th. Please keep these families in your thoughts & prayers.



Dear Church Family, Please take a few minutes to fill out this brief but VERY IMPORTANT church wide survey. This is a way to make your interests known so that we can move forward in offering small groups and events that meet the needs of our church family. Scan the QR code to fill out the survey on your phone. You may also find the link in the eblast and on the website. Printed versions are available in the gym and Narthex as well as the church office.



Serving this Sunday

Liturgist

Lindsay Carrington

Children's Church Assistant

Mary Douglas Hirsch

Children's Church Helper

Carley Fine

Crucifer

Holly White

Acolytes

Emily White, Tyson Fine

Bulletin Editing

Kathy Marrelli

April

Greeters:

8:45 am
 11:00 am Gary & Johanna Silk

Attendance Slips

8:45 am Betty Shull, Marnie Cree
 11:00 am Charles & Trish Hughes

Ushers Lee Geddie, Jason Lynch, Marc Murphy, Laurin Nocks

Altar Guild

Claire Barnett, Susan Brannon

Pew Angel

Marion Tucker, Jo Ann Hein



Look for
 St. Matthew Guest
 Password:
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The Congregation

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 Jessie Zettler



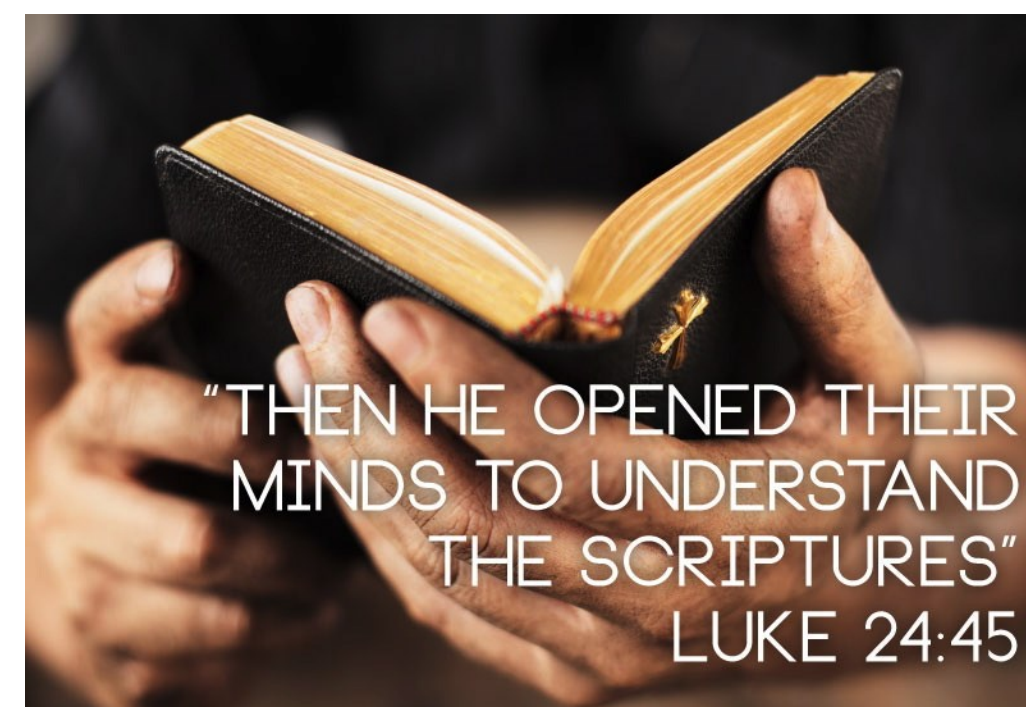
Meanderers' Lunch
 April 19 11:30 am
 City Range Restaurant,
 615 Haywood Road No Bus.
 Contact Betty Davis,
 864-238-3059 with any questions.



April 29 5th Sunday
 Combined Worship &
 Pot-Luck Lunch
 We will be having one
 worship service at 10:00 am followed by
 lunch in the Gym. Bring your favorite
 side dish/dessert. Meat will be provided.



April 15, 2018
 3rd Sunday of Easter



"THEN HE OPENED THEIR
 MINDS TO UNDERSTAND
 THE SCRIPTURES"
 LUKE 24:45

Welcome to our Guests in Worship today! We thank you for the opportunity to demonstrate not only our hospitality but that of God in Jesus Christ! Please register your attendance with us in the Pew Pads provided. While you are always welcome to take part in the whole life of our Church as our guest, please know you may also join as a member by Confession of Faith and Baptism, or by Transfer of your membership from any other Christian church. For any and all help with this, please speak with the Pastor!

~~Gathering & Praise~~

PRELUDE Christ 1st Erstanden Bach

- ◆ We enter the Sanctuary in quiet prayerfulness in preparation for worship. Please register your attendance at this time on the Pads provided in the pews.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

- ◆ You are invited to rise and share the gift of God's peace with those around you, using this or some similar exchange:
"The peace of the Lord be with you." **"And also with you."**

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise
TFWS 2084

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Almighty God, you have given us the unspeakable joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also, we humbly pray, the many joys of life together as his Risen Body, the Church, and of lives devoted above all else to serving others in his name, even as you lead us into the perfect joy of life eternal; through the same, Jesus Christ, and in his Spirit. Amen.

PSALTER (Responsively) Psalm 4 741
(first time sung by choir, congregation joins on second time.)

*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

-- Listening for the Word of the Lord --

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:36-49

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

LET THE CHILDREN COME! (Children's Time) Randy Smith

- ◆ Following the Children's Time, 3K-1st Grade age children may go to the Sanctuary entrance to be led to **Children's Church** on the Second floor of the Education Building. If escorted by a parent, younger children may be taken to the Nursery on the First floor of the Education Building. **If this is your child's first time** in Children's Church please walk them to the Sanctuary entrance.

SERMON "What is Easter All About? Surprise" Randy Smith

~~Responding to God's Word~~

HYMN OF RESPONSE Christ Has Risen TFWS 2115

- ◆ During the singing of this hymn you may come to the altar rail to make a new or renewed commitment to discipleship to Jesus Christ, in response to his call to "Follow me". Or, you may come for prayer, or for prayer with the pastor.
- ◆ **Prayer requests** are brought forward to the Acolytes by the Ushers at the last stanza of this hymn.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed 881

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Ave Verum Corpus Mozart
Chancel Choir

Ave Verum Corpus

*Savior, source of every blessing, tune my heart to grateful songs.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, calls for songs of ceaseless praise.
Teach me some melodious hymn, sung by raptured saints above.
Fill my soul with sacred pleasure, while I sing redeeming love.*

*PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

*CLOSING HYMN The Day of Resurrection 303

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE Alleluia, He Lives Again Libergen

*POSTLUDE All Glory Be To God On High Pachelbel

~~The Worship is Over; Let the Service Begin!~~

(*) The congregation standing, as able.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:36-49

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Those In Need Of Prayer

Eddie Cobb	Katie Greer	Dot Looney	Tom Sudderth
Crescent Cobb (grandson of Eddie & Anna Cobb)	(cousin of Kim Geddie) Gage Hood	Wayne Lynch Judy Middleton	(brother of Terhune Sudderth)
Bettie Creel	Eugenia Keck	(mother of Sarah Taylor)	Terry Williams
Michael Cook	Olive Koger	Ann Osborne	Susan Woods
Sue Dempsey	Eric & Teri Lockwood	Ellen Slatton	Wil Woodward Doyle & Honey Yates

The Homebound

Judy Cochran
Miles Day
Nedene Greer
Barbara Holzberger
Carolyn Monroe

Mary Walker Morris
Daggett Royals
Lois Smith
Mildren Thompson

Out of Town Prayers

Ben & Jane Cunningham
(parents of Marty Brown)
Laurie Ervin
Jim Gibbs
Jackson Hall (son of Chuck & Jane Hall)
Debbie Mingus (friend of Joanne McKinney)
Jeanne Stonoha
(mother of Mary Ann Stonoha)
Thomas Stonoha
(brother of Mary Ann Stonoha)
Pat Wilson (mother of Jenny Little)

Serving Our Country

Trent Erickson
Jonathan Howard
Katelyn Kirkpatrick
Kimberlie Kirkpatrick
Jeffrey Van Camp, Jr.