

Opportunities and Announcements

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 13

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional Worship
 4:30 pm Confirmation
 6:00 pm UMYF

Monday, May 14

10:00 am Women's Walking Group
 6:00 pm Trustees
 7:00 pm Finance

Tuesday, May 15

Wednesday, May 16

6:00 pm Day by Day Band Practice
 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 17

5:00 pm Wheelchair Basketball Practice

Friday, May 18

6:30 pm NA Group

Saturday, May 19



The flowers on the altar are given in honor of all the mothers and daughters on

Mother's Day from Sarah & Don Smith & Beth & Ron Zweigoron.



The Children of St. Matthew have a special gift today for all women.



Friends of St. Matthew, It was wonderful to be back in our home church.

Thank you for welcoming us for the Remembrance service for Laurie. To see so many friends warmed our hearts and made for a special day. Sincerely in love, Family of Laurie Nelson Ervin

Dear Church Family, We would like to thank all of you for participating in our Frodo's Night Fundraiser! Thank you so much for caring about this important ministry of St. Matthew UMC. Your donations will allow us to purchase the supplies we need such as arts & crafts, books, and toys. We are so thankful to be a part of this church family. Please keep our staff and the families that we serve in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you for the use of these wonderful facilities for another successful school year. In His Service, Christina Via & Preschool Staff



VBS needs meat trays. Put in the top rack of your dishwasher to sanitize. Bring to church office.



Serving this Sunday

Liturgist

Nancy Field

Children's Church Assistant

Stacey Thomas

Children's Church Helper

Grayson Thomas

Crucifer

Geneva Brannon

Acolyte

Hamilton Shew

Bulletin Editing

Nancy Field



Greeters:

8:45 am
 11:00 am Anna Cobb

Attendance Slips

8:45 am The Mitchell Family
 11:00 am Anna Cobb

Ushers

Anna Cobb, Doug Webb, Adelaide Johnson, Mark Burnett

Altar Guild

Beth Zweigoron, Sarah Smith

Pew Angel

Hilda Collier, Gay Davis



Look for St. Matthew Guest
 Password: angel123



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Volunteers needed!

For the meeting of the Annual Conference here in Greenville, June 3-6. Please go to the link to see the areas of service needed and the time slots available.

<https://fs21.formsite.com/RobertCox/form11/index.html>



May 13, 2018
 7th Sunday of Easter
 Ascension Sunday
 Mother's Day



EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME Mother's Day Offering **TODAY, Sunday, May 13**
 Please make checks payable to St. Matthew UMC and noted to Epworth Children's Home.



To Jason, Bonnie & Bennett Lynch on the death of Jason's father, Wayne Lynch on Thursday, May 3rd. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

dates to Remember Next **Sunday, May 20**

Pentecost Sunday
 Everyone wear **red!**
 Confirmation Sunday
 Communion served at both worship services.

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 Lag In Todesbanden 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 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise 312

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Almighty God, who sent your Son Jesus to be Emmanuel, God with us; who empowered him by your Spirit to live in full obedience to you, speaking the truth, and doing justice, challenging all the Powers of sin and death; who raised him on the third day, victorious, the first fruits of your new creation; who then welcomed him home, in his Ascension on high, that through his Church he might now fill all things, until Christ is all, and in all. Do not leave your Church comfortless, O God, but send your Holy Spirit to renew and refresh us we pray, and make us worthy of our calling to serve as witnesses to our Risen Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PSALTER (Responsively) Psalm 47 781 (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 Acts 1:1-14

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 Really All About? It's Up to Us Now Randy Smith

~~Responding to God's Word~~

HYMN OF RESPONSE Christ Is the World's Light 188

◆ 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

TESTIMONY Disciple Fast Track Bible Study

PASTORAL PRAYER & MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER (See Insert Page)

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY God So Loved The World Williams

*PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS 95

*DOXOLOGY

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 At the Name of Jesus 168

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE Alleluia, Alleluia Fiscel

*POSTLUDE Fughetta Sciatti

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

(*) The congregation standing, as able.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:1-14

¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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	Judy Middleton (mother of Sarah Taylor)	(brother of Terhune Sudderth)
Bettie Creel	Eugenia Keck	Ann Osborne	Terry Williams
Michael Cook	Olive Koger	Ellen Slatton	Wil Woodward
Sue Dempsey	Eric & Teri Lockwood		Doyle & Honey Yates
The Homebound		Out of Town Prayers	
Judy Cochran	Mary Walker Morris	Ben & Jane Cunningham	
Miles Day	Daggett Royals	(parents of Marty Brown)	
Nedene Greer	Lois Smith	Jackson Hall (son of Chuck & Jane Hall)	
Barbara Holzberger	Mildred Thompson	Debbie Mingus (friend of Joanne McKinney)	
Carolyn Monroe		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	Katelyn Kirkpatrick		
Jonathan Howard	Kimberlie Kirkpatrick		
	Jeffrey Van Camp, Jr.		