

Opportunities and Announcements

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 12

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
10:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Monday, August 13

10:00 am Women's Walking Group

Tuesday, August 14

Wednesday, August 15

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, August 16

6:00 pm Budget Workshop
6:00 pm Discovery Team

Friday, August 17

6:30 pm NA Group

Saturday, August 18

In Sympathy to:

The Family of Jeanne Shy who passed away on August 6th. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers. Funeral in Illinois at a later date.

SAVE THE DATE!

August 26

• **Blessing of the Backpacks** (both services)
September 9

• **Dementia With Love Workshop**

1:30-5:30 pm –Fellowship Hall
Cost: \$25.00 per person
Join us for a 1/2 day workshop!
Presented by PAC Certified Trainer, Crystal Dickerson
Contact: Cari Treece at ctreece@stmatthewumc.net

September 2018-April 2019

• **Disciple Fast Track 24** will again be offered. The *foundational* course, *Becoming Disciples through Bible Study*, and will be depending on interest—a weekday morning study lasting 1 1/4 hours. The *evening study*, also lasting 1 1/4 hours will be according to interest—either the Old Testament *Prophets* and the *Letters of Paul* or *Genesis & Exodus and Luke & Acts*. Sign up on church website.



We share in the joy of Katie Stokes & Thomas Kizer (brother of Erin Henderson) who

were joined in Christian Marriage on Saturday, August 4th.



Meanderers' Lunch
August 16, 11:30 am
Copper River Grill,
775 Haywood Road
Hostess: Sue Dempsey
No bus.

We NEED you.
Can you HELP?

- The Contemporary Worship Service (8:45 am) needs someone to do the multimedia starting immediately. We use Proclaim software and no experience is necessary.
- There is also a need for set-up and coffee helpers. If you can help please contact Angel King at angel333@charter.net
- Greeters are needed for the 11:00 am Worship. Sign up on the website under the tab "Serve".
- **St. Matthew wants to expand it's ministry** to engaged couples who become a part of the life of our church. In order to do this we need additional persons to serve in the role of **Wedding Director** for these couples. For further information, please contact Betty Shull, Judi Misner or the Pastor.



Serving this Sunday

Liturgist: Maya Powers

Crucifer: Madison Powers

Acolyte: Caroline Powers

Children's Church Assistant:
Katy Sides

Children's Church Helper:
Grayson Thomas

Greeters

11:00 am Anna Cobb

August

Head Usher: Anna Cobb

Ushers: Marilyn Howard, Lindsay Carrington, Bartley Sides, Tom McIntyre

Altar Guild: Bonnie Lynch, Mary Sims Costigan

Pew Angel: Sarah Jane Tollison

Attendance Slips:

8:45 am Eric & Kary Mitchell
11:00 am Anna Cobb

Bulletin Editing: Nancy Field



Look for
St. Matthew
Guest

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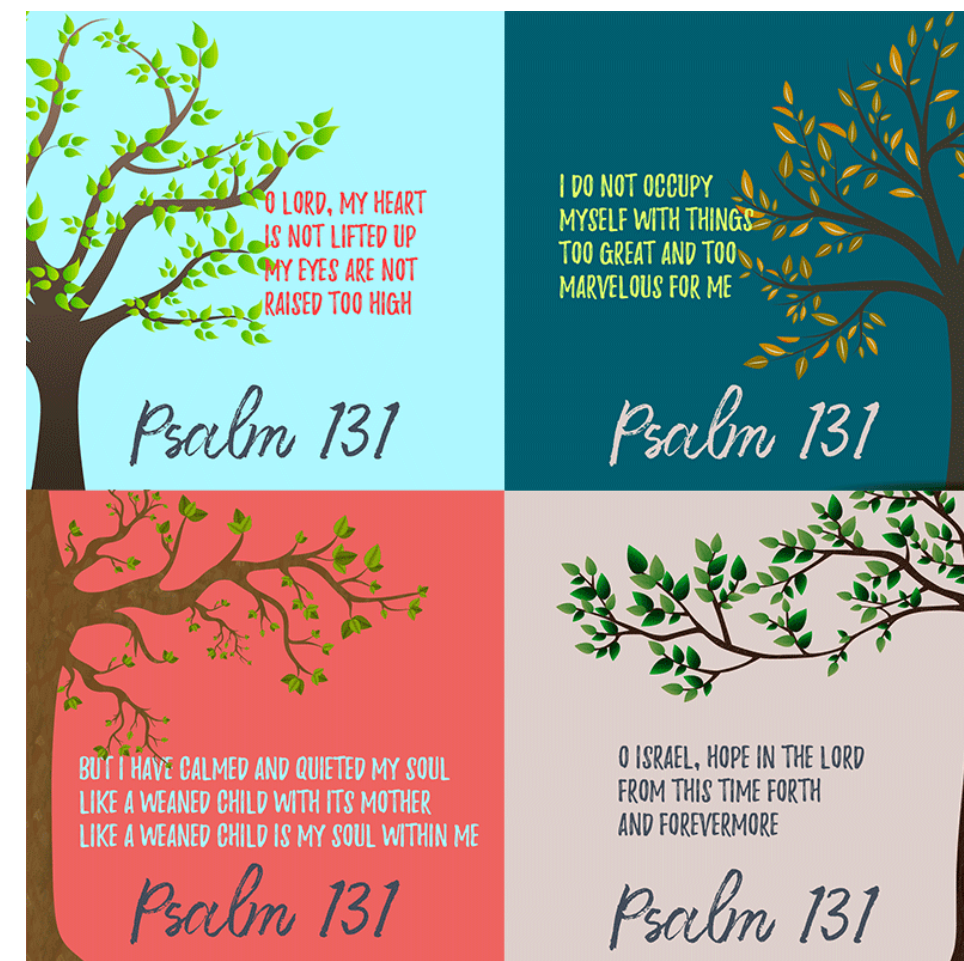
TeKeisha Adams Valerie Gray
Beverly Hawkins Brooke Prince
Lyuda Price Jessie Zettler



We love teaching your children! As we begin a new school year, we also begin new Sunday school classes. Please, if you have not done so already, register your child, 2 years old through 5th grade, for St. Matthew Children's Sunday school. This updates our information including addresses and allergies. Go to the church website (stmatthewumc.net) under the tab "Learn". Thank you in advance.



August 12, 2018
12th Sunday
after Pentecost



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 Choral Vierne
♦ Please register your presence at this time on the **Attendance Pads** provided in the seats. **Prayer Cards** are available for your use on each row.

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 “There is a Balm in Gilead” UMH 375

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)
Our Lord and God. We come to be reverently still before you. In this place of refuge, there is calmness. In this place of healing, there is hope. In this place of worship, there is joy. Restore our souls as we present ourselves to you. Restore our being as we take hope in your promises. Restore our dignity as we rejoice in our life in your Spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.
(adapted from John M. Drescher, *Invocations and Benedictions*, p.19)

*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 World of the Lord ~~

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 131
Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM Sing The Beauty Of The Earth Wagner
Chancel Choir

LET THE CHILDREN COME! (Children’s Time) Marilyn Howard
♦ 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 “Really, That’s What It Said?” Beth Templeton

~~ Responding to God’s Word ~~

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Blessed Assurance” UMH 369
♦ 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 by the Ushers at the last stanza of this hymn.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed 881

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Nun Bitten Buxtehude

*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 Lone, Wild Bird” TFWS 2052

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE Alleluia, Alleluia Fishel

POSTLUDE Song of Peace Stookey

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

(*) The congregation standing, as able.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 131

¹ O LORD, my heart is not lifted up,
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
² But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.
³ O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time on and forevermore.

Beth Lindsay Templeton, Founder and CEO of Our Eyes Were Opened, Inc. is a poverty advocate and speaker, Presbyterian Church USA minister, and author. For many years, she was at United Ministries, a non-profit in Greenville, SC, where she worked both “the have nots” and “the haves.” Since 2007, she has focused on a ministry with “the haves” so they can enlarge their understanding about people who live in poverty in order to decrease judgment and increase compassion. As she herself began dealing with issues of growing older, Beth embarked on a personal exploration that resulted in the creation of Uncharted Journey with conversations, retreats, and a book about the challenges of getting older and other life transitions. Beth works with congregations, schools, universities, medical facilities, civic groups, and businesses in Greenville and around the country. She is the author of nine books. She is a graduate of Presbyterian College and Erskine Theological Seminary. She is a mother and grandmother.

Those In Need of Prayer

R.L. Brannon
(father of Paul Brannon)
Eddie Cobb
Crescent Cobb
(grandson of Eddie & Anna Cobb)
Bettie Creel
Sue Dempsey
Rex Gray
Katie Greer
(cousin of Kim Geddie)
Cole Henderson
Eugenia Keck
Olive Koger
Eric & Terri Lockwood
Dot Looney
Judy Middleton
(mother of Sarah Taylor)
Ann Osborne
Ellen Slatton
Tom Sudderth
(brother of Terhune Sudderth)
Terry Williams
Wil Woodward
Doyle Yates

The Homebound

Judy Cochran
Miles Day
Nedene Greer
Verdah Looper
Carolyn Monroe
Mary Walker Morris
Daggett Royals
Lois Smith
Mildred Thompson

Serving Our Country

Trent Erickson
Jonathan Howard
Jeffrey Van Camp, Jr.
Katelyn Kirkpatrick
Kimberlie Kirkpatrick
Conner Wall (nephew of Susan Woods)

Out of Town Prayers

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

