

Opportunities and Announcements

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 16

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

Monday, September 17

10:00 am Women's Walking Group

Tuesday, September 18

Wednesday, September 19

6:00 pm Parenting Through the Phases
6:20 pm Handbells
6:30 pm Middle School Reclaiming Beauty
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 20

11:30 am Meanderers; at Fatz in Easley (bus provided)
5:00 pm Wheelchair Basketball

Friday, September 21

6:30 pm NA Group

Saturday, September 22

United Ministries Transformation Walk



The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in honor of the baptism of Henry Terhune Govan into Christ's holy church.



We welcome Lindsay & Jennie Carrington, Edward & Carrie

Johnson and Drake Moyd & Samantha Miles as our new MYF Youth leaders during this interim period. Also thank you to Susan White for all her organizational help with youth Sunday School and activities.



Sunday, September 23
3pm-5pm Family Life Center
Cost-\$25.00

All women are invited to come make a planter pot with Joy Gregory from *Pretty Pots Greenville*. Bring any medium size container, door basket or outdoor pot, (approx. 14" wide and 12-14" deep) or bring one to trade! RSVP by Tuesday, September 18 to the church office. Childcare is available upon request with RSVP. Questions? Contact Cari Treece at 242-1966, or ctreece@stmatthewumc.net. ****Newspapers are needed for this event. Please bring them to the church office.**



Meanderers Lunch
Thursday, Sept. 20th
at 11:30 am

Fatz in Easley
5015 Calhoun Memorial Highway
Bus provided-will leave church parking lot at 11:00 am.



Basketball season is here again. Registration forms and information may be found on the church website at the bottom of the first page. Please fill out the forms and return with payment to the church office by September 17th.



Acolyte/Crucifer Training
Sunday, September 30
at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. All youth currently serving and those who are interested in serving are asked to attend.



Serving this Sunday

Liturgist: Nancy Field

Acolytes: Catherine Barnett, Geneva Brannon

Children's Church Assistant: Katy Sides

Children's Church Helper: Frances Carrington

Greeter

11:00 am Claire Winkler

Head Usher: Mark Looper



Look for
St. Matthew Guest
Password:
angel123



Ushers: Lee Geddie, Jason Lynch, Doug Webb, Laurin Nocks

Altar Guild: Jennie Carrington, Adelaide Johnson

Pew Angel: Claire Barnett, Anna Cobb

Attendance Slips:

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

Bulletin Editing: Ellen Jordan

Ministers

The Congregation

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Lyuda Prince Jessie Zettler



Play Music? Sing?

Love Contemporary Worship?

Know someone who does?

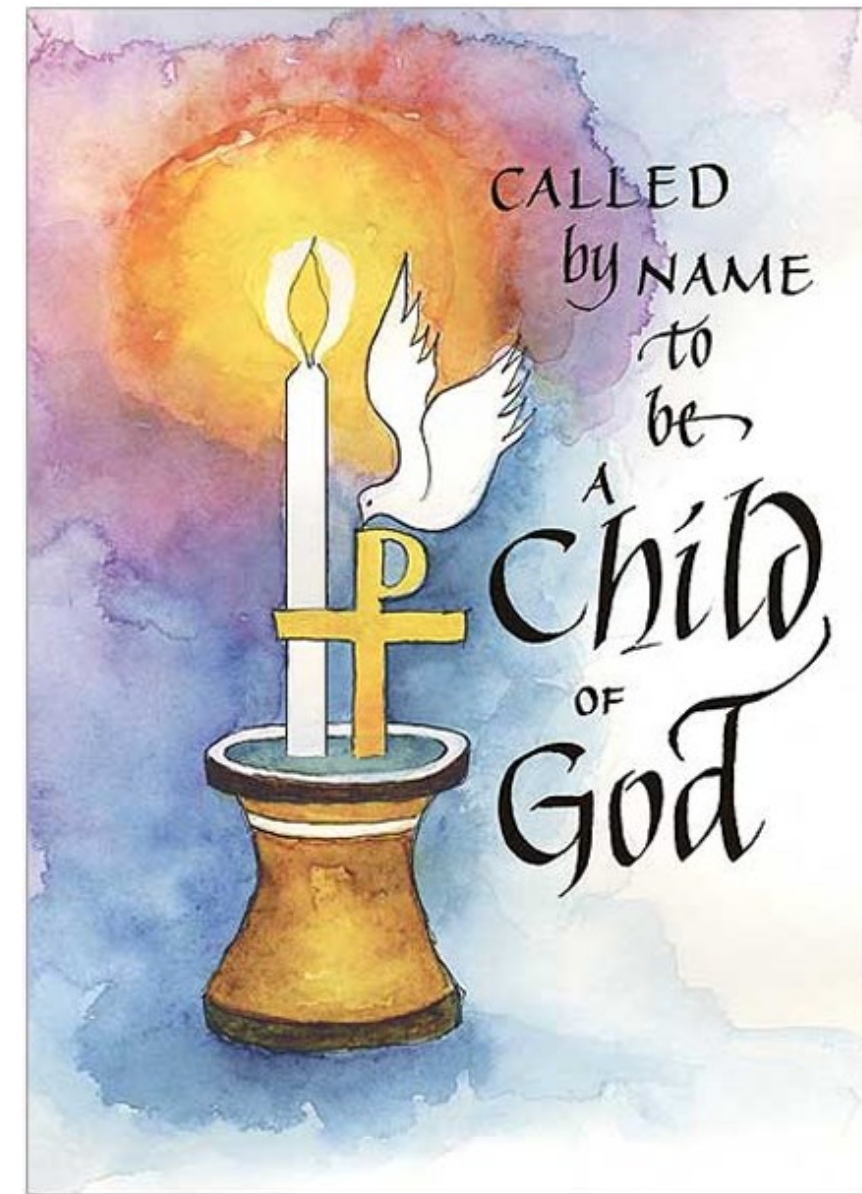
St. Matthew is seeking a music leader for the Contemporary service. Find out more at stmatthewumc.net/job-openings.



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September 16, 2018

17th 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 O Taste And See Edmundson

◆ 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 "My Song Is Love Unknown" TFWS 2083

*OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Who are you, O God, that to save our lives you would allow your Son to lose his by way of the cross? And who are you, Jesus, that to save our lives you would ask us to lose them, for your sake and for the sake of the gospel, by the way of our own cross? And your question: What can we really say about who you are, Jesus, until we have taken up our own cross in following you, and found the uncompromised, and uncompromising life which was your own? So, we pray, let your question never cease to put us on the spot, always disturb us, and mercifully compel us to make of our lives a faithful answer. Amen.

PSALTER (Responsively) Psalm 19 UMH 750 (first time sung by choir, congregation joins on second time.)

~~ Listening for the World of the Lord ~~

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 8:27-38

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

VIOLIN SOLO Ave Maria Gounod/Bach Joanne Cohen, Violin

SERVICE OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT II UMH 39

◆ Henry Terhune Govan (Son of Paul & Kendrick Govan)

◆ Following this, 3K-1st Grade age children may go the 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 him or her to the Sanctuary entrance.

*HYMN "Henry, Henry, God Claims You" TFWS 2249

SERMON "The Other Half of the Gospel" Randy Smith

~~Responding to God's Word~~

*HYMN "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS 2129

◆ Prayer requests are brought forward by the Ushers during this transition time.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring Bach Chancel Choir

◆ You may pick up your child from Children's Church at this time if you would like him or her to join you at Communion

*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 "Lord of the Dance" UMH 261

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE Sevenfold Amen Lutkin

POSTLUDE Canzona In F Minor Frescobaldi

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

(*) The congregation standing, as able.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:27-38

27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" 28 And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." 29 He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." 30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. 31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." 34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. 36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."



Those In Need of Prayer

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

The Homebound

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

Serving Our Country

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

Out of Town Prayers

Ben & Jane Cunningham (parents of Marty Brown) Jennie Ervin Kay Groff (sister in law of Susan Thomas) Jackson Hall (son of Chuck & Jane Hall) Debbie Mingus (friend of Joanne McKinney) Thomas Stonoha (brother of Mary Ann Stonoha)