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Find the full staff directory on our website at stmatthewumc.net/connect

St. Matthew Happenings

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SPRC

Susan Woods-Retirement

St. Matthew Family

It is with mixed emotion that the SPRC announces that we have received the notification of the upcoming retirement of our Church Office Administrator, Susan Woods. Susan joined St. Matthew in 2014 and has been a key presence in our church office these past 8 years. Her dedication, consistently positive attitude, and willingness to be a team player in support of our clergy, church staff and lay leaders has been a vital contributor to the ministry of St. Matthew and we are so grateful for her. After more than 35 years working in the church setting, Susan is looking forward to spending time with her husband Bob as well as her children and grandchildren in addition to taking well-deserved time for herself. We will be celebrating Susan in various capacities in the coming weeks as her last day will be June 16th. Likewise, the SPRC has launched a search for a successor in the church office and will be passing along information about this key search with an ask for your assistance as well.

****Susan closed her resignation letter with the following message to each of you:**
It has been an honor and a privilege to work with the wonderful staff and congregation of St. Matthew. I will deeply miss each and every one of you and will cherish the precious friendships I have made.

Please join us in congratulating Susan & Bob on this important milestone as we celebrate with her and express gratitude for all she has done for St. Matthew.

Tim Brookshire, SPRC Chair



The Smiths have had a wonderful impact on St. Matthew, and we want to wish them well as they begin their new chapter. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served and all ages are welcome. Kindly RSVP to Jessica at 864-918-3747 or jessicabilcliff@gmail.com or 864-918-3747 (call or text) by Friday, June 3.

GREETERS

We need greeters!
Sign up now to help!



ST. MATTHEW AT GREENVILLE DRIVE

Sunday, June 12 @ 3:05 pm

Sign up today! \$10.00 a person!
This is always a fun time with your church family.

VBS 2022

July 10-13

Registration opens tomorrow, May 16th for St. Matthew families.

WATER DAY

August 21

Swimming at the YMCA with pizza at the church afterwards. Time TBD. Mark you calendars!

9:00 am –9:45 am

The Branch Worship in the Family Life Center

10:00 am -10:45 am

Sunday School for all

11:00 am -12:00 pm

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Welcome!

We're glad you are worshiping with us. A special welcome to our first time guests. We trust you will feel the presence of God among us, and hope you will want to worship with us again soon. For any questions about becoming a part of the life and work of St. Matthew, please speak with the Pastor. We think you'll find St. Matthew a friendly place to make your church home.

Our Mission

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



Sunday, May 15, 2022
5th Sunday of Easter



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

11:00 am Order of Worship

Gathering & Praise

**Congregation stands, as able*

Text joys and concerns (775) 572-9651

Prelude Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing (Truro) *J. Wayne Kerr*

We enter the Sanctuary preparing our hearts for worship.

Greetings & Announcements *Christie Reeves-Pendergrass*

*Passing of the Peace

*(At this time, you are invited to rise and greet those seated near you, with either this exchange, "The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you,**" or some other.)*

*Chiming of the Hour

***Processional Hymn** Jesus! the Name High over All *UMH 193*
(Tune: AZMON, UMH 57)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** *Bartley Sides*

Covenant God, who made the world, and who would, through the work and witness of your people, make it new: We thank you for coming to us in Jesus, to be Emmanuel, God with us, the Servant who liberates through suffering, the Lamb who, although slain, conquers, to revive your people as the salt of the earth, and the light of the world; that, through us, your peaceable kingdom might come to encompass all. Amen.

Gloria Patri *UMH 70*

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 God

Scripture Reading The Gospels of Matthew, Mark & Luke *(Selected)* *Bartley Sides*

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Let The Children Come *Randy Smith*

*(After the Children's Moment, children ages K4-2nd grade may go to the back of the Sanctuary to be led to Children's church. **If this is your child's first time** in Children's Church, please walk them to the Sanctuary Entrance. Younger children may be taken to the nursery.)*

Sermon "Jesus & The New Covenant" *Randy Smith*

***Affirmation of Faith** "The Apostles' Creed" (Trad) *UMH 881* *Christie Reeves-Pendergrass*

Responding to God's Word

Joys & Concerns of the Church *Text joys and concerns (775) 572-9651*

Pastoral Prayer

The Offering *(In addition to giving your offering as the plates are passed, you may also text the word GIVE to 864-659-1812, or give online at StMatthewUMC.net. As a part of your Offering, please pass the Pew Pads to register your attendance at this time).*

Offertory Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Nettleton) *Gilbert Martin*

***The Doxology** *UMH 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 *(Unison)*

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** Christ Is the World's Light *UMH 188*

*Benediction

***Postlude** Sent Forth by God's Blessing (The Ash Grove) *John Leavitt*

The Worship is Over -Let the Service Begin!

(Children's activity folders are available in baskets at the side doors of the Sanctuary)

Organist: Keith Wannamaker

Crucifer: Addie Johnson

Children's Church Adult Helper: Judi Misner

Ushers: Anna Cobb, Jason Lynch, Tom McIntyre, Jason Cormey

Greeter: Susan White

Liturgist: Bartley Sides

Acolyte: Lowry Sides

Children's Church Youth Helper: