

**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 worshipping 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 one of the pastors. 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.



He put his  
hands on her,  
and immediately  
she straightened  
up and  
praised God.

Luke 13:13, NIV

**Sunday, August 21, 2022**  
**11th Sunday after Pentecost**

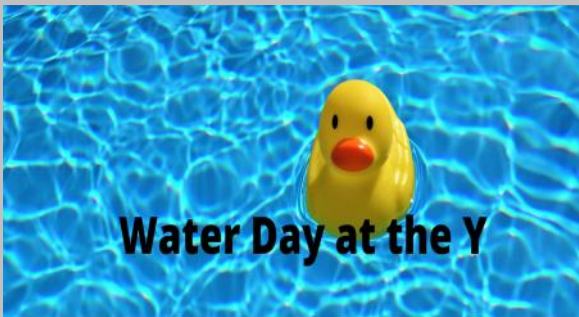


**St. Matthew**  
United Methodist Church

# St. Matthew Happenings



September - October Upper Room devotionals are available in the Office, Narthex, and Gym



## Water Day at the Y

Sunday, August 21

4:45 pm Pool & Splash Pad

5:45 pm Pizza at the Church



Sign up today for church league basketball

Ages K4-Adult

Calling ALL men!!!! We hope to have a men's team again so sign up! All ages & abilities



Kids' QR code is green and adult's is black.



Third Grade Bible Sunday

September 11th

Both Services

If you have a third grader and have not given Cari Treece your child's full name, please email Cari Treece at [ctreece@stmatthewumc.net](mailto:ctreece@stmatthewumc.net)



*The start of something new for St. Matthew!*

**SEPTEMBER 11 | GYM**

**10AM: ST. MATTHEW OPEN HOUSE**

Join us for refreshments & learn about opportunities to connect with each other & get involved in the life of our church.

**12PM: POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

Gather in fellowship as we welcome Kurt, Lillie & their family to St. Matthew! *Please bring a side or dessert to share.*

Potluck  
RSVP:



Call or text Jessica Bilcliff to RSVP or ask questions at 864-918-3747



## **9:00 am Order of Worship**

**Announcements**

**Greeting Time**

**Opening Worship Songs**

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Prayers**

To ensure your prayer requests are received accurately, please text joys or concerns to (775) 572-9651

**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.**

**Scripture** Psalm 71:1-6

**Sermon**

**Closing Worship Song**

**Dismissal & Blessing**

The Branch is a family-friendly service. Children's packets are available at the welcome table. All papers, stickers & pipe cleaners may be taken home. Please return the folders back to the table at the end of the service. A nursery for infants-K4 is available starting at 8:45 am on Sunday mornings.

## 11:00 am Scripture

Luke 13:10-17

<sup>10</sup> One Sabbath day as Jesus was teaching in a synagogue, <sup>11</sup> he saw a woman who had been crippled by an evil spirit. She had been bent double for eighteen years and was unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Dear woman, you are healed of your sickness!" <sup>13</sup> Then he touched her, and instantly she could stand straight. How she praised God!

<sup>14</sup> But the leader in charge of the synagogue was indignant that Jesus had healed her on the Sabbath day. "There are six days of the week for working," he said to the crowd. "Come on those days to be healed, not on the Sabbath."

<sup>15</sup> But the Lord replied, "You hypocrites! Each of you works on the Sabbath day! Don't you untie your ox or your donkey from its stall on the Sabbath and lead it out for water? <sup>16</sup> This dear woman, a daughter of Abraham, has been held in bondage by Satan for eighteen years. Isn't it right that she be released, even on the Sabbath?"

<sup>17</sup> This shamed his enemies, but all the people rejoiced at the wonderful things he did.



**Scripture Reading**

Luke 13:10-17

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“Keeping the Sabbath”

Kurt McPherson

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

“The Apostles’ Creed” (Trad)

UMH 881

**Responding to God’s Word**

**Joys & Concerns of the Church**

Text joys and concerns (775) 572-9651

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer** (*Unison*)

Kurt McPherson

**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.**

**The Offering** (*In addition to giving your offering as the plates are passed, you may 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**

Andante, from Sonata 6

Felix Mendelssohn

**\*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**

Kurt McPherson

**\*Closing Hymn**

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

UMH 357

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

Rondo

John Bull

*Organist:* Keith Wannamaker

*Liturgist:*

*Crucifer:* Caroline Powers

*Acolytes:* Grayson Thomas, Cate Cormey

*Children’s Church Adult Helper:* Judi Misner

*Children’s Church Youth Helper:*

*Ushers:* Bartley Sides

*Greeters:* Edward Johnson

# St. Matthew Happenings



BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG. **GIVE BLOOD.**

**Community Blood Drive**  
**St. Matthew United Methodist Church**  
701 Cleveland Street Greenville, SC 29601  
In the Gym

**Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**9:30 am – 2:00 pm**

Donors are automatically entered for a chance to win gas for a year!  
A \$6,000 value! You could be one of three lucky winners.  
PLUS, you'll also get a **\$10 e-gift card** to a merchant of your choice.

Sign up online at   
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
Sponsor Code: **StMatthewUMC**

Maximize your impact:

Blood types O, A- and B- ask about a **Power Red** donation!

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## ST. MATTHEW TSHIRT SIGN UPS

Pastor Chrisie is ordering more St. Matthew t-shirts, that display our faith and help spread the word about our church.



## FALL ADULTS-ONLY SOCIAL

Get ready to party! With football season and the holidays in mind, Fellowship Team has determined two potential dates for a fall adults-only social and would like to take a vote to find the date that works for the majority. Please use the QR code below to cast your vote.

Thank you! Jessica Bilcliff &  
Fellowship Team



**Want to keep your  
kids safe online?**

Please join us for an informative discussion with Rick Floyd, a cybersecurity expert with the Greenville County School District and former Greenville police officer investigating computer crimes.



**Monday, August 29th**  
**6-7pm**

**St Matthew United Methodist Church**  
Family Life Center  
701 Cleveland Street  
Greenville, SC 29601

**For parents and kids ages 11 and up.**

## Church Calendar

Find the calendar link at the bottom of the homepage:

[stmatthewumc.net](http://stmatthewumc.net)

## \*Weekly Email\*

Sign up for weekly updates to stay informed. (Call the church office to receive a paper copy.)

[stmatthewumc.net](http://stmatthewumc.net)

## Giving

Set up one-time or automatic giving for your tithes and offerings: [stmatthewumc.net/give](http://stmatthewumc.net/give)

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## [FALL SMALL GROUPS INTEREST FORM](#)

Are you interested in joining a Bible study, book study, or small group in the fall? If so, please fill out the form below, or speak with Cari Treece.



**St. Matthew Kids**

## [CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION](#)



Please register children K4-5th grade

## SAVE THE DATES!

### Community Blood Drive

August 31st, 9:30 am - 2 pm

### 3rd Grade Bible Sunday

September 11th in both services

### The Start of Something New

at St. Matthew

September 11th

### Pumpkins Arrive!

September 25

### Second Pumpkin Unloading

October 6

### Trunk or Treat

October 30

### St. Matthew Drive-In Movie Night

November 11