

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 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.

**"This is a day you are
to commemorate."**

Exodus 12:14



Sunday, September 10, 2023

15th Sunday after Pentecost



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United Methodist Church

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Parent's Forum

Your Voice Counts!

The Directors of Children and Youth Ministries will host a Parent Forum on September 17, from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This forum includes parents of infants, toddlers, preschoolers, elementary, middle and high school students. Janice Hughey, Jessica Bilcliff, and Bridgette Bagwell will lead the forum. As we aim to improve our children's and youth programs, we would love to hear your ideas, concerns and suggestions for improvement. We want this to be a time we can share where the gaps are, what is going well and what needs to be added, changed, or improved. Children and youth are welcome during that hour for supervised free play in the gym.

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"

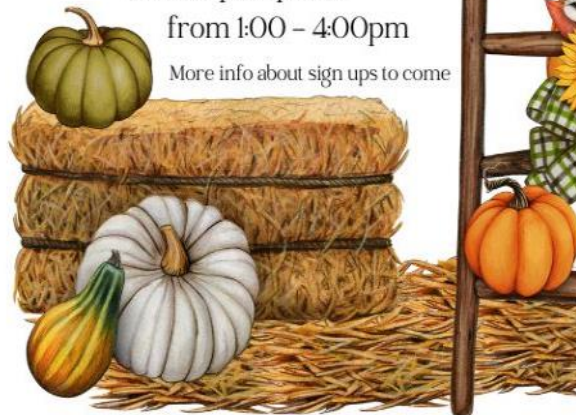
Matthew 19:14

VOLUNTEER FOR CHILDRENS CHURCH!

No prep needed! Just a heart to help with children!
Sign up today by opening the volunteer sign up QR code.



Pumpkin Patch time is just around the corner!
Our first delivery of pumpkins is scheduled to arrive
September 24th!
Make plans to come out and help unload pumpkins
from 1:00 – 4:00pm
More info about sign ups to come





9:00 am Order of Worship

September 10, 2023

Announcements

Greeting Time

Opening Worship Songs

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Kurt McPherson & Janice Hughey

Prayers

To ensure your prayer requests are received accurately, please text joys or concerns to (864) 643-9968

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 Reading

Exodus 12: 1-14

Sermon

Mark This Date

Janice Hughey

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 to the table at the end of the service. A nursery for infants-K4 is available starting at 8:45 am on Sunday mornings.

Offering boxes are on the welcome table.

11:00 am Order of Worship

**Congregation stands, as able*

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in D Major

Handel

Greetings & Announcements

(Please sign in on the pew pads)

Kurt McPherson

*Passing of the Peace

*Chiming of the Hour

*Processional Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

*Call to Worship (Unison)

Terhune Sudderth

Leader: We praise you with joy, loving God,

All: for your grace is better than life itself.

Leader: You have sustained us through the darkness,

All: and you bless us with life in this new day.

Leader: In the shadow of your wings we sing for joy

All: and bless your holy name. 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.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Kurt McPherson & Janice Hughey

*After the presentation, 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.*

Special Music

Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

Chancel Choir

*Psalter

Psalms 106: 1-12, 19-23, 47-48

UMH 829

*Affirmation of Faith

"Apostles' Creed"

UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Text joys and concerns by 11:10 am (864)643-9968

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

Janice Hughey

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 *(other options to give: text the word GIVE to 864-659-1812, or online at StMatthewUMC.net.)*

Offertory

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Bradbury/Wood

(during this time, please pass the attendance sign in pad found at the end of pew)

*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

Janice Hughey

*Hymn of Preparation

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

UMH 357

Scripture Reading

Exodus 12: 1-14

Terhune Sudderth

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Mark This Date

Janice Hughey

*Closing Hymn

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH 557

*Benediction

*Postlude

Toccata in F Major

Buxtehude

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

The Worship is Over— Let the Service Begin!

Organist: Charlie Jones

Liturgist: Terhune Sudderth

Crucifer: Marie Brookshire

Ushers: Don Smith, Jason Lynch, Lee Geddie,

Van Thomas

Greeter: Trinity Class

11:00 am Scripture

Exodus 12: 1-14 (NLT)

The First Passover

12 ¹While the Israelites were still in the land of Egypt, the LORD gave the following instructions to Moses and Aaron: ²"From now on, this month will be the first month of the year for you. ³Announce to the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each family must choose a lamb or a young goat for a sacrifice, one animal for each household. ⁴If a family is too small to eat a whole animal, let them share with another family in the neighborhood. Divide the animal according to the size of each family and how much they can eat. ⁵The animal you select must be a one-year-old male, either a sheep or a goat, with no defects.

⁶"Take special care of this chosen animal until the evening of the fourteenth day of this first month. Then the whole assembly of the community of Israel must slaughter their lamb or young goat at twilight. ⁷They are to take some of the blood and smear it on the sides and top of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the animal. ⁸That same night they must roast the meat over a fire and eat it along with bitter salad greens and bread made without yeast. ⁹Do not eat any of the meat raw or boiled in water. The whole animal—including the head, legs, and internal organs—must be roasted over a fire. ¹⁰Do not leave any of it until the next morning. Burn whatever is not eaten before morning.

¹¹"These are your instructions for eating this meal: Be fully dressed, ^[a] wear your sandals, and carry your walking stick in your hand. Eat the meal with urgency, for this is the LORD's Passover. ¹²On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the LORD! ¹³But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴"This is a day to remember. Each year, from generation to generation, you must celebrate it as a special festival to the LORD. This is a law for all time.

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FALL ADULTS-ONLY SOCIAL Mark your calendars!

Saturday October 28th at 6pm at the home of
Jenny and Clay Little.
More details to come!



Pickleball is back!

Pickle Ball is back in full swing and the first week did not disappoint!
We have paddles and balls, all we need is
YOU!

We meet Mondays 1:00—3:00pm
and Wednesdays 2:00—4:00pm.



Join us for
our Choir
Open House
on Wednesday,
September 13th from
6:30-7:30.
High school
students and

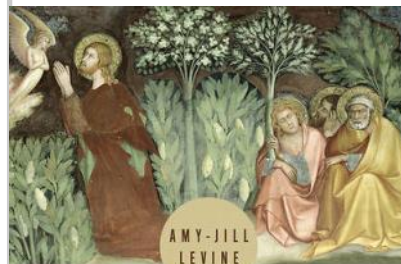
adults of all ages are invited to sing with us this fall season and join us for Christmas! We will introduce our Christmas music on this night and enjoy a time of fellowships and refreshments. Email Amy King at akingsings88@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Mark your calendars for Pastor Kurt's Fall Bible Study

Starting October 4th for 6 sessions

Wednesday mornings, 10:00—11:00am
or Sunday evenings 6:00—7:00pm

Walk with Amy-Jill Levine as she examines John the Baptizer, the Little Apocalypse, the Transfiguration, and several of Jesus's most notable



stories and parables. Readers will see Jesus as divine and human, powerful and weak, approachable yet mysterious.

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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SAVE THE DATES!

Choir Open House September 13th at 6:30pm

Parent's Forum September 17th at 5:00pm

1st Pumpkin Delivery September 24th

Gospel of Mark Bible Study October 4th 10am
or October 8th 6:00pm

Adult Social October 28th

Trunk or Treat October 29th

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Steve Sherrill
- Steve Quam
- Amy King's son Matthew
- Nancy Groff as she recovers from a bad fall