

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.

**"YOU ARE WITNESSES
OF
THESE
THINGS."**

LUKE 24:48

Sunday, April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

St. Matthew Happenings

Make plans for VBS 2024!

Save the dates!
July 22nd-25th from 9am—12pm
More information to come

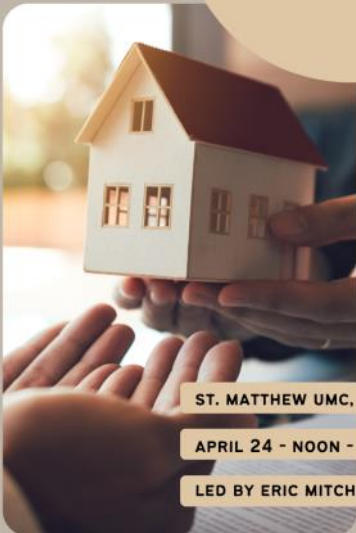


April Meanderers' Luncheon



11:30 am—Thursday April 18th
SHORTFIELDS RESTAURANT
24 S. Main St, Travelers Rest
For more information, please contact
Becky Cline at 301-992-4374

JOIN US FOR A LUNCH
AND LEARN!
SHOULD I DOWNSIZE?
REAL ESTATE PLANNING



ST. MATTHEW UMC, 701 CLEVELAND STREET

APRIL 24 - NOON - FELLOWSHIP HALL

LED BY ERIC MITCHELL, REALTOR

APRIL SHOWERS!

We're taking the month of APRIL to SHOWER our families with love! Please take a moment to think about the families you admire and appreciate within our church community. Whether they're the first to lend a helping hand, the ones who always have a smile and a kind word, or those who go above and beyond in their service, we want to hear about them!

Please consider nominating who you believe make St. Matthew shine with their presence, kindness, and dedication. Whether they are new members or have been with us for generations, we want to recognize and celebrate their contributions.

To submit your nominations, simply email outreachstmatthew@gmail.com with the name(s) of the family/families you are nominating and a brief description of why you believe they deserve this special



9:00 am Order of Worship

April 14, 2024

Announcements

Greeting Time

Opening Worship Songs

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

Luke 24: 35-53

Sermon

Witnesses

Kurt McPherson

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

Panis Angelicus

Franck

Greetings & Announcements

(Please sign in on the pew pads)

Janice Hughey

***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

***Call to Worship (Unison)**

Lindsay Carrington

Leader: When the world divides us:

All: Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

Leader: When the world calls us orphaned:

All: Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

Leader: When the world leads us astray:

All: Come, Holy Spirit, call us home. Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and fill this place!

***Gloria Patri**

UMH 70

Glorify 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.**

Children's Moment

*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.*

Special Music

Because He Lives

Jody Webb

***Psalter**

Psalm 4

UMH 741

***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)*

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

Offertory

Prayer

Guilmant

*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

*Hymn of Preparation

Sweet Hour of Prayer

UMH 496

Scripture Reading

Luke 24: 35-53

Lindsay Carrington

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Witnesses

Kurt McPherson

*Closing Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

UMH 474

*Benediction

*Postlude

Cortege

Young

(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: Lindsay Carrington

Children's Church helper: Nancy Griffeth
Ushers: Jason Cormey, Tom McIntyre, Don Smith,
Mark Swilley
Greeters: Trinity class

11:00 am Scripture Luke 24: 35-53 (NRSV)

³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'^[a] ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.'⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.^[b] ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah^[c] is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses^[d] of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

The Ascension of Jesus

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.^[e] ⁵² And they worshipped him, and^[f] returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.^[g]

St. Matthew Happenings

Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership

NEHEMIAH ACTION

APR 15 **BETHLEHEM BAPTIST**
4 HARRISON BRIDGE RD, SIMPSONVILLE
DOORS OPEN: 6:00PM
PROGRAM BEGINS: 6:30PM

We have joined GOAL! Help support this justice mission by your presence April 15th. Email Emily O'Brian with any questions. eobrian831@gmail.com

Volunteer for Childrens' Church today!



CHILDREN are not a distraction from more important work.

THEY ARE the most important work.

-John Trainer

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



United Ministries Luncheon

St. Matthew is hosting a table for the United Ministries Luncheon on Wednesday April 17th from 11:30—1:00pm. Keynote Speaker at the luncheon is Rev. Jennifer Bailey. There are still seats available at the St. Matthew table. If you would be interested in attending, please reach out to Blake Brookshire at jblakebrookshire@gmail.com

Rev. Jennifer Bailey is an ordained minister, theologian, and author of "To My Beloveds: Letters on Faith, Race, Loss and Radical Hope"

Greenville Literacy Association Book Drive

We are still collecting books for The Greenville Literacy Association's upcoming book sale. We will have collection boxes in the Narthex and in The Branch for the next couple of weeks or you are welcome to bring them by the church office.



GREENVILLE LITERACY ASSOCIATION

**Really Good,
Really Big,
Really Cheap
Book Sale**

Church Calendar

Find the calendar link at the bottom of the homepage:
stmatthewumc.net

Weekly Email

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

Giving

Set up one-time or automatic giving for your tithes and offerings: stmatthewumc.net/give

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St. Matthew Happenings

SAVE THE DATES!

United Ministries Luncheon—April 17th

Meanderers' Luncheon—April 18th

Lunch & Learn—April 24th

VBS—July 22nd—25th

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Steve & Ethel Sherrill
- Debbie Looper
- Tami Cardoranella for continued recovery
- Lois Reid
- Marty Brown's mother experiencing health issues
- Bob Davis for healing for his knee
- Prayers for several members and friends who are battling Covid
- Prayers for our church
- Prayers for unrest in Israel and the Middle East
- Prayers for the people of Ukraine who continue to suffer from attack