

**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.

Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters. Whoever speaks evil against another or judges another speaks evil against the law and judges the law, but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.

*James 4:11*

**September 22, 2024**



**St. Matthew**  
United Methodist Church

# St. Matthew Happenings



**Sign up to help us  
put out chairs before  
the service on Sunday**



*Children are a gift from the Lord.*

*-Psalm 127:3*



**Volunteer for Children's  
Church!**

No prep needed! Just a  
heart to help with children!  
Find the sign up on the  
home page of [stmatthewumc.net](http://stmatthewumc.net)



**The Pumpkins are Coming!**  
**Sunday, September 29th**

Many hands make light work and more fun!  
Bring gloves and a wheelbarrow, if you have one.



Local Pie Food Truck  
will be here for lunch.



Sign Up to work a  
Pumpkin Patch Shift  
(scan the QR code or  
visit [stmatthewumc.net](http://stmatthewumc.net))

# Hello, St. Matthew!

## Did you take the **Leadership Survey** yet?

*Help us align the strengths and talents of our congregation  
with opportunities for service.*



Scan the QR code  
or find the  
Leadership Survey at  
**[stmatthewumc.net](http://stmatthewumc.net)**  
under Upcoming Events





# 10:00 am Order of Worship

## Greetings & Announcements

Janice Hughey

### \*Passing of the Peace

### \*Opening Worship Songs

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved, the voice of Wisdom calls to us from the street corner, the grocery aisle, the noisy dinner table, and the quiet places of our hearts. Will you listen?

**All: Yes, with God's help, we will listen!**

Leader: Wisdom calls to us with hard truths, showing us where we've strayed in our hearts and as a community and urging us back onto God's path. Will you follow?

**All: Yes, with God's help, we will follow!**

Leader: Wisdom's call persists through the twists and turns, the rough patches, the barely discernible paths forward, and the moments we feel completely lost. Will you hold onto Wisdom wherever she takes you?

**All: Yes, with God's help, we will hold onto Wisdom!**

Leader: Then Beloved, let us worship God together as we cling to wisdom on our journey along the path of salvation paved with God's love.

**All; Yes! Let us worship God together! Amen.**

### Children's Moment

*After the children's moment, children ages K4-2nd grade may go to Children's church. Younger children may be taken to the nursery.*

### \*Psalter

### *Psalm 1*

Blessed are those who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;

**Or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of scoffers;**

but their delight is in the law of the Lord,

**And on God's law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water that yield their fruit in season, and their leaves do not wither.

**In all that they do, they prosper.**

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff which the wind drives away.

**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement; nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

“The Apostles’ Creed”

**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 10:10 am (864) 593-0718

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

Marc Murphy

**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.**

**Offertory**

**\*The Doxology**

**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**

**Scripture Reading**

James 3:13-4:1 and 4:11-12

**Sermon**

“The Gravity of Grace”

**\*Closing Hymn**

**\*Benediction**

The Worship is Over— Let the Service Begin!

Ushers: Anna Cobb, Mike Schull, Don Smith, Doug Webb

Liturgist: Bonnie Lynch Greeters: Faithful Followers Class

***You may give your offering by placing them in the offering plate or other options to give: text the word GIVE to 864-659-1812, or online at StMatthewUMC.net***

## 10:00 am Scripture

### James 3:13-4 and 4:11-12

#### Two Kinds of Wisdom

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter, envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And the fruit of righteousness<sup>[a]</sup> is sown in peace by those who make peace.

#### Friendship with the World

**4** Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?

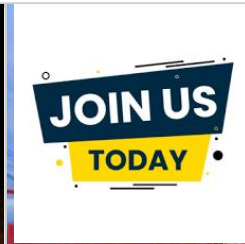
#### Warning against Judging Another

<sup>11</sup>Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters. Whoever speaks evil against another or judges another speaks evil against the law and judges the law, but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. <sup>12</sup>There is one lawgiver and judge<sup>[a]</sup> who is able to save and to destroy. So who, then, are you to judge your neighbor?

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Please let Jennie Carrington ([jenniecarrington@gmail.com](mailto:jenniecarrington@gmail.com) or 864-630-1698) know if you are willing to serve as a coach this year and please reach out if you have any questions! Deadline is Sunday, October 6th! Scan code or sign up at <https://stmatthewumc.net/>



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## KANGAROO JAX!

Sunday, September 22  
11:30 am to 1:30 pm

All children are invited to join us for a hoppin' good time at

Contact Janice Hughey to sign up

[jhughey@stmatthewumc.net](mailto:jhughey@stmatthewumc.net)

864-906-8093



Mondays from 1-3 pm

Wednesdays from 2-4 pm



## 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!

**Kangaroo Jax - TODAY!**

**Pumpkin Delivery– September 29**

**Basketball Signups- Deadline October 6**

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Hilda Collier
- Pat Wood
- Lois Reid
- Bob Davis
- Brooke Anderson
- Marilyn Senum
- Carol Lauvray
- Jacqueline Priester– Nancy Field's sister
- Vicki Gore
- Hamilton Shew
- Robert Boggs
- Betty Clark
- Kathy Marrelli
- Prayers for our nation
- Prayers for unrest in the world