

**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.



**October 6, 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 signup on the







**Our St. Matthew kids had a great time Sunday September 22, at Kangaroo Jax! Thank you to all of the families who participated in this fun event!!**

# 10:00 am Order of Worship

## Greetings & Announcements

Janice Hughey

### \*Passing of the Peace

### \*Opening Worship Songs

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved, God's wisdom guides us to reflect, yes, but also to act. Will you be a people who act with wisdom?

**All: We will respond to wisdom's call with our actions.**

Leader: God's wisdom may call you to speak when it's safer to be silent, to resist when it's easier to back down. Will you be a people who act with wisdom?

**All: We will respond to wisdom's guidance wherever it takes us.**

Leader: God's wisdom may call us to accountability, to recognize and reconcile when we have missed the mark, and to hold others accountable when they do harm. Will you be a people who act with wisdom?

**All: We will respond to wisdom's counsel with humility and grace.**

Leader: Beloved, this is the time, here and now and in every moment after, to live out God's uncommon wisdom in the world.

**All: We will follow the path of God's love with wisdom as our guide. 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 124*

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, let Israel now say:

**If it has not been the Lord who was on our side, when foes rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;**

then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;

**then the raging waters would have gone over us.**

Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!

**We have escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers;**

the snare is broken, and we have escaped!

**Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

**\*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) 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.**

**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 5:13-20

**Sermon**

“The Great Assist”

**Holy Communion**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**\*Benediction**

The Worship is Over— Let the Service Begin!

Ushers: Marc Murphy, Bartley Sides, Mark Swilley, Van Thomas

Liturgist: Mike Shull Greeters: Aldersgate 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 5:13-20

#### The Prayer of Faith

<sup>13</sup> Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth<sup>[a]</sup> and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup> you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's<sup>[b]</sup> soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.



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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 signup at <https://stmatthewumc.net/>



Save October 27 th in your calendar for our Adult Fall Social! More details to come, contact is Kary Mitchell 864-630-3253 [karymitchell@charter.net](mailto:karymitchell@charter.net)



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!

**Basketball Signups**– Today

**Trunk or Treat**– October 27th

**Adult Fall Social**– October 27th

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Hilda Collier
- Pat Wood
- Lois Reid
- Bob Davis
- Brooke Anderson
- Marilyn Senum
- Carol Lauvray
- Vicki Gore
- Hamilton Shew
- Kathy Marrelli
- Hugh Edmonds
- Prayers for our nation
- Prayers for unrest in the world