

**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**

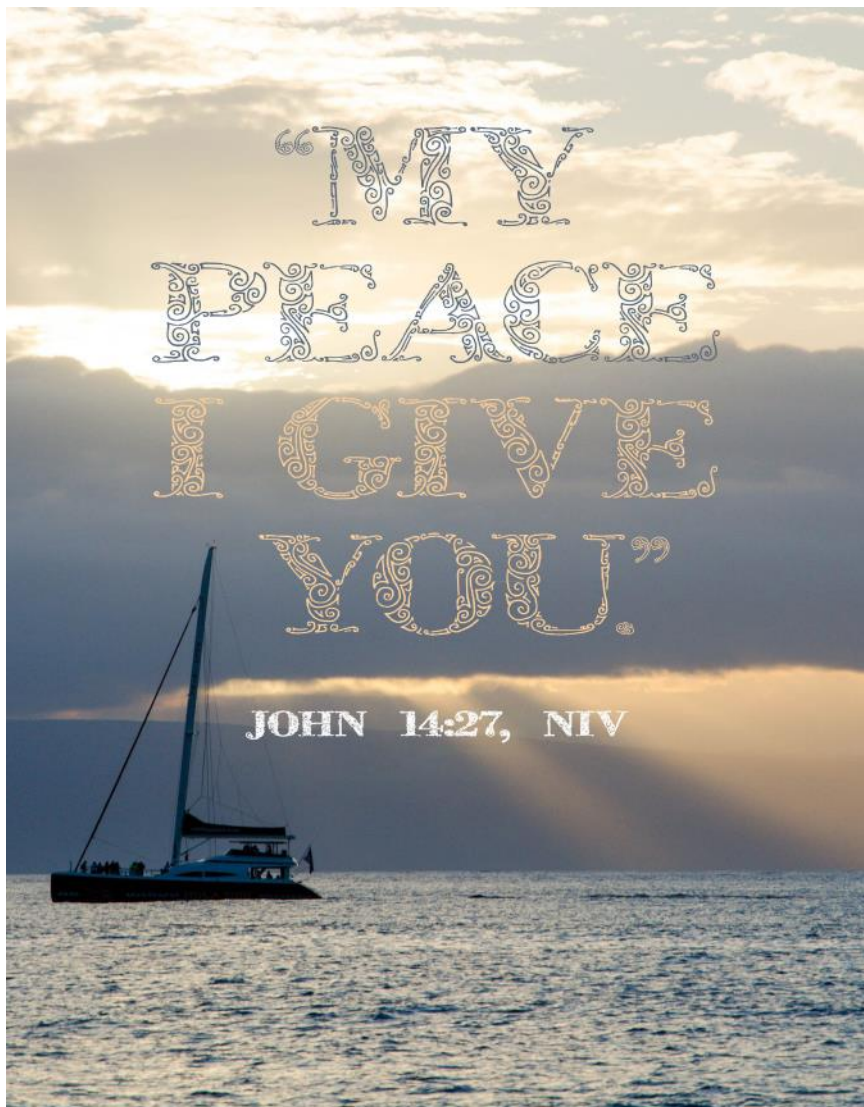
Traditional Worship  
in the Sanctuary

### 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.



**May 25, 2025**



**St. Matthew**  
United Methodist Church

# St. Matthew Happenings



A graphic for Vacation Bible School featuring a cartoon dog wearing a red cap and a yellow vest, sitting on a green hill with a sun. Below the dog is a blue license plate that says "ROAD TRIP" in large white letters and "ON THE GO WITH GOD" in smaller yellow letters. To the right of the license plate is a QR code and a small blue car driving on a road. The background is a stylized map with winding roads.

**Vacation Bible School**  
Join us **June 23-26**  
Registration is **OPEN!**

Scan the QR code  
or find info  
at [stmatthewumc.net](http://stmatthewumc.net)

Vacation Bible School  
registration AND volun-  
teer sign up is available  
now! Scan the QR code  
to register or help us  
make this VBS the best  
one yet!



A graphic for Graduation Sunday featuring a blue sky with many black graduation caps falling from the top. In the center is a white rectangular box with a black border containing the text "GRADUATION SUNDAY" in large black letters, "Sunday, June 15th at 10 am" in smaller black letters, and "Family Life Center" in even smaller black letters. At the bottom, there are silhouettes of people's hands reaching up.

**GRADUATION  
SUNDAY**  
Sunday, June 15th at 10 am  
Family Life Center

If you or your child is graduating,  
please let us know so we can  
recognize

St. Matthew graduates. This includes  
high school, college, or grad school.

## FAREWELL *offering for* JANICE HUGHEY

SPRC is collecting a love  
offering for Janice to show our  
appreciation for her work here  
at St. Matthew and to wish her  
well in her new appointment!



Last day to donate  
is June 15

Donations can be made by check to SMUMC with  
a note in the memo line that it is for Janice  
Hughey's love offering, or online under Love  
Offering.



# REMEMBERING THOSE WHO'VE SACRIFICED



## MEMORIAL DAY

# 10:00 am Order of Worship

## Greetings & Announcements

Rev.Kurt McPherson

### \*Passing of the Peace

### \*Opening Worship Songs

### Children's Moment

Rev. McPherson

*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.*

### \*Psalter

Psalm 67

O God, be gracious to us and bless us  
and make your face to shine upon us,  
**that your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

**The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.**

God has blessed us;  
**let all the ends of the earth fear God!**

### \*Affirmation of Faith

"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*)

Rev. 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

John 14:23-29

Marc Murphy

### Sermon

"Saying Goodbye Is Never Easy"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

#### \*Closing Hymn

#### \*Benediction

*(Children's activity folders are available in baskets on the table)*

**The Worship is Over— Let the Service Begin!**

Liturgist— Marc Murphy

*Ushers: Tom Anderson, Edward Johnson, Doug Webb*

*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

### John 14:23-29

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate,<sup>[a]</sup> the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

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## Walking Group


Looking to get some steps in? Join our walking group every Monday at 10 am. Meet us at the Cady Shelter as we walk the Swamp Rabbit Trail together.



## 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) or scan the QR code.



**REALLY GOOD, REALLY BIG  
REALLY CHEAP**

**BOOK SALE**

We are 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 month of May, or you are welcome to bring them by the church office.

**GLA**  
GREENVILLE LITERACY ASSOCIATION

**2025 SALE DATES**  
AUGUST 9-10  
225 S. PLEASANTBURG DR.



**Summer  
Sunday  
School**

**Youth & Adults**

**Continue to grow this summer!**

This class combines all ages - from youth through adults for a special summer series, beginning **June 1**. Join us at 11 am after Summer Worship - just head upstairs to the youth room (second floor in the Family Life Center). Come as you can, in between your summer plans!



## 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 DATE



**Memorial Day Office Closed-** May 26



**Greenville Literacy Book Drive-** Month of May



**Summer Sunday School starts-** June 1



**Graduation Sunday-** June 15



**Vacation Bible School-** June 23-26

## PRAYER & PRAISE

- Pat Wood
- Sue Dempsey
- Nancy Leach
- Larry Carter, Don & Beth Shoemaker's son-in-law
- Jody Webb's father
- Doyle Yates
- Nancy Field
- Ethel Sherrill
- Baby Khyros, grandson of the Shoemakers
- Amy King
- Eric Mitchell's father
- Paul Thorn's mother
- Lois Reid
- Bob Davis
- Susan White's father
- Jeane Bowen
- Bob Groover