

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.

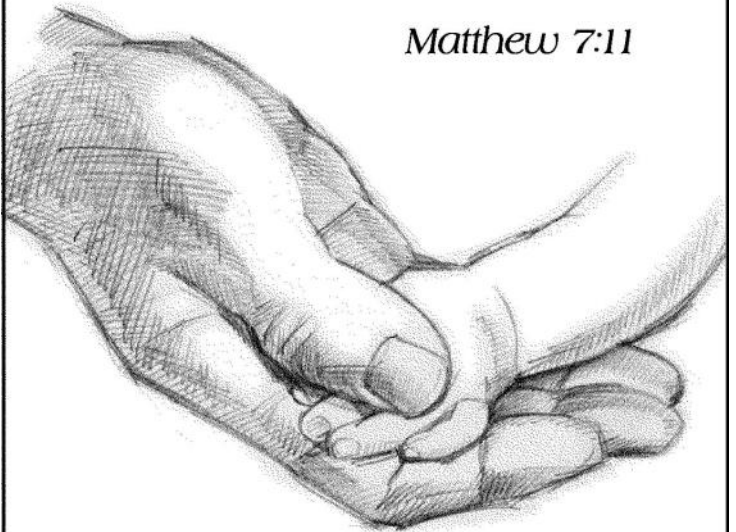
If you then...

*give **good gifts**
to your **children,***

how much more will your

Father in heaven
*give **good gifts**
to those who ask...*

Matthew 7:11



June 15, 2025

Father's Day & Graduation Sunday



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

St. Matthew Happenings

A graphic for Vacation Bible School. On the left, a cartoon dog wearing a red hat and a yellow lei sits on a green hill with a sun and trees. Below the dog is a blue license plate that says "Cokesbury Kids ROAD TRIP ON THE GO WITH GOD". To the right of the dog, the text "Vacation Bible School" is written in large blue letters, followed by "Join us June 23-26" and "Registration is OPEN!" in green. Below this text is a QR code and the instruction "Scan the QR code or find info at stmatthewumc.net". On the far right, a small blue cartoon car is driving on a road.

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

Scan the QR code
or find info
at stmatthewumc.net

Vacation Bible School is almost here!

Have You Registered Yet?

Scan the QR code
or visit
stmatthewumc.net.

Help us make this
VBS the best one
yet!

A graphic for Meanderers Seafood Restaurant. The top half shows a variety of seafood including lobsters, oysters, shrimp, mussels, and lemons on a dark surface. Below the image, the word "Meanderers" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Underneath that, "Harbor Inn Seafood Restaurant" is written in green, and "Thursday, June 19, 2025" is written in white.

Meanderers
Harbor Inn Seafood Restaurant
Thursday, June 19, 2025

Join the Meanderers for lunch!

Thursday, June 19 at 11:30 am
at Harbor Inn Seafood
321 Haywood Rd. Greenville

Questions?

call Kathy Marrelli 864-268-1945

A graphic for a farewell offering. The background is green with a faint image of a building. On the left, the word "FAREWELL" is in large white letters, followed by "offering for" in cursive and "JANICE HUGHEY" in white. Below this, a paragraph of text reads: "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!". On the right, there is a circular portrait of a woman with blonde hair and glasses, wearing a green shirt, smiling.

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!

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.

Today is the last day to donate!

Congratulations

to our 2025 Graduates!

We wish you the best in all that lies ahead.
Remember that God walks with you every step of the way.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:16



Emma Cree

Graduated from
Powdersville High
School.

Emma will attend the
College of Charleston
Honors College and
major in Exercise
Science, with plans to
pursue occupational
therapy.



Lillie McPherson

Graduated from
Clemson University
with an Ed.S. degree.

Lillie will continue
working as a school
counselor at JL Mann.



Madison Powers

Graduated with a B.A.
in journalism from
Elon University.

Madison is moving to
Charleston in July to
begin a digital editorial
fellowship with *Garden
& Gun* Magazine.



Holly White

Graduated with
Honors from Clemson
University with a major
in Biology.

Holly plans to apply
to PT school after
interning during a gap
year in Greenville.

10:00 am Order of Worship

Greetings & Announcements

Rev. Janice Hughey

*Passing of the Peace

*Opening Worship Songs

Children's Moment

Rev. Janice Hughey

*After the children's moment, children ages K4-2nd grade may go to with the leader to Children's church. **If this is your child's first time** in Children's Church, please walk with them to register them with the leader. Younger children may be taken to the nursery.*

*Psalter

Psalms 8

O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
Your glory is chanted above the heavens
by the mouth of babes and infants:
**you have set up a defense against your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars which you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
and mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them little less than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*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

Recognition of Graduates

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Text joys and concerns by 10:10 am to (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

Matthew 7:7-12

Marc Murphy

Sermon

"Good, Good Father"

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: Jim Shew, Mike Shull, Bartley Sides
Greeters: Growing In Faith 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*

Scripture

Matthew 7:7-12

Ask, Search, Knock

⁷ “Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for bread, would give a stone? ¹⁰ Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

The Golden Rule

¹² “In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

St. Matthew Happenings



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 signup on the
home page of
stmatthewumc.net
or scan the QR code.



100th Birthday Celebration for Ethel Sherrill

June 29th at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Please plan to attend, share your birthday wishes
(smiles & hugs as well), and enjoy Birthday cake
and punch!

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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Meanderers' Lunch - June 19



Vacation Bible School - June 23-26



Ethel Sherrill's 100th Birthday Reception - June 29

Prayer & Praise



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