

10:00 am -11:00 am

Worship in the Family
Life Center

11:00 am -12:00 pm

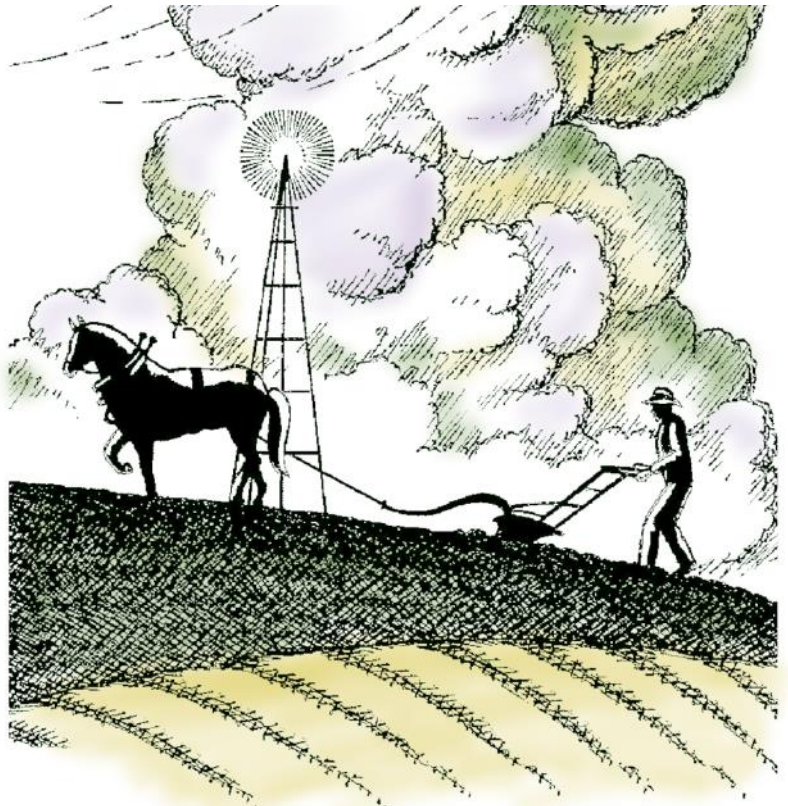
Children, youth & adult
Sunday School

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. Mat-
thew, please speak with
one of the pastors. We
think you'll find St. Mat-
thew a friendly place to
make your church home.

Our Mission

To build life-changing
relationships with God,
one another, and our
community.



**No one who puts a hand to the
plow and looks back is fit for
the kingdom of God.**

Luke 9:62, NRSV

June 29, 2025



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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.

A colorful graphic for preschool admission. It features a circular logo for 'St. Matthew UMC Weekday Preschool' with a group of children. To the right is a heart-shaped collage of five children's faces. The text 'PRESCHOOL ADMISSION' is prominently displayed. Below it, an orange box states: 'We will now offer a 3 and 5 day a week option for the 2025/2026 school year.' A green circle with 'ENROLL NOW' is accompanied by stars and a magnifying glass icon. At the bottom, it says 'Email Christina Via cvia@stmatthewumc.net' next to an envelope icon.

All Ages Summer Sunday School Class

11:00 am in the youth room (second floor gym)

This class is for youth, college students home for the summer, and any adults seeking continued growth this summer!

(We will **NOT** meet June 29 or July 6)



100th Birthday Celebration for Ethel Sherrill

TODAY! in the Fellowship Hall after worship

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

VBS Road Trip!

Children and volunteers went "On the road with God" this week.
No matter where the journey takes us, God is always with us.



10:00 am Order of Worship

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

Greetings & Announcements

Marc Murphy

*Passing of the Peace

*Opening Worship Songs

Children's Moment

Marc Murphy

*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 37:1-11

Do not be angry because of the wicked,
do not be envious of wrongdoers!

**For they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will dwell in the land, and enjoy security.

**Take delight in the Lord,
who will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in God who will act,
bringing forth your vindication as the light,
and your right as the noonday.

**Be still and wait patiently before the Lord;
do not be angry because of those who prosper in their way,
because of those who carry out evil desires!**

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!
Do not be angry; it leads only to evil.

**For the wicked shall be cut off;
but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.**

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look at their place, they will not be there.

**But the meek shall possess the land,
and delight in abundant prosperity.**

*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 to 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 Luke 9:51-62 & Galatians 5:1, 13-14 Lindsay Carrington

Sermon Don't Look Back Marc Murphy

*Closing Hymn

*Benediction

The Worship is Over— Let the Service Begin!

Liturgist – Lindsay Carrington

Ushers: Jim Shew, Mike Shull, Bartley Sides

*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

Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Galatians 5:1, 13-14

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

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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.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Progress has been made in attaching all the copper panels. The white panels will arrive shortly and will be attached to the top and bottom of the sanctuary building. The "Y-side" stairs will be removed, and work will commence to replace them.

Plaster repair work has begun in the sanctuary and the parlor.



Happy 4th of July!

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift
of freedom and the sacrifices that have secured it.
Bless our nation and help us to live in unity and love.
Amen.

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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Ethel Sherrill's 100th Birthday Celebration - Today!

Summer Pickleball - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Prayer & Praise



- Pat Wood
- Larry Carter, Don & Beth Shoemaker's son-in-law
- Amy King
- Eric Mitchell's father
- Doyle Yates
- Nancy Leach
- Lois Reid
- Bob Davis
- Sue Dempsey
- Jeane Bowen
- Baby Khyros, grandson of the Shoemakers
- Bob Groover
- Sue Edmonds
- Ethel Sherrill
- John Bishop, friend of Robert Boggs
- Roscoe Calvert, Jake Fine's grandfather
- Brad Rustin
- Adair & Jim Boatman
- Shannon Edmunds