

**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 so glad you are  
worshiping with us, and a  
special welcome to our  
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 of St. Matthew UMC,  
please speak with our  
pastor or ministry staff.  
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.

... loving  
the Lord your God,  
obeying  
his voice and  
holding  
fast to him...

DEUTERONOMY 30:20 ESV

**July 13, 2025**



**St. Matthew**  
United Methodist Church

# St. Matthew Happenings



## 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)



## MEANDERER'S LUNCH

CORONITAS MEXICAN RESTAURANT

2119 WADE HAMPTON BLVD.

GREENVILLE

JULY 17, 11:30 AM

QUESTIONS? CONTACT KATHY MARRELLI

864-268-1945



Dear St. Matthew Family,  
I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the beautiful celebration you gave in honor of my mother's (Ethel Sherrill) 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Your kindness, warm wishes, and loving presence made this milestone all the more meaningful for her and her family.

I was truly touched by the care and thoughtfulness that went into every detail—the heartfelt words, the joyful fellowship, and the prayers that lifted her spirit. It meant so much to see her surrounded by a community that has supported and cherished her throughout her life.

Thank you for making her feel so special on such an extraordinary occasion.  
Your love and generosity will always be remembered.

With heartfelt appreciation,  
Nancy Coster and family





# Salkehatchie 2025



**Emerald City Salkehatchie started yesterday, July 12, at St. Mark UMC in Greenwood. Please be in prayer for the 34 campers attending and their leaders, homeowners, and the local community throughout this week of service. St. Matthew is blessed to have 13 attending, including Cypriana Brannon, Sam and Frances Carrington, Anna Frances Cheves (friend), Tyson and Carley Fine, Charlie Inbau, Addie Johnson, Slade McGriff (friend), Charlotte Shew, and Henry, Oliver, and Lynn Spicher.**

**“As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who utters oracles of God; whoever renders service, as one who renders it by the strength which God supplies; in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. – 1 Peter 4:10-11**

**If you’d like to support by sending a baked good for campers to enjoy, please reach out to Jessica Young, Director of Youth and Church Ministries, at [jyoung@stmatthewumc.net](mailto:jyoung@stmatthewumc.net) or 864-918-3747. Thank you!**

# 10:00 am Order of Worship

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

## Greetings & Announcements

Rev. Kurt McPherson

## \*Passing of the Peace

## \*Opening Worship Songs

## Children's Moment

Rev. Kurt McPherson

*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 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,**

leads me beside still waters,

restores my life,

**leads me in right paths**

**for the sake of the Lord's name.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and staff,**

**they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

**you anoint my head with oil,**

**my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life;

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.**

## \*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**

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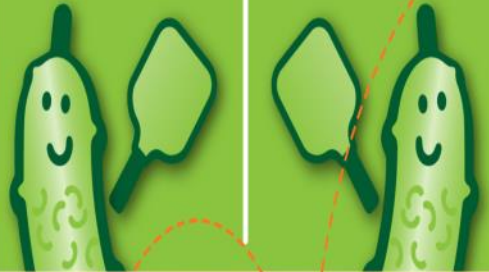


## Walking Group

### 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.

## Summer Pickleball!



Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 pm  
in the Family Life Center

We have paddles & balls - all we need is YOU!

VBS AT ST. MATTHEW COULDN'T HAPPEN EACH SUMMER WITHOUT OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS OR THE CHILDREN THAT ATTEND TO FILL THE DAYS WITH JOY! IF YOU VOLUNTEERED OR YOUR CHILD(REN) ATTENDED THIS YEAR'S VBS ROAD TRIP, PLEASE COMPLETE THE CORRESPONDING SURVEY TO HELP US MAKE SURE THAT NEXT YEAR IS EVEN BETTER. THANK YOU!



VBS  
VOLUNTEER  
FEEDBACK  
SURVEY



VBS FAMILY  
FEEDBACK  
SURVEY



## 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

Deuteronomy 30:19-20a

Patton Fiske

### Sermon

"Everything Happens For A Reason"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

#### \*Closing Hymn

#### \*Benediction

The Worship is Over— Let the Service Begin!

Liturgist – Patton Fiske

*Ushers: Jason Lynch, Tom McIntyre, Mark Swilley*

*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

## **Deuteronomy 30:19-20a**

19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, 20 loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”



## 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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# St. Matthew Happenings

**Summer Pickleball** - Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

**Meanderer's Lunch** - July 17th

## 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
- Brad Rustin
- Adair & Jim Boatman
- Shannon Edmunds
- Steve Quam
- The Fine family
- Linda Thomas