

**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.

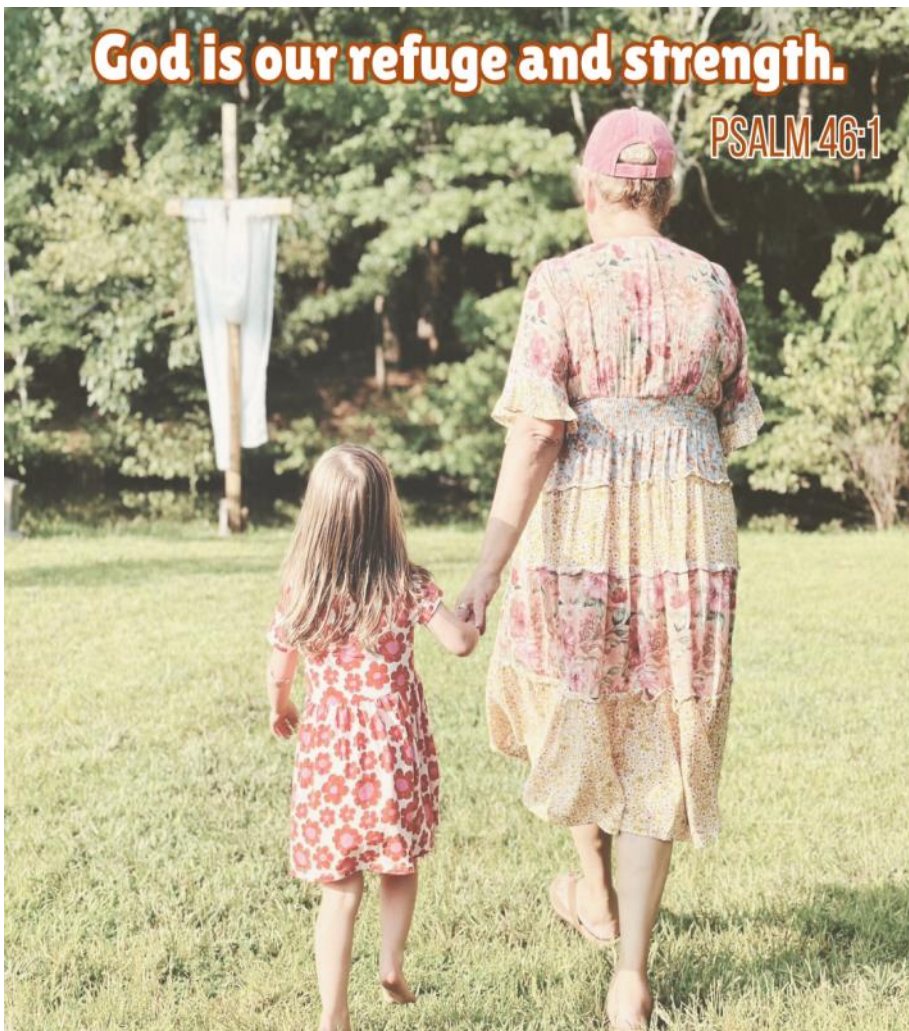
For any questions about  
becoming a part of the  
life of St. Matthew UMC,  
please speak with our  
pastor or ministry staff.  
We think you'll find St.  
Matthew a friendly place  
to make your church  
home.

### **Our Mission**

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

**God is our refuge and strength.**

**PSALM 46:1**



**July 27, 2025**



**St. Matthew**  
United Methodist Church

# St. Matthew Happenings



## 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](http://stmatthewumc.net) or scan the QR code.



## 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)



## Back To School Breakfast

**AUGUST 4, 2025**

**7:40-8:40 AM**

**WASHINGTON CENTER**



2 BETTY SPENCER DR.  
GREENVILLE, SC 29607



St. Matthew is welcoming Washington Center teachers on their first day back at school, Monday, August 4. We will be providing breakfast for them and also need friendly faces to greet teachers and serve food. Food and drinks should be dropped off at the church office by Sunday, August 3 OR delivered to the Washington Center at 7:40 am on Monday, August 4. Servers should arrive at the Washington Center (2 Betty Spencer Dr, Greenville) at 7:40 am on August 4, and will serve/greet teachers for an hour. Please click below to review the available slots and sign up.

Thank you for supporting these special teachers!



Scan to sign up!





United Ministries

## Back To School Supply Drive Support Students in Greenville County

Help 70 local K-12 students start the school year ready to learn! Supplies will be distributed to United Ministries participant families as a barrier-free way to access school supplies and ease the financial burden as participants work toward self-sufficiency goals.



### Kindergarten – 5th Grade (Elementary School):

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highlighters                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Glue sticks or liquid glue | <input type="checkbox"/> Disinfectant wipes                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crayons (24-count)                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Colored pencils or crayons | <input type="checkbox"/> Dry erase markers                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils (pre-sharpened/ No.2 preferred) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil box/pouch           | <input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitizer (small bottles)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tissues                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket folders with prongs | <input type="checkbox"/> Standard size/child-sized bookbag (no wheels) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blunt-tip/ regular scissors             | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiral notebooks (2-3)     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wide-ruled composition notebooks        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pink erasers               |  |



### 6th – 8th Grade (Middle School):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy bookbag                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Loose leaf notebook paper (wide or college ruled) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue/black pens                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific calculator (basic)                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass and Protractor          | <input type="checkbox"/> Subject dividers                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Composition or spiral notebooks | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruler   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitizer                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tissues   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-ring binders (1 or 2 inches)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Highlighters                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pencils and erasers             | <input type="checkbox"/> Index cards                                       |



### 9th – 12th Grade (High School):

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> USB flash drive   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical/standard pencils                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pens (blue/black/red)                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Index cards  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compass and Protractor                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sticky notes   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Composition or spiral notebooks                         | <input type="checkbox"/> College-ruled notebook paper                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitizer  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tissues  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-ring binders with dividers                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Highlighters   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Durable book bag*<br><i>Laptop compatible preferred</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific/ Graphing calculator*<br><i>TI-84 preferred</i> |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Graph paper  |

Donate individual items,  
bulk supplies, or fully  
prepared backpacks

OR

Purchase from our  
online wishlist



**Drop-off at United Ministries**  
**Now – August 5, 2025**

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Friday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM



606 Pendleton Street, Greenville, SC 29601



Contact: 864-233-6602

Email: [volunteers@united-ministries.org](mailto:volunteers@united-ministries.org)

**The new school year is coming quickly! Help support students in United Ministries Housing, Striving to Thrive, and Emergency Assistance programs as they prepare for success this school year! You may purchase supplies and drop them off OR click on the Amazon QR code, and items will be mailed directly to United Ministries. 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 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 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

1 Corinthians 10:13, Psalm 46:1-2

Maya Powers

#### Sermon

“God Won’t Give You More Than You Can Handle”

Rev. Kurt McPherson

#### \*Closing Hymn

#### \*Benediction

The Worship is Over— Let the Service Begin!

Liturgist – Maya Powers

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

## **1 Corinthians 10:13**

13 No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

## **Psalms 46:1-2**

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present[a] help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

# 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.

## Summer Pickleball!



Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 pm  
in the Family Life Center  
We have paddles & balls - all we need is YOU!



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Red Cross

**A little goes a long way.  
Give blood.**

**Wednesday, September 3rd**

9:00 am - 2:00 pm in the gym

**Sign Up Today:**

Find the link at [stmatthewumc.net](http://stmatthewumc.net)  
or scan the QR code.



## 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

**Washington Center Breakfast**- August 4

**Salkehatchie Sunday**- August 10

**Blessing of the Backpacks**- August 10

**Promotion Sunday**- August 10

**Red Cross Blood Drive**- September 3

## 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
- Elinor DeYoung