

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.



August 3, 2025



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

St. Matthew Happenings

Salkehatchie Sunday

Sunday, August 10
10am Combined Service



Salkehatchie Sunday will be recognized on Sunday, August 10 during the combined worship service (10am). Come and hear experiences and memories from our youth and volunteers who spent a week this summer serving at Salkehatchie camps across



Sunday, August 10

Promotion Sunday

Blessing of the Backpacks +
3rd Grade Bible Presentation

August 10 is a BIG day for St. Matthew Students! During Worship at 10am, we will celebrate the start of a new school year with Blessing of the Backpacks and our Third Grade Bible Presentation. All children are invited to bring their backpack with them to church for a special blessing and our rising third graders will be presented with a new Bible. During the Sunday School hour at 11am, we will celebrate the start of a new school year and new Sunday School classes!

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!



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*
<i>Laptop compatible preferred</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific/ Graphing calculator*
<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

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 K4-5th 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 107:1-9

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good,
whose steadfast love endures for ever!

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom the Lord has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Some wandered in the desert wastes,
finding no way to a city in which to dwell;
hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

Then in their trouble, they cried to the Lord,
who delivered them from their distress,
**and led them by a straight way,
till they reached a city in which to dwell.**

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

**For the Lord satisfies those who are thirsty,
and fills the hungry with good things.**

*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

Deuteronomy 23:12-14

Terhune Sudderth

Sermon

“God Said It, I Believe It, That Settles It”

Rev. Kurt McPherson

Observance of The Lord's Supper

*Closing Hymn

*Benediction

The Worship is Over— Let the Service Begin!

Liturgist – Terhune Sudderth

Ushers: Jason Cormey, Tom Anderson, Lee
Geddie, Jim Shew

*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 23:12-14

12 "You shall have a designated area outside the camp to which you shall go. 13 With your tools you shall have a trowel; when you relieve yourself outside, you shall dig a hole with it and then cover up your excrement. 14 Because the Lord your God travels along with your camp, to save you and to hand over your enemies to you, therefore your camp must be holy, so that he may not see anything indecent among you and turn away from you.

St. Matthew Happenings



Meanderers' LUNCH



Thursday, August 21 at 11:30 am

Eggs Up Grill

3935 Pelham Road near I-85



(Same Building as 5 Guys Burgers)

Bus will leave the church at 11:00 if needed



Questions? Call Gary or Nancy Groff
864-884-0660



JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Current and new singers are invited to join the Chancel Choir as we kick off the fall semester and begin to rehearse for our Christmas cantata, "Night of Wonder, Night of Joy".

Join us on Wednesday, August 27th, from 6:30-7:30 pm in the choir room for an evening of rehearsing Christmas music, enjoying refreshments, and a time of wonderful fellowship. High school students through adults are invited to join us! The choir sings for the traditional worship service at 11:00 am on Sundays and rehearses on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:15 pm.

Let Amy King know you will be attending or email her at akingsings88@gmail.com. Come and bring someone with you!



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**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
or scan the QR code.



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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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

Meanderers' Lunch- August 21

Chancel Choir/Christmas Cantata Practice- August 27

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
- Brad Rustin
- Adair & Jim Boatman
- Shannon Edmunds
- Steve Quam
- The Fine family
- Linda Thomas
- Elinor DeYoung
- Ann Osborne