**10:00 am -11:00 am** Worship in the Family Life Center

11:00 am -12:00 pm Children, Youth & Adult Sunday School

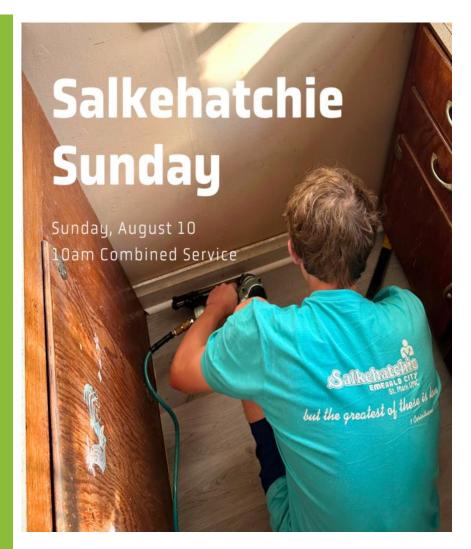
#### Welcome!

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 10, 2025



# St. Matthew Happenings



**Promotion** Sunday Blessing of the Backpacks 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Today is a BIG day for St. Matthew Students! During Worship at 10 am, we will celebrate the start of a new school year with Blessing of the Backpacks and our Third Grade Bible Presentation. All children may bring their backpack with them up to the front 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!

"Hate the Sin, Love the Sinner"

# PEANUTS × 🖶



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 OR code.



# Salkehatchie 2025



# 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

**Presentation of Bibles** Rev. Kurt McPherson Bridgette Bagwell Alex Aniya Bradley, Maddux Vaden Fine, James Edward Johnson III

### The Blessing of the Backpacks

**\*Psalter** Psalm 107:1-9

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God; whose holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great Ruler.

Within its citadels God

has proven a sure defense. For lo, the kings assembled, they marched together.

As soon as they saw it, they were astounded, they were in panic, they took to flight;,

trembling took hold of them there, anguish as of a woman in travail,

as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

As we have heard, so we have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes for ever. **We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.** 

#### \*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

**Salkehatchie Testimonies** 

\*Closing Hymn

\*Benediction

The Worship is Over— Let the Service Begin!

Liturgist - Tim Brookshire

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





Breakfast





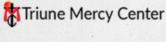




# St. Matthew Happenings











5th
Saturday
at Triune

Join us on August 30 at 11:30 am at Triune Mercy Center as we serve lunch to our community.



#### VOLUNTEER FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCHI

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.



#### 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 **Meanderers' Lunch**- August 21

**Chancel Choir/Christmas Cantata Practice**- August 27

5th Saturday at Triune- August 30
 Red Cross Blood Drive- September 3
 70th Anniversary Celebration- October 19
 Charge Conference- October 27, 6:00 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
- leane Bowen
- Baby Khyros, grandson of the Shoemakers

- Bob Groover
- Sue Edmonds
- Fthel Sherrill
- Brad Rustin
- Adair & Iim Boatman
- Shannon Edmunds
- Steve Quam
- The Fine family
- Linda Thomas
- Elinor DeYoung
- Ann Osborne
- Donna Brown's mother