9:00 am -9:45 am The Branch Worship in the Family Life Center

10:00 am -10:45 am Sunday School for all

11:00 am -12:00 pm Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

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. Matthew, please speak with one of the pastors. 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.



September 7, 2025



St. Matthew Happenings



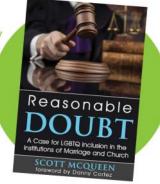
you're invited!

FALL BIBLE STUDY



Hosted By: Church & Society Committee







The eight-week study will meet Sundays 6-7pm in the Conference Room starting September 7. To signup, scan the QR code or visit stmatthewumc.net/events







THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT. YOU ARE INVITED TO MY EAGLE CEREMONY AND RECEPTION.

DATE: 2 PM Sunday, September 14th, 2025 LOCATION: St. Matthew UMC 701 Cleveland St







9:00 am Order of Worship

September 7, 2025

Announcements

Greeting Time

Opening Worship Songs

Prayers

To ensure your prayer requests are received accurately, please text joys or concerns to (864)643-9968

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Scripture Reading Psalm 95:1-7

"Hallelujahs and Amens" Rev. Kurt McPherson Sermon

Observance of the Lord's Supper

Closing Worship Song

Dismissal & Blessing

The Branch is a family-friendly service. Children's packets are available at the welcome table. All papers, stickers & pipe cleaners may be taken home. Please return the folders to the table at the end of the service. A nursery for infants-K4 is available starting at 8:45 am on Sunday mornings.

Offering boxes are on the welcome table.

11:00 am Order of Worship

*Congregation stands, as able

Prelude "It is Well with My Soul"

Carolyn Hamlin

Greetings & Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

*Chiming of the Hour

*Processional Hymn

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

UMH 62

*Call to Worship

Wherever you go, from the top of the highest mountain or into the deep abysses of the earth, God knows you.

Wherever we go, God knows our name.

Whatever you do, from the time you wake up until you lay your head down again, God knows you.

Whatever we do, God knows our name.

However you live, from your inner thoughts to your public acts and everything in between, God knows you.

However we live, God knows our name.

We gather to worship God, who loves us, knows us, and calls us by name.

We gather to worship God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made by God who knows our name.

*Gloria Patri UMH 70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall ever be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Children's Moment

After the children's moment, children ages K4-5th grade may go to Children's church. Younger children may be taken to the nursery.

*Psalter Psalm 139:1-18

*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 (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.

The Offering (other options to give: text the word GIVE to 864-659-1812, or online at StMatthewUMC.net)

Offertory "English Voluntary" Richard Peek

*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

*Hymn of Preparation "How Great Thou Art" UMH 77

Scripture Reading Psalm 95:1-7 Tom McIntyre

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon "Hallelujahs and Amens" Rev. Kurt McPherson

Observance of the Lord's SupperUMH 12

*Closing Hymn "To God Be the Glory" UMH 98

*Benediction

* **Postlude** "Passacaglia" Gordon Young

The Worship is Over- Let the Service Begin!

Organist: Charlie Jones Ushers: Mike Shull, Don Smith, Doug Webb

Liturgist: Tom McIntyre Greeters: Aldersgate Sunday School

Acolytes: Jacob Powers, Bennett

Lynch

Crucifer: Hamilton Shew

Scripture

Psalm 95:1-7

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A Call to Worship and Obedience

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. that today you would listen to his voice!

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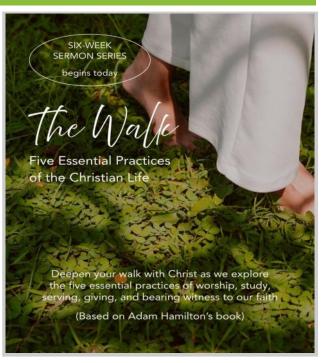


COME JOIN US FOR PICKLEBALL!

Pickleball group meets in the gym every

Monday from 1:00pm-3pm

And Wednesdays from 2pm-4pm







Meanderers September Lunch

Thursday, September 18 @ 11:30am Blockhouse Restaurant & Oyster Bar (1619 Augusta Street)

Great Food, Conversation & Fellowship!

Questions? Call Betty Davis at 864-238-3059

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Sign up for our weekly e-blast for the latest updates. Call the office to receive a paper copy.

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St. Matthew Happenings

Walking Group - Mondays @ 10am

Church & Society Bible Study - Starts today

Adam Brookshire Eagle Ceremony - September 14

Tailgate at the Parsonage - September 14

Meanderers' Lunch- September 18

70th Anniversary Celebration - October 19

Charge Conference - October 27

High School Retreat - November 14-16

Prayer & Praise

Pat Wood

Larry Carter, Don & Beth

Shoemaker's son-in-law

Baby Khyros, Don & Beth

Shoemaker's grandson

Amy King

Doyle Yates

Nancy Leach

Lois Reid

Bob Davis

Sue Dempsey

Jeane Bowen

Bob Groover

Sue Edmonds

Ethel Sherrill

Adair & Jim Boatman

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Amy King's son

Hall Turner, Sarah Smith's

brother Clay Little