

9:00am–9:45am

The Branch Worship
in the Family Life Center

10:00am–10:45am

Sunday School for all

11:00am–12:00pm

Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

Welcome!

We're 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.

For any questions about
becoming a part of the
life of St. Matthew UMC,
please speak with our
pastor or ministry staff.
We believe you will find
St. Matthew a wonderful
place to call your church
home.

Our Mission

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

BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE,
WE WILL SERVE THE LORD

Joshua 24:15



September 21, 2025



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

St. Matthew Happenings

pumpkin patch **PARTY**

OCTOBER 8 | 5-7:30 PM

costume contest, face painting,
food truck, games, music & prizes

all are welcome!



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701 Cleveland St., Greenville, SC 29601
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Basketball Registration

NOW OPEN!



get involved!

VOLUNTEER

greet visitors, lead party games,
face paint, donate candy, sell
pumpkins, setup or cleanup



SPREAD THE WORD

pumpkin patch party is a free
community event - invite your
friends, neighbors, and coworkers!



**St. Matthew
PUMPKINS**

coming September 28!





9:00am Order of Worship

September 21, 2025

Announcements

Greeting Time

Opening Worship Songs

Prayer

Please text prayers and praises by 9:10am to (864) 643-9968

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

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

Joshua 24:15; Matthew 20:26-28

Sermon

"Send Me"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

Welcoming New Members

Cindy & Greg Pickett

Closing Worship Song

Dismissal & Blessing

The Branch is a family-friendly service. Children's worship packets are available at the welcome table. Please return folders to the table at the end of the service.

A nursery for newborns through 24 months and preschool class for ages 2 through K4 is available starting at 8:45am on the first floor of the Education Building.

Offering boxes are on the welcome table.

11:00 am Order of Worship

*Congregation stands, as able

Prelude

"Adagio in G minor "

Alexandro Marcello

Greetings & Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

*Chiming of the Hour

*Processional Hymn

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

UMH 61

*Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gate of heaven.**

The hour is coming, and now is, when true worshipers will worship the Father
in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him, bless his name!

*Gloria Patri (*Unison*)

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, children ages K4-5th may go to Children's Church. Younger children may be taken to nursery or preschool.

*Special Music

"Come Thou Fount"

Chancel Choir

*Psalter

Psalms 148

UMH 861

*Affirmation of Faith (*Unison*) "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

Please text joys and concerns by 11:10am to (864) 643-9968

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer *(Unison)*

Rev. Kurt McPherson

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The Offering

You may give your offering in one of three ways: place check or cash in the offering plate, text the word "GIVE" to 864-659-1812, or give online at stmatthewumc.net

Offertory

"Beautiful Savior "

Michael Burkhardt

*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

"Take Time to Be Holy"

UMH 395

Scripture Reading

Joshua 24:15; Matthew 20:26-28

Patton Fiske

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Send Me"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

*Closing Hymn

"Take My Life, and Let It Be "

UMH 399

*Benediction

* Postlude

"Psalm XIX "

Benedetto Marcello

The Worship is Over– Let the Service Begin!

Liturgist: Patton Fiske

Ushers: Don Smith and Doug Webb

Acolyte: Marie Brookshire

Greeters: Growing in Faith Sunday School Class

Crucifer: Adam Brookshire

Scripture

Joshua 24:15; Matthew 20:26-28

Joshua 24:15

¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Matthew 20:26-28

²⁶ It will not be so among you, but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

St. Matthew Happenings

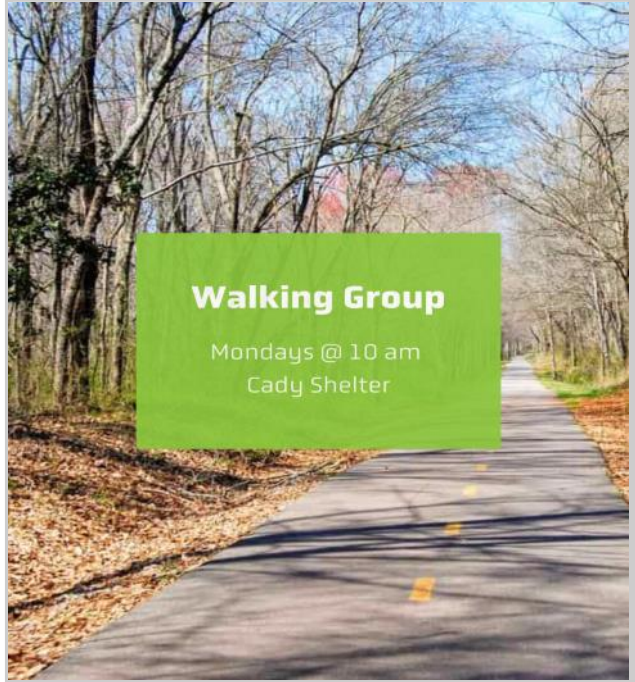
Pickleball Group



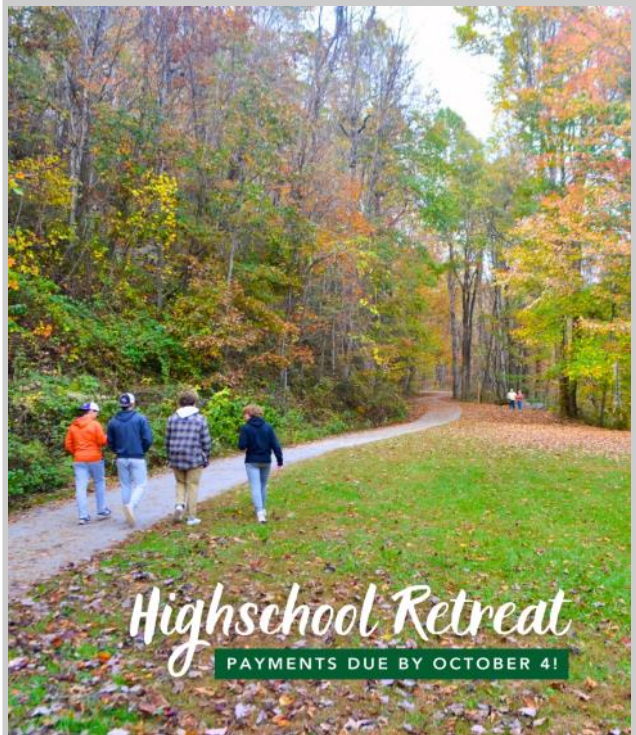
Mondays @ 1-3pm
Wednesdays @ 2-4pm

Walking Group

Mondays @ 10 am
Cady Shelter



Signup to Acolyte
or Crucifer!



Highschool Retreat
PAYMENTS DUE BY OCTOBER 4!

Contact Us

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Stay In Touch

Find the calendar link at the bottom of our website homepage.

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 - Sundays @ 6pm

Pumpkin Unloading - September 28, 12 pm

Basketball Registration - ends October 5

Pumpkin Patch Party - October 8

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

Don Shoemaker

Sue Edmonds

Ethel Sherrill

Adair & Jim Boatman

Shannon Edmunds

Steve Quam

Linda Thomas

Elinor DeYoung

Ann Osborne

Donna Brown's mother

Amy King's son

Hall Turner, Sarah Smith's

brother

Clay Little