

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.

**November 9, 2025**

St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

St. Matthew Happenings



Greenville Juvenile Detention Center Lunch Friday, November 21 @ 11am

We will be serving lunch to the inmates and staff at the Greenville Juvenile Detention Center (GJDC) providing a meal of turkey with all the trimmings for around 50 people. Those who help serve will get to eat and visit with the 12-18 year old inmates.

We could use everyone's help providing food or helping serve the meal. Let us be thankful for what we have and share with the boys at GJDC.

Questions? Contact Betsy Boaze at betsyboaze@charter.net or 864-313-6654.

Sign-up to Volunteer!



A night of fellowship, football & fun!

fall adult social



NOVEMBER 21

6:00-9:30 PM

THE SUDDERTHS HOME
110 RIDGELAND DRIVE

RSVP: stmatthewumc.net/events

Stewardship Sunday

A day to celebrate and
recommit our time, talents,
and treasures to God's work.

November 23

9am & 11am: Worship

10am: Celebration Brunch



United Ministries

Food Drive

Now through Thanksgiving



Collecting canned goods & non-perishable
foods. Please bring your donations to the
church office or Sunday worship services.



9:00am Order of Worship

November 9, 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.

Stewardship Moment

Jenny Little

Scripture Reading

Luke 20:27-38

Sermon

"Children of the Resurrection"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

Welcoming New Members

Clay Young, Katie & Zach Jenkins

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

"Arioso"

J.S. Bach

Greetings & Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

*Chiming of the Hour

*Proclamation Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

UMH 103

*Call to Worship

Even though we don't always feel it, God is with us.

The darkness and doubt of the world can threaten to consume us.

Yet God is with us.

All around us, there is fear and hopelessness.

God brings to us hope and peace. We place our trust in God's abundant love.

Let us freely and without fear open our hearts to God's healing words of hope. AMEN.

*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

"Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace"

Chancel Choir

*Psalter

Psalms 5

UMH 742

*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

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

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

"Largo"

Henri Eccles

*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

"Standing on the Promises"

UMH 374

Stewardship Moment

Carley Fine

Scripture Reading

Luke 20:27-38

Marc Murphy

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Children of the Resurrection"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

*Closing Hymn

"When We All Get to Heaven"

UMH 701

*Benediction

* Postlude

"Cortege"

Gordon Young

The Worship is Over– Let the Service Begin!

Liturgist: Marc Murphy

Ushers: Tom Anderson, Jason Cormey, Jason
Lynch, Tom McIntyre

Greeters: Trinity Sunday School

Scripture

Luke 20:27-38

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man^[a] shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second^[b] ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

St. Matthew Happenings



WOW!

A Christmas Nativity

Children's Pageant
December 7 at 10:15am (Sanctuary)
light refreshments to follow

A graphic with a red background featuring a stylized illustration of the Holy Family: Mary in a blue robe holding baby Jesus, and Joseph in a green robe holding a staff. The word "WOW!" is written in large white letters at the top. Below the illustration, the text "A Christmas Nativity" is written. At the bottom, the text "Children's Pageant" is written in bold, followed by "December 7 at 10:15am (Sanctuary)" and "light refreshments to follow" in italics.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Matthew
in the mountains

February 20-22, 2026
Pleasant Ridge Camp & Retreat Center

A graphic with a watercolor illustration of green and blue mountains. The text "SAVE THE DATE" is in a green box at the top. Below it, "St. Matthew" is in a bold sans-serif font, and "in the mountains" is in a cursive script. At the bottom, the dates "February 20-22, 2026" and the location "Pleasant Ridge Camp & Retreat Center" are in a green box.

Save the Date!

SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

**ILLUMINATION
STATION** JOHN 8:12

Vacation Bible School
July 27-31, 2026

A graphic with a white background featuring a burst of colorful rays emanating from the center. The text "SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS" is written in small letters above the rays. The words "ILLUMINATION STATION" are written in large, bold, colorful letters across the center. To the right of "STATION" is "JOHN 8:12". At the bottom, the text "Vacation Bible School" is written in bold, followed by "July 27-31, 2026".

Contact Us

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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

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

Women's Bible Study- Tuesdays @5:45 pm

High School Retreat - November 14-16

Meanderers- November 20

GJDC Lunch- November 21

Fall Adult Social- November 21

Stewardship Sunday - November 23

Children's Christmas Pageant- December 7

Christmas Cantata- December 14

Carols on Cleveland- December 17

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

Amy King's mom

Don Shoemaker

Sue Edmonds

Ethel Sherrill

Stacey Thomas

Brookshire Family

Steve Quam

Sue Dempsey

Elinor DeYoung

Ann Osborne

Bob Davis

Hall Turner, Sarah Smith's brother