

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!

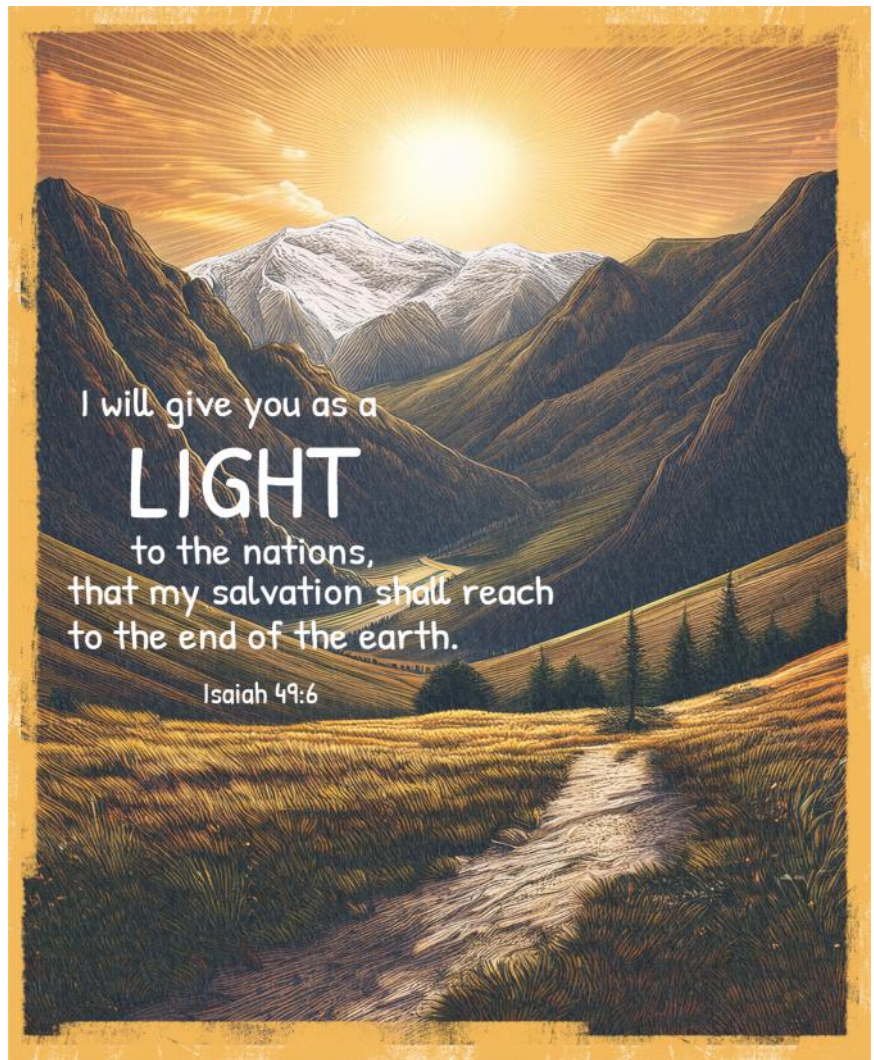
We're glad you are
worshiping with us, and a
special welcome to our
guests.

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.

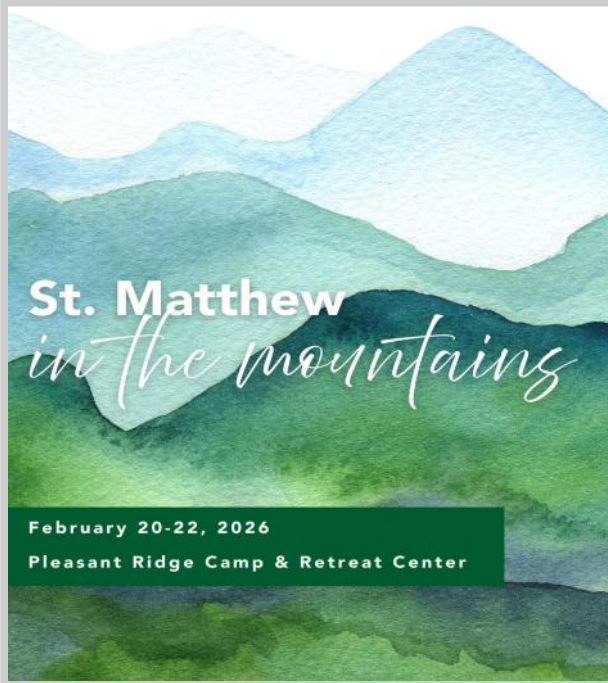


January 18, 2026



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

St. Matthew Happenings



St. Matthew in the Mountains Registration Now Open!

Join us for our annual retreat weekend
Friday, February 20 through Sunday,
February 22 at Pleasant Ridge Camp &
Retreat Center in Marietta, SC.

Surrounded by the beauty of
mountains, streams, trees, and sky,
enjoy a weekend of rest and renewal
together with your church family!

All ages welcome (singles, couples, and
families alike) and the schedule is
flexible. Come for the full weekend,
one night, Saturday daytime, or Sunday
morning to worship in God's creation.

Scan to learn more and
register by January 23



St. Matthew in the Mountains theme and t-shirt reveal!



Short and long sleeve t-shirts are
available in youth and adult sizes.
Purchase by Sunday, February 11!



One Thousand Gifts by Ann Voskamp *A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are*

In this five-session study, Ann invites us to
practice journaling God's gifts - a habit that
opens our eyes to grace, deepens joy, and
reminds us we are wildly loved by God.

This Bible Study will meet on Wednesdays from
5:30-6:30pm in the Youth Room on February 4,
11, 25 and March 4, 11.



Sign up by January 28!
Books will be ordered for you.



9:00am Order of Worship

January 18, 2026

Announcements

Greeting Time

Opening Worship Songs

St. Matthew in the Mountains

Judi Misner

Pastoral 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

Isaiah 49:1-7

Sermon

"Give You As A Light"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

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 am Worship

*Congregation stands, as able

Prelude

"Air from Orchestra Suite 3"

J.S. Bach

Greetings & Announcements

*Passing of the Peace

*Chiming of the Hour

*Processional Hymn

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

UMH 580

*Call to Worship

Children of God, who has God called you to be?

A light to all the nations!

When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are you called to be?

A light to all the nations!

When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are you called to be?

A light to all the nations!

When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are you called to be?

A light to all the nations!

Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!

We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God's glory and abundant life into all the world. 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 ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen

St. Matthew in the Mountains

The O'Brians

Children's Moment

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

Chancel Choir

"How Can I Keep from Singing?"

*Psalter

Psalms 24

UMH 755

*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

"Eventide"

Hal Hopson

*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

"O Zion, Haste"

UMH 573

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

Robert Boggs

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Give You As A Light"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

*Closing Hymn

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

UMH 575

*Benediction

* Postlude

"Prelude in C Major"

J.S. Bach

The Worship is Over– Let the Service Begin!

Liturgist: Robert Boggs

Ushers: Bartley Sides, Don Smith

Acolyte: Cate Cormey and

Greeters: Growing in Faith Sunday School

Jacob Powers

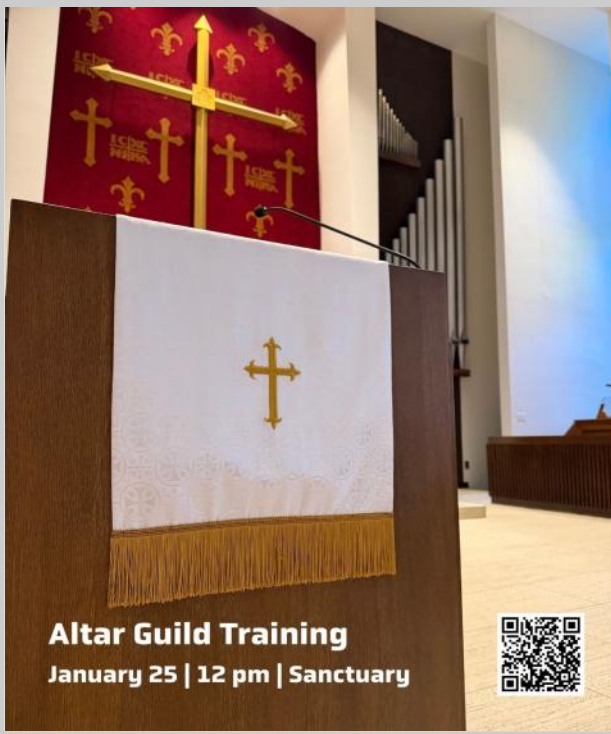
Scripture

Isaiah 49-1-7

The Servant's Mission

49 Listen to me, O coastlands;
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born;
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
3 And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
4 But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord
and my reward with my God."
5 And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—
6 he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
7 Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

St. Matthew Happenings



Altar Guild Training
January 25 | 12 pm | Sanctuary



*mission
opportunities*

GJDC Lunch
Friday, January 30 @ 11am

Help us provide a delicious lunch for 50 youth and staff at Greenville Juvenile Detention Center (GJDC). Sign up to help serve or donate food!



Questions? Please contact Betsy Boaze.

Triune Fifth Saturday Lunch
Saturday, January 31 @ 11:20am

Help us feed hungry people at Triune Mercy Center. Meet at Triune (222 Rutherford Street) at 11:20am. We'll put food on plates and take them to tables. You'll be finished by 12:30pm.

Questions? Please contact Claire Winkler.



Pumpkin Proceeds to Local Missions

We ended our 2025 pumpkin season with an incredible \$21,967.53 in net profits!

\$800 remains in the pumpkin fund for setup next year and \$4,365.46 went to the youth fund as profits earned by youth for staffing the patch three Saturdays.

We are blessed to donate \$16,802.07 from pumpkins to local missions:

Fostering Great Ideas
Safe Harbor
Salkehatchie Summer Service
St. Matthew Preschool Scholarship Fund
United Ministries' HoSEA Program
Youth Missions Fund

Thank you for your support!



Lenten Bible Study

Sundays @ 5pm | Wednesdays @ 10am

Sign up by February 8!
Books will be ordered for you.



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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Walking Group - Mondays @ 10am

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

Youth Ski Trip - January 16-19

Church Office Closed - January 19

Faith & Immigration Justice Small Group - beginning January 20 through March 10

Altar Guild Training - January 25

Triune 5th Saturday Lunch - January 31

Women's Bible Study - beginning February 4 through March 11

St. Matthew in the Mountains - February 20-22

Lenten Bible Study - beginning February 22 through April 1

VBS - July 27-31

Prayer Requests

Sue Edmonds

Ethel Sherrill

Stacey Thomas

Bob Davis

Steve Quam

Brian & Nancy Leach

Jody Webb & her dad

The Wood family

Linda Thomas

Ann Osborne

Lois Reid

Elinor DeYoung

The Dempsey Family