

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.

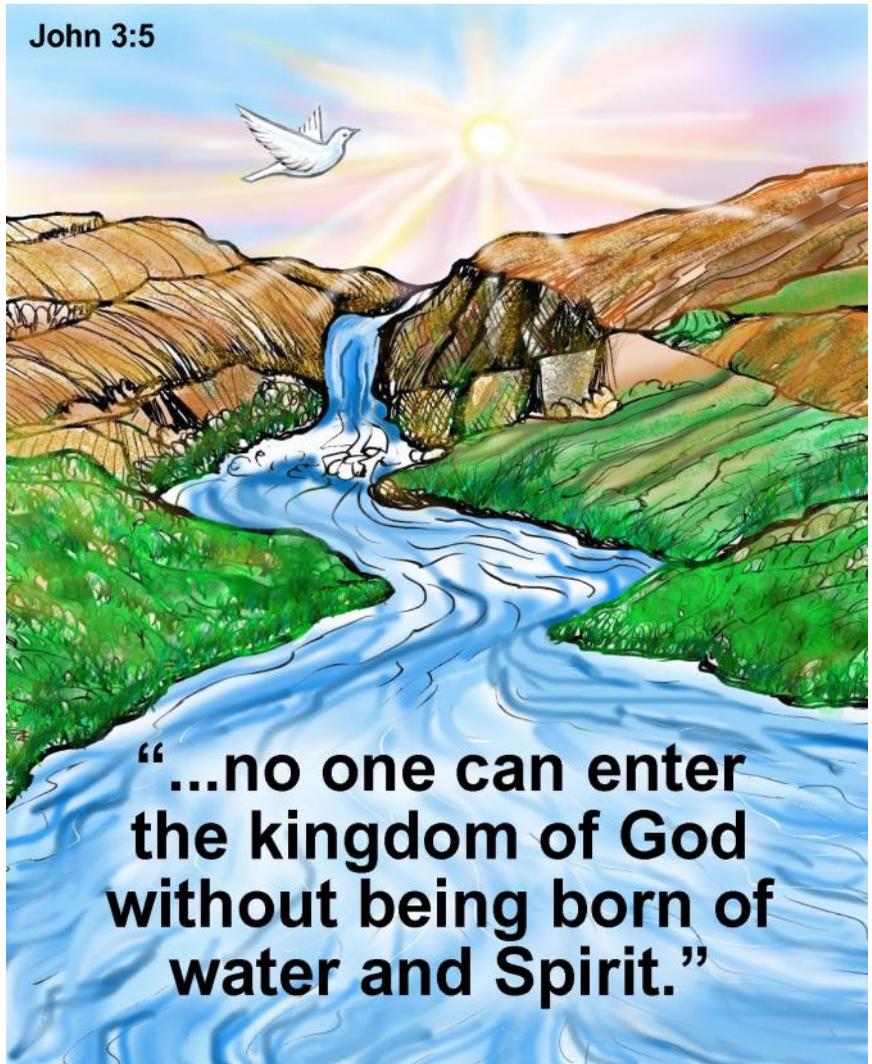
We trust you will feel the
presence of God among
us and hope you will want
to worship with us again.

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.

John 3:5



**“...no one can enter
the kingdom of God
without being born of
water and Spirit.”**

March 1, 2026



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

St. Matthew Happenings



Oyster Roast
MARCH 7
6:00-9:30 PM
THE GEDDIES
8 PONDEROSA ROAD

RSVP BY
MARCH 1!



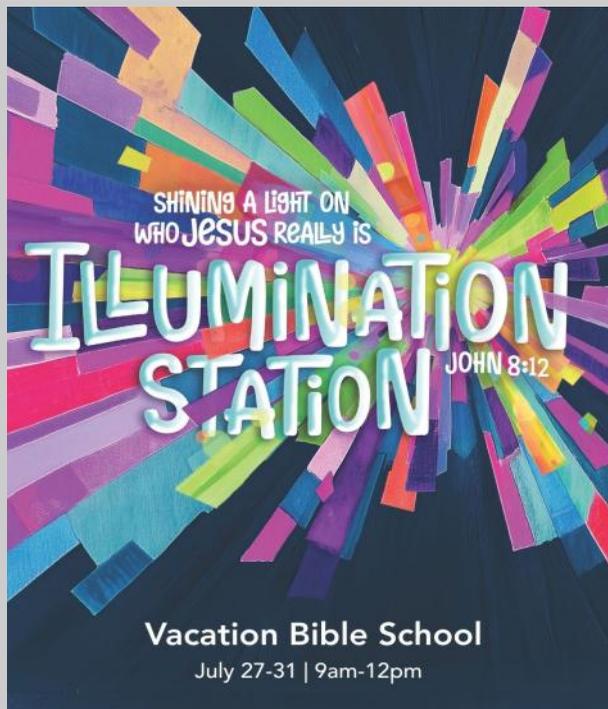
Life Groups are designed to be a fun and easy way to build meaningful connections within St. Matthew.

Meeting every other month, these small groups will bring together people of all ages and life stages to build friendships, offer encouragement, and grow in faith together.

Whether you participated last year or are thinking about joining a life group for the first time, there's a place for you!

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with one another – life is better when we walk it together.

Sign up by March 8!



SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION STATION

JOHN 8:12

Vacation Bible School
July 27-31 | 9am-12pm

Registration Now Open for Children & Volunteers!

ALL are invited to join us for a week filled with fun, faith, and discovery as we shine a light on who Jesus really is.

At Illumination Station, kids will be challenged to answer Jesus' important question to His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" As they explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals, kids will discover that Jesus is the light who brings hope to a dark world.



Register and join us for
the brightest week
of the year!



*First 10 volunteers to register
will receive a free VBS T-shirt!*



9:00am Order of Worship

March 1, 2026

Announcements

Greeting Time

Opening Worship Songs

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

John 3:1-17

Sermon

"How Can These Things Be?"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

Observance of Holy Communion

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 Worship

*Congregation stands, as able

Prelude

"Adagio in G minor"

Remo Giazotto

Greetings & Announcements

***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UMH 89

***Call to Worship**

Rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Return to the Lord, your God,

**for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.**

***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

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

"Jesus, at Your Holy Table"

Chancel Choir

Psalter

Psalms 32

UMH 766

***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

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Karl Osterland

*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

"To God Be the Glory"

UMH 98

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-17

Lindsay Carrington

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"How Can These Things Be?"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

Observance of Holy Communion

UMH 12

*Closing Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH 369

*Benediction

* Postlude

"Introduction from Suite Gothique"

Leon Boellmann

The Worship is Over– Let the Service Begin!

Liturgist: Lindsay Carrington

Ushers: Jason Lynch, Bartley Sides, Mark Swilley,
Van Thomas

Acolytes: Andrew Clemmons,
Jacob Powers

Greeters: Aldersgate Sunday School

Crucifer: Frances Carrington

Scripture

John 3:1-17

3 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

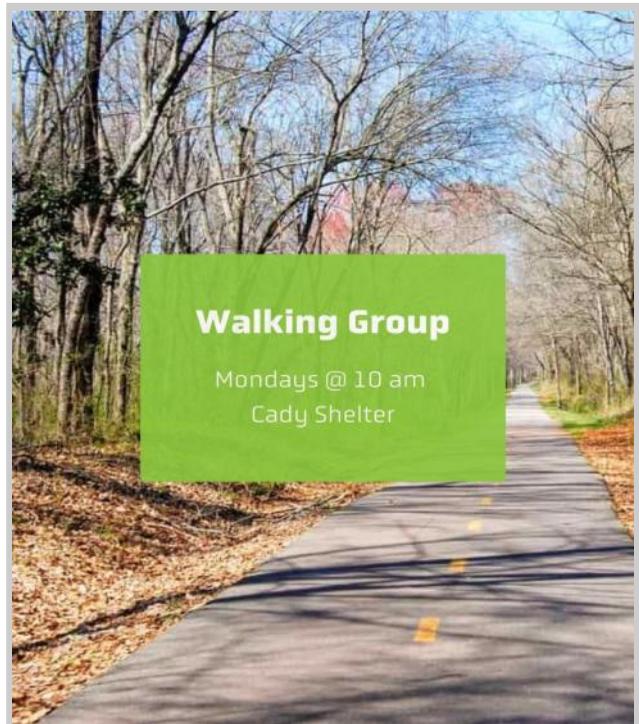
5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

9 "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

10 "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. 14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

St. Matthew Happenings



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St. Matthew Happenings

Walking Group - Mondays @ 10am

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

Faith & Immigration Justice Small Group -

Tuesdays @ 6pm

Women's Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 5:30pm

Lenten Bible Study - Sundays @ 5pm & Wednesdays @ 10am

Oyster Roast - March 7

Meanderers Lunch - March 19

70th Anniversary Art Installation - March 29

Maundy Thursday Service - April 2

Red Cross Blood Drive - April 8

Youth Sunday - April 26

Confirmation & Graduation Sunday - May 10

Baker Creek & Emerald City Salkehatchie - July 11-18

VBS - July 27-31

Prayers & Praises

Sue Edmonds

Ethel Sherrill

Ann Osborne

Bob Davis

Steve Quam

Brian & Nancy Leach

Stacey Thomas

Family of Lois Reid

Linda Thomas

Don Smith

Anna Cobb

Elinor DeYoung

Amy King

Moyd Family & baby Eli