

9:00am-9:45am

The Branch Contemporary
Worship in the Family Life
Center (Gym)

10:00am-10:45am

Sunday School for All

11:00am-12:00pm

Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary

Welcome!

We are delighted that
you are worshipping with
us today, and we offer a
special welcome to our
guests.

It is our hope that you
will experience God's
presence among us and
feel encouraged to join
us again in worship.

If you have questions
about becoming part of
the life and ministry of
St. Matthew UMC,
please speak with our
pastor or ministry
directors. We trust you
will find St. Matthew to
be a welcoming
community and place to
call your church home.

Our Mission

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



June 21, 2026



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

Summer Sundays

May 24 – August 2

Join us this summer as we blend faith, community, and the joy of being together!

Summer Blend

9:15am in the Parlor

Next Sunday, June 28

Coffee & Conversation

Join us for coffee, conversation, and community. You might meet someone new!



Combined Worship

10:00am in the Sanctuary

A thoughtful blend of both the Branch and Traditional Worship.



database update

We need your help to keep our church records accurate and current!

Whether you are a member of St. Matthew or have been visiting, please take a few moments to update your contact information and household details. *Only one form is needed per family.*

Keeping your information current helps us stay connected, share important announcements, and better serve you.



Thank you!



youth escape room

A vibrant, colorful graphic for "ILLUMINATION STATION". The text "ILLUMINATION STATION" is in large, bold, white letters with a colorful, multi-colored outline. Above it, in smaller text, it says "SHINING A LIGHT ON WHO JESUS REALLY IS". To the right, it says "JOHN 8:12". The background is a dark blue/purple gradient with colorful light rays and spotlights.

July 27-31 | 9am-12pm

LAST CALL TO REGISTER!

Volunteers are still needed to help St. Matthew shine brightly this summer!



Scan to register or reach out to Bridgette

Opening Songs

You Have Made Me Glad

I'll give thanks to You, Lord,
And sing praise to Your name,
O Most High
I'll declare Your love in the morning,
And Your faithfulness by night

For You, O Lord, have made me glad
I will sing for joy at the works of Your hand,
And rejoice at what You have done

I'll give thanks to You, Lord,
And sing praise to Your name,
O Most High
I'll declare Your love in the morning,
And Your faithfulness by night

For You, O Lord, have made me glad,
I will sing for joy at the works of Your hand,
And rejoice at what You have done,
And rejoice in what You have done

(Chorus)
O Lord, how great are Your works,
O Lord, how great are Your works
O Lord, how great are Your works,
You have made me glad
O Lord, how great are Your works,
O Lord, how great are Your works,
O Lord, how great are Your works,
You have made me glad.

I will trust in You, Lord,
For I know that You're on my side
I can rest, I won't be defeated,
Lord, You are the strength of my life

For You, O Lord, have made me glad,
I will sing for joy at the works of Your hand,
And rejoice at what You have done,
And rejoice in what You have done

(Repeat Chorus x2)

Be Still and Know

I have faced many mountains
Been through trials
And shed many tears
When I look around and it all seems hopeless
I won't fear
I won't fear

(Chorus)
I'll be still and know
Know You are God
You're right here with me
Through all my troubles
I'll be still and know
Know You are God
You are the light and rest for my soul
You're God and I'll be still and know

When my heart feels anxious
It's Your voice that calms every storm
When I find myself crying all through the night
You remind me
You remind me

(Repeat Chorus)

You're a well
That never runs dry
No valley too deep
No mountain too high
You are my strength
And You are my guide
Lord You're in control
So I'll be still and know
You're a well
That never runs dry
No valley too deep
No mountain too high
You are my strength
And You are my guide
Lord You're in control
So I'll...

(Repeat Chorus)

Order of Worship

The flowers on the altar are lovingly given in honor of our fathers and father figures.

**Congregation stands, as able*

Prelude

"This is My Father's World"

Robert Lau

Announcements

***Passing of the Peace**

***Opening Songs**

"You Have Made Me Glad"
& "Be Still and Know"

The Branch Band

Children's Moment

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

Special Music

"At the Name of Jesus"

Chancel Choir

***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.

Pastoral Prayer

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

Children's worship packets can be found in baskets in the Narthex.

Please return worship packets at the end of the service.

A nursery for newborns through 24 months and a preschool class for ages 2 through K4 is available starting at 9am in the Education Building (first floor.)

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.

Offering

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

Offertory

"Prelude in F"

J.S.Bach

***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**

"Faith of Our Fathers"

UMH 710

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 3:1-15

Robert Boggs

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Words From The Father"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Hymn**

"This Is My Father's World"

UMH 144

Welcoming New Members

Dave & Marsha Gamberoni

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Paul Manz

Assistive listening devices are available for anyone who may benefit from hearing assistance during the service. Please see an Usher in the Narthex to receive one.

***Greeters:** Growing in Faith **Ushers:** Edward Johnson, Tom McIntyre, Mike Shull, Mark Swilley*

Scripture

Proverbs 3:1-15

- 3 My son, do not forget my teaching,
but keep my commands in your heart,
2 for they will prolong your life many years
and bring you peace and prosperity.
- 3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you;
bind them around your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
- 4 Then you will win favor and a good name
in the sight of God and man.
- 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
6 in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.^[a]
- 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord and shun evil.
- 8 This will bring health to your body
and nourishment to your bones.
- 9 Honor the Lord with your wealth,
with the firstfruits of all your crops;
10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine.
- 11 My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline,
and do not resent his rebuke,
12 because the Lord disciplines those he loves,
as a father the son he delights in.^[b]
- 13 Blessed are those who find wisdom,
those who gain understanding,
14 for she is more profitable than silver
and yields better returns than gold.
- 15 She is more precious than rubies;
nothing you desire can compare with her.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, August 19
9:30am-2:30pm
Family Life Center (Gym)

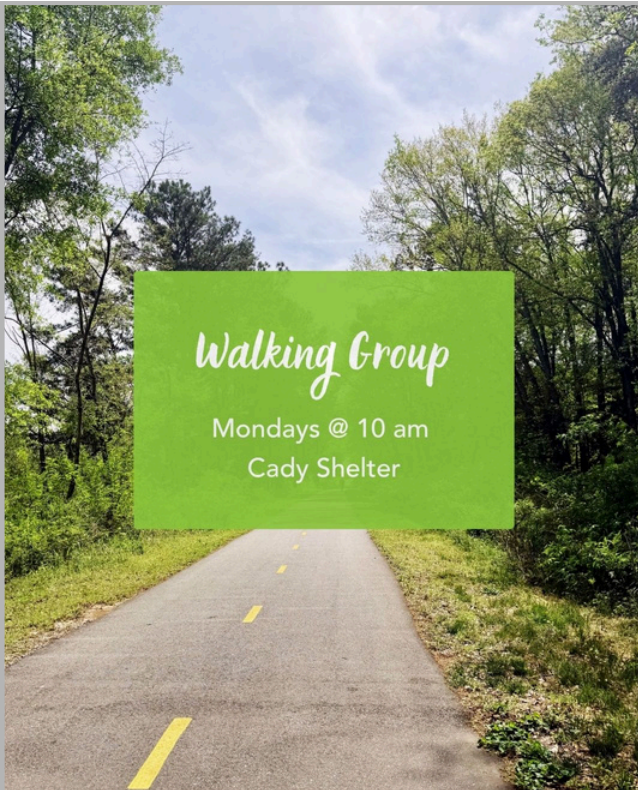
We're **looking** for blood donors! Appointments are now available for our next blood drive on Wednesday, August 19 from 9:30am-2:30pm. Register ahead of time and you'll save time on donation day.



Enroll NOW for 2026-2027!



Spots still available in 2K & 3K classes! 4K is on a waitlist.



Walking Group
Mondays @ 10 am
Cady Shelter



Summer Pickleball
Wednesdays @ 6:30-8pm
June 3 – August 12

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

Summer Sundays – through August 2

Women's Bible Study – Tuesdays through June 30

Walking Group – 10am Mondays

Summer Pickleball – 6:30-8pm Wednesdays

Salkehatchie Summer Service – June & July

Vacation Bible School – July 27-31

Red Cross Blood Drive – August 19

Prayers & Praises

Sarah Clemmons' sister, Debbie

Bonnie Lynch's mom, Jocelle

Paul Thorn

Maya Powers' mom, Leya

Paul Thorn's mom, Leila

Elinor DeYoung

The Davis Family

Brian and Nancy Leach

Beth Shoemaker's sister, Dorinda

Sue Edmonds

Shoemaker's son-in-law, Larry

Ethel Sherrill

Mike Shull's mom, Christine