

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

8:45am-12:00pm

Childcare available in
Education Building for
K4 & under

Welcome!

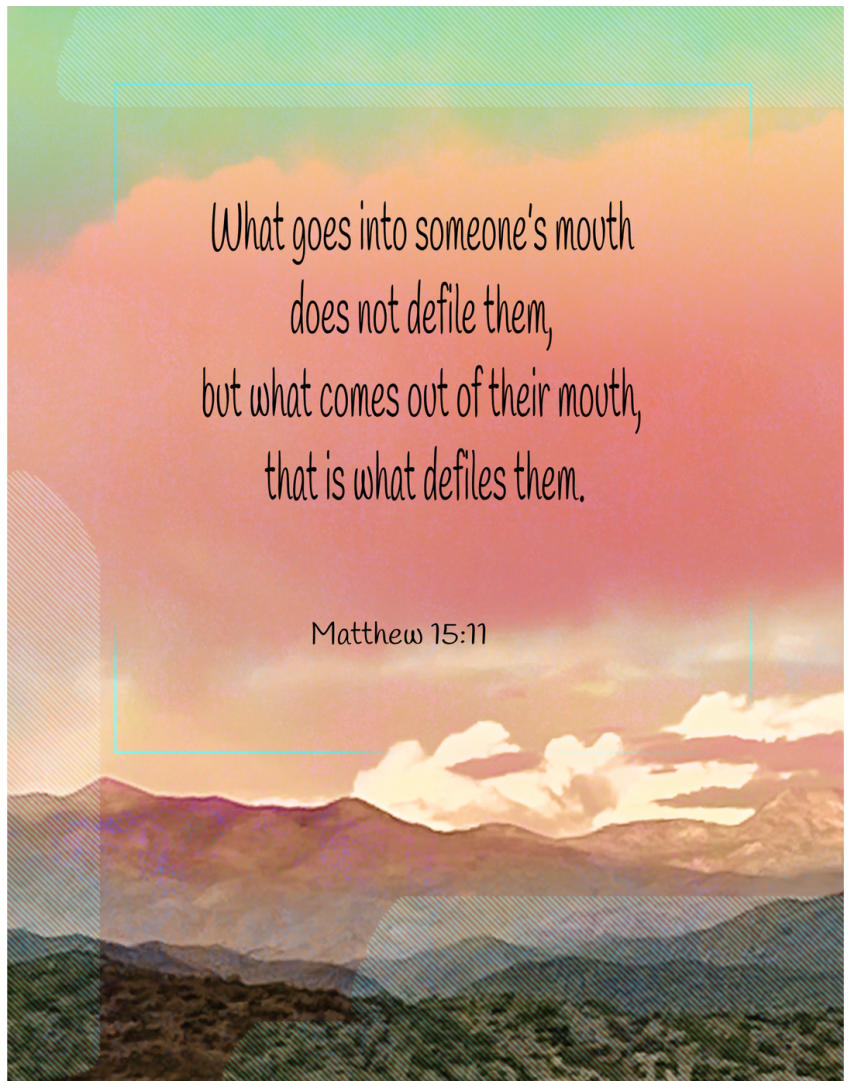
We are so glad you are
worshiping with us, and a
special welcome to our
guests.

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.



What goes into someone's mouth
does not defile them,
but what comes out of their mouth,
that is what defiles them.

Matthew 15:11

August 16, 2026



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church



Volunteer for Children's Church

Opportunities to serve in BOTH services!



Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, August 19

9:30am-2:30pm

Family Life Center (Gym)

Appointments are still available throughout the day!
Walk-ins are also welcome, but register ahead and
save time on donation day.



Give Blood!



Meanderers Lunch

August 20 | 11:30am
Basilico Greenville



9:00am

Order of Worship

**Congregation stands, as able*

Announcements

***Greeting**

***Opening Worship Songs**

Children's Moment

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

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

Matthew 15:10-20

Sermon

"Out of the Heart"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Worship Song**

Mission Moment: Red Cross Blood Drive

Tim Brookshire

***Blessing**

11:00am
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Prelude "Variations on St. Elizabeth" Robert Lau

Announcements

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***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" UMH 154

***Call to Worship**

Family of God, we gather today to unite our voices and our lives in praise to God!

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity!

We gather to celebrate how God binds us together to live, work, play, and rest as the Body of Christ!

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We gather to remember how God has worked through us to share Christ's love with one another and our neighbors through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

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Family of God, today we come as diverse and unique members of the Body of Christ to learn and grow not in uniformity but in unity to love God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity! Thanks be to God! 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.

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Special Music "My Savior and My God" 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 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.

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Offering

You may give your offering by: check or cash in the offering plate, texting "GIVE" to 659-1812, or giving online at stmatthewumc.net

Offertory

"Interlude"

Gilbert Martin

*The Doxology (Unison)

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

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

UMH 452

Scripture Reading

Matthew 15:10-20

Bartley Sides

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Out of the Heart"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

*Closing Hymn

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

UMH 361

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”

Jean Mouret

Scripture

Matthew 15:10-20

¹⁰ Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. ¹¹ What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them."

¹² Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?"

¹³ He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. ¹⁴ Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."

¹⁵ Peter said, "Explain the parable to us."

¹⁶ "Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them. ¹⁷ "Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? ¹⁸ But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them."

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.



Triune Fifth Saturday Lunch
August 29 | 11:20am

Help us share God's love by feeding our neighbors at Triune Mercy Center.

We'll meet at Triune (222 Rutherford St.) at 11:20am on Saturday, August 29. Plan to be there about an hour. The more volunteers the merrier!

Questions? Contact Claire Winkler.



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

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St. Matthew Happenings

Walking Group – 10am Mondays

Summer Pickleball – 6:30-8pm Wednesdays

Youth Lake Day – August 16

Red Cross Blood Drive – August 19

Meanderers Lunch – August 20

Triune Fifth Saturday Lunch – August 29

Tailgate at the Parsonage – September 20

Pumpkin Unloading – September 27

Second Pumpkin Unloading – October 12

Prayers & Praises

John White

Paul Thorn

McPherson Family

Paul Thorn's mom, Leila

Anna Cobb's grandson, Crescent

Elinor DeYoung

Doyle Yates

Brian and Nancy Leach

Beth Shoemaker's sister, Dorinda

Sue Edmonds

Shoemaker's son-in-law, Larry

Ethel Sherrill