

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!

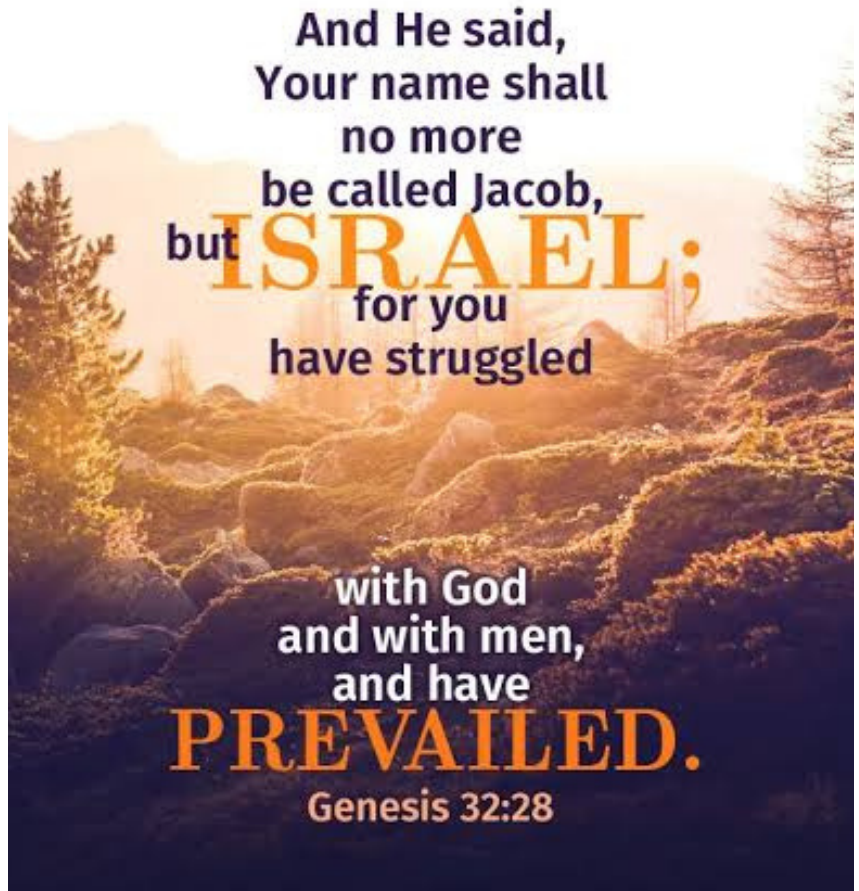
We are so glad you are
worshiping with us, and a
special welcome to our
guests.

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.



August 9, 2026



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church



Summer Pickleball

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



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.



American
Red Cross



Meanderers Lunch

August 20 | 11:30am
Basilico Greenville



Volunteer for Children's Church

Opportunities to serve in BOTH services!



9:00am

Order of Worship

**Congregation stands, as able*

Announcements

***Greeting**

***Opening Worship Songs**

Blessing of the Backpacks

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

Genesis 32:22-31

Sermon

"Face to Face"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Worship Song**

***Blessing**

11:00am
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Prelude

“Variations on St. Elizabeth”

Robert Lau

Announcements & *Passing of the Peace

***Chiming of the Hour**

***Processional Hymn**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH 89

***Call to Worship**

As we gather and as we disperse, as we rise and as we sleep, as we eat and play and work,
We offer God praise.

As we wash our car, scrub the dishes, rinse the grime of the day from our hands,
We offer God praise.

As we feel the tips of the grass on our feet, the wind against our face, the sun on our backs,
We offer God praise.

Come, let us worship God who creates, redeems, and sustains us to live out our praise in all we do!
We come as people formed by grace to offer God praise with our whole selves now and in all the ordinary moments of our lives! 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.

Presentation of Bibles (3rd Graders)

Connor Mason O’Brian, Samantha Olimpia Steele, Lila Kate Zettler

Blessing of the Backpacks

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***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

"To God Be the Glory"

UMH 98

Scripture Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

Patton Fiske

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Face to Face"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

*Closing Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH 369

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Trumpet Tune”

Jean Mouret

Scripture

Genesis 32:22-31

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."
But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."
²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?"
"Jacob," he answered.
²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."
²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."
But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.
³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."
³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

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St. Matthew Happenings

Walking Group – 10am Mondays

Summer Pickleball – 6:30-8pm Wednesdays

Promotion Sunday – Today

Back-to-School Bash – Today

Youth Lake Day – August 16

Red Cross Blood Drive – August 19

Meanderers Lunch – August 20

Triune Fifth Saturday Lunch – August 29

Pumpkin Unloading – September 27

Prayers & Praises

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

Paul Thorn