

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.



September 27, 2026



St. Matthew
United Methodist Church

Lunch & Pumpkin Unloading TODAY | 11:30am

Join us on the front lawn for a **pizza lunch** made possible by our Aldersgate, Faithful Followers, and Foundations Sunday School classes before unloading.

Lots of hands are needed to help bring our patch to life! There's a job for everyone... you don't have to lift heavy pumpkins or be on your feet the entire time to help.

Please bring a wheelbarrow and gloves if you have them.



Volunteer in the patch!
Shifts available daily 10am-7pm



Basketball Registration

Now open through October 4!



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PUMPKIN Patch Party



OCTOBER 14 | 5-7 PM

costume contest
games + prizes
face painting
food truck
live music

free & all are welcome!

get involved!

VOLUNTEER

greet visitors, lead party games,
face paint, donate candy, sell
pumpkins, setup or cleanup



SPREAD THE WORD

pumpkin patch party is a free
community event - invite your
friends, neighbors, and coworkers!

Hymns

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!

Marching to Zion

Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne.

(Refrain)
We're marching to Zion,
Beautiful, Beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion,
The beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King,
But children of the heavenly King,
May speak their joys abroad,
May speak their joys abroad.

(Refrain)

The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets,
Before we reach the heavenly fields,
Before we reach the heavenly fields
Or walk the golden streets,
Or walk the golden streets.

(Refrain)

Then let our songs abound,
And every tear be dry;
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high,
To fairer worlds on high.

(Refrain)

Order of Worship

**Congregation stands, as able*

Prelude

Announcements

Pumpkin Patch Preview

Terhune Sudderth

*Passing of the Peace

*Opening Songs

Branch Band

*Call to Worship

Creator God, how great is your name!

All creation sings of your glory, and so do we.

You have exalted us and crowned us with honor-

even the infants join stars and moon in singing your praise.

How great, O God, is your name in all the earth! Amen.

*Gloria Patri (*Unison*)

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

Special Music

"The Lord's Prayer"

Jody Webb

*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

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

*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

"Morning Has Broken"

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:36-38

Tom McIntyre

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"A Methodist Loves God"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

*Closing Hymn

"Marching to Zion"

*Benediction

*Children's worship packets can be found in a basket beside the welcome table.
Please return worship packets at the end of the service.*

Scripture

Matthew 22:36-38

³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.

ADAM HAMILTON

Author of Creed, Wrestling with Doubt, and The Message of Jesus



THE
HOLY
SPIRIT

GOD'S PRESENCE AND POWER
AT WORK IN US



Join Pastor Kurt for this five-week study
on Sundays from 5-6pm beginning
October 4 through November 1

Meanderers Lunch



October 15 | 11:30am
Hangar 28

Walking Group

10am Mondays
Cleveland Park Stables
(130 Woodland Way)



Pickleball Group

1-3pm Mondays
2-4pm Wednesdays

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St. Matthew Happenings

Walking Group – 10am Mondays

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

Disciple 1 Fast Track Study – 1:30-3pm Tuesdays

Faith & Immigration Justice – 10-11:30am Wednesdays

Pumpkin Unloading – September 27 & October 11

The Holy Spirit Study – begins October 4

Pumpkin Patch Party – October 14

Meanderers Lunch – October 15

Charge Conference – October 26

High School Retreat – December 4-6

Youth Ski Trip – January 15-18, 2027

St. Matthew in the Mountains – March 12-14, 2027

Prayers & Praises

Amy King's mom, Jean

Charlie Jones

Anne Levine

Doyle Yates

Lillie McPherson's mom, Linda

Paul Thorn

Betty Clark

Paul Thorn's mom, Leila

Cormey Family

Paul Thorn's aunt, Millie

Don Cochran

Elinor DeYoung

Jody Webb's dad, Joseph

Brian and Nancy Leach

Kevin Brown

Sue Edmonds

Susie Saville

Ethel Sherrill

John White

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