

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.



JESUS SAID UNTO HIM, THOU SHALT
LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH
ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL
THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIND.

Matthew 22:37, KJV

October 25, 2026

St. Matthew
United Methodist Church



Volunteers Needed!
10am-7pm Daily

Our pumpkin patch only has one week left, and we're **so thankful** for everyone who has volunteered this year. There's still time for **YOU** to get involved!

Volunteer in the patch this week and help us wrap up this year's efforts to raise money for local missions and church ministries!



Carve your masterpiece, snap a photo, and share on social media by 10/31. Tag @stmatthewumc and be entered to win a \$50 gift card!



Triune Fifth Saturday Lunch
October 31 | 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, October 31. Plan to be there about an hour. The more volunteers the merrier!

Questions? Contact *Claire Winkler*.





For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God."

-2 Corinthians 9:12



Stewardship Sunday Celebration

November 15

9am: The Branch Worship
10am: Breakfast (Parlor)
11am: Traditional Worship



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.

Stewardship Moment

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:20; Matthew 22:37-39

Sermon

"Love Others"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

***Closing Worship Song**

***Blessing**

11:00am
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Prelude	“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”	Carolyn Hamlin
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Announcements

***Passing of the Peace**

***Chiming of the Hour**

*Processional Hymn	“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”	UMH 64
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***Call to Worship**

We are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to advocate against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:

We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:

We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.

We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen.

*Gloria Patri (<i>Unison</i>)	UMH 70
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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	“God is Our Refuge” <i>Jaden Lournaga, Trumpet</i>	Chancel Choir
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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 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.

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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

"How Great Thou Art"

Michael Burkhardt

***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

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

UMH 400

Stewardship Moment

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:20; Matthew 22:37-39

Mike Shull

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Love Others"

Rev. Kurt McPherson

*Closing Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

UMH 557

*Benediction

*Postlude

"Arrival of the Queen of Sheba"

G.F. Handel

Scripture

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²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

Matthew 22:37-39

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. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'



Meanderers Lunch

November 19 | 11:30am
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FALL Social

NOVEMBER 20

6:30-9:30pm

rsp by november 15



adults only

The Webbs • 244 Stone Lake Drive



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Save the Date!



Vacation Bible School
July 26-30, 2027

Contact Us

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Stay in Touch

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

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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

The Holy Spirit Study – 5-6pm Sundays

Charge Conference – October 26

Triune Fifth Saturday Lunch – October 31

All Saints Day – November 1

Basketball Begins – November 7

Church Work Day – November 7

Pumpkin Volunteer Celebration – November 8

Stewardship Sunday – November 15

Meanderers Lunch – November 19

Fall Adult Social – November 20

High School Retreat – December 4-6

Children's Christmas Pageant – December 13

Carols on Cleveland – December 16

Christmas Cantata – December 20

Youth Ski Trip – January 15-18, 2027

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

Vacation Bible School – July 26-30, 2027

Prayers & Praises

Helen Bates and Family

Sarah Jane Tollison's mom, Jane

Sarah Clemmons' sister, Debbie

Jean Sanderson

Amy King and Family

Hugh and Sue Edmonds

Susie Saville

Lillie McPherson's mom, Linda

Paul Thorn and Family

Paul Thorn's mom, Leila

Paul Thorn's aunt, Millie

Beth Shoemaker's sister, Maria Christina

Roland Cline

Betty Clark

Don Cochran

John White

Doyle Yates

Charlie Jones

Elinor DeYoung

Brian and Nancy Leach

Ethel Sherrill

Ann Osborne