



# ST. MATTHEW'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**We are a family of faith reaching out  
to share the life-changing love and grace of Jesus!**

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## TOP 3 for Sunday, January 18th

### 1 Rise Retreat

Rise Weekend is a United Methodist youth retreat for students in grades 6–12, focused on faith, community, and purpose.

February 13–15, 2026, students from across the Mississippi Conference will gather at Camp Tanglewood for a weekend of worship, small groups, teaching, and shared experiences. Students will reflect on their identity as beloved children of God, build meaningful relationships, and explore what it looks like to live out their faith with intention.

Cost: \$250 per student (includes lodging, meals, t-shirt, and all programming).

Scholarships available—cost should never be a barrier.

Register by scanning the QR code below:



### 2 Wonderfully Made, Loved by God

Wonderfully Made, Loved by God is a 5-week workshop from St. Matthew's UMC Children's Ministry for children ages 10–12. The workshop helps kids understand their bodies, the changes of puberty, and God's love for them—now and always—in an age-appropriate and supportive environment.

All children are welcome (not just St. Matthew's kids). Sessions include games, team-building, and small-group discussions led by Children's Minister Laura Rivera and Barbara Conway.

Parent Intro Session: February 1 at 1:30 PM in Perry Hall (room beside the kitchen).

Questions? Contact Laura Rivera at [laura@stm-umc.org](mailto:laura@stm-umc.org) or 601-624-9497.

Scan the QR code to register and learn more:



### 3 Flower Calendar

Several upcoming dates are available to place flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, or to mark a special occasion: **February 8, March 8, 15 & 22, April 12 & 19**. To reserve a date, please contact Tim Rigby at [timrigby@stm-umc.org](mailto:timrigby@stm-umc.org). If the Sanctuary is already booked, the Narthex may also be available.

#### Placement options:

Sanctuary: \$120  
Narthex: \$60  
Intersection: \$60

### 2025 Giving Statements

Giving statements for 2025 have been emailed out this week. If you did not receive yours or have any questions, you can contact us at (601) 856-9581 or [finance@stm-umc.org](mailto:finance@stm-umc.org)

### Our Presence: Jan. 11, 2026

**Traditional Service: 189**  
**Intersection Service: 95**  
**Online Worship: 89**  
**Worship Total: 373**

### This week...

#### Monday:

Office Closed  
*Martin Luther King Jr. Day*  
Senior Game Day @ 2pm

#### Tuesday:

Pillowcase Pals @ 1pm  
Ageless Aerobics @ 2pm  
Pickleball @ 6pm

#### Wednesday:

Older Adult Breakfast @ 9am  
WNL Dinner @ 5pm  
WNL Activities @ 6pm  
Choir Practice @ 7:15pm

#### Thursday:

Card Care Ministry @ 9:30am  
Ladies' Bible Study @ Noon  
Ageless Aerobics @ 2pm

#### Sunday:

Sunday School @ 9:15am  
Traditional Worship @ 10:30am  
Intersection Worship @ 10:30am  
Cub Scouts @ 2pm  
WAGS @ 3pm

### Office Closed: Monday, Jan. 19th

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, our Church Office and Weekday Ministry will be closed on Monday, January 19.

### Weekday Ministry Registration

Weekday Ministry Registration begins soon! If you need to register your child, or would like to learn more about Weekday Ministry, talk to Cindy Casteel or email her at [cindycasteel@stm-umc.org](mailto:cindycasteel@stm-umc.org)

### Memorials

**In Memory of Jeanne Halliwell**  
*from Marcia Taylor*  
*from Charles and Wendy Stewart*  
*from Tom and Betty Parry*

### Older Adult Activities

**Breakfast** @ Denny's  
Each Wednesday in January @ 9am

**Ageless Aerobics**  
Every Tuesday & Thursday @ 2pm

**Game Day**  
Monday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm

**Pillowcase Pals**  
Tuesday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm

**Grammy Museum & Lunch**  
Friday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Mississippi Symphony**  
Saturday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm

**Movie Day**  
Monday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm

**Contact Joyce Titus**  
for more info, RSVPs,  
& transportation  
(601-214-4826)

### WAGS

Next WAGS visit is  
January 25<sup>th</sup> at  
3 o'clock at the  
Waterford.

### WNL Menu: Jan. 21st

**Main Line:** fried OR baked chicken, buttered mashed potatoes, veggie medley with roll

**OR** Chef Salad w/Turkey

*(both options come with dessert & drink)*

**Kids Line:** chicken nuggets, pizza, french fries, dessert, & drink

 **Updated Prices:**  
\$12 Adults & Youth  
\$10 Senior Adults

\$10 Salad Entree  
\$8 Kids

### Ladies' Bible Study

Ladies' Bible Study meets Thursdays at noon in the Youth Lounge, and we'd love for you to join us as we begin a new study, Fierce by Jennifer Coward.

Whether you've been coming for years or are thinking about joining for the first time, this is a great time to jump in. Questions? Contact Laura Rivera at [laura@stm-umc.org](mailto:laura@stm-umc.org) or 601-624-9497. Let's start the year together!

### The Upper Room Devo

Support your daily walk with God by using The Upper Room! St. Matthew's furnishes this daily devotional for you. Pick up the new January – February issue in the Narthex or Intersection Lobby.

### Sunday School & Small Groups

If you are looking for a small group or Sunday School class to join for the new year, then we have many options available! Contact Andy at [andy@stm-umc.org](mailto:andy@stm-umc.org) if you have questions.

### WNL Activities

**Adults:**  
Bible Study with Andy (Sanctuary)  
Study on Gospel of Matthew (Room 116)  
Soul Sisters Women's Bible Study (Parlor)  
Experiencing God with Jessica Wellington (Room 115)

**Youth:**  
Bible Study & Games (Youth Lounge)

**Children:**  
Nursery  
Pre K Music  
Elementary Choir & Bible Study