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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 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. 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

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

Memorials

In Memory of Jeanne Halliwell

from Marcia Traylor

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. 19th @ 2pm

Pillowcase Pals

Tuesday, Jan. 20th @ 1pm

Grammy Museum & Lunch

Friday, Jan. 23rd

Mississippi Symphony

Saturday, Jan. 24th @ 7:30pm

Movie Day

Monday, Jan. 26th @ 1pm

Contact Joyce Titus

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

WAGS

Next WAGS visit is
January 25th at 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
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 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