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to share the life-changing love and grace of Jesus!**

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## TOP 3 for Sunday, January 25th

### 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 Coffee with the Pastor

Are you interested in learning more about St. Matthew's? Make plans to join us February 8th at 9:30 a.m. in the Narthex for our Coffee with the Pastor. In this informal time you'll get to meet our staff as well as learn more about St. Matthew's. If you have any questions, you can email Andy at [andy@stm-umc.org](mailto:andy@stm-umc.org)

#### WAGS

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

**Our Presence:**  
**Jan. 18, 2026**

**Traditional Service:** 172  
**Intersection Service:** 63

**Online Worship:** 108  
**Worship Total:** 343

#### 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)

#### This week...

##### Monday:

Adult Art Class @ 10am  
Flower Ministry @ 10am  
Senior Movie Day @ 1pm

##### Tuesday:

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

#### Older Adult Activities

##### Breakfast @ Denny's

Each Wed. in January @ 9am

##### Ageless Aerobics

Every Tuesday & Thursday @ 2pm

##### Movie Day

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

##### Contact Joyce Titus

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

#### 2026 Flower Calendar

Several upcoming dates are available to place flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, or to mark a special occasion: 2/8, 3/8, 3/22 & 3/29. 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

#### February Prayer Focus

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness"  
2 Corinthians 12:9

God's grace is sufficient. This verse reaffirms that God's grace is big enough to cover every area of our lives. God's grace covers the good, the bad, and the ugly. God's grace fills in the gaps where we fall short and make mistakes. That is great news! God is not concerned with perfection, but rather for us to grow each day depending on Him more. God's grace shines brightest in the broken places of our lives.

God's grace is extended to us. We are to extend that same grace to others when shortcomings take place, and welcome opportunities to start again. God's grace covers various behaviors, attitudes, circumstances, and people. The good news about God's grace is that it covers any scenario.

There is no shortage of God's grace and there are no circumstances where God's grace is not available. When we drift away from God or become too prideful, God's grace invites us to draw back closer to Him. The good news about God's grace is that it is an open, free invitation to start anew.

Always remember that grace is a gift. It is God's unmerited love and help given freely. You can't earn it, but you get a lot of it. It's free and abundant. When you go to God in heartfelt prayer, He will always give you what you need. Forget about worrying about getting what you deserve. Thankfully, God's grace is getting much more than you deserve.

'It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — Ephesians 2:8

#### WNL Menu: Jan. 28th

**Main Line:** chopped steak, seasoned green beans, rice & gravy, and buttered 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



#### 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