



# 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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## 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 Wednesday Night Live (WNL)

Wednesday Night Live will resume on Wednesday, January 14, 2026. More information about the menu and programming opportunities for all ages will be shared soon—stay tuned!

### 2026 Flower Calendar

To reserve a date for flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one or to mark a special occasion, contact the church office: 601-856- 9581.

***The Narthex may be available if the Sanctuary is booked.***

**Sanctuary:** \$120

**Narthex:** \$60

**Intersection:** \$60

## 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.

## 3 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 Brian Johnston at [brian@stm-umc.org](mailto:brian@stm-umc.org) if you have questions.

## UWF

The first United Women in Faith Meeting of 2026 will be Sunday, January 11 at 3:00 pm in the Parlor.

The speaker will be Mallory Pickering with the Mississippi Coalition Against Human Trafficking. All women of the church are invited to come for fellowship and for learning ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

## Homebound communion

Homebound communion will be Thursday, January 8 at 1:30 pm. If you are willing to help serve communion or if you would like to be served, please contact Kaye Herring at [kayeherring@stm-umc.org](mailto:kayeherring@stm-umc.org)

## This week...

### Monday:

Adult Art Class @ 10am  
Senior Game Day @ 2pm

### Tuesday:

Ageless Aerobics @ 2pm  
Pickleball @ 6pm

### Wednesday:

Older Adult Breakfast @ 9am  
No WNL Activities  
Choir Practice @ 7:15pm

### Thursday:

Card Care Ministry @ 9:30am  
Ladies' Bible Study @Noon  
Homebound Communion @ 1:30pm  
Ageless Aerobics @ 2pm  
Pickleball @ 6pm

### Sunday:

Sunday School @ 9:15am  
Traditional Worship @ 10:30am  
Intersection Worship @ 10:30am  
United Women in Faith @ 3pm  
Men of Faith @ 3pm

## Ladies' Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will resume Thursday, January 8th after our holiday break! We meet Thursdays at noon in the Youth Lounge, and we'd love for you to join us as we kick off a new study in the new year.

We're also planning a holiday get-together in January, so stay tuned for details. Whether you've been coming for years or are thinking about jumping in for the first time, this is a great time to join us. Let's start the year together.

## Older Adult Activities

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

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

**Game Day**  
Monday, Jan. 5th @ 2pm

**Mississippi Symphony**  
Saturday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm

**Seasoned Saints**  
Tuesday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> @ Noon

**Another Broken Egg**  
Friday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00

**MS Museum of Art**  
Renaissance, Ridgeland

Friday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 11:15am

**Sombra Mexican Restaurant**  
*Ladies Night Out*

Friday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM

**Game Day**

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

**MS Museum of Art & Lunch**

Monday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10am

**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)

**Our Presence:**  
**Dec. 28, 2025**

**Traditional Service:** 126  
**Intersection Service:** 36

**Online Worship:** 92  
**Worship Total:** 254