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TOP 3 Sunday, July 5th

1 School Supply Drive

Help us support students through our school supply drive for **MadCAAP** and **Trinity Hispanic Mission Center**. All donations are requested by **next Sunday, July 12th**. Leave donations in Narthex

MadCAAP Needs

- 50 packs of graph paper (50 sheets per pack)

Trinity Hispanic Mission Center Needs

- Wide-ruled loose-leaf paper
- Blue or black pens
- Glue sticks or bottles of glue
- Pencils
- Pencil bags or pencil boxes
- Markers
- Crayons
- Dry-erase markers
- Plastic or paper 3-ring folders with pockets
- 1-subject notebooks

Thank you for helping local students start the school year with the supplies they need.

Questions?

Contact Melissa Ragazzi (601) 540-7336

2 Youth Mission Trip to Biloxi

Our St. Matthew's youth group will travel to Biloxi, Mississippi, next Sunday July 12th to deliver books collected through our book drive and serve with Seaside Mission. Please be in prayer for our students and leaders as they share Christ's love through service and outreach.

3 Promotion Sunday & Blessing of Backpacks

Join us July 26th for Promotion Sunday when children move up to their new Sunday School classes. During worship, students of all ages bring your backpacks to place near the altar before worship begins. During the Children's Moment, we will offer a special prayer of blessing over everyone returning to school.

Welcome Reception for Rev. Ricky James

Join us for a Welcome Reception for Rev. Ricky James & Family on Sunday, July 12 at 9:15 a.m. in Hart Hall Gym during the Sunday School hour as we gather to welcome them to St. Matthew's with a time of fellowship and light refreshments.

Check-in with us!



Our Presence: June 28th

Combined: 282

Online: 107

Total: 389

Prayer Requests?

prayer@stm-umc.org

This week...

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

Age-less Aerobics @ 2pm
Pickleball @ 6pm

Wednesday:

Older Adult Breakfast @ 9am
Youth Group: Art Museum & Adventure Day
Choir Practice @ 6:30pm

Thursday:

Card Care Ministry @ 9:30am
Age-less Aerobics @ 2pm

Sunday:

Sunday School @ 9:15am
Traditional Service @ 10:30am
Intersection Service @ 10:30am

Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Mark Armstrong

from Estelle Blackwell
from Marcia Traylor

In Honor of Allan Halliwell

from Lisa Peoples, Wesley
& Ainsley Cauthen

In Honor of St. Matthew's Music Ministry

from Allen Hart from Joyce Titus

Youth Adventure Day

We'll leave the church July 8th at 11:00 a.m. for the Mississippi Museum of Art, followed by lunch at Keifer's. Students just need \$ for lunch. Please let MB know if you plan to ride the van!

Flower Calendar & Ministry

The Sanctuary Flower Calendar

Open dates: July 12, 19; Sept. 27

Call the church office to reserve in honor or remembrance of loved ones, or in celebration of a special occasion.

NOTE: The Sanctuary Flower Ministry is in need of clean vases; please drop off donations at the church office.

College Scholarship Opportunity

APPLY NOW for the Suzanne Elaine Shaw Memorial Scholarship.

Please contact Mary Beth for more info on eligibility and how to apply.

Seasoned Saints

Celebrate with the Seasoned Saints on Tuesday, July 14, as Charles Stewart presents a "Salute to America's 250"! Coffee and fellowship begin at 11:30 in Hart Hall, followed by lunch at noon. The cost is \$10. Call or text Kaye Schloemer at 601-573-1469 (kjschloemer23@gmail.com) for reservations. Hope you will join us for this very special birthday party!

July (Mental) Health & Wellness Message

"I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me." -Philippians 4:12-13

God is an active participant in our life. He knows of our struggles before we do and often introduces people and events into our life that will put us in a better position to face upcoming struggles. Remember, you are never alone in your struggles. Next time you face a challenge that seem insurmountable, stop and try to think of the people and past changes in your life (such as a job loss that resulted in a new job with better health insurance) that have put you in a position to better face your current struggle and know that God has always been, and still is, facing it with you.

Madison Home: Craft Day

Wednesday, July 8th, at 1:30 p.m. Craft Day with our neighbors at Madison Home Place. We'll spend the afternoon creating, connecting, and enjoying fellowship together. Meet at Madison Home Place at 1:15 p.m. If you'd like to attend, please contact Melissa Ragazzi at 601-540-7336