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Cookies with Santa

Join us for Cookies with Santa on Sunday, December 7th from 2:00-4:00 pm. Mark your calendars—it's going to be a sweet afternoon!

Advent Boxes are here!

Children: Advent starts today! See Mrs. Laura to pick up your family Advent Box!

WNL Activities

Adults:

Bible Study with Andy (Sanctuary) Study on Gospel of Matthew (Room 116) Soul Sisters Women's Bible Study (Parlor)

Youth:

Bible Study & Games (Youth Lounge)

Children:

Nursery Pre-K Music Elementary Choir & Bible Study

Christmas Musical

On December 14, you don't want to miss our Christmas Musical, presented by the Sanctuary Choir. This year, we will have a combined service at 10:30 am. We want you to join us at 9:15 am in Hart Hall for a time of fellowship and food. Please bring your favorite breakfast dish for this potluck brunch as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

3 UWF Poinsettia Fundraiser

Support the United Women of Faith's Birthday Gift for Christ project providing blankets, pillows, towels, and dishtowels for families in need. Poinsettias (\$25) will decorate both sanctuaries during Advent and can be picked up after church on Sunday, December 21. Purchase in the narthex or south building, at WNL, or online using the QR code. Honor or remember someone special while helping the UWF serve others locally and globally.

Seasoned Saints

St. Matthew's Seasoned Saints invite you to join in the fun as we welcome Amy and Jay McArthur on Tuesday, Dec. 9, in Hart Hall. We will have coffee and great fellowship starting at 11:30, Meal \$10 For reservations, please contact Kaye Schloemer at 601-573-1469 or kischloemer23@gmail.com

WNL Menu: Dec. 3

french fries, dessert, & drink

Main Line: chopped steak with seasoned green beans, rice & gravy, and buttered roll **OR** chef salad with turkey (both options come with dessert & drink) Kids Line: chicken nuggets, pizza,

Updated Prices:

\$12 Adults & Youth \$10 Senior Adults

\$10 Salad Entree \$8 Kids

Birthday Gift for Christ

Stop by the welcome desk in Narthex or Intersection Lobby to adopt a child for Christmas. Also, food list/bags are still available and are due TODAY St. Nick Sunday, Nov. 30th.



This week...

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

Ageless Aerobics @ 2pm Pickleball @ 6pm

Wednesday:

Older Adults Breakfast @ 9am (E.A.T.S. Diner) WNL Dinner @ 5pm WNL Activities @ 6pm Choir Rehearsal @ 7:15pm

Thursday:

Card Care @ 9:30am Ladies' Bible Study @ 12pm Homebound Communion @ 1:30pm Ageless Aerobics @ 2pm Pickleball @ 6pm

Sunday:

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

2025 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

Older Adult Activities

Breakfast @ E.A.T.S. Diner Each Wednesday in December @ 9am *Will NOT meet December 24 or 31

Game Day

Monday, Dec. 1 @ 2pm

Tinsel Town in Pearl

The Magic Flute Saturday, Dec. 6 @ 1:00

*Tickets need to be purchased in advance

Seasoned Saints

Tuesday, Dec. 9 @ Noon

Game Day

Monday, Dec. 15 @ 2pm

Pillowcase Pals

Tuesday, Dec. 16 @ Noon

Lunch @ Lily Pad

Friday, Dec. 19 @ 11:30am **Movie Day**

Monday, Dec. 29 @ Noon

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

Our Presence: Nov. 23, 2025

Traditional Service: 191 Intersection Service: 79 Online Worship Total: 118 Worship Total: 388

Advent 2025 **Calendar of Devotions**

The St. Matthews UMC Prayer Ministry Committee invites you to join them in celebrating this Advent by picking up an Advent 2025 Calendar of Devotions. These calendars will be available at the welcome desks in both the main church building and the South building. We have plenty so that each family has a calendar. May your Christmas be one filled with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Prayer Focus: December

Advent - Week One - Hope

"But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance." - Romans 8:25

Heavenly Father, thank You for the hope that endures because You are faithful. When life feels heavy or waiting grows long, remind us that we are not alone and that You are at work even when we cannot see it. At Christmas, You gave us hope in the person of Jesus—wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Help us remember that our hope is not wishful thinking but confidence in a God who never abandons His people. Thank You for this indescribable gift. Amen.