

ST. MATTHEW'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TOP 3

Sunday, September 6th

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Weekday Ministry: Teachers needed!

Our Weekday Ministry is looking for Preschool Teachers to join our team! We have full-time and part-time opportunities working with our 1 and 2 year old classrooms. If you're interested in learning more, please contact Cindy Casteel at 601-856-4860 or cindycasteel@stm-umc.org.

2

Seasoned Saints: this week!

The St. Matthew's Seasoned Saints invite you to join us as we welcome friends from Our Daily Bread Ministry on Tuesday, September 8, in Hart Hall. The cost for the noon meal is \$10, and reservations may be made by contacting Kaye Schloemer at 601-573-1469, or kjschloemer23@gmail.com. We hope to see you for this great time together!

3

UWF: Upcoming Meeting!

Attention All Women! Please join us for the next meeting of United Women in Faith on Sunday, September 13, at 3:00 PM in the Church Parlor. The Rev. Dr. Ricky and Meagan James will be our guests. United Women in Faith serves missions both locally and internationally. Come get involved and enjoy being the hands and feet of Jesus!

In other news...

Get connected!

Find your community at St. Matthew's! Whether you're looking to connect on Sunday mornings or throughout the week, there's a place for you.

SUNDAYS | 9:15 AM

Sunday School & small groups for children, youth, and adults.

WEDNESDAYS | 5-6 PM+

Dinner at 5 PM, followed by Bible study, fellowship, worship, and faith-building opportunities for all ages.

ADULTS: The Gathering • Ricky's Genesis Study • Soul Sisters • Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table

YOUTH: Games, fellowship & Bible study

CHILDREN: Children's Choir & Bible Study (K-5th) • Nursery & Pre-K

Want to get connected?

Adults: Brian@stm-umc.org

Youth: MaryBeth@stm-umc.org

Children: Laura@stm-umc.org

Women's Bible Study

Resumes this Thursday, September 10, at noon in the South Property Youth Lounge. We'll pick back up with Chapter 6 of Well Watered Woman. We're looking forward to reconnecting, encouraging one another, and growing together in faith! For more info, reach out to Laura or Mary Beth.

Youth UNITED Night

St. Matthew's is excited to host Youth UNITED Night, bringing students from local churches together for an evening of fun, fellowship, and faith! Invite your friends and come be part of this special night of connection with other students in our community. For more information, contact Rev. Mary Beth Davis Ashley at MaryBeth@stm-umc.org.

This Week...

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Church Office & Weekday Ministry Closed
Happy Labor Day!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

12:00 pm Seasoned Saints
2:00 pm Ageless Aerobics
6:00 pm Pickleball

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 am Older Adult Breakfast
5:00 pm WNL Dinner
6:00 pm WNL Activities
7:15pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:30 am Card Care Ministry
12:00 pm Women's Bible Study
2:00 pm Ageless Aerobics

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Traditional Service
10:30 am Intersection Service
2:00 pm Cub Scouts
3:00 pm UWF & Men of Faith

WNL Menu: Sept. 9th

Main Line: Catfish, Slaw, Jambalya, Hushpuppies

Salad Entree: Fried chicken salad
(both of these come with dessert & drink)

Kids Line: Chicken Nuggets, Pizza, French Fries, Dessert, & Drink

Join us for dinner at 5 PM & activities at 6pm!

The Staff of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. Ricky James

Rev. Brian Johnston

Rev. Mary Beth Davis Ashley

Rev. Steve Casteel

Mr. Tim Rigby

Ms. Laura Rivera

Ms. Kaye Herring

Ms. Cindy Casteel

Ms. Kim May

Mr. Frank Laney

Ms. Allen Hart

Ms. Ginger Trochesset

Ms. Dot Bell

Mr. Michael Bouldin

Our Presence & Gifts

ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST 30

Traditional: 195

Intersection: 68

Online: 205

TOTAL: 468

Sunday School: 162



Check-in with us!



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September 6, 2026

10:30 A.M.



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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday | 9 am to 5 pm

Friday | 9 am to 1pm

The Order of Worship		
<i>Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost</i>		
Prelude	Frank Laney, Organist	
*Call to Worship	Sanctuary Choir <i>"Come Now to Worship the Lord"—Besig & Price</i>	
*Cross and Light of the World		
*Hymn of Praise	<i>"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"</i>	#127
*Prayer of Confession	Rev. Steve Casteel	
<i>Most merciful God, We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.</i>		
*Choral Response	Sanctuary Choir <i>"May the Words of My Mouth"—Baumbach</i>	
*Pardon and Passing of the Peace		
Children's Moment	Gwen Howard	
Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts		
Offertory Anthem	<i>"A Time for Everything"—Hayes</i>	Sanctuary Choir
*Doxology	#95	
<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>		
*Offertory Prayer	Rev. Dr. Ricky James	
Scripture Reading	Exodus 12: 1-14 <i>Becky Knighton, Lay Reader</i> The Word of God for the People of God! Thanks be to God!	
Sermon	<i>"Set Free from Death"</i>	Rev. Dr. Ricky James

Service of Holy Communion	#13
<i>The Lord be with you. And also with you Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise</i>	
<i>It is right, and a good and joyful thing....</i>	
<i>...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:</i>	
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.	
<i>Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...</i>	
<i>...as we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.</i>	
<i>Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...</i>	
<i>...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.</i>	
Communion Hymns	(Please join us in singing as others come forward)
#617	“I Come with Joy”
#641	“Fill My Cup, Lord”
#618	“Let Us Break Bread Together”
#397	“I Need Thee Every Hour” (vv. 1, 3, & 4)
#504	“The Old Rugged Cross” (vv. 1 & 2)
Prayer After Receiving	
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
*Hymn of Commitment	#724
“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand” (vv. 1 & 4)	
*Benediction	The Rev. Dr. Ricky James
*Cross and Light of the World	
*Choral Response	Sanctuary Choir
“Amen”—Jennings	
*Postlude	Frank Laney, Organist
<i>The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Peggy and Bruce Peterson, and in remembrance of Peggy’s birthday by Christy May Edens.</i>	

St. Matthew’s Joys and Prayer Concerns		
September Prayer Focus – MISSION		
Gracious and loving God,		
Let us remember those who are serving, those who are being served, and the many opportunities God places before us to be instruments of His grace. Lord, open our hearts to the needs of our neighbors. Help us remember that mission is not simply something we support, but a calling in which we participate. We thank You for calling us to be Your hands and feet in a world that longs for hope, healing, and peace. Help us to serve humbly, listen carefully, and work alongside others with respect and love. We pray especially for those who are most vulnerable. Give them hope through the people who serve them and help us never lose sight of their God-given worth. May everything, we do in mission point beyond ourselves to Jesus Christ, who calls us to love God and love our neighbors. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, we pray, Amen.		
<i>Prayer requests remain on the prayer list for three weeks unless otherwise specified. To submit a request, contact Kaye Herring at kayeherring@stm-umc.org or call (601)826-2886. If you are requesting prayer for someone other than yourself, we respectfully request that you obtain their permission before placing them on the published prayer list.</i>		
<u>New Members:</u> Chelsey and Addelyn Mills; Pattie Forbes		
<u>Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones:</u>		
Pray for comfort for Jean Walker in the death of her brother, Philip Teetson . The funeral will be held Saturday, September 5 in Hattiesburg., Pray for Keith and Sherrel Ann Moffat and family in the loss of Keith’s dad, Rev. Curtis Moffat . Pray for God to ease the grief of Patti Forbess in the death of Wes , her husband. Pray for Charles Shiel in the loss of his wife, Carol .		
<u>Prayers for Our Church Family:</u>		
Lois Bankester – Continued prayers for relief from pain and a full return to good health. Kay Deville – Pray for improvement as she rehabs at The Madison. Julie Donald – Pray for family’s health as they face difficult decisions. Ken Green (Tonya Jones’s dad)– for strength & healing in treatment for lymphoma. Pray for Tonya as she cares for both her husband and father. Kenny Jones –Pray for strength, comfort, and healing during treatment for Stage 4 melanoma. Vera Pierce – Pray for relief from pain and infection. Janis Roberts –Pray for comfort and peace following a stroke. Andy and Marcia Traylor – Gratitude to our St. Matthew’s church family for the prayers and hope for continued treatment with minimal side effects. Frances Williams – Pray for good health and comfort from worries. Jennifer Williams –Pray for peace, wisdom, and strength as she cares for her elderly mother and teenage daughter.		
<u>Prayers For Extended Family:</u>		
Rhett Aiken (St. Matthew’s Family) Continued prayers for 8-year-old Rhett , suffering from severe burns after a car accident, and for his family, Robert, Corey, and sister Allie . Heather Bailey (Denise Caracci) Pray for strength and comfort as she fights cancer. Milton Jones (Gwen Ross’s friend) Pray for comfort and peace as he fights cancer. Kevin Usher (Denise Caracci’s friend) Pray for questions answered at the Mayo Clinic.		
<u>Continued Prayers for These Loved Ones:</u>		
Beth Boone	Tommy Bryant	Catie Donald-Ryals
Barbara Calcote	Joanne Jones	Suzanna McMahan
Ian Michelletti	Andy Neal	Joe Tarpley
Jamie Perry	Owen Temple	Jimmy Young
Billy Smith	John “Butch” Phelps	Brenda Pollard
Justin Halliwell	Bill Pierce	Red Pleasant
Janie Pleasant	Mary Margaret Upchurch	Margaret Thompson
Jane Goudelock	Bill Goudelock	Frank Laney
<u>Prayers for Protection for Our Men and Women Serving in the Armed Forces</u>		
Joel Coker, Air Force	Collin Packer, Air Force	Clayton Gressett, ANG
Col. Stan Martin, ANG	Brett Roberts, ANG	Alan Swan, ANG
Eric Lee, ANG	Tanner Weissnger, ANG	Lt. Ricky James, USN
Caroline Grace Smith, Army Reserve		Gratitude for all our veterans.