

Christian Formation 1-18-26



Children's Formation 10:15 between the services!

Infants through 5K New Location: The Nursery

1st - 5th Grade: The Large Classroom: Adults are always welcome to accompany kids or just stop by. We love when you visit!

Youth Sunday Morning Youth Room, 10:15 am.

Adults: Christian Formation Library Conf. Room at 10:15 am. Grab coffee and join us for an enriching topic offered by Debbie Rutledge.

EYC! Episcopal Youth Community. 5:30 pm w/Derek, Education Bldng.

Bible, Bread & Wine tonight in the Kelly Room at 5:30 pm for a deep dive into the day's Holy Scripture, with Eucharist. And snacks.

Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist with Healing 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. A quietly moving service rich in prayers of adoration, thanksgiving, petition, intercession, praise, and faith.

Compline Every evening www.facebook.com/groups/stmattsc. Starts between 9:15 and 10pm. We gather together in prayer to re-ground ourselves in the acceptance, hope, and strength we find in the beautiful Anglican rite of Compline.

Women's Bible Study Study Guides available in the Narthex!

Morning Edition starts Tues, Jan. 13, at 11:00 am, in the library. We will be reading the Old Testament Book of Ephesians. Questions? Contact Kathy Ellis 864-587-7321 or Cathy Whitworth 864-590-3418.

Evening Edition - New! also starts Tues, Jan. 13th. If getting into God's Word is one of your 2026 resolutions, we've GOT you! Join us as we kick off an Evening Women's Bible Study beginning Tuesday, January 13th. We'll meet at 6:30 PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month for an engaging study of Ephesians: A Strange Way to Save the World—a powerful, hope-filled look at how God works through us. If this sounds like something you'd love, we would be thrilled to have you! Call or text Mary Paul at 864-504-5375 to jump in.

Stewardship at St. Matthew's Research shows that when faith is part of a child's life, children grow in resilience, empathy, purpose, and a sense of right and wrong. Your stewardship supports Christian formation

that nurtures children, strengthens families, and builds healthier communities. Watch the Grapevine for more ways your generosity supports Christ's mission at St. Matthew's.

To learn more or give today, scan the QR code or visit stmatthewsepiscopal.org/giving. For assistance contact the church at (864) 576-0424 or jbird@stmatthewsepiscopal.org.



Chili Cookoff & Silent Auction: Let The Games Begin!

January 29th, starting at 6:00 benefitting our Preschool. This is not a drill.

The Preschool Chili Cook-Off is our most joyfully competitive event of the year, bringing out bold recipes, passionate cooks, and enthusiastic tasters from every corner of the parish. If you've been perfecting your chili all year, this is your moment. Come taste, vote, and cheer as one cook claims the coveted **Chili Champion title and parish bragging rights**.

Setup for cooks begins at 5:00 pm, chili tasting at 6:00 pm, silent auction winners announced at 7:00 pm, and the Chili Champion revealed at 7:30 pm. Free hotdogs, buy chili to take home, tickets \$10 best buy of the season!

Have something **truly fun to donate** to the silent auction? Experiences, artwork, gift certificates, getaways, or other standout items are warmly welcomed and help make this night unforgettable.

Shrove Tuesday Low Country Boil Tickets on Sale Now!

February 17, at 6:00 pm. No shade, but even our beloved twice-a-year crowd shows up for this one, so be sure to get your tickets early. \$20 Adults, \$10 Youth, Free Childcare. To help cook, contact a member of The Brotherhood of St. Matthew. **Tickets on sale now!**

Cursillo 150 at Camp Gravatt February 12 – 15, 2026. Experience living in a supportive Christian community for a weekend. See Grapevine or Contact Jane Bird for full information! jbird@stmatthewsepiscopal.org

The Brotherhood of St. Matthew Join us on the Second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Library. Shrove Tuesday planning coming up.

Coffeetime Hosts Needed Help make Sundays welcoming by hosting coffeetime between services. Coffee and tea are provided- just bring light refreshments. Sign up in the narthex or contact gdkeller52@gmail.com

Food Pantry & Free Medical Clinic **New Permanent Hours**

9:30 - 11:00 am. Volunteer Coordinators: Harvey Gloystein at 713-816-0112, and Heather Yevcak at 704-560-3905. Food Pantry Wish List: <https://a.co/7s3dFWI>.

"and also with y'all" t-shirts available Help us reach the minimum order-\$20 each. Cash or check to St. Matthew's (memo: Shirt). Episcopal shield front; "and also with y'all" on the back. Contact Debbie Richardson: richardsondebbie811@gmail.com.

The Parish Photo Album See highlights from parish life here: stmatthewsepiscopal.org/learn-connect/parishlife. Email your photos to Susan Englert, senglert@gmail.com.

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