

Christian Formation 1-4-26



Christmas Care for our Neighbors While the Food Pantry is closed for two weeks over Christmas, The Brotherhood of St. Matthew will have a hay-bale creche in the front yard with a sign reading, **"Bring What You Have, Take What You Need,"** to help bridge that time. Parishioners are invited to bring coats, blankets, items of your choice, and shelf-stable food items (no refrigerated items) and place them in the creche outside. **As you do, please offer a blessing and wish our neighbors a Merry Christmas!**

EYC and Bible, Bread & Wine Resume January 11th, 5:30 pm.

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.

Morning Women's Bible Study Starts Tuesday, January 13, at 11:00 am, in the library. We will be reading the Old Testament Book of Ephesians. Our Study Guide which lists the Ephesians chapters and verses to read before each meeting including discussion questions is available in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Kathy Ellis 864-587-7321 or Cathy Whitworth 864-590-3418.

Evening Women's Bible Study New! Starting Tuesday, 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 Thoughtful planning and faithful generosity allow us to care well for one another and serve God's Kingdom beyond our walls.



There are many ways to give, including pledges, online giving, stock gifts, and direct transfers such as RMDs. To learn more or give today, scan the QR code or visit stmattewsepiscopal.org/giving. For assistance, contact the church office or Jane Bird at (864) 576-0424 or jbird@stmattewsepiscopal.org

Soup-er Stew-pondous Epiphany Supper Today at 5:30 pm Calling all cooks! Show off your favorite soup or stew recipes. Bring a large pot of your best soup or stew to the church gym for dinner and fellowship.

PreSchool Chili Cookoff and Silent Auction January 29th, starting at 5:00 Join us for one of our favorite annual events, an instant classic always full of great food, friendly competition, and a happy, family-friendly atmosphere. **Setup** 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. Come enjoy delicious chili, fun bidding, and a wonderful evening together in support of our beloved Preschool!

Coffeetime Hosts Needed We're looking for individuals, families, or groups willing to host a coffeetime between our 9 and 11:15 a.m. services. Coffee and tea will already be prepared; light refreshments are all that's needed. Sign up in the narthex or contact Grace Keller at gdkeller52@gmail.com if you have questions. Thank you!

Shrove Tuesday Low Country Boil February 7, at 6:00 pm. \$20 Adults, \$10 Youth, Free Childcare. To help cook, contact a member of The Brotherhood of St. Matthew. More details to come! Tickets available soon.

Cursillo 150 at Camp Gravatt February 12 - 15, 2026. Cursillo offers a time to experience living in a supportive Christian community through the Episcopal Cursillo Weekend. See Grapevine or Contact Jane Bird for full information! jbird@stmattewsepiscopal.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.

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>.

T-Shirt Sale Continues We're looking for sixteen more folks to place an order - \$20 each, cash or check payable to St. Matthew's with 'Shirt' in the memo line. The design is an Episcopal Shield on the front left corner, with "and also with yall" on the back. Contact Debbie Richardson by email: richardsondebbie811@gmail.com.

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

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