

Christian Formation 10-18-26

The Sunday Schedule

9:00 - 9:45 Christian Formation

Preschool: 6mo – 5K will go to the Nursery.

Elementary: 1st – 5th grade. Meet your teacher in the Narthex at 9 am.

Teens: EYC Room. Meet your teacher in the Narthex at 9 am.

Adults: Andy Donnan's "What Does It Mean to be The Church?", resumes in November. Holy Grounds in the St. Matthew's Kitchen.

10:00 One Sunday Service

Sunday Evening

EYC at 5:30 pm in the Youth Room.

Bible, Bread & Wine w/Father Paul at 5:30 pm in the Kelly Rm.

Your Vestry is budgeting for 2027 now.

Please return your pledge card as soon as possible so we can plan responsibly for the upcoming year of worship, learning, fellowship, and service at St. Matthew's. Thank you for your membership and your commitment!

The CAT Survey will be closing soon

We'll be closing our CAT survey in about a week. Have you filled yours out yet?

SURVEY HELP SESSIONS TODAY: Sunday, October 18: Following the 10:00 AM service, in the Library. You must have the unique CAT link that was emailed to you.

Reach out to grapevine@stmatthewsepiscopal.org if you are not receiving "Rector Search Updates".

All Saints' Day Remembrances November 1st

This is a tender annual rite – pausing to remember those who have gone before us. In this act of remembrance, we honor the ways they continue to live in our hearts, even as we trust that they rest with God. It is a gentle way to salt our sorrow with hope. As we do each year, we invite you to add the names of those you would like remembered - loved ones who have died since last year's All Saints' Day. The All Saints' Book is in the narthex.

The PreSchool's Chili Cook-Off! Thursday evening, November 19.

At 5:30 pm in the gym. Come enjoy the same wonderful format: judge the chili, buy the chili, and bid in the silent auction on a wide variety of gifts and treasures. **New This Year:** a tempting selection of homemade Thanksgiving desserts, available to purchase in support of our beloved PreSchool. **Pro tip:** Buy dessert from one of St. Matthew's famous bakers and chefs, and check one more thing off your Thanksgiving list!

PreSchool News We would be grateful for donations of facial tissue and baby wipes. Our next staff meeting is Monday, October 19th, and we would be so grateful for another **Dinner Angel** to provide a donation or a light dinner for our hard-working teachers. Thank you all so much for all your support this school year!

Trunk or Treat Friday, October 30 at 5:30 pm Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat! Families can enjoy decorated trunks, games, and hamburgers and hotdogs provided by the Brotherhood of St. Matthew. Please bring a bag of candy or two to church in the upcoming weeks, to help fill the trunks and make this a fun evening for all ages!

Congregational Service Project Help us support our neighbors in need. We are collecting feminine hygiene products for clients of our Food Pantry and for people experiencing homelessness in Spartanburg. Walmart offers retail packages starting as low as \$6, and options for teens for about \$2. Donations collected through November. Cash donations are also welcome. Please place cash in the offering plate marked "Product Drive", or drop it off at the church office. Questions? Contact Don Davis at donaldsdavissr@aol.com.

Compline Every evening www.facebook.com/groups/stmattsc. 9:15 pm.

Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist with Healing at 6:30 pm.

Need a New Name Tag? If you're a new member or need to replace a beloved but worn cross-stitched name tag, we've got you covered. See the order sheet in the lobby.

The Grapevine, St. Matthew's biweekly newsletter

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Stewardship: Simply visit stmatthewsepiscopal.org/giving, (you can use the QR code below) choose Recurring, and select the schedule that works best for you. It's secure, convenient, and easy to change at any time. If you have any questions or need assistance setting up recurring giving, please contact Jane Bird, Church Administrator, at (864) 576-0424 or jbird@stmatthewsepiscopal.org.

