Christian Formation 10-25-26

The Sunday Schedule

9:00 - 9:45 Christian Formation

Preschool: 6mo – 5K will go to the Nursery.
Elementary: 1st – 5th grade. Meet 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 Kitchen.

10:00 One Sunday Service

Sunday Evening

EYC at 5:30 pm in the Youth Room.
Bible, Bread & Wine w/Fr. 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

Have you filled yours out yet? If you are not receiving "Rector Search Updates" reach out to grapevine@stmatthewsepiscopal.org.

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.

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
Subscribe here: grapevine@stmatthewsepiscopal.org

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, November 23rd,** 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!

The Toymaker's Gift **Children's Christmas Pageant!**
Join us during the 10:00 a.m. service on December 20 for our annual Children's Pageant! Families interested in participating are invited to meet with Donna Simpson, Choir Director, in the sanctuary following the service on October 25. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday evenings in November from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. For more info, please call the church office at 576-0424. Thank you for helping bring this special Christmas tradition to life at St. Matthew's!

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.

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, contact Jane Bird, Church Administrator, at (864) 576-0424 or jbird@stmatthewsepiscopal.org.