

The Way through Holy Week



The Candlelit Agape Meal Join us Wednesday, **April 1, at 6:30 pm**, during Holy Week for our beloved candlelit Agape Meal. It is a simple, beautiful meal of olives, wine, breads, cheeses, and other delicacies, shared in worship and fellowship before the deeply meaningful days that follow.

Maudy Thursday: Washing of Feet and Stripping the Altar On the night before the cross, Jesus washed his friends' feet. We do the same, and then we strip the altar bare. It is one of the most quietly moving things we do all year. Come and walk it with us. **April 2, at 6:30 pm.**

Solemn Collects On Good Friday, **April 3, at noon**, we read the Passion, venerate the cross, and pray together for the whole world. Some of the oldest prayers in the Christian church. Come as you are and let the quiet prepare you.

Stations of the Cross We walk with our banners and our sister churches through downtown Spartanburg, stopping at fourteen places to pray the story of Christ on his way to the cross. This year we begin and end at the Church of the Advent. It's beautiful. Come with us. **April 3, at 5:30 pm.**

Kindling of the New Fire We gather in the St. Matthew's Memorial Garden in the early morning dark, just as the women came to the tomb before dawn. A fire is kindled. And as it was for them, hope is kindled for us. For the first time in forty days, we say the word we have been waiting to say. Seven o'clock Easter morning. Wear a coat, prepare for joy. **April 5, at 7 am.**

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of Our Lord Christ is risen. The long journey through Lent and Holy Week breaks into celebration with music, joy, and the full voice of the Church raised in hope. **April 5, at 9 and 11:15 am.**

Easter Brunch & Children's Egg Hunt! Between the services, join us for Easter Brunch and our annual Egg Hunt. Our parish cooks and bakers will have the tables full, and the children will be off in search of eggs. Come linger, share a plate, and celebrate the morning together.

Christian Formation 3-29-26

Children's Formation 10:15 between the services!

Infants through 5K: The Nursery

1st - 5th Grade: The Large Classroom

Youth Sunday Morning Youth Room, 10:15 am.

Adults: Christian Formation 10:15 am. Library or the Kelly Room.

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

Bible, Bread & Wine tonight in the Kelly Room at 5:30 pm.

Holy Week Needs

We are collecting candy for the **Easter Egg Hunt** and **brunch items to share** at the Easter Brunch. You can sign up here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/potlucks/zm1836>.

We would also be grateful for **help with setup, serving, and cleanup**. If you would like to assist, please contact any member of the Hospitality Team or Grace at gdkeller52@gmail.com.

→ Full-Day Summer Camps for Rising 5K-2nd Grade

May 26-July 31, 8:30 am-4:30 pm. **Nine** themed weeks of faith-based learning, arts, STEM, and fun! Play. Learn. Create. Explore. Repeat!

Details & registration: stmatthewsepiscopal.org/preschool/summercamp

Women's Bible Study Tuesdays, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month

Morning Edition Tuesdays, at 11:00 am, in the Library. Kathy Ellis 864-587-7321 or Cathy Whitworth 864-590-3418.

Evening Edition Tuesdays, at 6:30 pm. Mary Paul at 864-504-5375.

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

Foyer Group Signup Time! Foyer Groups for March/April will be announced soon. If you would like to be included in the next round, please email Leesa at Leesa.Hospitality.Team@gmail.com.

Education for Ministry (EfM) Open House - April 13, 6:00 pm

EfM is a special program of theological study sponsored by Sewanee, designed especially for laypeople. EfM groups are known for thoughtful study and honest conversation in a setting where questions are welcome and faith can grow deeper. If you've ever wanted to understand the Christian tradition - and your own faith - more fully, come to the EfM Open House on April 13 at 6:00 pm and learn more!

The Grapevine, St. Matthew's biweekly newsletter

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Stewardship Strong The Brotherhood of St. Matthew's is a warm and welcoming group open to all adult men in our congregation for fellowship, fundraising and working on church-related projects. From hosting our annual Shrove Tuesday Low-Country Boil to grilling hamburgers and hot dogs for our Halloween Trunk or Treat event, these men help St. Matthew's in so many ways.



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