

SAINT MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 10, 2024



The Mission of Saint Matthews United Methodist Church is to nurture our members, reach out to others, and witness to the Glory of God through empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

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[Online giving link: <https://tinyurl.com/mr2nkb5m>]

Rev. Rodvegas Ingram, Pastor
8:30AM
ORDER OF SERVICE
Musicians – William Brooker & Stephan Brooker

Light of Christ

Call to Worship

Invocation

Praise & Worship

Progressive Adult Choir

Scripture

John 3:14-21

Children's Moments

Musical Selection

Progressive Adult Choir

Sermon

Pastor

Invitation

Progressive Adult Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation – Church Membership

Welcome Guests

Offertory Prayer

Blessing of the Offering/Offertory Response

“All Things Come Of Thee”

Light of Christ to the World

Benediction

Worship via Live Stream:

ZOOM

Video: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82293573333>

Audio: Dial 1-929-205-6099, ID 82293573333#, Passcode 583845

FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewsgreensboro>

YOUTUBE

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7Q7QTHei60HaiaJWc6ZCpQ>

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11AM
ORDER OF SERVICE
Musicians – Edna Johnson & Rochelle Joyner

Light of Christ	“Come Let Us Worship Him”	
Call to Worship		
Invocation		
Opening Hymn	“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”	Sanctuary Choir
Scripture	John 3:14-21	
Affirmation of Faith	Apostles’ Creed (Traditional) UMH#881	
Children’s Moments		
Hymn of Preparation	“Jehovah Saboath”	Sanctuary Choir
Sermon	Pastor Ingram	
Invitation		
Invitational Selection	“Steal Away to Jesus”	Sanctuary Choir
Pastoral Prayer		
Invitation – Church Membership		
Welcome Guests		
Holy Baptism - <i>Taeshawn Jahseh McCauley</i>	Pastor Ingram	
Offertory Prayer		
Blessing of the Offering/Offertory Response	“All Things Come Of Thee”	
Light of Christ to the World	“Shalom to You”	
Benediction		

ATTENDANCE
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday, March 3, 2024
Online Viewers: 178 In Person: 117
(online viewers total for entire day)

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Date	8:30am Service	11am Service
March 10 th	Jessica Lewis	Lydia McNeill
March 17 th	Ryan & Darren Edgerton	Joshua Lewis
March 24 th	Karlah Burton	Lydia McNeill
April 7 th	Karlah Burton	Kallyn Bethel

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Adult Bible Class: Wednesdays, @11am, Room 20
Children's Choir rehearsal @6:30pm, Choir Room, Wednesdays: 3/12
Fellowship Choir rehearsal: Tuesdays, @6:30pm, Sanctuary
(*Special FC rehearsal: Sunday, March 24th @1:30pm, Sanctuary*)
Handbell Choir rehearsal: Thursdays, @6pm, Fellowship Hall
Men's Chorus rehearsal: Mondays @5pm, Sanctuary
Progressive Adult Choir rehearsal: Wednesdays @7:00pm, Sanctuary
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal: Wednesdays @5pm, Choir Room
Youth Choir rehearsal @7:30, Choir Room, Wednesdays: 3/20
Sunday School: Children (Room 20), Youth (Lounge) - 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays
Adults (Chapel) – Every Sunday @10am
Upper Room Bible Class: Thursdays @ 1:30pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83015849077?pwd=S2RucWc1ejZDaziTa3NqMWJ5QU4rdz09>
Dial In +19292056099,83015849077#; Passcode: 950687

IN PERSON

BSA #441 TROOP MEETING

Tuesday, March 12th & 19th @7pm, Fellowship Hall

COMMUNITY LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, March 13th @7pm, Sanctuary

BROTHERS IN CHRIST

Saturday, March 16th @8:30am, Room 20

GLORY TRAIN

Sunday, March 17th @3pm, Sanctuary

UWIF GROUP 1 MEETING

Wednesday, March 20th @12:30pm, Room 20

UWIF GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Saturday, March 23rd @10am, Fellowship Hall

EASTER EXTRAVANGZA

Saturday, March 23rd @1pm – 3pm, Fellowship Hall & Church Lawn

COMBINED SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunday, March 31st @6am, Shiloh Baptist Church

Pastor Ingram, speaker

SMUMC Progressive Adult Choir & Ushers to participate in the service.

SMUMC EASTER SERVICE, MARCH 31, 2024 @10am

ZOOM

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 12th @ 6pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83341809788?pwd=ZGROMzNmckJPYTFlYTQyeiJvZ0puZz09>

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ENRICHMENT BOARD

Thursday, March 21st @ 6pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84387875024?pwd=aDZYVytVRnNuWjdIOEgzWjdtc2x2Zz09>

Dial in +1-929-205-6099, 84387875024#; Passcode: 930624

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, March 21st @ 6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89924905941?pwd=MDIzNHduZVlhaUwwRnBoTWWhKZHZpdz09>

Dial in +1-929-205-6099, 89924905941#; Passcode: 329886

NEWSLETTER TEAM

Monday, March 25th @ 6pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87524952331?pwd=cjF1RlVoYkg1b0dnK3NxTWRTIT1ovdz09>

Dial in +1-929-205-6099, 87524952331#; Passcode: 327637

OFFICE HOURS changed to Mon – Thu @10am – 12pm & 3pm – 5pm to help our Administrative Assistant spend the rest of the day completing required tasks and meeting deadlines. Appointments are encouraged.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers today are given in honor of Mrs. Ouida Rush-Hodnett and Mrs. Annys "Pete" Wright by The Ever Young Group (EYG).

CREATION CARE TIP:

Connect children to nature through a pizza garden. Engage young ones in planning, planting, and watching the growth of tomatoes, peppers, onions, and herbs. At the ripe time, have a homemade pizza party. Offer a blessing and so connect children to the Giver of all growth.

COMMUNITY RECYCLING EVENTS

<u>Pleasant Garden Recycles</u> Saturday, March 16 th 8 am to 12 pm 5024 Alliance Church Rd Pleasant Garden, NC	<u>Spring Recycling Rodeo</u> Saturday, April 6 th 9 am to 2 pm Pilot Elementary School 4701 Chimney Spring Dr. Greensboro, NC	<u>Guilf. Cty Spring Clean Up</u> Saturday, April 27 th 8 am to 12 pm Eastern Guilford Middle 435 Peeden Road Gibsonville, NC
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For more information/list of acceptable items (see links below)

<https://www.guilfordcountync.gov/our-county/planning-development/environmental-services/recycling>

<https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/office-of-sustainability-and-resilience/household-hazardous-waste-collection-center/recycle-rodeo>

IN HONOR OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, Greensboro Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Arts & Letters Committee will host "The Glory Train" on Sunday, March 17th, 3:00pm at St. Matthews UMC. Featuring the FirstFruits Drama Ministry and special guest appearance by the DayStar Liturgical Dancers.

INVITE...INVITE...INVITE!

WHAT: FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & FRIENDS SUNDAY

WHO: Family, Friends, Co-Workers, Community, Others

WHEN: Sunday, March 31, 2024 @10am Worship Service

**Easter treats will be given away as people exit the church*

***Invitations are on the tables in the Narthex and Britton St. exits for you to distribute.*

MARRIAGE MINISTRY invites couples of all ages (married, engaged or dating) to participate in this new ministry. Come have fun while learning from the Holy Bible what God says about marriage and relationships. The ministry meets every fourth Tuesday at 6pm – 7pm in the Coley Hooker Fellowship Hall (except June – August). Everyone is welcome!

Mary Glover, Marriage Ministry Chair

MAUNDAY THURSDAY SERVICE will be held at Bass Chapel UMC with Pastor Tamara Ingram, presiding on March 28th at 12noon. Lunch will be served and RSVP is required by Sunday, March 24th. Call Janet Broadnax 336-509-2899 or Sandra Williamson 336-681-7258.

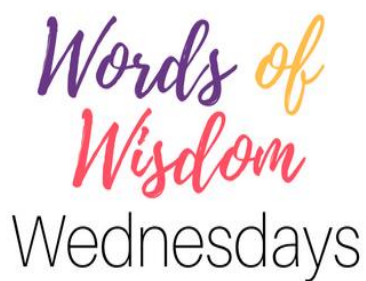
SMUMC will not participate in a community Good Friday service this year.

ST. MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST MEN'S Civic Prayer Breakfast will be held on April 13, 2024 at 9am in the Coley Hooker Jr. Fellowship Hall. The featured speaker will be Mr. Allen Johnson, Editor of the Greensboro News & Record. All church members with their guests are invited to attend.

SUPPORT PASTOR INGRAM in upcoming guest speaker engagements:

- Wednesday, March 20th @12noon
Madison United Methodist Church
110 W Academy St, Madison, NC 27025
- Sunday, March 24th @3pm
(with Rev. Tamara Ingram & SMUMC Men's Choir)
"Men & Women's Day" Program
Alston Grove Congregational Church
5201 Old Greensboro Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27516
Event attire: Men in black & Women in white
- Tuesday, March 26th @7pm
(with SMUMC Progressive Adult Choir)
Genesis Baptist Church
2812 E Bessemer Ave, Greensboro, NC 27405

TO OUR ST MATTHEWS FAMILY -- Thank you for the food, phone calls, text messages, and emails we received due to our recent car accident. It is wonderful to feel the love of our church family -- Michelle & Brandan



Weekly Devotion – Lunchtime Lenten Inspirations
When: Every Wednesday through March 27, 2024

Time: 12 Noon via Phone Tree

(You must be signed up for Phone Tree calls to participate – expect a call on Wednesday @noon from 336-272-4505)

Sponsored by St. Matthews Shepherding Ministry

DEVOTION ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH (3rd Week of Lent)

Scripture: Mark 12:28-31

One of the scribes ...asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength,’ The second is this, ‘you shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

All You Need Is Love

Reflection:

Jesus wants us to know that God loves us, and, in return, we are invited to love the Lord as well. Jesus is asking us to love God with our entire selves. Jesus wants us to respond to the goodness of God by honoring the Lord in our deeds and with our words that stream forth from our hearts. When we truly love God, we will naturally love others. When we love our neighbor as ourselves, we can learn to serve and be selfless. Imagine what kind of world it would be if we all strived to love like this.

Our Transformation:

Make these commandments a priority in your life. Focus on loving God first and then your neighbor. Decide on setting aside a day to do something to show your love of God and neighbor. If you don't have a day to specifically practice this, how can you show greater love.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, please help us to love you with all our heart, mind, and soul. Teach us how to better love our neighbor. Give us the grace to stop mean behaviors such as gossip, slander, and hurtful actions. Help us to be kind and loving towards all. In Jesus' name, Amen.

FORTY DAYS....FORTY ITEMS. This year we encourage you to participate in “*Forty Days – Forty Items*” challenge. Each day during lent, you will place a non-perishable item in a box and after the 40th day you may bring that box to the church for the Food Pantry. Listed below are items needed for the Food Pantry:

Canned Meats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - tuna, spam, salmon, ham Canned Entries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ravioli, beef stew, spaghetti & meatballs, chili, etc. Canned Fruits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mixed variety, peaches, pears, etc. Canned Vegetables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pork & beans, black eyed peas 	Saltine crackers Peanut butter & jelly Boxed or Canned Milk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - whole milk or 2% milk Packaged Pasta: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - macaroni, noodles, spaghetti Small bags of rice or pinto beans Cereals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - oatmeal, grits, boxed cereals Condiments (small bottles): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ketchup, mustard, mayo
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*Note: Fresh items like loaves of bread, fresh fruit, pre-packaged sliced cheese are also needed but please deliver them to the church as soon as they are purchased.



GLOBAL BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION MINISTRY

2024 Scholarship Reminder & Announcement
DUE DATE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS
March 13, 2024

Mary Hix, replaced Nancy Pengelian as our representative. Her direct phone number is 615-340-7345, and she can assist with information beyond the Ethnic Scholarship. If interested, please call her soon.

Albertina McGirt, 336-855-3024

COMMUNITY EVENT

Black Family Wellness Expo sponsored by The Links, Incorporated will be held Saturday, March 16th @9am – 12noon at Windsor Community Recreation Center (1601 E Gate City Blvd – Gso). This event includes free health screenings, Mammography via appointment at 336-397-6805 and produce giveaways.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Annette Kilpatrick	3/1	Joan Morgan	3/16
Omari Siddle	3/1	R. Dorene Coley	3/18
Arion Kennedy	3/2	Howard Evans Jr.	3/20
Dana Lyles	3/3	Audrey Franklin	3/20
Raye Dawkins	3/5	George Grier II	3/20
Coley Hooker, Jr.	3/7	Audrey Carpenter	3/22
Brooke Lilly	3/7	Janet Solomon	3/22
David Surgeon	3/8	Harper Chiles	3/23
Edward McLean	3/9	Gabrielle Hall	3/23
Jesse L. Suggs, Jr.	3/11	Alexander Marsh	3/24
Kendall Crosby	3/10	Annette Gibbs	3/25
Charles Jones	3/10	Carter Phifer	3/25
Marcus Foster	3/11	Bianca Watkins	3/25
Lloyd Davis Jr.	3/12	Shaunita Faucette	3/26
Cynthia Smith-McIver	3/13	Siobohn Jamison	3/26
Valosha Odom	3/14	Otis Caldwell III	3/28
Kallyn Bethel	3/15	William Coley	3/28
Yvette Wimberly	3/15	Ethan D'Silva	3/29
Joyce Fairley	3/16	Lonnie Phifer Jr.	3/30
George E. McNeill	3/16	Nathaniel Boozer	3/31

THE FOOD PANTRY

Please remember the Food Pantry with your financial contributions and/or food items. Your help in keeping the food pantry going is greatly appreciated! *[Please check the expiration dates before contributing your food items. We are not allowed to distribute outdated food.]*

You may also make donations in honor of your birthday. Your help in keeping the food pantry going is greatly appreciated!

Monday – Wednesday, 10am – 12 noon
[Patrons are now served at Sanctuary doors in breezeway]

Known Sick and Shut-In Members

Let us remember our sick and shut-in members through our prayers, calls, and visits. To ensure that our church can extend every caring ministry to our members in a time of need, we ask that if you or family members are going to the hospital, at home sick, or experiencing a crisis, please contact Pastor Rodvegas Ingram or your shepherd.

Nella Black 4202 Lord Jeff Dr. Greensboro, NC 27405	Eleanora Caldwell 1200 Bellevue St Greensboro, NC 27406
Annette Coward c/o Brighton Gardens 1208 New Garden Rd, Apt #311 Greensboro, NC 27410	Rev. James & Mildred Curry 4033 Tutbury Dr Jamestown, NC 27282
Warmoth Gibbs 2001 Jane St Greensboro, NC 27407	Beverly Johnson 415 Elm Grove Church Rd Reidsville, NC 27320
Rev. Diana Jones Heartland Living & Rehab, Room 1131 N Church St Greensboro, NC 27401	Helen Kennedy 17906 Norwood Oaks Dr. Spring, TX 77379
Minnie Kidd 4806 Suecla Dr Richmond, VA 23231	Pat Spain 3314 Woodlea Rd Greensboro, NC 27406
Julius Tucker 507 Ray Street Greensboro, NC 27406	Brighton Gardens of Greensboro Attention: Angela White Apt 322 1208 New Garden Road Greensboro, NC 27410
Janie Wheeler 1898 Alcovy Shoals Bluff, SE Lawrenceville, GA 30045	

Admin Office Hours: Monday to Thursday: 10am - 12pm & 3pm – 5pm
(Appointments encouraged)
Office Closed Friday

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COMING SOON

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Arts & Letters Committee
hosting**



“The Glory Train”

featuring

**FirstFruits Drama Ministry
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St. Matthews UMC
600 E Florida St.
Greensboro, NC 27406**



EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, March 23rd

1pm – 3pm

**Coley Hooker Jr. Fellowship
Hall & Church Grounds**



**EARLY SUNRISE SERVICE
MARCH 31ST @6AM**



**Shiloh Baptist Church
1210 S Eugene St.
Greensboro, NC**

Pastor Rodvegas Ingram, Speaker

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
MARCH 31ST @10AM**

Acts 2:42

**Faith,
Fellowship,
& Friends
Sunday**

**Every
5th
Sunday**

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**St. Matthews
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**SERVICE BEGINS
AT 10 AM**

Pastor:

**Rev. Rodvegas
Ingram**



**Bridging
generational and
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March 31, 2024



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