

SAINT MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 14, 2025



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 the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

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Saint Matthews United Methodist Church

Rev. Tamara Ingram, Senior Pastor

Rev. Torey Haynes, Associate Pastor

ORDER OF SERVICE

8:30AM

Musicians – William Brooker and Stephan Brooker

Light of Christ

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Praise & Worship

Progressive Adult Choir

Third Advent Reading

Fanchon Marsh

Children's Moments

Scripture

Luke 1:46-55 (NKJV)

Maliyah Vannoy

Musical Selection

Progressive Adult Choir

Sermon

"Mary's Scandalous Song"

Pastor Ingram

Altar Prayer

Invitational Selection

Progressive Adult Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Salvation

Invitation to Join SMUMC

Welcome Guests

The Great Thanksgiving p.13

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Response

"All Things Come Of Thee"

Vision Statement

Light of Christ to the World

Benediction

Digital Options for Worship Services:

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>

Saint Matthews United Methodist Church
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11AM
Musician – Freddye Dixon

Light of Christ

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn	"We Three Kings (UMH#254)"	Congregation
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Affirmation of Faith	Apostles' Creed #881 (Traditional)	
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Third Advent Reading		Tony Phifer
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Musical Selection	"So We Come to Find the Child"	Sanctuary Choir
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Children's Moment

Scripture	Luke 1:46-55 (NKJV)	Kimberly Crite
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Musical Selection	"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"	Sanctuary Choir
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Sermon	"Mary's Scandalous Song"	Pastor Ingram
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Altar Prayer

Invitational Selection		Sanctuary Choir
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Service of Word and Table II p.12

The Great Thanksgiving p. 13

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Offertory Response	"All Things Come Of Thee"
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Sermon Series: **Chosen-Experiencing Advent Through the Life of Mary**

ATTENDANCE
SUNDAY, December 7, 2025
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
In Person: 141 Online: 234

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Date	8:30am Service	11am Service
December 14 th	Grace, Medara & Amindi Patron	Brooke Lilly & Savannah Nowlin
December 21 st	Darren Edgerton	Jessica Lewis & Aleighya Nowlin
December 24 th	TBD (Christmas Eve Service - Noon)	
December 27 th	Karlah Burton & Tres Williams	Lydia McNeill & Peyton Naylor

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Bible Class: Wednesdays, 11am, Room 20

Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays, 9am, Room 20

Upper Room Bible Class: Thursdays 1:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83015849077?pwd=S2RucWc1ejZDazlTa3NqMWJ5QU4rdz09>

Dial In +19292056099, 83015849077#; Passcode: 950687

REHEARSALS

Children's Choir: 6:30pm, Choir Room, Wednesday, 12/18 & 23

Fellowship Choir: Tuesdays, 6:30pm, Sanctuary

Men's Choir: Mondays, 5pm, Sanctuary

Progressive Adult Choir: Wednesdays, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

Sanctuary Choir: Wednesdays, 12:30pm, Choir Room

Youth Choir: 6:30pm, Choir Room/Chapel, Wednesday, 12/17

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children/Youth (CHJ Fellowship Hall) & Young Adults (Room 20)

1st & 2nd Sundays, 9:45am

Adults (Chapel) – Every Sunday 9:45am

IN PERSON EVENTS

BSA TROOP 441 MEETINGS

Tuesdays, December 16th @7pm, Room 20

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Tuesday, December 16th @6pm, CHJ Fellowship Hall

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 20th @5pm, CHJ Fellowship Hall

LITURGICAL ARTS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 21st @2:30pm, Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 24th @Noon, Sanctuary

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

Wednesday, December 31st @10pm, Shiloh Baptist Church.
Rev. William F. Wright, Jr., will deliver the message.

ZOOM MEETINGS

NEWSLETTER TEAM

Monday, December 29th @6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87524952331?pwd=cjF1RlVoYkg1b0dnK3NxTWRT1ovdz09>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers today are given in the loving memory of our parents, Ernest & Lula Roseboro and in honor Rev. & Mrs. James Curry from Frank & Mary Glover and in loving memory of my husband Clarence Jackson from Alga Jackson.

ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS

A friendly reminder that the angel with a \$30 gift card from either Walmart or Target is due no later than December 14th.

We're so grateful for your heart to serve families through Prison Fellowship Angel Tree.
~Pastor Ingram and Pastor Haynes

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSINGS FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Announcements, worship service videos, flyers, etc. for Sundays, December 21st and 28th are due in church office no later than Tuesday, December 16th by noon.

The Administrative Assistant will be on vacation, Monday (12/22/25), Tuesday (12/23/25) and Monday (12/29/25). The Church office will be closed for the holiday on Christmas Eve (12/24/25), Christmas Day (12/25/25) and New Year's Day (1/1/26).

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS -- we love to keep in touch with you!

Please use this link [College Students](#) to give us your information.

Higher Education & Campus Ministry

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family of Dr. Eric Miller, who died on Saturday, December 6th. He was the son of the late Dr. Issac and Mrs. Effie Miller and the son-in-law to Ramona Miller. Please keep the family in prayer.

CREATION CARE:

December tip: Give a creature to love. Browse gifts.worldwildlife.org for the perfect gift choice for your children or grandchildren. The organization ([WWF](https://www.worldwildlife.org)) offers adoption options for many amazing creatures, plus numerous cute plush animals to choose from. Give the gift and talk with your young person about loving all of God's creatures.

Save the date for the Bishop's Climate Summit on April 18, 2026, 9am-4pm at Maple Springs UMC (Winston-Salem). For more information about this summit and Creation Care use the links below or contact Karlah Burton:

[Bishop's Climate Summit \(wnccumc.org\)](https://wnccumc.org)

[WNCC Creation Care Ministry \(wnccumc.org\)](https://wnccumc.org)

MEDIA MINISTRY CHANGE

Effective January 1, 2026, the Media Technology Ministry Chair will be held by the Pastors until someone can be named to that position. Any media and/or technology requests should be sent directly to the following email: smumcgreensboro@gmail.com. This includes but is not limited to newsletters articles/pictures, phone tree requests, video announcements, the electronic sign, choir song lyrics, pre-approved flyers for social media and pre-approved graphics for services/events. The Administrative Assistant will no longer help you with any media needs. Please contact SPPRC Chair, Renee Royal or Pastor Tammy Ingram with any questions.

SAFE SANCTUARIES MINISTRY is inviting you to join us for a Safer Sanctuaries training delivered by the North Carolina Conference of the UMC on January 10, 2026, from 8:15-12:30 pm in the SMUMC Bethea Chapel.

Who Should Attend

- Leaders (clergy or laity) responsible for creating, revising, or training others in Safer Sanctuaries.
- Anyone new to Safer Sanctuaries or anyone who needs a refresher.
- Children or youth ministry leaders, or anyone tasked with training volunteers in their church's policy.
- Congregational care leaders working with vulnerable adults

Please invite others to St. Matthews for this exciting opportunity.

Email waddellmb@hotmail.com no later than January 9th, so we may adequately prepare for your arrival. Thank you. Myra Waddell

SHEPHERDS CORNER

Check out the St. Matthews Shepherding brochure! It is located on the table in the front entrance and Britton Street exit.

We have designed this shepherding brochure to explain the ministry's purpose. After finding out about us, we pray you will volunteer to become a part of this Caring, Communicating and Connecting Ministry by contacting Wanda Edgerton at 336-207-5441.

SINGLES MINISTRY LUNCHEON will be held on Friday, December 19th at 12:30pm at Spring Valley Restaurant, 421 W. Meadowview, Greensboro. We will discuss the book Theo of Golden. All singles are encouraged to attend even if you have not read the book. Please RSVP to Cynthia McCain by Thursday, December 18th.

UPPER ROOM SUBSCRIBERS

It is time to make your payments for the 2026 Upper Room. I will be collecting payments through December 28, 2025. Pricing: Large print - \$12.00 and Regular Print - \$10.00; this is the per year price for 6 issues. You may pay in cash or check made payable to St. Matthews and please turn your payments in to me for accounting purposes.

The January/February issues will be distributed in mid-December. Thank you for your continued support of The Upper Room Ministry.

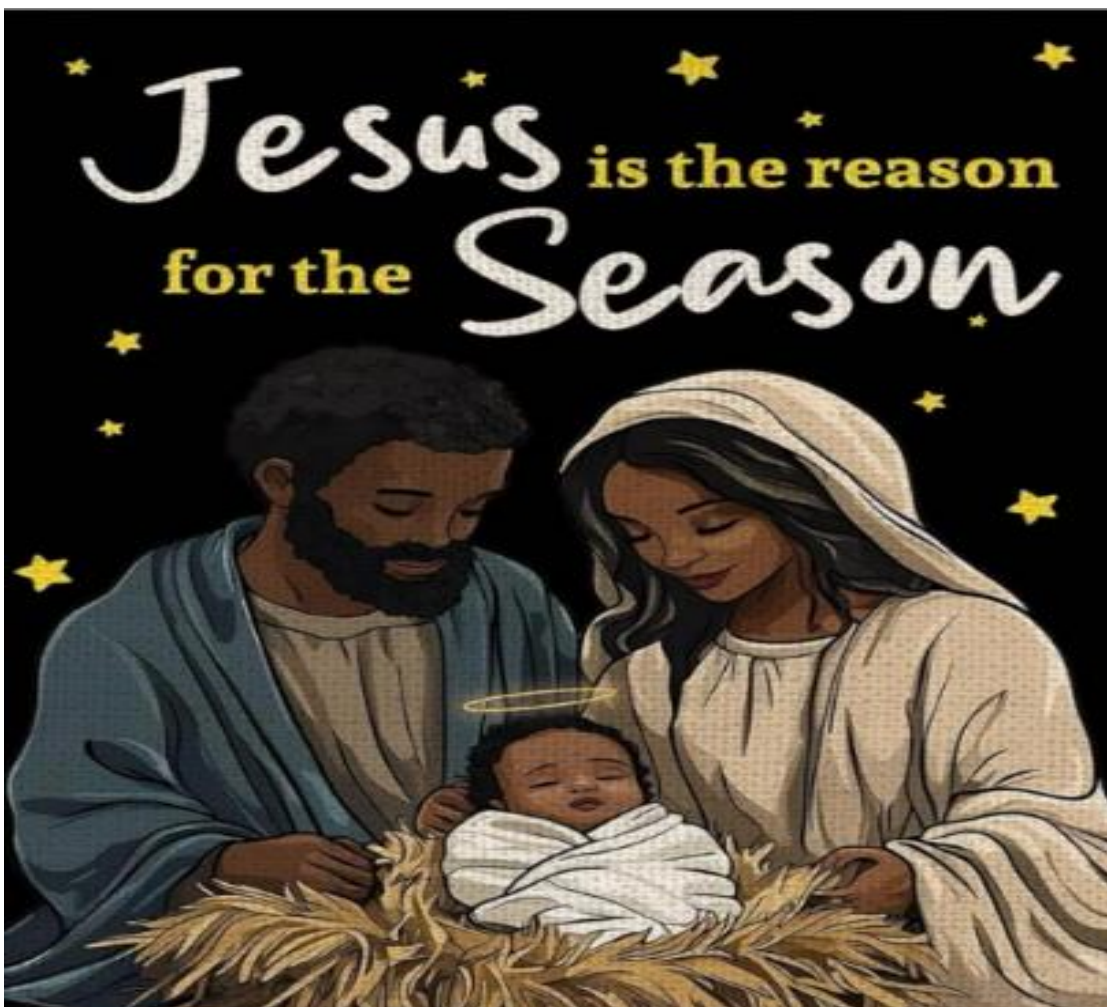
Joyce Palm-Harris, Upper Room Coordinator

**THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE AND THE
NORTHERN PIEDMONT DISTRICT OF THE UMC**

are requesting St. Matthews members to complete three questions to establish the church's profile for 2026. You can find the 2026 Church Profile sheet on the table in the Narthex. We are asking members to complete and return the designated receptacle on a table in the Narthex no later than Sunday, December 14th.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.
Pastor Tammy Ingram & SPPRC Chair Renee Royal

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS



**Come celebrate Christmas Memories
with the
Liturgical Arts Ministry
Sunday, December 21st
2:30pm**

**Bring a friend and non-perishable food items
for the SMUMC Food Pantry**



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Nikki Hodge Caldwell	12/1	Rev. Torey Haynes	12/16
Wade Nash	12/4	Medara Patron	12/18
Amilliana Petteway	12/4	Robert Chiles Jr.	12/19
Jesse James	12/5	Mary Alice Boozer	12/20
Cora Mathewson	12/5	B. Gail Haynie	12/20
Flemeeja Brewer	12/10	Nicholas Marsh	12/21
LaToy Kennedy	12/10	Joann Sibert	12/21
Lance Vannoy	12/11	Karsyn Green	12/22
Charlene Armstrong	12/14	Shenise Grant	12/25
Tracey Simpson	12/14	Shanise Goldsby	12/25
Larry Donnell	12/16	Nicole Jones-Walden	12/25
Hezekiah Haynes	12/16	Janine Crosby Clapp	12/29

FOOD PANTRY

Please remember the Food Pantry with your financial contributions and/or food items. Your help 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.
(*\$1 for each birth year or 1 non-perishable item for each birth year*)

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10am – 12noon

(May be altered by holidays and funerals)

Patrons are served at Sanctuary doors in breezeway

Deadline for January Newsletter articles is December 26, 2025. Theme is “Transformed in 2026 for God’s Purpose”. Please send your articles & photos to Wanda at ponice1@yahoo.com or Lisa at smumctreasurers@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Western North Carolina Conference
The United Methodist Church



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM

STANDING STRONG AND MOVING FORWARD

You are warmly invited to join the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church for our 2026 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Program. It will be a time of worship, reflection, and recommitment to the work of justice, love, and hope. As followers of Christ and heirs of King's legacy, we gather to honor his life and to renew our dedication to a better world.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026

10:00 AM

UNIVERSITY CITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NC

**St. James Presbyterian Church invites you to attend
Twenty-Third Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Worship Service
Monday, January 19th @12 Noon
(a reception will follow the service)
Theme: **Creating Beloved Community: Building Community, Uniting A
Nation the Nonviolent Way****

Guest Preacher is Rev. Dr. Melva Sampson, Curator & Founder of Pink Robe Chronicles and Assistant Teaching Professor of Preaching and Practical Theology at Wake Forest Divinity School.

Remarks will follow from various faith leaders and government officials.

Musical selections from combined choirs of Saint James and Westminster Presbyterian Churches.

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 Tamara Ingram or your shepherd.

Eleanora Caldwell 1200 Bellevue St Greensboro, NC 27406	Annette Coward c/o Brighton Gardens 3101 Duraleigh Rd, Rm 321 Raleigh, NC 27612
Rev. James & Mildred Curry 4033 Tutbury Dr Jamestown, NC 27282	Charles Edgerton 2907 Woodhill Ln Greensboro, NC 27406
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OUR VISION

“Saint Matthews UMC is a historical cornerstone of the community that aspires to close generational and spiritual gaps through Prayer, Worship, and Dynamic Programs while exploring opportunities to extend God’s Love into our diverse world.”

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