

# SAINT MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 25, 2026



***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**

**10AM**

**Musicians – Kimberly Brown & Candun Butler**

Light of Christ		
Call to Worship		
Opening Prayer		
Musical Selection		Children's Choir
Affirmation of Faith		Apostles' Creed #881 (Traditional)
Liturgical Arts		
Children's Moment		
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Luke 8:4-8 (NRSV)</b>	Kristine McNeill
Musical Selection		Youth Choir
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>"The Parable of the Sower"</b>	<b>Pastor Haynes</b>
Altar Prayer		
Invitational Selection		Youth Choir
Pastoral Prayer		
Invitation to Salvation		
Invitation to Join SMUMC		
Welcome Guests		
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory Response		"All Things Come Of Thee"
Light of Christ to the World		
Benediction		

**Digital Options for Worship Services:**

**ZOOM**

Video: <https://us02web.zoom.us/s/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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**ATTENDANCE**  
**SUNDAY, January 18, 2026**  
**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES**  
In Person: 146   Online: 356

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## **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, Wednesdays, 2/11&18

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, Wednesdays, 2/4,11&18

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays, 9:45am

Adults (Chapel) – Every Sunday 9:45am

## **IN PERSON EVENTS**

### **MARRIAGE MINISTRY**

Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> @6pm, CHJ Fellowship Hall

### **SHEPHERDING MEETING**

Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> @11am, Room 20

## **BSA TROOP #441**

Tuesdays, February 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> @7pm, CHJ Fellowship Hall

## **UMM SWEETHEART BREAKFAST**

Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> @9am, CHJ Fellowship Hall

## **GIRL SCOUTS MEETING**

Saturdays, February 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> @1:30pm, CHJ Fellowship Hall

## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> [Location/time: TBD]

## **WE LOVE SMUMC: BP CHECKS**

Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> after each Worship Service, Room 20

## **ZOOM MEETINGS**

### **HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> @6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89924905941?pwd=MDIzNHduZVlhaUwwRnBoTWhKZHpdz09>

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

### **NEWSLETTER TEAM**

Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> @6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87524952331?pwd=cjF1RIVoYkg1b0dnK3NxTWRIT1ovdz09>

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

**JOIN  
PASTOR  
TAMMY  
“PRAISE  
&  
PRAYER”  
TUESDAYS**



**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays  
Monthly**

**Next event,  
February 3, 2026  
@7am**

**Via Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/s/82293573333>

**Or**

**Dial 1-929-205-6099  
ID 82293573333#  
Passcode 583845**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ALTAR FLOWERS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

February 1, 2026	Janice McElrath
February 8, 2026	Joan Gordon
February 15, 2026	Powell, Caldwell & Hodge family
February 22, 2026	Esther Carter-Buie

\*2026 Altar flowers arrangements should be potted plants or artificial flowers to avoid allergic reactions. Please contact the Church Office to turn in your message/names for the bulletin no later than Tuesday noon before your assigned date. Flower deliveries should be scheduled for noon on Saturday before the assigned date.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** for the bulletin are still due each Tuesday by noon before the Sunday they are to be published.

## **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**

- To Jean Brown and family, in the passing of her brother, Raymond Payne, who died on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at his residence. Service will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at Phillips Funeral Home (1810 Brockett Avenue, High Point) with family visitation at 10:30am and Homegoing Service with Military Rites at 11am.
- To Lisa Pyrtle and the Lipford family, in the death of her great nephew, William Creed, who died briefly after his birth.

Please keep these families in prayer.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL CORNER:**

The Church Council met on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Listed below are a few highlights for your information:

- Media forms
- Ways to cut spending, asking ministries to cut off lights after meetings,
- Online fees need to be paid when giving your contributions

## **END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

The Finance Committee will pass out end of year statements on Sundays, February 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in the small conference room (located between Admin and Pastor's office) after services, weather permitting. We will only mail statements to the sick and shut-in and out of town members. Please contact John Williams with any questions.

## CREATION CARE

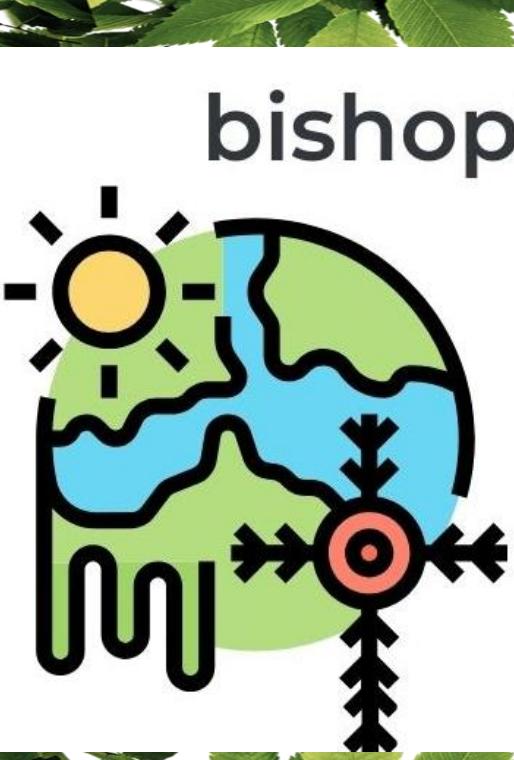
**January Tip:** Plastic bottles or aluminum cans? Technically, both are recyclable. However, due to multiple factors beyond putting it in the recycling bin, plastic is less likely to be recycled into new products. On the other hand, the systems for recycling aluminum are effective. Choose aluminum.

### **Our Warming Oceans: Swimming in Dangerous Waters Thursday, February 12, 2026 Noon to 1:00 pm via Zoom.**

Presenters. Dr. Melanie Miller and Bethany Brake. While oceans have the ability to buffer against the full impacts of climate change by absorbing heat the resulting warming waters have major consequences for marine life, ecosystems, and coastlines. Join us to explore the impact and consider earth friendly solutions. Blessings from the Earth!

Follow link, Bishop's Climate Summit to get Zoom information

<https://www.wnccumc.org/bishopsclimatesummit>



**bishop's climate summit:**  
for such a time as this...

**april 18, 2026 9a-4p**

maple springs umc, winston-salem  
lead-up webinars: 1.15/2.12/3.12

 **creation care**  
The People of the  
Western North Carolina Conference  
The United Methodist Church

**FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART HEALTH MONTH** and our church is poised to take charge of our individual and collective heart health. The Health & Welfare Committee will offer blood pressure checks on Sunday, February 22, 2026 after both services in Room 20. *Be Mine* for longer and join us for a quick heart check-up and learn more about improving your overall "heart" health.

## **MEDIA TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY**

Effective January 1, 2026, any media and/or technology requests should be sent directly to the following email: [smumcgoldsboro@gmail.com](mailto:smumcgoldsboro@gmail.com). This includes but is not limited to newsletter articles/pictures, phone tree requests, announcement slide (*replaces video announcements*), the electronic sign, choir song lyrics, pre-approved flyers for social media, pre-approved videos and pre-approved graphics for services/events. The Administrative Assistant will continue acting as Media Technology Ministry Chair through January 2026. Please contact SPPRC Chair, Renee Royal, with any questions.

## **NORTHERN PIEDMONT DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

### **CANCELLED FOR Sunday, January 25, 2026**

Because of the weather forecast for this coming weekend, we feel the need to go ahead and cancel the Leadership Training event that had been scheduled for Sunday, January 25th. We will work on plans for rescheduling the training on a future date, and we will share that information when we have it. **Stay warm and safe!**

~NP District Office

**SMUMC HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE** would like to offer free hand sanitizers to parishioners and guests as the cold and flu season persists. Hand hygiene is important in reducing the spread of infections. Please remember to engage in regular handwashing with soap and water or the use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers. Greeters have access to miniature bottles of hand sanitizer for your use.

## **A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION CARD**

Card was received in the Church Office with this inscription:

Dear St. Matthews,

On behalf of the Lipford family, we would like to send our deepest gratitude for your donation and compassion during this difficult time. The loss of William Creed, born after 23 weeks, whose life was brief, was deeply cherished. Your kindness and willingness to support our family during this brought comfort.

~In Christian love, the Lipford Family

## **PRINTING COSTS SAVINGS**

Effective February 2026, the printed bulletins and newsletters will be done in black and white. Online copies will continue to be in color. This is in an effort to reduce the higher cost of color printing vs. black and white.

~Finance Committee

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Collins Grove UMC Brunswick Stew Sale

Saturday, January 31, 2026

\$10/Quart

Call to place orders

336-314-7434

Rev. Dr. Carl Manuel Jr.

5210 Collins Grove Church Rd (Greensboro)

## AARP DOES WHAT?

- AARP is not the “Senior Citizen Association”
- Learn how AARP impacts the community
- AARP is the loudest advocacy voice in the US

**JANUARY 30TH, 2026**  
**12:00 PM - 1:30 PM**  
**2105 YANCEYVILLE ST.**  
**GREENSBORO, NC**  
**27405**

**LUNCH PROVIDED**



Associate State Director,  
Community Outreach &  
Advocacy  
AARP North Carolina |  
Triad Region

**Register Now:**



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[www.ncat.edu/coaach/index](http://www.ncat.edu/coaach/index)

**AARP®**  
Triad Region



Registration required for AARP event  
If you can't scan the QR code, call 336-285-3522

## **TAB Arts Center Weekend Film Camp**

starts soon for youth ages 9-16. Scholarship available!

Apply here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf667diS7crYR2X3lpxz3nv2xF-5AXTzv9uKuccCF0MVkLEyQ/viewform>



The poster features a blue and yellow design with a circular logo for the Gate City Alumni Chapter of North Carolina A&T State University. The text "Gate City Alumni Chapter of North Carolina A&T State University" is at the top. The main title "2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION" is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, the application period "JANUARY 1 - MARCH 15, 2026" is shown. A yellow speech bubble contains the text: "The Gate City Alumni Chapter has established a scholarship program to assist Guilford County High School seniors pursuing a college education at North Carolina A&T State University." To the right, there is a photo of a smiling Black woman with glasses and a blue scarf. Below the photo is a list of requirements in a blue speech bubble: "• Need-Based Scholarship, • Open to Guilford County HS Seniors admitted to NC A&T SU for the 2026-2027 academic year, • Offers \$1,250/semester, • Renewable for four years (when meeting yearly requirements)." At the bottom, it says "APPLY TODAY!" in yellow and provides the URL "https://bit.ly/GateCityScholarship". A blue speech bubble at the bottom right contains the email "QUESTIONS? EMAIL: GATECITYAGGIESCHOLARSHIP@GMAIL.COM".

For more Gate City Aggies scholarship information or assistance with the application, contact Michelle Thompson [michelleleathompson@hotmail.com](mailto:michelleleathompson@hotmail.com)



# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Tim Hemingway	1/1	Hanna Clarke	1/13
Clive Dixon	1/2	Jackie Phifer	1/13
Josh Brown	1/4	J. C. Bigelow	1/16
Ciera Sibert	1/5	Annette D. Coward	1/16
Kimber Wilson	1/5	LaRoy Dubois	1/16
Zata Yourse	1/5	Zarionna Brown	1/19
Margaret Burton	1/6	Kharis Baker	1/21
Faye McAdoo	1/7	DeBora Graham	1/22
Lennox Brown	1/8	Carolyn Clarke	1/23
Connie Hammond	1/8	Jodie McCollum	1/24
Hoyte Phifer	1/8	Reagan Coley	1/26
Sharon Lassiter	1/9	Franklynne Brewer	1/29
Shirley Ballard Foster	1/10	Ramona Payne	1/30
Mildred King	1/11	Elliott Dixon	1/31
Joi Lownes Baker	1/12		

## 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***



## Known Sick and Shut-In Members

Let us remember our sick and shut-in members through our prayers, calls, and visits.

<b>Eleanora Caldwell</b> 1200 Bellevue St Greensboro, NC 27406	<b>Annette Coward</b> c/o Brighton Gardens 3101 Duraleigh Rd, Rm 321 Raleigh, NC 27612
<b>Rev. James &amp; Mildred Curry</b> 4033 Tutbury Dr Jamestown, NC 27282	<b>Charles Edgerton</b> 2907 Woodhill Ln Greensboro, NC 27406
<b>Warmoth Gibbs</b> 2001 Jane St Greensboro, NC 27407	<b>Beverly Johnson</b> 415 Elm Grove Church Rd Reidsville, NC 27320
<b>Billy Johnson</b> 832 Ross Ave Greensboro, NC 27406	<b>Rev. Diana Jones</b> Heartland Center, Room 202A 1131 N Church St Greensboro, NC 27401
<b>Cynthia Smith-McIver</b> 702 Old Heritage Trail Greensboro, NC 27401	<b>Pat Spain</b> 3314 Woodlea Rd Greensboro, NC 27406
<b>Julius Tucker</b> 507 Ray Street Greensboro, NC 27406	<b>Janie Wheeler</b> 1570 Woodberry Run Dr Snellville, GA 30078
<b>TerraBella</b> <b>Attention: Gertrude Whittle Apt 361</b> 1208 New Garden Road Greensboro, NC 27410	<b>Annye 'Pete' Wright</b> 1920 Belcrest Dr Greensboro, NC 27406

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 and/or your shepherd.

### Prayer Request

Inell Artis

Elaine Christian

Eunice Day

Raymond Payne's family (Jean Brown's brother)

Lipford family (Lisa Pyrtle's family)

**Saint Matthews Staff Contact Information**  
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*(Appointments required for other times)*  
**Office Closed Friday**

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"Bridging Generational and Spiritual Gaps Through Prayer, Faith and Ministry."