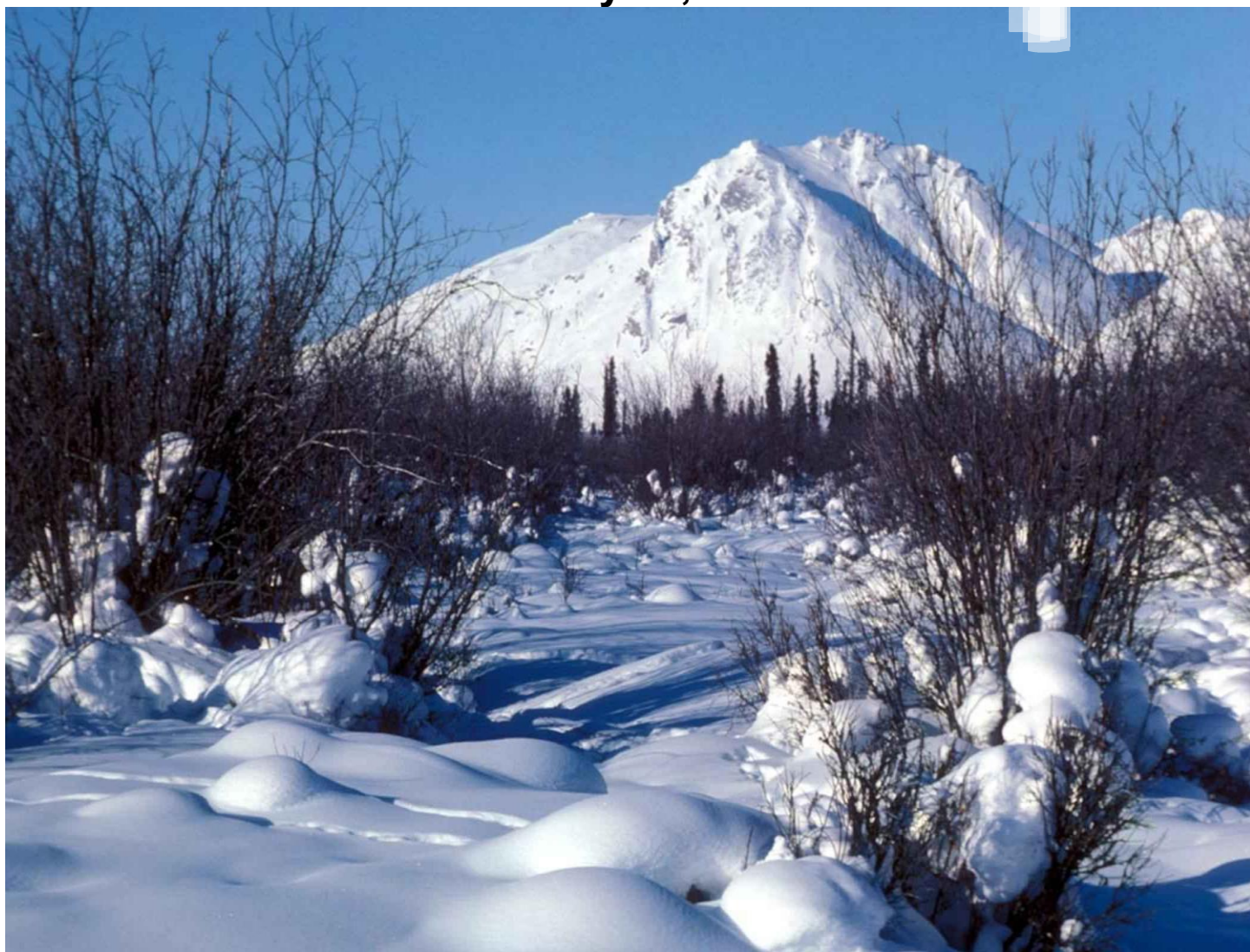


SAINT MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Scripture

Luke 8:4-8 (NRSV)

Kristine McNeill

Musical Selection

Youth Choir

Sermon

"The Parable of the Sower"

Pastor Haynes

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/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>

ATTENDANCE
SUNDAY, January 18, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
In Person: 146 Online: 356

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=S2RucWc1ejZDaziTa3NqMWJ5QU4rdz09>

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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)

1st & 2nd Sundays, 9:45am

Adults (Chapel) – Every Sunday 9:45am

IN PERSON EVENTS

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Tuesday, January 27th @6pm, CHJ Fellowship Hall

SHEPHERDING MEETING

Saturday, February 8th @11am, Room 20

BSA TROOP #441

Tuesdays, February 10th & 17th @7pm, CHJ Fellowship Hall

UMM SWEETHEART BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 14th @9am, CHJ Fellowship Hall

GIRL SCOUTS MEETING

Saturdays, February 14th & 28th @1:30pm, CHJ Fellowship Hall

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

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

WE LOVE SMUMC: BP CHECKS

Sunday, February 22nd after each Worship Service, Room 20

ZOOM MEETINGS

HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Monday, February 2nd @6:30pm

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

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NEWSLETTER TEAM

Monday, February 23rd @6:30pm

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

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**JOIN
PASTOR
TAMMY**

**“PRAISE
&
PRAYER”**

TUESDAYS



**1st Tuesdays
Monthly**

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

Via Zoom

**[https://us02web.zoom.us
/j/82293573333](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/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 18th 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 15th. 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 1st and 8th 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>



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: smumcgreensboro@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

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

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www.ncat.edu/coach/index



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>



Gate City Alumni Chapter of
North Carolina A&T State University

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

JANUARY 1 - MARCH 15, 2026

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.

- 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).

APPLY TODAY!

<https://bit.ly/GateCityScholarship>

QUESTIONS? EMAIL:
GATECITYAGGIESCHOLARSHIP@GMAIL.COM



For more Gate City Aggies scholarship information or assistance with the application, contact Michelle Thompson michelleathompson@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.

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
Warmoth Gibbs 2001 Jane St Greensboro, NC 27407	Beverly Johnson 415 Elm Grove Church Rd Reidsville, NC 27320
Billy Johnson 832 Ross Ave Greensboro, NC 27406	Rev. Diana Jones Heartland Center, Room 202A 1131 N Church St Greensboro, NC 27401
Cynthia Smith-McIver 702 Old Heritage Trail Greensboro, NC 27401	Pat Spain 3314 Woodlea Rd Greensboro, NC 27406
Julius Tucker 507 Ray Street Greensboro, NC 27406	Janie Wheeler 1570 Woodberry Run Dr Snellville, GA 30078
TerraBella Attention: Gertrude Whittle Apt 361 1208 New Garden Road Greensboro, NC 27410	Annye 'Pete' Wright 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)

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“Bridging Generational and Spiritual Gaps Through Prayer, Faith and Ministry.”