

SAINT MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 1, 2026



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Children's Moments

Scripture

Luke 5:1-11

Musical Selection

Progressive Adult Choir

Sermon

Pastor Haynes

Sermon Series: "Following in the Footsteps of Jesus"

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"

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, February 22, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
In Person: 190 Online: 207

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, 3/11&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, 3/4,11,18 & 25

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

40 DAY LENTEN CHALLENGE FOOD DROP OFF

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, @10am – Noon, Narthex

BSA TROOP #441

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

UWF GROUP 1 MEETING

Wednesday, March 11th @12:15pm, Room 20

UMM BREAKFAST MEETING

Saturday, March 14th @8:30am, CHJ Fellowship Hall

GIRL SCOUTS MEETING

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

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Tuesday, March 24th @6pm, CHJ Fellowship Hall

FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND FRIENDS RECEPTION

Sunday, March 29th following Worship Service, CHJ Fellowship Hall

ZOOM MEETINGS

<p>JOIN PASTOR TAMMY</p> <p>“PRAISE & PRAYER” TUESDAYS</p>		<p>1st Tuesdays Monthly</p> <p>Next event, March 3, 2026 @7am</p> <p>Via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us /j/82293573333 or Dial 1-929-205-6099 ID 82293573333# Passcode 583845</p>
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HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Monday, March 2nd @6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89924905941?pwd=MDIzNHduZVIhaUwwRnBoTWWhKZHZpdz09>

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 10th @6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87378329945?pwd=CPPwOdDTArnTI8JtYGr3AtaHHJNMBk.1>

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CHURCH COUNCIL

Thursday, March 19th @6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89924905941?pwd=MDIzNHduZVIhaUwwRnBoTWWhKZHZpdz09>

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NEWSLETTER TEAM

Monday, March 23rd @6:30pm

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

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CHURCHWIDE TOWNHALL MEETING

Sunday, March 29th @4pm

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers on display today are given in honor of my daughter, Cheryl Simmons, and my grandchildren, Nortina, Mark and Kevin, by Coley Hooker.

CREATION CARE

March tip: Plan for April's Earth Day/Month. Consider visiting local environmental centers or setting up a resource fair with handouts, seedlings, samples, and crafts such as making seed balls or mobiles from nature items. Look for a service-to-Earth project, such as trail or invasives clearing. Hold an outside worship service with liturgy on the theme of Creation care.

When Is Hot Too Hot for Humans? What Are We Doing to Ourselves and Our World? Thursday, March 12, 2026, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm via Zoom. Blessings from the Earth!

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

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

"Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth." I Chronicles 16:33 ESV

GIRL SCOUTS COOKIE SALE ENDS SOON: Last day for Girl Scout cookies is Sunday, March 1st at 9:30am – 10:45am in Nursery and 12:30pm – 1:30pm in Narthex. We appreciate your support.

ZOOM USAGE FOR SUNDAY SERVICES ENDING SOON: Due to limited resources, the Media Technology team will eliminate projecting Sunday Worship Services via Zoom at the end of March 2026. All congregants that use this tool are encouraged to use either YouTube or Facebook.

*Words of
Wisdom*
Wednesdays

Weekly Devotion – Lunchtime Lenten Inspirations

When: Every Wednesday through April 1, 2026

Time: 12 Noon via Phone Tree

(You must be signed up for Phone Tree calls to participate – expect a call on Wednesday @noon from 336-272-4506)

Sponsored by SMUMC Shepherding Ministry

DEVOTION ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

Scripture: *Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ISAIAH 58:6-7*

During Lent, God wants us to come back to him. Isaiah says true fasting means helping others: feeding the hungry, setting people free, sharing what we have. When we turn from selfishness and return to love, God draws near. He promises, "Then you will call, and I will answer." Repentance means directing our hearts back to God and to others. That's where real change begins.

Think: How can we help someone in need this week with our time, with our kindness or by sharing what we have?

Sacrifice: Try not to snack between meals today.

40 DAYS, 40 ITEMS LENTEN CHALLENGE: FILL THE FOOD PANTRY!!!

Join our Challenge to stock the Food Pantry shelves.

During the 40 days of Lent, all congregants are asked to collect a non-perishable food item daily.

You may bring your items to the Church as follows:

In front of Multi-Purpose Office during Food Pantry hours

Tuesdays/Wednesdays @10am – Noon from now – April 1

In front of Multi-Purpose Office before Worship Services

Sundays from March 1 – March 29

“The Big Drive-Thru Drop Off Day” in the Fellowship Hall Parking lot

Friday, April 3 from 3pm – 6pm (Curbside service only)

Monetary donations are accepted.

Select special on your envelopes or other online, then type in “Food Pantry”

We’re praying for 100% participation to fight local hunger.



TELL ST. MATTHEWS' STORY TO THE FUTURE by selecting 1 or more questions, record your most memorable experience, place your story in the Multi-purpose room History Mailbox. **DUE: 3/31/2026.**

(From) Archives and History, E. A. McGirt, Contact Person

1-Describe the congregation from 1930 to 2025 (makeup, vitality, etc.)
2-Describe worship services (Specify year/s & sermons most memorable)
3-What social issues did St. Matthews support and participate in most.
4-Name Evangelical mission or ministry events that impacted our community. (List the service year/s)

5-Describe your most memorable Sunday School and VBS moments. (List year/s and your teacher/s)
6-What songs spiritually uplifted you and the congregation? (Name song/s and composer)
7-How did the church have fun? (Specify event, activities and year/s)
8-Sign, date and provide phone no.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH invites the congregation to participate in a very special church-wide project: "Rooted in Love: A Legacy of Faith."

Throughout Scripture, we see the sacred influence of mothers. We remember the faith of Timothy's grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice.

We remember the strength of Hannah, the wisdom of Mary, and the countless unnamed women whose quiet obedience shaped generations.

Let's celebrate the women who helped root us in Christ.

We are asking you to honor and/or remember your mother or a mother figure by sharing a personal story that reflects:

"A lesson she taught you about faith", "Words of wisdom she often repeated", "A time her prayers carried you through", "Instructions she gave about serving God", or "How she modeled Christian love in action".

Your stories will be compiled into a commemorative booklet for Mother's Day. Submission forms with guidelines will be available in the Narthex and Multi-purpose Office; deadline is April 12th.

Contact Pamela Moye or Gail Haynie for additional information.



New Date!

Northern Piedmont District Leadership Training
Sunday, March 22, 2026, 3:30pm to 5:00pm
Via ZOOM - Click below to Register

Opportunity for leadership training for:

- Church Council (Chairpersons & Members) - *Facilitated by Myra Waddell and Rev. Sue Anne Morris*
- Local Church Lay Leaders - *Facilitated by Dale Tonkins & Kim Eller*
- Staff/Pastor Parish Relations (Chairpersons & Members) - *Facilitated by Rev. Rod Ingram & Renee Royal*
- Finance (Chairpersons, Members & Treasurers) - *Facilitated by Lynne Gilbert & Landa Wallace*
- Trustees (Chairpersons & Members) - *Facilitated by Rev. Jeremy Troxler & Dave Phillips*

As indicated above, both chairpersons and members of teams are invited to participate. The Zoom information for our gathering will be included in your registration confirmation email.

[Click to Register →](#)

TRIAD INTERGENERATIONAL WORKSHOP

WNCC Youth and Children's Ministries are hosting the Triad Intergenerational Workshop at St. Matthews on Thursday, March 5th with Worship at 9:30am and Workshop from 10am – 2pm.

This is the conference's spring workshop for youth and children's ministry leaders to enlighten all about Intergenerational Ministry, what it means and why it is important. The workshop will have a time of practical resourcing where we will work in groups to think about how it would look in our own contexts.

This is a free event and lunch is provided; registration is required.

Please register by March 2nd! Registration is below!

<https://wnc-reg.brapp.com/intergenministry2026>

TIME TO VOTE:

The March 2026 primary election is Tuesday, Mar. 3, 2026.

Use this link for more information:

<https://www.guilfordcountync.gov/government/board-elections/election-day-voting>



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Annette Kilpatrick	3/1	Yvette Wimberly	3/15
Bryson Gibson	3/2	Joyce Fairley	3/16
Arion Kennedy	3/2	George E. McNeill	3/16
Dana Lyles	3/3	Joan Morgan	3/16
Raye Dawkins	3/5	R. Dorene Coley	3/18
Coley Hooker	3/7	Howard Evans Jr.	3/20
Brooke Lilly	3/7	Audrey Franklin	3/20
Arryana Raines	3/7	George Grier II	3/20
David Surgeon	3/8	Janet Solomon	3/22
Ruth Gillis	3/9	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	Siobohn Jamison	3/26
Cynthia Smith-McIver	3/13	Otis Caldwell III	3/28
Peyton Naylor	3/14	William Coley	3/28
Valosha Odom	3/14	Ethan D'Silva	3/29
Kallyn Bethel	3/15	Lonnie Phifer Jr.	3/30

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Tuesday and Wednesday, 10am – Noon

(May be altered by holidays and funerals)

Patrons are served at Sanctuary doors in breezeway

Please check the expiration dates before contributing your food items.

We are not allowed to distribute outdated food.

To eliminate clutter in the Narthex and make it more appealing to guests, the Food Pantry Wagon (to collect your non-perishable items) has been moved to the hallway outside of the Multi-Purpose Office.

Known Sick and Shut-In Members

Let us remember our sick and shut-in members through our prayers, calls, and visits. Their contact information can be found in the Church directory. *

Eleanora Caldwell
Rev. James Curry
Charles Edgerton
Beverly Johnson
Cynthia Smith-McIver
Julius Tucker
Gertrude Whittle

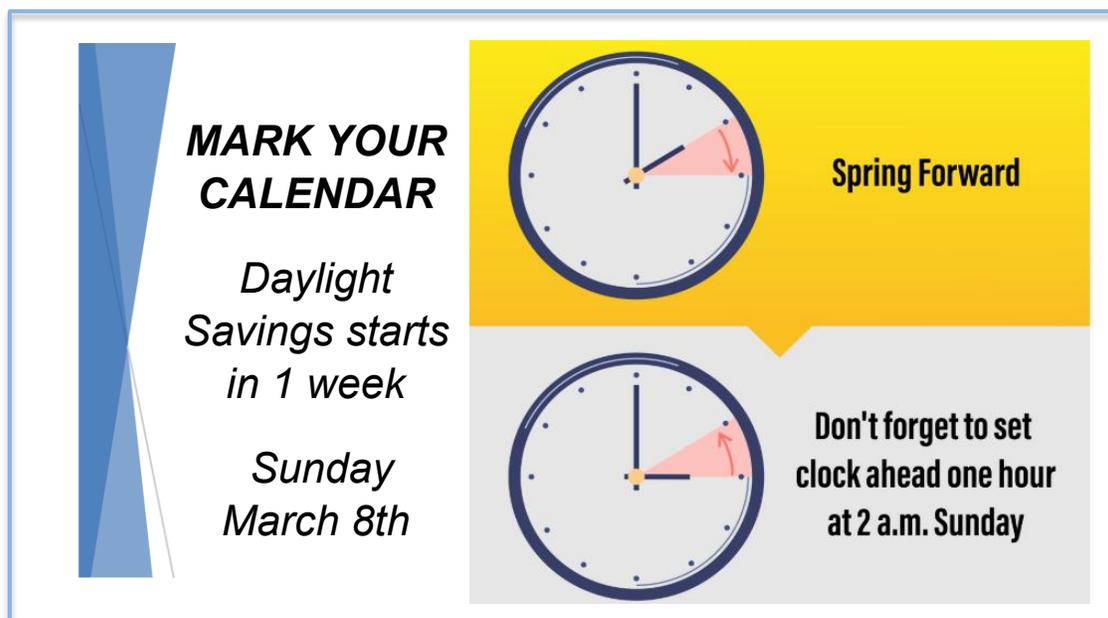
Annette Coward
Eunice Day
Warmoth Gibbs
Billy Johnson
Pat Spain
Janie Wheeler
Annye 'Pete' Wright

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

Margaret Burton
Elaine Christian
Eugene Melvin Miller I

*Please note, we will no longer list personal addresses for our sick and shut-in members to protect their privacy. Members can find this information in the church directory in the multi-purpose office or contact the church office to get access to the electronic version.



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(Appointments required for other times)
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Gwen Poole

Musician-Children's Choir

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Musician-Fellowship Choir

Rosanne Roberts

Musician-Progressive Adult Choir

William Brooker

Musician-Sanctuary Choir

Freddye Dixon

Musician-Youth Choir

Candun Butler



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