

SAINT MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 29, 2026



Hosanna in the Highest!

Palm Sunday

*Blessed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord! As we
celebrate Palm Sunday, may our
hearts be filled with faith, hope,
and gratitude for Jesus' love and
sacrifice.*

***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
Faith, Fellowship and Friends Sunday

ORDER OF SERVICE

10AM

Musician – Richard Nixon

Light of Christ

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Selection

Men's Choir

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed #881 (Traditional)

Children's Moment

Scripture

Musical Selection

Men's Choir

Sermon **“An Inauguration the Empire Didn't Plan”** **Pastor Haynes**

Altar Prayer

Invitational Selection

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

TOWN HALL MEETING

Church Council Update

Special Announcement

Finance Report

Trustees Report

Hoyte Phifer

Pastor Ingram

John Williams

Wilmote Gibbs

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>

**“HE IS RISEN”
Easter Sunday
at
St. Matthews UMC
April 5th**



**6:00am
Community Sunrise Service
Rev. William Wright
New Zion Missionary Baptist Church**

**11:00am
Morning Worship Service
Rev. Tamara Ingram, Senior Pastor**

**ATTENDANCE
SUNDAY, March 22, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
In Person: 147 Online: 248**

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=S2RucWc1ejZDaziTa3NgMWJ5QU4rdz09>

Dial In +19292056099, 83015849077#; Passcode: 950687

REHEARSALS

Children's Choir: 6:30pm, Choir Room, Wednesdays, 4/15 & 22

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children/Youth (CHJ Fellowship Hall) & Young Adults (Room 20)
1st & 2nd Sundays, 9:45am

[No Children/Youth/Young Adult Classes On Easter Sunday]

Adults (Chapel) – Every Sunday 9:45am

IN PERSON EVENTS

SAINT MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A SACRED WORSHIP SERVICE

GOOD *Friday*

Date:

April 3, 2026

Time:

Noon



Host Pastor:
Rev. Tamara Ingram

7 Last Sayings of Jesus Christ

“Women at the Cross”



Rev. Dr. Alice Davis Rev. LaTonye Torain Rev. Linda Moore Rev. Kim Foster Rev. Dr. Sharon Adams Rev. Kimberly Clarke-Turner

ALL ARE WELCOME - COME AND WORSHIP
600 East Florida Street Greensboro, NC 27406

SHEPHERDING

FOOD DRIVE THRU EVENT

Friday, April 3rd @3pm-6pm
Fellowship Hall Parking Lot

EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, April 4th
11am-3pm
Church Grounds

BSA TROOP #441

Tuesdays, April 14th & 21st
@7pm, CHJ Fellowship Hall

UMM BREAKFAST MEETING

Saturday, April 11th @8:30am
CHJ Fellowship Hall

UWF FELLOWSHIP TEA

Saturday, April 18th @9:30am
CHJ Fellowship Hall

USHERS MEETING

Saturday, April 18th @10am
Chapel

GIRL SCOUTS MEETING

Saturdays, April 11th & 25th
1:30pm, CHJ Fellowship Hall

MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Tuesday, April 28th @6pm
CHJ Fellowship Hall

ZOOM MEETINGS

HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Monday, April 6th @6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88006069478?pwd=5cAF8i61VIR9jC80c5awbGF74znPLu.1>

Dial in +1-929-205-6099, 88006069478#; Passcode: 330731

NURTURE EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Monday, April 14th @6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88511791560?pwd=ZDFKYzVhMmtrUDZZTXQxNFBieFZLQT09>

Dial in +1-929-205-6099, 88511791560#; Passcode: 419287

SHEPHERDING MEETING

Saturday, April 18th @11am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85713332331?pwd=bie9PInob5GpitMxfzLfBa77jaD0Ax.1>

Dial in +1-929-205-6099, 85713332331#; Passcode: 436168

NEWSLETTER TEAM

Monday, April 27th @6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87524952331?pwd=cjF1RiVoYkg1b0dnK3NxTWRIT1ovdz09>

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful altar flowers are given in loving memory of the Brower Family worshipping in the church triumphant by CW, Drew and Myra. The beautiful palms are given to the memory of Robert Carter & Robert G. Carter by Esther Carter-Buie.

CHURCH COUNCIL CORNER

The Council met on Thursday, March 19th and below are a few highlights:

- Approved UMM's request for Father's Day on June 21st at 10am.
- 160th Anniversary Pictorial Directory is being considered, and Witness will solicit vendors that provide this service at no cost to the church.
- Facility requests forms will go paperless by July 1st.
- Automatic light switches are proposed for the FH and selected rooms in the Sanctuary building to eliminate lights being left on after meetings.

JOIN PASTOR TAMMY		1st Tuesdays Monthly
"PRAISE & PRAYER" TUESDAYS		Next event, April 7, 2026 @7am
		Via Zoom
		https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82293573333
		or
		Dial 1-929-205-6099
		ID 82293573333#
		Passcode 583845

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS!

It's spring . . . time once again for ***Music, Movement, and Meditation***. Join us on Wednesdays, April 15th and 22nd then again on May 6th and 13th from 10:00 - 10:45 in the Sanctuary. Invite a friend to come along and enjoy this fun and inspirational time together around the altar. Gwen Poole

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Calling all youth 11 years old and up, our next SMUMC confirmation class with Pastor Tammy will be held on Sundays, 4/12, 4/26, 5/3 & 5/17 @12:30pm – 1:30pm in the Chapel and on Saturday, April 25th @11am – noon in the CHJ Fellowship Hall. Please contact the church office.

CREATION CARE

March tip: Watch for connections to faith. As a Sunday school class, choose a speaker, film, or panel to discuss sustainability, the connection of climate change to environmental justice, and actions individuals, families, and the church can take.

BISHOP'S CLIMATE SUMMIT is being held on Saturday, April 18th at Maple Springs UMC (2569 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem). Church leaders and all interested people are invited to attend. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Melanie L. Harris, professor of Black Feminist and Womanist Theologies and African American Studies at Wake Forest University and its Divinity School. Karlah Burton will co-host a workshop focused on the WNCC Green Church Initiative. Praise God! Follow Jesus into our warming world! Learn about good stewardship of the Earth! The cost is \$10 for students and \$25 for adults. Follow the link to register: [2026 Bishop's Climate Summit - Registration and Payment Form](#).

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY

I want to thank each of you for your prayers, kind cards, and thoughtful gifts during this time of healing. Your love and support have meant more to me than words can truly express, and I feel so blessed to be part of such a caring and faithful community.

As I continue on this journey of recovery, I humbly ask for your continued prayers. They bring me strength, comfort, and peace each day.

With heartfelt gratitude, Your Sister in Christ, Ramona Miller

SINGLES MINISTRY is asking all who want to participate to join them for an exciting evening at the Barn Dinner Theatre to see “How Great Thou Art”, which has been rescheduled to Saturday, April 25th at 6pm. Tickets are \$63 per person. Please RSVP to Cynthia McCain 336-339-8100 ASAP.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family of Crystal Galloway Marcus, who passed away on Sunday, March 22nd. Her services held at St. Matthews on Friday, March 29th with family visitation (11:30am) and funeral service (noon). Please keep the family in prayer.

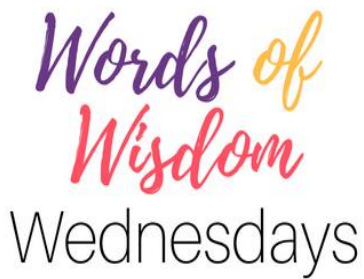
HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE is exploring new opportunities to support the physical well-being of our congregation. We invite all members to complete a short survey about potential activities such as chair yoga, walking groups, and other gentle exercise options, that could help us stay active and healthy together. Your input is important and will help us design programs that meet the needs of our church family. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts and preferences by clicking [here](#) to complete the survey. Paper copies....Thank you for helping us care for the health of our congregation! Jennifer Lewis

SHEPHERDING SEASON OF PRAYER, FASTING, AND CONNECTION is April 1st – May 7th. Throughout the month, Shepherds will reach out to their flocks to provide spiritual support. We invite the congregation to participate in a Special Week of Daily Prayer on May 1st – May 6th to focus on areas of concern: Our Pastor (May 1), Church Staff (May 2), Leadership Positions (May 3), Church Family (May 4), Local Community (May 5) and Spiritual Growth and Outreach (May 6). We will conclude with our prayer initiative on the National Day of Prayer on May 7th with individual prayer around the altar at Noon & 5pm followed by the Worship Service at 6pm. More information and daily prayer guides to follow in upcoming weeks. Sponsored by Shepherding Ministry.

SUPPORT OUR PASTORS:

- Rev. Ingram is preaching at Zion Baptist Church (807 Piedmont St, Reidsville) on Tuesday, March 31st at 7pm. She is also the guest speaker at the Uwharrie District UWF Prayer Breakfast (New London, NC) on Saturday, April 11th at 9am; if you plan to attend, please contact the church office to RSVP by March 29th.
- Pastor Haynes will be one of the guest speakers for the Good Friday – Seven Last Words Service at Memorial United Methodist Church (1327 Cedrow Dr, High Point) on April 3rd at 7pm.

ZOOM VIEWING FOR SUNDAY SERVICES ENDS on Sunday, April 5th. All congregants that use this tool are encouraged to view Worship services via YouTube or Facebook. Contact church office if you need help.



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 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH

Scripture: *So, God created humans in his image... GENESIS 1:27*

How do you feel about your body? Most young children don't think too much about their bodies so long as they can skip, run and play.

But oftentimes as we grow older, we become more aware of our appearance and wonder how we measure up in this world of airbrushed and AI-generated perfection. Some of us may even camouflage dieting as spiritual fasting during Lent. But God made us in His image, not in the image of TikTok, Instagram filters or Hollywood. We are his creations.

Imagine God handing you a beautiful, tangible gift —let's say a lovely vase. Would you not do everything you could to keep it whole and intact?

Would you not add sprigs of greenery and blossoms to make it even more sublime? You'd surely place it in a prominent place, and every time you saw it, you'd be struck by its beauty and reminded that it was a gift from your heavenly Father. We should treat our bodies with the same care and admiration. Love God? Then love your body.

Think: What is something you like about your body—not about how it looks but what it can do? How can we show God we're thankful for our bodies today?

Sacrifice: Go on a walk with your family today and give thanks for God's creation.

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 40 non-perishable food items (or 1 item per day).

Monetary donations are accepted as well. Remember to select special on your envelopes or other online, then fill in "Food Pantry".

You may bring your items to the Church as follows:

In front of Multi-Purpose Office during Food Pantry hours

Tuesdays/Wednesdays @10am – Noon (Now – April 1st)

In front of Multi-Purpose Office before Worship Services

Sundays (March 29th)

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

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

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

Food Pantry Needs:

Canned Goods		Other Non-perishable Items
Tuna	Fruit	Bags of rice
Chicken (large)	Green beans	Boxed cereal
Baked beans	Mixed veggies	Grits
Blackeye peas	Pasta for kids	Jelly
Carrots	Pinto beans	Peanut Butter
Chili	Soups	Oatmeal
Corn	Spaghetti/Ravioli	
Diced tomatoes	Sweet Peas	

Food Pantry Coordinators recommend Aldi and Lidl.

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

Ramona Miller

Family of Crystal Marcus

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

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.



The flyer features a light pink background with a decorative border of pink and yellow flowers and green leaves. The text is centered and reads:

YOU ARE INVITED TO
St. Matthews
United Women In Faith
Annual
SPRING
Tea

Saturday April 18, 2026
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
St Matthew United Methodist Church
Coley Hooker, Jr. Fellowship Hall

Theme: My Cup Runneth Over - Psalm 23:5

At the bottom, there are two portrait photos. On the left is a woman with curly hair, and on the right is a young man in a suit and bow tie. Between the photos, the text reads:

Dr. Irish Spencer
Speaker

Najm Muhammad
Guest Saxophonist



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.

The Food Pantry Wagon (to collect your non-perishable items) is located in the hallway outside of the Multi-Purpose Office.

ARCHIVES & HISTORY Ministry would like to display newspapers published by a SMUMC member, James Franklin Johnson.

The paper was a major VOICE in our church and its significance will be highlighted for SMUMC's 160th Church Anniversary. The Future Outlook was a newspaper for African Americans in Greensboro, North Carolina from 1941-1972. The paper covered local people and events in Greensboro, the surrounding area of Guilford County, and subjects of national and international interest as well as the area's schools and colleges including Bennett College and North Carolina A&T. Its address was listed as 1301 Market Street. Donate dated clippings, entire papers, or submit photocopies of these for this project. Contributors should make sure that their name and contact information are attached, and tell why you kept the newspapers(optional). A marked box will be provided to collect these items June 1 - July 31, 2026. Submitted by E. A. McGirt



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.



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