

SAINT MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, July 26, 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
Musician – Kimberly Brown

Light of Christ

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Selection

Youth Choir

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed #881 (Traditional)

Doxology

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

Children's Moment

Ernestine Taylor

Scripture

Luke 14:25-35 (NKJV)

Cameryn Fields

Musical Selection

Youth Choir

Sermon Title

"Be A Disciple"

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

***** Sermon Series: "To Be or Not To Be....The Church!" *****

Digital Options for Worship Services:

FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewsgreensboro>

YOUTUBE <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7Q7QTHei60HaiaJWc6ZCpQ>

SUNDAY, July 19, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
In Person: 122 Online: 131

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Bible Class: On break until September 9th
Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays, 9am, Room 20
Upper Room Bible Class: On break until September 10th

REHEARSALS

Children's Choir: 6:30pm, Choir Room, Wednesday, TBD
Fellowship Choir: Fridays, 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, Chapel/Choir Room, Wednesday, TBD

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children/Youth & Young Adults - no classes in July
Adults (Chapel) – Sundays in July at 9am

IN PERSON EVENTS

FC CHRISTMAS CONCERT REHEARSAL

Sunday, July 26th @2pm,
Sanctuary

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE ROUNDTABLE

Thursday, July 30th @5:30pm,
CHJ Fellowship Hall

UMM BREAKFAST MEETING

Saturday, August 1st @8:30am,
CHJ Fellowship Hall

*You Belong.
Your Voice Matters.*

**HIGH SCHOOL/
COLLEGE
ROUNDTABLE
Discussion**

Come share your ideas,
ask questions,
and help shape
what's next!

LET'S TALK ABOUT FAITH, SCHOOL,
FRIENDSHIPS, PURPOSE,
AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

DATE
Thursday
July 30, 2026

TIME
5:30-7:30

LOCATION
St Matthews UMC,
CHJ Fellowship Hall

WHO
High School
& College
Students

RSVP | Michelle Thompson
3363408585

LISTEN. LEARN. LEAD. TOGETHER.

2027 CALENDAR PLANNING MEETING

Saturday, August 1st @Noon, CHJ Fellowship Hall

GIRL SCOUTS MEETING

Saturday, August 25th @1:30pm, CHJ Fellowship Hall

FRIENDS, FAITH & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Sunday, August 30th @10am, Under tent located on MLK Parking lot

ZOOM MEETINGS

NEWSLETTER TEAM

Monday, July 27th @6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89011663862?pwd=sCgiCWLbo8xBFNQiodtZaLXAU2Mwkm.1>

Dial in +1-929-205-6099, 89011663862#; Passcode: 888477

LEAD SHEPHERDS MEETING

Friday, July 31st @11am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81341335108?pwd=SiYuJWCr7U2Ik2hk33i60YHjbdHDKt.1>

Dial in +1-929-205-6099, 81341335108#; Passcode: 129360

HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Monday, August 3rd @6:30pm

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

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

JOIN PASTOR TAMMY “PRAISE & PRAYER” TUESDAYS		1st Tuesdays Monthly Next event, August 4, 2026 @7am Via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us /s/82293573333 Or Dial 1-929-205-6099 ID 82293573333# Passcode 583845
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BACK TO SCHOOL BASH PLANNING COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 6th @7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84103185620?pwd=uFKC6aT29wVb2XbT9PFaxTdKyHQeKx.1>

Dial in +1-929-205-6099, 84103185620#; Passcode: 305829

NURTURE EDUCATION & CONGREGATIONAL CARE MEETING

Tuesday, August 11th @6:30pm

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

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

TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, August 18th @6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87065901144?pwd=NFxg43bltVOawMkm8R4q2ewqbAGUqX.1>

Dial in +1-929-205-6099, 87065901144#; Passcode: 450383

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful altar flowers are given in honor of the Creation Care ministry by Inell Artis.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS are due in the church office on the Tuesday @12pm (noon) before the Sunday it is to be published, for example the Aug 9th bulletin due on Tuesday, Aug 4th. For special Sunday services, announcements are due two weeks before the Sunday publication, i.e. for Homecoming, Sept 20th bulletin due on Tuesday, Sept 8th @noon.

CREATION CARE TIPS

Retreat to renew. With your family, friends, or church group spend a day or more at a United Methodist camp or retreat center. Immerse yourselves in God's creation and community. Hike, paddle, explore, volunteer, and decompress in these "sacred places apart." Check with your church office to find a camp nearby.

SUPPORT OUR PASTORS

Pastor Haynes will preach for the following churches:

- Holmes Grove UMC (1100 Alamance Church Rd): Tuesday, August 4th @7pm.
- Bass Chapel UMC (5075 Bass Chapel Rd): Sunday, August 9 @2:30pm
- New Goshen UMC (3300 Randleman Rd): Tuesday, August 11th @7pm.

Pastor Ingram will be the revivalist at St. Peters UMC (Randleman NC) on Sunday, September 6th @2:30pm

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH & BOOKBAG DRIVE

SMUMC is preparing for our annual Back to School Bash & Bookbag Drive on August 15th.

We provide local students with bookbags and school supplies to help prepare them for the new school year.

Monetary donations are being accepted through August 3rd by cash, check or online. Make checks payable to St. Matthews United Methodist Church. Please list "Backpack/Bookbag Program" in the memo section of your check, on the church envelope or in 'Other' section for online giving.



We need volunteers!! If interested use this link to sign up <https://forms.gle/hwHneEQWQQBq93bc9> or contact Ramona Miller at ramonamiller01@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity.

ONE MATTERS AWARD INTERVIEW VIDEO

Lory Beth Huffman, General Board of Discipleship of the WNCC, presented the "One Matters" award to St. Matthews on Sunday, May 24th during the 11am worship service. Our church received this award because of the significant change in Confession of Faith new members from zero (2024) to thirty-one (2025, including 8 confirmands) and the baptisms from zero (2024) to eight (2025: 5 ages 0-12 and 3 ages 13+). After service, Rev. Huffman interviewed Rev. Tamara Ingram and Ms. Debi McClendon to gain insight into how the church accomplished such a significant change. A video recording of this interview is available on the WNCC website (use link) <https://www.wnccumc.org/ac2026-awards>

THANK YOU: The family of Rev. Diana Marie Bradley Jones wants to thank the St. Matthews Ushers for the beautiful flowers delivered to us on Sunday, July 19th and for the wonderful memorial tribute given by Joyce Palm-Harris. It was a beautiful reflection of God's love, and we truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. Mrs. Mary Bradley and family

THE ST. MATTHEW'S UMC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, which is traditionally held on the fourth Sunday in July, will not take place this year. Unfortunately, no scholarship applications were submitted by this year's graduating senior class. All students are encouraged to review the scholarship criteria well in advance of their senior year which requires active church membership through involvement and participation in church activities.

We look forward to resuming the scholarship program in July 2027 and encourage eligible graduating seniors to apply next year. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.



Saint Matthews United Methodist Church|
Greensboro, NC

FirstFruits Drama Ministry
presents

Sunday, August 2, 2026
3:00 p.m.

Holmes Grove UMC
*****Revival*****

1100 Alamance Church Rd.
Greensboro, NC 27406

Come enjoy this remarkable performance and bring a friend!

CHURCH COUNCIL CORNER

The Council met on Thursday, July 16th and listed below are a few updates:

- Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, October 11th at 1pm in the Sanctuary
- Approved leadership training for Saturday, December 19th.



**The excitement is
building...
clock is ticking...
more to come...**

**We need your
help!**

160th Anniversary Donations: To help offset some of the anniversary expenses, we are requesting that each family consider giving a special donation of \$160. Feel free to pay for this in increments. We thank you for this sacrificial offering over and above your tithes/pledges.

Preparation for Homecoming Dinner: We will offer a vegan option only to those that preorder and we need servers as well as those willing to set up/cleanup for the dinner on September 20th. If you are vegan and/or if you can volunteer to serve, please contact either Vallerie Boger-Bass or Ouida Scarborough (see church directory for contact information).

"The Future Outlook" was a newspaper published by a SMUMC member, James Franklin Johnson. The paper was a major VOICE for African Americans in Greensboro from 1941-1972. The paper covered local people and events in the city and county including schools and colleges, i.e. Bennett College and North Carolina A&T as well as subjects of national and international interest. Its address was listed as 1301 Market Street. We are asking for those that still have copies of this paper to donate dated clippings, entire papers, or submit photocopies to display during our 160th Anniversary celebration. Contributors should make sure that their name and contact information are attached and explain why the newspapers were kept (optional). Items will be collected now - July 31, 2026.

Sunday, JULY 26TH

WEAR YOUR 160TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT OR A SPIRITUAL T-SHIRT

10 AM Service

ST. MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebrating 160 YEARS IN GOD'S SERVICE

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. **MATTHEW 5:16**

The Fellowship Choir is considering placing another order of shirts for those that missed the opportunity to order in May. However, the minimum to place a new order is 40 shirts. If interested, please complete information on this link <https://forms.gle/GzUcurSkKMqGU7XJ7>. This is to collect information only; not guaranteed order placement.

APPORTIONMENT CAMPAIGN

Week 1-6 Total	\$3,685.75
Week 7: 7/14 -7/20	\$140.00
Total campaign collection to date	\$3,825.75

YEAR TO DATE REPORT

2026 Conference Apportionments	\$30,634.00
Payments issued before campaign	(\$6,126.80)
Payment issued 7/15/26	(\$3,685.75)
Balance due to Conference	\$20,821.45

*****Thank you for going beyond your tithes/pledges to make sure our apportionments are paid. Any amount is welcomed.***

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
Annette Coward
Rev. James Curry
Charles Edgerton
Warmoth Gibbs
Beverly Johnson
Billy Johnson**

**Cynthia Smith-McIver
Pat Spain
Julius Tucker
Janie Wheeler
Gertrude Whittle
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

Inell Artis
Margaret Burton
Wilhemina Hendrick

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Laughlin UMC Annual Revival (1417 Huffine Mill Rd/Gso)

Sunday, July 26 @3pm

Monday, July 27 – Wednesday, July 29 @6:30pm nightly

Bethel Glenola UMC Annual Revival (3229 Old Glenola Rd./Archdale)

Sunday, August 2 @3pm; dinner is served at 1:30pm

Guest speaker: Rev. Donald Jenkins (former pastor of St. Paul UMC)

Monday, August 3 – Tuesday, August 4 @7pm nightly

Rev. Dr. Howard L. Woods, Jr. (Ebenezer Baptist Church/Gso)

Holmes Grove UMC Annual Revival (1100 Alamance Church Rd/Gso)

Sunday, August 2

@9:15am: Revival Worship Service

@3pm: St. Matthews UMC FirstFruits Drama presents "The Glory Train"

Tuesday, August 4

@5:30pm – 7pm: Neighborhood Night-Out

@7pm: Revival Service w/Rev. Torey Haynes as guest speaker



JULY BIRTHDAYS



Josette Ferguson	7/2	Asha Baker	7/17
Jillian Miller Smith	7/4	Jonathan McClendon	7/20
Cassandra Dixon	7/5	Ezra D. Jones	7/21
Addison Smith	7/5	Cedric Coley	7/22
Alva Gripper	7/6	Lonnie Spinks III	7/25
Kalani Morgan	7/9	Jazzmine Evans	7/26
Barbara Lyles	7/11	Brianna Beck	7/28
Angela Monk	7/11	Gabrielle Brown	7/28
Karen Bouldin	7/12	Sandra Brown	7/28
Tony Phifer	7/12	Avery Kennedy	7/28
John Marks	7/13	Dwight Earle	7/30
Michelle Thompson	7/14	Karmyn Stimpson	7/30
Maxine Baxter	7/16	Ernestine Taylor	7/30

THE FOOD PANTRY

Please remember the Food Pantry with your financial contributions and/or food items. Your help in keeping the food pantry active 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
Patrons are served at Sanctuary doors in breezeway

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

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ARTS/MUSICIANS

Liturgical Arts Ministry

Gwen Poole

Musician-Children's Choir

Kimberly Brown

Musicians-Fellowship Choir

Rosanne Roberts

Malichi Taylor

Musician-Men's Choir

Richard Nixon

Musicians-Progressive Adult Choir

William Brooker

Stephan Brooker

Musician-Sanctuary Choir

Freddye Dixon

Musician-Youth Choir

Candun Butler



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