SAINT MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 8, 2026



A Season of Thankfulness

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 Moment		
Scripture	**Luke 15:11-24 (NKJV)**	James Sibert
Musical Selection		Progressive Adult Choir
Sermon	**"Thank You For Not Giving Up On Me"**	**Pastor Ingram**
Altar Prayer		
Invitational Selection		Progressive Adult 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		

Sermon Series:
"THANK YOU, LORD! Four Reasons to Give God Praise and Four Ways to Live Our Thanks!

Digital Options for Worship Services:
FACEBOOK https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewsgreensboro
YOUTUBE https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7Q7QTHei60HaiaJWc6ZCpQ

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ORDER OF SERVICE
11AM
Musician – Freddye Dixon

Light of Christ		
Call to Worship		
Opening Prayer		
Opening Hymn	“Ev’ryday Is A Day of Thanksgiving”	Congregation
Affirmation of Faith	Apostles’ Creed #881 (Traditional)	
Doxology	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #95	
Children’s Moment		
Scripture	**Luke 15:11-24 (NKJV)**	LaTasha Bass
Musical Selection		Sanctuary Choir
Sermon	**“Thank You For Not Giving Up On Me”**	**Pastor Ingram**
Altar Prayer		
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Welcome Guests		
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Offertory Response		“All Things Come of Thee”
Light of Christ to the World		
Benediction		

ATTENDANCE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
In Person: 119 Online: 155

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, Sanctuary, 11/11, 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: 6pm, Chapel, Wednesdays

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children/Youth (CHJ Fellowship Hall) & Young Adults (Room 20)
1st & 2nd Sundays, 9:45am
Adults (Chapel) – Every Sunday 9:45am
For 10am Worship Services, the Adult Class meets at 9am

IN PERSON EVENTS

FELLOWSHIP CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT REHEARSAL

Sundays, November 8, 15, 29 @2pm, Sanctuary

BSA TROOP#441 MEETING

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

GIRL SCOUTS MEETING

Saturday, November 14th @1:30pm, CHJ Fellowship Hall
Saturday, November 21st @3pm, CHJ Fellowship Hall

UMM ANNUAL THANKSGIVING CONCERT

Sunday, November 22nd @3pm, Sanctuary

ZOOM MEETINGS

UWF GROUP 3
Tuesday, November 10th @6pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86987345403?pwd=MUo3Wkd2M1daKzhIeXlkYzVnLzg1QT09
Dial in +1-929-205-6099, 86987345403#; Passcode: 209243

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Tuesday, November 10th @6:30pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87378329945?pwd=CPPwOdDTArnTI8JtYGr3AtaHHJNMBk.1
Dial in +1-929-205-6099, 87378329945#; Passcode: 532309

TRUSTEES MEETING
Tuesday, November 17th @6:30pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87065901144?pwd=NFxg43bItVOawMkm8R4q2ewqbAGUqX.1
Dial in +1-929-205-6099, 87065901144#; Passcode: 450383

CHURCH COUNCIL
Thursday, November 19th @6:30pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89924905941?pwd=MDIzNHduZVlhaUwwRnBoTWhKZHZpdz09
Dial in +1-929-205-6099, 89924905941#; Passcode: 329886

NEWSLETTER TEAM
Monday, November 23rd @6:30pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87524952331?pwd=cjF1RlVoYkg1b0dnK3NxTWRIT1ovdz09
Dial in +1-929-205-6099, 87524952331#; Passcode: 327637

APPORTIONMENT CAMPAIGN
Donations: 6/3/26 – 10/31/26 = $10,909.30

2026 Conference Apportionments	$30,634.00
Payments YTD	($16,486.29)
Balance due to Conference	$14,147.71

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers are given in memory of my lovely wife, Romona Gibson, and in memory of her parents, Mr. Herman and Lucille Washington, by Russell Gibson.

ADOPT A STREET
We need volunteers for Adopt A Street clean up number two! For more details, please contact Karlah Burton (Creation Care Ministry Coordinator) at email *karlah_k@yahoo.com*. Your volunteer hours can be counted as part of the "Be The Church" 160 Hours of Community Service project in honor our SMUMC 160th Anniversary Celebration!

ATTENTION PARENTS, please supervise your children (ages 0-12) during worship when they need to leave the Sanctuary. We want to make sure all are safe from dangers seen and unseen. Thank you for helping to keep this church a safe sanctuary. In Christian Love, Myra Waddell

CREATION CARE NOVEMBER TIP: Buy green. In this market-driven economy, what you buy and what you don't buy have an impact. Avoid excess packaging and single-use plastics. Choose local goods to cut down on the emissions from transport. Purchase products with recycled content so that more companies will create merchandise that incorporates recycled materials. Your dollars speak loudly.

UPPER ROOM SUBSCRIBERS: Please place your orders for the 2027 Upper Room by November 29, 2026. Payments are due by December 20, 2026. Regular print $11.00, Large print $13.00. Checks are to be made to St. Matthews UMC; all payments are to be given to me for credit and recording purposes. Please do not put your payments in the Church collections. Thank you, Joyce Palm-Harris, Upper Room Coordinator

SMUMC 160TH ANNIVERSARY "BE THE CHURCH" CAMPAIGN
In continuing our 160th church anniversary celebration, we invite all members to participate in the "Be The Church" campaign, which gives our congregation the opportunity to help our community more than ever. From November 1, 2026 to January 31, 2027, we are asking the congregation to do community volunteer hours over and above the normal SMUMC programs; the goal is to accumulate 160 hours of community service collectively as a church! Each individual may log their hours weekly on the volunteer form; manual copies in the Narthex or use link for online option. The sheet list all the acceptable agencies and projects that can be counted. Our collective progress will be charted and displayed on the 160 hour thermometer in the hallway! For more information, please reach out to any committee member: Wanda Edgerton, Jimmie Gravely, Debi McClendon, Lydia McNeill, Ramona Miller, and Ouida Scarborough; Co-Chairs: Pastor Ingram and Pastor Haynes.

2026 TURKEY GIVEAWAY

The Outreach Ministry is preparing for our 2026 Turkey Giveaway on **Saturday, November 21st at 3pm**. Thanks to a local business partner and the Bowden Family donating 200 turkeys, we can provide Thanksgiving dinners to **200 families with your help**!

We need food donations and volunteers:

- We need 400 cans of green beans and 200 boxes of stuffing mix. (Aldi's 15oz green beans on sale)
  Food donations should be placed in the collection receptacle near the Narthex during regular Food Pantry hours and/or before Sunday Worship Services. The last day to bring your donations is Thursday, November 19th by noon.
- We need volunteers to serve on Saturday, November 21st from 12pm – 5pm. Bag assembly starts at noon and food distribution starts at 3pm. To sign up please contact Ramona Miller @336-509-0850.

What a wonderful opportunity to come together as a church family and make Thanksgiving a little brighter for 200 families in our community! Thank you in advance for your generosity, your willingness to serve, and your continued support.

With gratitude, Ramona Miller and Jimmie Gravely, Outreach Co-Chairs

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY extended to the family of Dr. Janie Wheeler, who died on Sunday, October 25th. Services will be held in Akron, Ohio and arrangements are still pending. Condolences may be sent to her daughter:

Brenda Harrington
1570 Woodberry Run Drive
Snellville, GA 30078

DID YOU KNOW?

The primary task of the Outreach Ministry is to "address the concerns and conditions of people in the community and across the world so that the quality of life may be improved for all." (General Conference UMC, 2000). It is essential for both Saint Matthews and our community for spanning spiritual, relational, and social aspects. Jimmie Gravely and Ramona Miller are the 2026-2027 SMUMC Outreach Ministry Co-Chairs. The ministry groups consist of Boy Scouts, Church & Society, Community Support, Crop Walk, Display Bulletin Boards, Food Pantry, Girl Scouts, Health & Welfare, Higher Education and Campus Ministry, Religion & Race, and Status of the Role of Women.

FROM THE PASTORS: A SINCERE THANK YOU!

To My Beloved Saint Matthews Church Family,

My heart is overflowing with gratitude and thanksgiving for the tremendous outpouring of love you showered upon me during Pastor Appreciation Month!

Words cannot adequately express how deeply touched I was by your thoughtful gifts, beautiful cards, encouraging messages, heartfelt expressions of appreciation, and, most importantly, your prayers. Every gesture, whether great or small, reminded me of just how blessed I am to serve such a loving and caring congregation.

Please know that I do not take your kindness, generosity, or love for granted. Your words of affirmation have encouraged my spirit, strengthened my heart, and reminded me once again that **the work we do for the Lord is never in vain.**

Being your pastor is both a sacred privilege and a tremendous responsibility. I thank God for the opportunity to walk alongside you in faith, to celebrate life's joys, to stand with you through life's challenges, and to witness the wonderful things God continues to do in and through our beloved Saint Matthews.

As we continue this journey together, may we remain united in faith, steadfast in love, and committed to the work God has entrusted to our hands.

Thank you for loving me, praying for me, encouraging me, and allowing me the joy of being your pastor!

With a grateful heart and much pastoral love,
Rev. Tamara Z. Ingram
Your Pastor and Servant in Christ

Dear St. Matthews Church Family,

I want to thank everyone who wrote or said something kind, gave a gift, or sent a card for Pastor Appreciation Month. It brought my wife and me joy to read all the sweet, kind letters many of you wrote. Thank you so much.
I also want to thank each person who makes our calling easier through your initiative, compassion, patience, leadership, and care. The Church is a beautiful, beloved community unlike any other institution or body in society. When we come together to love, serve, and visit one another, it becomes a place of growth, development, safety, education, and community. Let's keep charting new waters, paths, and roads toward perfecting the image of Christ within and in our community. With love and gratitude, **Rev. Torey Haynes**

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.

Inell Artis
Eleanora Caldwell
Rev. James Curry
Charles Edgerton
Warmoth Gibbs
Beverly Johnson
Billy Johnson
Cynthia Smith-McIver
Pat Spain
Mary Swan
Julius Tucker
Gertrude Whittle

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 Requests

Joan Gordon, Roslyn McLean and family of Dr. Janie Wheeler





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Cindy Donnell	11/1	Johnny Powell	11/12
Carol Ann Moye	11/2	Annica Williamson	11/12
Wanda Phifer	11/2	Chadric L. Coley	11/13
Lisa Pyrtle	11/2	Aspen Fitzgerald	11/13
Sandra Wharton	11/2	Davina Smith	11/13
Jada Williams	11/2	Honora Brown	11/14
Edward Alston	11/3	Jocelyn Brown	11/14
Imani McCuller	11/3	LaTonya Powell	11/21
Taeshaun McCauley	11/4	Jean Brown	11/22
Savannah Nowlin	11/4	Weston Estiverne	11/22
Nathan Flack	11/5	John Williams III "Tres"	11/24
Pamela Moye	11/6	Daphne Henderson	11/26
Ouida Rush-Hodnett	11/6	Floyd Royal	11/26
Kimberly Crite	11/7	Mia Naylor	11/27
James Phifer	11/8	Ronica Edgerton	11/28
Chloe Wells	11/9	Leah Swann - Grady	11/28
Charma Courtney	11/10	Steve Bowden	11/30
Fontaine Cowell	11/12	Allison Chiles	11/30

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!

P*lease 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
Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10am – 12noon
Patrons are served at Sanctuary doors in breezeway

COMMUNITY EVENTS

NOVEMBER 11TH 12 – 2:00 PM

COAACH

SENIOR ACADEMY

FALL SERIES

DECEMBER 2ND 12 – 2:00 PM

2105 YANCEYVILLE ST. GREENSBORO, NC 27405

GUESTS MUST ATTEND ALL SENIOR ACADEMY SESSIONS

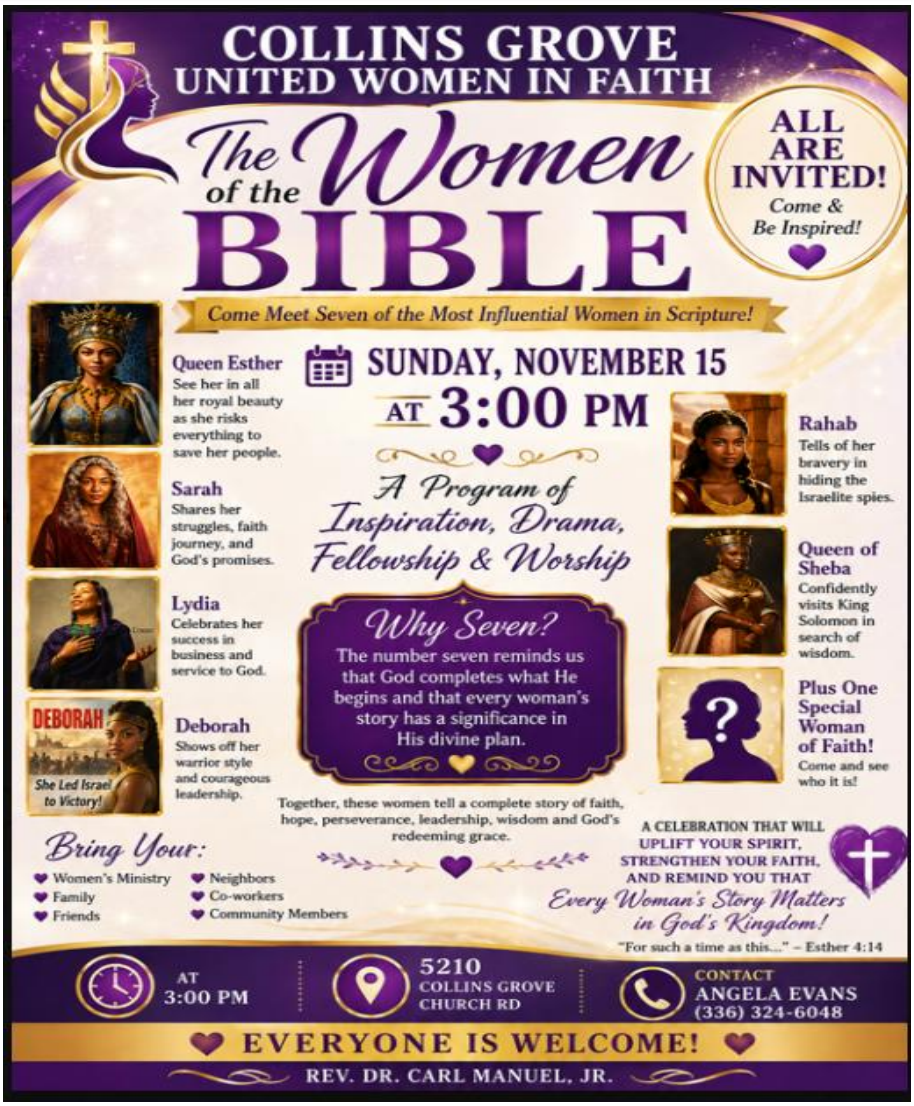
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NOVEMBER 18TH 12 – 2:00 PM

Annual Greater Greensboro CROP Hunger Walk

donations will be accepted through December 31th. Deposits can be made at **Truist Bank**. Please indicate that you are a member of Saint Matthews UMC. Designate monies to account marked, “CROP”. Make checks payable to CWS/CROP. Thank you for your support!



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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**
Musicians-Sanctuary Choir	**Freddye Dixon** **Richard Nixon**
Musician-Youth Choir	**Candun Butler**