

# SAINT MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 25, 2020



*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 empowerment of the Holy Spirit.*

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**St. Matthews United Methodist Church**  
**Rev. Dr. H. Donnell FitzJefferies, Pastor**  
**Sunday October 25, 2020**  
**ONLINE SERVICE via ZOOM**  
**10AM**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Light of Christ

Hymn

How Great Thou Art

Announcements

Children's Moments

Scripture

Matthew 22:36-40

Musical Selection

**Sermon**

**It Comes Down to This**

Testimonies and Fellowship

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\*\*2 options to join the Zoom Meeting: audio (listen/talk) or video (see/listen/talk).

AUDIO (listen to message via phone call)

Dial 1-929-205-6099

Enter Meeting ID when requested: 82293573333# passcode 583845

VIDEO (you can see Pastor and hear the message on your electronic device)

Click onto the link or type into your browser on your electronic device:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82293573333> passcode 583845

\*This is a recurring meeting ID#. Please update and save this information for future services.

REMINDER – Mute Your Speaker Button When Not Talking to Group (landline phones can press \*6 to mute/unmute)

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

**PASSCODE IS REQUIRED TO SIGN INTO ZOOM FOR ALL SUNDAY SERVICES**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **CHURCHWIDE TRANSFORMATION JOURNEY BIBLE STUDY**

This is the last week for Transformation Bible Study with 2 study times: 9am and 2pm (use church service Zoom info).

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING**

Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83482672047>

Dial in 1-929-205-6099, 83482672047# Passcode 548842

## **SMUMC CHARGE CONFERENCE** Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> @11:15am

Request Zoom link from church office to participate

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> @6pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86195498356?pwd=ZnINZis0KzhPei9kTlpodDVQMnJCUT09>

Dial In 1-929-205-6099,86195498356# Passcode: 414779

## **TRUSTEES MEETING**

Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85041710858?pwd=cG5EdldXWk1rUWc1QjJHeWVhQVhUQT09>

Dial In 1-929-205-6099,85041710858# Passcode: 338437

## **UMM MEETING**

Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> @10am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84281775466?pwd=QTIVci9Cek50K3VyajZ0SW9US3FsZz09>

Dial in 1-929-205-6099,84281775466#, passcode 987406

## **UMW GROUP 3 MEETING**

Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> @5pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84807913447?pwd=SkJITjk5b3JYVjZnK0ZPTk9zbnFRQT09>

Dial in 1-929-205-6099,84807913447# Passcode: 584617

## **UMW GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> @10am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5827011857?pwd=d1dKQkhBNVdpSVFkSTBiWV9uaGtZQT09>(Passcode: stmattumw)

Dial in 1-929-205-6099,5827011857#,0#,566271# (Passcode:566271)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** extended to the family of Mrs. Thelma Scott, who died on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Funeral services were held in Enfield, NC on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Please keep her daughter, Wilhemina Hendrick and their family in prayer.

**MINISTRY CHURCH CALENDARS 2021** It is time to start creating your ministry calendars for next year. Ministry leaders are asked to submit their 2021 calendar to the church office no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **PRAYERS FOR PERSEVERANCE**

Sponsored by St. Matthews UMC & West Market St. UMC is today, Oct 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. We will gather in the parking lot of the Early Childhood Center of West Market Street United Methodist Church, 312 W. Friendly Ave. Please park on Friendly Avenue or Commerce Place, bring a chair if you need to sit, and we ask that everyone attending wear a mask. Those with limited mobility are invited to park in perimeter spaces within the ECC parking lot.

## **THANK YOU**

- Thank you for all your cards, prayers, and calls as my mother continues to recuperate from her recent medical procedure. We are so grateful that she is feeling better! With Love, Karlah Burton and the Burton Family
- The family of the late Jerry Lee Payne expresses sincere gratitude to the St. Matthews UMC Family. We thank you for your prayers and the many kind expressions of sympathy. Continue to remember us in prayer. Blessings to all of you. Charles and Jean Brown and Family

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** wish to thank and acknowledge everyone for their assistance on Children's Sabbath Sunday. If our 5 young ladies are any indication of the future, UMW will be in excellent hands. Continue praying for all the children and their parents! Thank you

**VACATION** Admin will be on vacation the week of Oct 26<sup>th</sup> – Oct 29<sup>th</sup>.

**SAINT MATTHEWS UMC  
FUNDS REPORT  
CONTRIBUTIONS POSTED ON 10/14/20**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
TITHES	\$2,875.00
OFFERINGS	\$921.00
BUILDING FUND	\$100.00
EDUCATION ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP	\$10.00
FEES OFFSET ONLINE	\$1.99
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,907.99</b>

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**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesdays @11am

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86013680356>

Dial in 1-929-205-6099, 86013680356#, (passcode) 661397

**UPPER ROOM BIBLE STUDY**

Thursdays @1:30pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83015849077>

Dial in 1-929-205-6099,83015849077#, (passcode) 950687

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**OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER  
AWARENESS MONTH**

"Early detection saves lives."

Breast cancer is a disease in which malignant (cancer) cells form in the tissues of the breast. According to the American Cancer Society, when breast cancer is detected early, and is in the localized stage, the 5-year relative survival rate is 99%. Early detection includes doing monthly breast self-exams and scheduling regular clinical breast exams and mammograms. Experts from American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) have summarized key findings on breast cancer risk factors and recommendations on how to lower the risk. See <https://www.aicr.org/news> for more information.



## **STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE 2021**

Because of restrictions on in-person gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, members will be able to submit their annual stewardship pledge online on the webpage.

**Please complete the online form or mail the returned envelopes with pledge cards inside no later than October 27, 2020.**

- Find the 2021 Pledge Form on the [SMUMC website](#). It is located on the top right side of St. Matthews Home page. Click on the words “**2021 Pledge**” and it will take you to the form.
- Input pledge information on the fillable form and submit. Data submitted goes directly to the finance secretary and can only be seen by the finance secretary.

To submit your 2021 pledge **by pledge card**:

- A Pledge Card was mailed to those without internet access.
- Complete the pledge information on the card.
- Place the card in the enclosed return envelope addressed to the finance secretary. (Only the finance secretary will read the information.)
- Mail the card or drop it off at the church (use the mail slot at the Britton Street entrance).

Direct questions to Bill Gist, [wgist51249@att.net](mailto:wgist51249@att.net), or Floyd Royal, [froyal@netzero.net](mailto:froyal@netzero.net).

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**EARLY VOTING CONTINUES**: Through Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

Click on link below for early voting sites:

<https://www.guilfordcountync.gov/home/showdocument?id=10926>

(Same day registration available & absentee ballots in envelopes can be dropped off at the Early Voting Sites)

**ELECTION DAY**: Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

All rides on GTA, HEAT and SCAT will be free of charge on Election Day, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Voters can also call (336) 456-6437 for rides organized by the NAACP of Greensboro and Democracy NC.



## PASTOR'S APPRECIATION

“October is Pastor Appreciation Month. On behalf of St. Matthews United Methodist Church, I would like to thank Rev. FitzJefferies for his years of ministry. Thank you for your commitment in guiding us through what God wants for our church.



We appreciate Pastor Donnell and Kathy for sharing God's Word and supporting our mission to make disciples for Christ. May both of you continue to grow in God's love.” Thank you.  
Jasmine Williams  
Church Council Chair

*Thank  
You*



## **TRANSFORMATION JOURNEY OVERVIEW**

St. Matthews was nominated and chosen for Transformation Journey by the DS, and the conference wants to invest in St. Matthews. The WNCC Office of Church Development and Nancy Rankin formulated the Transformation Journey experience.

The Church Transformation Journey is a three-year process of discovery for local churches where they will prayerfully engage with scripture, identify milestones that God is calling the church to achieve to fulfill God's vision for the church, and then partner with a Navigator and Guides, to embark on a journey of living into God's calling for their church and their role in transforming the world.

Churches identify their milestones through hosting a Discovery Weekend where a Discovery Weekend Team made up of experienced clergy and laypersons will help the church name up to five challenge areas they want to emphasize. If these milestones are approved by the church, a Navigator and Guides will be assigned to work closely with their pastor/s and church leaders over the next three years to implement their Transformation Journey initiatives.

To prepare for a Discovery Weekend, the church names a team of church leaders who are willing to spend thirty days in preparation for the Discovery Weekend by studying scripture and praying for their church and community and for the Discovery Weekend. Churches also complete a self-study that provides information to the Discovery Weekend team about the history and present reality of the church.

After the Discovery Weekend, a church is presented with milestones to achieve. These milestones are recommendations that surface during the Discovery Weekend and could be anything related to church health (e.g., Creating a Discipleship Pathway, Helping the church become more outwardly focused, creating good stewardship practices, etc.). The church is given thirty days to pray about and consider these milestones and then holds a charge conference to accept the milestones. If 70% of the charge conference or more agrees to proceed, the Discovery Weekend Facilitator and pastor will create a projected roadmap for the rest of the journey. A Navigator will be assigned and will then assist the church by coordinating guides and teams to complete their journey.



## TRANSFORMATION JOURNEY CHECKLIST

### Step-by-Step Guide [WIP - Work In Progress ✓ - Completed]

1. Attend Episcopal Informational Gathering. ✓ 8/15/20
2. Present the Transformation Journey to church leadership for prayer and discernment. ✓ 8/26/20
3. Church Council votes to participate in the Transformation Journey. ✓ 8/26/20
4. Pastor and chair of church council sign and return covenant on behalf of congregation. ✓ 8/27/20
5. Transformation Journey Pastors begin meeting in monthly online gatherings that describe how to lead the church through each phase of the Initiative.
6. Church begins entering statistical information in Vitalsigns Dashboard. WIP deadline to complete 10/23/20
7. Churches schedule their Discovery Weekend according to congregational readiness. ✓ 8/26/20
8. The Church Pastor and Prayer Team uses a provided curriculum to launch a church-wide Prayer Initiative (Bible study). ✓ 10/25/20
9. Church prepares comprehensive self-study (*due two weeks prior to Discovery Weekend*). WIP deadline to complete 10/23/20
10. "Guest Worshipers" begin attending each church.
11. Discovery Weekend (*Friday and Saturday*) Scheduled 11/6-11/7
12. Discovery Weekend Team Presents recommendations to the church.
13. Church hosts Town Hall meetings to discuss the Discovery Weekend recommendations. Town Halls will be limited to video/phone access. No in person meetings.
14. After thirty days, D.S. convenes a charge conference to vote on the Transformation Journey recommendations.  
→ If vote is 70% or better, the recommendations are accepted.
15. The conference provides the church with Guides to guide the church in fulfilling its recommendations.
16. We measure our progress and celebrate our successes. A **new lifecycle** has begun!



# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Anthony Bibbs	10/2	Brandis Williamson	10/17
Shahki Black	10/3	Dianne Bellamy Small	10/18
Unwana Eyo	10/3	John Williams Jr.	10/18
Matthew Caldwell	10/4	Robert Chiles	10/19
Nicholas Caldwell	10/4	Ajalyn Baker	10/20
Helen Kennedy	10/5	Lucas Brown	10/20
Inell Artis	10/6	Olga Phifer	10/20
Peyton Allen	10/8	Kathey Phifer	10/22
Ryan McLeod	10/8	Alga Jackson	10/23
George McNeill	10/8	Gloria Guy	10/24
Derek Allen Robbins	10/8	Jahsun Staton	10/26
Sonya Borders	10/9	Carmen Forbes	10/27
Karlah Burton	10/10	Aleighya Nowlin	10/27
Peggie Horton	10/10	Vallerie Boger-Bass	10/28
Bernadine Minor	10/10	Kimberly Brown	10/28
Duvall Nowlin	10/10	Juanita Hope	10/28
Debra Curtis	10/12	Dequan McGuire	10/28
Daniel Horton	10/15	Amindi Patron	10/28
Ed Moye	10/16	Elaine Thorpe	10/28
Myra Waddell	10/16	Wesley Simpson	10/31

## **THE FOOD PANTRY BIRTHDAY CLUB**

Please remember your Food Pantry Birthday Club. If your birthday is in the current month, you can:

- 1) Bring equivalent food items that match your age
- 2) Make a monetary donation that matches your age
- 3) Bring a combination of options 1 and 2
- 4) Honor a fellow member's birthday by donation food items or money

"Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone." (Galatians 6:1)

**The goal of the Food Pantry is more than providing food, it is to demonstrate Christ's "radical hospitality" by inviting others into the family of God. The relational work of this ministry is to invite people who are food insecure to be part of our church, our ministry and even leaders of our program.**

**~Food Pantry Ministry**

## Our Known Sick and Shut-In Members

Let us remember our sick and shut in members through our prayers, calls and visits. 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 Donnell FitzJefferies or your shepherd.

### Assisted Living | Nursing | Retirement Home

<p><b>Mr. Warmoth Gibbs</b> 2001 Jane St Greensboro, NC 27407</p>
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### | Home |

<p><b>Catherine Bartley</b> 455 Carlton St #4E Brooklyn, NY 11238</p>	<p><b>Nella Black</b> 409 Burtner Street Greensboro, NC 27406</p>
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