

# SAINT MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Jan 9, 2022



***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. Rodvegas Ingram, Pastor

8:30AM

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Liturgist – DeBora Graham

Musicians– William Brooker & Stephan Brooker

Light of Christ

Call to Worship

L: Darkness is gone. New Hope has arisen for each of us.

**P: We are forgiven and blessed.**

L: We are marked by God as disciples

**P: God has entrusted us with God's own message of hope.**

L: Come, Spirit of God, and rest upon us.

**P: Enable us to be people of hope and peace. AMEN.**

Invocation

Praise & Worship

Progressive Adult Choir

Scripture

**1 Samuel 10:17-27 (CEV)**

Children's Moments

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Musical Selection

Progressive Adult Choir

**Sermon "Hiding Behind the Baggage"** Rev. Natalie V. McLean, D. Min.  
Chaplain, Bennett College

Invitation - Invitational Selection

Progressive Adult Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Blessing of the Offering/Offertory Response "All Things Come Of Thee"

Benediction "Let The Church Say Amen"



**St. Matthews United Methodist Church**  
**Rev. Rodvegas Ingram, Pastor**  
**11AM**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Liturgist – Albertina McGirt**  
**Musicians – Edna Johnson & Rochelle Joyner**

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Invocation

Musical Selection      “Praise To The Lord, the Almighty”      Sanctuary Choir

Scripture      Luke 3:15, 21-22 (NKJV)

Affirmation of Faith      Apostle’s Creed (traditional) UMH#881

Children’s Moments

Introduction of Guest Speaker

Musical Selection      “Take Me to the Water”      Sanctuary Choir

**Sermon      “Praying in the Water”      Dr. Sharon Adams**

Invitation - Invitational Selection      “How Firm a Foundation”, p529

Pastoral Prayer

Blessing of the Offering/Offertory Response      “All Things Come Of Thee”

Benediction      “Spirit Song”, p347



**Worship via Live Stream:  
(Both 8:30am & 11am Services)**

**ZOOM**

Video: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82293573333>, passcode 583845  
Audio: Dial 1-929-205-6099, ID 82293573333#, passcode 583845

(11am Service Only)

**FACEBOOK**

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

**YOUTUBE**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7Q7QThei60HaiaJWc6ZCpQ>

**INSTAGRAM**

<https://www.instagram.com/st.matthewsunited/> or @st.matthewsunited

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

Men's Choir rehearsal: Mondays @5:00pm, Sanctuary

Progressive Adult Choir rehearsal: Wednesdays @7pm, Sanctuary

Sanctuary Choir rehearsal: Wednesdays @6pm, Choir Room

Adult Bible Study: Wednesdays @11am, Room 20

Upper Room Bible Study: Thursdays @1:30pm,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83015849077?pwd=S2RucWc1ejZDaziTa3NqMWJ5QU4rdz09>

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Evening Virtual Bible Study: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays @6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89578300081?pwd=NIZpaDI3NkRZc1JtNVFib1E4c0hpQT09>

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### **IN PERSON MEETING**

Beginner's Smartphone Class "How to Use Zoom on your Smartphone"

Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> @11am – 12:30pm

Room 20

Contact Church office to register

# ZOOM MEETINGS

## WEBPAGE TEAM MEETING:

Thursday, January 13, 2022 @5pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81451709091?pwd=Z0tnZU1KVjEpJalJ5eCtSWnAySjJQdz09>

Passcode: 747117

## BOY SCOUTS COURT OF HONOR

Saturday, January 15, 2022 @ 10am – 11:30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88502822737?pwd=ZENWWWJZeDFFZTE5RzBQQ01rQkx0dz09>

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## WORSHIP SERVICES ATTENDANCE – SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

Zoom Viewers: 41

In Person Worship Service: 95

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JANUARY 9<sup>th</sup> ALTAR FLOWERS** The Worship Service is enhanced by the presence of flowers. Each Sunday a family member or group provides flowers in memory/honor of a loved one. The beautiful altar flowers on display today are from the flower committee.

## **CREATION JANUARY TIP:**

Look back at the past year. What actions did you take for the environment? Make a list, personally, with your family, or with a friend and celebrate all that you have done. **Challenge yourself to add new actions in the coming year.** What have you heard about or seen that you can incorporate into your faith commitment to care for God's creation and to work for justice?

## **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR MLK DAY**

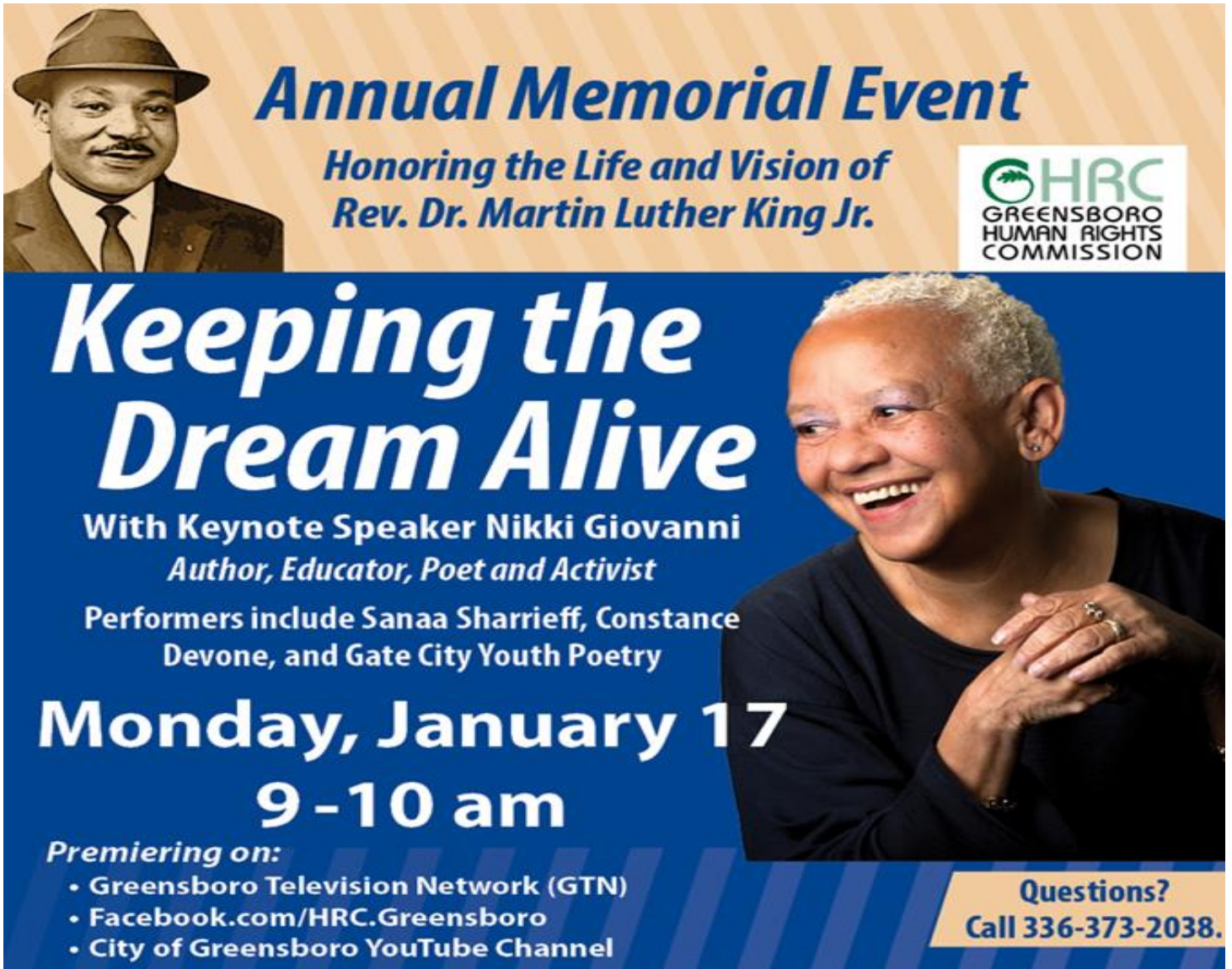
The Church office will be closed on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## **UPGRADED 2022 LEADERS LIST**


2022 Leaders listing has been updated and will be distributed this week. If you didn't get a copy and would like one, please contact the Church office.

## **UPGRADE SMUMC FRONT LAWN SIGN TO DIGITAL MARQUEE**

Men of the church, it's not too late to make your contribution to the fundraising efforts to purchase our new digital marquee sign to replace the one that was damaged. You may put your contributions in an offering envelope and label it "digital sign". Ladies of the church are invited to participate as well. All contributions are appreciated. ~Pastor Ingram



***Annual Memorial Event***  
*Honoring the Life and Vision of  
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*



***Keeping the  
Dream Alive***  
With Keynote Speaker **Nikki Giovanni**  
*Author, Educator, Poet and Activist*  
Performers include Sanaa Sharrieff, Constance  
Devone, and Gate City Youth Poetry

**Monday, January 17**  
**9-10 am**

**Premiering on:**

- Greensboro Television Network (GTN)
- Facebook.com/HRC.Greensboro
- City of Greensboro YouTube Channel

**Questions?**  
Call 336-373-2038.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** The GBHEM application period is December 15, 2021 – March 24, 2022, for fall term awards only and the WNCC-UMW is February 11, 2022 - March 31, 2022. The GBHEM Office of Loans and Scholarships is partnering with a company called International Scholarship and Tuition Services Inc. (ISTS) to provide an online application and database for its programs. The WNCC-UMW applications can be submitted electronically or USPS, and interviews conducted by zoom.

- Each applicant may apply once per year for a scholarship from GBHEM. Renewals must re-apply each year.
- Review the list of scholarships and select one scholarship program for which you wish to apply. If you are unsure which scholarship to choose, select the “General Scholarship” program. GBHEM will determine the best program with available funds for you.
- First time users create a username and password using a valid email address that you frequently check. This will be the way we communicate with you throughout the scholarship process. For returning users, enter the username and password you created previously.
- The scholarship code on the application for scholarships is GBHEM Scholarship.
- Have the address of your current UM church and the school where you will be enrolled.
- Have email addresses for your references. You will need your pastor to confirm church membership and a church reference who knows you well. (Some applicants will also need a district committee on ministry (DCOM) member, an academic advisor or CPE supervisor.) Referring persons must submit their recommendations via a specific link and code generated from your application. Note: the pastor and church reference must be different.
- Obtain an unofficial copy of your transcript. You will be asked to upload a scanned version of your transcript with grades through December.
- Some students will need a current copy of their resume.

Each year, Bennett College sponsors a zoom scholarship session for their students, local UMC graduating high school seniors and/or current higher education students, and local international students, to inform them about available Global Board of Higher Education Ministry and United Methodist Women scholarships. Scholarships are awarded for matriculation from the undergraduate to doctorate degree levels. Albertina McGirt is the facilitator (336-855-3024), and the date will be announced once confirmed. To apply online:

<https://www.gbhem.org/loans-scholarships/scholarships/apply/>

To request application contact: Cathy McCauley, 6835-A Farmingdale Dr./Charlotte, NC 28212, or email: [cathymc855@yahoo.com](mailto:cathymc855@yahoo.com)



## **ANNUAL REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMEMORATION SERVICE**

The Theme: Infinite Hope: Honoring the Legacy - Advancing the Vision - Fulfilling the Dream of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Keynote Speaker is Rev. Nelson Johnson-Executive Director of the Beloved Community Center-Greensboro NC.

The Commemoration Service will be held January 15, 2022 10:00AM-11:30AM via FB Live <https://www.facebook.com/WNCCUMC/> and YouTube Live <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZOHW5SvjRB8>

*Join the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement in a Workshop on*

## **LOVING PEOPLE AND PLANET IN THE NAME OF GOD: ENGAGING THE LOCAL CHURCH**

This workshop offers practical solutions to greening local church facilities and helping your congregation to understand creation care and climate justice in the Wesleyan Tradition.

Participants will learn what other churches are doing to care for God's Creation, how to identify opportunities for local action, and where to find help in achieving results. The training is open to clergy and laypersons; it provides an excellent venue to build Green Teams.



### **SPECIFICS:**

#### **5 2-Hour Sessions:**

- Our Theological Grounding
- Climate Crisis and Creation Justice: Connecting the Dots
- God's Good Gifts: Called as Stewards and Prophets
- What Can Churches Do?
- Your Green Team, Your Plan

**FEB 20, 24, & 27 and MAR 3 & 10, 2022 7-9pm EST**

**Cost: \$15**



The primary text will be ***CLIMATE JUSTICE: A CALL TO***

***HOPE AND ACTION*** edited by Pat Watkins and used in the 2016 & 2017 & United Methodist Women's Mission U curricula. You may be able to borrow a copy from an attendee to Mission U. If not, provide your mailing address to [bobdowns@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bobdowns@sbcglobal.net) no later than 7 Feb 2022 and we will send you a paperback copy.

More information at <https://umcreationjustice.org/> Pre-Register at <https://forms.gle/feCw6R4ahNSPoUu98>



**ST. MATTHEWS UMC  
FUNDS REPORT**

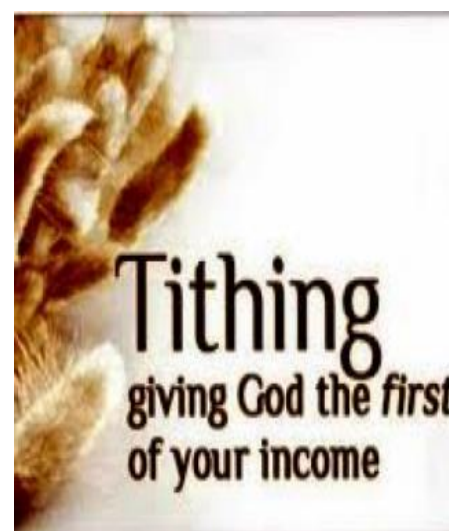
**CONTRIBUTIONS COUNTED ON 12/22/21 (Online thru 12/29/21)**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
PLEDGE	\$2,440.00
TITHES	\$2,757.00
OFFERINGS	\$1,210.00
BUILDING FUND	\$700.00
DISASTER RESPONSE	\$730.00
EDUCATION ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP	\$1,010.00
ELECTRONIC SIGN DONATION	\$500.00
FEES OFFSET ONLINE	\$7.88
FEES REIMBURSED	\$10.00
FOOD PANTRY	\$20.00
SILVER PLATE OFFERING	\$36.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,420.88</b>

**MONEY COUNTING CHANGE** – Effective immediately, the offering will be counted no later than Monday morning each week.

**STEWARDSHIP VERSE – Leviticus 27:30-34 (ESV)**

“Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's; it is holy to the Lord. If a man wishes to redeem some of his tithe, he shall add a fifth to it. And every tithe of herds and flocks, every tenth animal of all that pass under the herdsman's staff, shall be holy to the Lord. One shall not differentiate between good or bad, neither shall he make a substitute for it; and if he does substitute for it, then both it and the substitute shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.” These are the commandments that the Lord commanded Moses for the people of Israel on Mount Sinai.





# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Tim Hemingway	1/1	Joi Lownes Baker	1/12
Clive Dixon	1/2	Jackie Phifer	1/13
Sue McLeod	1/2	J. C. Bigelow	1/16
Josh Brown	1/4	Annette D. Coward	1/16
Xavier Wells	1/4	Anthony Dillard	1/16
Ciera Sibert	1/5	LaRoy Dubois	1/16
Kimber Wilson	1/5	Destiny McGuire	1/20
Zata Yourse	1/5	Kharis Baker	1/21
Margaret Burton	1/6	DeBora Graham	1/22
Faye McAdoo	1/7	Joanne Brower	1/23
Lennox Brown	1/8	Carolyn Clarke	1/23
Connie Hammond	1/8	Jodie McCollum	1/24
Hoyte Phifer	1/8	Reagan Coley	1/26
Sharon Lassiter	1/9	Franklynne Brewer	1/29
Shirley Ballard Foster	1/10	Ramona Payne	1/30
Rev. Rodvegas Ingram	1/11	Elliott Dixon	1/31
Mildred King	1/11		

## THE FOOD PANTRY

“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**

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## **FOOD PANTRY HOURS**

**Monday – Wednesday  
10am – 12 noon**

## 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 Rodvegas Ingram or your shepherd.

### Assisted Living | Nursing | Retirement Home

**Mr. Warmoth Gibbs**  
2001 Jane St  
Greensboro, NC 27407

### | Home |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Nella Black</b><br>409 Burtner Street<br>Greensboro, NC 27406                | <b>Eleanora Caldwell</b><br>1200 Bellevue St<br>Greensboro, NC 27406                                   |
| <b>Mildred Curry</b><br>4033 Tutbury Dr<br>Jamestown, NC 27282                  | <b>Gloria Guy</b><br>1911 Belcrest Dr<br>Greensboro, NC 27406                                          |
| <b>Beverly Johnson</b><br>415 Elm Grove Church Rd<br>Reidsville, NC 27320       | <b>Rev. Diana Jones</b><br>Heartland Living & Rehab Center<br>1131 N Church St<br>Greensboro, NC 27401 |
| <b>Helen Kennedy</b><br>1645 Deerrun Rd<br>Murfreesboro, TN 37129               | <b>Minnie Kidd</b><br>4806 Suecla Dr<br>Richmond, VA 23231                                             |
| <b>Pat Spain</b><br>3314 Woodlea Rd<br>Greensboro, NC 27406                     | <b>Julius Tucker</b><br>507 Ray Street<br>Greensboro, NC 27406                                         |
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**Saint Matthews Staff Contact Information**  
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**Closed Friday**

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