



We Are Matthews

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MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST

COME AS YOU ARE!

Sunday mornings at
8:15 & 11:00 (Traditional)
9:30 (Contemporary)
11:00 (801South)
12:30 Centro Cristiano
Hosanna (Servicio en Español)
9:30 The Deep Family
Worship (second Sunday
of each month)

WORSHIP

8:15 & 11:00 - LUX:
The Dawn From On High
9:30 - *Extra Praise and
Worship on The Lord's Prayer.*

Annual Conference Sunday

COVER PHOTO

Over 400 children learned when life is scary or unfair and changes come our way God is there for us...and always good, and that God is there for us though the ups and downs. Thank you to the 195 Youth & Adult Volunteers who made VBS possible!
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Just These Lines, My Friends...

... to say that last Sunday was a wonderful Father's Day/Trinity Sunday at Matthews United Methodist (MUMC). Beautiful music and heartfelt preaching guided us into the presence of God. A high moment for me from Pastor Paul's sermon was this statement: "A child is not likely to find a father in God, unless they have first found something of God in their father." Watch the message at MatthewsUMC.org/Live.

The famed psychiatrist Carl Jung wrote, "All religions are therapies for the sorrows and disorders of the soul." He was right. I would prefer that people turn to God out of strength, but it rarely happens. People are usually driven to faith by the realization that there is nowhere else to go. Sooner or later, our souls are bloodied by the circumstances of life. Our backs are to the wall. Human resources prove to be inadequate. In desperation, we fall to our knees and a peace that cannot be explained comes over us.

I've heard thousands of people tell their faith stories -- in AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) and in church -- and faith always begins the same way...at the point of desperation.

My faith journey began many years ago—on a summer night in Jonesborough, TN. I said a prayer similar to this: "God, I don't know if you are up there or if I am talking to myself. But if you are up there and you're listening, I surrender all that I am and all that I have to all I know of you. Either hit me over the head with a two-by-four or change me because I'm not worth much at all the way I am." Some of my Baptist friends tell me it was not a proper prayer, but I meant it—and it transformed me forever.

Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way. (Colossians 3:15-17 from The Message)

I'm praying for all of us to have opportunities to make God's love real to others.

Reclaim Some Hope this Week,

Dr. Charles (Chuck) W. Wilson II
Chuck@MatthewsUMC.org

Did You Know?

The Emerald School of Excellence -- North Carolina's first recovery high school for students with substance use disorders -- will open at Memorial United Methodist Church this fall. This is made possible by an active group of passionate people, including our own **Jim and Trish Tanger, Tom and Nancy Dundorf, and Glen and Gayle Harrison**. Please be in prayer for Memorial UMC and Pastor Brandon Lazarus on this new endeavor.

Meredith Strause, daughter of **Joel/Kristen Strause**, and rising Senior at Covenant Day is interning for five weeks this summer at the Freedom School in the Dominican Republic. She will be working with the children of Freedom School on English enrichment through games, activities, curriculum and VBS.

Our **Weekday Preschool Ministry** is seeking volunteers to help paint 10 rooms June 24-25. Work continues over the summer to refresh the space before summer camp. Thank you to our leadership team -- Sharol Wiley, Patty Rudisill, Joanna Karnis and Jeanette Winslow -- for the continued work to prepare for fall. Please email Jeanette@MatthewsUMC.org or call 704-815-1988 to join the painting fun!

Read the complete "Just These Lines" at MatthewsUMC.org
or [subscribe](#) under the Connect tab to receive weekly correspondence.

**DISASTER RELIEF
ADOPT-A-HOUSE
LULA DIAL'S HOME
MAXTON, NC**

Global Impact MUMC and University City UMC are partnering to complete the restoration of Lula Dial's home that was damaged during the hurricanes. Ann & Jeff Wade will coordinate this joint effort to provide a safe, secure place for this family to have shelter from the elements. Work began with a home dedication on May 31 and we plan to have her back in her home on September 15!

DAY TRIPS: July 13 & 20; August 10 & 31
MULTI-DAY TRIP: August 5-10
Register at GlobalImpactmumc.org.
Contact John at jmclendon2310@gmail.com.

MIGRANT ASSISTANCE PROJECT

HOSPITALITY AT THE GREYHOUND BUS STATION & SERVING THOSE PASSING THROUGH OUR AREA



Station Serving: June 26 & July 24
Contact Amy at AFincherDeVore@gmail.com.

Donations needed: Deodorant, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Coloring Books/Crayons, Sweatshirts for Men, Women & Kids, and blankets.
Place Donations in Gym Reception Area Cabinets.
GlobalImpactMUMC.org

modern family
worship series begins june 30

**DR. DAVID WILKINSON
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER**

Details at MatthewsUMC.org.

SUNDAY, JULY 14
Sanctuary Worship
A Creator Who Speaks in Our Neighborhood (John 1)
Morning Services

Question and Answer Time with Dr. David Wilkinson
7 pm in the Sanctuary

MONDAY, JULY 15
A God Who Does the Extraordinary in the Ordinary (John 2)
10 am in the Sanctuary

Hawking, Dawkins and God: Communicating Christ in a Science Dominated World
7 pm in the Sanctuary



MISSION TRIP CELEBRATION
All are welcome as we celebrate and share important moments from ROCKS, REACH, and Senior High Mission Trips on Sunday, June 30, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in The Commons. Bring a covered dish to share.

RAINBOW EXPRESS
July 8 - 12. Join this amazing week-long day camp that serves children & youth with special needs. Current 9th grade - college volunteers are needed. Cost is \$12 for a required camp t-shirt. Register by June 30.

THIS PICTURE
This picture invites you to hold our youth and leadership on the REACH & Senior High Mission Trips close in prayer as they go out into the world to serve.

FIND US
youth.matthewsumc.org
facebook: Matthews UMC Youth, twitter: @youth_MUMC
instagram: therealmumcy

REACH PACKING DAY
Saturday, June 22, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm
All youth and leaders going on the REACH Mission Trip are required to come help pack up their supplies.
Parents are welcome to stay and assist.

UPCOMING
June 22 - Senior High Departure (8:00 am)
June 22 - REACH Packing day (12:00 - 1:00 pm)
June 23 - REACH Departure (6:00 am)
June 23 - No Youth Group

UNITED YOUTH
REACH. TEACH. PRAISE. SERVE.
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BAPTISM BLANKETS NEEDED!
30-inch, white or pastel colored, knitted or crocheted blankets handmade at home or with the group.

July 18, 10:30 am in Room 94

Contact Sheila.Meador.48@gmail.com.



Men's Bible Studies
Faith-based weekly groups that meet in the evenings or on Friday mornings.

Monthly/One-day Serving
Charlotte Rescue Mission
Hoskins Park Ministries
Men's Shelter of Charlotte
Stop Light Hospitality

Men's Breakfast
First Saturday, monthly.
7:30 am in The Commons

Contact Marshall at
marshalle1978@gmail.com.



COUPLES & FAMILY DATE NIGHT

Photo Challenge

SPEND INTENTIONAL TIME TOGETHER!

Prizes Include: An Overnight Getaway, Movie Tickets, Starbucks Treats & Gift Cards to Local Restaurants!

Pick up a Date Night card at the Welcome Center to include in your photos!
Tag @MatthewsUMC & include #WeAreMatthews in your social post, then email your name, photo and brief description to communications@MatthewsUMC.org.

Contest ends August 26 -- official details at MatthewsUMC.org.

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COUPLES IN CHRIST MINISTRY

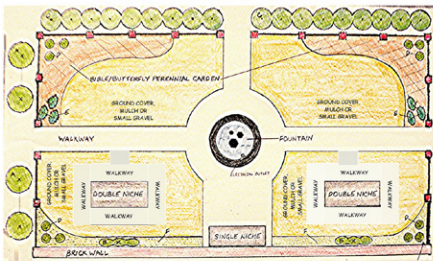
Matthews UMC is great...
Help Spread The News!

Be a **Welcome Center Volunteer** at 8:15, 9:30 or 11 am on Sundays or a **Hospitality Caller** from home!

Commitments are **ONE HOUR or LESS** on a rotating basis!

Email or Call
Meg@MatthewsUMC.org
704-815-1917

Interested in the MUMC Memorial Garden & Columbarium?



Learn more between Services in the Sanctuary Reception Area Sunday, June 30.

Please leave signed interest forms at the Church Office.
Email mumcgarden@gmail.com or visit **Memorial Garden** under **About MUMC** on the **Connect** tab at MatthewsUMC.org for details.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
Monday, June 24, 7 pm in Room 213/215



Contact Marge Averill at 704-847-0359 or at mwaverill@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL *Peace* UNIVERSITY

DEBT IS THE THIEF OF YOUR future.

REGISTER NOW FOR FALL
MatthewsUMC.org



Coffee & Mingle
Join the fun this summer!

June 25
July 16
August 20

10 - 11 am
in The Commons

Contact Kim@MatthewsUMC.org for details.

UPCOMING

6/27 Feast With Friends - 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Enjoy Lunch with friends. Donations always appreciated. Not serving in July. RainbowExpressMinistries.org

6/28 WillBeans Coffee Shop - Serving Magnolia Coffee from 9:00-11:00 am in The Commons. Not Serving In July.

Fall Sunday School-Register Sundays at Noah's Ark Desk • Kids.MatthewsUMC.org

The Lighthouse Afterschool - Register now for Fall! TheLighthouseMUMC.org.

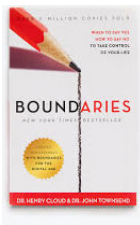


SUMMER BROOKE & THE MOUNTAIN FAITH BAND

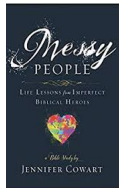
Sunday, August 18
Morning Worship-8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 am
Full Concert-5:30 pm followed by an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social!

STUDIES & GROUPS

Registration for all studies must be made one week in advance of the study start date.



Boundaries
Tuesdays, July 2-August 27
7:00-8:30 pm, Cost \$17.50
Led by Susan Hawkins



Messy People-Beginnings Women's Study
Wednesdays, September 18-October 23
9:15-10:30 am, Cost \$12
Led by Diana Monago



MAGI Spiritual Gift Discovery
Saturday, September 28
9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Cost \$14
Contact Ashley@MatthewsUMC.org.



Sacred Rhythms
Wednesdays, July 10-August 21
7:00 - 8:30 pm, Cost \$22
Led by Rev. Larry Watts


Connect to classes and grow in your journey by visiting MatthewsUMC.org.
Contact Kim@MatthewsUMC.org.

Interested In Joining MUMC?

If you would like to become a member, please plan to attend
Coffee With Pastors Chuck & Paul on Sunday, September 8, 3:00-4:30 pm; *Tour* 4:30 pm
A Disciple's Path Classes Sundays, September 15 - October 13, 10:45 am-12:00 pm

Register with meg@MatthewsUMC.org. Joining will be held Sunday, October 20.
Details under *New Member Class* at MatthewsUMC.org.

Prayers



Please remember in your prayers:
friends and family of Faye Cooper; Jessica Trimmer upon the death of her grandmother; and all those in our Church family with special needs and concerns.

Global Impact Prayer:
Father God, equip our 8th and 9th grade REACH mission team with compassionate hearts, willing hands, loving spirits and the assurance of your protection as they partner with local churches in Uniontown, PA, repairing homes for their less fortunate brothers and sisters in Christ.

CCH Intercessory Prayer:
Fridays at 7:30 pm in the Chapel.

For care and protection, we lift up all the men and women serving in our Armed Forces throughout the world.

WE ARE MATTHEWS ANSWERING THE CALL





We welcome Rev. Nicole de Castrique Jones, Pastor at Morning Star UMC in Canton, NC, as guest speaker. Nicole is one of many who attended Matthews UMC as a young person and later answered God's call to the vocation of ministry.

Sunday • August 11
Guest Speaker: Rev. Nicole de Castrique Jones

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