

BEYOND HOSPITALITY

EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER

"Above & Beyond"

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 20, 2024

*Immediately after the service, you are invited to our family-style lunch
located in the Gym.*

We hope to see you there!

Welcome!

If you're here for the first time, please complete the **Guest Welcome** form at MatthewsUMC.org/Getting-Started and stop by the Welcome Center to pick up your visitor gift! We would love to connect and help you get plugged into life and ministry of the church. **Children's Praise Packs** are located in the Reception Area & Welcome Center. These special bags are for kids ages 3-6 or kids ages 7-12 and will help them to engage in worship.



Get the app!

MOBILE CHECK-IN & ONLINE GIVING: Scan the QR Code to download our **Realm Connect church app** and begin engaging with events, registrations, groups, the church directory and more! Sign in, Sign up, or learn more at MatthewsUMC.org/Realm. Check-In Station also available at the Welcome Center & Attendance Books on each pew for guests and those without a smart phone.



EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & ONLINE BULLETIN: Access the bulletin and a complete list of ministry opportunities in the [Celebration Newsletter](#). *(Printed copies at the Welcome Center.)*
Thank you for helping to conserve paper and waste.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

October 20, 2024

Dual General Fund & Capital Campaign Kickoff

10:30am

+PRELUDE

The Church's One Foundation
MUMC Orchestra

arr. Stan Pethel

WELCOME

***Musical Praise**

Goodness of God
The Blessing
MUMC Praise Team & CCH Praise Team
Mariachi en el Cielo
Kaylen Alvarado Fuerte

Jenn Johnson
Brown, Carnes, Jobe

Moreno

New Members Joining

***Passing the Peace**

Anthem

Joyfully Sing
MUMC Children's and Cherub Choirs; Sue Demick, Flute

Allen Pote

TIME OF PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Sanctuary Choir

Dale Wood

***Doxology No. 94**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Prayer of Dedication**

THE WORD

Scripture

Luke 4:16-30

Message

"Beyond Hospitality: Above & Beyond"

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Closing Hymn #547**

O Church of God, United

ELLACOMBE

***Benediction**

***POSTLUDE**

Theme and Variations on ELLACOMBE
Eon Malan, Organ; Jesse Roberts, Piano

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II; Rev. Paul Craig; Rev. Corey Milliet; Rev. Bill Roth; Rev. Roldan Flores
Craig Estep, Director of Music & Worship Arts; Eon Malan, Music Ministry Associate/Organist;
John Biggers, Interim Director of Contemporary Worship; Ashley Broome, Children's Choir Director;
Tina Fincher, Children's Choir Accompanist; Dori Peterman & Shannon Hurleigh, Cherub Choir Directors;
Jesse Roberts, Piano; Jan Horai, Piano; Sue Demick, Flute; Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director;
Tom Amann, Livestream; Donna Balisado, Screens; Susan Chambers, Worship Coordinator; Sanctuary Choir;
MUMC Praise Team; CCH Praise Team; MUMC Children's Choir; MUMC Orchestra (names on back)

MUMC ORCHESTRA

Craig Estep, Director

Flute: Sue Demick, Janice Mangum, Deborah Morrison, Oboe: Eric Myers;
Clarinet: Leslie Niessner, Shannon Remley, Shannon Davis, David Hooten;
Horn: Kristy Karschner, Wendi Moskowitz; Trumpet: Matt Byrum, David Shepherd, Luke Shepherd;
Trombone: Wes Broome, Steven Beaver; Tuba: Chaz Waldrip; Cello: Suzanne Harmon;
Percussion: Greg Faucette, David Smith; Organ: Eon Malan; Piano: Jesse Roberts

Beyond Hospitality—Capital Campaign Launch

In the Gathering Space of our Sanctuary, carved in granite, are these words of vision: "to become an all-inclusive Christian community which lifts high the Cross and shares the love of Jesus."

To realize this vision and welcome ALL in the name of Jesus Christ, we need to go beyond hospitality to make our worship space accessible to ALL who want to accept that invitation and participate.

During the last thirty-plus years on our current campus, our Sanctuary has become the place where our congregation worships with abandon, experiences the word of God, celebrates weddings, mourns our faithful departed and is moved by sacred music. It is "a most holy place," as referenced in Ezekiel 41:1-4, and certainly one of the most important centers of ministry in all of Matthews.

For our Sanctuary to continue to serve at its best for another thirty-plus years, it needs some extra attention. In October of 2022 the church's Administrative Council created a Building Committee to investigate and prioritize capital improvements that had been discussed by both the Council and our Board of Trustees.

This Committee talked to our architect about our reverence and passion for this space and the diverse roles it plays in the life of MUMC. We also discussed its limitations - the aging infrastructure, an inflexible and inaccessible floor plan, the challenge of hearing the spoken word with clarity, and an organ at the end of its useful life.

And then prayerfully, with an eye toward preserving and honoring our Sanctuary's architectural roots, we looked to create a more usable and energy-efficient space. We have developed a comprehensive plan for renovation that will modernize the Sanctuary while keeping it as a place of reverence, beauty and wonder.

Based on positive results from our Feasibility Study, we recognize that YOU, our dedicated congregation, have the heart to address these critical repairs and improvements so that we may ALL experience God together.

WELCOME FROM THE PASTORS AND CONGREGATION!

All are welcome here ... and we do mean all. We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God's kingdom. We don't all look or act alike; God knows we don't all think alike. We don't all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions and carry different burdens, but every Sunday, we worship together as one. Our nearly 150-year-old church is filled with some traditional and inspiring untraditional ways. We study the teachings and actions of Jesus. We sing modern songs and old hymns. Yet, in our preaching and prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant — a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God. **After the service, please stick around. Introduce yourself to one of our pastors or someone at our Welcome Center. We have lots of programs and community groups to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know – you just might be home!**

OUR PRAYERS

In care and sympathy, we lift up:

John Tynan, upon the death of his brother.
Family and friends of Andy Eastwick, upon his death.

Prayers for a Neighboring House of Worship

Let us pray that Idlewild Baptist Church will flourish, and that God might richly bless their ministry.

Please remember in your prayers all those in our Church family with special needs and concerns.



CLOSED CAPTIONING/Traducción al Español en tiempo real --Live During Worship!

Por favor traer su dispositivo móvil o celular con usted al servicio para acceder los subtítulos en Español.

To access the live closed captioning service, first be sure you are connected to WiFi or to a data plan that allows for browsing on your personal device! Next, scan the QR code below on your device (tablet or smartphone) for your respective worship service and a session will open in your browser.

Trunk or Treat

October 27, 6PM—7:30PM

Free Community Event

Ways to Get Involved:

Attend with Family & Friends, Register to Host a Trunk, or Donate Candy
(HUGE NEED FOR CANDY!!!)

**Visit the website for a shopping list & to register your trunk, and drop-off goodies in the collection bin outside Pastor Corey's Office.*



COME AS YOU ARE: Sunday Mornings

8:15 (Traditional), 9:30 (Contemporary); 11:00 (Traditional),
9:30 (United Kids Family Worship 2nd Sundays in the Gym);
12:30 Centro Cristiano Hosanna (Servicio en Español)

9:30 & 11:00 Services Livestreamed at [MatthewsUMC.org](https://www.MatthewsUMC.org)