

MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 20, 2025



Welcome!

If you're visiting for the first time, we'd love to connect with you! Please complete the **Guest Welcome Form** at MatthewsUMC.org/Getting-Started and stop by the **Welcome Center** to receive your visitor gift.

For families with children, **Praise Packs** are available in the **Reception Area & Welcome Center**. These special activity bags, designed for kids ages 3–6 and 7–12, help engage them in worship.

- TODAY -

9:30 am | UNITED KIDS & FAMILY Easter Jam (Gym)

10:30 am | Butterfly Release (Courtyard)

MOBILE CHECK-IN & ONLINE GIVING

Scan the QR code to download our **Realm Connect Church App** and stay connected with events, registrations, groups, the church directory, and more! You can also sign in, sign up, or learn more by visiting MatthewsUMC.org/Realm.

For those without a smartphone, a check-in station is available at the **Welcome Center**, and attendance books can be found in each pew for guests and members to register their presence.

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & ONLINE BULLETIN

Stay informed with the latest ministry opportunities and access the bulletin through the [Celebration Newsletter](#).

*Printed copies are available at the Welcome Center.
Thank you for helping us reduce paper waste!*



TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

APRIL 20, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY

8:15 AM & 11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Lift High the Cross
Stumptown Brass/Timpani

arr. Carolyn Hamlin, Richard A. Nichols

WELCOME

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN, NO. 302

EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HOLY BAPTISM (11:00)

Myla Chase Bridges
Daughter of Tyler & MacKenzie Bridges

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Hallelujah from *Mount of Olives* Ludwig van Beethoven
Sanctuary Choir/Stumptown Brass/MUMC Orchestra

*DOXOLOGY NO. 95

OLD 100TH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

*SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:1-9 (NRSVUE) Travis Silberquit/Robin Bigham, *Lay Readers*

MESSAGE

"LOVE: THE SINE QUA NON" Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN, NO. 304

REGENT SQUARE

Easter People Raise Your Voices

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Hallelujah from *Messiah* George Frideric Handel
Sanctuary Choir/Stumptown Brass/MUMC Orchestra
and featuring Kim Jones, *Assistant Conductor* (11:00)

*POSTLUDE

Christ is Alive arr. Jason Payne

Rev. Dr. Charles (Chuck) Wilson, II; Rev. Linda Kelly

Craig Estep, *Director of Music & Worship Arts*

Eon Malan, *Music Ministry Associate & Organist; Sanctuary Choir*

MUMC Orchestra; Stumptown Brass (names on back)

Neal Harper, *Worship Production Associate; Tom Amann, Livestream* (11:00)

Nancy Harris, *Screens* (8:15); David Wilkinson, *Production Assistant* (11:00)

Susan Chambers & Jonnie Hildreth, *Worship Coordinators*

Amanda Greer, *ASL Interpreter* (11:00); Will Wallace, *Acolyte* (11:00)

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

APRIL 20, 2025

9:30 AM

Welcome & Greeting

*MUSICAL PRAISE

A New Hallelujah
Raise A Hallelujah

Michael W. Smith
Jonathan David Helser,
Melissa Helser, Molly Skaggs, Jake Stevens

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS - PRAYER - OFFERING

A SONG OF GIVING

Ain't No Grave

Johnny Cash

The Word

LESSON

Matthew 28:1-9 (NRSVUE)

Shannon Remley

MESSAGE

"LOVE: THE SINE QUA NON"

Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson

Response

*MUSICAL PRAISE

Let It Rise

Holland Davis

*BLESSING

**Please Rise in Body or in Spirit*

Rev. Dr. Chuck Wilson; Rev. Linda Kelly
John Biggers, *Interim Director of Contemporary Worship*
Contemporary Praise Team
Neal Harper, *Worship Production Associate*
Donna Balisado, *Screens*; **Tom Amann**, *Livestream*
Susan Chambers & Jonnie Hildreth, *Worship Coordinators*

Easter LILLIES

The Ramsey Family

In memory of Beverly Miller

Amy Sumner

In honor of Chuck & Karen Wilson
In memory of John & Mary Sumner
In memory of Bruce & Lynne Berry

The Myers Family

In memory of Mimi

The Broome Family

In memory of Carla Wilson

The Griffin Family

In memory of Beth Smith

The Connors Family

In memory of Sonya Kelley (her family)
In memory of Tom Connors (his family)

Donna Balisado

In memory of my parents,
Barbara & CJ Balisado

Gene & Donna Casey

In memory of our parents

Jane Merritt

In memory of Nancy Craig

Jenny Ward

In memory of Patrick & Chris Hefner

The Tanger Family

In memory of Justin Tanger, Levadis
Hunt, and Leah Tanger

Kelly Smith

In memory of Billy & Ed Smith and
in honor of Jane & Martin Grossbeck

Lauren Swiger

In memory of Susan Wright,
beloved wife, mother, and Gigi

Leslee Mabee

In memory of Leonard C. Blessing
In memory of Frances M. Blessing

Nancy Lee

In memory of my
husband, Andrew Eastwick

The Hamrick Family

In memory of Lena Hamrick

Susan Hart

In memory of my
Mom, Roberta S. Baumann and
my brother, Stephan J. Ouert

The Tanger Family

In Celebration of
Rainbow Express Ministries

*You are invited to find and take your
dedicated lily following the 11:00 am service.*

Our Prayers

In care and sympathy, we lift up:

Family and friends upon the death of Joe Bunn

Prayers for a Neighboring House of Worship.

Let us pray that **Ridge 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.

ALL-CHURCH GATHERING

MEET OUR NEW PASTORS!

Monday, April 28 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary

Refreshments & Fellowship at 6:30 pm

THE REAL MUMCY
YOUTH.MATTHEWSUMC.ORG

METRO PROM VOLUNTEERS

THURSDAY, MAY 8

+ SET UP CREW
+ 6PM-8PM

+ 7TH-12TH GRADERS

FRIDAY, MAY 9

+ PROM VOLUNTEERS

+ 7:30AM-3PM

+ 7TH-12TH GRADERS

SIGN-UP TODAY!



SCAN ME

2025

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REACH. TEACH. PRAISE. SERVE.
MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST

Agape Christian Counseling's First Annual

MENTAL HEALTH FAIR

May 17 • 9 am-12pm

Hosted by Matthews UMC



- FREE Community Event
- No Registration Required
- Vendor Space Available

Mental Health Awareness *Brunch & Coffee
*Self Care Kit Giveaways *Mental Health Workshops

In April, **Brave Step** invites you to '**COLOR IT BLUE**' in observance of **Assault Awareness Month** and **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**, as we stand together in support of survivors and prevention efforts.



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!

Live CLOSED CAPTIONING DURING WORSHIP

Enhance your worship experience with **live closed captioning**!

How to Access:

1. **Connect to WiFi** or ensure your device (tablet/smartphone) has an active data plan.
2. **Scan the QR code** for your worship service (8:15 am, 9:30 am, or 11:00 am).
3. **A session will open** in your browser, where you can **customize** the font size, text color, and background color for optimal readability.

Enjoy a more accessible worship experience!

8:15 am



9:30 am



11:00 am



MUMC ORCHESTRA

Craig Estep, *Director*

Kim Jones, *Assistant Director*; Sue Demick, Janice Mangum, *Flute*
Shannon Davis, Leslie Niessner, *Clarinet*; David Strassberg, Sabrina Howard, *Violin*
Anna Hunsucker, *Viola*; Steven Beaver, *Trombone*; Greg Faucette, *Timpani*

STUMPTOWN BRASS

Tim Goforth, David Brewer, *Trumpet*; David Mickus, *Horn*
Wes Broome, *Trombone*; Max Mensing, *Tuba*

COME JUST AS YOU ARE - SUNDAY MORNINGS AT MUMC

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

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



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