

# Our Prayers

In care and sympathy, we lift up family and friends of those who have lost loved ones.

- Please lift up **Weddington Methodist Church**, that their ministry may flourish and be richly blessed.
- Also remember those in our church family with **special needs and concerns**. We pray for the care and protection of all serving in the military, emergency services, law enforcement, healthcare, long-term care, and education.



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## UNITED KIDS FAMILY WORSHIP

SUNDAYS | 9:30AM

OCT 12  
NOV 9

DEC 14  
JAN 11

ENGAGING WORSHIP FOR  
THE WHOLE FAMILY!

MUMC GYM



## SANCTUARY RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE

During the Sanctuary renovation (August 11 - November 25), all worship services – including **Family Worship** – will be held in the **Gym** and **The Commons**.

We look forward to worshipping with you in our temporary space as we embark on this exciting season of renewal.

8:15 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE + WEEKLY COMMUNION THE COMMONS	9:30 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE GYM	11:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE GYM	12:30 PM CCH SERVICE GYM	6:00 PM YOUTH WORSHIP THE COMMONS
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# From the Pastors & 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**!

Enjoy a more accessible worship experience!

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 (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.

WiFi (WPA2): MUMCguest

Password: methodist

9:30 AM



11:00 AM



## 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)

6:00 PM Youth Worship (in the Commons)

\*Services Livestreamed at [MatthewsUMC.org](https://MatthewsUMC.org)



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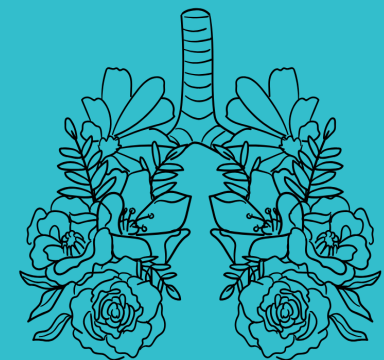
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# MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 5, 2025

YOUTH SUNDAY | 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | COMMUNION



# WHEN GOD BREATHES

*it's your breath in our lungs*

# 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](https://MatthewsUMC.org/Getting-Started) and stop by the **Welcome Center** to receive your visitor gift.

For families with children, **Praise Packs** are available outside the Gym doors (inside The Commons). These special activity bags, designed for kids ages 3–6 and 7–12, help engage them in worship. **Sensory Bags** are available at the **Welcome Center**.



## 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](https://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

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!

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 5, 2025GYM | 8:15 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:00 AM

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Come To The Table (Instrumental)Sidewalk Prophets

WELCOME

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Emma Botzenmayer

Leader:

From the four corners of the Earth, we come — different cultures, diverse voices, one Spirit breathing life into all.

All:

We gather as one Body, united by the breath of God and the love of Christ.

Leader:

God’s Spirit hovered over the waters of creation. God breathed life into dust and made us living beings.

All:

The same Spirit moved at Pentecost, giving voice to all people in every language under heaven.

Leader:

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

All:

We come to worship the God who breathes life, unity, and hope into the world.

Leader:

Let’s pray: Gracious God, on this World Communion Sunday, we thank You for drawing Your Church together from every land and language. As we share one Table, breathe peace into our worship and bind us in the love of Christ—one Body, broken and given for the world. Amen.

† SONGS OF PRAISE

My Jesus (9:30 & 11:00)Anne Wilson

Come To The TableSidewalk Prophets

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S TIME

Alix Arndt

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

TIME OF PRAYER

Prayer ConcernsRev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun

PrayerIsabeall Matthews

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun

Offertory Musical Reflection

New WineBrooke Ligertwood

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture References

Genesis 2:7, Job 33:4, Psalm 150:6, Ezekiel 37:5-10 (NLT)

Message

“When God Breathes”Rev. Corey Milliet

Youth: Grace Hopper and Jacob Sitzler

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Corey Milliet

Rev. David Christy

The Lord’s Prayer

Music For Reflection

Great Are You LordAll Sons & Daughters

During the final song, we warmly invite you to come to the **kneelers** for a time of prayer. Whether you’re seeking comfort, guidance, or simply a quiet moment with God, this sacred space is open to you. If you would like a pastor to pray with you, please raise your hand as you kneel. Otherwise, we honor this as your personal time with God.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

† BENEDICTION

Rev. Corey Milliet

† POSTLUDE

Great Are You Lord (Reprise)All Sons & Daughters

† Please rise in body or in spirit

Thank you!

A HUGE “thank you” to all the adults involved in United Youth and Kids Ministry who give so much of their time and love to the youth and children in our church and community! If you are interested in serving alongside our youth or children as a Mission Team Leader, Sunday Morning Small Group Leader or Assistant, Classroom Buddy For Friends with Special Needs, Sunday Night Youth Group Volunteer, Community Event Hospitality Support, a member of our Prayer Team, or through many more opportunities please contact a member of the Age-Level Ministry Staff. For more information about how to serve, please visit: [youth.matthewsumc.org](http://youth.matthewsumc.org) or [kids.matthewsumc.org](http://kids.matthewsumc.org)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Corey Milliet | Rev. David Christy |

Rev. Dr. Susan Heafner-Heun

Alix Arndt, United Kids Associate;

Emma Botzenmayer, Grace Hopper, Isabeall Matthews,

and Jacob Sitzler

Joel Mullis, Worship Production Director;

Chuck DeLong (8:15), Donna Balisado (9:30) Screens;

David Wilkinson (11:00), Production Assistant; Tom Amann, Livestream;

David Bigham, Acolyte Shepherd;

Grace & Aaron Jordan, Acolyte (11:00);

Susan Chambers & Jonnie Hildreth, Volunteer Worship Coordinators;

Terry & Kathy Efrid, Communion Stewards (11:00)

Youth Ushers:

Lila Higgins, Grace Jordan, Madison Parkhurst,

Riley Richardson, Jillian Rippy, and Oliver Steele

World Communion Celebrants:

(9:30) Hudson Family, Long Family, Weaver Family

(11:00) Crumpler Family, Moss Family, Roth Family

Communion Servers:

Cole Botzenmayer, Erik Higgins, Bennett McGrath,

and Audrey Schlieper

United Youth & Young Adult Praise Team

Abby Arndt, Caroline Anderson, Lilly Crowgey, Madeline Leo,

Matthew Markus, Michael Markus, Taylor McLendon,

Parker Rosenblatt, Lizzy Sanford, Charlotte Whiteman,

and Levi Whiteman

United Youth Staff Team:

Pastor Corey Milliet, Director of Age-Level Ministries

Rob Hunter, Associate Director of Age-Level Ministries

Sarah Biggers, United Kids & Youth Associate (4th - 9th Grade)

Connor Johnson, United College-Age & Young Adults Associate

Amanda Marcell, United Youth, College-Age

& Young Adult Administrative Assistant