



# THE EVANGEL

THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Lent

PRAY.FAST.SERVE.

We are excited to invite you to be a part of our Lenten journey this year. If you have never celebrated the season of Lent, it is a time when we prepare our hearts for Easter through prayer, fasting, repentance, and service. The 40 days of Lent begins at Ash Wednesday and ends at Easter, but Sundays aren't counted in the 40 days because each Sunday is considered a little Easter. For more information about Lent, visit <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-what-is-lent-and-why-does-it-last-forty-days>.

While Lent is often a season when people give something up, our hope is subtracting something

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from your life also makes room for adding in experiences and disciplines like the ones below to help you go deeper in your relationship with God and grow in your faith.

## Ash Wednesday, March 2, 6:30pm, Browns Lane Sanctuary

Join us for our in-person Ash Wednesday service, which will also be streamed on Facebook Live. Ash Wednesday is a special time to remember our mortality, confess our sin, and celebrate God's love and forgiveness. This service will include traditional hymns, a short devotional, and the imposition of ashes. We invite you to join us for this time of prayer and reflection.

## “Practice What you Preach” Sermon Series and Small Group

Starting on March 6, our sermons will focus on holy habits that we see exemplified by Jesus in the Gospels, which will help us grow in our relationship with God and deepen our faith. See the series schedule below to follow along. We will also be starting a hybrid (in-person and Zoom) small group on Wednesday, March 9, using Richard Foster's book *Celebration of Discipline*. Please call the church office or email me ([asparks@stmumc.org](mailto:asparks@stmumc.org)) if you are interested in participating. You will need to purchase your own copy of the book online, which is available in paperback, hardback, Kindle, and audio versions. Note that the Kindle version is free to Amazon Prime members.

Sunday, March 6: ----- Meditation (Luke 5:12-16)

Sunday, March 13: ----- Prayer (Luke 11:1-13)

Sunday, March 20: ----- Fasting (Luke 5:33-39)

Sunday, March 27: ----- Simplicity (Luke 12:13-21, 32-34)

Sunday, April 3: ----- Solitude (Luke 22:39-46)

Palm Sunday, April 10: -- Worship (Luke 19:28-40)

Easter Sunday, April 17: Celebration (Luke 24:1-12)

## Weekly Lenten Prayer Gathering

Finally, each Wednesday morning during Lent, we will have a morning prayer at 7:30am in Room 218 at the Browns Ln. campus. Coffee will be provided! More details coming soon about how you can join online.

Please prayerfully consider how you will join us in this journey! In Christ, Adam

# THANK YOU

To Our Loving Church Family,

Thanks so much for your cards, phone calls, listening ears, food, and love. You are an amazing church!

Thanks so much for making our tragedy a bit easier.

Love,

Brenda & Max Froelich

Kim Strong



Our family wishes to thank our dear church family for all the loving support we received from the day of Suzanne's cancer diagnosis until now. All those prayers, cards and calls gave us comfort.

The other day I was counting all the cards sent to us in this past year, through all the falls, illnesses, hospitalizations, and now Suzanne's death. All I can say is St. Matthews UMC members have kept the greeting card industry in business! We are so grateful!

Jena Hilliker

## *In Sympathy*

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jena Hilliker on the death of her husband, David, on Sunday, February 27, in Jeffersonville;

with Mary Ellen Weaver on the death of her husband, Joe Weaver, on Saturday, February 12, in Louisville;

and with the family and friends of Robert "Bobby" Burkeen, who died on Sunday, February 6, in Louisville.







**Don't miss our Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner on March 1!**  
(See details on the next page.)

## **Wiggle Worship continues**

We will continue having Wiggle Worship on all Sundays except the first Sundays of the month at 11:00 in the Wiggle Worship room.

## **Sunday School restarts - Sunday, March 6**

Beginning March 6, the first Sunday of Lent, we will begin Sunday School for children again at 10:00. During Lent we expect this to be an all-ages group downstairs next to the movie theater, where we can safely meet all together.

## **Tweens**

Tweens (3rd-5th grade) will begin in-person meetings during Lent. We will meet from 5-6:30 (same time as youth). In March we will meet at the River City campus and in April we will meet at our Browns Lane campus to coincide with youth group.

## **Save the Date- Easter Egg Hunt**

Save the date for an epic Easter Egg hunt at our River City Campus, to be held 11-1, Saturday, April 9. More details, coming soon!

As a reminder, Masks are still required for children and volunteers at this time. We look forward to seeing you all soon. Numbers are going down and temperatures are going up... spring is on its way!



# UMYF News



Youth will be meeting at the River City campus during the month of March, and at the Browns Lane campus during the month of April. Masks are required. Crusader choir will be 4:30-5:15 and then youth from 5:15-6:30.

## March Schedule (River City campus):

6 - No UMYF, Choir at Browns Lane  
13 - Youth Choir & Youth Group  
20 - Youth Choir & Youth Group  
27 - Youth Choir & Youth Group

## April Schedule (Browns Ln. campus)

3 - No Youth, Choir meets  
10 - Youth Choir & Youth Group  
17 - No Youth, No Choir  
24 - Youth Choir & Youth Group



## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Come join us March 1 at 6:00pm for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Celebration. Start your Lenten journey off as a family with Shrove Tuesday games, activities, and a 15-minute Shrove Tuesday family service. You'll even learn about the origin of Shrove

Tuesday and why we eat pancakes. Best of all, Ms. Shannon and Pastor Adam will be making all the yummy pancakes you can eat (gluten-free available too)!

Please register here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D45ACA92CA7F94-shrove> using a parent's name and email. Once you register you'll receive a confirmation email with more information on Sunday, February 27.

Each family will be at a separate table to eat so we can stay safe. Masks will be required. We can't wait to have you participate in our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Celebration this year with your entire family!



## SERVICE INFORMATION

### BROWNS LANE CAMPUS

#### Sunday Morning Worship

8:30am Traditional

##### IN-PERSON & LIVE-STREAMED

[https://www.facebook.com/  
St.MatthewsUMCLouisville](https://www.facebook.com/St.MatthewsUMCLouisville)

Also available Sunday afternoon on  
YouTube: St. Matthews UMC Louisville

11:00am Traditional (In-person only)

11:00am Canvas (Contemporary)

##### IN-PERSON & LIVE-STREAMED

[https://www.facebook.com/  
CanvasSt.MatthewsUMC](https://www.facebook.com/CanvasSt.MatthewsUMC)

12:30pm Tabernaculo de Avivamiento  
(Gordon Hall)

##### IN-PERSON & LIVE-STREAMED

[https://www.facebook.com/  
tda.church.1](https://www.facebook.com/tda.church.1)

### RIVER CITY CAMPUS

#### Sunday Morning Worship

10:45am **IN-PERSON & LIVE-STREAMED**

[https://www.facebook.com/  
rivercityumc/](https://www.facebook.com/rivercityumc/)

**NOTE: FACE MASKS ARE  
STRONGLY RECOMMENDED IN  
ALL SERVICES.**

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<https://www.stmatthewsmethodist.com/giving>

or

[https://www.rivercity  
methodist.com/give-online/](https://www.rivercitymethodist.com/give-online/)

## IN OUR PRAYERS

### SENIOR/ASSISTED LIVING AND REHAB

THE ALTENHEIM  
Debbie Brown

BELMONT VILLAGE  
Barbara Harding  
Barbara Tracy

CHEROKEE PARK REHAB  
Grace Hunt

ENCLAVE OF EAST LOUISVILLE  
Liz Swindler

FOREST HILLS COMMONS  
Ailene Elliott

THE FORUM AT BROOKSIDE  
Geneva Madden

GRAYSON MANOR (LEITCHFIELD)  
Linda Garrett

THE LEGACY (ENGLISH STA.)  
Harold Freeman

PARR'S AT SPRINGHURST  
Forest Bower

SENECA PLACE  
Sara Fredenberger

VANITY LIVING SPRINGDALE  
Charlotte Mosley

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Russell Browder

April Bunn

Ray Cashen

The Cox Family

Ronnie Dolen

Barbara Douglas

Mark Foster

Owen Fredrickson

The Freeman Family

Tom & Diane Fuchs

Charlie Gatton

Barbara Head

Mary Lea Kirven

Judy Leonard

Keith McCracken

Jamie Mercer

Erin Murphy

Tabby Nuckols

Elizabeth Putnam

Bob Royer

Tom Schoeberl

Leonora Schultheis

Gail Shaw

John Sheesley

Kathy Sherman

Orson Smith III

Kim Strong

Don Wagaman

Bill Wild

Let us know how we may join in your prayer concerns by filling out a prayer request card, by phoning the church office, by email at [prayers@saintmatthewsumc.org](mailto:prayers@saintmatthewsumc.org), or on the church website: [www.stmatthewsmethodist.com](http://www.stmatthewsmethodist.com).

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Contemporary - 11 AM  
Sunday School - 10:00 AM  
Hispanic Worship - 5:30PM  
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