



# THE EVANGEL

THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Our St. MAM Partnership

On Sunday, March 19, we announced during our worship services that our Trustees had entered into negotiations to become the new home of St. Matthews Area Ministries (St. MAM).

We are excited about the possibilities of this closer partnership and the blessing it could be to St. MAM, our church, and our community. We wanted to keep our entire church family informed about what is happening. Please read the following FAQ sheet our Trustees have provided:

### **Who is St. MAM?**

St. Matthews Area Ministries seeks to unite the resources and people of area congregations to effectively meet community needs. Through St. MAM, area congregations collaborate and partner with government, schools, businesses, and other non-profits to meet emergency needs, to stabilize families in transitional situations, to provide a nurturing and healthy environment for children and youth, and to offer resources for the benefit of the whole community. St. MAM has been meeting needs in the 40207 area code since 1972, through an initial partnership between Harvey Brown Presbyterian, Beargrass Christian, and our church.

# FAQ

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# HOLY WEEK at St. MATTHEWS UMC

MAUNDY THURSDAY  
APRIL 6 - 7:00PM  
THE LAST SUPPER  
A CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNION EXPERIENCE  
St. MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Join us for The Last Supper: A Contemplative Communion Experience. This event will feature a prayer labyrinth, prayer/worship stations, and a celebration of Holy Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY  
· T · E · N · E · B · R · A · E ·  
APRIL 7 - 7:00PM  
ST. MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
BROWNS LANE CAMPUS

On Good Friday we remember Jesus' death on the cross. At our Browns Lane campus, we will host a Tenebrae (service of darkness) at 7pm. This service will also include music from our Sanctuary Choir. Join us in-person or on Facebook Live!

CELEBRATE THE RISEN CHRIST  
EASTER  
SUNDAY, APRIL 9  
BROWNS LANE WORSHIP AT 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
TDA (ESPAÑOL) AT 12:30 PM  
RIVER CITY CAMPUS AT 10:45AM

Join us for one of our Easter worship services. Everyone is welcome! Browns Lane traditional worship at 8:30 and 11:00AM, TDA at 12:30PM. River City campus (4611 Lowe Road) at 10:45AM.

## SERVICE INFORMATION

### BROWNS LANE CAMPUS

319 Browns Lane

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)

**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

4611 Lowe Rd.

Sunday Morning Worship

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

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

Giving Online:

[https://www.stmatthews  
methodist.com/giving](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

THE FORUM AT BROOKSIDE  
Geneva Madden

HALLMARK HOUSE  
Charlotte Mosley

THE LEGACY (ENGLISH STA.)  
Harold Freeman

PARR'S AT SPRINGHURST  
Forest Bower

STORY POINT  
Barbara Hamric

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Russell Browder

April Bunn

John Bunn

Ray Cashen

The Cox Family

Pam Cox

Ronnie Dolen

Mark Foster

Chad Graham

Davis Gray

Corky Hall

Mary Lea Kirven

Jamie Mercer

The Mitchell Family

Erin Murphy

Tabby Nuckols

Elizabeth Putnam

Nilah Putnam

Tom Roppel

Tom Schoeberl

John Sheesley

Bill Sherman

Carol Simpson

Scott Simpson

Cindy Stuart

Don Wagaman

Luke Watts

Fatima Wazir

Nancy White

Bill Wild

Hans Young

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).

# WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST. MATTHEWS UMC

## Saturday, April 1

Abbey of Gethsemani Desert Day ----- 10:30A

## Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday

Traditional Worship, Sanctuary ----- 8:30A

Sunday School (All Ages) ----- 10:00A

River City Worship (4611 Lowe Rd) ----- 10:45A

Traditional Worship, Sanctuary ----- 11:00A

Tabernaculo de Avivamiento, Gordon Hall ----- 12:30P

AA Group, River City ----- 2:30P

Youth Choir, Music Suite ----- 4:30P

## Monday, April 3

Morning Bells, Music Suite ----- 10:00A

Quilted Memories, 204 ----- 11:30A

AA Group, River City ----- 6:30P

Alanon, River City ----- 6:30P

## Tuesday, April 4

## Wednesday, April 5

Morning Prayers, 218 ----- 8:30A

St. Matthews Ringers, Music Suite ----- 4:30P

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite ----- 7:00P

## Thursday, April 6

St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce, 204 -- 8:00A

Circle of Friends Quilt Guild, 204 ----- 10:00A

Maundy Thursday Worship, Gordon Hall ----- 7:00P

## Friday, April 7

Morning Men's Group, Heine Bros Hike Pt ----- 7:30A

Good Friday Worship, Browns Lane ----- 7:00P

## Saturday, April 8

## Sunday, April 9 - Easter Day

Traditional Worship, Sanctuary ----- 8:30A

Sunday School (All Ages) ----- 10:00A

River City Worship (4611 Lowe Rd) ----- 10:45A

Traditional Worship, Sanctuary ----- 11:00A

Tabernaculo de Avivamiento, Gordon Hall ----- 12:30P

AA Group, River City ----- 2:30P

## Monday, April 10

Church Offices CLOSED

AA Group, River City ----- 6:30P

Alanon, River City ----- 6:30P

## Tuesday, April 11

Bible Study Fellowship, Browns Lane ----- 6:30P

## Wednesday, April 12

Morning Prayers, 218 ----- 8:30A

St. Matthews Ringers, Music Suite ----- 4:30P

Wednesday Night Live! Dinner, Gordon Hall ----- 5:00P

20-Somethings Community Group, River City ----- 6:00P

Financial Peace University, 204 ----- 6:00P

Youth Handbells, Music Suite ----- 6:00P

Children's Choirs, 202, 105 ----- 6:15P

Intro to Jesus Group, 216 ----- 6:30P

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite ----- 7:00P

## Thursday, April 13

Circle of Friends Quilt Guild, 204 ----- 10:00A

United Women in Faith, Wesley Café ----- 10:30A

Diabetes Support Group, Browns Lane 218 ----- 6:15P

## Friday, April 14

Morning Men's Group, Heine Bros Hike Pt ----- 7:30A

Educare Cottage School, River City ----- 8:00A

TDA Praise Team, Browns Lane Gordon Hall ----- 6:00P

## Saturday, April 15

## Sunday, April 16

Traditional Worship, Sanctuary ----- 8:30A

Sunday School (All Ages) ----- 10:00A

River City Worship (4611 Lowe Rd) ----- 10:45A

Traditional Worship, Sanctuary ----- 11:00A

Tabernaculo de Avivamiento, Gordon Hall ----- 12:30P

Tranquility Tea, Upper Colonnade ----- 2:00P

AA Group, River City ----- 2:30P

Girl Scouts, River City ----- 3:00P

Youth Choir, Music Suite ----- 5:30P

Youth Group ----- 5:00P

## Monday, April 17

Morning Bells, Music Suite ----- 10:00A

Quilted Memories, 204 ----- 11:30A

SMUMC Staff Meeting, 204 ----- 3:00P

AA Group, River City ----- 6:30P

Alanon, River City ----- 6:30P

Board of Trustees, 204 ----- 6:30P

## Tuesday, April 18

Bible Study Fellowship, Browns Lane ----- 6:30P

## Wednesday, April 19

Morning Prayers, 218 ----- 8:30A

St. Matthews Ringers, Music Suite ----- 4:30P

Wednesday Night Live! Dinner, Gordon Hall ----- 5:00P

20-Somethings Community Group, River City ----- 6:00P

Financial Peace University, 204 ----- 6:00P

Youth Handbells, Music Suite ----- 6:00P

Children's Choirs, 202, 105 ----- 6:15P

Intro to Jesus Group, 216 ----- 6:30P

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite ----- 7:00P

# April

## BIRTHDAYS

April 1-----Kate Shafferman  
Marissa Ghavami  
Melanie Sparks

April 2-----Cindy Stuart

April 3-----Melody Higginbotham

April 5-----Leslie Robinette  
Brad Barnett

April 6-----Libby Jackson

April 7-----Lisa Daugherty

April 8-----Nicole Hunt-Shannon  
Matt Murry

April 9-----Curtis Essig

April 10-----Frank Krause  
Miriam Rodrigues

April 11-----Heath Tassin  
Ruth Payne  
Caleigh Seidt  
Maddy Krueger

April 12-----Carrie Mook

April 14-----Kathy Barkley

April 15-----Jane Mills

April 16-----Sarah Everitt

April 17-----Sharilyn Valladares  
Ashley Benz

April 21-----Allen Seelhorst  
Susan Rhodes

April 22-----Quinton Leonard  
Jackson Hammond

April 23-----Camren Smith

April 24-----Harold Freeman  
Hannah Benz  
Donny Anderson  
Laura Cooksey  
Emily Freeman

April 25-----Elizabeth Lane

April 26-----Kevin Payne

April 27-----Eileen James  
Cheryl Williamson  
Paul Powell

April 29-----Brandon Padgett

# THANK YOU

Dear St Matthews UMC,

April 6th will be 2 years since we lost our home in a fire. We feel we have not shown enough gratitude to church members for all of the prayers, cards, gifts, and visits. We want to thank the young adult group, Sanctuary choir, and UMW for the housewarming showers. Also, a special thanks to all of the women that had a role in making our handmade king size quilt. It is beautiful!

It has been a long journey that we would not wish on anyone. We did experience many surprising blessings from friends, family, and strangers that God had his hands in.

We moved into our home the first part of October 2022 and enjoy sharing our new home with friends, family, and church members.

Thanks again for the many Blessings!  
Tom and Diane Fuchs

## *In Sympathy*

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Bob Royer, who died on March 5, 2023, in Louisville;

with Mary Alice & Freddy Smith on the death of his sister, Martha Smith, who died recently, in New York;

and with Ann Berlin and her family on the death of her sister, Sara Fredenberger, on March 22, 2023.



## **Who does St. MAM serve?**

St. MAM serves residents in the 40207 and 40220 area codes. Many of their clients live in the community surrounding our church. Our location and easy access to a TARC stop make our church an ideal location. Services provided by St. MAM include food pantry, utility assistance, senior commodities, home bound delivery, early essential for infants/toddlers, school supplies, and seasonal assistance.

## **What parts of our facility will they be using?**

St. MAM will primarily be utilizing two sections of our building. The upstairs office wing above our staff offices will be used for the St. MAM staff. Also, the downstairs, southeast corner of classrooms (107, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 122, 124, 126) and Cokesbury Room will be the base of their operations. Some of these rooms will be restricted for St. MAM use only because of food storage restrictions. However, others such as the theater room will be shared use. The majority of these rooms have had very little use over the last several years. Ministries that are actively using these rooms can be easily relocated upstairs.

## **What will be in place to help keep our building secure with these changes?**

St. MAM staff and volunteers plan to utilize the secure entrance and video/intercom system at our office entrance. St. MAM clients will utilize a separate entrance and video/intercom system that will be installed downstairs at their cost. We are also exploring ways to upgrade our security and video monitoring throughout our facility.

## **When will St. MAM move into our building?**

Pending the execution of a lease, St. MAM plans to begin operations from our building starting on June 1, 2023. However, they will have access once the lease is complete to begin improvements. All changes to our facility must be submitted and approved in writing by our Trustees.

## **How long will this partnership last?**

We are signing an initial 3-year lease with possible options to renew after that time. However, the overall hope is that St. MAM will be able to secure a permanent location

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after 3 years so that they can have a space that is solely for their use.

### **What are the financial and legal implications for our church?**

St. MAM will provide a monthly stipend that we believe will more than offset the increase in utility costs. However, our Trustees and Finance committees will closely monitor these costs and St. MAM has agreed to evaluate and adjust as needed. We have also spoken with our insurance agent to ensure that any possible liabilities from this partnership are covered.

### **Will our staff be affected by this partnership?**

No. We are working to put in place clear boundaries to make sure our ministries can occupy the building at the same time effectively. St. MAM will also provide its own separate cleaning service for the parts of the building they are utilizing.

### **What are some of the possibilities for how our two ministries can work together?**

Not only are we excited to be able to continue to offer to our congregation the services St. MAM currently provides, but we are excited about exploring how our school partnership with Waggener High School, our youth and children's ministries, and possible life skills training could be a part of our future vision.

### **What if I want to volunteer or receive services from St. MAM through our church?**

Visit [www.stmam.com](http://www.stmam.com) for more information and details about how to donate, volunteer, or receive services.





**NO**  
**WNL**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

**Wednesday Night Live! is on hiatus April 5** in observance of Holy Week. Dinner, fellowship and small groups return Wednesday, April 12, with John Stokes at the helm in the kitchen that night.

Chicken cordon bleu.

Enough said.

ST. MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Louisville, Kentucky

*Easter Beautification*  
*Program 2023*

**Donations for the sanctuary Easter Beautification Program** can be made through the church office or by mail through **THURSDAY, APRIL 6**. This is a wonderful way to remember or honor special friends and family members. Honorariums and memorials will be printed in the bulletin insert on Easter Sunday and in the following issue of the *Evangel*. Make checks payable to *St. Matthews United Methodist Church*, and include the words "EASTER BEAUTIFICATION" on the memo line of the check.

**Complete ALL Information and PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:**

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UNITED METHODIST

MOUNTAIN MISSION

NEXT SMUMC PICK-UP

MONDAY, July 24, 2023

**ALL DROP-OFFS between July 17-21 ONLY**

We cannot accept donations prior to that date.

The Evangel for March 30, 2023  
 St. Matthews United Methodist Church  
 319 Browns Lane at Norbourne Boulevard  
 Louisville, Kentucky 40207

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 Noel Weaver..... Director of Music Ministries  
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 Frank Krause..... Sexton

Traditional Worship - 8:30 & 11 AM;  
 Sunday School - 10:00 AM  
 Hispanic Worship - 12:30PM  
 River City Campus - 10:45 AM  
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