



# THE EVANGEL

THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# EARN. SAVE. GIVE.

This month, we are focusing on our growth as disciples in the area of generosity. It's easy for our language about stewardship to become tired, so we end up sounding like a radio fundraiser desperately pleading for more money instead of people excited about what God is doing. For example, in the past we have talked about...

- Time, Talent, and Treasure
- Prayer, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness (UMH, 38)
- Maybe you even remember phrases like “Commitment Sunday”, “Celebration Sunday”, or “First Fruits Sunday”

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# EARN. SAVE. GIVE.

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The problem is our conversations about stewardship turn into just talking about fundraising instead of growing as disciples, money instead of all we are blessed with, and what we give on Sunday instead of how we are generous with our whole lives.

In our stewardship journey this November we are using James Harnish's book *Earn. Save. Give.* to ask some radically different questions. We are invited to prayerfully consider together:

- How can we discover wisdom to guide us in how we use all our resources so that we grow in the likeness of Jesus Christ?
- Who are saints from generations before us who can teach us wisdom about how to honor God with all we have?
- How can our resources be used to bring about God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven?

John Wesley believed that, in the hands of God's children, money can serve noble purposes in the world. Through our ministries this past year, we have seen how your generosity translated into wonderful blessings to our church and community. Your generosity made possible wonderful outreach opportunities like our Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween at Browns Park, and Trunk or Treat. You enabled us to bless ministry partners like St. Matthews Area Ministries, Grace Kids, UofL Wesley Foundation, United Methodist Children's Home, Waggener High School, and Chenoweth Elementary. You supported discipleship and small group opportunities like Vacation Bible School, our youth and children's ministries, Wednesday Night Live!, and our new University of Life ministry that teaches youth and young adults valuable life skills. Finally, your support of our recent capital ask made it possible to make necessary repairs to help our facilities continue to be welcoming and effective places for ministry in the community.

All this is possible because of God's faithfulness through your support! You help us continue to carry out our mission of Seeking the Kingdom of God, Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and Serving our Neighbors. Please prayerfully consider how you will join us in carrying out this mission in 2024! In Christ, Adam



We are once again supporting the Angel Tree at Waggener High School. This is an annual project by the school's Youth Services Center. We have been asked to provide 20 \$50 Amazon gift cards. You can either purchase the gift cards yourself and drop them off in the church office or make a donation to "Waggener Angel Tree" and we will purchase them for you. All donations are due by Monday, December 18.

# ST. MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

RIVER CITY - TABERNACULO DE AVIVAMIENTO

## 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 Tracy

CHEROKEE PARK REHAB  
Grace Hunt

ENCLAVE OF EAST LOUISVILLE  
Liz Swindler

FOREST SPRINGS  
Carolyn Thomas

THE FORUM AT BROOKSIDE  
Geneva Madden

HALLMARK HOUSE  
Charlotte Mosley

THE SPRINGS/STONY BROOK  
Harold Freeman

PARR'S AT SPRINGHURST  
Forest Bower

STORYPOINT PROSPECT  
Barbara Hamric

VALHALLA POST ACUTE  
Pam Shanks

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Ron Aten

Charlie Boyette

Russell Browder

Jeff Buechlein

Rochelle Burdine

Ray Cashen

Carolyn Childress

Cammie Cox

Pam Cox

The Cox Family

Ronnie Dolen

Davis Gray

Corky Hall

Kristie Jones

Shannon LaChappelle

Prayer Blanket Recipients

Al Seidt

Madison Seiferid

Jean Ann Shafferman

John Sheesley

Scott Simpson

Dwayne Tracy

Don Wagaman

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).

# Lights of Love



United  
Women  
in Faith

Sarah Circle will once again be offering gifts of mission through letters in memory and in honor of loved ones this year, available from November 26- December 17. The letters will be mailed no later than November 19. The price remains the same- \$5! Look for representatives in the Upper Colonnade on Wednesdays and Sundays.

## All Women Invited!

UWIF World Thank Offering Service and Potluck

Sunday, November 26, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service

Room 204

Join us for a time of gratitude and fellowship!



ONE GOD • ONE BODY • ONE MISSION

Jenkins [ajenkins@stmumc.org](mailto:ajenkins@stmumc.org) or Renee Jennings [rjennings@stmumc.org](mailto:rjennings@stmumc.org).

### Sunday night schedule:

4:30-5:15 Youth Choir

5:15-5:45 Dinner

5:45-6:30 Lesson and games

(No youth on November 26)

We have so many amazing opportunities for our youth to connect. From Sunday school to Youth group and University of Life there are plenty of ways for youth to get involved! On Wednesday nights we have Epworth youth bells at 6:00, University of Life at 6:30, and a Pixar movie lesson time immediately following at 7:00 for youth and children. We also meet every Sunday morning 10-10:45 and below is our Sunday night schedule and calendar! For any questions please reach out to Amber



**ALL DROP-OFFS the week of Nov 27 ONLY**

We cannot accept donations prior to that date.

# WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST. MATTHEWS UMC

## Sunday, November 12

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
Youth Choir, Music Suite	4:30P
Youth Group Activities	5:00P

## Monday, November 13

Morning Bells, Music Suite	10:00A
Quilted Memories, 204	11:30A
Silver Notes, Music Suite	1:00P
YPAS Choral recital, Sanctuary	6:00P
AA Group, River City	6:30P
Alanon, River City	6:30P

## Tuesday, November 14

Bible Study Fellowship	6:00P
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## Wednesday, November 15

Morning Prayers, 218	8:30A
St. Matthews Ringers, Music Suite	4:30P
Wednesday Night Live! Dinner, Gordon Hall	5:00P
Financial Peace University, 204	6:00P
Epworth Bells, Music Suite	6:00P
Children's Choir, 105	6:15P
Connections Class, 102	6:30P
Methodist Class Meeting, 106	6:30P
University of Life	6:30P
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite	7:00P

## Thursday, November 16

St. Matthews Chamber of Commerce, 204	8:00A
Circle of Friends Quilt Guild, 204	10:00A
Diabetes Support Group, Browns Lane 218	6:15P

## Saturday, November 18

Scouting For Food Drive	8:30A
Bruce Boiney Piano Studio, Sanctuary	2:00P

## Sunday, November 19

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
Youth Group Activities	5:00P
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite	5:30P

## Monday, November 20

Morning Bells, Music Suite	10:00A
Quilted Memories, 204	11:30A
Silver Notes, Music Suite	1:00P
Kinman Piano Studio, Sanctuary	3:00P
AA Group, River City	6:30P
Alanon, River City	6:30P
Board of Trustees, 204	6:30P

## Tuesday, November 21

Bible Study Fellowship	6:00P
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## Wednesday, November 22

Morning Prayers, 218	8:30A
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## Thursday, November 23—Thanksgiving Day

## Sunday, November 26

Traditional Worship, Sanctuary	8:30A
Sunday School (All Ages)	10:00A
River City Worship (4611 Lowe Rd)	10:45A
Traditional Worship, Sanctuary	11:00A
United Women in Faith, 204, Kitchen	12:00P
Tabernaculo de Avivamiento, Gordon Hall	12:30P
AA Group, River City	2:30P
Youth Choir, Music Suite	4:30P
Youth Group Activities	5:00P

## Monday, November 27

Morning Bells, Music Suite	10:00A
Quilted Memories, 204	11:30A
Silver Notes, Music Suite	1:00P
AA Group, River City	6:30P
Alanon, River City	6:30P
Dartball, Gordon Hall	7:00P

## Tuesday, November 28

Bible Study Fellowship	6:00P
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## Wednesday, November 29

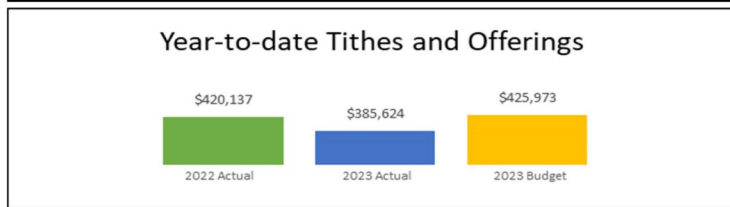
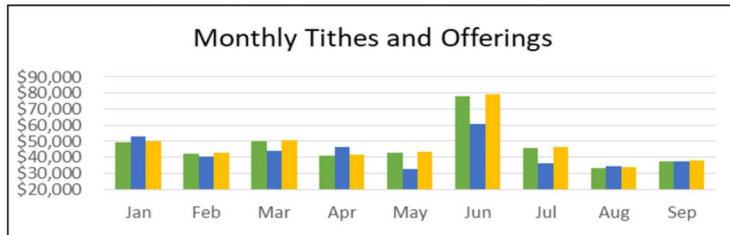
Morning Prayers, 218	8:30A
St. Matthews Ringers, Music Suite	4:30P
Wednesday Night Live! Dinner, Gordon Hall	5:00P
Epworth Bells, Music Suite	6:00P
Children's Choir, 105	6:15P
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite	7:00P
Youth Group	7:00P



## St. Matthews United Methodist Church September 2023 Financial Snapshot

<u>Description</u>	Budget Annual	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	YTD Budget Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	YTD Budget Variance %
<b>Income</b>					
Tithes & Offerings (Budget)	\$582,356	\$425,973	\$385,623	(\$40,350)	91.%
Other Offerings	\$23,820	\$18,029	\$16,126	(\$1,903)	89.%
Building Use/Rents	\$79,540	\$55,472	\$54,179	(\$1,292)	98.%
Other Income	\$14,400	\$2,913	\$9,876	\$6,963	339.%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$700,116</b>	<b>\$502,387</b>	<b>\$465,804</b>	<b>(\$36,583)</b>	<b>93.%</b>
<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>\$38,859</b>	<b>\$29,144</b>	<b>\$77,269</b>	<b>\$48,125</b>	<b>265.%</b>
<b>Total Income &amp; Transfers</b>	<b>\$738,975</b>	<b>\$531,531</b>	<b>\$543,073</b>	<b>\$11,542</b>	<b>102.%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Our Mission Covenant	\$60,686	\$45,284	\$41,215	\$4,069	91.%
District and Community Ministries	\$11,569	\$8,654	\$5,955	\$2,699	69.%
Program	\$30,000	\$22,311	\$25,303	(\$2,992)	113.%
Office Expense	\$24,770	\$18,705	\$21,486	(\$2,782)	115.%
Building & Maintenance	\$166,595	\$126,000	\$111,037	\$14,963	88.%
Staff	\$437,105	\$331,951	\$344,226	(\$12,275)	104.%
Rawls Disbursement	\$8,250	\$5,125	\$4,513	\$612	88.%
Unrestricted Funds Disbursements	\$0	\$0	\$13,635	(\$13,635)	0.%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$738,975</b>	<b>\$558,029</b>	<b>\$567,369</b>	<b>(\$9,340)</b>	<b>102.%</b>
<b>Over/(Under)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$26,498)</b>	<b>(\$24,296)</b>	<b>\$2,202</b>	

● 2022 Actual ● 2023 Actual ● 2023 Budget



### 3 Ways to Give

**Mail**

You may send your offering to:  
319 Browns Lane  
Louisville, KY 40207

**Text**

Text the amount to 502-200-1424.  
Tap the link on the response text to finish the transaction.

**Online**

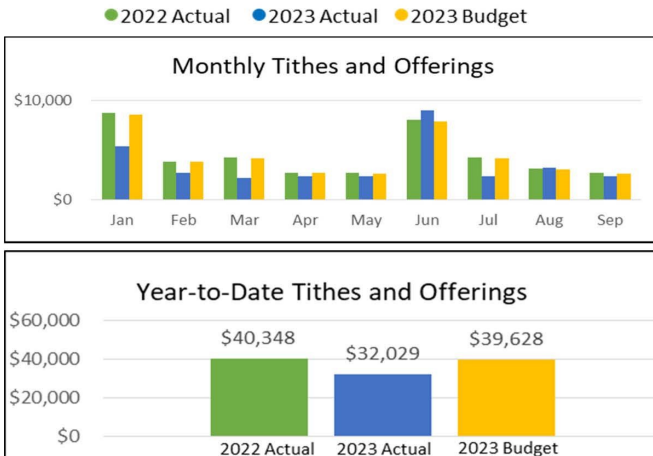
Go to:  
[stmatthewsmethodist.com/giving](http://stmatthewsmethodist.com/giving),  
click on online giving and follow instructions on screen.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2022 Actual	\$49,384	\$42,205	\$50,017	\$41,301	\$42,695	\$77,967	\$45,784	\$33,485	\$37,300	\$43,240	\$49,320	\$61,681
2023 Actual	\$53,187	\$40,250	\$43,711	\$46,649	\$32,804	\$60,619	\$36,440	\$34,432	\$37,532	\$0	\$0	\$0
2023 Budget	\$50,070	\$42,791	\$50,711	\$41,875	\$43,288	\$79,050	\$46,420	\$33,950	\$37,818	\$43,841	\$50,005	\$62,537



## River City Campus September 2023 Financial Snapshot

Description	Budget Annual	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	YTD Budget Variance	
				Favorable (Unfavorable)	YTD Budget Variance %
<b>Income</b>					
Tithes & Offerings (Budget)	\$50,000	\$39,628	\$32,029	(\$7,599)	81.%
Other Offerings	\$400	\$328	\$218	(\$110)	66.%
Building Use/Rents	\$20,000	\$15,846	\$16,820	\$974	106.%
Fundraising Income	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$4,346	(\$3,154)	58.%
Youth Support from SMUMC	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	(\$0)	100.%
Other Income	\$51,522	\$38,642	\$0	(\$38,642)	0.%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$151,922</b>	<b>\$116,944</b>	<b>\$68,413</b>	<b>(\$48,532)</b>	<b>59.%</b>
<b>Investment Transfers</b>	<b>\$19,141</b>	<b>\$14,356</b>	<b>\$19,141</b>	<b>\$4,785</b>	<b>133.%</b>
<b>Total Income &amp; Transfers</b>	<b>\$171,063</b>	<b>\$131,300</b>	<b>\$87,554</b>	<b>(\$43,746)</b>	<b>67.%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Our Mission Covenant	\$5,040	\$3,991	\$3,227	\$764	81.%
District Ministries	\$504	\$399	\$323	\$76	81.%
Program	\$1,250	\$711	\$1,653	(\$942)	233.%
Office Expense	\$2,900	\$2,439	\$2,069	\$370	85.%
Building & Maintenance	\$55,793	\$42,568	\$43,765	(\$1,197)	103.%
Staff	\$105,576	\$79,182	\$79,499	(\$317)	100.%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$171,063</b>	<b>\$129,290</b>	<b>\$130,536</b>	<b>(\$1,246)</b>	<b>101.%</b>
<b>Over/(Under)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,010</b>	<b>(\$42,982)</b>	<b>(\$44,992)</b>	



### How can I Give?

**Text to Give:** Text the amount and "River City UMC Budget" to (502) 200-1424 to donate.

**Through our App:** Download our App (River City UMC) to give in an easier way!

**Sunday Offering:** Our baskets are available before, after, and during the service.

**Online Giving:** Go to [www.rivercitymethodist.com/give-online/](http://www.rivercitymethodist.com/give-online/) (can be recurring) and follow the prompts

**Snail Mail:** Send checks to St. Matthews UMC (319 Browns Lane, 40207) designated for "River City UMC Budget"

*\*All gifts are tax deductible. Thank you for your support.*

2022 vs. 2023 Monthly Budget Income												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2022 Actual	\$8,705	\$3,860	\$4,258	\$2,750	\$2,690	\$8,040	\$4,240	\$3,115	\$2,690	\$3,990	\$4,430	\$2,140
2023 Actual	\$5,381	\$2,686	\$2,225	\$2,386	\$2,386	\$8,955	\$2,400	\$3,235	\$2,375	\$0	\$0	\$0
2023 Budget	\$8,550	\$3,791	\$4,182	\$2,701	\$2,642	\$7,897	\$4,164	\$3,059	\$2,642	\$3,919	\$4,351	\$2,102

# Quarterly Financial Update

Dear St. Matthews UMC Family,

While we are already looking forward to next year and making 2024 commitments during our Fall Stewardship campaign, this is also the perfect opportunity to focus on helping us finish 2023 strongly.

First, we want to take the opportunity to celebrate your amazing response to our recent capital giving ask. Together, you have given almost \$81,000, which is just \$9,000 away from our dream goal of \$90,000. We could have never imagined such a generous response! This has enabled us to address the major HVAC repairs at both campuses, which are now nearly complete. Thank you for your faithful support!

Second, we want to encourage you to help us close the gap in giving income we are currently experiencing. Between the two campuses, we have a combined shortfall in budgeted tithes and offerings of \$47,949. End of year gifts have always been an important part of our budget, so we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can help.

Here are some specific ways you can help:

- **NEW GIVING:** If you have never given, consider making a one-time contribution or start giving regularly at any level.
- **RESUME GIVING:** If you are behind on giving for 2023, it's not too late to catch up! Life happens and this may have gotten pushed to the back burner for a number of reasons, but we encourage you to continue your faithful support.
- **RECURRING GIVING:** Consider setting up a recurring gift through your bank or our online giving portal, Shelby Giving. Contact our church administrator, Sandy Hottell, and she can guide you in setting this up. Or visit <https://www.stmatthewsmethodist.com/giving>.
- **QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION:** When considering your 2023 or 2024 commitments to St. Matthews United Methodist Church, remember that you can use your IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for this. If you instruct your IRA custodian to send a distribution directly to St. Matthews UMC as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) this money will not be taxed. This is a possible double benefit due to the increased standard deduction which might negate your ability to deduct your charitable deductions. Please confirm this with your tax advisor.

Thank you for the ministries you make possible through all the different ways you support St. Matthews United Methodist Church!

In Christ,

Rev. Adam Sparks  
Senior Pastor

Rev. Renee Jennings  
Associate Pastor

Rev. Maikel Rojas  
Assistant Pastor



# UPCOMING at SMUMC *Events*

## Thanksgiving Dinner

Our Annual Wednesday Night Live! Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Wednesday, November 15, from 5-6:30p.m. Join us for turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings! The cost is \$3/children, \$5/adults, \$20/family maximum. Also, remember that if you invite a guest their first meal is free!

## Hanging of the Greens

Mark your calendars for our 60th Annual Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, December 3. The service will be at 6:00 p.m., followed by soup, cookies, and punch in Gordon Hall. Whether it's a family member, friend, neighbor, classmate, or coworker, we challenge you to invite at least one person to join us! A personal invitation from you may make a huge difference in helping someone connect with our church family.

## Children's Choir Christmas Musical

The infamous census of the ages has made Bethlehem a crowded spot, and there are some guests at a local inn who aren't very happy. Join us for the final Wednesday Night Live! Dinner for 2023 on December 13, followed by this delightful musical, *The Inn Crowd*, as our youngsters remind us that Jesus came for EVERYONE!

## Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 17, at both 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services, the St. Matthews Sanctuary choir celebrates the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus as told in familiar Bible stories interspersed with singing of Christmas carols and choir anthems.

## Longest Night

A time of reflection, hope and healing, this worship service recognizes that for many Christmas is a difficult time. This intimate service creates a space for sharing our hurting places with God and opening our hearts to Christ's loving care. December 21 at 7:00 PM. This year we are pleased to welcome the congregations of Beargrass Christian Church and Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church for this special evening.

## Christmas Eve

We will have one Sunday morning service at 10:00 a.m. at Browns Lane (10:45 a.m. breakfast worship at River City), with our Paper Bag Christmas services at 4:30 p.m., and communion services that evening at 6:00 and 11:00 p.m. (all at Browns Lane).

# THANK YOU

I am rarely at a loss for words, but I simply cannot find the words that will adequately thank you for standing with us and by us during Bill's illness. The love, the cards, the prayers, the cards, the food, the cards, the visits, and the cards truly encouraged us and lifted our spirits. After Bill lost his fight, you continued to stand with me and by me. Again, the love, the prayers, the food, the support, the visitation, and, of course, the cards truly encouraged me and our family and lifted our spirits. I am so proud to be a member of the St. Matthews United Methodist Church family. Thank you.

Gayle Sherman

For the month of November, St. Matthews United Methodist is collecting non-perishable food items in the Upper Colonnade for Chenoweth Elementary School's Food Pantry. Together, we can help fight the food



insecurity in our community. Please contact Chenoweth mom Emily Sustek at [ehelenab@gmail.com](mailto:ehelenab@gmail.com) with any questions, and don't forget your non-perishables next week!

**YOUTH**  
*Bake Sale*  
**DECEMBER**  
**3RD**  
9:30am-12:15pm  
Upper Colonnade

# Birthdays!

Nov. 8 ----- Marc Norton  
Nov. 9 ----- John Freeman , Jonathan King  
Gene Miller  
Nov. 11 ----- Clara Putnam  
Nov. 12 ----- Janet Wolfe , Bonnie Jackson,  
Brad Lipe  
Nov. 13 ----- Taylor Cline  
Nov. 14 ----- David Williamson , Bennett Fulner  
Mary Ann McDonald  
Nov. 15 ----- Floyd Gordon , Lynn Satterfield  
Nov. 16 ----- Sean French  
Nov. 17 ----- Jennifer Cline , Greg Browning  
Adley O'Bryan , Lynn Silliman  
Nov. 18 ----- Jack Britton , Russell East  
Nov. 19 ----- Patty Kelly  
Nov. 21 ----- Forest Bower  
Nov. 22 ----- Joe Dolen , Darlene Trimble  
Nov. 23 ----- Sarah Jestel , Libby Mook  
Nov. 24 ----- Martha Royse , Cordell Lawrence  
Nov. 25 ----- Jonatan Rojas Carralero  
Nov. 26 ----- Matthew Cooksey  
Nov. 28 ----- Olivia Barkley-Raymer , Evelyn Lipe  
Nov. 29 ----- Benjamin Harrington , Erick Berryhill  
Nov. 30 ----- Ron Crompton , Tonya McCarthy  
Dec. 1 ----- Tom Jones, Damon Mathews  
Dec. 2 ----- Jenney Fekete, Sharon Hackett  
Jeff Jackson, Erin Ballard  
Jameson Convill, Brigid Bramblett  
Dec. 3 ----- Heather Reed  
Dec. 4 ----- Dee Wagaman  
Alicia Leonard  
Dec. 6 ----- Carl Jenkins IV, Miya Davis  
Dec. 7 ----- Megan Douglas, Jen Rager  
Dec. 8 ----- Teresa Seelhorst, Liz Swindler  
Dec. 9 ----- Dennis Shaw, Susan Howard  
Dec. 10 ----- Clayton Wilkerson  
Dec. 11 ----- Don Wagaman, Lenny Marr  
Dec. 14 ----- Marge Fore, Joe Cheatham  
Lauren McDonald  
Dec. 15 ----- John Cooksey, Elizabeth Cooksey  
Dec. 16 ----- Noel Weaver, Kirk Day  
Raiko Ruz  
Dec. 17- Lisa Martin, Varalakshmi Nareshkumar  
Dec. 19 ----- Kristen Cox, David Ayers  
Dec. 22 ----- Doug Jansen, Harley Gibbs  
Dec. 25 ----- Judy Campbell, Lindsay Stokes  
Debby Mercer, Joseph Guerrero  
Dec. 26 ----- Charles Diehl, Jr., Rick Shafferman  
Kaitlyn Hardy, Thomas Lane  
Dec. 27 ----- Jayne Bishop, Courtney Kellner  
Dec. 28 ----- Brenda Sheesley, Stacie Hilliker  
Dec. 29 ----- Jordan Rojas Carralero  
Dec. 30 ----- Brian Harrington  
Dec. 31 ----- Linda Freeman, Evan Wust

The Evangel for November 8, 2023  
 St. Matthews United Methodist Church  
 319 Browns Lane at Norbourne Boulevard  
 Louisville, Kentucky 40207  
 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Nonprofit  
 Organization  
 U.S. Postage Paid  
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 Permit No. 127

Traditional Worship - 8:30 & 11 AM;  
 Sunday School - 10:00 AM  
 River City Campus - 10:45 AM  
 Hispanic Worship - 12:30PM  
 ST. MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 319 Browns Lane at Norbourne Boulevard • Louisville, KY 40207  
 502-897-6449  
 www.stmatthewsmethodist.com

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Adam Sparks.....Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Renee Jennings.....Associate Pastor  
 Rev. Maikel Rojas.....Associate Pastor  
 Kate Shafferman.....Care Coordinator  
 Harrison Zoercher.....Director of Discipleship & Missions; Organist  
 Shannon Seidt.....Director of Children's Ministries  
 Noel Weaver.....Director of Music Ministries  
 Raiko Ruz.....Music Associate, TDA/River City  
 Aaron Weaver.....Music Associate, Youth  
 Mark Benz.....Music Associate, Children's Choirs  
 Amber Jenkins.....St. Matthews Campus Youth Minister  
 Sandy Hotell.....Administrator/Financial Secretary  
 Allyson McCormick.....Nursery Coordinator  
 Frank Krause.....Sexton

