



THE EVANGEL

THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FALL DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES



I am excited about the opportunities that are available for you to connect more deeply with our church and your relationship with God this Fall! Both of these groups will start on Wednesday, September 15, at 6pm. **These opportunities will be offered on Zoom** and we invite you to join us online!

Connections: A 5 week Opportunity to get Connected or Re-Connected with St. Matthews UMC

Led by Pastor Adam

We will be hosting a 5 week small group focused on helping people connect with our church. Whether you are a new guest looking to connect for the first time or a long-time attendee wanting a refresher, this is a perfect opportunity to learn more about our church, our United Methodist beliefs, and next steps that you can take to get connected. Here's a preview of what this journey will look like:

- Week 1: Welcome to St. Matthews: Introduction to our staff, our ministries, and our facilities.

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- Week 2: Q&A about United Methodist Beliefs and Practices, Session I
- Week 3: Q&A about United Methodist Beliefs and Practices, Session II
- Week 4: Our Vision: Where are we going and how can you partner with us?
- Week 5: Next Steps: Baptism, Membership, and Connecting with our ministries

This journey will culminate in a Baptism and Membership Sunday across our different campuses on October 24th. Please be in prayer about what your next step will be in connecting or reconnecting with our church.

Learning the Language of God: Experiencing God through Lectio Divina and Examen

Led by Pastor Ron Young, Retired United Methodist Pastor

Learning the language of God isn't so much about our learning "what the Bible says," or "what this scholar says the Bible says," but what does God say to us through our reading the Bible. The whole purpose of learning the language of God is to be transformed in the inner person. This 5-week opportunity is a practicum of learning and practicing the language of God with others. The resources needed are: A Bible (translation not a paraphrase), a composition notebook, pen/pencil, and index cards.

If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please RSVP by contacting the church office (897-6449) or emailing at asparks@stmumc.org. Join us on Wednesday nights this Fall!

In Christ, Adam



Want to read the Gospel of Mark with us? Do you love ice cream? Starting in 2 weeks, we will begin the Mark Sundae Challenge! Join us as we begin this fun and exciting journey of living lives shaped by the Gospel.

In Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with Hope Richards and Gini Stokes on the death of Hope's sister (Gini's aunt), Elna Rosenberger, on Wednesday, August 4, in Georgia;

with Marilyn & Jerry Keys on the death of his mother, Catherine L. Keys, on Thursday, August 12, in Louisville;

and with Joanie & Larry Cox, on the death of her mother, Betty Ellis, on Sunday, August 29, in New Orleans.



ST. MAM GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, September 13, 2021

Register online: www.stmam.com



GIVING

Each of our campuses has a dedicated page with different options for giving:

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

River City: <https://www.rivercitymethodist.com/give-online/>

Top Resources to Help You Stay in Love with God

1. **YouVersion Bible App:** Has multiple versions of the Bible, devotional plans, and the ability to read along with your friends.
2. **Lectio 365 App:** Has a morning and evening guided reading and prayer time, which you can either read yourself or have read to you.
3. **Echo Prayer App:** Keeps a prayer list, you can set reminders for your prayer time, and reminders to check in with people on your list.
4. **Olive Tree Bible App:** Multiple translations, can track your reading history, keep notes.
5. **Biblegateway.com:** Has multiple versions of the Bible, reading plans, and study tools.
6. **My Utmost for His Highest, Oswald Chambers:** Available in Print, Kindle, or online at <https://utmost.org/>. Has a short, daily Scripture reading and a devotional reflection.
7. **The Upper Room:** Created by the Discipleship Ministries of the UMC, this daily resource has a Scripture reading, devotional reflection, and a daily prayer.
8. **New Every Morning, Kate Thomas:** Offers short, daily devotions for the whole year that people often come back to year after year. Each day has a practical application that will apply to your everyday life.
9. **Every Moment Holy, McKelvey:** Has prayers for ordinary moments in life, such as drinking your morning coffee or doing laundry. Also has a daily rhythm of prayer to use.
10. **Authors to check out:** Rachel Held Evans, Henri Nouwen, C.S. Lewis, Rev. Adam Hamilton, N.T. Wright, Thomas Merton, Bishop Rueben Job, Richard Foster.
 - Check for any “Daily reading” type books. Lewis, Merton, and Nouwen all have a version.
11. **Podcasts:**
 - **Church of the Resurrection, Leawood Sermons Podcast:** Church of the Resurrection is the largest United Methodist Church in the U.S. and this podcast features sermons from Pastor Adam Hamilton.
 - **The Road Back to You, Looking at Life through the lens of the Enneagram:** This podcast looks at life, relationships, and faith through the lens of our personalities.
 - 1. **Emily Freeman, The Next Right Thing:** Has brief episodes that focus on Scripture, life experiences, and prayer. Offers lots of thoughts and resources on journaling.
12. **For Families:**
 - **Seedsfamilyworship.com:** This website offers free devotionals, streaming music, worship videos, and other resources for families to use at home.
 - **Ministrytochildren.com:** This website offers free printable devotions for kids that families can use for a daily devotional time.
 - **Cokesburykids.com:** This website offers resources for kids from infancy through their tween years. There are devotionals, coloring pages, and lots of links to other free resources.
 - **Jesus Wants All of Me:** Based on the Classic Devotional *My Utmost for His Highest*, Chambers and Smouse: This is a kid-friendly version of *My Utmost for His Highest* listed above. It has easy to read Scriptures, colorful illustrations, and a short reflection for each day.

Church on the Lawn

at RIVER CITY

sunday, september 12, 2021
@ 7:00pm

4611 lowe road

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YEARS OF HOPE

Thanks to your support, the Kentucky United Methodist Children's Homes **served 889 youth** and families in 2020. Please keep our youth and staff in your prayers as we continue to navigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray for joy and resiliency. Our full 2020 annual report is available on our website at kyumh.org/annual-report.

We are grateful to the individuals who have sent their gifts directly to us in lieu of a church offering. When you tell us which church you attend, we will give your church credit for your gift. You can mail a check to 1115 Ashgrove Road, Nicholasville KY 40356

You can give via credit card or direct bank transfer at kyumh.org/donate

You can give by texting "5thsunday" to (855) 735-2437

THE **EVANGEL** is the newsletter of St. Matthews United Methodist Church - Browns Lane & River City Campuses. Send all items for inclusion in the newsletter to: hzoercher@stmumc.org.

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)

-or-

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

Available Sunday afternoon at:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?
search_query=st+matthews+umc-l
ouisville](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=st+matthews+umc-louisville)

11:00am Traditional

IN-PERSON ONLY

11:00am Canvas (Contemporary)
In Person

12:30pm Tabernaculo de Avivamiento
(Gordon Hall)

IN-PERSON & LIVE-STREAMED

[https://www.facebook.com/
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RIVER CITY CAMPUS

Sunday Morning Worship

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

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

Wiggle Worship for kids (Browns Lane) at 11:00AM and Splash!
Worship at River City at 10:45.

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

SPRINGCREST REHAB
Jim Simpson

SUNRISE OF LOUISVILLE
Lois Haswell
Ina Reeb

SWOPE CENTER
Don Wagaman

PRAYER REQUESTS

Fred Bennett
Russell Browder
April Bunn
The Cox Family
Ronnie Dolen
Barbara Douglas
Ray Farmer
Mark Foster
Owen Fredrickson
The Freeman Family
Tom & Diane Fuchs
Charlie Gatton
Barbara Head
Judy Leonard
Jamie Mercer
Erin Murphy
Tabby Nuckols
Rachel (Weaver) Potter
Allen Priest
Elizabeth Putnam
Bob Royer
Brady Royse
Tom Schoeberl
Leonora Schultheis
Gail Shaw
John Sheesley
Tom Sherman
Orson Smith III
Zachary Swillinger
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, or on the church website: www.stmatthewsmethodist.com.

September Birthdays



Sept 1Nancy Shafferman

Sept 2 Ray Farmer
Mary Esther Benz

Sept 3 Alice Williams
Morgan Young

Sept 4 Galen Lowrey
Nancy Johnston
Jerri Dunn

Sept 5Andy Koprowski
Stephen Walker

Sept 7Greg Austin

Sept 8 .. Jessica Harrington
Lixander Contreras Lopez

Sept 9 Kim Habich
Adam Sparks
Patty Boggs

Sept 10..... Madison Roark
Judy Norton
Denny Simonavice

Sept 11 Ferrell Lowrey III
Meranda Phillips

Sept 12Curtis Fuchs
Harrison Kellner

Sept 13.....Tom Fuchs
Maddy Tassin
Rick Bean

Sept 14.....Amber Jenkins
Jamie LaChappelle

Sept 15.....Shawn Hilliker
James Willkerson

Sept 16..... Marshall Young
Eric Bryant
William Seelhorst
Archer Kleiner
Gary Ramage

Sept 17.....Shirley Myers
Drew Bly

Sept 18..... Sue Harrell
Brent Dolen
Jerry Keys
Anita Putnam
Rick Farrow

Sept 19..... Debbie Gilpin

Sept 20Jim Cahall
Chase Rhodes
Brayden Lowert

Sept 21..... Debbie Brown
Joanie Cox
John Ford

Sept 22Alex O'Brien
Ryan Stoess
Peggy Meador

Sept 23 .. Ashleigh Flaherty
Kelsey Flaherty
Gayle Sherman

Sept 24 Tyler Riggs

Sept 25 ... David Consuegra
Nancy Bean

Sept 26 Bill Diehl
Shannon LaChappelle
Alan Wild

Sept 27 Glenn Hamric
Amanda Gleason
Preston Ogden
Ron Whitlatch

Sept 29 Jill Crompton
Marylee Brandt
Ryan Haulk

Sept 30Amanda Drew
Parker Nash Brown

The Evangel for September 2, 2021
St. Matthews United Methodist Church
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CHURCH STAFF

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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
Miriam Rodriguez.....Music Associate, Canvas
Raiko Ruz.....Music Associate, TDA
Aaron Weaver.....Music Associate, Youth
Mark Benz.....Music Associate, Children's Choirs
Amber Jenkins.....St. Matthews Campus Youth Minister
Andrew Chapman.....River City Worship Leader
Lexie Chapman.....River City Children's & Nursery Ministry Director
Sandy Hotell.....Administrator/Financial Secretary
Allison McCormick.....Nursery Coordinator
Trent Salter.....Ministry Intern
Frank Krause.....Sexton

Traditional Worship - 8:30 & 11 AM;
Sunday School - 10:00 AM
Hispanic Worship - 5:30PM
Contemporary - 11 AM

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