

SAINT MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Bridging Generational and Spiritual Gaps through Prayer, Faith, and Ministry
www.st-matthewsumc.org

REV. DR. ARNETTA E. BEVERLY, PASTOR
Sunday, March 17, 2013
8:30 A.M

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Women's History Month
United Negro College Fund Sunday for Bennett College
Mr. Duncan Butler & Mr. James Siddle, Musicians
Mrs. Debbie McClendon, Liturgist

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord is in His Holy Temple; let all the earth keep silent.
Please turn off or mute all electronic devices; electronic Bibles accepted...
SAFE SANCTUARY ALERT: *Parents, please escort your child to the restroom if he or she is under age 12. Do not allow them in the hallways alone.*

Prelude

*Light of Christ

*Call to Worship

Leader: God was our help in ages past.

People: He is our hope for years to come.

Leader: God is our guide while life shall last.

People: He will be our eternal home. Come let us worship the God of all times.

Opening Selection.....Progressive Adult Choir

Time of Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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Welcome of Guests

Women's History Moment

Selection.....Progressive Adult Choir

Worship through Liturgical Arts

Children's Moments.....Mrs. Dorothy Vannoy

Offering.....Stewardship Bible Verse – Numbers 18:21

To the Levites, I have given every tithes in Israel for a possession in return for the service that they perform, the service in the tent of meeting.

*The Offertory Selection: #588.....“All Things Come of Thee”

Selection.....Progressive Adult Choir

Scripture.....Isaiah 43:16-21

Homily.....”Letting Go of the Past”

Call to Christian Discipleship and Altar Prayer
 Dismissal with Blessings

*The Light of Christ

*Doxology: #94.....“Praise God, From Whom All Blessing Flow”

**PEOPLE STAND*

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

John Wharton	03		Joyce Fairley	16
Dana Lyles	03		Roberta D. Coley	18
David Williams	05		Howard Evans Jr.	19
Donald Caudle, Jr.	05		George Grier II	20
Evelyn Crosby	06		Audrey Franklin	20
Coley Hooker	07		Audrey Carpenter	21
Brooke Lilly	07		Gabrielle Hall	23
Denise Husband	07		Harper Chiles	23
Jesse L. Suggs, Jr.	09		Kyra Wilson	26
Kendall Crosby	11		Shaunita Donnell	26
Lloyd Davis	12		Siobomn Jamison	26
Valosha Odom	13		William Coley	28
Julius Hamlin	14		Louise Little	29
Chivis Adams	15		Lonnie Phifer	30
George E. McNeill	16		Nathaniel Boozer	31

THE FOOD PANTRY BIRTHDAY CLUB

Please remember your Food Pantry Birthday Club giving. Here’s how it works. If your birthday is this month, you can:

- 1) Bring equivalent food items that match your age
- 2) Make a monetary donation that matches your age
- 3) Bring a combination of options 1 and 2
- 4) Honor a fellow member’s birthday by donation food items or money

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Galatians 6:10 NLT

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Opening Prayer (in unison): **Everlasting God, who changes but is the same yesterday, today and forever, keep us from dwelling on the past, fix our attention on your will for us today, and give us hope and vision for tomorrow. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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Introduction of Speaker.....Dr. Mary Ann Scarlette
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 Durham Alumnae Chapter, Bennett College
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**PEOPLE STAND*

**DAILY BIBLE READING – MARCH 2013
 A PEOPLE OF HOPE**

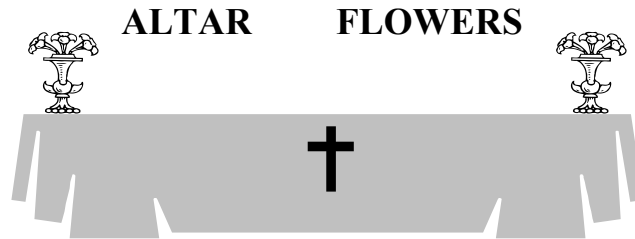


17	Fifth Sunday in Lent	John 12:1-8
18	The day of the Lord	Zeph. 1:14-18
19	The valley of decision	Joel 3:14-17
20	Treasure in clay jars	2 Cor. 4:7-15
21	God vindicates the servant	Isa. 50:4-9a
22	A prayer for deliverance	Ps. 31:9-16
23	Jesus took the form of a servant	Phil. 2:5-11

**“Jesus takes the oil of grace and the broom of mercy and cleanses us
 from sin. Jesus is always willing to give us a clean slate, so that we will
 have a new day to serve him.”**

Pastor Beverly

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Worship Service is enhanced by the presence of flowers. Each Sunday a family member or group provides flowers in memory/ honor of a loved one. It is requested that following the last service the flowers be returned to the family. The beautiful altar flowers today are given in honor of Mrs. Elizabeth Dula Banks and Mrs. Asbury J. Barber.

Pastor Beverly & Matt

SPECIAL OFFERING

As the silver trays are passed today, please give generously for the United Negro College Fund/ Bennett College Sunday.

SANCTUARY CHOIR FUNDRAISER!

The Sanctuary Choir will be selling chicken dinners today in the Fellowship Hall after the 11am service. This is a fund raiser in preparation for our Christmas Messiah performance. You must have a ticket purchased from a choir member.

MARCH 18-20...Monday through Wednesday, Pastor Beverly will be at Lake Junaluska for the Clergy Health Initiative Retreat and will be back in the office on Thursday morning.

NOTE: The Lenten Season 2013: Bible studies, Holy week, and Easter Sunrise schedule is located in the bulletin after Community Events!

IMPORTANT DATES/REMINDERS

MARCH 2013

18	Monday	Church Council, 6:30am, RM 20
20	Wednesday	EYG, 12noon, FH (Group 3 Meal) Speaker, Bill Gist
28	Thursday	Footwashing and Communion Service, 6:30pm
29	Friday	Good Friday (Office Closed)
31	Sunday	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, 6am

Note: Join us every Tuesday night for Bible Study at 6:30-8:30pm in RM 20.

EXERCISE TO ENERGIZE!

Saint Matthews' Steppers Positive Power Pact Aerobics: Each workout is different and classes include: Latin Dance Yogilates Weights Tubes
Cardio Workouts Step-Aerobics Stretching/Toning Water Noodle

Monday, **March 18 & 25**

Time: 6:30-7:15pm

Wednesday, **March 20 (RM 20) & 27**

Time: 6:30-7:15pm

Workouts are for every level from beginners to advance. Bring your mat and a bottle of water; and come out and have fun. Families are welcome!

New – “Line Dancing”- Join the Steppers every 2nd Monday from 6:30-7:15pm.

Once a week- \$15 (month) Twice a week- \$20 (month) \$5-per class

PRE-HOLY WEEK CITYWIDE SERVICE

Bethel AME Church, 200 Regan Street, Greensboro NC

Thursday, **March 21-** 7pm

A call to all people of Greensboro to come together in worship with prayer, praise, and a proclamation to connect the suffering and injustices of today to the Passion of Jesus; and the reason for which He lived, died, and was resurrected.

Music, Praise, Prayer and Proclamation

Sponsored By the Pulpit Forum of Greensboro and Vicinity

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES....will be held here on Thursday, **March 28** at 6:30pm and will include Footwashing and Communion. Please make plans to participate in the Service of Worship.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Easter Sunrise Service will be held at New Zion Baptist Missionary Church at 6am on Sunday, **March 31** for Saint Matthews UMC, New Zion and Shiloh Baptist Churches. This is not to be confused with the Greensboro Cluster Sunrise Services.

“DEARLY DEPARTED”

The Theatre at A&T presents another play titled "Dearly Departed" on Saturday, April, 2013 at 8pm. The cost is \$8 per person. Mr. Ernest Allen will select a Restaurant where reservations are allowed. If you are interested in attending, please respond by Sunday, **March 31** to Mr. Ernest Allen.

FREE TAX PREPARATION.... at the Glenwood Library, 1901 W. Florida St. every Saturday until April 13, 2013 from 9:30am - 12:30pm.

WE'RE ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

You are invited to join the Wednesday Morning Bible Study Class as they travel to The Pennsylvania Dutch Country to see the production “NOAH” at the Sight and Sound Theatre. Trips dates are June 29-30, 2013. If interested, contact Ms. Honora Brown, Mr. Coley Hooker or Mrs. Joyce Palm-Harris. A \$100 deposit is required to make a reservation.

LET'S RECYCLE!

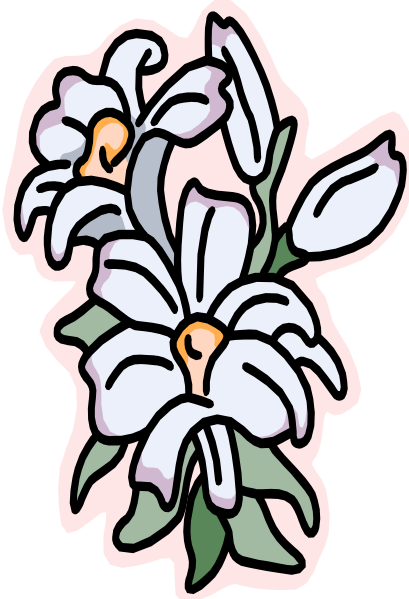
The Church and Society Committee in cooperation with the City of Greensboro Recycling Center have obtained a recycling bin for use by church members in which to collect recyclable products. Pickup is every two weeks. If anyone is interested in volunteering to empty the recycling bins each week (on a rotating basis) please contact Ms. Michelle Mebane, Ms. Audrey Carpenter, Mrs. Allison Chiles, or Ms. Karlah Burton.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE

Please be mindful of the deadline for announcements for the bulletin, **Wednesday by 2pm.** You **MUST SUBMIT BEFORE THE DEADLINE.** Information received after the deadline will appear in the following week's bulletin.

Easter Lilies

This year for Easter, beautiful Easter Lilies will adorn the sanctuary and act as a reminder of new life. You also have the opportunity to honor or memorialize someone with an Easter Lily.



The cost for each Lily is \$10. To order yours, please complete this form and return it to Mrs. Honora Brown or Mrs. Wanda Edgerton. Please make checks payable to Saint Matthews UMC.

Only 2 names per Lily

The completed form and payment should be turned in no later than March 24.

Your Name: _____

Telephone Number _____

Number of Easter Lillies: _____

Total cost (\$10 per Lily):\$ _____

IN MEMORY OF

IN HONOR OF

After Easter (please check one):

____ I will pick up my plant (s) after 11 am Worship Service or on Monday

____ Please dispose of my plant (s).

PHONE TREE

Our new phone tree is fully operational and you should have received a call last weekend. If you did not, please complete the form below to assure that you receive all future church announcements. Place completed form in the collection plate.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email _____

Please circle your primary contact number. This information will be used ONLY by the Phone Tree Committee.

CHECK REQUEST PROCEDURE

Committee leaders, chairperson or persons with a check request, please submit Request for Checks on Wednesday by 3pm. They will be available for pick-up or mailing by the following Friday morning. If you have an emergency request, please complete the Check Request Form and leave it at the church office or in the door tray.

CHURCH TABLES AND CHAIRS

No chair, tables, or other church properties are to be taken off the premises or borrowed without the written consent of the Trustees. A Request Form has to be completed or send your request by email to smatt600@triad.rr.com for approval.

REQUEST AND ROOM SCHEDULING

No one is to schedule a meeting, rehearsal, or any other activity unless cleared with Ms. Kirk. The custodians will not open an office door for anyone unless **granted permission**. Each organization is responsible for making sure all lights and machines are off in the area being used before leaving the building. The custodians will be the last to leave and will make sure all exit and entrance doors are secure.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE LAY ACADEMY OF RELIGION

Christ UMC – Fellowship Center

Winter 2013 Session: The Book of the Twelve with Dr. Mickey Efirid

Date: Tuesday - **March 19**

Time: 7pm- 8:30pm

Cost: \$25 per person/ \$35 per couple Registration: Call 336.299.1517- ext. 333

NUTRITION, HEALTH, & WELLNESS FAIR

“Plan Your Path to Health” on Friday, **March 22** from 10am-4pm at Shiloh Baptist Church. This event is free to the public. There will be consultations with health specialists, educational workshops, health screenings, healthy cooking demonstrations and snacks, puppet show, face painting, zumba fitness and much more.

YOU ARE INVITED!

The Morehouse College Glee Club in concert on Saturday, **March 23** at 7pm at the Annie Merner Pfeiffer Chapel, Bennett College. Free and open to the public.

COMMUNITY GATHERING FOR CAREGIVERS

If you are caring for an elderly family member or friend with Alzheimer's disease or dementia and would like to receive free information and materials related to caregiving, please join us for lunch on Saturday, **March 23** from 9am-1pm at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Please contact Mrs. Dora Som-Pimpong at 336.285.2176 if you want to participate.

IN OUR DAUGHTERS' EYES

Please join us at the Carolina Theatre on Sunday, **March 24** from 3-5pm for an Afternoon Tea and Fashion Show "Go Red For Women" at the Carolina Theatre, 310 South Greene Street. Tickets: \$20/Adults; \$10/Students; Ages 4 and under; Complimentary Seating is limited, please reserve today. Please RSVP by Monday, **March 18** to Ruth Darling Heyd at Ruth.Heyd@heart.org or 336.707.3134. Guilford Go Red For Women is presented by our Top County Sponsors, NewBridge Bank and Kernersville Medical Center.

"SEIZING THE MOMENT"

Malachi House II 3rd Annual Silent Auction Fundraising Banquet "Seizing The Moment on Friday and Saturday, April 12 -13, 2013 at 6:30pm at the Dynacom Event Center, 2100 E. Wendover Ave. Reserve your seat today at 336.375.0900.
Individual - \$20
Table of 8 - \$120

LENTEN SEASON 2013 BIBLE STUDIES, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER SUNRISE ASH WEDNESDAY

7pm

03/20/13	Metropolitan UMC	Talk with the Author - Dr. Powe	12noon
		Talk with the Author - Dr. Powe	7pm

03/27/13 **HOLY WEEK SERVICE ONLY: NO BIBLE STUDY** **12noon**
Note: Confirmation class will be offered for youth if there is a need. If there is no need for confirmation training, a youth Bible Study will be offered. Please contact Rev. Otto Harris at 336.580.2338 to register your youth.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES **7pm each night**

03/27/13	Church: Laughlin Memorial UMC	Preacher: Rev. Dr. M. Ruth Smith
03/28/13	Church: Persimmon Grove AME	Preacher: Rev. Dr. Clay Gloster
03/29/13	Church: Bass Chapel UMC	Preachers: Rev. Regina Crawford Rev. Kindall Glover , Rev. Foster Lee Rev. Charles Huff, Rev. Ellen Spuill Rev. Shirley Donnell

SAINT MATTHEWS UMC CLASSIFIED

▪ **NEED STEWARDS, USHERS, AND ACOLYTES?**

Planning a program and need ushers, acolytes, or stewards? Contact the following people a month in advance: Ushers-Mr. Michael Dillard, Acolytes –Mrs. Allison Chiles, Stewards-Mrs. Shirley Hymon-Parker

▪ **PRAISE TEAM / FELLOWSHIP CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED**

Rehearsal is every Tuesday at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

▪ **ACOLYTES NEEDED** (at least 10 years of age)

Contact Mrs. Allison Chiles. We need acolytes for both services, with the greatest need at 8:30am worship service.

▪ **SHEPHERDS NEEDED -YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS**

Persons willing to make contact with flock and communicate permissible information to our pastor, and provide meals for our members in need or visit our sick-and- shut in. Contact Mrs. Wanda Edgerton at 336.275.0027.

▪ **SOUND TECHNICIANS**

Train as sound technicians for both services and other programs/events. Contact Mr. Kaize Adams, Mr. Anthony Adams or Mr. George McNeill.

▪ **MEN CHAPERONES NEEDED**

Serve as chaperones on trips for the youth. Contact Ms. Kimberly Clarke at 336.324.9058.

▪ **SCOUT LEADERS AND ADULT COUNSELORS NEEDED**

Serve as Committee Members, Merit Badge Counselors, Director of Cub Scouts and Eagle Advisors for BSA Troop 441. Contact Mr. Tony Phifer at 336.643.9309.

▪ **CALLING ALL BOYS AGES 10-17**

“STEP” team to our Liturgical Arts Ministry. Contact Ms. Gwen Poole at 336.457.1919 or email woodlea@hotmail.com.

▪ **WE NEED YOU!**

Girls from Kindergarten through High School are needed as Girl Scouts. Contact Mrs. Romona Gibson at 336.632.1495.

▪ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Youth Ministry and Sunday School Teachers

▪ **CHURCH AND SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!**

Interested person willing to service on the Church and Society Committee, please contact Ms. Michelle Mebane, Ms. Audrey Carpenter, Mrs. Allison Chiles or chairperson, Ms. Karlah Y. Burton.

VAN DRIVERS FOR MARCH 2013		
03	Lewis Burgman	
10	William Coley	
17	George McNeill	
24	Josephine Brown	
31	Roslyn Smith	

Note: Please check the church bulletin board located beside the church office for the upcoming months list of van drivers.

USHERS

8:30 A.M.

Joanne Brower
Joyce Palm-Harris
Olga Phifer

11:00 A.M.

Wanda Phifer
Voncile Ferguson
Mary Donnell
Yvette Grier
Helen Robbins

STEWARDS

ERNEST ALLEN

James Payne
Malik Matthews
Kimberly Clarke

FRANK GLOVER

Russell Gibson
Aaron Simpson
Clarence Grier

EDMUND FAIRLEY

Wesley Simpson
Buford Kidd
William Scarborough

ACOLYTES FOR MARCH 2013		
	8:30 A.M.	11:00 A.M.
03	Harper Chiles	Caroline & John Bigelow and Clive Dixon
10	Brianna Beck	Eleana & Keith Purvis
17	Howard Evans.	George & Haven Grier
24	Harper Chiles	Brenda C. Caldwell & Johnny Powell
31	One Service	Harper Chiles and Clive Dixon

Let us remember our sick and shut-in members
with our prayers, calls and visits.

SHEPHERDS: Your flock wants to hear from you! If you have not contacted them lately, why not do it soon. **BECAUSE WE CARE**, and to ensure that our church can extend every caring ministry (prayer, shepherding, pastoral and lay visits, communion, hospital visits, prayer shawl, and phone calls) to our members in a time of need, we ask that if you or a family member are going to the hospital, at home sick, or experiencing a crisis such as a death in the family, please call Pastor Beverly at the church or call her cell phone number at 704-718-3839. You may also contact your shepherd. Thank you in advance for helping the church to provide the best care possible to its members.

VISITORS WELCOME: It is with great pleasure that we receive you on this Lord's Day, not as visitors, but as friends and fellow worshipers of the true God. We wish for you all the joys of the true worshipers today and always. Visit us often. If you are without a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthews.

TAPE MINISTRY: Audiotapes of the weekly worship service(s) and other special services are available at a cost of \$2.00 per tape. Please fill out form located in the church office.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

DAY	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
SUNDAY	Early Morning Service	8:30am	Sanctuary
	Sunday School	10am	Classrooms & Chapel
	Worship Service	11am	Sanctuary
	Youth Choir Rehearsal	2pm – 3:30pm	Sanctuary
		(1 st & 2 nd Sunday)	
		12:30pm – 1pm	
		(3 rd Sunday)	
	Youth Meeting	12:30pm-2pm	Room 20/ Lounge
TUESDAY	Fellowship Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm – 8pm	Sanctuary
	Adult Bible Study	6:30pm – 8pm	Room 20
	Men's Rehearsal	6pm -7pm	Choir Room
WEDNESDAY	Adult Bible Study	11am – 12noon	Room 20
	Corporate Prayer	12 noon	Sanctuary
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Choir Room Sanctuary
	Progressive Adult Choir Rehearsal	7pm – 8:30pm	Sanctuary/ Chapel
	Youth Bible Study	7pm-8pm	Lounge
THURSDAY			

	Young Adult Bible Study	6:30-7:30pm	Room 20
SATURDAY	Boy Scout's Meeting	10am – 11am	Fellowship Hall
	Youth Meeting	5pm	TBA
	Drug Anonymous	9:30pm – 11:30pm	Fellowship Hall
MON - WED	Food Pantry Open	10am – 12pm	Pantry

Note: Children's Choir Rehearsal day has changed to Monday at 6:30pm.