

The ParishScope

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St. Matthew's
United Methodist Church



Upcoming

St. Matthew's Concert Series Begins November 21st!

Join us on Facebook online for St. Matthew's Concert Series on November 21st at 5:00 pm. This concert features Singer and Composer Lito Villareal. As with everything online, you have a choice of coming at 5 pm on Sunday or at a later time or day – whatever works best for you.

Go to the church Facebook page if already a Facebook follower or go to the following online address to see the concert

- <http://www.Facebook.com/Stmatts1/videos/>

Lito Villareal is a Composer, Singer, Producer, and Actor. Lito grew up in the Philippines. In 2002, after winning the Grand Prize for the International Urban song of the Year Award for the Gospel Music Association's Seminar in the Rockies, Lito decided to move to the United States. He composed two of the Philippines' biggest musical hits – C. S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, and *Little Mermaid*, which won the Aliw Award for Best Musical and for the world premiere of C.S. Lewis play *The Horse and His Boy*.

As an actor and performer, Lito has also been in *Les Miserables*, *Passion*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Once On This Island*, *Joseph the Dreamer*, *Godspell*, *The Wiz*, *An Evening with Stephen Schwartz: A Wicked Tribute* and at the 2018 Academy Awards. Lito moved to NYC in 2019 right before the pandemic, but managed to stay active with online performances and composing for his new musicals. He is excited to see what this year holds for him as the world opens up again.





St. Matthew's Annual Charge Conference Is Wednesday, November 17th At 7:30 pm

All Church ("Charge") Conference is our church's "annual meeting." This year our charge conference will be at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, November 17th with our new district superintendent, Rev. Siosaia (Saia) Tu'itahi presiding.

Just like last year, we will not meet in person at the church. Instead, we will meet from the comfort of our home (or work place) by Zoom. No word yet whether pets are invited to come this year.

During Charge Conference, the congregation elects church leaders, takes stock of its ministry over the last year, and lays a foundation for the year ahead. Since it is actually an All Church Conference, all church members may vote.

If you are coming by phone

Dial: 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 997 5171 2121#

If asked for a second ID: #

Password: 380146#

If you are coming by computer

Go to <https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 997 5175 2121

Password: 380146

Preschool Open House Coming Soon

Blessings Preschool is planning an open house for the St. Matthew's Church Family on a Sunday after church. The new preschool director, Tina Rike, will share about the preschool during worship. After worship, folks from St. Matthew's can tour the Preschool and see all the work that's been done to get ready for the reopening. This includes painting, new floors, new furniture, redoing the play yard,

The Open House is planned. It just needs a date. Blessings Preschool wants to wait until it is open so the church family can not only see the grounds, but also meet some of the new staff. Unfortunately, licensing has become very, very slow. The preschool has been waiting over two months for what it hopes will be the final licensing visit to clear it to open.

Watch the announcements and e-mails for the date of the open house. And then come and see everything that's been happening.



St. Matthew's Worship Equipment Upgrade Is Happening Slowly

The installation of the new equipment has begun in the sanctuary. The new 82 inch monitors are installed. They were used during the All Saints Sunday worship service on November 7th.

As sometimes happens, the installation is unfolding in stages and taking longer than expected. The sound system is almost finished. But, before going live on Sunday morning, it is important to have time for training and practice. In working with the new cameras, we discovered that different cameras were a better fit for the church's needs. Fortunately, these new cameras could be returned. But, the cameras which better fit the church's needs are on back order. Meanwhile wiring is being installed so that when the cameras finally arrive everything should be in place to use them. Hopefully, the entire equipment upgrade will be installed, ready to use and people trained by the end of November. Meanwhile, enjoy how the new monitors are helping to enhance worship.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Gathering Sunday, December 8th

St. Matthew's continues finding new ways to do traditional things. This year there will be a combined Thanksgiving & Christmas Gathering on Sunday, December 8th. Because of this December gathering, there will *not* be a gathering on November 21st, the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Joy and Terry Feulner are coordinating the Thanksgiving/Christmas Gathering. Last year the group had a wonderful time together on zoom. Everyone had an opportunity to share something for which they were thankful.

This year the plan is to meet in person with a significant time for sharing similar to last year. If all goes well, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall. It may also be possible for folks to come by zoom. Right now, it is still *not* wise to have a potluck. So, it will mostly be a time to gather, share and give thanks with one another.

Save the date now. Then, watch the December *ParishScope* and announcements for more information.



News About Men's Breakfast



The Men's Breakfast Group is now GETTING TOGETHER IN-PERSON. We meet every Thursday at 8:00am at IHOP. Some are also coming by zoom. Call David Crain for further details.

Good News About Top of the Hill

Top of the Hill will meet AGAIN via Zoom on Monday, December 13 at Noon. To join via zoom, please click on the following link. Our topic will be a holiday themed and a lot of fun for all. Please join us.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85212231333?pwd=dFNRSIRqdjY5NIFXeitSSHJzenRjQT09>



News About Martha Circle and Eve Circle

Martha Circle and Eve Circle are in the process of reorganizing into one Circle as both Circles lost several members during the last year and a half. As of this time a new name for the Circle has not been selected. Approximately ten to twelve members will be meeting once a month with day and time to be determined.

The group has selected "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Brown Taylor as their study book. Ruth Hutchison is ordering study books for those who need one. If you need a book please contact Ruth.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 10 at 1:00 PM in Dodrill Hall. New members will be welcomed!



A Thank You Note

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for so many caring ways you have helped me this past year. Thank you for the flowers, the cards, the texts and phone calls . . . for those that have been my transportation when needed. All of you have been such a blessings.

Love,
Sharon Kline

Those Gorgeous Ladies of the Ladies Lunch Who Gathered at *Casa Blanca* on November 4th.



We Continue to Get Together . . .



The Adult Sunday School Class meets Sunday mornings at 8:30am via Zoom.

If you are coming by phone

Dial: 1-669-900-6833
Meeting ID: 832 3700 6446#
If asked for a second ID: #
Password: 778913#

If you are coming by computer

Go to <https://zoom.us/join>
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The Shalom Group meets In-person in the Church Office.
Beginning at 10:00 a.m. each Monday morning. Call Sharon Kline for more information.



Women's Breakfast gets together by Zoom at 8:30 am each Wednesday. Any questions, please contact Chris Gallagher.

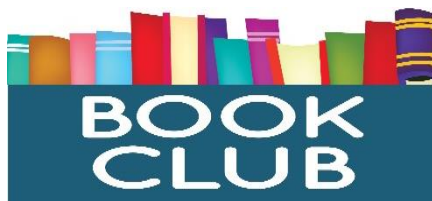
If you are coming by phone

Dial: 1-669-900-6833
Meeting ID: 638 574 0531#
If asked for a second ID: #
Password: 118405#

If you are coming by computer, tablet

Go to <https://zoom.us/join>
Meeting ID: 638 574 0531
Password: 118405

The first Thursday of each month our Ladies get together In-Person for lunch at *Casa Blanca*. We meet for lunch starting at 11:30am.



The Book Club meets the third Wednesday of each month. We meet in the Church Library/Office beginning at 12:30pm.



November Birthdays And Wedding Anniversaries

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| Nov. 1 | Jeffrey Graves |
| Nov. 4 | C. J Bongolan |
| Nov. 4 | Elaine Ono |
| Nov. 7 | Lynda Zheng |
| Nov. 8 | Monica Shim |
| Nov. 10 | Barby Straub |
| Nov. 13 | Vera Holte |
| Nov. 14 | Betty Williams |
| Nov. 19 | Terry Feulner |
| Nov. 19 | Caroline Weatherford |
| Nov. 19 | Huber Bongolan, Jr. |
| Nov. 21 | Brian Logan |
| Nov. 23 | Bob Preston |
| Nov. 24 | David Crain |
| Nov. 24 | Bob Hernandez |
| Nov. 27 | Roger Williams |
| Nov. 27 | Harvey Spicher |
| Nov. 28 | Linda Pastrana |
| Nov. 29 | Veronica Cortez |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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| Nov. 3 rd | Glenn & Dolores Hayes |
| Nov. 14 th | Mike & Naomi Burchardt |



November Calendar @ St. Matthew's UMC

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| Monday, Nov. 1 | 10:00am - Shalom meets in Library |
| Tuesday, Nov. 2 | 7:00pm - Trustees meeting |
| Wednesday, Nov. 3 | 8:30am – Women's Breakfast on Zoom 3:00pm – Worship @ The Palms |
| Thursday, Nov. 4 | 8:00am - Men's Breakfast at IHOP 11:30am - Women's Lunch at <i>Casa Blanca</i> |
| Saturday, Nov. 6 | 9:00am - Worship Committee Set-up for All Saints Sunday in Sanctuary |
| Sunday, Nov. 7 | 8:00am - Early Worship 8:30am - Adult Sunday School on Zoom 10:00am - Worship in Sanctuary and Online – All Saints Sunday <i>3:00pm - Special Church Council Meeting</i> |
| Monday, Nov. 8 | 10:00am - Shalom meets in Library |
| Tuesday, Nov. 9 | 7:30pm – Staff Parish Meeting |
| Wednesday, Nov. 10 | 8:30am – Women's Breakfast on Zoom 1:00pm - Ladies Circles Group Meets in Dodrill Hall 3:00pm – Worship @ The Palms |
| Thursday, Nov. 11 | 8:00am - Men's Breakfast at IHOP 1:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting, Fellowship Hall Patio 3:30pm - Carillon Bells rehearsal |
| Sunday, Nov. 14 | 8:00am - Early Worship 8:30am - Adult Sunday School on Zoom 10:00am - Worship in Sanctuary and Online |
| Monday, Nov. 15 | 10:00am - Shalom meets in Library |
| Wednesday, Nov. 17 | 8:30am - Women's Breakfast on Zoom 3:00pm - Worship @ The Palms <i>7:30pm - Annual St. Matthew's UMC Charge Conference on Zoom</i> |
| Thursday, Nov. 18 | 8:00am - Men's Breakfast at IHOP 3:30pm - Carillon Bells rehearsal |
| Sunday, Nov. 21 | 8:00am - Early Worship 8:30am - Adult Sunday School on Zoom 10:00am - Worship in Sanctuary and Online - Thanksgiving Sunday <i>5:00pm – Facebook Concert Online featuring</i> <i>Singer, Composer and Actor - Lito Villareal</i> |
| Monday, Nov. 22 | 10:00am - Shalom meets in Library |
| Wednesday, Nov. 17 | 8:30am - Women's Breakfast on Zoom 3:00pm - Worship @ The Palms |
| Thursday, Nov. 25 | Church Office closed for Thanksgiving |
| Friday, Nov. 26 | Church Office closed for Thanksgiving Weekend |
| Sunday, Nov. 28th | 8:00am - Early Worship 8:30am - Adult Sunday School on Zoom 10:00am - Worship in Sanctuary and Online – First Sunday in Advent |
| Monday, Nov. 29 th | 10:00am - Shalom meets in Library |



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