



The ParishScope



St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

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September 2022 Issue

Pastor David Offers Free Music Lessons To Our Community !



Free Music Lessons



Keyboard

Guitar

Drums

Lesson Days & Times :

Every Thursday and Friday (3PM-7PM)

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St. Matthew's United Methodist Church provides Free Music lessons to the community. Anyone over the age of 7 can apply. It is a great opportunity for you to learn musical instruments. You will gain some advanced-level skills in a year. Come join these wonderful lessons. Fill out the application on the back side and submit it to the church office.

Music Lesson Application

Name	First:	Middle:	Last:
Birth of Date:	Age:	Gender: Male(), Female()	
School:			Grade:
Tel	Cell:	Home:	Work:
Home Address			
Email Address			
Current Church:			
Which instrument do you want to learn?			
What instruments can you play and how long have you learned?			
What made you apply for this music lesson?			
*** All applicants will need to submit their applications to the church office and be willing to undergo an interview with the director of this program.			



A Thank You From Pastor David And Mary About the Free Music Lessons

William Carey, an English missionary who served as a missionary in India, said: “Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God!”

We must attempt great things for God, for the gospel, and for the community. That is what we Christians should do in our lives.

It's been two months since Mary, and I came to St. Matthew's UMC. We are now adjusted to life here. Of course, there's still a lot to learn about the church system, but I think you'll get used to it soon. I've been very busy visiting members' homes, talking with people on the phone, and doing church ministry for the past two months. I still have a lot of people to meet, and I'm scheduling a home visit and a phone call. Ms. Louise is helping me with this.

Mary and I will soon start our Free Music Lessons. Eight young students and two adults enrolled during the week. We will start our lessons on Thursday (September 8). We will receive 35 people first. And those who apply after 35 people will be on the waiting list.

I sincerely thank you for your donations to our Free Music Lessons. We will try to live up to your support and expectations.

Your offerings and donations are very helpful to the church ministry. On behalf of the church, I deeply appreciate your offerings and donations. Some of you can't come and participate in the church ministry in person, but you're participating in our ministry with your offerings and donations and you're serving together with us.

Now we will attempt great things for God. I will continue to pray to God, do my best, and humbly serve our church and community. I believe that God will do great things to our church when we attempt great things for God.

- *Pastor David and Mary*





ST. MATTHEW'S UMC'S GET TOGETHERS

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>

Meeting ID: 832 3700 6446

Password: 778913

THE SHALOM GROUP meets in the Church Office, beginning at 10:00am each Monday morning. Call Sharon Kline for more information.

CARD MINISTRY gets together to create beautiful greeting cards on the first Wednesday of each month. They meet at 1:00pm in the Church Office. Contact Janet Shoop for more information.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST gets together by Zoom at 8:30am 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 MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP meets each Thursday morning at 8:00am at IHOP. Phone David Crain for further details

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 Thursday of each month. We meet in the Church Library/Office beginning at 12:30pm.

TOP OF THE HILL meets via Zoom the second Monday of each month at Noon. To join via zoom, please click on the following link. Our topics are different each meeting and a lot of fun for all. Please join us.

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

NAOMI CIRCLE meets on the third Wednesday of each month. We meet at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Call Dorothy Persinger for more information. New members will be welcomed!

If you have any further questions or need a group leader's phone number, be sure to contact the Church Office at 626-333-6656 or email to smumchh@gmail.com.



September Birthdays

3	Sharon Kline
6	Don Pastrana, Jr.
8	Rosa Robles
8	Michael Vandeventer
12	Glenn Hayes
13	Jean Logan
13	Naomi Burchardt
14	Louise Burnett (Resident @ The Palms)
18	Denise Kozak
19	Millicent Cazares
25	Wendy Wyatt
26	Judith Rader
28	Sam Robles
30	Al Sardo
30	Anita Lopez



September Wedding Anniversaries

14 th	Cliff & Peggy Duck
519 th	Gail & Dorothy Persinger



An Invite To Join The Chancel Choir And/Or Carillon Bells



Do you love to sing or would like to learn to play the handbells? Then . . . you are certainly are welcome to join St. Matthew's Chancel Choir and/or Carillon Bells.

The Bells rehearse at 2:00pm on Wednesdays. The Choir rehearses each Wednesday at 3:00pm.

If you would like to join Choir or Bells, please contact our Music Director, Elaine Ono, at onoloves@yahoo.com. or take a minute or two and talk to her after the Sunday Worship Service.



FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

September 1, 2022

Joyous results from the request for funding for the Free Music Lessons Program! Through the end of July \$8,000 was received which will more than cover the initial startup costs! The excess will be held in reserve for the ongoing costs of the program. Thank You All! St. Matthew's always answers the call.

Through July 2022 net loss is higher than planned because of unexpected, unplanned costs. Happily, St. Matthews' has reserve savings to provide the cash flow needed to see us through the year.

Income from Pledges and Gifts are less than budgeted and this is expected to continue during the summer and fall months where historically giving drops off a bit. The shortage is historically made up in December when St. Matthew's, like most congregations, sees its most generous gifts. Income continues to be bolstered by space donations (BCUMC & KMC), as well as the lease income from Blessings Day Care.

Unplanned expenses have included repairs to the parking lot lighting, repair (and water costs) for a large water leak, and landscape clean up behind the sanctuary. Additionally, the parsonage flooring required replacement costing just under \$7,000, which had not been planned for. Total costs of renovations to the Parsonage were \$14,175, of which \$8,675 was drawn from the Capital Fund were used for the fencing, flooring, and concrete pad.

YEAR TO DATE THROUGH July 31, with comparison to prior year

	<u>Jan - July 2022</u>	<u>Jan - July 2021</u>
Income		
Pledges & Gifts	101,643	117,908
Space donations, events	28,700	14,000
Lease income-Preschool Building	16,958	12,300
Other income	89	99
Capital Campaigns & Fund Drives*	6,538	-5,911
Total Income	153,929	138,397
Expense	195,109	157,803
Net Income (Loss)	-41,181	-19,405

CASH AVAILABLE

Cash available July 31,	\$ 84,625	\$ 113,241
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~Cash available includes all St. Matthew's accounts, checking, savings, and reserve accounts

~Questions? Patty Graves, Treasurer: pattygraves@hotmail.com or phone/text (562) 713-8717

*Includes \$8,000 received for the Free Music Lessons program, less costs expended for other capital projects



Stewardship: Faith in Action

A WONDERFUL LIFE

St. Matthew's continues a legacy of being good stewards to one another, the community, and the world

September 2022

I wasn't raised in the church, other than attending Christmas Eve services, but my parents did encourage us kids to attend Sunday School.

As a child I loved being able to drop the coins my parents gave me into the offering plate – it made me feel grown up and holy.

As a teenager I included my church offering in negotiations for an increase in allowance (this much for church, this much for savings, this much for shoes/purses, this much for spending).

As a young struggling wage earner and wife I used to only make my offering when I attended church, and if I missed, hey, "I don't have to pay for church this week."

As I started attending St. Matthew's somehow God made me aware that the church bills are no longer what they were in my younger days. Just as gas was no longer 89 cents/gallon, the church's costs had risen over the years. I increased my gifts.

As I became a regular at St. Matthew's and watched the offering plate passed very few members were putting something in; it seemed empty for as many people as were there. I realized that many members must be giving monthly. "Hmmm," the Holy Spirit guided me, "God's work needs my support even during weeks when I don't attend. I began to make gifts even for the weeks I missed.

Now, many years later, I still struggle with my desire to store up my treasures on earth. God continues to encourage my giving. God has truly and abundantly blessed me.

Patty Graves

"Sin, he reflected, is not what it is usually thought to be; it is not to steal and tell lies. Sin is for one man to walk brutally over the life of another and to be quite oblivious of the wounds he has left behind." from *Silence* by Shusaku Endo

God is asset rich – He owns it all. But He is cash poor, all his funds are in our hands.

The God Pocket, Bruce Wilkinson

...Let us follow the Holy Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

Galatians 5:25

St Matthew's is an inclusive congregation that puts its faith into action

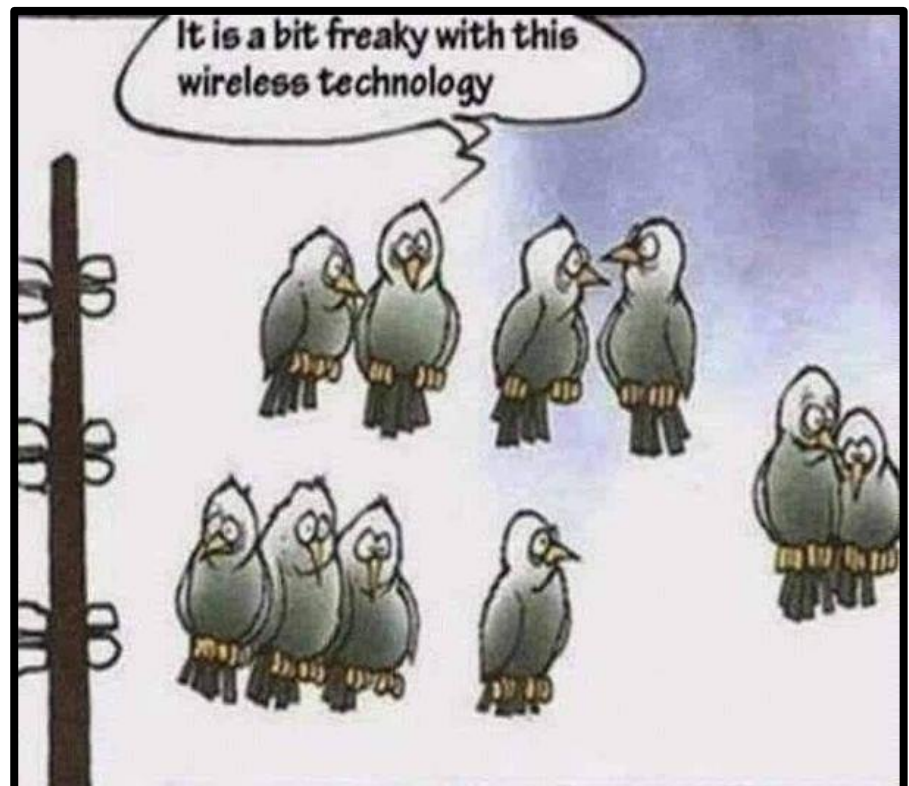


Naomi Circle News

Naomi Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 21 at 1:00 PM in the Sunday School Classroom of Fellowship Hall. We will discuss Chapter 5 (pages 69 to 86) of *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

New members are welcome!!! Contact Dorothy Persinger for more information.

A Laugh for the Day



Help Needed For Sunday Worship Services

HELP WANTED

St. Matthew's is still looking for 2 persons to help with Sunday Worship. We are in need of a Video/Audio producer to lead a small team live streaming our weekly Sunday morning worship services.

We also need a "sub" for our audio/sound technician so our current audio/sound technician can take a few Sunday off when needed.

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The day the power
of love overrules
the love of power,
the world will know peace.

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St. Matthew's United Methodist Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. David Choi, Pastor

Elaine Ono, Director of Music

Louise Green, Office Administrator

Morgan Matthews, Sound Tech

Greg Gomez, Custodian

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