



Today's altar flowers are given with love by Debi Giller in memory of her mom, Barbara Nied.

*"I thank my God for every remembrance of you."
Philippians 1:3*

St. Matthew's is at the starting line for replacing our current vehicle used to transport food to the Cass Community twice a week. There is a receptacle for donations designated for **Mission Vehicle Replacement** on the table in the Narthex. If you would like to contribute to this vital part of our outreach ministry, please make checks out to St. Matthew's UMC, with "MVR Fund" in the memo line. Each week we will post the progress of our journey. Thank you for hitting the road with us on this endeavor!



The September Engagement Mission of collecting toiletries for D.O. It for Denny in their "take what you need" carts in each Livonia Public School will be different going forward. St. Matt's will now be partnering with Clarenceville High School where we hope to provide toiletry items for kids in need. We will place a cart (donated by D.O. It for Denny) at CHS filled with toiletry items that kids can access in the privacy of the school office. Travel and full sized items such as tooth-paste, shampoo, soap, razors, feminine care products, etc., are in great demand for these students. We hope to be able to fill it with items throughout the school year, collecting in both September and February. Please see Jenny Ronayne with questions.



All Saints' Day 11/1- This year we will revert back to having our celebration of All Saints' Day on the first Sunday of November (rather than the first Sunday of January), which will be on November 1. Therefore, if you would like to honor a loved one (they did not have to belong to St. Matthew's) that has passed since our last reporting time of January 4, 2026, please submit their name, date of death, relationship to you, a line or two about them and a photo to Kim DeSantis by **OCTOBER 23**. If you have any questions, please contact Kim or Worship Team Chair, Kelly Henry. Thank you!

Weekly Events

SUNDAY 9/27

9:30 AM | Emmanuel Adult Sunday School (Chapel)
10:30 AM | Worship (Sanctuary, On-line)*
11:30 AM | Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
11:30 AM | St. Matthew's Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 PM | Life Church Worship (Sanctuary, Nursery, 107/108)
1:30 PM | Life Church Dinner (Fellowship Hall, Kitchen)

MONDAY 9/28

9:00 AM | Classical Bells (Music Room)

TUESDAY 9/29

8:00 AM | Cass Delivery (off-site)

WEDNESDAY 9/30

8:00 AM | Coffee at Anastasia & Katie's (19215 Merriman)
9:00 AM | Memorial Garden Care
6:00 PM | Life Church Worship/Youth Service (Sanct, 107/108)

THURSDAY 10/1

5:30 PM | Barbershop Quartet Practice (Music Room)

FRIDAY 10/2

8:00 AM | Cass Delivery (off-site)

SATURDAY 10/3

8:00 AM | Life Church Men's Prayer (107/108)
10:30 AM | Memorial Service (Sanctuary)

**Join our worship livestream on our YouTube channel:*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsaq8vGI-eNZsYQUUGKIO5A>

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St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

September 27, 2026

United Women in Faith Sunday



"Surprise"

Rev. Faith Fowler



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September 27, 2026

10:30 AM Worship Service

"UWF Sunday"

Gathering Music/Prelude

Call to Worship* Janet Walker

One: Come, people of God— let us gather before the One who is our Shepherd and King.

All: For Christ calls us to see him in the hungry and the thirsty, the stranger and the lonely, the vulnerable and the imprisoned.

One: Come, not only to receive God’s mercy, but to become vessels of that mercy in the world.

All: Let us worship the One who welcomes the least, loves without measure, and calls us to serve one another as though we were serving Christ himself. Come, let us worship God. Amen!

Opening Song* "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" UMH #731

Welcoming Pastor Chris

Passing of the Peace
(We greet one another as a sign of God’s peace and Christ’s friendship by saying, “The peace of Christ be with you.” We respond with, “And also with you.”)

Children’s Time Rachel DeSantis
(Following Children's Time, students K-12 are welcome in the Youth Room for Faith & Friends)

Anthem "Draw the Circle Wide" Joyful Noise

Sharing of Joys & Concerns Alyson Gay

Giving Thanks in Offering Alyson Gay

Offertory "I Need Thee Every Hour" Bob Bartkowiak

Doxology* "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31-46 Janet Walker

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty

and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

Leader: A holy word for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

Introduction of Guest Minister Mary Anne Duluk

Sermon "Surprise" Rev. Faith Fowler

Announcements Jenny Ronayne

Closing Song* "Come, We That Love The Lord" UMH #732

Benediction* Rev. Faith Fowler

*PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

Attendance 9/20 - In church: 53 | Online: 108

Accompanist: Bob Bartkowiak

Song Leader/Choir Director: Karen Harkness

Guest Minister: Rev. Faith Fowler

Liturgist: Janet Walker

Coffee Hour Hosts: UWF

A/V Techs: Kelly Henry and Todd DeSantis

Ushers: Ken Duluk and Fabian Lanzy

Acolytes: Emma Allshouse, Deanna Allshouse, and Ashleigh Dudas



Mission Opportunity – During September we will be collecting funds to support the Baldwin Center. The Baldwin Center is a charity that feeds and provides clothing/supplies to the poor in Pontiac. If you would like to help support Baldwin financially, please make checks out to St. Matthews UMC, then indicate on your giving envelope, “Missions – Baldwin Center.” If giving online, please select Missions, then indicate Baldwin Center in your comments. Any questions, please contact Drew Doty.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers...

Barbara Bloom - health concern
Mary Coram (SonShine Cleaning) - health concern
Bev Dabliz - health concern
Todd DeSantis - shoulder replacement recovery
Jane Johnson - health concern
Mary Sue Layle - health concern
Carolyn Seal - health concern



Please contact a staff member if you'd like to be on the prayer list. Names will be left on for 2 weeks at a time unless we hear otherwise. Thank you!

St. Matthew’s Prayer Card Date:_____

From: _____

(Please indicate your name or anonymous)

JOYS:

CONCERNS:
