



Society of St. Andrew
GLEANING AMERICA'S FIELDS
FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY

Mission Opportunity: During August we will be collecting for the Society of St. Andrew, which is an organization that through gleaning and fundraising helps to feed the hungry throughout the United

States. Forty-eight million people, nearly 1 in 5 children at times, do not have enough to eat. You can learn more about the Society of St. Andrew at <https://endhunger.org>. If you would like to support this charity financially, if giving by check please make the check to **St. Matthew's UMC**, then indicate on your giving envelope, "Missions – St. Andrew." If giving online through Tithe.ly, please select Missions, then indicate St. Andrew in the comments. Or if you would prefer to bring in canned or boxed food, we will collect and deliver to a local food pantry. As always, thank you for your support and generosity.



Our annual church picnic is coming up on Sunday, September 13! We will have an outdoor worship service featuring the Praise Band, followed by the picnic. Sign up sheets will be available for you to volunteer to

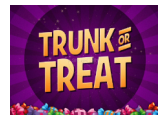
bring a salad, side, dessert or drinks. Please contact Jenny Ronayne with any questions regarding the *sign ups*.

Donations would be appreciated, however, to help offset the cost of the main course (a fish fry - as well as spaghetti! - courtesy of our own Pastor Chef Chris)! If you would like to give, please put your donation in the **black box** on the wall outside of the office. If giving by check, please make it out to **St. Matthew's UMC** and write "picnic" in the memo line. Please contact Kim DeSantis with any questions regarding the *donations*. Thank you!



Our kick off for the new Sunday School (Faith & Friends) year for the youth will take place on Sunday, September 20. They have picked their theme: "FRUIT OF THE

SPIRIT" and have some surprises in store for the congregation! Hope you'll join us in worship the week after the picnic and support the youth as they continue growing in their faith!



Date Change: We have changed the date of our community Trunk or Treat to Friday, October 30, from 5-7 PM. More information is coming soon!

Weekly Events

SUNDAY 8/23

9:30 AM | Emmanuel Adult Sunday School (Chapel)
10:30 AM | Worship (Sanctuary/Online)*
11:30 AM | Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 PM | Life Church Worship (Sanctuary, Nursery, 107/108)

MONDAY 8/24

No scheduled events.

TUESDAY 8/25

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

WEDNESDAY 8/26

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 8/27

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

FRIDAY 8/28

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

SATURDAY 8/29

No scheduled events.

*Join our worship livestream on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsag8vGI-eNZsYQUUGKIO5A>

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St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

August 23, 2026

"Don't Quit"

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August 23, 2026
10:30 AM Worship Service
"Don't Quit"

Gathering Music/Prelude

Call to Worship*

Liturgist

One: Come, all who are weary God invites you to come boldly and to remain faithful.
All: The Lord teaches us to pray without giving up.
One: "Jesus told the parable to show that we must always pray and not lose heart."
All: God is not distant; God hears the cries of God's people.
One: God teaches us to pray without losing heart.
All: We will not give up; our hope is in you.
One: Grant us perseverance in prayer.
All: Make us steadfast in every season.
One: Let us cry out day and night, trusting your justice and mercy.
All: We wait with faith; we worship with confidence.
One: The promise of Christ stands firm when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on the earth?
All: Today, we choose faith. Believing, persisting, and praying.
One: Let your prayers rise like incense. Let your hearts remain tender and expectant.
All: Let us worship God who answers, transforms, and sustains those who keep praying. Amen.

Opening Song*

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

UMH #147

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

Pastor Chris

(Children K-12 are welcome in the Youth Room for Faith & Friends)

Anthem

"Blessings"

Paula Steele

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastor Chris

Special Announcement

Ken Duluk & Carol Kahaian

Giving Thanks in Offering

Pastor Chris

Offertory

"How Great Thou Art"

Paula Steele

Doxology*

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

Scripture Reading

Luke 18:1-8

Liturgist

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.'⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says.⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Leader: A holy word for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Don't Quit"

Pastor Chris

Announcements

Jenny Ronayne

Closing Song*

"Hope of the World"

UMH #178

Benediction*

Pastor Chris

*PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

Attendance 8/16 - In church: 67 | Online: 61

Accompanist:

Bob Bartkowiak

Song Leader:

Karen Harkness

Guest Soloist:

Paula Steele

Liturgist:

Alyson Gay

Coffee Hour Host:

Bloom/Ronayne Families

A/V Tech:

Kelly Henry

Ushers:

Ken Duluk and Fabian Lanzy

Acolytes:

Emma Allshouse, Deanna Allshouse, and Ashleigh Dudas

We are saddened to share the news of the recent passing of Deni Hunter. Deni was a member of St. Matthew's who devoted her time to her family and to her passion for helping others, especially veterans. She faithfully made weekly food runs to Cass Community for St. Matthew's until she was no longer able to do so. Deni fought bravely against lung cancer, which eventually spread to her brain. There is no further information available at this time. Please keep her children, Jessica, Ross, and Echo, and her grandchildren in your prayers. Deni touched the lives of her family and many in our community, and she will be deeply missed. May she rest in peace...



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

Georgia Bartley - passing of her brother

Barbara Bloom - health concern

Bev Dabliz - health concern

Mary Sue Layle - 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:
