



ST. MATTHEW'S UMC GOOD NEWS UPDATE

October 1, 2023

Can You Help With the Fall Festival?

Pumpkin Patch — Help set up and decorate our small pumpkin patch — help obtain hay bales, scarecrows, and other décor to make it festive.

Expo Coordinator — Exhibit tables are a great way to allow business people to showcase their products, services, and programs. Help us find exhibitors! Tables are \$100 each.

Silent Auction — Last year, our silent auction made just shy of \$2500! We want to do it again but we need quality items and a coordinator.

Marketing — Help us get the word out into the community and on social media.

Getting Sponsors — The Fall Festival is lots of fun but also a much-needed fundraiser for the church. We need your help in getting sponsors and donors! Ask about sponsorship levels (see page 2 for more info).

Decorating — You can help make the Fall Festival FESTIVE by helping decorate the campus.

Set Up/Clean Up — If you want to work behind the scenes, we have a spot for you! Help us with setting up beforehand and cleaning up after the day of fun!

A sign-up sheet is on the podium in the lobby - sign up today!



CURRENT EVENTS

<u>Sun. 10/1</u>	<u>Mon. 10/2</u>	<u>Tue. 10/3</u>	<u>Wed. 10/4</u>	<u>Thu. 10/5</u>	<u>Fri. 10/6</u>	<u>Sat. 10/7</u>
9:15a Sun. School 10:17 Worship 3:00p Youth Pizza w/the Pastor in Fellowship Hall 6:00 Knitters	8:00a CWM 7:00p Scouts	8:00a CWM 9:30 Sr. Tuesday	8:00a CWM 9:00 Coffee with Pastor Lataya @ Common Bond 6:00p Choir Rehearsal	8:00a CWM 10:00 Chapel Time w/Ms. Nell on Facebook 8:30 Online Bible Study	8:00a CWM	8:30a Pancake Breakfast 10:00 Lydia Circle in Parlor

Fall Festival — Sponsorship Levels

Becoming a sponsor for this year's Fall Festival is a beautiful way to help offset the cost of bringing such an event successfully to our communities. Any amount toward any of these sponsorship levels is appreciated.

Use this QR code to give now!



Individual Sponsor = **\$100**

Family Sponsor = **\$250**

Security Guard Sponsor = **\$250**

Mini-Golf Sponsor = **\$350**

Train Ride Sponsor = **\$600**

Good Steward Sponsor = **\$500**

Community Sponsor = **\$1000**

Corporate Sponsor = **\$2500**

Legacy Sponsor = **\$5000**



They're Listening!

Written by Janet Galyean

Pastor Lataya's sermon on *Amazing Grace* reminded me once again how much our kids are listening to us, even when it seems like they are not paying attention. Lyra (Alves) sat beside me in the pew, quietly coloring a picture when Pastor Lataya recited the first line of the hymn: "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me." Lyra immediately stopped what she was doing to look up at me and quietly (but excitedly) say, "Gigi, it's that song you sing to Harper!" Harper is Lyra's cousin (my son Eric's daughter), and *Amazing Grace* is the last song Harper hears when she goes to bed at night, sung by whomever is putting her to bed. Sometimes that is me, as I also sometimes do with Lyra. Recently, I started singing it for Lyra, too, because she wanted to hear what Harper heard. As I said, it's a great reminder of the inner workings of children's minds — a beautiful thing!

World Communion Sunday



On this World Communion Sunday (WCS), we, along with other believers worldwide, participate in Communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ. In 2021, WCS offerings awarded 242 scholarships and grants to a wide variety of students. Your generosity provides scholarship, grants, mentoring, and training for leadership development.

Please consider placing your offering in the special envelope provided. Thank you for making a difference!



 **St. Matthew's**
United Methodist Church

YOU'RE INVITED TO

Pizza w/ the Pastor

Join us for food, games, music and conversations about God, faith and life in general with Rev. Lataya Simpson.

When: Sunday, 10-1-23 (5-7 pm)
Where: Fellowship Hall/Gym
For: Families of children & youth
Use QR Code to RSVP or email pastor@st.matthewsmethodist.org



Get to know **Pastor Lataya Simpson** - join her for **Coffee with the Pastor** at **Common Bond Café & Bakery**.

Wednesday, October 4
9:00-10:00 a.m.

Safe Sanctuary Training & Lunch October 8 after Worship

It's time for all volunteers to take or renew Safe Sanctuary training. This is a class and process used to keep our children, youth, and vulnerable adults safe in the life of ministry.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend
pastor@stmatthewsmethodist.org

PRAYING FOR...

- ✝ US Military Men & Women
- ✝ Men & Women in Law Enforcement
- ✝ Natural Disaster Victims
- ✝ Vibrant Church Initiative
- ✝ COVID-19 Victims & Heroes
- ✝ John Cunningham
- ✝ Adele Collins

- ✝ Rita Dostal
- ✝ Jerrie Akin
- ✝ Carolyn McDavid
- ✝ Bobbie "Montana" Hosang
- ✝ Nell Baham
- ✝ Elinor Pickles
- ✝ Rita Hartman
- ✝ Sue Montgomery
- ✝ Jack Montgomery, Jr.
- ✝ Family of Dorothy Bisby

To keep our Prayer List current, please contact the church office to add names of those who need prayer or remove those who have received God's blessing of healing.

- ✝ Family of Doreen Smith.
- ✝ Family of Joe Bisby, Jr.
- ✝ Bailey Menkes



Exhibit your products, services or programs at our upcoming Fall Festival

Table set up in Fellowship Hall
\$100 per table

Thank you for shopping at Kroger and using your Rewards Card. We recently received **\$88.01!**



From The Upper Room - October 1, 2023

Thought for the Day

All are welcome at God's table. Are they welcome at mine?

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Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for your wonderful and diverse creation. Help us to seek and welcome all people to your table of living bread. Amen.

Scripture Reference

Look at the birds in the sky. They don't sow seed or harvest grain or gather crops into barns. Yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

✝ **Matthew 6:26**

COMING SOON

- October 8** - Worship Team Meeting in Parlor
- October 14** - Doreen Smith Celebration of Life
- October 15** - Youth Group (grades 6-12) @ St. Phillips UMC
- October 16** - Building & Grounds on Zoom Meeting
- October 21** - Fall Festival
- October 23** - Board of Stewards Zoom Meeting
- October 28** - Charge Conference @ Bellaire UMC
- October 30-31** - CWM Halloween Costume Parade

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Please call the church office at 713-697-0671, or email us at office@stmatthewsmethodist.org, for questions or information on any opportunities listed. Office hours are Monday-Thursday 8:00-3:00 and Friday 8:00-noon. Rev. Simpson can be reached at pastor@stmatthewsmethodist.org.

