



# ST. MATTHEW'S UMC GOOD NEWS UPDATE

October 15, 2023



## Safe Sanctuary Training




Today, October 15 @ 11:45, after worship

Help keep our children, youth, and vulnerable adults  
safe in the life of ministry @ St. Matthew's

Thank you, Troop 20, for serving around 60 hungry neighbors last Saturday!



# CURRENT EVENTS

<u>Sun. 10/15</u>	<u>Mon. 10/16</u>	<u>Tue. 10/17</u>	<u>Wed. 10/18</u>	<u>Thu. 10/19</u>	<u>Fri. 10/20</u>	<u>Sat. 10/21</u>
9:15a Sun. School 10:17 Worship 11:45 Safe Sanctuary Trg. 6:00p Knitters	8:00a CWM 7:00p Scouts	8:00a CWM 9:30 Sr. Tuesday	8:00a CWM 6:00p Choir Rehearsal	8:00a CWM 10:00 Chapel Time w/Ms. Nell on Facebook 8:30 Online Bible Study	8:00a CWM	10:00-2:00 



We are seeking a new **worship ministry leader** to help us design and review Sunday worship. If you have a passion for serving in this area, please email Pastor Simpson at [pastor@stmatthewsmethodist.org](mailto:pastor@stmatthewsmethodist.org) to set up a time to meet.

This may be a perfect fit for you!

## Charge Conference

**10-28-23 @ 10:00am**

This year's United Methodist Church Charge Conference is being held at  
**Bellaire UMC**  
**4417 Bellaire Boulevard**



## Be a Fall Festival Sponsor

Any amount is appreciated

Use this QR code to give now!



Individual Sponsor = **\$100**

Family Sponsor = **\$250**

Security Guard Sponsor = **\$250**

Train Ride Sponsor = **\$600**

Good Steward Sponsor = **\$500**

Community Sponsor = **\$1000**

Corporate Sponsor = **\$2500**

Legacy Sponsor = **\$5000**





It was a pleasure to welcome guest minister **Rev. Tabitha Rankin** into worship!



## Areas Where You Can Help

**Silent Auction** — Quality donation items are needed for the silent auction.

**Vendor Tables** — Display your own wares! Help us find other vendors! Tables are \$100 each.

**Sponsor Support** — The Fall Festival is lots of fun but is 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).

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

**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 at the end of a day of fun!

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

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

**Use the sign-up sheet on the podium in the lobby  
or email [office@stmatthewsmethodist.org](mailto:office@stmatthewsmethodist.org) to  
let us know how you can help!**

## 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

## **We Pray for Israel**

*By Roger Keele*

The 1960 film *Exodus*, starring the likes of Paul Newman, detailed the 1947 creation of the State of Israel after 2000 years of non-existence. The film is full of conflict and tragedy, but also of hope for the re-establishment of the nation God promised to His chosen people thousands of years ago. The existential threat that it faces every day has now become much more than a threat. The music you will hear as the prelude this Sunday is rich, tragic, and beautiful.

## **From The Upper Room - October 15, 2023**

### **Thought for the Day**

Trusting God to accompany me will bring hope to my days.

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### **Prayer**

Lord and Savior, fill our hearts with your love so that we can follow the path you set before us, knowing that you always walk with us. Amen.

### **Scripture Reference**

Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said: "Who am I, Sovereign Lord, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?"

✚ 2 Samuel 7:18



**October 23** - Board of Stewards Zoom Meeting  
**October 28** - Charge Conference @ Bellaire UMC  
**October 30-31** - CWM Halloween Costume Parade  
**November 4** - Free Pancake Breakfast  
**November 4** - Lydia Circle Meeting  
**November 11** - Youth Group Collaborative  
**November 12** - Worship Team Meeting via Zoom  
**November 20-24** - CWM Closed - Thanksgiving  
**November 23-24** - Campus Closed - Thanksgiving

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Please call the church office at 713-697-0671, or email us at [office@stmatthewsmethodist.org](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@stmatthewsmethodist.org).

