



ST. MATTHEW'S UMC GOOD NEWS UPDATE

October 8, 2023



Pastor Lataya Simpson's Pizza with the Pastor was a huge hit last Sunday, with several families coming together for fun and games and, of course, some good ol' pizza.

Matthew Ammerman recently visited long-time member, John Cunningham. After a series of strokes in March 2023, John now resides at Spring Branch Transitional Care Center, 1615 Hillendahl Rd., Room 204B, Houston 77055, a stone's throw from St. Mark's Lutheran School.

John is open to having visitors and would love to see you!



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

You are invited to attend a celebration of life service in the Sanctuary for **Doreen Smith**, mother of **Susan Porterfield**.

Saturday, October 14 @ 2:00 p.m.
4300 N. Shepherd Dr.
Houston, TX 77018

A British tea and dessert reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.

The family encourages wearing bright colors to celebrate Doreen's life.

CURRENT EVENTS

<u>Sun. 10/8</u> 9:15a Sun. School 10:17 Worship 6:00p Worship Mtg. via Zoom 6:00p Knitters	<u>Mon. 10/9</u> 8:00a CWM 7:00p Scouts	<u>Tue. 10/10</u> 8:00a CWM 9:30 Sr. Tuesday	<u>Wed. 10/11</u> 8:00a CWM 9:00 Coffee with Pastor Lataya @ Common Bond 6:00p Choir Rehearsal	<u>Thu. 10/12</u> 8:00a CWM 10:00 Chapel Time w/Ms. Nell on Facebook 8:30 Online Bible Study	<u>Fri. 10/13</u> 8:00a CWM	<u>Sat. 10/14</u> 2:00p Doreen Smith Celebration of Life Service
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Wednesday's **Coffee with the Pastor** was a fruitful event for **Pastor Lataya Simpson**, as she continues to learn about St. Matthew's and its members. Attending were **Tom & Suzan Blummer, Aly Eaton, Curlie Jackson, Rev. Kent Seuser, and Beatrice Turner.**

Safe Sanctuary training has been postponed due to a scheduling conflict.

**New date is
10-15-23 @ 11:45am**

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



We Need Your Fall Festival Sponsorship

Becoming a sponsor for this year's Fall Festival is an excellent 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**

Train Ride Sponsor = **\$600**

Good Steward Sponsor = **\$500**

Community Sponsor = **\$1000**

Corporate Sponsor = **\$2500**

Legacy Sponsor = **\$5000**



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 to
let us know how you can help!**



The next **Board of Stewards meeting**, scheduled for Monday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. All persons are invited to attend.

If you care to attend this meeting but are not on the Board, please inform the office and a meeting link will be emailed to you. A call-in number will also be available. If not on the Board but you would like to bring a topic to the table, please let Matthew Ammerman know (email mha@maritimedefense.net or text 713-824-4779). Non-Board members can listen only to discussions.

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
Rev. Lataya Simpson
for shepherding our
St. Matthew's flock.

May God's blessings
be upon you and
your family,
now and always!

From The Upper Room - October 8, 2023

Thought for the Day

Today I will trust God and give without reservation.

Prayer

Dear Lord, open our hearts and help us give more freely. Amen.

THE UPPER ROOM®

Scripture Reference

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.

✠ Luke 6:38



October 15 - Safe Sanctuary Training
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
November 4 - Free Pancake Breakfast
November 4 - Lydia Circle Meeting
November 11 - Youth Group Collaborative

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
Rev. Lataya Simpson

4300 N. Shepherd Dr. Houston, TX 77018

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.

