



Keeping
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Weekly Newsletter – Week of September 7



Let's Worship Together!

8:00 a.m. Informal Service

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship



IN OUR PRAYERS

Prayers of love and peace for Shirley Aney. She is home and under Hospice care.

Prayers for her family, and the care nurses as well, as they continue caring for Shirley.

Compassion for those people living under the cloud of fear because of the color of their skin.

Prayers of love and peace to all affected by the recent shootings in the USA.

Prayers for all those dealing with the horrible landslide in Sudan and the earthquake in Afghanistan.

Continued prayers for all those in the USA affected by the current weather and natural disasters – the dangerous heat levels, the rains and flooding, wildfires, dust storms, and tornados.

Prayers to end the violence against each other happening in our local cities, other US States, and our World.

Support for those dealing with the wildfires in our neighboring country, Canada.

Prayers of peace and reconciliation for Ukraine, Russia, Gaza and Israel.

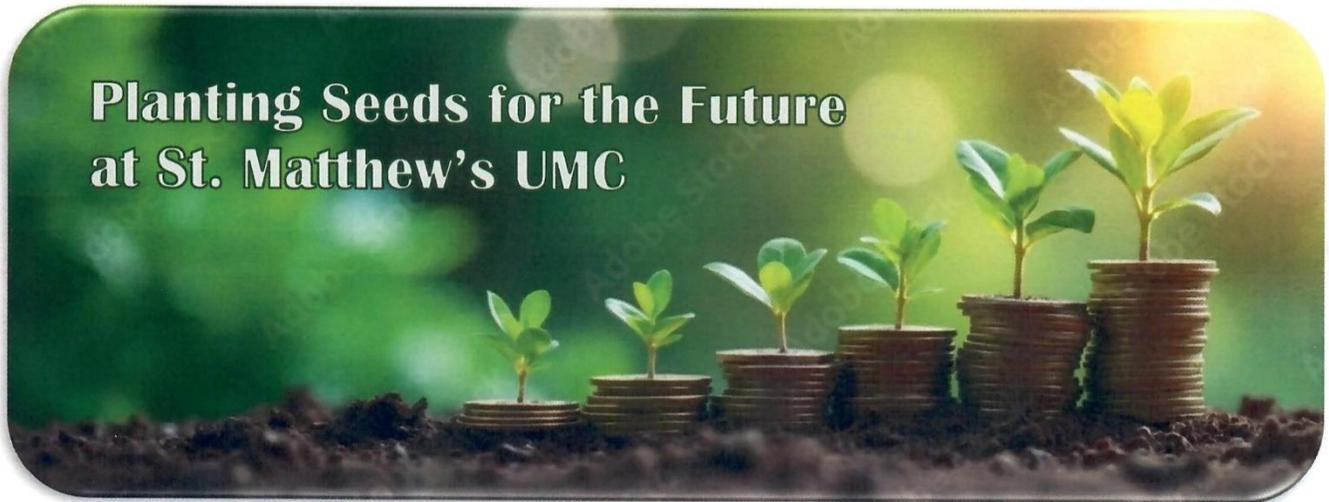
Prayers to end our World's hunger and starvation.

Prayers of peace for all the people in our World who are or become involved in the current World's disputes.

Continued prayers for our Church Members, Church Family, and Friends:

Carlita Bongolan, Terry Feulner, Ted and Betty Williams, Ruth Feick, Jean Logan, Doris Sachs, Dorothy Tarvin, Frank Bouma (son of Ruth Barnes), Chris Kozak (son of Rich and Denise Kozak), Diane Crawford (daughter of Shirley Butler), Jeff Graves (son of Joe and Patty Graves), Sharon Dutton (daughter of Ruth Barnes), Kristine Wilkinson (friend of Carol Rogers).

Planting Seeds for the Future at St. Matthew's UMC



PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE: OUR 2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Greetings, friends and fellow members of St. Matthew's UMC!

As the summer draws to a close and a new season of ministry begins, we are excited to announce the launch of our 2026 Stewardship Campaign, "Planting Seeds for the Future: Investing in Our Faith, Community, and Legacy." Beginning on September 7, we invite each of you to join us in a time of reflection, prayer, and commitment.

This year's theme is a powerful reminder that our actions today have a ripple effect that extends far beyond ourselves. Just as a farmer plants seeds with the hope of a bountiful harvest, our generosity - of time, talent, and resources - is an investment in the flourishing of our church family and the wider community for years to come.

Think for a moment about the unique gifts and talents God has given you. How can you use them to serve others and build up the body of Christ? Your commitment, no matter the size, is a vital part of our collective mission. By joining together in this effort, we can ensure that St. Matthew's remains a beacon of hope, a place of spiritual growth, and a hub of compassionate service for future generations.

Over the coming weeks, we will be sharing stories and examples of how your stewardship has already made a difference, and we will explore the incredible potential of what we can accomplish together. Let's prayerfully consider how we can contribute to this shared legacy.

We look forward to embarking on this journey with you as we plant seeds for the future, trusting in God to bring the growth.



*In His Grace,
The St. Matthew's UMC Stewardship Committee*

SERVING OUR CHURCH ON SUNDAY MORNINGS



<i>Liturgists</i>	
September	Jerry Casterline
October	Linda Hall
November	Sam Robles
December	Denise Kozak

If you would like to serve as a Liturgist, please see Olga Baker after worship or give her a call.

Coffee Fellowship Hosts/Hostesses



September 7	SMUMC Talent Show – Stay for Lunch
September 14	Donna Peterson
September 21	?
September 28	The Hewko Family

If you would like to host our Coffee Fellowship Time after Worship on any Sunday, please contact or see Carol Rogers.

BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

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<i>September Birthdays</i>	3	Sharon Kline	18	Denise Kozak
	8	Rosa Robles	22	Shelia Henness
	12	Glenn Hayes	26	Judith Radar
	13	Jean Logan	28	Sam Robles
<i>September Wedding Anniversaries</i>	19	Gail & Dorothy Persinger		



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Sunday School Class resumes on September 7th (via Zoom) at 8:30am.

Naomi Circle will resume on Wednesday, September 10th at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue to study *The God of the Way*. We would be delighted to have any newcomers join us. Contact Dorothy Persinger for more information.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7TH

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:00am – Early Worship 8:30am – Adult Sunday School (Zoom) 10am- St. Matthew's Worship & Communion <b style="color: red;">Stewardship Campaign Begins 11:00am – Music Festival & Talent Show	10:00am- Shalom (Office)	7:30pm – Staff Parish (Office)	8:30am- Women's Breakfast (Zoom) 1pm-Naomi Circle (FH) 3pm- Worship at The Palms 7pm-Finance Committee (Zoom)	8:00am - Men's Breakfast @ IHOP 3pm-8pm – Free Music Lessons	3pm-8pm – Free Music Lessons	



THE BOY AND CUB SCOUT TROOPS OF AMERICA . . .

meet on the campus of St. Matthew's UMC. These Troops are sponsored by the Kawanis Club. They meet on

- Troop 707** Sunday afternoon at 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Meets only once a month usually on the first Sunday of the month.
- Troop 710** This Troop meets *every Monday evening* at 7:00pm (except holidays) in the Fellowship Hall.
- Troop 710** This is a Cub Pack. They meet once a month on the last Thursday of the month at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Scouts Eagle Board** Meets from 7-9pm most every Friday evening in Dodrill Hall.

Please contact **Huber Bongolan** (Scout Liaison) *only* if interested in joining one of the Troops or you need any information at all about The Boy Scouts.



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