

May 24, 2009
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On this Memorial Day weekend, we're glad you have come to worship. As we remember those who have made the supreme sacrifice for us and our country, may our eternal God bless us abundantly with his love. Welcome!

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP *"Happiness Is the Lord"* Choir
WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING *(Please register your attendance.)*
MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING
INVOCATION
*Hymn of Praise: 702 *"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"*

Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter: 738 – Psalm 1
*Affirmation of Faith: 881 – The Apostles' Creed
*The Gloria Patri: 70 – *"Glory Be to the Father"*

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS:
THE OFFERTORY PRAYER
THE OFFERTORY
*THE DOXOLOGY: 95 – *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*Hymn of Preparation: 437 *"This Is My Song"*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison):
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

THE READING OF THE EPISTLES: 984 – I John 5:9 - 13

ANTHEM *"One Nation, Under God Medley"* Choir

THE READING OF THE GOSPELS: 864 – John 17:6 - 19
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: ***"Someone Is Praying for You"*** Dr. Bill Harris
Responding to the Word

*Hymn of Commitment: 130 *"God Will Take Care of You"*
*BENEDICTION
*CHORAL RESPONSE *"We Will Stand"* Choir
*RECESSIONAL

***Please stand (if your health permits), as a means of giving honor to God.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP ...

TODAY:
09:30am Altar Prayer 11:00am Morning Worship
10:00am Sunday School 05:00pm VBS Meeting

THIS WEEK: *****

Mon., May 25, Memorial Day - Church Office Closed
Tues., May 26, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts
Wed., May 27, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice
Thurs., May 28, 9:00am – Mathews School Kindergarten Program
Sat., May 30, 7:00pm – Gospel Sing

NEXT WEEK: *****

Sun., May 31, High Attendance Sunday
Sun – Wed., May 31 - June 3 – Annual Conference

Mon., June 1, 7:00pm – Art Class
Tues., June 2, 6:30pm – Cub Scouts 7:00pm – Circle #2 7:00pm – Trustees
Wed., June 3, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm – Choir Practice
Thurs., June 4, 11:30am – VIP's 7:00pm – 3 Simple Rules Bible Study

SERVING OUR LORD:	Today	Next Week
Acolyte:	Andrew Joseph	Andrew Joseph

Preparation for Worship: *We yearn for your blessings, O God. May this be the day and the hour that we know with certainty that we've been in your presence. Amen.*

Welcome to all who visit with us today. Your presence enhances our worship of Almighty God. Please sign a visitor's card, found in the pew racks, and give it to an usher during the offering, or sign the pew register pad found at the end of each pew. You are always welcome at Mathews.

A Memorial for Ben Palmer was received from Ray & Sara Ouzts.

Memorials for Leila Peurifoy were received from:
Ray & Sara Ouzts Mary Turner

Our 3rd Sunday Fellowship Meal last Sunday was great. We had a delicious meal and wonderful fellowship. The amount collected for the budget was \$75.00. Our next meal is June 21. Plan now to attend.

VBS Meeting today at 5:00pm in Room 205. We will give teachers their books & teaching supplies and will introduce them to the VBS curriculum. If you would like to help with VBS and don't have a position yet, please come and let us know.

High Attendance Sunday is next Sunday. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to come and worship with you and your church family.

S.C. Annual Conference – Next Sunday is also a Day of Prayer for our Annual Conference. The conference dates are May 31 thru June 3. Please keep our pastors and church delegates in your prayers as they make important decisions for the United Methodist Church.



"Speak kind words and you will hear kind echoes." (Bahn)