

St. Matthew's



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MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

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Serving the community since 1875  
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## Season of Lent at St. Matthew's

Our ASH WEDNESDAY Service will take place on Wednesday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the nave. Join us for this special worship opportunity. The choir will begin practicing immediately following the service.

## Ash Wednesday

Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.



Plan to join us on Wednesdays,  
March 15 and 29 and April 5  
for a light meal at 5:45 p.m.  
followed by Vesper Services at 6:30 p.m.  
The services will include scripture readings, hymns,  
and a brief meditation by Pastor Ed.

## 2017 Community Lenten Service Schedule



Date	Place	Pastor/Speaker	Topic	Scripture
3/01	Central UMC	Jeff Wilson	The Feet of Christ	Isaiah 65:17-66:22; Luke 10:38-42
3/08	First Presbyterian	Jill Rhinehart	The Hands of Christ	Genesis 2:4-8; John 8:-11
3/15	First Nazarene	John Houze	The Mouth of Christ	Deut. 8:3; Luke 4:14-22
3/22	Boyce Memorial	Ron Caulder	The Ears of Christ	2 Samuel 22:2-7; Mark 7:31-37
3/29	Peoples Church	Roger Woodard	The Eyes of Christ	I Samuel 16:1-7; John 9:1-11
4/05	E. Gold Wesleyan	Josh Morgan	The Heart of Christ	Jeremiah 3:12-18; John 11:17-44

## Let's gooooo . . . times a wasting!

Time seems to be flying by. March madness will be here soon as our ACC and North Carolina based teams wind down the regular basketball season. Do you realize that the major league baseball teams are already at their spring training facilities? Spring is just a few weeks away. Now is the time for us to begin our own spiritual spring training as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Just as the major leaguers practice the basics – fielding, throwing, bunting – we need to sharpen our spiritual skills. This Lent we are called to worship, pray, and strengthen our spiritual disciplines. Get spiritually ready now! Don't wait!

As June Carter Cash and Johnny sang, "Time's A Wasting". In a romantic way they sang a duet. June: "I've got arms." Johnny: "And I've got arms. Let's get together and use those arms." Now is a good time to ask are we using our arms to be Christ's arms? Are we following through on our good intentions? As the song says: "A cake's no good if you don't mix the batter - and bake it." Are there projects and tender mercies you need to attend to in Jesus' name, which you have not gotten around to? Let's gooooo . . . time's a wasting!

Pastor Ed

**Contacting the pastor** - Pastor Ed requests that if you need him you call his cell phone at 704-962-0103 or text him at that number.

Please note that our website address has changed from [stmatthewskm.org](http://stmatthewskm.org) to [stmatthewskm.com](http://stmatthewskm.com)



Aniedi and Nancy Abasiekong invite everyone to a special concert given by the **Berea College Concert Choir of Berea, KY** at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 6, at Little Rock AME Zion Church, 401 North McDowell St., Charlotte, NC 28204.

The concert is free, but an offering will be taken to help the choir with their expenses. For more information, contact Aniedi or Nancy Abasiekong, at 704-473-3225 or [nabasiekong@gmail.com](mailto:nabasiekong@gmail.com)

Both Aniedi and Nancy are Berea College graduates, and Nancy is a choir alumni. Also graduates are five of Nancy's sisters, a niece and nephew, and two brothers-in-law.

Nancy: "We are very thankful for Berea College and the unique opportunities we received there. We are excited about this opportunity to share the Berea story with others! We hope you will be able to join us for the Berea College Concert Choir Tour on March 6!"



### L-Rhyme University Choir spring tour

The Lenoir-Rhyme A Cappella Choir will be in concert on March 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Comforter Lutheran Church in Belmont. A pre-tour performance will be held March 5, at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Olive, Hickory, with the post-tour homecoming concert on March 25, at 7:30 p.m. in L-R's Grace Chapel. All performances are free and open to the public. Dr. Ryan Luhrs is in his first year as conductor of the choir. "The program is titled 'Ever-Present, Ever-Reforming' and has two primary goals," Luhrs said, "First, to pay tribute to music inspired by the Lutheran Reformation, and second, to celebrate the great diversity of music found in the ever-reforming global Church." Everyone is invited to attend.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*If you have someone to add to the prayer list please contact the church office. Names will be left on this prayer list for three weeks, then removed unless we are made aware of an ongoing need.*

**Our members, friends and family of the congregation:**

- Darlene White (mother of Heather Reamer; health issues)
- Neel Calhoun (friend of Mike and Chris Nichols; health issues)

**Homebound:** Kathleen Bridges, Meta Kopruch, and Jackie Queen.  
 Non-members: Cindy Campbell (mother of Beth Suber), and Thelma Houser (mother of Charles Houser)

**Those in assisted living/nursing homes:** Joyce Howell

*I would like to thank everyone who prayed for my pastor, Tim Hendrick, of Patterson Grove Baptist Church, during his kidney transplant surgery, and also for his donor, Paula. The surgery was very successful and they are both recovering extremely well.*

*Thank you again for your faithful prayer ministry.*

Faye Dellinger, St. Matthew's Church Secretary

**Sisters in Christ** will meet on Thursday, **March 9**, at noon at Gentle Moon Café. All ladies are invited. E-mail Susan Buchanan at [sbuchanan@carolina.rr.com](mailto:sbuchanan@carolina.rr.com) or call her at 704-484-1808 if you plan to attend so that she can reserve the space for the meeting. Plan to join us!!!

**Highlights of February 12, 2017 Church Council Meeting**

- 1) **Approval** of meeting's agenda
- 2) **Approval** of minutes for January 15, 2016 meeting
- 3) **Approval** of terms for rental of parsonage
- 4) **Approval** of Lenten Schedule
- 5) **Approval** of not renting out the church building for weddings of non-members
- 6) **Approval** of dates of Girl Scout and LFS Foster Care use of space being posted on church calendar and in church bulletins and newsletters
- 7) **Approval** of scheduling a hymn-sing on May 7, June 4, and July 2 in the afternoon as an outreach ministry
- 8) there was no Treasurer's report as treasurer was absent
- 9) **Approval** of the purchase of a push-mower up to \$200

**Highlights of February 12, 2017 Congregational Meeting**

- 1) **Approval** of committee reports for 2016

### Church Council Meeting

The next meeting of Church Council is Sunday, March 12, at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room. Contact Robert Wilson by Monday, March 6, if you wish to have an item added to the council agenda. Phone is 803-610-7215 or email him at [carolinateacher@me.com](mailto:carolinateacher@me.com)

**The NC Synod Assembly** will take place June 2-3 at Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. The cost of registration and meals is paid by St. Matthew's. Please contact Robert Wilson, council president, if you are interested in attending with him. Phone is 803-610-7215 or email him at [carolinateacher@me.com](mailto:carolinateacher@me.com)

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### 2017 Easter Form

The deadline to purchase lilies through the Altar Guild, contribute to renting the palms, or make a donation to the Crisis Ministry for Easter is **Sunday, April 3**. Please fill out the information below and place this form and your money in the offering plate on Sunday or mail to the church at 201 N Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain NC 28086.

Number of lilies I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$9.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to contribute this amount to the cost of renting the palms \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to make a donation to the Crisis Ministry in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_

THE TOTAL IS \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Given by** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of** 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of** 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be taking the flower with you following the worship service on Easter Sunday? \_\_\_\_\_

**Children and youth** of all ages are invited to join us for EPIC Sunday on **March 5**. We will meet downstairs for the entirety of the worship service. We will be enjoying time together as we grow in Christ. For more information, please see Beth Suber or contact her at 704-692-6712 or email her at [bsecsmom@gmail.com](mailto:bsecsmom@gmail.com)

**Don't forget to bring your journal!!!**

**Confirmation Class** will be held on Sunday, **March 19**, following the worship service. Class begins at 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions contact Pastor Ed at 704-962-0103.

**Girl Scout troop #1884** will be recognized during our worship service on Sunday, **March 26**. They will be serving cookies and punch following the service. Everyone is encouraged to be present.

The Youth will be going to The Big E in Gaffney on Saturday, **April 1**, for fun and games. This event will be in place of an Easter Egg Hunt due to the small number of young children in our group. Watch the bulletin for times and specifics. Families will drive their own vehicles and meet there. For more information, see Beth Suber or Chrystal Buchanan.

**The Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry** is in need of jars of jelly, jars of peanut butter, bottles of cooking oil, mac 'n' cheese, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles. Items may be placed in Mumsie's Little Red Wagon located in the narthex.



St. Matthew's Benevolent Foundation makes scholarships available each year as the funds are available. These scholarships are for students interested in attending Lenoir-Rhyne University. Application forms for L-R are available from the church office. All applications must be returned by April 1.

Also, the foundation makes available scholarships for St. Matthew's Pre-School. These scholarships are due on June 1. Application forms for Pre-School are available from the Pre-School director.

All applications must be returned to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, %Scholarship Committee, 201 N. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain NC 28086

## Blessings in a Backpack

**Back Pack Food Ministry** needs: individual cups of cereal, packs of oatmeal or grits, cans of soup, individually packaged breakfast, lunch, or dinner items, and individually packaged snack foods. PLEASE check expiration date on packages! Leave items in the downstairs kitchen area, or on a pew in the fellowship hall. **Please consider volunteering to pack bags or financially supporting this important ministry. Contact Juanita Lutz at 704-739-3707 for more information.**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>B = Birthday If yours is incorrect or not listed please contact the church office at 704-739-7466 or email us at <a href="mailto:smlc@carolina.rr.com">smlc@carolina.rr.com</a></p>			<p>1 Noon-Community Lenten Service at Central UMC</p> <p>6:15pm Choir</p> <p>7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 – 8:30 LFS Foster Care workshop Orientation</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Church office closed</p> <p>B-Margaret McGinnis</p>	<p>4</p>
<p><b>5 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>9:15am Continental Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am <b>EPIC</b> Sunday Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Items due for council agenda</p> <p>7:00pm Berea College Choir Concert at Little Rock AME Zion Church in Charlotte</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 – 9:00 LFS Foster Care workshop</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Noon-Community Lenten Service at First Presbyterian</p> <p>6:30pm Choir</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Noon – Sisters in Christ luncheon at Gentle Moon Café</p> <p>6:00 – 9:00 LFS Foster Care workshop</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time begins – Turn your clocks forward before going to bed.</p>
<p><b>12 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>2:00am Daylight Saving Time begins 8:00am Church Council meeting 9:15am Continental Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>B-Claude Suber</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 – 9:00 LFS Foster Care workshop</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Noon-Community Lenten Service at First Nazarene</p> <p>12:30 Devotion at Heritage Oaks Assisted Living</p> <p>5:45 light meal 6:30 Vespers followed by choir practice</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00 – 9:00 LFS Foster Care workshop</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>18</p>
<p><b>19 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>9:15am Continental Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion 1:00pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00 – 9:00 LFS Foster Care workshop</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Noon-Community Lenten Service at Boyce Memorial</p> <p>6:30pm Choir</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>25</p>
<p><b>26 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>9:15am Continental Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion <b>GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY</b></p>	<p>27</p> <p>Information due for April newsletter</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00 – 9:00 LFS Foster Care workshop</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Noon-Community Lenten Service at Peoples' Church</p> <p>5:45 light meal 6:30 Vespers followed by choir practice</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00 – 9:00 LFS Foster Care workshop</p> <p>6:30pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	

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**A Community of  
 God's Redeemed People**

**Church Staff**

Interim Pastor, Rev. Ed Crotty	704-962-0103
Secretary, Faye Dellinger	704-739-7466
Music Director/Organist, Carolyn Rhyne	704-860-7571
Pre-School Director, Ina Blanton	704-739-7467
Sexton, Jewel Watson	(call Property)

**Council Officers (until 12-31-16:**

President, Robert Wilson	803-610-7215
Vice-President, Nancy Smith	704-739-9428
Secretary, Nancy Abasiekong	704-473-3225
Treasurer, Jeff Mauney	704-692-4186

**Committee Chairpersons:**

Altar Guild, Emily Suber	704-739-6710
Benevolent Foundation, Geeper Howard	704-734-1195
Christian Education, Tim/Chrystal Buchanan	704-477-7184
Evangelism, Susan Buchanan	704-484-1808
Property, Vinny Hollenberger or Jimmy Mauney	704-750-4130 704-739-9137
Social Ministry	Vacant
Stewardship/Finance, Geeper Howard	704-734-1195
Worship & Music, Judy Wilson	704-739-3547

**Servers for March, 2017**

Communion Assistant: Lindsay Suber  
 Usher Captain: Geeper Howard  
 Usher: Chuck Downs

<b><u>Date:</u></b>	<b><u>Capacity:</u></b>	<b><u>Server:</u></b>
March 5	Flowers Greeter Lector	No flowers during Lent Howard Lutz Margaret Boheler
March 12	Flowers Greeter Lector	No flowers during Lent Myra McGinnis Michele McDuffie
March 19	Flowers Acolyte Crucifer Greeter Lector	No flowers during Lent Ila Reamer Eli-za Reamer Margaret Boheler Geeper Howard
March 26	Flowers Acolyte/Crucifer Greeter Lector	No flowers during Lent Emma McGinnis Sarah Lewis Myra McGinnis