
St. Matthew Today

Wed., Sept. 6th, 2023

St. Matthew United Methodist Church

Our 126th year

“An Evening with the Gospel” Concert

Friday’s Word

I’m giving a concert Saturday night, 6:00 p.m.

This Saturday—the 9th.

St. Matthew has two of the best singers around, our choir director and our “star soloist.”

They are in on most of the shows in our new concert series, but not this one.

It’s just me.

So, tell me again why I am doing this?

It’s a fundraiser to keep Friday’s Word going and to support our music program.

We consider this little box in the paper a kind of ministry. It’s a way to reach—well—you with a sane message about faith when there is so much nonsense around.

But it ain’t cheap.

That’s where our Second Saturday Concerts come in. We’ve had two, and they seem to be working.

But this one is just me.

Ol’ Max.

Or *old* Max. And can Old Max still sing?

Or could he ever?

I’m clearly not the one to answer that. But I have been doing something like it all my life.

As a teen, I almost had a career singing *How Great Thou Art*.

When the great Dr. Charles Allen came to our small town to preach, I was trotted out to sing—yes—*How Great Thou Art*.

I sang it at 17 funerals in a two-year period.

But in recent years, with great singers around, I haven’t done much solo work.

So, why am I doing this concert? Want the truth?

I love to sing. It’s a spiritual experience for me to bring a song to life.

The concert is called *An Evening with the Gospel*.

It lasts an hour. It’s free, as is the dinner after.

We will take an offering. Consider coming at 6:00, tomorrow night, Saturday the 9th, at St. Matthew.

God Bless—MB

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This Sunday

I’ve got the concert Saturday.

Fortunately, Mary is preaching this Sunday. You know we have something to look forward to.

Mary opened her letter from the Conference in front of the congregation last week—the one telling her that she is approved by the Board of Ordained Ministry to be ordained as an Elder, limited at the moment to just St. Matthew. “Elder” is the title we give to an ordained pastor in the United Methodist Church. The limitations will be removed from Mary’s ordination after the vote in the General Conference in 2024. BUT—there is really nothing else that is needed for us at St. Matthew.

Mary is not just on the way.

For us, she has arrived.

About the Concert

For me, this week, it is all about the concert.

We have no idea what attendance will be.

We have advertised it extensively, including a mail-out to thousands in the community around the church. We may have a good bunch. Or not.

There’s no way to know.

But I think we will have a good time.

Unfortunately, I can’t guarantee that either.

We will know what it is when it happens.

And it happens this Saturday at 6:00.

Bring some food.

This I can predict: I will be hungry.

We did seem to have a good service last week.

I believe the Spirit was working on us.

See you Saturday—and Sunday.

GOD BLESS----MB

East District Gathering with Bishop Saenz

Saturday, October 14th at 10 am

New World United Methodist Church

2201 N Davis Drive, Arlington, TX 76112

Clergy and Laity invited.

Mary's Corner

Hello everyone! I pray you are well and happy. We had an unexpected visitor this past Sunday during our services. A tragedy walked right into our church. I want to first say, thank you to those who responded with me to this event. It took 3 of us to talk to her and keep everyone safe. This is a great lesson for us: always respond in 3's. We worked with the FWPD, FWFD, and MedStar to get this lost soul the medical attention she needed. Her appearance in our building was not an accident and it exposes a dire need in our neighborhood: addiction recovery services. I am going to do some research about the requirements for hosting a recovery program at St. Matthew. We have a lot of space that is currently going unused during the week. Pray with me about adding this program. The appearance of this person on Sunday also made me realize how blessed we all are, including her. Blessed by the grace and mercy of our Lord, and given a new chance every day to live in that grace and mercy. My love to you all, Mary
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Concert This Saturday!

Don't miss our next "Second Saturday" concert!

Saturday, September 9th at 6 pm.

"The Gospel in Story and Song"

Musical performance by Rev. Max Brennan
Potluck dinner after the concert.

Kids' News

We were so happy to have a wonderful group of young people on Sunday. We started a new study. Jade read the Bible story to us; the kids listened quietly as Jade read. They could answer almost every question we asked! Our story begins with God creating light and dark. These serve as markers for time. There was evening and there was morning; this divides the story into seven days. The world was created from a formless void and great darkness, God created light to complement the darkness. Each day the light pushes away the darkness and gives way to a new creation. For six days God worked at creating new things for us to use and survive on. After all His wonderful work, on the seventh day, God rested. Each day the light pushes away the darkness and gives way for a new creation. Creation is an ongoing process and God remains in the process. We too can bring light into the world through our creativity. We are an expression of light. God's light lives within each of us. Children are incredibly creative and bring so much light into the world. We let their light shine when we encourage their creativity and see it as very good! See you in church on Sunday to work on our creativity.

Blessings, Miss Vickie, Miss Sue

Ladies of St. Matthew

Please join us for lunch on 9/21/23 at 11:30 am
RSVP by 9/18 to Veta McCulloch - 817-994-1629
vetamcculloch@outlook.com

Sunday Breakfast

Breakfast is served Sunday mornings at 10 am. Stay for service at 11 am. Come hungry. Leave fulfilled!

Chair Yoga

Join your friends at our free Chair / Standing Yoga class each Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 10 am.

Give to Saint Matthew UMC

Please feel free to contribute in any way you can and help us in our efforts to continue spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the community and the world.

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