

SAINT MATTHEW TODAY

Kids' News



Have you ever had to wait for something really important? Maybe it was a big day you were excited about, or something you hoped would happen soon. Waiting can feel hard, especially when we don't know what's coming next.

After Jesus died on the cross, one of his followers, a man named Joseph, took care of him. He wrapped Jesus in cloth and placed him in a tomb carved out of rock (Matthew 27:57–60). A large stone was rolled in front of the entrance. Mary Magdalene and another Mary stayed nearby, sitting quietly across from the tomb. Even though they were sad, they stayed close, trusting God even before they understood what would happen next.

This part of the story reminds us that even in quiet moments, God is still near. The women didn't know it yet, but something amazing was about to happen. In our own lives, there are times when we are waiting and don't understand what God is doing. But we can trust that God is with us, and that His love is always working—even when we cannot see it yet.

What We Learned

- Waiting can be hard, but we are never alone
- God is with us, even in quiet or uncertain moments
- Sometimes something wonderful is happening, even if we cannot see it yet.
- We can trust God, even while we wait

Ladies of Saint Matthew

The Ladies of Saint Matthew UMC will gather for their regular potluck luncheon on Thursday, April 16. Preparation will begin at 11:30 AM, with lunch to follow at noon. All are welcome to join for a time of fellowship and shared meal.

Arboretum Trip Cancelled

The planned trip to the Dallas Arboretum has been canceled due to weather concerns and seasonal timing, as many of the spring blooms have already passed. We look forward to planning a future outing in October to enjoy the pumpkins and gourds together.

We give thanks for the many ways God's love is shared through the life of our church.

The congregation extends heartfelt thanks to Sue and Doug Kelcey and Vickie Giese for organizing a wonderful Easter egg hunt for our children. The joy and excitement of the kids were a gift to witness, and we are grateful for the care and effort that made this special time possible.

We also give thanks to Kristi, the members of our choir, and especially Shannon, Blake, and Julian for the beautiful solos shared during our Holy Week services. The choral performances were truly inspiring, and their voices filled the sanctuary with a depth and richness that lifted our hearts in worship.

We are grateful for the musicians who enriched our Holy Week services. On Good Friday, Megan Riddle offered a moving presence on the snare drum. On Easter Sunday, we were blessed by Jeff DeMaagd and Andrew Golden on trumpet, Allison Whiddon on horn, Meggan Hinds on trombone, and Jose Perez on tuba. Their gifts added beauty and power to our worship as we celebrated the risen Christ.

We give thanks for each person who shares their gifts so faithfully, helping us experience the joy and presence of Christ together.



A word from Mary

Hallelujah! He is risen!

I am still smiling and quietly humming the songs from Easter morning. What a beautiful time of worship and fellowship! With 100

people in attendance, we truly raised the roof in praise. Thank you for being part of it—whether you joined us in person, online, or in prayer and spirit. I am deeply humbled by your love and support.

I am also filled with joy and gratitude that I will spend the next few years with you in this sacred space. It is a true blessing, and I promise to work diligently so that you feel blessed as well. I encourage you to carry the hope of Sunday into Monday—and into every day that follows. God’s promise remains: we are never alone. The joy we experienced on Sunday is always available to us through our relationship with the risen Christ and with one another. Even now, I feel a current of holy energy when I reflect on this past weekend.

We do have a few important family matters to discuss. Because these decisions affect our entire congregation, I am calling a Family Business Meeting on April 26th, immediately following the morning service. We will share a meal together and then discuss recent developments and future plans.

A key focus will be the need for committee members and volunteers to support our ministries and outreach. I would greatly appreciate your help in spreading the word and encouraging everyone to attend. If you are unable to join us in person but would like to participate, please email me at mary.teague@saintmatthewumc.com.

Let us come together for food, prayer, and honest, loving conversation about our church family. More details about lunch will be shared soon. In the meantime, please keep this meeting—and our church—in your prayers.

It was such a joy to welcome back Linda Anderson and Charlotte Holder this past Sunday. They have been missed, and it was wonderful to see them again. To all our visitors and those who join us from time to time, please know how much it means to see you as well.

I hold each of you in prayer, asking God to bless you with strength, wisdom, and health. We may not be a

large congregation, but we are mighty in Christ, and God is moving among us in both seen and unseen ways. You won’t want to miss what God is doing at Saint Matthew.

If transportation is a concern, rides are available—just reach out, and we will be glad to arrange one for you. If you are unable to attend in person, you can worship with us online at saintmatthewumc.com by selecting “Videos.”

Please continue to keep Rev. Max and Jackie in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their dear friend, Rev. Harry C. Meisner, who passed away on Saturday, April 4, 2026. Max shared that he is deeply grieving while also giving thanks for their 60-year friendship. There are no service plans yet, but I know he would be comforted by your prayers, messages, or cards. We will also have a card available this Sunday for everyone to sign.

There are many others on our prayer list who need our continued support. Let us remain faithful in praying for one another and in serving God with love and compassion.

With deep love and respect,

Mary

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