

2024 Sweets and Treats Sign-up

We need volunteers to bring sweets and treats! If you are able to provide sweets and treats for any Sundays in 2024, please sign up in the Narthex and invite your friends and family to join us for coffee and fellowship.

Youth Class for Students in 6th Grade and Up

Our youth class scheduled for 9:15 on Sunday mornings is over for this school year. We are looking forward to establishing new programming for our youth this coming fall. All youth are invited. Please feel free to invite and/or bring any young people you know. If you have any questions or want more information, please speak to John Triplett or Arlean Fermanis.

Weekly Bible Study

Join Pastor Phil and Pastor Peter on Zoom for fellowship and inspiration as we study the Bible together on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. If you want to join, the information to do so is below. Everyone is welcome!

URL - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89538823099>

Meeting ID - 895 3882 3099

Dial by phone 1-346-248-7799 (Same Meeting ID)



NURSERY CARE

We offer nursery care in the upstairs nursery room for children under four years old. Our childcare staff has passed a background check and you can feel safe leaving your under four year-old children in their care.

Make a Choice to Grow In Your Faith!

Children's Sunday School

Ages 4 years - 5th Grade

Immediately following children's time during service.

Ages 4th grade and up

Will be attending the regular worship service.

Adult Education Programming

9 am Sunday Mornings

Classes

Summer Break, Resumes August 4th - Spiritual Gifts

with Tracey Braden

In person and by Zoom - Contact us for Zoom information

Guided Meditation

with Stephanie Osborne

Get in touch with yourself, God, and the movement of the Spirit!



Our Second Harvest Food Item for
July is

Canned Tomatoes & Tomato Juice (& Peanut Butter)

Thank You for your donations!

Welcome to Central St. Matthew United Church of Christ



Where ever you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! CSM is a multi-racial, multi-ethnic, progressive church where all people are welcome regardless of race, gender, religious background or sexual orientation.

CSM was created when two historic New Orleans congregations, Central Congregational Church with its African-American heritage and St. Matthew Evangelical and Reformed Church with it's German heritage united to become Central St. Matthew United Church of Christ. CSM embodies the rich cultural diversity that makes New Orleans unique. Our mission is to bring New Orleans together through loving God, embracing diversity, and creating community.

We are glad you chose to worship with us today!

Today at CSM

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

- 9:00 a.m.** - Adult Sunday school-**Summer Break, Resumes August 4th**
- Guided Meditation (Upstairs behind sanctuary)
- 10:00 a.m.** - Worship Service in person and via Livestream
- Children's Church (4 years - 5th Grade)
- 11:00 a.m.** - Sweets & Treats

This Week

Monday, July 15th

- Staff Meeting @ 10am

Wednesday, July 17th

- Zoom Prayer Group @ 10am

Thursday, July 18th

- Weekly Study with the pastors (Zoom) @ 6:30pm

Saturday, July 20th

- AA Meeting @ 9am
- Sexual Health Education & Rights Block Party @ 10am
At CrescentCare - 1631 Elysian Fields

Do you need prayer? Go the prayer request page live on our website!

<http://www.centralstmatthewucc.com> and follow the instructions.

The office will receive your request and we will pray for you.

Please continue to be in prayer for Evelyn Pittman, Helen Green, Willard Hill, Jim Bonds, Glenda Saunders, Wilson Boveland, Mary Hall, Walter Schleh, and Stam Fornea (friend of Nancy Marks).

Online Directory

Are you new to CSM? Have you moved, got a new phone number, or email address? Please make sure we have your current contact and family info so we can update our online directory. This is the best way for our congregation to be able to contact each other and stay in touch. **Also, please let us know your birthday and give us a picture.** If you do not want to be included in the directory, tell us and we will keep it private. Thank you!

The 2024 Altar Flower Chart is available



Would you like to provide Altar Flowers on a Sunday Morning? The sign up sheet is available in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, or you may contact the church office to sign up.

Remember to give the date and names of those in whose honor or memory flowers are given. The cost is \$20 for our standard arrangement. Thank you for gracing our sanctuary with beauty!

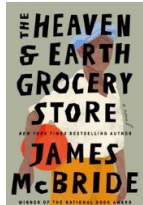
Memorial Service for Julie Gardner Saturday, July 20th at 10:00 a.m. (CST) In Person or Online



Chevy Chase Presbyterian, Washington, D.C.

Please let the family know if you plan to attend in person or virtually by emailing to briangardner22@gmail.com, james.m.gardner@gmail.com, or rachael.gardner44@gmail.com. For those wishing to attend in person please let us know how many are in your group. All are welcome! We just need numbers for catering. Emailing that you plan to attend virtually will get you a link on the day of the event. If you have already been in contact with one of Julie's children about attending (and specified how many are attending in person or plan on virtual attendance) you do not need to send another message.

CSM Daytime Book Club August 22nd



Our next Book Club meeting will be on **Thursday, August 22nd** at 10 am at the home of Arlean Fermanis. Since we have two months before we meet, we have chosen two books to read. The first is *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride and the second is *The Wind Knows My Name* by Isabel Allende. Both are available at Amazon in all formats and at Orleans and Jefferson Parish libraries. However, Jefferson Parish does not have an electronic version of *The Wind Knows My Name* or the Audible version of *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*. If you would like to join the meeting, please send an email to Arlean at afermanis@sprynet.com to let her know. Bring a friend, we always have a great discussion. All are welcome!

Hurricane Preparedness Information Forms

Thank you to all who have filled out our information form online or on paper. If you have not, please do, so we know how to reach you in case of evacuation. Forms are online at <https://csm.breezechms.com/form/c8f185> or in the narthex.

Interested in Joining the Church?

Are you interested in learning more about CSM and exploring becoming a member? Contact the church office for information to attend a class discussing the history, beliefs, and mission of Central St. Matthew. For more information, contact Pastor Brockett at pastor@centralstmatthewucc.com

Do You Need Prayer?

Our prayer team meets every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. and they would be honored to lift your requests to the Lord. You can submit your request by going to www.centralstmatthewucc.com/home/prayer-requests or by simply clicking **Prayer Requests** at the top of our website. You may also call the office to leave a request at (504) 861-8196.

Have you registered to vote?

If not, it's important that you do so soon if you want to vote in the upcoming presidential election on November 5th. Online voter registration is open and you can register by going to <https://voterportal.sos.la.gov/VoterRegistration>. You can also register in person. Get registered so you can vote, and remember that **Your Vote Matters!**

Mission and Service Committee Calls for Donations

We will be continuing to provide personal hygiene care packages to Hotel of Hope and other un-homed people in the community.

You can support our outreach to the homeless by donating any of the following items. There will be a collection box in the lobby on Sunday.

- Travel size toothpaste, deodorant (gender neutral please), and dry shampoo
- Tooth brushes
- Disinfectant (sanitary) wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Socks
- Bottles of water (small)
- Nutritious snacks such as granola bars (please be mindful that recipients might have bad teeth)
- Ziplock bags (gallon size)

Doug Bristol is Chair of the committee. Please feel free to contact him with your concerns and questions (228) 342-2273 or dglbristol@gmail.com.