## 130th Anniversary & Homecoming Celebration



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## ST. MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6234 Shady Side Road Shady Side, MD

November 5, 2017

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, Resident Bishop Rev. Evan D. Young, District Superintendent Rev. Marvin R. Wamble, Pastor

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> Sunday, November 5, 2017 11 a.m. Worship Service

November 9-10, 2017 Anniversary Revival

November 11, 2017 Anniversary Prayer Breakfast

Souvenir Journal

Sponsored by 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

## 130™ ANNIVERSARY & HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

## St. Matthews United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 5, 2017 Liturgist: Sis. Tyra Dunscomb

## ORDER OF WORSHIP All Saints Day

130 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dedication
WE ENTER TO WORSHIP
The Lighting of CandlesUshers
Procession of Choir
*Call to Worship Liturgist
L: Today we celebrate the 130th Anniversary of St. Matthews United Methodist Church.
P: Oh, give thanks to the Lord; make known his deeds among the peoples!
L: For 130 years the true gospel of Christ has been preached in this place.
P: Oh, give thanks to the Lord; make known his deeds among the peoples!
L: Many children, parents, and friends have been part of this congregation.
P: From generation to generation we will recount your praise.
L: Countless prayers of supplication, thanksgiving, and praise have been offered here.
P: We called to the Lord, and he answered us.
All: Oh, give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
*Opening Hymn Lead Me, Guide Me
Welcome / The Occasion Sis. Patricia Matthews
Pastoral Reflections/Opening Prayer Pastor Wamble
Prayer Response
Musical Selection
Holy Communion
Praise Dance"" "N Him We Move"

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone. Let the heav about to hear nourish us today in the way of eternal life, t Heaven. Amen.	[1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1] [1]						
*Old Testament Psalms 119:33	-40 Bro. Terrance Tasker						
*New Testament 1 Corinthians 3	:10-15 Sis. Yvonne Johnson						
*Doxology	#94						
Children Depart for Church School							
Introduction of the Speaker	Pastor Wamble						
Musical Selection							
Sermon							
Invitation to Christian Discipleship	Baltimore Washington Conference						
Invitational Hymn	Combined Choir						
Tithes and Offering Celebration							
Offering Selection	Combined Choir						
Offertory	All Things Come of Thee						
Announcements	Sis. Dunscomb						
Remarks	Sis. Janet Scott Anniversary Committee Chairperson Pastor Wamble						
Closing Selection	Combined Choir						
Benediction	Rev. Love						
The Benediction Response	Let the Church Say Amen						
Anniversary Luncheon	Blessing of the Food						

-We Depart and Go in Joy and Peace-

## Lead Me, Guide Me

I am week and I need Thy strength and pow'r to help me over my weakest hour. Help me through the darkness Thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress. I am putting all my trust in Thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

I am lost if You take your hand from me,
I am blind without Thy Light to see,
Lord, just always let me
Thy servant be.
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

#### Refrain:

Lead me, guide me, along the way, For if You lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with Thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.



## LETTERS OF CELEBRATION

### BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE



### THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling
BISHOP, WASHINGTON EPISCOPAL AREA

REV. ANTOINE C. LOVE Assistant to the Bishop JOYCE A. KING Administrative Assistant to the Bishop

November 5, 2017

St. Matthews United Methodist Church 6234 Shady Side Road Shady Side, Maryland 20764-9685

#### Friends:

May God continue to bless you as you celebrate the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Matthews United Methodist Church. Your presence in the Shady Side community over the years has provided a significant witness to the love and grace of God. I regret that I will be unable to join you for your gathering. I know the Rev. Tony Love, who serves as my assistant, will share a powerful and prophetic word from your pulpit.

Please know that you will be in my prayers, and the prayers of the 628 churches of the Baltimore-Washington Conference. I pray that you will thrive in your mission of engaging, impacting and transforming your congregation and community in the name of Jesus. God has richly blessed you. There is much joy, and much work, ahead of us. I am confident the people of St. Matthews will respond with enthusiasm, purpose and excellence. God bless you.

Grace and Peace.

La/Trelle M. Easterling



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October 3, 2017

Pastor Marvin Wamble St. Matthews United Methodist Church 6234 Shady Side Road Shady Side, Maryland 20764

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,

On behalf of Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling and the Cabinet of the Baltimore Washington Conference, we congratulate St. Mathews United Methodist Church on the celebration of your 130th Church Anniversary and Homecoming.

As I ponder this milestone, I think of the lives that have been touched over the years, the baptisms performed, the celebrations of life commemorated, communions served, and the warm friendships developed. Through your Christian witness, neighbors and family members have discovered the gift of community and the power of Christ to transform lives. Your ancestors have been a blessing to the community and your challenge is to remain engaged and impact the lives of this generation and those to come.

Your theme, "Keep Building: Going from Old to New According to God's Plan" is particularly poignant for me. You look to the past for grounding, but aspire to prepare for the future challenges in order to be faithful.

As your district superintendent, I am proud of your contributions to the Baltimore Washington Conference and The United Methodist connection. Continue to inspire hearts and meet the human needs of the hurting. May your works be a beacon to others of God's love.

Although I cannot be with you physically, know my spirit, encouragement and prayers surround you on this day of reflection and celebration.

Grace and Peace

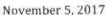
Rev. Dr. Evan Young

Annapolis District Superintendent

## St Matthews United Methodist Church

Rev. Marvin R. Wamble, Pastor







#### Greetings:

I had the pleasure of reviewing the history of St. Matthews United Methodist Church from its humble beginnings in 1887. I was amazed and inspired by the road that has been traveled by this church and the families who have supported it down through the years. The one thing the members of this church continued to do through difficult and challenging times was "Keep Building," not just with brick and mortar, but growing in faith to believe that all things were possible through Christ.

St. Matthews is a testimony that God will supply all of our needs. God has done it year after year as the congregation grew and ministries were planted and harvested. And through it all, with the help of the 32 pastors who have led this flock, God has been at the forefront as St. Matthews has gone from old to new according to God's plan.

I am truly honored to be the latest shepherd God has chosen to lead his people here in Shady Side. I join with you during this awesome celebration singing loudly, "We Have Come This Far By Faith." Our eyes can see the great things God has allowed the members of the congregation to accomplish, but the message God has placed in my spirit is "we aren't finished yet."

As we move forward we must adapt a new approach to building. The walls are up, and the beautiful edifice is in place, now it is time to dedicate ourselves to service and begin building beyond the walls. Jesus is still the foundation, but we must construct relationships with our neighbors and the least, the lost and the less than. We must assemble ministries that will allow us to touch those around us who need to know the love of Jesus. Yes, we must "Keep Building."

I would like to thank all the friends and family of St. Matthews who have come to join in our celebration. Your support is valued in all that we have done and all we will do. So, join us as we follow God's plan and embark on new ways to spread the Gospel and make disciples for Jesus Christ. Walk with us as we Engage, Impact and Transform.

Yours in Christ, Your Pastor

Rev. Marvin R. Wamble

"Engaging, Impacting, Transforming"



Sis. Janet Scott Anniversary Committee Chairperson

November 5, 2017

To My St. Matthews Church Family

It has been an honor to serve as Chairperson of the "130th Year Anniversary" Committee. When asked to serve, there was no way I could say no. I have been a member of St. Matthews my entire life. One would think I would be able to help with the history of the church, however, that was not the case. I remember all the good people that served in the church and contributed so much to this day being possible, but unable to put it on paper.

I am grateful to people like Sis. Darlene Washington, Sis. Teresa Fountain and my mom, the late Sis. Christolyne Scott, for having the patience to work with me and to encourage me to serve in the church. Now it's my time to "Keep Building."

With help from me, Pastor Wamble selected the committee; Sis. Tamara Smith, Sis. Laura Salisbury and Sis. Kiesha Tydings and he did a beautiful job. I decided we needed a male and Bro. Jesse Smith agreed to serve. I only worked a few days and realized I needed more help and I am grateful for the assistance of Sis. Tyra Dunscomb, Sis. Jean Yvonne Johnson and Bro. Terrance Tasker. I could not ask for a better committee.

As for you, the St. Matthews Church Family, everything we asked you to do, you did and did it well and "Thank You" seems inadequate.

In closing, To God be the Glory! Love God; Love each other and "Keep Building."

Chairperson

Janet L. Scott

130th Year Anniversary Committee

## 130™ ANNIVERSARY & HOMECOMING COMMITTEE



Left to Right: Laura Salisbury, Janet Scott, Rev. Marvin Wamble, Tamara Smith, Jean Yvonne Johnson, Kiesha Tydings, Tyra Dunscomb, Terrance Tasker, Jesse Smith (not pictured).

#### 2017 Current Church Officers

Jacqueline Smith Church Council Chairperson

Patricia Matthews Lay Leader

Jean Yvonne Johnson Lay Leader to the Annual Conference

Victor Smith, Sr. SPRC Chairperson
Herbert Matthews Trustee Chairperson
Carmelia Hicks Finance Chairperson

Deborah Thompson Treasurer

Gayle Thompson Finance Secretary

Maurice Smith United Methodist Men President
Anita Tyler United Methodist Women President
Tyra Dunscomb Christian Education Chairperson
Juwan Gray Youth Ministries Coordinator
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Victor Smith, Jr. Young Adults Ministries Coordinator

Bessie Thompson Children's Ministry Coordinator

Jean Yvonne Johnson Health & Welfare Ministries Coordinator



## STATE OF MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

November 5, 2017 130th Anniversary and Homecoming Celebration St. Matthews United Methodist Church

#### A Message from Governor Larry Hogan

#### Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 130th Anniversary and Homecoming Celebration of the St. Matthews United Methodist Church! I am honored to provide this message to you on such a wonderful occasion.

Since its founding in 1886, the leaders of the St. Matthews United Methodist Church have provided their guidance, kindness, and support to so many individuals in their community. I would like to thank the current pastor, Reverend Marvin R. Wamble, who took over leadership of the Church in July, 2016, and whose service has empowered each member of this congregation for over the past year.

Again, I welcome you to this event and offer my very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Larry Hogan Governor

## STEVEN R. SCHUH

County Executive



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November 5, 2017

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the citizens of Anne Arundel County, I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to St. Matthews United Methodist Church on the occasion of its 130<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary and Homecoming Celebration and a warm welcome to the organizers and guests attending. It is no easy task to put together such an amazing event, and the organizers should be commended on their hard work.

I commend the Church's dedications to their congregation, their community, and their anniversary theme of "Keep Building: Going from Old to New According to God's Plan." This theme is made evident by your dedication and service to enriching the lives of Anne Arundel County's citizens and should serve as an example to us all.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

Steven R. Schuh County Executive



## OUR FORMER PASTORS

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Rev. Dr. Eddie Smith St. Matthews Pastor 1983-1989

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. Psalm 127:1

To the Pastor, Officers and church family of St. Matthews United Methodist Church. Grace and peace, be unto you, In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is with heavenly happiness and eternal enthusiasm that I send you, these words of Congratulations, for reaching another milestone, in your church history to achieve your one hundred and thirtieth church anniversary is a grand feast. This means, for one hundred and thirty years the St. Mathew church family has been spreading the gospel, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, comforting the affected and championing the right of the oppress and dispossessed.

For one hundred and thirty years, St. Matthews United Methodist church has nurtured and impacted hundreds of children and youth in your community, having supported many social causes ..., in the movement of United Methodism.

St. Matthews United Methodist church you are to be congratulated and celebrated because you have persevered down through the years.

It could not have been easy, and yet you survived and are still standing. St. Matthews United Methodist Church, I salute you, and I commend you for your faith that would not shrink, thou pressed by every foe; a faith that would not waiver even when times were lean, and a faith that would not compromise, even in the midst of a changing culture. It has been your faith that has allowed you to stand, and not just stand, but to press on.

Thank you for your commitment to our God, to your community and to the ongoing advancement of United Methodism.

Happy Church anniversary and as always, I remained ... yours in the Lord's services.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Eddie Smith

Rev. Dr. Eddie Smith, Senior Pastor



## Rev. Roberta Matthews St. Matthews Pastor 1995-2004, 2014-2016

November 5, 2017

To the wonderful people at St. Matthews United Methodist Church and Rev. Marvin Wamble:

Greetings to you in the awesome name of Jesus our Christ and the Lover of our souls.

Congratulations!!! Happy Homecoming as you celebrate your Church's 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Keep building -- going from old to new according to God's plan.

God bless your endeavors as you have labored this year. We will remain unified with a sense of mission and purpose.

I am standing here with arms wide open to embrace each of you for your grace, comfort and goodness.

Celebrate, Celebrate as our God blesses! As you enter those doors, you enter my heart.

At His feet,

Rev. Roberta C. Matthews

Rev. Roberta C. Matthews



Rev. Ann Parker-Offer St Matthews Pastor 2004-2006

November 5, 2017

Greetings to the Pastor, Officers, Members of St. Matthews United Methodist Church!

I greet you in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

It is truly an honor to be able to congratulate you on this joyous occasion, on the celebration of your 130th Church Anniversary and Homecoming.

It is fitting to give thanks to God for reaching 130 years. Jesus Christ, our savior has piloted this great church, St. Matthews United Methodist Church all the way.

I salute the pioneers for their glorious effort that was set forth to fulfill a vision from God to build this great church. I salute those who without a doubt, put God first and continued to work through the years to overcome obstacles large and small. God enabled all of you to hold on to your faith and push forward to achieve His goal.

I count myself fortunate, grateful and blessed to have ministered at one time as your pastor to this progressive church. It is my hope that you will remember the heroes of faith who struggled and toiled in the vineyard to make possible your reaching this day. It is my hope that you will prepare now for those to come that they may build upon what you provide.

I again extend my warmest congratulations in making this 130th Church Anniversary and Homecoming Celebration a memorable one. "Continue to Keep Building: Going from Old to New According to God's Plan."

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Ann Rarker-Offer

Rev. Ann Parker Offer



Rev. Theresa A. Robinson St. Matthews Pastor 2006-2014

November 5, 2017

Letter of congratulations for St. Matthews souvenir 2017 booklet:

Congratulations St. Matthews on your years of ministry and long-suffering the name of God our Father and Jesus our Savior and Lord.

May you still find joy, peace and empowerment as you lift the Cross and Ministry of God our Father, Jesus our Savior, and the Holy Spirit our Enabler.

I can truly say as I served as your pastor, there were some good days and some worry days, but look how God has blessed us down through the years.

My prayer for St. Matthews is that you will continue to rejoice in the Lord without discrimination, serve with integrity, respect reverently, prays constantly, give and receive graciously, and finally trust in the Lord without hesitation or reservation.

Remember: Romans 8:28-39 (NIV)

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

31 What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all — how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I Love You All - Happy Celebrating,

Rev. Theresa a. Rabinson



## OUR "KEEP BUILDING" HISTORY

#### THIS IS OUR "KEEP BUILDING" STORY



Today's celebration would not be possible without the sharp eyes of Tyia Graves. One year ago, the youth Sunday School class was taking a walking tour around the church. It was Tyia who noticed the cornerstone at the front of the church indicating that Sunday morning was the church's 129th anniversary. Her discovery set the wheels in motion for our 130th Anniversary & Homecoming Celebration.

The cornerstone indicated that the church was founded on Nov. 6, 1887. That matches the written history, which tells us that on Oct. 22, 1887 the available deed shows the first parcel of land was deeded to the trustees of St. Matthews Methodist Episcopal Church. The deed states that Bro. John T. Gross, Bro. Joseph Matthews, Bro. William (Bill) Nick, Bro. James Boyd, and Bro. Edward Dennis were trustees. The land was purchased from James and Mary Jane Thompson. Other records indicate that the original property was owned by John and Rachael Brown Nick.

This was the second Methodist church that was founded in Southern Anne Arundel County by James Thompson. The other was Franklin Methodist Episcopal Church in Churchton. Thompson was a freedman before the conclusion of the Civil War. The land that St. Matthews is located on was purchased by Thompson from the Weems family and was once part of the Thompson's farm. Records show St. Matthews was originally called Great Swamp Methodist Episcopal Church.

The formation of this church was necessary because of the increased population in the Shady Side community, in those days called "the Great Swamp." This new congregation separated from Franklin Methodist Episcopal Church, thus Franklin was known as the "mother church." According to the cornerstone, the church was dedicated on Nov. 6, 1887. The Rev. Julius Love was the first pastor of St. Matthews Methodist Episcopal Church, serving from 1887 to 1889.

Over the next 10 years, several parcels of land were purchased by the West River Circuit -- Franklin Chapel, St. Matthews and Friendship Church (Carters). The land was used to build the church and a parsonage. The church was small, 29' x 49', but it didn't take long for plans to "Keep Building."

During the pastorate of Rev. T.P. Thomas (1915-1921) and Rev. Ely Lofton (1921-1922) plans were being made to build another church. It was noted that on Nov. 29, 1922, a mortgage with Farmer's National Bank was recorded in the sum of \$2,500 with St. Matthews Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. J.L. Brown (1922-1923) was pastor when the cornerstone of the church was laid in 1922. This building consisted only of a sanctuary. The church was an A-frame building with a bell tower.

In 1943, under the leadership of Rev. A.T. Middleton (1938-1952) and dedicated members, the mortgage that was recorded in 1922 was paid off. On Palm Sunday, St. Matthews celebrated the burning of the mortgage.

In the late 1940s, with God's continuous blessings, the church borrowed \$5,000 to help build a new parsonage. Rev. Middleton moved to the Franklin Hall until completion of the construction. The parsonage was owned by Franklin and St. Matthews churches.

With Rev. Walter H. Sewell (1957-1973) at the helm, there were many improvements and accomplishments. Sis. Dorothea Dennis, with great commitment and concern, was led by the Spirit to be a booster for improvements. She knew that for the church to grow spiritually and in attendance, much had to be accomplished.

Major improvements to the church were made between 1959 and 1965 primarily by Bro. Leonard Nick with the help of Bro. George Crowner and Bro. Varnell Nick. The improvements included: replacing the coal stove with an oil furnace; tiling the dining room, living room, and the hall of the parsonage; the addition of an educational room, hall, restroom, and furnace room. In 1965, the church was bricked, and a cable was placed through the middle of the church to support the frame. Yes, the church kept building.

In 1968, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church became the United Methodist Church. St. Matthews Episcopal Methodist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Walter H. Sewell (1957-1973), became St. Matthews United Methodist Church of the Baltimore Annual Conference. At that time, the order of worship changed, and the hymn book changed. St. Matthews United Methodist Church was on the Churchton charge, which consisted of Franklin and St. Matthews churches.

In 1984, after nearly 100 years of building, growing, changes and improvements, the church needed to renovate. Total membership was 130 with potential growth of 50. The church assessed its needs:

- A sanctuary that seats 170, in addition to 30 choir seats.
- 2. Adequate space for entering and exiting, meeting the fire regulation requirements
- 3. Bathroom facilities
- 4. Multipurpose area that seats 200
- 5. Office space for equipment necessary for filing, printing, collating, typing, etc.
- A study for the pastor, adequate for counseling and other ministerial duties in a professional setting.
- Adequate space for the use and storage of equipment as well as personal belongings for choir members, ushers and communion stewards during service.

One of the challenges was not having enough land for renovations and additions to fulfill the church's needs. The Administrative Board members, with Bro. Arthelbert Holland as

Renovation Committee chairperson, decided that we would pursue the question of purchasing the parcel of open field that lies between St. Matthews and Centenary United Methodist Church. After several meetings and the hiring of a surveyor, we were told that the land was once owned by John Nick, but was later purchased in tax sale by Benjamin Michelson. The land was deeded to Centenary in 1937.

It wasn't until 1986, with the commitment and determination that the Renovation Committee chairperson, Bro. Johnnie Washington and Rev. Eddie Smith, pastor (1983-1989), arranged for a joint trustee meeting with Centenary UMC. As a result of the sharing of key information concerning the property, St. Matthews was given a portion of the land that was needed to renovate.

On Sunday, Nov. 27, 1988, a drawing of the perspective building was presented to the congregation.

Rev. George A. Stansbury (1989-1995) became the pastor in July 1989. He was well aware of our needs and was eager for the church to continue to be good stewards with God's blessings.

In 1991, after interviewing architects and builders, preliminary drawings were done by Lee Warner Architects, Inc. The presentation was made to the Conference Building and Locations Committee. We thought we were well on our way to construction but faced yet another challenge. We were told we did not have sufficient land for construction. The trustees went back again to our neighboring church to ask for more land. Centenary UMC was gracious again and promised us the land for construction.

Our newly assigned Renovation Committee chairperson, Bro. Victor Smith Sr, was installed in 1992. On Nov. 8, 1992, Bro. Smith presented plans to the congregation. We were again involved in the largest renovation project in 105 years of our original structure. The last parcel of land was kindly given to us by Centenary UMC. The deed was officially recorded. Renovation plans went into effect and an architect was hired. The congregation was committed and dedicated to the goal of building a new church.

On July 10, 1993, the church held a groundbreaking ceremony for our renovation project. The ground breakers were:

- Rev. George A. Stansbury, Pastor
- · Bro. Victor Smith Sr., Chairperson of Renovation
- · Rev. Johnnie Washington, former chairperson
- Bro. Arthelbert Holland, former chairperson
- · Bro. Kendal Gross, Trustee
- Sis. Teresa Fountain, United Methodist Women
- Bro. Frank Hopkins, United Methodist Men
- Sis. Sarah Matthews, oldest member of the church
- · Tamara Smith, Youth
- Justin Holland, Children
- Sis. Laura Salisbury, Church School Superintendent
- · Bro. John Fountain, chairperson of the PPR

In 1995, St. Matthews welcomed Rev. Roberta C. Matthews (1995-2004, 2014-2016), the first female pastor in the 108-year history of the church. Under the leadership of Rev. Matthews, it was with great commitment and determination that the Renovation Committee and the entire congregation continued to work toward the goal – a new church.

In 1996, the Finance Committee launched the Capital Building Fund Campaign with Sis. Teresa Fountain as the chairperson of the committee. The church was involved in a prayerful financial stewardship program to continue with Phase 1 plans, which included building the education and fellowship wing, pastor's study, and a financial secretary's office.

In a workshop from Aug. 17 to Sept. 8, 1996, we received vital spiritual preparation as we shared in the meaning and spirit of our building fund. Commitment cards were prepared to help each member decide. On Sept. 12, 1996, everyone was invited to the church to share experiences, hear the total commitments, and celebrate the achievement. On that day the church received commitments of nearly \$220,000.

The church made the decision to combine Phase I, Part I & II. In December 1996, commitment cards were presented for a special moment of prayer and dedication. A special time was set aside each Sunday during our regular worship service to pray for renovation.

In June 1997, the trustees and officials of the administrative board signed the mortgage papers for a loan from the United Methodist development fund. The plans were:

Phase I, Part I, to construct:

- Church entrance vestibule;
- · Secretary's office of pastor study;
- Coat closet and rest rooms:
- · Kitchen with equipment and mechanical room.

While this work was ongoing, we submitted a lot coverage variance to the county to continue with the construction of Phase I, Part II:

- The multipurpose building in classrooms;
- · The installation of a 26,000-gallon water storage tank;
- And a storm water management facility.

Individual pledges and donations, along with many special programs and activities, continued as we built on our finances with God's blessing.

On Feb. 2, 1998, renovation of Phase I began. Members enjoyed a renovation celebration on that Sunday.

In October 1998, St. Matthews Phase I project was completed. A "Consecration Celebration" was held on Nov. 21, 1998.

On May 27, 2001, we became involved in revising our Financial Stewardship Campaign to quickly pay off our prior loan to prepare the way for our new sanctuary in Phase II.

Informative time began the discussion to better understand our financial commitments. The commitments required extra giving beyond our regular weekly tithes and offerings. A play written by Rev. Matthews entitled, "What's That You Said Lord?" was presented to benefit our renovation fund.

Over the next nine years, members of the church dedicated themselves to providing the finances needed to "Keep Building." But the building was not *only* about constructing the new sanctuary. Annual Family Days, started in 1976 by Rev. Richard T. Herbert (1973-1983), Sis. Helen Gorham and Sis. Christolyne Scott, continued to grow and prosper as the dedicated families of the church continued to display their talents. Ministries were growing, choirs were birthed, servants of the church were honored on a yearly basis. Black History Month celebrations were vibrant, and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Annual Breakfast was launched.

The church certainly did "Keep Building." "During her tenure (2006-2014), Rev. Anne Parker's leadership of St. Matthews was key to continuing to the spiritual growth of the church and the physical building of the new church sanctuary. Phase II continued with the construction of the multipurpose building and classrooms with builder Taurus Enterprises, Inc. The church continued its Financial Stewardship Campaign through this building process solely for the support of construction, which God blessed financially and spiritually allowing the church to pay off two mortgages for the first phase for this project early.

But there was still one more Phase that needed to be completed. The church had to "Keep Building." After all permits were approved for the construction of the new church sanctuary, a meeting was held on Feb. 4, 2009, with the Rev. Theresa A. Robinson (2006-2014), members from the Renovation Committee, Finance Committee and the Stewardship Committee to discuss finalizing our loan application to Sandy Spring Bank for the construction of the new sanctuary. Our Stewardship Committee asked the entire congregation to re-pledge again for our continued stewardship campaign. Renewal of all pledges was a key factor before we finalized our loan and commitment to a mortgage payment. God had blessed us beyond measure and we looked forward to his guidance and direction as we had endeavored to complete this project to build his Kingdom. "Not my will Lord, but Thy will be done."

On April 17, 2011, groundbreaking service for the new sanctuary was held with Rev. Robinson as the presiding pastor. A meeting was last held on Tuesday June 26 with members from the Renovation Ministries Committee, Finance Ministries Committee and the Stewardship Committee in attendance. At this meeting we introduced Dave Ward of Taurus Enterprises, the General Contractor who would be the builder on our project. Taurus Enterprises was the company that built the first part of project and we are glad to have them back to finish the new sanctuary.

The deed for the loan for the construction of the new church was signed on April 21, 2011. Signees were, Trustee Chairman, Bro. Herb Matthews, Trustee Vice Chairman, Bro. Kendal

Gross, and Evelyn Darden, the Attorney representing the church. Also in attendance were Sis. Carmelia Hicks, Bro. Ron Holland Sr. and Bro. Victor Smith Sr.

The prayers continued as did the giving of the congregation. Trusting in the Lord throughout this process, St. Matthews UMC held its first service in the new sanctuary on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012.

The final phase of the building process took form in October 2016, under the leadership of Rev. Marvin R. Wamble (2016 to present), the 32<sup>nd</sup> pastor of St. Matthews, when the parking lot was paved and painted. With every phase completed, the building continues. New ideas for ministries and community outreach are springing forward. The congregation continues to serve and give, taking hold of its new vision – "Engaging, Impacting and Transforming."

Maybe years from today another youth, like Tyia, will read a cornerstone and seek to know more about the historical journey of St. Matthews United Methodist Church and understand its drive to "Keep Building."

For a detailed history of St. Matthews UMC, please see: www.stmatthewsumshadyside.org.

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Rev. Theresa Robinson	2006-2014
Rev. Roberta C. Matthews	2014-2016
Rev. Marvin R. Wamble	2016-present



## MEMORIALS & CONGRATULATIONS



## For My Dear Friend, Teresa Fountain

Thank you for teaching me to play from the HEART and not just out of a book!

I recall those early days on Easter Sunday at West River Center,
sometimes we were in the back of a pick-up truck.

One year a mist was falling on us; you were playing
and I was picking up the sticking keys on that old piano.

So many memories of almost 50 years of making music together!

Barry H. Cornwall

"...My house shall be a house of prayer..." Matthew 21:13a

## Congratulations St. Matthews U.M. Church On Your 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In Loving Memory Of

Rev. Johnnie Washington

Wife Darlene, Children: Reginald, Jr., Quincy and Michelle Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren



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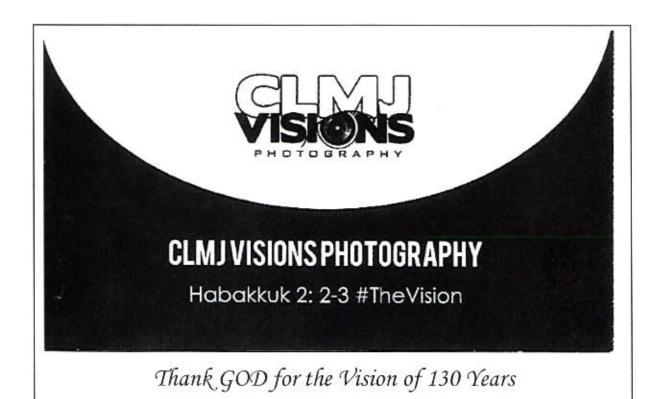
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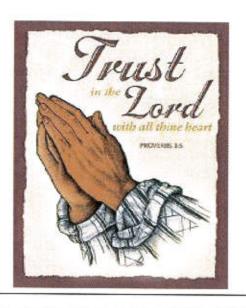
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Congratulations
St. Matthews UMC on the

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of the Church

Carmelia Hicks & Family





October 18, 2017

St. Matthews United Methodist Church 6234 Shady Side Road Shady Side, MD 20764 Rev. Marvin R. Wamble, Pastor

We sincerely, would like to take this opportunity to

#### CONGRATULATE

St. Matthews United Methodist Church as you celebrate this 130th Church Anniversary & Homecoming

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Psalm 133:1

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## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

To the Pastor, Officers, Members and Friends of St. Matthews United Methodist Church on your 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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Trust in the Lord with all thine heart
PROVERBS 3:5

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Many blessings at the celebration of your 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary We look forward to more ministry time together

Barry Cornwall and Larry Cox



Happy 130<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary

St. Matthews

for Spiritual Worshipping in the

Shady Side Community



Best Wishes

St. Matthews United Methodist Church
on your
130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Homecoming Service

"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ"

1 Corinthians 3:1

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I thought of you today, but that is nothing new.

I thought about you yesterday and the days before that too.

I think of you in silence, I often speak your name.

All I have are memories and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is a keepsake from which I'll never part.

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