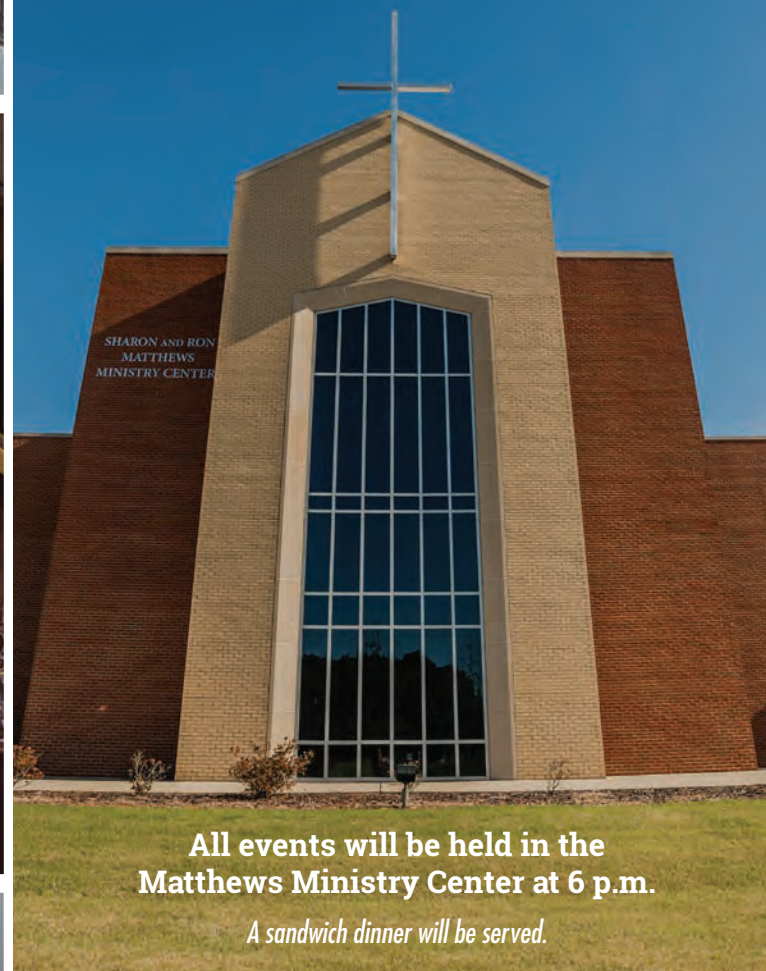




[Engage. Enrich. *Empower.*]



All events will be held in the  
Matthews Ministry Center at 6 p.m.

*A sandwich dinner will be served.*



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*The internet has transformed every area of human interaction – including religion – more than any other invention in history. The new technology is disrupting traditional definitions of community, authority, beliefs, and even what it means to be human and present to one another. The internet can be used to divide people of different faiths and worldviews further, or it can foster greater understanding – the choice is up to us.*

*Join us for our 2023 Unpacking Religion series to explore how we can become interfaith leaders who understand the power of the internet, appreciate how it can be used to promote understanding across lines of difference, and are fully trained to maximize the impact of the technology for education, inspiration, and community while retaining the integrity of our own religious belief and doctrines.*



September 18, 2023

#Interfaith: Economic Justice



Today's global economy is complex and interconnected, creating both massive wealth and massive inequality. How does our religious belief inform our understanding of local and global markets, the relationship among workers, consumers, and investors, unjust practices and policies that exploit workers, systems that benefit a few at the expense of the many, and perpetuate poverty? The intersection of faith and Economic Justice may include conversations around:

- Faithful Finance
- Global Hunger & Poverty
- Hunger & Poverty In The U.S.
- Worker Justice/Living Wage

October 16, 2023

#Interfaith: Peace with Justice



Political and social turmoil can be caused by several issues, including economic disparity, environmental degradation, gender inequality, racism and xenophobia, and illness and disease. How do our various faith traditions speak to disrupting these conditions and systems perpetuating injustice? The intersection of faith and peace with justice may include conversations around:

- Nonproliferation and Disarmament
- Peacebuilding
- Gun Violence Prevention
- Ongoing War And Conflicts

November 13, 2023

#Interfaith: Civil & Human Rights



Faith teaches us important values about standing up for justice and collective liberation. Every faith tradition articulates these values differently, and finding community in interfaith spaces allows us to learn from each other's practices. Oftentimes today, we see the language and traditions of faith being manipulated for a harmful, discriminatory, and violent political agenda of religious nationalism and supremacy. These movements peddle intolerance and harmful narratives meant to divide and demonize people based on faith. How do your faith traditions and teachings influence your advocacy for human rights for all? The intersection of faith and civil and human Rights may include conversation around:

- Free And Fair Elections
- Immigration
- Religious Freedom
- LGBTQIA+ Rights

February 19, 2024

#Interfaith: Health & Wholeness



How can we navigate the intersection of faith and health to claim a "center of well-being" for all people? What positive potential do our diverse religious identities and communities offer as we seek human thriving? The intersection of faith and health and wholeness may include conversations around:

- Addiction
- Global Health
- Health Care In The U.S.
- Mental Health

March 18, 2024

#Interfaith: Environmental Justice



Humankind has struggled from our earliest days to live in the right relationship with the Earth, with each other, and with the Divine. How we interact, honor, use or abuse the environment reflects our religious beliefs about creation, a Creator, scientific knowledge, the sacred, animal life, and so many more dimensions of faith and faithfulness. How do we channel our belief into sustained action so that we may all benefit now and into the future? The intersection of faith and environmental concerns may include conversations around:

- Clean Water
- Climate Change
- Food Justice
- Sustainability

April 15, 2024

#Interfaith: Women & Children



Women continue to lead and strengthen families, faith traditions, and communities while also having to navigate systems of oppression., mitigate the harm being done to them, their children and their community, create and gather resources for survival, and cope with trauma. Women and children often become unnecessarily vulnerable because of sexism, poverty, sexual and gender-based violence, war and conflict, climate change, and media portrayals and cultural beliefs that denigrate women and children. How can our religious traditions and teachings cultivate a world where women and children flourish and live abundant lives? The intersection of faith and the lives of women and children may include conversations around:

- Domestic Violence
- Human Trafficking
- Reproductive Health
- Education

