

People of United Reformed: Matthew Short

Name: Matthew Short, age 33
Nickname: Matt
Spouse: Erin, age 30
Years married: 3 years
Children: (of the feline variety) Buffy, age 11
Parents: Marilyn and Glenn
Siblings: 2 sisters, Kim and Erica, 4 brothers in laws!
Which # are you? The baby of the family

Favorite Things

Movie: *Back to the Future*

TV Show: *Scrubs* and *This is Us*

Kind of Music: Classic Rock

Song: *Lightening Crashes* by Live

Book: At the moment it's *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline

Hobbies: Traveling, eating out, going to the movies, spending time with my cat

Food: Chicken Francese

Beverage: Dr. Pepper

When I have a day off the thing I most like to do: clean and organize my home

My idea of a perfect vacation: a transatlantic cruise with my entire family

Favorite Childhood Memory:



Driving to Florida in our old station wagon



One of the best things that ever happened to me: was marrying my best friend.



One of the funniest things that ever happened to me was when we booked a cruise for our honeymoon, Erin and I had no idea that my cousin and his future in-laws would be going on the exact same cruise! We bumped into them multiple times on the trip.

One of the hardest things I ever had to face: was losing my father when I was just 22 years old.

Something that very few people know about me is I love cold weather vacations. I've been to Park City, Utah for the Sundance Film Festival and would love to go on an Alaskan cruise one day.

If I had my dream job: I would be working in the analytics department for a Major League Baseball team.



Faith and Church Information

Favorite Scripture: The Judgment of Solomon, 1 Kings 3:16-28

Favorite Hymn: In The Garden

Favorite Praise Song: Shine, Jesus, Shine (Matt knows all the hand motions too!)

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How long have you been worshipping at United Reformed Church? My educated guess would be 33 years.

Favorite URC memory: Growing up with my friends, going to Sunday School, Bible School and Youth Group together.

What first brought you to United? My parents raised me here; I didn't chose my church, but my church chose me.

The thing I most appreciate about United is the love and support we provide for each other through the best and worst of times.

Who had the biggest influence in shaping your faith and why? My mother and my wife are strong and passionate in their beliefs, and it is something I continue to try and improve upon myself.

The thing that God is teaching me right now is patience. All good things come in due time.

My biggest doubt or question about my faith is how strongly it can be sustained with so much loss and suffering in the world. We live in troubling times, and it constantly tests my faith.

What difference has God made in your life? God has a way of giving me purpose and direction in the darkest and most trying times of my life. My faith is my light when I feel lost and powerless.

