

THOSE WHO MAKE ST. MATTHIAS' ROCK ON SUNDAYS!

Ministry		November 24	December 1
Celebrant		Rev. Brenda Overfield	Rev. Brenda Overfield
Crucifer	Early	Carter Ramkey	Alex Deas
	Late	Wesley Kirkland	Hazel Bittenbender
Server	Early	Kendall Ramkey	Alex Deas
	Late	Chris Greatwood	Hazel Bittenbender
First Lesson	Early	Chip Thompson	John Gray
	Late	Linda Seamster	Kevin Sweeney
Second Lesson	Early	Chip Thompson	John Gray
	Late	Pamela Bandy	Kevin Sweeney
Psalm	Early	Nancy Matthews	Cheryl Boone
	Late	Chris Greatwood	Zita Barree
Prayers of the People	Early	Brenda Hentges	Jonathan Page
	Late	Chris Begin	Ed Mendenhall
Healing Minister		Merriann Clark	Marilynn Swenson
Tellers		Marcia Oglesby Perry Jefferson	Howard Whitehead Chris Greatwood
Altar Guild		Laura Davis Valerie Doebler	
Greeters	Early	Donna Case Don Carter	Don Carter Donna Case
	Late	Zita and Michael Barree	Merriann Clark Paul Begin
Ushers	Early	Thomas Biney-Amissah, Matt Tacey	Allen Davis Bob Parker
	Late	Gerry Noell Rex Slack	Bob Bledsoe Ashby Baum
Children's Liturgy	Early		
	Late	NO CHILDRENS' LITURGY	NO CHILDRENS' LITURGY
Flower Guild		All hands on deck	Kappy Atkins
Sound Board	Early	George Brengel	
	Late	Chris Greatwood	Tom Napier
Vestry Rep.		Jeff Burke	Barb Stout

PRAYER LIST

Our Prayer Lists: Understanding that a lot can happen between Tuesday at Noon (deadline for bulletin information) and Sunday morning regarding requests for intercessions, there will now be a notebook on the podium outside the entrance of the Commons for people to add names for a given Sunday. That list will be given to Brenda. Names added will remain for six weeks, please contact office to renew if you wish.

Our Congregation is asked to keep in their prayers the following:

Jade Leong	Arnold Strulson	<i>We also pray for those in the military, especially:</i>
Jim B.	Paula Blaylock	
Carol B.	Rainer	
Tare & Clara Rose	Dick Harman	
Jill Griffith	Liz Brengel	
Muna Johnson	/Pamela	
Danielle Bickley	Olga & Family	
/Doug Utt	Ron Beller	
Danielle	Steve	
Dove	Stephanie	
/Nat	Amelia	
Dorothy Sibley	Karl Johnson	
Kimberly R.	Helen Spalding	
Alexis	Bill Johnson	
Jo Anne D' Aria	/William	
/The Wiedemann's	Gretchen	
Mike Long	Mie	
Amenta Buckner	Martha McElhinney	
Barbara	Nancy White	
Tammy Swann	Maria Bower	
/Harlan Jones	Courtney	
Lori		
Marsha		
Rodger Hardy		<i>For the repose of the soul of Alex Bilter</i>
Sam Hardy		

MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Donna Case	25
Cameron Hawkins	25
Larry Cardwell	26
Vern Snipes	27

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and In memory of Sandy Taylor by Ed Taylor.

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

The Rev. Brenda S. Overfield, Rector

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Announcements for November 24, 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

Holy Communion at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Nursery provided 8:15 AM - 12:30 PM
Formation Programs 10:00 - 10:50 AM

For after-hour emergencies and pastoral care, please contact the Rector or Parish Administrator: 804-272-8588. For baptisms, marriages, or funerals, please contact the Rector. For use of the facilities, membership, or giving and pledges, please contact the Parish Administrator.

Church sponsored, Sunday bulletin announcements are due in the office by 12:00 PM, Tuesdays and should be submitted here:

www.stmatmidlo.com/news-announcements

Please see our community bulletin board in Morrison Hall for personal and community announcements.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Phone: 804-272-8588 ~ Fax: 804-272-1718

Weather/Emergency Text Updates: Text UBUNTU to 84483

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Phone Number is Changing: On December 2 the church phone number will change to 804-464-1842. Please update your contact information to reflect this change.

Early Deadline: The deadline for the December 2 bulletin and E-news will be at noon on Monday, November 25.

CULTURAL SERIES: Today at 4:00 pm, we will host our first concert of the 2019-2020 Season. We are pleased to have **Medley of Friends** perform a concert of classical, sacred and popular songs. The members are made up of singers and instrumentalists from the Richmond Symphony Chorus and Salisbury Presbyterian Church. Donations at the door are appreciated.

Kelly Riggs of Sapphire Ceramics is our visual artist today and next Sunday. Part of the proceeds from the sales do come back to the Cultural Series.

We still need contributions of food for the reception and would be delighted to have additional help with serving and clean up.

ADVENT AT HOME: The time has come to count the days until we celebrate God's gift to us. Let's prepare with open hearts for Jesus in our lives and His return in glory. Available to take home are daily devotional booklets ('Written in the Stars'), Lighten Up for Advent calendars, #FlatNativity (Sound intriguing? Ask Kristen about it!), and Advent wreath devotionals. Items will be available in the Commons and in the back lobby.

Youth Group - no regular meeting this afternoon due to Chanco Weekend. We'll meet next Sunday for caroling at Bickford!

Last Chance For Poinsettias! Today, Sunday, November 24th is THE LAST DAY to order poinsettias. There will be a table set up in the commons for both services so don't forget and be left without a beautiful plant to keep or gift.

Pick up will be next Sunday, December 1st. Please try to make arrangements for a friend to collect your plant if you will not be there.

Thank you for supporting the children and youth of St Matthias.

The Christmas Mother Tree is Up! St Matthias will sponsor 5 families and 2 seniors this year for the Chesterfield Christmas Mother Program. Please prayerfully consider taking an ornament or two. Presents are due back to the church by December 1st.

Two important reminders from Outreach:

1. 2019 pledge money has been very slow coming in. There are wonderful service organizations waiting to receive our donation so that they can continue their ministries. If your Outreach pledge is not up to date, please consider writing that check!
2. 2020 Estimate of Giving cards are due in now! Outreach is way behind our pledges from last year. Please remember, we are the hands and feet of Christ and your donation to Outreach changes lives. Please fill out that card and turn it in to the church!

Christmas Pageant Sign-up: The sign up sheet for the Christmas pageant will go up on Sunday, December 1st. Speaking and non-speaking parts are available! Rehearsal: 10am Saturday Dec. 21st Lunch Provided

Pageant: 11am Sunday December 22nd

Look for the Holy Family in the Commons to sign up! All ages welcome!

November 30th Shelter Feeding - last one of 2019: A heartfelt THANK YOU and SHOUT OUT to the Wednesday morning Kerygma group and our WONDERFUL congregation for October's shelter feeding lunches!

Our last Shelter Feeding date in 2019 is Saturday, November 30th and it's an important one ... the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We will be delivering another 150 lunches made with loving hands. We ask each person or family to make 10 bagged lunches.

Each lunch to include: a sandwich without condiments: ham, turkey, beef or peanut butter & jelly (please mark PB&J bags for allergies), fruit, dessert, snack and a napkin. Meet us in the church parking lot at 9 AM or leave in the church refrigerator Friday before noon.

Call or email Carrie Deane 804 986 6460 carriecdeane@aol.com or Mary Ellers 804 908 1575 ellersm@chesterfield.gov with any questions. A sign up sheet is in the commons area. Thank you ALWAYS

Advent Wreath Workshop! Sunday, December 1st between the services in Morrison Hall! We need a minimum of 20 people/families to sign up for this event in order to be able to hold it. Please look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Commons. Please sign up no later than Monday, November 25th.

The Polar Express will be showing on **Saturday, Dec. 7th at 7pm**. All are invited for hot chocolate, popcorn and a free movie. Contact Crista Cruz

Lessons and Carols: On Sunday, December 15, at 10:00 am, the Music Ministry and Cultural Series will present "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" - an Advent Lessons & Carols. There will be two services on December 15, one at 8:00 am with communion, and the Lessons & Carols at 10:00 am. Activities for children/youth will be available in Morrison Hall.

Annual Parish Christmas Brunch: It's that time of year.... when we begin planning for the Annual Parish Christmas Brunch. This will take place following the Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 15. Please plan to attend and to bring a favorite brunch or holiday dish. We do need lots of help also.

Bickford Assisted Living: Brenda suggested I share information about our Bickford Assisted Living ministry with the congregation. There are eleven of us that hold a communion service every month at Bickford. Included among the eleven are four special musicians, Chip & Debbie Jones, Julie Morrison, and Bill Stout, who lead the hymns with guitar, mandolin and piano. We look forward to these services and enjoy this ministry so much! Instead of a regular service in December, we will have a Christmas Carol sing along on Thursday, December 19th at 10:30 am. Anyone who may be interested in coming to sing with us is welcome; we'd love to include you in our special Christmas celebration.

THANKSGIVING MEALS: The members of St. Matthias' again have shown their overwhelming generosity in providing Thanksgiving meals for the families of the 4 schools that we support, (Carver, Chalkley, Cary and Greenfield). Your donations provided the makings of a very happy Thanksgiving Day for each of these families and we are so grateful to you! Thank you, thank you for your ready response in giving. May you ALL have a very Happy Thanksgiving. We definitely have much to be thankful for.

ADVENT FAMILY FUN NIGHT:

Join us Friday, December 13th for a special evening of fun, learning about Advent - the state of expectation of the Messiah and the need to keep awake and alert for His glorious return! Included will be interactive prayer stations, crafts, a trivia game, and a special take-home surprise. All ages are welcome! Dinner - 5:30 pm (provided by St. Matthias)

Program - 6:00 - 7:30 pm

PLEASE SIGN-UP IN THE COMMONS

Please mark your calendars! On January 19th we will have one Holy Eucharist celebration at 10:00 am followed by our Annual Parish Meeting followed by a fellowship brunch.

The Vestry and Nominating Committee ask that all qualified candidates prayerfully consider whether you feel called to serve St. Matthias and your fellow parishioners on the Vestry. As a member of the Vestry, you will serve a three-year term, acting as a liaison with a commission, providing support as needed and report monthly to the Vestry on activities. Qualifications to serve on the Vestry: 1) be a confirmed, pledging, enrolled adult communicant in good standing 2) Regular participant in corporate worship 3) Faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God. Please see Carol Giles or Jeff Burke if you are interested in standing for Vestry.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Nursery (newborn through Pre-K) – Room 111

The Nursery (Room 111) is available during both services, as well in-between services. Children are welcome at all services. Feel free to make use of the nursery for all or part of our services. Worship bags with quiet activities are available, hanging from chairs in the back row.

Children's Liturgy; during both services (Kindergarten through 5th Grade)

Children's Liturgy follows the Sunday gospels, introducing children to God's word and encouraging them to learn about Jesus in a way that is both suited to their age and sensitive to their level of understanding. Children begin the service with their parents. They are invited to join with others for Children's Liturgy, and return during the Peace.

Children's Liturgy

November 24th – *King of the Jews* Luke 23:35-43

December 1st - NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday School

November 24th:

Pre-K - 1st Grade – The Annunciation

2nd - 4th Grade – Angels Visit

5th- 8th Grade – Ruler of All

9th - 12th Grade – Advent

December 1st:

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (Advent wreath making event)

The Village (Room 101/103)

10:00 - 10:50 AM

A self-led, conversation based group for those in their 20s-50s.

Adult Forum

November 24th & December 1st - NO ADULT FORUM

It's Annual Report Time. Commission heads, it's time to start writing your 2019 reports for our Annual Meeting in January. Your reports are due in the office by December 20th.