

THOSE WHO MAKE ST. MATTHIAS' ROCK ON SUNDAYS!

Ministry		December 1	December 8
Celebrant		Rev. Brenda Overfield	The Rev. Brenda Overfield
Crucifer	Early	Alex Deas	Carter Ramkey
	Late	Marshall Ketron	Marshall Ketron
Server	Early	Alex Deas	Kendall Ramkey
	Late	Hazel Bittenbender	Wesley Kirkland
First Lesson	Early	John Gray	
	Late	Kevin Sweeney	
Second Lesson	Early	John Gray	
	Late	Kevin Sweeney	
Psalm	Early	Cheryl Boone	
	Late	Zita Barree	
Prayers of the People	Early	Jonathan Page	
	Late	Ed Mendenhall	
Healing Minister		Marilynn Swenson	Cheryl Boone
Tellers		Howard Whitehead Chris Greatwood	Ann Hawkins Jeremy Kirkland
Altar Guild			
Greeters	Early	Don Carter Donna Case	Karen Crawford Stuart Handlan
	Late	Merriann Clark Paul Begin	Janice Dial Cheryl Boone
Ushers	Early	Allen Davis Bob Parker	Brenda Hentges Betsy Goodreau
	Late	Bob Bledsoe Ashby Baum	Tom Napier Gerry Noell
Children's Liturgy	Early		Dawn Fiske
	Late	NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Audrey McElhinney
Flower Guild		Kappy Atkins	Nicole Page
Sound Board	Early		
	Late	Tom Napier	
Vestry Rep.		Barb Stout	Jonathan Hawkins

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:

Joel Secoy
Ben Bonnie
William Claude
Pamela Maggie
Emma Kate Ben
Gretchen /Jade Leong
Jim B. Carol B.
Tare & Clara Rose
Jill Griffith
Muna Johnson
Danielle Bickley
/Doug Utt
Dove /Nat
Dorothy Sibley
Kimberly R. Alexis
Jo Anne D' Aria
/The Wiedemann 's

Mike Long
Amenta Buckner
Barbara Tammy Swann
Lori Marsha
Rodger Hardy
Sam Hardy
Arnold Strulson
Paula Blaylock
Rainer Dick Harman
Liz Brengel
/Pamela Olga & Family
Ron Beller
Steve Stephanie
Amelia Karl Johnson
Helen Spalding
Bill Johnson

*For the repose of the soul of **Franklyn Wright***

We also pray for those in the military, especially:

Corey Todd Batteau
Sooky Brooks
Alex Burton
Christopher Garland
Michael Handlan
Jake Hentges
Rebecca Jenkins
Donta Mason
Tom Montgomery
Jacob Murdock
Phillip Plourd
Andrew Rodgers
Heather Smith
Hank Truillo
Nat Williams
Zach

MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Sophie Boone	2	Kay Wellener	4
Brenda Cardwell	2		
Katherine Griffin	2		
Whitney Sears	3		
Jackie Tucker	3		

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

The Rev. Brenda S. Overfield, Rector

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Announcements for December 1, 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: 804-464-1842. 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: 804-464-1842 ~ Fax: 804-594-5982

Weather/Emergency Text Updates: Text UBUNTU to 84483

Web Site: www.stmatmidlo.com ~ Email: st.matthias@stmatmidlo.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Wreath Workshop! TODAY! between the services in Morrison Hall!

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

Calling all Estimate of Giving Cards: We are closing in on our goal for operating estimates of giving, but still want to make sure we have heard from everyone in the parish. To date operating fund estimates for 2020 amount to \$421,000, which is about \$80,000 below our target that will allow us to have fully budgeted ministries. If you have turned in your EOGs thank you, if not we need your assistance.

CULTURAL SERIES: Thank you all who came and supported the **Medley of Friends** concert last Sunday. A great time going down memory lane was enjoyed by all.

Kelly Riggs of Sapphire Ceramics is here today with her beautiful ceramics. Part of the proceeds from the sales do come back to the Cultural Series.

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 - Caroling at Bickford!

Last Chance For Poinsettias! Pick up your poinsettias today. 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.

Christmas Flower Chart: The Christmas flower chart is now up and located in the Commons. Please take the opportunity to remember Family or Friends this Christmas Season.

Your donation is used to provide flowers and wreaths for our Christmas services. Please remember to list your dedication when signing up. The \$25 donation may be placed in the alms basin with the notation "Christmas flowers".

St. Matthias Co-Ed Book club: :: Have you ever thought about joining a book club? Do you want to join and have input on the book selections? Join us in the senior high school room on Tues. Dec. 3rd at 4pm as the group meets to select 2020 books. We would love to have you!

Leaf Cleanup: Rain forced a reschedule of Leaf Cleanup. Please put Dec. 7 at 10:00 am on your calendar. We need to clean up our campus so please come out to help. Donuts and coffee too.

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!

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

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!

PLEASE SIGN-UP IN THE COMMONS

Dinner - 5:30 pm (provided by St. Matthias)
Program - 6:00 - 7:30 pm

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.

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.

December 1 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Sometimes when we walk out of the sanctuary after worship, it's easy to get back into our own world and put our blinders back on. Today is the first day of Advent (the name is derived from a Latin word for "coming"). This Advent, take time to focus outside of your normal circle, and use this as a time of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of our Lord's nativity, and for the final coming of Christ "in power and glory." If you haven't done so yet, pick up your copy of the devotional booklet, *Writing in the Stars* this morning. Use the daily readings, reflections, and prayers to prepare your heart for the "coming."

#FlatNativity: Don't forget to send your photos of where you journey this Advent with #FlatNativity to kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com. Look for the photos on St. Matthias' Facebook page and on the bulletin board in the Commons.

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

December 1st – No Children's Liturgy

December 8th – *John the Baptist* Matthew 3:1-12

Sunday School

December 1st:

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (Advent wreath making event)

December 8th:

Pre-K - 1st Grade – Jesus is Born

2nd - 4th Grade – Jesus is Born

5th - 8th Grade – Voice in the Wilderness

9th - 12th Grade – Nativity Stories

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.