

THOSE WHO MAKE ST. MATTHIAS' ROCK ON SUNDAYS!

| Ministry | | December 22 | December 29 |
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| Celebrant | | The Rev. Brenda Overfield | The Rev. Brenda Overfield |
| Crucifer | Early | Carter Ramkey | Alex Deas |
| | Late | Chris Greatwood | Hazel Bittenbender |
| Server | Early | Kendall Ramkey | Alex Deas |
| | Late | Marshall Ketron | Wesley Kirkland |
| First Lesson | Early | Nancy Matthews | Cheryl Boone |
| | Late | Clive Burnett | Chris Greatwood |
| Second Lesson | Early | Nancy Matthews | Cheryl Boone |
| | Late | Clive Burnett | Chris Greatwood |
| Psalm | Early | John Goodreau | Scot Vollmer |
| | Late | Bill Oglesby | Nancy Williams |
| Prayers of the People | Early | Brenda Hentges | John Goodreau |
| | Late | Jill Griffith | Pat Firth |
| Healing Minister | | Mary Pearrell | Marriane Clark |
| Tellers | | Perry Jefferson Marcia Oglesby | Charlie Gardner Howard Whitehead |
| Altar Guild | | Laura Davis Valerie Doebler | D. Fiske, M. Kolster, M. Houghton, A. McElhinney |
| Greeters | Early | Renay Hardy Mike Larkin | Suzie and Chip Thompson |
| | Late | Eli Nicola Sandy Noell | Caroline Sweeney Nat Wooding |
| Ushers | Early | John Gray Karen Crawford | Allen Davis Bob Parker |
| | Late | Rob Ketron | Bob Bledsoe Ashby Baum |
| Children's Liturgy | Early | No Children's Liturgy | No Children's Liturgy |
| | Late | No Children's Liturgy | No Children's Liturgy |
| Flower Guild | | | Rhonda Reich |
| Sound Board | Early | Mike Larkin | Debbie Thompson |
| | Late | Richard Perkins | Lenny Anderson |
| Vestry Rep. | | Carol Giles | Jeff Burke |

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:

Tim & Jodi
Orldlu Zumwalt
Hazel and Horold David
Karl Johnson
Bill Johnson
Helen Spalding
/Carrie Deane
Stella
Bob
Heather
Patty M.
Mark
David
Sean Hoffman
Stella N.
The Wiedemann's
Rodger Hardy
Dick Harman
Liz Brengel
/David
Nancy
/Joel Secoy
Ben
Bonnie

William
Claude
Pamela
Maggie
Emma Kate
Gretchen
/Jade Leong
Jim B.
Carol B.
Tare & Clara Rose
Muna Johnson
Danielle Bickley
/Doug Utt
Dove

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

For the repose of the soul of **Linda Petteway**

(Prayers from prayer wall)

MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

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| Sonny Gray | 22 | Jimmy Atkinson | 26 |
| Nancy Matthews | 22 | Amenta Buckner | 26 |
| Chip Thompson | 23 | Matt Huffman | 26 |
| Melody Gray | 24 | Bob Franklin | 28 |
| Lenny Anderson | 25 | | |

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

The Rev. Brenda S. Overfield, Rector

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Announcements for December 22, 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

Christmas Services:

- ♦ Christmas Eve: 5:00 PM (Nursery Available) & 10:00 PM
- ♦ Christmas Day: 10:00 AM

Our Phone Number has changed! On December 17, the church phone number changed to 804-464-1842. Please update your contact information to reflect this change.

Fraudulent Emails: There have been several fraudulent emails under the Rector's name sent to the general congregation in the last few weeks. **Please take note! : you will NEVER receive an email asking for assistance, money, gift cards—anything .ever. from her.** If you opened the email or answered, please go into your email settings and change your password immediately. This is also a phishing scam. Also note, the server is usually @gmail—not @stmatmidlo.com. Always look to see stmatmidlo.com— if it doesn't say that, it's bogus.

December 22 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: The waiting to celebrate the birth of our Lord is almost over! Christmas is nearly here! In two days, we will gather here at church again for Christmas Eve. We will light the Christ candle, and we will sing hymns of joy to celebrate. I challenge you, between now and Christmas Eve, to reflect on the time and love and care that has gone into gifts that are now beneath your tree and gifts that you will exchange over the coming days. How great a love is that? Remember that our love for one another is only a dim reflection of God’s abundant

Christmas Holiday: The Church Office will close at noon on December 24th and will reopen on January 2nd.

#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.

Epiphany: What Does It Reveal? Advent and Christmas are rich with rituals that draw us together as a community. These rituals retell our common—yet uncommon—narrative. With the Advent wreath we mark the growing light of Christ in the world. When arranging the crèche, we remember Jesus’ humble beginnings. We move the wise men ever closer to the Christ child to arrive on Epiphany, reminding us that Jesus is King, worthy of our finest gifts.

Join us for a special intergenerational Epiphany celebration on Sunday, January 5th, during the formation hour (10:00 - 10:50 am). We will meet in Morrison Hall to talk about Epiphany, have fun with special activities, and celebrate with King Cake!

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. Childcare will be available during the meeting.

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.

St. Matthias’ Family Lunch at Candela’s 2020 Dates in Robious Shopping Center at 12:30 PM.: January 5, February 2, March 1, 2020. This year’s hosts: Hap & Rhonda Reisch and Lou Montgomery.

Ponderings of the Priest has resumed! You can share a reflection weekly that can be found on our website: www.stmatmidlo.com.

Miss a sermon? Want to hear it again or share it? They can also be found on our website. www.stmatmidlo.com

Adult forum - new format: On Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 2020, the adult forum group will transition to a different format involving Bible or Christian literature study and discussions. The February book will be *Deep Roots, Wild Branches: Revitalizing the Church in the Blended Ecology* by Michael Adam Beck. The book costs \$12 and there is a sign up sheet in the commons for purchase. For more information about this book see the web site deeprootswildbranches.com. Please consider joining this group for a vibrant, vital discussion about the church. “Our story begins (Gen. 2:9), rebegins (Gal. 3:13), and continues eternally at the tree (Rev. 22:2).” For more details about the transition of the class please talk to Rev. Brenda or Barbara Stout.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS: The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just part of, but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community."

The St. Matthias Food Pantry receives quarterly reward dollars when you shop at Kroger and have connected your Kroger card to Community Rewards (NK723). The reward is based on the amount of money spent when shopping. It has nothing to do with your Kroger Fuel Points. In 2019, we have received a total of \$1401 with 64 households now participating. If you need information on how to connect your Kroger Card, please see Linda Hudgens. This is a great way to add another blessing to our food pantry, as we continue to feed those who are food insecure.

Youth Group resumes January 12th: Youth in grades 6-12 will meet at Sky Zone at 5pm on Sunday January 12th. Younger siblings are welcome to join us as long as parents stay to provide supervision.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Nursery (newborn through Pre-K) – Room 111

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

The Nursery will be available on December 22nd - Pageant Day and December 24th - Christmas Eve (during the 5:00 pm service).

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.

December 22nd – No Children’s Liturgy (Christmas Pageant - 11:00 am service)

December 29th – No Children’s Liturgy (Christmas break)

Sunday School

December 22nd: No Sunday school (rehearsal for Christmas Pageant)

December 29th: No Sunday school (Christmas break)

The Village (Room 101/103)

On break until January 12, 2020

Adult Forum

Dec 15, 22,29: No classes due to Lessons & Carols, Christmas Pageant & Sunday after Christmas

January 5: Epiphany Intergenerational Program

January 12: Meet the Candidates

January 26: Jeopardy Game: High School Class hosting