

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

The Rev. Brenda S. Overfield, Rector

11300 West Huguenot Road

Midlothian, VA 23113

Announcements for March 27, 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION

Morning Prayer via zoom—9:00 Am

Formation Programs via Zoom 10:15

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

Office Closed

Staff members are working from home and are checking voice mail and returning calls.

Phone: 804-464-1842 Fax: 804-594-5982

Weather/Emergency Text Updates: Text WeAreIAm to 84483

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

Update From the Rector

Beloved in Christ,

As we near the date originally set by Bishop Haynes to return to daily routines, she has sent an additional email with updated information for everyone.

All Church facilities and activities, including Services at Church, remain suspended for an indefinite period of time. What this mandate by the Bishop offers us is the opportunity for us all to understand Church as Paul and Jesus have reminded us: WE are the Church – not buildings. As such, the staff and I, along with our Wardens and Vestry are in process of putting together the following means to remain connected as a faith community – as the Church:

- I have been calling about 20 folks a day to check in and see how they are doing. I will continue this- with the plan to reach out to everyone.
- Beginning this Sunday, we are going to set up a Zoom Morning Prayer service. It will be at 9AM. All members will be sent the link via e-news to be able to join. More specific information will follow later this week.
- Seekers' Group will meet via Zoom at 10:15AM. We will continue our Lenten Study: The Way of Love. Please look for links and more information later this week.
- We will offer Christian Formation for our kids also via Zoom – children and Youth from 11:30-Noon on Sundays. More specifics to follow.
- Youth Group: look for information from Kristen as to an electronic gathering.
- We will put services together for Holy Week in some form.
- The Ponderings of the Priest have being posted on the Web Site every other day.
- Your Vestry will be meeting regularly to ensure that we are doing everything possible for the good of St Matthias and our community.
- You will be receiving information regarding on-line giving of your pledges if you wish to do that. Checks can also be mailed to the church directly. There is no longer risk of theft, as we have purchased a locking mail box.
- We will be setting up Zoom meetings for all groups, scheduling them in much the same way we set up building use times. (we purchased a plan so we can hold meetings for larger groups of people for longer times) Staff are meeting virtually several times a week to continue to adapt these plans as changes occur. If you lead a group, book study, anything where you wish to gather in community electronically, please contact Br. Mark and he will be very happy to assist you.
- E-News will be sent out twice a week- on Tuesdays and Fridays. We have to be careful about the number of e-news/ emails to the general congregation. The server will mark us a spammers if we send too many, and that effectively shuts us down from sending anything.
- We have figured out a way to distribute food from the Food Pantry. We just have to maintain proper safety protocols for that to be able to continue- unless the Governor issues a Stay at Home order. Then we will have to stop.

I hope this answers some of your questions. Please let us know if you have any more questions or ideas for helping folks in this time. It is most important that we remain connected as a community- while doing so safely and not putting anyone at risk. Thank you all so much for all you do.

> Brenda

The Rev. Brenda S. Overfield

Rector, St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

PS Please pass this on to those you know don't have email. How do I do Zoom?

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If you would like to join in on our many activities and worship, but have never used Zoom click on the link below to learn how join a Zoom meeting.

How to use Zoom

Sunday Morning Prayer

Brenda will read Morning Prayer on Sundays beginning on Sunday, March 29. This will continue until we are able gather again to worship in person. See the directions below for joining our worship on Sunday.

Time: Mar 29, 2020 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun, until May 10, 2020, 7 occurrence(s)

Mar 29, 2020 09:00 AM

Apr 5, 2020 09:00 AM

Apr 12, 2020 09:00 AM

Apr 19, 2020 09:00 AM

Apr 26, 2020 09:00 AM

May 3, 2020 09:00 AM

May 10, 2020 09:00 AM

Join Zoom Morning Prayer

[Morning Prayer 9:00 AM](#)

Meeting ID: 679 513 030

Password: 700051

One tap mobile

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+19294362866,,679513030# US (New York)

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 929 436 2866 US (New York)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US

+1 301 715 8592 US

Meeting ID: 679 513 030

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/679513030>

Sunday Christian Formation Zoom Classes.

Seekers: This Sunday's Seekers' group will examine [Prayer](#) as a part of The Way of Love. Please watch the video from the link provided, and be prepared for conversations around that topic. Beginning at 10:15 AM Sunday.

Video for Class

Join Class

Sunday School for Children & Youth

Join us Sundays at 11:30 am – 12:00 noon for a live get-together for all ages. The gatherings will be via Zoom. This week we will explore how to build a sacred space in your home.

You can join the Zoom meeting by clicking on this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/969410740?pwd=YkQ0Zm1TT2xSVVFrb1FaQnV2Yldrdz09>

Meeting ID: 969 410 740

Password: 990143

Feel free to contact Kristen Ketron, Director of Formation Ministries if you have any questions. kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com

Christian Formation – Online

St. Matthias now has a website dedicated to formation opportunities for all ages. Here is the link to the website: <http://www.stmatmidlochristianformation.com/>. The link will be available in the biweekly eNews, on Facebook, and on our St. Matthias website (<https://stmatmidlo.com/>).

For children and youth – each group has their own page with the regular lessons from the Sunday school curricula available for downloading and watching videos. There are some bonus formation opportunities at the bottom of the page.

For adults – the various groups that meet at the church have provided information about continuing content and online meetings.

The [Home page](#) has links to each group's page as well as event calendars for each group at the bottom of the page.

If your group would like to be included or you would like to update your group's information, contact Kristen Ketron, Director of Formation Ministries. kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com

Youth Group Meets Online – This Sunday!

Calling all youth (6th-12th grade)

Topic: Youth Group - St. Matthias & St. Michael's

Time: Mar 29, 2020 ~ 5:00-6:00 PM

Let's get together for compline, a check-in, and some Show and Tell.

For the Show and Tell: Find something in your house that answers a question.

Question ideas –

1. Show off a pet to the group.
2. What is the bluest thing in your house?
3. What thing in your house looks the most like you?
4. What would people be surprised to know that you owned?
5. A favorite toy from your childhood that you still have?
6. Something that shows how you are feeling right now.
7. What is something that is important to you?

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/314826802>

For those wanting to continue to contribute to your pledge

During these unprecedented times, we are called into community in unprecedented ways. Your financial gifts to St. Matthias are of vital importance to support our ongoing ministries and our outreach to the most vulnerable among us. Even though the office is currently shut down staff is working with our outreach ministries to ensure that funds continue be sent to the organizations we support.

Please continue to offer your faithful gifts by mailing your check to our church office at 11300 West Huguenot Road, Midlothian VA 23113.

We are currently in the process of setting up online giving. We expect to go live with online giving in the next 5-7 days. More information will be forthcoming..

Weds. Morning Kerygma will be meeting by Zoom on Wednesdays at 10am. Contact Ned Armstrong at ncarmstron@aol.com to be sent a Zoom meeting invitation.

The subject is a lecture series on the New Testament through Open Yale Courses. It can be found on you tube under Introduction to New Testament History and Literature by Professor Dale Martin.

Realm Connect

Yesterday you received an email from the church to sign up for Realm Connect. You may ask what is Realm Connect and is it safe or just a scam. It is real and not a scam!

Realm is the name of the software system the church uses for its operations including all administrative aspects, including all our directory information. The system allows for communications through email and message boards set up for various groups/ministries of St. Matthias.

How secure is it? The security is role based, therefore only certain people can see particular information. For instance, group communications can only be seen by the group members, or payroll information can only be seen by the bookkeeper. Or only you and the bookkeeper can see what you have contributed monetarily to the church this year.

Simply put it is a way for us to stay connected. We thought this was the perfect time for us to invite all in the parish to access this tool so we can continue to support one another in this interesting time.

Please email me with any questions.

Resources for worship at home

[Daily Office](#) Morning, noonday, evening prayer and compline

[Daily Devotions](#) for Individuals and Families

[Morning Prayer](#) podcast

[Online Book of Common Prayer](#)

Formation resources for online use

[Illustrated Ministry](#) Free weekly faith formation resources for all ages for use during this time of suspended services and programs

[Prayer & Worship in Our Homes](#) a free course ChurchNext focusing on prayer, designed for those who might be seeking alternatives to group formation/worship as churches navigate Covid-19 (the coronavirus) in our communities. The course can be utilized either individually or via a zoom-style classroom. ChurchNext is offering two other free courses: [Bridging the Political Divide](#) with Parker Palmer and [Make Me an Instrument of Peace: A Guide to Civil Discourse](#), sponsored by the Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church.

[Lent Madness](#) - This annual saintly competition is carrying on and is a good option for online formation.

[The Work of the People](#) - A spiritual visual library. Their videos can be streamed in Zoom gatherings ([here's how to do that](#)).

Talking about coronavirus with children and youth

[KidsHealth: Coronavirus - How to talk to your child](#)

EASTER EGG HUNT GOES GREEN! We will no longer be using plastic eggs for the egg hunt. Instead, we will be using dyed wooden eggs. You can still lend a hand to this community-wide event by donating wrapped candy for the goody bags. Bring donations to the Christian Formation office. Questions? Ask Kristen: kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com -OR- at 464-1842 ext. 111.

Stay tuned for fun events such as dyeing eggs and VBS workshops during spring break!

This event has been canceled

SPRING BREAK FUN IS COMING TO ST. MATTHIAS! Join us for some great activities and projects on April 6, 7 & 8 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Come for the whole time or just drop in for a bit. Lunch will be provided (served at 12:00 noon). This whopping good time is open to all ages (children under 4 will need to have a parent stay). Contact Kristen at (kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com) -OR- 464-1842 (ext. 111) if you have any questions.

This event has been canceled.

PRAYER LIST

Prayer requests can be sent to Br. Matk at Mark.jenkins@stmatmidlo.com.

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

The people of St. Luke's	/Kyle & Chad Doebler	
Erik Anderson	James Bonniwell	<i>For the repose of the souls of :the Rev. Robert (Bob) Armstrong; the Rev. Sean Cox</i>
William	Alice	
Dick Harman	Bill	<i>For those in the military, especially:</i>
Kate Reid	Paige	Todd Batteau
Alice	Samantha	Sooky Brooks
Elizabeth B.	Emma Kate	Alex Burton
Gibbes B.	Maggie	Christopher Garland
Kenny Welton	Landon	Michael Handlan
David Fry	Mary	Jake Hentges
Andrea	Dot Worsham	Rebecca Jenkins
Ed McCowan	/Rodger Hardy	Donta Mason
/Joan & Jimmy	Bob	Tom Montgomery
John V.	Gretchen	Jacob Murdock
Fran Olson	Alice	Phillip Plourd
William	Karen Dougan	Andrew Rodgers
Sam Hardy	Thomas Binney-Amisshah	Heather Smith
Mary	Liz Brengel	Hank Truillo
Torey	Jim T.	Nat Williams
Jim	David M.	Corey
Hub	Stuart	Spencer
Timothy	Denise M.	Zach
Jodi	Melanie	
Camille	Cody	

MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Imy Caulker-Burnett	29	<u>April</u>	
Betsy Goodreau	29		
Caitlyn Kirkland	29	Keene Mendenhal	2
Wesley Kirkland	29	Grayson Padgett	4
Carolyn Baum	30	Debbie Vance	4