

THOSE WHO MAKE ST. MATTHIAS' ROCK ON SUNDAYS!

Ministry		September 15	September 22
Celebrant		The Rev. Brenda Overfield	The Rev. Brenda Overfield
Crucifer	Early	Alex Deas	Carter Ramkey
	Late	Hazel Bittenbender	Kahner Kirsh
Server	Early	Alex Deas	Kendall Ramkey
	Late	Wesley Kirkland	Marshall Ketron
First Lesson	Early	Brenda Hentges	Scott Volmer
	Late	Lenny Anderson	Clive Burnett
Second Lesson	Early	Brenda Hentges	Scott Volmer
	Late	Lenny Anderson	Cliver Burnett
Psalm	Early	Pete Plourd	Joe Hegner
	Late	Nat Wooding	Kathy Greatwood
Prayers of the People	Early	Chip Thompson	Jonathan Page
	Late	Ann Hawkins	Bill Stout
Healing Minister		Mona Sharkey	Merriann Clark
Tellers		Chris Greatwood Jeremy Kirkland	Ann Hawkins Perry Jefferson
Altar Guild		Mary Ann Reid Maggie Houghton	Michelle Ramkey Dawn Fiske
Greeters	Early	Nancy Matthews Nivia Woodaman	Suzie and Chip Thompson
	Late	Curry Nelms Caroline Sweeney	Eli Nicola Sandy Noell
Ushers	Early	Karen Crawford Donna Case	John Goodreau Stuart Handlan
	Late	Skip Todd Tom Napier	Mark Paulin John Watkins
Children's Liturgy	Early		Cece Allen
	Late	Ruby McCowan	
Flower Guild		Nicole Page	Renay Hardy
Sound Board	Early	John Goodreau	Sam Giles
	Late	Chris Greatwood	Tom Napier
Vestry Rep.		Michelle Henry	The Wardens

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:

McNeil family
Genevieve
Marti Bastedo
/Dick Harman
Joanne D'Aria
Courtney Peery
Nancy White
Richard Wandel
Arnold Strulson
Liz Brengel
Renay Hardy
Rodger Hardy
Olga & John
/Susan Hoffman
Lew
/Phil Z.
Patty M.
Tim & Jodi
Barb Crown
William
Matthew Morgan
Charles
Gwen Owes

Richard Greatwood
/Merriann Clark
Floyd Worsham
Karl & Helen Johnson
Jared
Rebecca Smiley
Will Reid
Carl Blades
Arnold Strulson
Gretchen
/Timothy & Jodi
Bob
Mary & Brian Bernick
Debra Francis
Mary Johnson

We also pray for those in the military, especially:

Corey
Todd Batteau
Sooky Brooks
Christopher Garland
Michael Handlan
Jake Hentges
Rebecca Jenkins
Donta Mason
Tom Montgomery
Jacob Murdock
Phillip Plourd
Andrew Rodgers
Heather Smith

For the repose of the soul of Nancy Blankenship

Hank Truillo
Nat Williams
Zach

MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Patrick Wynne	16	Chuck Cruz	21
Brenda Morris	17	Jim Atkins	21
Ruth Booker	17		
Jim Huffman	18		
Laura Davis	18		
Mary Morsch	19		
Gigi Stokes	20		

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

The Rev. Brenda S. Overfield, Rector

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Announcements for September 15, 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

Holy Communion at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Adult Bible Study 9:00 AM in Library

Nursery provided 8:15 AM—12:30 PM

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 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

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Would you like to be a part of the Music Ministry? Choir rehearsals have begun, but it is not too late to join. We meet in the Music Room.

The Holy Apostolic Band (8:30 AM service) - Calling all Singers and Musicians! Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from 7:00—8:30 PM.

The Chancel Choir (11:00AM service) - rehearsals are on Thursday evenings From 6:30—8:00 PM.

The Holy Apostolic Band and the Chancel Choir are open to those in the 7th grade and older.

The Children's Choir rehearsals on Sunday mornings beginning September 15 (9:30—10:00 AM), before Sunday School.

Children in Kindergarten through the 6th grade are invited to join Miss Veronica in the Music Room.

Kerygma Adult Study Group Resumes: :: Our Adult Study Group known as Kerygma has resumed. All interested adults are encouraged to join us in Morrison Hall each Wednesday at 10:00 for a two-hour class on a variety of subjects ranging from the Bible, to science, to current social issues, to history—and more. Our summer reading this year was Tattoos on the Heart by Fr. Gregory Boyle and will be the basis for our or first three classes on Gangs. Didn't read the book? No problem! Join us to learn and engage in lively discussion with curious Jesus followers.

Youth Group and Parent's Meeting : The parent's meeting for this school year has been changed to NEXT Sunday, September 22nd.

Youth group (grades 6-12) will kick off this THIS Sunday, September 15th from 5-6:30. We're planning to have the slip n slide kickball game set up, so prepare to get wet! St Michael's youth will be joining us.

Women of the Church :It's time to kick off the year! We are doing it differently this year. No Sunday afternoon get together but instead our first meeting will be Tuesday, October 1 at 6:00 -8:00PM in the Sunday School classrooms. As you are probably aware Rhonda Reisch has been soliciting items for the Christmas boxes since January. They are ready to be boxed up! So, we will talk and pack and plan all at the same time! And of course, you can bring items for the boxes that night. Don't worry if 6:00 is too early for you to get there, come when you can and join the fun. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 29 and we will be packing the Halloween boxes for our college students. Another opportunity to talk and pack! Carolyn Armstrong has offered to host that event. More information about that meeting will be communicated later, just wanted to get it on your calendars.

Register for Sunday School the Easy Way!:

Today and next Sunday there will be a computer available between services to register your child online for the 2019-2020 school year. If you would rather complete the registration at home, go to our website (www.stmatmidlo.com). Hover on the drop-down tab "COMMUNITY AND PARISH LIFE," then over the "Children and Youth Christian Formation" tab. Click on the "2019-2020 Sunday School Registration" link to access the registration form. Questions? Contact Kristen Ketron kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com -OR- 804-272-8588 ext. 104

Believe in the Power of Prayer! The power of prayer is undeniable to those who pray regularly. True stories of prayer making a difference in a moment, a life, or the world inspire each of us to examine and strengthen our faith life regularly. Reach deep inside to access the power of praying to change our lives and change our hearts. Come visit our Prayer Wall in the Education wing. There are blank prayer cards, where you can write your prayers, a word, a name, or even draw a picture on. Then place your prayer into one of the assorted envelopes for different kinds of prayers, including prayers in praise of God, prayers for others and prayers for yourself. Prayer is a conversation with God, but it is also a great spiritual practice that can help us attain positive habits and disciplines. If you don't already practice the discipline of prayer, give it a try. It's not only good for your heart and soul but can help you achieve your dreams and goals. You will be amazed by how prayer can impact your life.

Fall Fellowship and Ministry Fair - September 29:

Where do your talents lie? We have different gifts according to the grace given us. Please join us in the Commons from 10:00-10:50 AM to share your gifts of time and talent or receive information about the ministries at St. Matthias. The fair will showcase all of our ministries and you will learn how your talents can be used to serve others. Your active participation in our parish community is vital to the life of the Church. Consider sharing your faith, time and talents with us. Refreshments will be served.

Fall BBQ: The Annual Fall barbecue will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019

4:00-7:00 pm

\$10.00 for adults and children 13 and over.

\$7.00 for children 4-12

Free for children 3 and under

Please sign up to attend in the commons and plan to bring a side dish of your choosing- suggestions are potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, Mac and cheese, fruit or vegetables. We provide our famous pulled pork, hot dogs, buns, condiments, beverages and dessert.

Lots of helpers are need to pull this off! Various opportunities to help include prep, set-up, serving, and clean-up. Also monitoring the bounce house, helping with crafts, and supervising yard games! We are also asking to borrow corn hole games. Please direct your questions to Meg Griffin at 757-672-8783 or meg.griffin@verizon.net.

Planting Day: The Landscape Committee will be asking for donation of daffodil bulbs in the coming weeks. There will be marked baskets in the Commons to collect as many as possible. Planting day will be Oct. 26. Next Spring the medians should be covered in sunny yellow daffodils. They will be there for any years to come!

Why Do We Have an Outreach Fund? It is often asked why St. Matthias has separate pledges for the General fund and for Outreach, when most Episcopal churches simply have one pledge and the vestry determines what goes to Outreach.

Time for some St. Matthias history! Back in the early 80's, the Presiding Bishop asked all Episcopal churches to have a pledge drive, separate from general pledges, which he called Feed My Sheep. He asked church members to pledge to this campaign for 3 years, and the money be donated to Episcopal Relief and Development, with the goal of eradicating world hunger. St. Matthias did this quite successfully.

Once the 3 years were over, Bishop Vache of the dioceses of Southern VA, asked his churches to continue this separate pledge and donate the money to local organizations. He named this project next Step in Mission. Again St. Matthias answered the call, pledges were made, and the Outreach Commission developed a list of local organizations to support with this fund.

After those 3 years were up, St. Matthias decided that Bishop Vache's idea was excellent. So we continued this separate pledge, which was called Next Step in Mission for many years, and recently changed to simply the Outreach Fund.

Having a separate Outreach Fund allows parishioners to be sure that the money donated to Outreach goes directly into the community. The Outreach Commission welcomes input from the congregation as to what organizations to support and finally, the Outreach Commission makes a point to support organization in which St. Matthias members are actively involved.

When you complete the Estimated Level of Giving cards, please do not forget Outreach. Your donation changes lives!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Nursery (newborn through Pre-K) – Room 111 The nursery is available during both services, as well as during Adult Forum. Children are welcome at all services. Feel free to make use of the nursery for all or part of our services. Busy 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, are invited to join with others for Children's Liturgy, and return during the Peace.

Children's Liturgy

September 15th – Lost and Found

Luke 15:1-32

September 22nd – Always be honest

Luke 16:1-13

Sunday School

September 15th:

- ◆ Pre-K - 1st – God's Covenant with Noah
- ◆ 2nd - 4th Grade – Isaac's Blessing
- ◆ 5th- 8th Grade – Found by God
- ◆ 9th - 12th Grade – Myths - Part I

September 22nd:

- ◆ Pre-K - 1st – Abraham and Sarah
- ◆ 2nd - 4th Grade – Free from Slavery
- ◆ 5th- 8th Grade – Faithful in All Things
- ◆ 9th - 12th Grade – Myths - Part 2

Adult Forum

September 15: Necessary Conversations Part II: Trusts

Lisa Tuck, Esq.

Sept. 22: Medicare 101

Mr. Tim Eells

Not seeing topics of interest for Adult Forum? Is there a class you would like to teach? Please speak with Brenda if this is the case. We have some flexibility with the scheduling, so don't hesitate to ask.

**The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the wedding anniversary of
Chris and Kathy Greatwood.**