

# *St. Matthias' Episcopal Church*

**The Rev. Brenda S. Overfield, Rector**

11300 West Huguenot Road

Midlothian, VA 23113

## **Announcements for September 16, 2020**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Morning Prayer via zoom—8:30 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](http://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—3:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

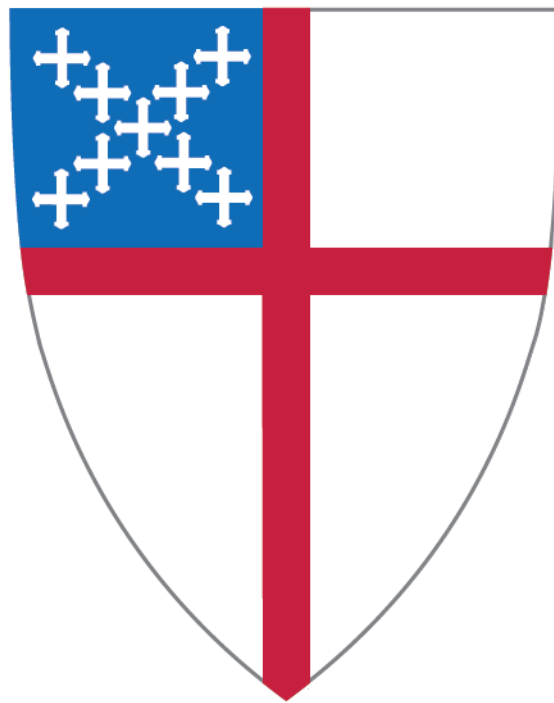
Masks Required.

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

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Greetings to God's Beloved!

We have more updates, good news, and general information for you!

The good news is that we have found a way to safely have a Communion Service! One of our Health Team members who is a physician has said it will be safe for us to have Communion this way. It will be bread in the form of wafers only. Provision will be made for those needing Gluten Free. We do not have a start date yet. We are waiting for all of the needed supplies to come in and for our teams to work out the specific logistics involved in the service. Watch for future announcements with a video demonstration of what it is exactly we will be doing with a start date for us. If you believe you will want to attend, please contact Brother Mark if your name is not already on our registration list so we have a general idea of who wishes to attend at this point. It will be a different way to have a communion service, but I am grateful that we are able to do this at all. It is at times like these the words of a friend of mine are very helpful to me, "blessed are the flexible, for they will never be bent out of shape."

Regarding the time that the church building will open on Sundays: we will open at 10:30AM when the Health Team is here to screen everyone before entering the building. We cannot open prior to that for the same reason. Regarding masks: they MUST be worn in such a way as they fully cover the nose and the chin in order to meet safety guidelines and protocols. For everyone's sake, we cannot make exceptions to this. If a mask is difficult for you, we can provide a face shield. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this.

Things are getting better- however slowly. I often am encouraged and comforted in the knowledge that many of God's beloved have been through what we are going through in different and longer ways, and God saw them through. There is no reason to believe that this will be any different for us. Faith is about persistence and trust- especially when we don't want to, when we're fed up and tired, and in the midst of the unknown. The good news is, we don't have to go through this alone. We have each other. SO! Join us Tuesday's on Passing the Peace, reach out by phone, text, Zoom, Facetime, safe distanced get-togethers—but don't isolate and be alone.

Until next week. Yours in Faith and Love,  
Brenda

#### **Health Team Update**

It has come to our attention that some people are gradually removing their masks during the service. As the Health Team, we want to ensure that everyone who attends the in-person service is safe. Social distancing and wearing a mask/ facial covering are two ways that we can ensure this. A mask protects all of us but it is only effective if it covers your nose and mouth.

Moving forward we will have 3 types of face coverings available for your convenience, one-time use masks, cloth masks and a limited number of face shields at the screening table. If wearing a mask for the entire service is difficult, please feel free to step outside for a moment or two, remove the mask, and then return to the service as you are ready. If you believe it is not feasible, we ask you to consider worshipping remotely until we can return to normal operations.

Thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe.

#### **Weekly Zoom Gatherings**

All you have to do is click on the links below to join. By September 27 Zoom will require access codes for all meetings. If there is an access code listed with a link, you will need to use that access code to enter that meeting.

All Sunday Service information and links will sent to you in a separate email.

[Morning Prayer Sunday 8:30 AM](#)

[Monday Evening Kerygma Monday 7:00 PM](#)

[Men's Group Tuesday 8:30 AM](#)

[Passing the Peace Tuesday 7:00 PM](#)

[Wednesday Kerygma 10:00 AM](#)

[Centering Prayer Wednesday 7:30 AM](#)

**ST. MATTHIAS' SUPPLY-PALOOZA 2020 - THIS SATURDAY!** Let's start our Sunday School and Youth Ministry year off with a bang! This Saturday, September 19th from 5:00-6:00 pm, we invite you to come to the church and pick up your Sunday School and/or Youth Ministry supplies for Sep-

tember and October. The supplies will be used during our weekly Zoom Sunday School and Youth Ministry programs (see start-up information below).

There will be pizza, drinks, and ice cream offered. You can join us for the dinner portion of our SUPPLY-PALOOZA 2020 and sit at one of the picnic tables or bring your own chairs to use. Or you can just come by and pick up your supplies. We're happy to give you a to-go dinner!

All CDC safety protocols will be adhered to. Socially distanced spaces will be clearly marked. Wearing a mask (excepting while eating) is required.

PLEASE RSVP so we know how many supply packets to prepare and how much pizza to order. Register through Realm by clicking [here](#), or contact Kristen Ketron - [kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com](mailto:kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com) -OR- 464-1842 ext. 111.

**Sunday School Set in Motion:** Start date is this Sunday, September 20th! Our Sunday School program, SPARK: Activate Faith, invites kids 3 years-old through 5th grade to explore Bible stories with the opportunities that come with having a multi-age classroom. Sunday School classes will meet via Zoom on Sunday mornings, from 12:00 - 12:45 pm. Feel free to eat lunch during the class. Christian formation opportunities for 6th through 12th grade are included in our Youth Ministry program. Youth Ministry will meet via Zoom on Sunday afternoons, from 4:00 - 5:00 pm (see more information below).

For ease of distribution, we will be handing out monthly, all the necessary supplies for Sunday School classes. The first supply distribution will be Saturday, September 19th from 5:00 - 6:00 pm (see details for the SUPPLY-PALOOZA 2020 above) and will include a SPARK Story Bible for each family, the learner leaflets for each weekly class, as well as materials needed for the accompanying crafts.

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**Youth Ministry Gets Underway:** Start date is Sunday, September 27th! Youth Ministry Gets Underway: Start date is Sunday, September 27th! Youth Group has transitioned to Youth Ministry. The name change reflects changes made in the structure of our youth program. And with the continuation of COVID-19 safety guidelines in place, we have had to be flexible and create other changes as well.

Our Youth Ministry program is for 6th through 12th graders. For some of the activities (which will include spiritual devotions/Christian formation, check-ins, mission projects, games, etc.) we will be together as one group. And sometimes we will use breakout rooms for smaller group study and discussion.

To facilitate these changes, we are using a fabulous, new curriculum. The *Grow Curriculum* provides a youth ministry curriculum jam-packed with experiences, activities, and tools to support our youth with their spiritual growth while having fun at the same time.

Obviously, things have changed a bit since we updated our programming in January. For now, we will meet weekly, along with youth from St. Michael's, on Sundays from 4:00 - 5:00 pm via Zoom. Gathering activities are being planned and will happen as soon as permitted.

We will be handing out monthly, all the necessary supplies for our youth gatherings. The first supply distribution, for September and October, will be this Saturday, September 19th from 5:00 - 6:00 pm (see details for the SUPPLY-PALOOZA 2020 above) and will include a Bible for youth as well as any needed supplies for each weekly gathering.

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**Seekers Class:** The Seekers class (formerly known as adult forum) will begin meeting via Zoom on Sunday, September 13, at 9:30 a.m. A book discussion, led by John and Debbie Vance, will be on *The Monastery of the Heart* by Joan Chittister, a book on Benedictine spirituality for contemporary seekers. A weekly Zoom link will be sent in the eNews, as well as with Sunday's Morning Prayer Email.

Click [here](#) to order the book from Amazon.

- September 20: Our Search, Chapters 1-3
- September 27: Our Interior Life, Chapters 4-7

**Co-Ed Book Club:** The co-ed book club continues to meet via Zoom on every Tuesday at 4 pm. Our September book is *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi and it will be discussed on Sept 15th. The other Tues. we discuss a movie chosen by the group. Contact Ned Armstrong for more information. [Ncarmstron@aol.com](mailto:Ncarmstron@aol.com)



**Hurricane Relief:** In partnership with Episcopal Relief and Development you may send donations for hurricane relief to St. Matthias'. Make your checks payable to St. Matthias', in the memo note Hurricane Relief.

You may also make donations through our on line portal. When making your donation online please select the Disaster Relief Fund.

Click [here](#) to give on line.

**College Ministry - SEND US YOUR INFORMATION!:** College Ministry is now a part of our new Young Adults Ministry (see information below). If you are attending any type of post-secondary school (including college, community college, vocational, technical, or graduate school, etc.) let us know your address - whether at home or away. We want to support you in your endeavors as well as offer spiritual formation opportunities. Send your information (school, year, address) to Kristen Ketron - [kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com](mailto:kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com).

**New at St. Matthias - Young Adult Ministry:** Are you a young adult looking for meaningful spiritual opportunities? Starting this fall, we will be offering spiritual formation opportunities chosen specifically for young adults. What makes a young adult, you ask? Anyone between the ages of 18 and 25 years old is welcome to participate.

We will be exploring different avenues that can assist us in examining our faith and becoming closer to God. Possible activities include Bible study; reaffirming our Baptismal Covenant of: seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves, striving for justice and peace among all people, and respecting the dignity of every human being - through books & discussions; as well as fellowship.

Contact Kristen Ketron - [kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com](mailto:kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com) - for more information.

**Shelter Feeding Sat Sept 26:** The Shelter Feeding Ministry invites you to serve within this ministry. Our next Shelter Feeding is Saturday, Sept 26h. If you want to help with this wonderful ministry, please make 10 bagged lunches consisting of a sandwich, a fruit snack, a salty treat like chips, a sweet treat like cookies and a napkin. Please no condiments. If you make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, please mark "PBJ" on the bag. It is very helpful if you are able to put the 10 lunch bags in one large paper bag or box. We will meet at 9am on Sat, Sept 26th in the parking lot behind the church.

You may sign up with the invitation that was sent to your email or follow the link to sign up:



**Blessing of the Animals:** We will have our Blessing of the Animals Service on Sunday, October 4 at 1:00 PM.

### **Contributions to the Church**

Please continue to offer your faithful gifts by mailing your check to our church office at 11300 West Huguenot Road, Midlothian VA 23113. Please be sure to note on your check if it is for the General Fund or the Outreach Fund and or how you would like your amount split between the two.

Now that staff are in the office you may also give via debit/credit card over the phone by calling Br. Mark.

On-line giving has been set up and activated to provide an avenue to continue to receive members' donations. This includes Debit and Credit cards as well as direct ACH transactions. We offer these various forms of payment of your donations for your convenience and ease, but never with the wish that you indebt yourselves in so doing. We are grateful for your generosity.

On-line giving is available through our website at [www.stmatmidlo.com](http://www.stmatmidlo.com).

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Volmer at 757-508

**For updates from the Diocese Click on the Link Below:**

[Diocese of Southern VA.](#)

## **PRAYER LIST**

*Prayer requests can be sent to Br. Mark at [Mark.jenkins@stmatmidlo.com](mailto:Mark.jenkins@stmatmidlo.com).*

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

Liz and Rob Seegmiller	Sherry Fry	Gretchen
Beth Matthews	Leonard	Dick Harman
Janet Jackson	Terri & Family	Ed McCowan
Julie Morrison	William	For the repose of the soul of Sam Hardy.
Allie	Mary Hillard	We also pray for those in the military,
Kylie	Jim Quarles	especially:
Lacey	Matt Allen	Todd Batteau
Shannon	Judy	Sooky Brooks
Nick	Jimmy & Family	Alex Burton
Lou	Greg Kalata	Christopher Garland
The Mendenhall Family	Margret Cook	Michael Handlan
For our schools, students, teachers, & family members.	Elliott Woodaman	Jake Hentges
For all affected by the wildfires & hurricanes	Jane Griffin	Rebecca Jenkins
/David Baum	Cheryl Brown & Family	Donta Mason
Pamela	Natalie Orr	Tom Montgomery
Rinaldo Redstrom	James Booniwell	Phillip Plourd
Carl Johnson	Anne Thomas	Andrew Rodgers
Bill Johnson	Lou Zajur Wellhouse	Heather Smith
Hannah	Erik Anderson	Hank Truillo
Patti M.	/Arnold Strulson	Nat Williams
Claude	Liz Brengel	Corey
Libby Board	Dot Worsham	Spencer
	Rodger Hardy	Zach

## **MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

Ruth Booker	17	Jim Atkins	21
Laura Davis	18	Chuck Cruz	21
Mary Morsch	19	Dawn Fiske	22
Gigi Stokes	20		



The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory and in loving memory of William & Ellen Vincent by Kathy Case