

**THOSE WHO MAKE ST. MATTHIAS' ROCK ON SUNDAYS!**

Ministry		September 22	September 29
<b>Celebrant</b>		The Rev. Brenda Overfield	The Rev. Brenda Overfield
<b>Crucifer</b>	<i>Early</i>	Carter Ramkey	Alex Deas
	<i>Late</i>	Kahner Kirsh	Hazel Bittenbender
<b>Server</b>	<i>Early</i>	Kendall Ramkey	Alex Deas
	<i>Late</i>	Marshall Ketron	Wesley Kirkland
<b>First Lesson</b>	<i>Early</i>	Scott Volmer	Brenda Hentges
	<i>Late</i>	Clive Burnett	Mona Sharkey
<b>Second Lesson</b>	<i>Early</i>	Scott Volmer	Brenda Hentges
	<i>Late</i>	Clive Burnett	Chris Greatwood
<b>Psalm</b>	<i>Early</i>	Joe Hegner	John Goodreau
	<i>Late</i>	Kathy Greatwood	Jill Griffith
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	<i>Early</i>	Jonathan Page	Debbie Vance
	<i>Late</i>	Bill Stout	Bill Oglesby
<b>Healing Minister</b>		Merriann Clark	
<b>Tellers</b>		Ann Hawkins Perry Jefferson	Mark Swenson Marcia Oglesby
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Michelle Ramkey	Kathy Carter
		Dawn Fiske	Dawn Fiske
<b>Greeters</b>	<i>Early</i>	Suzie and Chip Thompson	Mary Boynton Carolyn Ayres
	<i>Late</i>	Eli Nicola Sandy Noell	Buck Fournoy Nat Wooding
<b>Ushers</b>	<i>Early</i>	John Goodreau Stuart Handlan	Mie Warren Frank Warren
	<i>Late</i>	Mark Paulin John Watkins	Rob Ketron Marshall Ketron
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	<i>Early</i>	Cece Allen	
	<i>Late</i>		Audrey McElhinney
<b>Flower Guild</b>		Renay Hardy	Darian Scalard
<b>Sound Board</b>	<i>Early</i>	Sam Giles	Mike Larkin
	<i>Late</i>	Tom Napier	Mike McCullough
<b>Vestry Rep.</b>		The Wardens	Hap Reisch

**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:***

Elliot Woodaman  
Scott D.  
Neil Smith  
Ed McCowan  
Amy  
Bev  
Sam Hardy  
Stuart & Family  
/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  
*For the people of Venezuela*  
*Fort the repose of the soul of Paul Worthington*

*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  
Hank Truillo  
Nat Williams  
Zach

**MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

Dawn Fiske	22
Jane Mendenhall	23
Ed Mazur	24
Michelle Henry	24
Ellery McElhinney	25
Becky Russell	28

**St. Matthias Episcopal Church**

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

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**Announcements for September 22, 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](http://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**

**Sunday School Food Drive:** Our 4th annual Sunday School Food Drive will kick off on Sunday, September 29th. Each week the classes will collect a different food item to be presented to our food pantry on October 20th (Crop Walk day). This has been a fun and important event that helps connect with the children and youth with a very special ministry within our church.

9/29 - Cereal  
10/6 - Canned soup  
10/13 - Canned fruit  
10/20 - Cookies

**Calling all college students!** Crista is in need of college addresses ASAP. We have some great things to send out and need to know who to send it too and where to send it. Please do not assume we know who you are. You can email your information to [ccruz@stmatmidlo.com](mailto:ccruz@stmatmidlo.com)

**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](mailto:meg.griffin@verizon.net).

#### **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.

**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.

**The Day is finally here!** It is with great joy that we would like to invite any member of the congregation who so desires to attend our Wedding on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. A simple reception will follow in Morrison Hall. Bishop Magnus will be the Principal Celebrant with The Rev. Dr. Jimmy Latimer co-officiating. Please see a copy of the invitation located on the bulletin board in the Commons.

In Faith & Love, Brenda & Rich

**Crop Hunger Walk:** The Chesterfield County Crop Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday October 20th at 1:30pm. The walk is celebrating 50 years, therefore we are hoping to have 50 participants from our church to participate. The walk will begin and end at Christ The King Lutheran and approximately 3 miles. Please contact Crista Cruz with any questions and let's get out and walk together on Oct. 20th

**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!

**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.

**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**

**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 22nd** – Always be honest

Luke 16:1-13

**September 29th** – The Poor Man at the Gate

Luke 16:19-31

#### **Sunday School**

##### **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

##### **September 29th:**

- ⇒ Pre-K - 1st – Rebekah and Isaac
- ⇒ 2nd - 4th Grade – The Red Sea
- ⇒ 5th- 8th Grade – Avoiding Spiritual Complacency
- ⇒ 9th - 12th Grade – Myths - Part 3

#### **Adult Forum**

Sept. 22: Medicare 101

Mr. Tim Eells

Sept. 29: Ministries Fair

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 memory of Billy Van Arnam by Bill VanArnam.**