

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

The Rev. Brenda S. Overfield, Rector

11300 West Huguenot Road

Midlothian, VA 23113

Announcements for September 23, 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

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

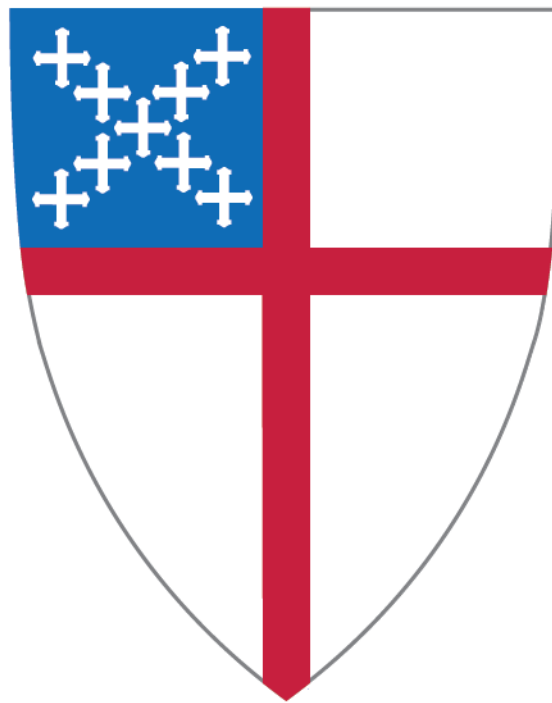
Masks Required.

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

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



Beloved in Christ,

I bring greetings and blessings!

It is looking like the resumption of Communion will begin on October 25th at 11Am. Please watch for further announcements and a video demonstration of how we will be doing this in order to adhere to Diocesan safety guidelines and protocols. 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.”

If you are not already registered to attend services in person, please contact Brother Mark if you wish to return at this time. All presently established safety protocols will remain in place for an indefinite period of time. All members attending services in person understand that no exceptions can be made to these. We are grateful for everyone’s cooperation and understanding in keeping our sisters and brothers safe.

For our early birds and 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. We are happy to help in whatever ways we are able.

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.

Yours in Faith,
Brenda+

Our Ministries Continue!

Despite COVID-19, Stay at Home orders, Social distancing and mask requirements – none of these have stopped our ministries here at St. Matthias from continuing. This is incredibly good news and testimony to Paul’s words that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us! It also reenforces the fact that the Church is more than just a building- it is the Body of Christ. It is you and me being the hands and feet of Christ – serving in love and in His name – regardless of any external circumstances.

One of the ministries we continue is actually a new one. It is a ministry and partnership we have formed with Sabot School. During the week, you will see young teens on our grounds. They are sitting in groups, having lunch at the picnic tables, exploring our rich natural resources for science projects.

This ministry arose from COVID-19 and the Sabot School’s need to creatively figure out how to open school in person for their students. They have leased the building behind the church (where Starbuck’s used to be) for their Middle School. They reached out to us to ask about being able to let the kids get outside and be on our property. After some conversation and logistical conversations, we agreed and are now offering a vital ministry of hospitality to the school and its students. It’s so exciting!

Please watch for future notes about the ministries that continue at St. Matthias. If you feel called to participate in these, give us a call and we will be happy to help you make that happen!

Pass Codes are being Enabled: Please note that some of the Zoom gatherings now have pass codes. If a meeting has a pass code, it is to the right of the link. Please write this number down, you will need to use that code in order to enter that gathering.

If a gathering does not have a pass code, you will go into a waiting room until the host of the gathering brings you into the main meeting.

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 be sent to you in a separate email.

[Morning Prayer Sunday 8:30 AM](#) Pass Code: 847445

[Seekers Sunday 9:30 AM](#)

[Monday Evening Kerygma Monday 7:00 PM](#) Pass Code: 555850

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

[Passing the Peace Tuesday 7:00 PM](#) Pass Code: 579942

[Wednesday Kerygma 10:00 AM](#)

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

Food Pantry Collection Day: The Food Pantry will be collecting food in the parking lot behind Morrison Hall on Friday, September 25 from 11:00 AM -12:00 PM. The pantry is in need of the following items:

- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Cookies
- Fruit
- Grape Jelly

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our SS classes have begun! 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.

Please register your child(ren) for SS here: <https://forms.gle/C3jnofVxSt3YJnqp8>

Sunday School classes will meet via Zoom on Sunday mornings, from 12:15 - 1:00 pm. Feel free to eat lunch during the class.

Here is the link to the Zoom Sunday School class:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82002087633>

You will be in the waiting room until the host (Sunday School teacher) lets you into the meeting.

September 27th - The First Sin

October 4th - Joseph and His Brothers

Youth Ministry Gets Underway: Start date is this 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.

Please register your youth here: <https://forms.gle/wwr1T73uYYnReCS27>

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.

Here is the link to the Zoom Youth Ministry meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81326382189>

You will be in the waiting room until the host (Youth Ministry leader) lets you into the meeting.

Hey everyone! We're starting a new series on friendship and community this week called Squad Up. See you there!

September 27 & October 4 - Squad Up

October 11, 18 & 25 - True Story

Contact Kristen Ketron (kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com) to receive Youth Ministry supplies or if you have any questions.

Seekers Class: :: The Seekers class began meeting via Zoom on Sunday, September 13, at 9:30 a.m. A book discussion, led by John and Debbie Vance, is 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 link.

Use this link to order a book: [Amazon](#).

- September 13: Benedictine Spirituality, Introduction
- September 20: Our Search, Chapters 1-3
- September 27: Our Interior Life, Chapters 4-7
- October 4: Our Community, Chapters 8-12
- October 11: Our Service, Chapters 13-17
- October 18: Our Promise. Chapters 18-20
- October 25: Our Spiritual Growth, Chapters 21-25

If you have any questions contact Debbie Vance debra.vance10@gmail.com The book is an easy read, chapters are only a few pages, but the substance is extraordinary. Come join us!

It's That Most Wonderful Time of the Year!!!: Commission heads, it time to start planning your budgets for 2021. Click on the link for your budget worksheets. Please email your proposed budgets to Buck Flournoy at sflour@comcast.net by November 1.

[Budget Worksheet](#)

Co-Ed Book Club: The co-ed book club continues to meet via Zoom every Tuesday at 4pm. Our October book is *A Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks and it will be discussed on Oct. 20th. The other Tuesdays of the month we discuss a movie which is mutually chosen by the group. Contact Ned Armstrong for the zoom code.

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.

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 - 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.

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.

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

Angie Day
Ron Bellar
Greg Cross
Rob Seegmiller
Beth Matthews
Janet Jackson
Julie Morrison
Allie
Kylie
Lacey
Shannon
Nick
Lou
The Mendenhall Family
For our schools, students, teachers,
& family members.
For all affected by the wildfires & hurricanes
/David Baum
Pamela
Rinaldo Redstrom
Carl Johnson
Bill Johnson
Hannah
Patti M.
Claude
Libby Board

Sherry Fry
Leonard
Terri & Family
William
Jim Quarles
Matt Allen
Judy
Jimmy & Family
Greg Kalata
Margret Cook
Elliott Woodaman
Jane Griffin
Cheryl Brown & Family
James Booniwell
Anne Thomas
Lou Zajur Wellhouse
Erik Anderson
/Arnold Strulson
Liz Brengel
Dot Worsham
Rodger Hardy
Gretchen
Dick Harman
Ed McCowan

For the repose of the souls of The Honorable
Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Mary Hillard, Joshua Da-
ley and Liz Seegmiller.

We also pray for those in the military,
especially:

Todd Batteau
Sooky Brooks
Alex Burton
Christopher Garland
Michael Handlan
Jake Hentges
Rebecca Jenkins
Donta Mason
Tom Montgomery
Phillip Plourd
Andrew Rodgers
Heather Smith
Hank Truillo
Nat Williams
Corey
Spencer
Zach

MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Michelle Henry	24	Becky Russell	28
Ed Mazur	24	Julie Randolph	29
Ellery McElhinney	25	Suzie Thompson	29



The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding anniversary of Suzie and Chip Thompson.