

THOSE WHO MAKE ST. MATTHIAS' ROCK ON SUNDAYS!

Ministry		September 29	October 6
Celebrant		The Rev. Brenda Overfield	The Rev. Brenda Overfield
Crucifer	Early	Alex Deas	
	Late	Hazel Bittenbender	
Server	Early	Alex Deas	Nancy Matthews
	Late	Wesley Kirkland	Chris Begin
First Lesson	Early	Brenda Hentges	Nancy Matthews
	Late	Mona Sharkey	Chris Begin
Second Lesson	Early	Brenda Hentges	Nancy Matthews
	Late	Chris Greatwood	Linda Seamster
Psalm	Early	John Goodreau	Cheryl Boone
	Late	Ann Hawkins	Kevin Sweeney
Prayers of the People	Early	Debbie Vance	Peter Plourd
	Late	Bill Oglesby	Nancy Williams
Healing Minister			Merriann Clark
Tellers		Mark Swenson Marcia Oglesby	Howard Whitehead Charlie Gardner
Altar Guild		Kathy Carter	Margaret Kolster
		Dawn Fiske	Maggie Houghton
Greeters	Early	Mary Boynton Carolyn Ayres	Don Carter Donna Case
	Late	Buck Flournoy Nat Wooding	Zita and Michael Barree
Ushers	Early	Mie Warren Frank Warren	Thomas Biney-Amisshah
	Late	Rob Ketron Marshall Ketron	Jerry Buckner Geoff Peters
Children's Liturgy	Early		Sharon Lowe
	Late	Audrey McElhinney	
Flower Guild		Darian Scalard	Rhonda Reisch
Sound Board	Early	Mike Larkin	
	Late	Mike McCullough	Richard Perkins
Vestry Rep.		Hap Reisch	Barb Stout

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:

Bob Adam Marsha /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 The people of Venezuela

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

Julie Randolph	29	Chip Jones	2
Suzie Thompson	29	Barbara Stout	2
Susan Gray	30	Darian Scalard	4
Bob Morrison	1	Will Daniels	5

Blessing of the Pets:

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

The Rev. Brenda S. Overfield, Rector

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Midlothian, VA 23113

Announcements for September 29, 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

Cookies for Kairos: :: Kairos Prison Ministry has always started with cookies! Baked and prayed over, they come with the volunteers into prison as a form of agape love. Teams will be going into Central Virginia Correctional, Sussex II Correctional, and Nottoway Correctional Units, for the weekends of October 17-20, October 24-27 and November 14-17, respectively. We will need about 300 DOZEN cookies. Please help us and be part of this life changing ministry.

Cookies baked with love are always welcomed! Bring as many dozen Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal, Ginger, Sugar or Peanut Butter Cookies as you'd like. Cookies must be bagged in Quart-sized Ziploc bags, one dozen cookies per bag. Bags should be labeled as to the type of cookie inside. Do NOT use icing, candies, sprinkled sugar, or any other type of coating on the outside of the cookie. Do not add fruit to the cookies. (This also means No raisins) A plastic tub will be in the Commons area, in which to place your cookies, from Sept. 29 until Nov. 10

Not everyone can go into prison with us, but everyone can be part of the ministry! Thank you so much for your support in advance!

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

Blessing of the Animals: We will have our annual Blessing of the Animals on the grounds Sunday, October 13 at 2:00 PM.

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

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 18th 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

Kroger Community Rewards: Kroger's Community Rewards Program sends our Food Pantry a check every quarter for a percentage of what their customers who have connected their card to St. Matthias, spend shopping. All that is necessary is to connect your Kroger Card to NK723. Directions for connecting:

1. Go to www.kroger.com
2. Click on "SAVE" on the top bar and select Kroger Community Rewards.
3. Under the "I'm a Customer" section, click "View Details"
4. In the search box for find an organization, type in NK723 and select search.
5. "St. Matthias Episcopal Church Food Pantry" should now appear. Simply click "ENROLL" and you are done.

This costs you nothing, but rewards our Food Pantry a percentage of what is spent. We currently have 51 families enrolled and our most recent award was for \$349.45. You can be assured that this money will be spent wisely to feed families in the schools we serve and others in our community.

If you have questions, please contact Linda Hudgens at lbudgens@gmail.com OR Dave Randolph at randave2001@hotmail.com.

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!

Support our college students! Crista Cruz is organizing this year's college ministry program and is looking for groups within our congregation that would like to support our college students near and far. It can be as simple as a note or as yummy as something homemade. Please contact Crista if you're interested. ccruz@stmatmidlo.com.

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 29th – The Poor Man at the Gate

Luke 16:19-31

October 6th – Have Faith

Luke 17:5-19

Sunday School

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

October 6th:

⇒ Pre-K - 1st – Jacob

⇒ 2nd - 4th Grade – The Ten Commandments

⇒ 5th- 8th Grade – The Impossible Made Possible

⇒ 9th - 12th Grade – Moses & Exodus

Adult Forum

Sept. 29: Ministries Fair

Oct. 6: Old Testament Lectionary Readings

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 Russ Fiske by Dawn Fiske.**