

# *St. Matthias' Episcopal Church*

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

11300 West Huguenot Road

Midlothian, VA 23113

## **Announcements for September 30, 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

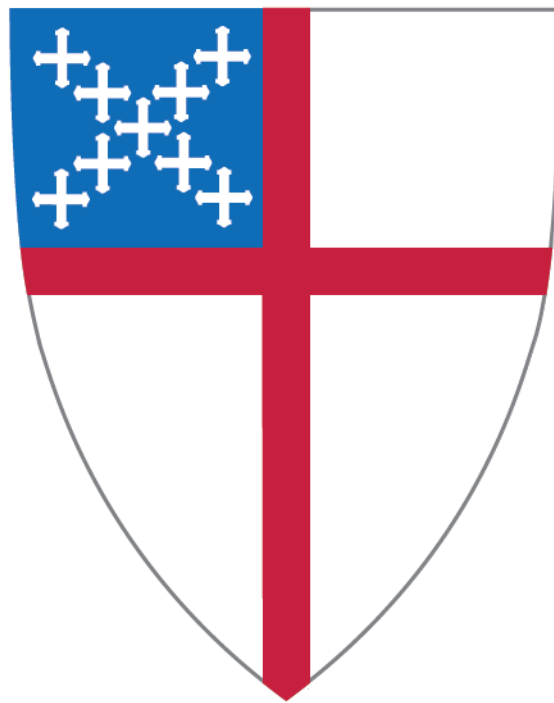
Masks Required.

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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Beloved in Christ,

I bring greetings and blessings!

It is looking like the resumption of Communion will begin on October 25<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School meets via Zoom on Sunday mornings, from 12:15 - 1:00 pm. Feel free to eat lunch during the class.

Our Sunday School program, SPARK: Activate Faith-All Kids, invites children 3 years-old through 5th grade to explore Bible stories with the opportunities that come with having a multi-age classroom.

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.

October 4th - *Joseph and His Brothers*

October 11th - *Joseph Helps His Family*

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

**Youth Ministry:** We 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 YM 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.

October 4 - *Squad Up*

October 11, 18 & 25 - *True Story*

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.

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

Contact Kristen Ketron ([kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com](mailto:kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com)) to receive Youth Ministry supplies or with 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](#).

- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Ncarmstron@aol.com)



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

**October Mission Opportunity - CROP Hunger Walk:** On October 18th we will join with others in our families, our congregation, and our community to fight hunger both locally and around the world.

The Walk is virtual, but the need could not be more real!

CROP Hunger Walks are happening in a new way! To keep everyone safe and healthy, walks are going virtual – either walking alone, with immediate family or in small groups walking a safe distance apart.

The work of CWS and our local hunger agencies continues – and with the possibility of a global famine on the horizon, raising money for vulnerable people is more needed than ever.

Join us – virtually - as we continue our shared commitment to stand up for the poor, the forgotten, those left behind.

Look for more information on the St. Matthias Facebook page and in a separate e-mail. Or contact Kristen Ketron ([kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com](mailto:kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com)) for more information.

### **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:***

The Daley Family  
Mark Redstrom  
Kathleen & Art  
Bill & Becky Russell  
Alice G.  
Connie  
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

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**

Bob Morrison	1	Darian Scalard	4
Chip Jones	2		
Barbara Stout	2		



The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Frank Dial.