

# *St. Matthias' Episcopal Church*

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

11300 West Huguenot Road

Midlothian, VA 23113

**Announcements for January 6, 2021**

## **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**

By Appointment Only

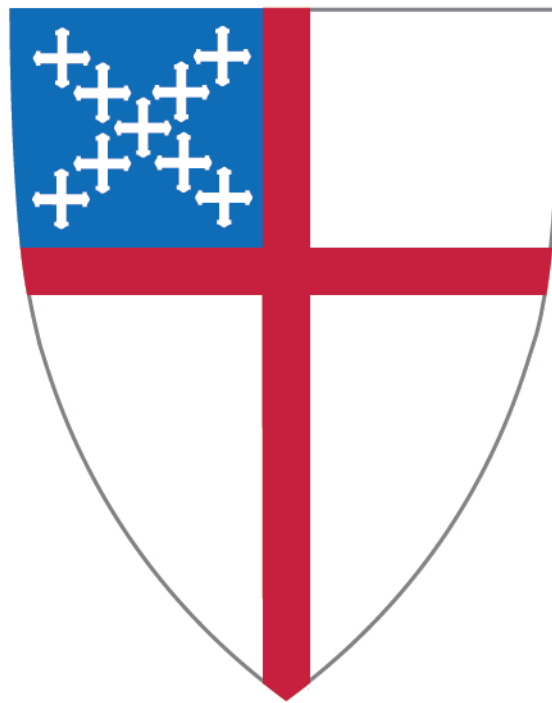
Masks Required.

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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## Weekly Update

Greetings to God's Beloved,

"I've had an Epiphany!" I wonder with amusement if the origin of today's celebration of the Epiphany was due to one of the Magi saying this very thing. Probably not...

But we do have epiphanies, don't we? Suddenly we understand what we did not previously understand. It is then that we can never see ourselves or the world around us the same way again. Personally, I pray that this phenomenon and process will continue for the rest of my days. I learn so much. God and the Holy Spirit shape and reshape my heart and mind every time. It is always for the better.

Perhaps the greatest Epiphany (and the reason we designate this day as such) came to the Wise Men. They were Three Kings of different countries, beliefs, ways of seeing their world around them. Yet, within each, came the desire to follow a star – to find the Messiah. And in their seeking, they found him. In their discovery came the greatest of all epiphanies – this child, the Son of God, was not born in promise to a single nation. Instead, God's Messiah was born in promise to all nations – to every single person with no exception. That promise? That we would never be separated from the Love of God in Christ Jesus.

This promise holds true today. The Love of God and the Salvation offered through Jesus has no boundaries, no limits.

Perhaps our Epiphany this day can be to claim this promise for ourselves - and to recognize it in and for **everyone** we encounter – and then – to behave that way.

May we all be One as Jesus and the Father are One- that the world may see and know the salvation of God. That those previously have not known and who experience God's love from us, may have the same Epiphany as did the three Wise Men on that holy day so long ago.

Yours in Faith,  
Brenda+

**Annual Meeting:** Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 17. There will be one service only at 10:00 AM via Zoom. The Annual Meeting will follow the service.

Since we are not able to join together for our traditional brunch following the meeting, we ask that any one who would like to have a lunch prepared and stay on Zoom after the meeting to enjoy a meal together.

Since our meeting will be held virtually, we will not be taking nominations for Vestry from the floor. If you would like to nominate someone for Vestry, that nomination must be emailed to Br. Mark at mark.jenkins@stmatmidlo by noon on Friday, January 8.

**Building Closed:** For the safety of the staff and those working in the pantry, the building is currently closed. If you need speak to the Rector or a staff member you can call 804-464-1842. Should you need to come into the building, please call the office to make an appointment.

**Christmas Pageant:** Didn't get a chance to see our virtual Christmas Pageant 2020 on Christmas Eve? Well, here's your chance to watch it on our St. Matthias YouTube Channel. Click on this link and you will be able to see the children, youth, and adults retell the story of the Nativity of our Lord through scripture and hymns.

### [Christmas Pageant 2020](#)

All the participants did an excellent job! Thanks to all who contributed to make this pageant fabulous!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School meets 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.

**January 10th** - *The Boy at the Temple* (Activity - Epiphany Star)

**January 17th** - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - ANNUAL MEETING**

**January 24th** - *Jesus Goes to Nazareth* (Activity - Maze, Word Find & Trivia)

**January 31st** - *The Disciples* (Activity - Disciple Facts)

January supplies: supplies will be emailed to you this month.

***Even if your child does not attend our Zoom Sunday School gatherings - feel free to request the supplies so you/they are able to participate in spiritual formation when the timing suits you.***

## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

We meet weekly 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.

### **January 1, 24 & 31 - Goals (a series on Wisdom)**

We all have goals! Whether your goal is to raise your grades, learn a new skill, get TikTok famous, change the world, or all of the above, there are things you want to do, accomplish, and become. But let's be honest — it's not always easy to achieve our goals. Sometimes it difficult to even know which goals to set in the first place! That's why, in this 3-week series, we'll explore the story of a guy with a seemingly impossible goal and the steps he took to make his goal a reality. His name is Nehemiah, and because of his example we can learn a lot about goal-setting, decision-making, leadership, and trusting God.

### **February 7 & 14 - Free People (a series on Authority)**

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

**Seekers Class:** In January, the Seekers class, will use the Daily Meditations from Richard Rohr found at cac.org. The theme for his meditations this year is A Time of Unveiling. If you're uncertain about God's will and his place for you in his creation please join us at 9:30am on Sunday. You can sign up for the daily meditations at cac.org and locate the sign up button. The class's zoom meeting code can be found on the Sunday service email.

For more information contact Barbara Stout at [bnbstout@comcast.net](mailto:bnbstout@comcast.net) or 804-937-8705.

## **Weekly Zoom Gatherings**

All you have to do is click on the links below to join. 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](#) Pass Code: 847445

[Seekers Sunday 9:30 AM](#)

[Morning Prayer 11:00 AM](#) Pass Code: 582754

[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: Meeting ID is 651650950

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

## **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).

## **Text Giving**

Text: Stmatmidlo and Amount to 73256

## Star Words

The season after Christmas and before Lent can often seem like a “down” time in the church year—as if we’re simply marking time while waiting for another grand celebration. Whether it is because people are suffering from holiday fatigue or influenced by gloomy winter weather, the season of Epiphany can go by unnoticed and unheralded.

Since we cannot do our St. Matthias tradition of serving *galettes des rois* (King Cake) we are offering another way to offer a spiritual practice called Star Words. A star word is simply a star-shaped piece of paper with a word printed on it. People attending services this Sunday (1/10) will be invited to choose a star after our worship and are asked to reflect on that word for the coming year. The people are invited to ponder what significance this word might have in their lives, and how God might be speaking to them through that simple message.

The premise is this: the Magi followed the star to find baby Jesus, bringing their gifts. We are also seeking Jesus, trusting God can/does use many signs (or stars) to guide us closer to the Divine presence.

We will be mailing your star word to you the following week. Everyone who receives a star word is encouraged to hang it up where they are sure to see it every day. It may be on their bathroom mirror, or next to their computer screen. Many people keep their star words from year to year; gradually accumulating a virtual constellation of wise words and encouragement displayed as a reminder of God’s presence in our lives.

*For last year’s words belong to last year’s language and next year’s words await another voice.*

~ t s eliot

## **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:***

Ann	Nancy Petrelli	For the repose of the soul of The Rev. Don Black.
Sarah	Albert Uzel	
Courtney	/Larry	
Julie Lucas	David Ottoway	We also pray for those in the military, especially:
Linda Seamster	Sarah	Todd Batteau
Edward Black	Gwen	Sooky Brooks
George Kirkland	Pat	Alex Burton
Betty	Dot Worsham	Christopher Garland
\Opal & Nancy Moore	/Mark Redstrom	Michael Handlan
Lee	Kirby	Jake Hentges
Betsy	Annie	Rebecca Jenkins
The Tucker Family	Rob	Donta Mason
Pete	Mary	Tom Montgomery
Lou	/Pamela	Phillip Plourd
Matt	Rinaldo Redstrom	Andrew Rodgers
/Bob	Claude	Heather Smith
Jagne (Jang)	Elliott Woodaman	Hank Truillo
Mary Elizabeth	Jane Griffin	Nat Williams
Michael	Liz Brengel	Corey
Nicholas	Rodger Hardy	Spencer
James	Gretchen	Zach
Carl & Helen	Dick Harman	
Nancy	Ed McCowan	
/Lisa Stanko		
Ed		
John Allen		
Madison		
Luca		

## **MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

Don Carter	10	Janice Dial	13
Dick Nelson	11	Nicole Page	13
Rose Cox	12	Kevin Sweeney	13
Brian Henry	12	Kathy Scott	14
Ruby McCowan	12	Bill Stout	14
Ned Armstrong	13	Robin Burke	15
Sharon Bishop	13	Diane Stark	15
Luke Bowman	13		