

# *St. Matthias' Episcopal Church*

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

11300 West Huguenot Road

Midlothian, VA 23113

**Announcements for October 7, 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

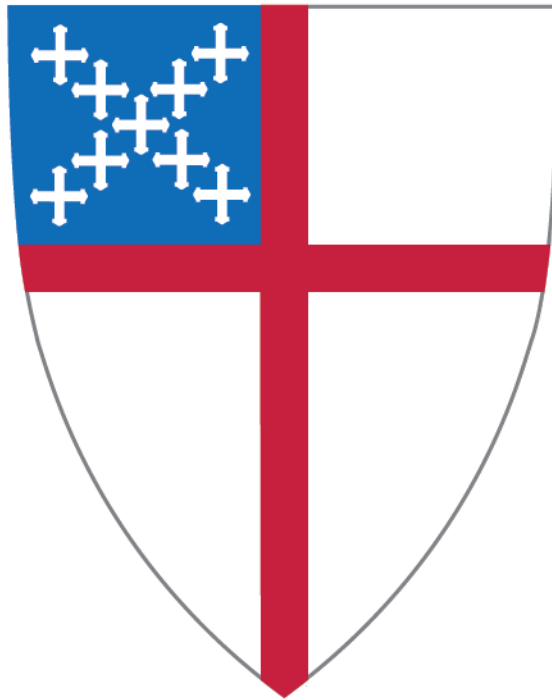
Masks Required.

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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Good morning, Steward!

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I wonder what would happen if, instead of having a Buildings and Grounds Committee at the church, we had Site Stewards. And instead of a Chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, we had a Chief Site Steward. I wonder how it would be to call the Administrative Assistant the Administration Steward, or to call the newly emerging tech and digital assistant for worship the Tech Steward.

I wonder what would happen if the people of the church adopted a practice of calling one another Steward for a month each year. Not Mister or Ms or Dr, not Father or Mother, not Sister or Brother, not Mary or Sam, but Steward. Maybe Steward Mary or Steward Sam. It would be awkward, wouldn't it? But that awkwardness may be the very thing that makes it effective. Because if someone calls me Steward Lisa, or Steward Fischbeck, it begs the question, "How am I a steward?" and the closely related question, "What do I steward?"

As Christians, we are called to understand all that we are and all that we have is somehow a gift from God. This doesn't mean that my grandmother didn't give me the dish that I cherish, or that my best friend didn't give me that journal with the cool cover. But it means that my connection with my grandmother or my best friend, and all that comes of that connection, is a gift from God.

As Christians we are called to respond to such awareness by stewarding them faithfully. Which means that our embrace or acceptance of the gifts we have been given will draw us closer to God and to the Way of God revealed in Jesus. It means that these gifts will be a means of God's grace to this sinful and broken world, that they will be used for God's purposes, uniting us to God and others in love.

If a parish church is stewarding its own resources faithfully, then people will want to share their own resources with the church.

I don't know for certain, but I'm inclined to think that the awkward, and perhaps corny, practice of calling one another Steward, might challenge us to be more aware and more faithful with all that we have and all that we do. Discerning our resources and spiritual gifts, then making known the liberating and life-giving ways of God by how we tend to our gifts and share them with abundance, this is what it means to be a Steward.

Being a Steward doesn't mean that we can't keep something that means a lot to us, or we can't splurge and have a good dinner or a fun night on the town. But it does mean that when we do these things, we do them with an awareness that God is the provider, that God has made it possible for us to be able to splurge and have a night on the town, that God has created us with a heart to care. And we will leave a generous tip!

Being good stewards of our land and buildings means that we maintain them and tend to them, and that we make them available to those in need, or to those whose spirits would be lifted by time spent on our site. Being a Tech Steward means that you do the work that is required to help draw the Body of Christ together, and that you find a way to share that technology with others.

Can you identify yourself as a Steward of something? If so, how does that help you identify yourself as a Christian? Who benefits from your stewardship and how?

Be well, Steward.

**Early E-news Deadline:** Items for the October 14 E-news must be in the office by 10:00 AM on Monday, October 12.



**Ink Cartridges:** Until further notice, we are no longer able to accept ink and toner cartridges for recycling.

**In-person Worship:** If you have not attended in-person worship in the past, but are planning to start attending, please contact Br. Mark by Thursday at 464-1842 before you come to church. Each person must be assigned to a group before attending in-person worship.

Please remember, no one can be admitted into the building until the Health Team is ready to begin screening.

**Please note time change.**

**Food Pantry Collection Day:** The Food Pantry will be collecting food in the parking lot behind Morrison Hall on Friday, October 9 from **10:00 AM -11:00 AM.** The pantry is in need of the following items:

- Spaghetti Sauce
  - Baked Beans
  - Canned Fruit
- Hotdogs or Hamburgers.

**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 11th** - *Joseph Helps His Family*

**October 18th** - *Deborah*

Don't forget to register your child(ren) for Sunday School here: <https://forms.gle/C3jnofVxSt3YJnqp8>

**Shelter Feeding Sat Oct 24th:** The Shelter Feeding Ministry invites you to serve within this ministry. Our next Shelter Feeding date is Saturday, October 24th. 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 Oct 24th in the parking lot behind the church. Click here to sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054aafac2ea5fd0-oct24shelter> or contact Carrie 804 986 6460 [carriecdeane@aol.com](mailto:carriecdeane@aol.com) or Mary 804 908 1575 [maryellers@yahoo.com](mailto:maryellers@yahoo.com). Thank you!

**ALL HALLOW'S EVE PARADE - OCTOBER 31ST - 3:00 PM:** Come by St. Matthias dressed in your Halloween costume! We will have a drive-thru parade where we will hand out Sunday school & Youth Ministry supplies for November. We will also be distributing Halloween goodie bags. And if you like, you can step outside of your car and get your photo taken with our special, surprise guest.

\*PLEASE NOTE: CDC SAFETY PROTOCOLS - MASKS AND APPROPRIATE SOCIAL DISTANCING - WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.

**Forward Day by Day:** The November, December, January issue of Forward Day by Day is now available. Please use the link below to email your request for a copy to be mailed to you. In your email, please include your name and mailing address.

[Forwarddaybyday@stmatmidlo.com](mailto:Forwarddaybyday@stmatmidlo.com)

You may also stop by the office during normal business hours and pick up one.

### **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 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.

**October 11, 18 & 25 - True Story**

**November 1, 8, 15 & 22 - Canceled**

### **Virtual Game Nights are back!**

Last spring the EYC Board hosted several virtual game nights for youth in the Diocese and they are excited to start this gathering back up.

The EYC Board will be hosting virtual game nights the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month over Zoom at 5 p.m. The October dates are the 1st and the 15th.

Youth from across the Diocese are invited to join as we play games, build community, and spend some time in prayer.

Sign up here: [https://zoom.us/j/tJEqceisqDopHdd5LxPDv\\_4hrUklucj9mfly](https://zoom.us/j/tJEqceisqDopHdd5LxPDv_4hrUklucj9mfly)

Stay tuned in for more details to come about what games we will be playing week to week. Follow EYC on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/292500514214149>) or Instagram (@diosovaeyc).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Megan Dern at [mdern@diosova.org](mailto:mdern@diosova.org) or at 757-213-3393.

### **Information**

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 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](https://www.amazon.com).

- 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)



**OCTOBER MISSION OPPORTUNITY: OCTOBER 18TH - CHESTERFIELD CO./BON AIR CROP HUNGER WALK**

**JOIN ST. MATTHIAS' TEAM TODAY!**

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. And you can choose your own date for your walk.

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 or by walking – as we continue our shared commitment to stand up for the poor, the forgotten, those left behind.

We need walkers and sponsors for St. Matthias' Team for the Chesterfield Co./Bon Air CROP Hunger Walk on October 18th.

Please contact Patrick McElhinney at [hokieseahawk@gmail.com](mailto:hokieseahawk@gmail.com) for more details and to sign up to be a walker, a sponsor, or both. You may also contact Kristen Ketron at 804-464-1842

**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  
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  
/David Baum  
Pamela  
Rinaldo Redstrom  
Carl Johnson  
Bill Johnson  
Hannah

Patti M.  
Claude  
Elliott Woodaman  
Jane Griffin  
Anne Thomas  
Lou Zajur Wellhouse  
Erik Anderson  
Liz Brengel  
Dot Worsham  
Rodger Hardy  
Gretchen  
Dick Harman  
Ed McCowan

For the repose of the soul of Art Nowicki.

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

Quentin Corbett	8
Jackson Pryor-Kolster	11
Rebecca Conway	12



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