

THOSE WHO MAKE ST. MATTHIAS' ROCK ON SUNDAYS!

Ministry		October 13	October 20
Celebrant		The Rev. Brenda Overfield	The Rev. Dr. Bruce Gray
Crucifer	Early	Alex Deas	Carter Ramkey
	Late	Hazel Bittenbender	Kahner Kirsh
Server	Early	Alex Deas	Kendall Ramkey
	Late	Wesley Kirkland	Mackenzie Kirsh
First Lesson	Early	Jonathan Page	Joe Hegner
	Late	Ed Mendenhall	Herbert Norman
Second Lesson	Early	Jonathan Page	Joe Hegner
	Late	Ed Mendenhall	Herbert Norman
Psalm	Early	John Gray	Chip Thompson
	Late	Pat Firth	Sandy Noell
Prayers of the People	Early	Scott Vollmer	Nancy Matthews
	Late	Pamela Bandy	Zita Barree
Healing Minister		Merriann Clark	Marilynn Swenson
Tellers		Ann Hawkins Chris Greatwood	Mark Swenson Marcia Oglesby
Altar Guild		Andrea Larkin Michelle Ramkey	Valerie Doebler Mary Ann Reid
Greeters	Early	Karen Crawford Stuart Handlan	Mike Larkin Renay Hardy
	Late	Paul Begin Cheryl Boone	Merriann Clark Janice Dial
Ushers	Early	Allen Davis Bob Parker	Brenda Hentges Betsy Goodreau
	Late	Gerry Noell Rex Slack	Bob Bledsoe Ashby Baum
Children's Liturgy	Early		Cece Allen
	Late	Tammy Reinhardt	Ruby McCowan
Flower Guild		Sue Baird	Kappy Atkins
Sound Board	Early	Kevin Houghton	John Goodreau
	Late	Lenny Anderson	Chris Greatwood
Vestry Rep.		Carol Giles	Jeff Burke

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:

William
Gretchen
Mie
Martha McElhinney
Nancy White
Maria Bower
Courtney
/Paige
Samantha
Tom and Ann
Carol and Alex
Ed Mazur
/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

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

Skip Todd	15	Deborah Froelich	17
Sam Bartle	16	Kristen Ketron	19
Mark Swenson	16	Kenneth Sears	19
Becky Dyson	17		

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

The Rev. Brenda S. Overfield, Rector

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Announcements for October 13, 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

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.

New Adult Group Forming!: Are you in your 20s-50s and want to join others in the same walk of life for group discussion, fellowship, and coffee? Join us during Sunday School time in the first Room 101-103 each Sunday starting October 6th. Questions? See Whitney Sears or Crista Cruz.

Blessing of the Animals: We will have our annual Blessing of the Animals on the grounds today at 2:00 PM.

Early Closing: The Church Office will close at 11:00 AM on Friday, October 18.

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

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.

10/13 - Canned fruit
10/20 - Cookies

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

Shelter Feeding October 26th bagged lunch sign up: The Shelter Feeding Ministry needs 150 lunches made with loving hands. We are asking each person or family to make 10 bagged lunches for Saturday, October 26th.

Each lunch to include: a sandwich without condiments: ham, turkey, beef or peanut butter & jelly (please mark PB&J bags for allergies), fruit, dessert, snack and napkin.

Meet us in the church parking lot at 9 AM or leave in the church refrigerator Friday before noon.

Call or email Carrie 804 986 6460 carriecdeane@aol.com or Mary 804 908 1575 ellersm@chesterfield.gov with any questions. A signup sheet is in the commons area. Thank you ALWAYS for help! Blessings and Love, Mary and Carrie.

Halloween Goodie Bags Are Coming! The Women of the Church will meet Tuesday, October 22 at 7:30 to assemble Halloween goodie bags for our St Matthias college students. We will meet at the church in Morrison Hall. Please bring something to include in each box. We think we will have about 30 boxes to fill.

Also, we would appreciate contributions to help with the mailing costs or goodies to be included in the boxes. Please give money or goodies to Margaret Kolster. You can also write a check to St Matthias with Women of the Church in the memo section.

We invite all women to attend this meeting. It is a great chance to get acquainted and hear what else we have planned for the year.

Thank You from the Fellowship Committee: The Vestry and fellowship committee wishes to thank all who made the fall BBQ a success. Committee members, chefs, choppers, and additional helpers including Rhonda Reisch, Beverley & Herbert Norman, Carol Giles, Don & Kathy Carter, Maggie and Kevin Houghton, Nat Wooding, John Watkins, Jason Fiske, Mark Paullin, Nell & Malcolm Turnbull, Eli Nicola, Brenda Hentges, Jeff Burke, and Ervin Reid. A special shout out for all their hard work to Meg and Brian Griffin. Thanks to all attendees and any helpers not mentioned. We could not hold this activity without this tremendous support!

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

Outreach Fund: Shelter the homeless. Feed the hungry. Visit the prisoner. Heal the sick in mind, body or spirit. Help the marginalized. Love. These are admonitions from Christ that explain how we as Christians are to live. Through the Outreach Fund, we can participate in sheltering, feeding, visiting, healing, helping and loving.

Caritas, Home Again, Crossover Ministries, Art for the Journey, Grace Inside, Micah, the Healing Place, the Food Pantry. All these organizations and more receive money from the Outreach Fund. They all answer the call to shelter, feed, visit, heal, help and love. When you donate to Outreach, you are answering the call to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Please fill out the Outreach Card with your Estimate of Giving. You will change lives!

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.

Our service begins... Many of you know the benefits of service and spiritual journey - growing personally, growing communities, and growing our relationship with God and each other. The vestry is looking to provide opportunities for all of us to participate. To make sure the opportunities are meaningful, we want to get your input. What areas you would like to participate in. What activities you would like to participate in. What you would like to get out of it. To get your input, there will be a survey that you can fill out at the service. That same survey will be emailed if that is more convenient. We look forward to hearing from you.

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

October 13th – Thank you, Jesus!

Luke 17:11-19

October 20th – Don't Give Up

Luke 18:1-8

Sunday School

October 13th:

- ⇒ Pre-K - 1st – Joseph and His Brothers
- ⇒ 2nd - 4th Grade – The Battle of Jericho
- ⇒ 5th- 8th Grade – Return to Wholeness
- ⇒ 9th - 12th Grade – Noah

October 20th:

- ⇒ Pre-K - 1st – Joseph in Egypt
- ⇒ 2nd - 4th Grade – The Battle of Jericho
- ⇒ 5th- 8th Grade – Prayerful Perseverance
- ⇒ 9th - 12th Grade – Jonah

Adult Forum

- ◇ **October 13:** Old Testament Lectionary Readings, Group led
- ◇ **October 20:** Tools for Coping in Difficult Times: The Rev. Bruce Gray
- ◇ **October 27:** Guest Speaker, The Rev. Michael Stone: (it's a surprise!)
- ◇ **Nov 3:** Conversations with the Vestry: bring your questions, compliments and/ or concerns!
- ◇ **November 10:** Studying the Gospel: BSO+
- ◇ **November 17:** Spiritual, not Religious: Brian Griffen, Religious Studies at Trinity Episcopal School

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Martha Wooding.