

# *St. Matthias' Episcopal Church*

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

11300 West Huguenot Road

Midlothian, VA 23113

## **Announcements for October 14, 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

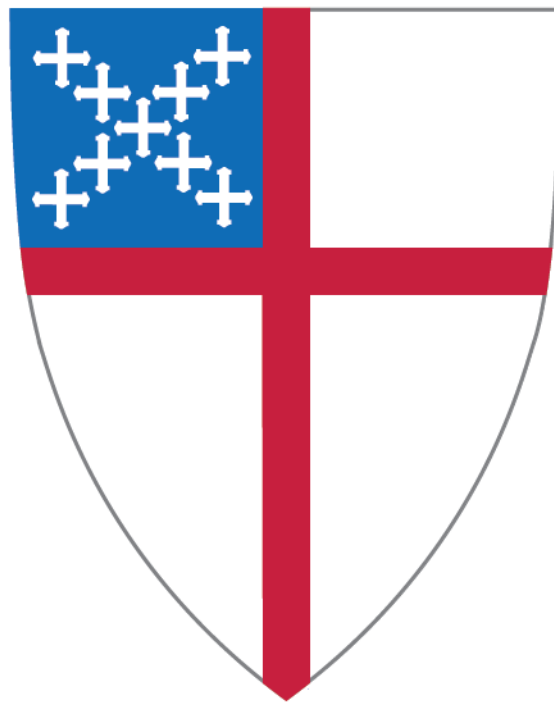
Masks Required.

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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Greetings to God's Beloved!

As we transverse yet another week of our shared COVID-19 experience, there are some updates and good news to share!

Communion Service will resume at the 11 AM in-person Service on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Communion will be safely distributed via a dispenser that eliminates the risk of hand-to-hand contact and maintains six feet of distance between persons. As of this time, Communion will only be given in one kind- the bread- which for now will be wafers instead of our usual hand made bread. At the time of distribution, Ushers will direct attendees to receive Communion in such a way as safe spacing is maintained. Members will wear their masks while receiving their wafer, carry it back to their seat without consuming it, and then consume it once seated, replacing their mask when done.

We still do not have a final count of those who would now be interested in attending in-person services. When we do, we will know whether we have to return to "Block A" & "Block B" Sunday's. If you know you wish to attend, and have not already let him know, please call Brother Mark by the end of this week so we have an accurate number of people to expect. We will inform everyone next week as to what you can expect for your planning purposes.

The second piece of news is that we will begin live-streaming the 11AM Service on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October. If you cannot attend services in-person for any reason, you will be able to watch the Communion Service in real time through all of our forms of media: Web Site, Facebook, a link on enews, etc. There will be specific instructions on how to use this service that will be available next week. A very special thanks to Lenny Anderson who has worked very hard to make this possible!

I would again like to sincerely thank each of you for your patience and flexibility as we attempt to navigate all of these unprecedented circumstances and events. Your loving support and kindness have not only made our work easy, but also a great joy.

Until next week.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Brenda+

#### **Lest We Forget**

On Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will mark and celebrate All Saints Day. As has become our practice at this Service, the names of the Faithful Departed are read during the Eucharistic Prayer. If you would like the name(s) of family members and other loved ones read aloud at the service, please email your names to [Br. Mark](mailto:Br. Mark) **no later than October 27<sup>th</sup>** at Noon for inclusion on that list.

Thanks! **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.

**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 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 18th - Deborah

October 25th - God Calls Samuel

Don't forget to 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 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 18 & 25 - True Story (Identity)

November 1, 8, 15 & 22 - Canceled (Loving Others)

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/.../tJEqceisqDopHdd5LxPDv\\_4hrUklucj9mfly](https://zoom.us/.../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.

**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.

**The Seekers class** meets via Zoom each Sunday morning @ 9:30. 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.

The book can be ordered using this link: [Amazon](#)

- October 18: Our Community, Chapters 11-12
- October 25: Our Service, Chapters 13-14
- November 1: Our Service, Chapters 15-16
- November 8: Our Service, Chapter 17, Our Promise, Chapter 18
- November 15: Our Promise, Chapters 19-20
- November 22: Our Spiritual Growth, Chapters 21-22

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. Each week's discussion stands alone based on listed Chapters. Please feel free to join us. All are welcome.

**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 indebted 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).

**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:***

Jeff  
Madison  
Craig Fabian  
Jim & Joanne Parker  
Libby Board  
Matt Allen  
Luca  
Nancy  
Mike  
Wayne  
Malcolm  
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

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

For the repose of the soul of Ed Mendenhall

## **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.