

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

The Rev. Brenda S. Overfield, Rector

11300 West Huguenot Road

Midlothian, VA 23113

Announcements for October 21, 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

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

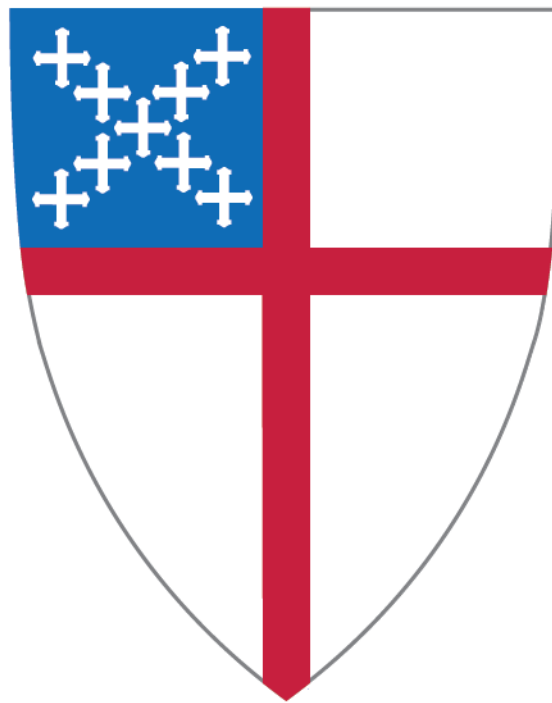
Masks Required.

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

Web Site: www.stmatmidlo.com ~ Email: st.matthias@stmatmidlo.com



Beloved in Christ,

The Sunday has finally arrived for us to resume Communion Services! While it will not be exactly the same, and we will all still need to maintain safe distancing and face masks, we will have Communion nevertheless. 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. As of now, it is not necessary for us to go to the Block A or B set-up, so please come on any Sunday you like.

Thanks to the hard work of Lenny Anderson, we will also begin with live-streaming this Sunday. Please see below for specific instructions and links as to how to live-stream the 11AM Service if you cannot attend in-person. This will also be recorded for future access or reference should you choose to utilize that ability.

For those who are still not comfortable or able to attend in-person services, we would also like offer Communion in a one-on-one setting in the Church beginning on Wednesday, October 28th from Noon–2PM. Members are welcome to come to the Church during that time-frame, either Br Mark or I will say a prayer together with you, and will offer Communion from the Reserve Sacrament that is in keeping with all of the safety practices listed above. The opportunity to sit quietly for prayer after receiving Communion is also available. No reservations or appointments are necessary, just stop by please.

Things are getting better—ever so slowly—and like the Apostle Paul, we run with patience the race. We fight the Good fight. We keep the Faith. And the Peace of God which passes all human understanding will keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of the LORD, and we are blessed.

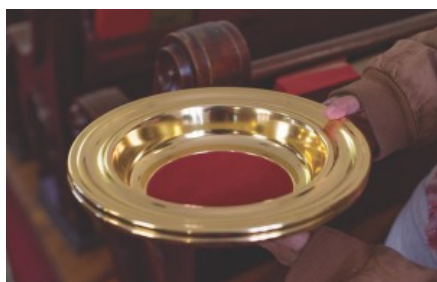
Your Sister in Christ,
Brenda+

Lest We Forget

On Sunday, November 1st, 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 **no later than October 27th** at Noon for inclusion on that list.



Call For Vestry Nominations: The Vestry would like to invite members of the parish to run for the Vestry. The Vestry is made up of 9 lay members of the parish along with the Rector. Individuals serve 3-year terms. The Vestry works with the Rector, staff and parish to facilitate the various ministries of St. Matthias Episcopal Church. Canons of the church require Vestry members to be confirmed or received members of the Episcopal Church, active in the church ministries and be currently pledging. If you are interested in serving on the Vestry please contact Br. Mark or Jeff Burke.



St. Matthias relies on plate contributions (non-pledged income) to help balance the budget. Mainly because of little or no Sunday attendance allowed at church, our plate contributions are almost \$20,000 below budget. In order to help alleviate this gap, we ask all non-pledgers (and pledgers if they wish), to consider making a contribution to plate income. Just put "plate" on the memo section of your check. Thank you.

You can also give to the plate by clicking [here](#).

Or by texting stmatmidlo plate and amount to 73256

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:

- Canned corn
 - Canned peas
 - Canned carrots
 - Canned black beans
 - Small bags of rice
 - Mac and cheese
- Pancake syrup

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 11:00 AM Service Live Stream



Please click on the link below. Then scroll down to the large **Green** block titled **Sunday Services** and click on it, after that scroll down to the small [Sermon.net] box next to Rev. Brenda S. Overfield and click on it. " You are now Live Streaming the Sunday Service at St. Matthias Episcopal Church.

[Sunday Service Live Stream](#)

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 25th - *God Calls Samuel*

November 1st - *David is Chosen*

Don't forget to register your child(ren) for Sunday School here: <https://forms.gle/C3inofVxSt3YJnqp8>

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 25 - "*True Story (A series about Identity)*"

November 1, 8, 15 & 22 - "*Canceled (A series about Loving Others)*"

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

Contact Kristen Ketron (kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com) to receive Youth Ministry supplies or if you have any questions.

Virtual Game Nights

The EYC Board hosts virtual game nights the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month over Zoom at 5 p.m. It is so much fun!

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

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 or at 757-213-3393.

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 or Mary 804 908 1575 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

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 25: Our Service, Chapters 13-14
- November 1: Our Service, Chapters 15,16,17
- November 8: Our Promise, Chapters 18,19,20
- November 15: Our Spiritual Growth, Chapters 21,22,23
- November 22: Our Spiritual Growth, Chapters 24,25, Epilogue

If you have any questions contact Debbie Vance 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 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.

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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.

Text Giving

Text: Stmatmidlo and Amount to 73256

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.

Our Congregation is asked to keep in their prayers the following:

Bob Bastedo
Sharon Wiesner
Susan Hoffman
/Kenny Welton
Ann Biesecker
Susan Means
The Bellomy Family
Ellen Whitehead
Melisa
M.L.
Bellomy Family
Kay Firestone
/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

For the repose of the souls of Charles & George Warren Mendenhall.

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

Parker Allen	22
Carol Gardner	22
Kahner Kirsh	23
Lexie McEllen	27

Bree Cox	28
Julie Noyes	29
Joann Laing	30



The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in memory of Frances Pitts by Veronica Kirkland.