

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

The Rev. Brenda S. Overfield, Rector

11300 West Huguenot Road

Midlothian, VA 23113

Announcements for November 4, 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

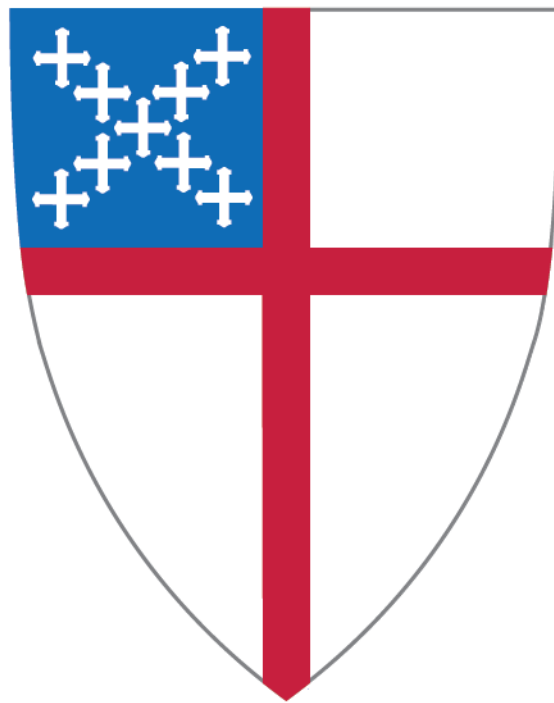
Masks Required.

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



Weekly Update

Dearest in Christ,

Too many emails? True. PLEASE READ THIS ONE ANYWAY! It's important for us all to stay connected and have a continuing sense of being a community in and of Christ! So here's what we have done to make sure that we are connected:

All of our ministries are continuing. In fact, the only thing we are unable to do is to meet in person in a large group. As soon it is feasible and safe, we will resume this also.

There are virtual services, virtual gatherings, virtual book studies, virtual continuing education and formation for all ages at St. Matthias, services are now being live-streamed for those who do not care for Zoom.

We have in-person services, the Communion Service has restarted, private Communion has been made available for those who wish to avail themselves of it. Safely distanced in-person social gatherings have been offered.

Pastoral ministries, outreach ministries, food pantry ministry- these all also continue as well.

In-short, everything that can be done, is being done to ensure we stay connected and continue the mission of God we know as St. Matthias. We hope you find encouragement and support in this knowledge.

Below, because many are not fully aware of the incredible children and youth programs that are being provided, we are offering a synopsis of these programs. Please contact Kristen Ketron if you have any questions, or feel that this might be a ministry to which you are called:

St. Matthias' Formation Ministries for Children & Youth:

- Provides Christian formation opportunities for children using the curriculum *SPARK: Activate Faith*, which invites kids 3 years-old through 5th grade to explore Bible stories with the opportunities that come with having a multi-age classroom.
- We are fortunate to have four teachers, who make up two teams, taking turns teaching the class: Margaret Kolster & Rob Ketron and Cece Allen & Liz Jones.
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- Provides Christian formation opportunities for youth, in 6th through 12th grade, using the *GROW* curriculum which includes spiritual devotions, check-ins, videos, mission projects, games, etc.).
- We are blessed with three youth leaders: Merriann Clark, Carol Giles, and Jill Griffith.
- Youth are also invited to participate twice a month in the diocese Youth Online Game night.
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- Both children and youth meet weekly via Zoom.
 - Sunday school and youth meeting supplies are distributed monthly at the church, providing the opportunity for families to safely get out on an adventure and stay connected with church and their church family.
- Supplies include weekly materials for class as well as extra craft activities that go along with the lesson or the season.
- September and October supplies (along with pizza & ice cream) were distributed at our SUPPLYPALOOZA and November supplies (along with Halloween goodie bags) were distributed at our ALL HALLOWS' EVE DRIVE-THRU PARADE.
- Each Sunday school family and each youth received a Bible.
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- Upcoming events include Advent Kits for home, an Advent series project at the church, and a virtual Christmas Pageant.
- These events are intergenerational - meaning they aren't just for kids and youth. All are invited to participate! Stay tuned for more information to come.
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Additional information:

St. Matthias has a Christian Formation website for all ages. Check it out here: <http://www.stmatmidlochristianformation.com/>

- We make Zoom fun - so come check us out!

For more information, questions, or suggestions contact Kristen Ketron, Director of Formation Ministries for Children & Youth at kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com OR 464-1842, ext. 111.

Life is full of opportunities. And in this unique situation, let's all take this opportunity to encourage our children, youth, and families to explore our faith deeper.

Our Ministries Continue

St. Matthias' Shelter Feeding Ministry is :

- one of the easiest ways to support St. Matthias' outreach
- one of the coolest ways to support our community without leaving your neighborhood
- inexpensive
- most of the lunch-making ingredients you most likely have on hand
- no heavy lifting (literally and figuratively)
- a delightful activity for families to demonstrate the gladness of helping others
- a great community outreach credit for school-aged kids
- fellowship happens in the parking lot when you drop off lunches at church
- *you do not have to deliver the lunches to the shelters

End Result :

- a bagged lunch is a small gift offering comfort along with the food inside to someone who is homeless, hungry, and often hopeless
 - participating in this ministry gives an immense feeling of joy to help people in our community who have :
- fallen upon hard times
- gotten lost in the system
- battered women afraid for their children's lives and themselves
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Easy to do :

- sign up every other month via Signup Genius, email, text, or phone call
- make 10 bagged lunches that include :
- 1 sandwich (meat or meat + cheese or peanut butter and jelly (please mark these for allergies) NO CONDIMENTS
- 1 fruit (banana, orange, apple, etc.)
- 1 salty snack (pre-packaged chips, crackers, etc.)
- 1 sweet snack (pre-packaged cookies, granola bar, etc.)
- 1 napkin
- Meet at 9am in the church parking lot for Mary and Carrie to deliver

Additional info :

Carrie Deane 804 986 6460 carriecdeane@aol.com

Mary Ellers 804 908 1575 maryellers@yahoo.com

- two transitional men's shelters, one men's Veteran's shelter and one women and children's shelter; all in the downtown Richmond area
- St. Matthias' shares this ministry with 4 other Episcopal churches: All Saints, St. Martin's, Church of the Redeemer and Manakin



Food Pantry Donations for Thanksgiving Dinners: Beginning Thursday, October 29 at Noon there will be bags available with shopping lists. The bags will be located on the table inside the front door of the church. Or the bags can be picked up at the Food Pantry on Fridays, between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. Please return them as early as possible, but no later than November 13th. Bags can be returned to the Food Pantry on Fridays, between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm or placed on the tables located inside the front door during normal office hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

PARISH DIRECTORY

Currently updated Directories are available at the office if you are missing your friends and want to get in touch! Please let Br. Mark know. You can either pick one up in person, or one can be mailed to you.

If you need to update your information or perhaps add a picture, Br. Mark can assist with that as well.

A note for everyone, please! THE DIRECTORY IS NOT TO BE USED FOR ANY KIND OF SOLICITATION WHATSOEVER. This is a community listing that needs to be kept for social purposes only.

Thank you for respecting the confidentiality of all of our members

Food Pantry Collection Day: The Food Pantry will be collecting food in the parking lot behind Morrison Hall on Friday, November 6 from **10:00 AM -11:00 AM**. The pantry is in need of the following items:

- Mac N Cheese
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Hamburger
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Soups
- Crackers
- Cookies

WINTER IS COMING . . . AND SO IS CHRISTMAS! How are we going to have a Christmas pageant this year, you ask? Ours will be virtual. Specific details to come. We will be asking our actors (anybody, any age may participate) to record their parts safely at home. So start thinking about you and/or your family's role in the pageant. We are looking for people who can help with the editing process too. Please contact Kristen Ketron (kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com) if you are interested.



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

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](#)



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.

November 1st - *David is Chosen* (Activity - All Saints Day Crown)

November 8th - *Solomon Builds the Temple* (King Solomon Temple craft)

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

Youth Ministry

Sundays

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.

November 1, 8, 15 & 22 - "Canceled" (a series on Loving Others)

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

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! The next game nights will be this Thursday, October 29th, November 5th and November 19th.

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_4hrUkluci9mfly

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 (@diosovaecy).

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

THIS SATURDAY!!! - ALL HALLOWS' EVE DRIVE-THRU 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.

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](#)

- 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](#)

Seekers Advent: The Seekers class will start a new series for Advent using a resource from forwardmovement.org called Waiting and Watching: Advent Word Reflection.

This daily devotional pairs with [Advent Word](#), a global community praying and walking together- hosted by Virginia Theological Seminary.

If you would like to purchase a devotional (cost \$5) contact Barb Stout at bnbstout@comcast.net.

However, you do not need to purchase the devotional to join the class starting the first Sunday in advent, Nov. 29, 2020.

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Co-Ed Book Club: The November book for the Tues. afternoon book club is Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates. The book will be discussed at 4 pm on Nov. 17th. In the Dec. meeting we will pick books for 2021. On Tuesdays that are not a book discussion we discuss a movie. Anyone is welcome. Contact Ned Armstrong at ncarmstron@aol.com for more information and 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:

Alex	Joanne Parker	For the repose of the souls of: Jim Parker, Ron-
William	Libby Board	nie Dawson, Howard Parsons, Lindsay Os-
Dot Worsham	Matt Allen	borne, Bob Bastedo & Mary Bock
Denay	Luca	
Jackie Warren	Nancy	We also pray for those in the military,
Renee Weddle	Mike	especially:
Anna	Wayne	Todd Batteau
Tammy	Malcolm	Sooky Brooks
Ann	The Daley Family	Alex Burton
James	Mark Redstrom	Christopher Garland
Nicolas	Kathleen	Michael Handlan
Jessie & Keene Mendenhall	/David Baum	Jake Hentges
Marcia Jenkins	Pamela	Rebecca Jenkins
/Maryann Garnett	Rinaldo Redstrom	Donta Mason
Orlo Zumwalt	Claude	Tom Montgomery
Sharon Wiesner	Elliott Woodaman	Phillip Plourd
Susan Hoffman	Jane Griffin	Andrew Rodgers
/Kenny Welton	Anne Thomas	Heather Smith
Ann Biesecker	Lou Zajur Wellhouse	Hank Truillo
Susan Means	Erik Anderson	Nat Williams
The Bellomy Family	Liz Brengel	Corey
Ellen Whitehead	Rodger Hardy	Spencer
Melisa	Gretchen	Zach
M.L.	Dick Harman	
Kay Firestone	Ed McCowan	
/Jeff		
Madison		
Craig Fabian		

MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

George Sibley	8	Andrew Bartle	14
Thomas Padgett	9	Julie Warriner	14
Dorian Page	9		
Marilynn Swenson	9		
Scott Vollmer	10		
Elliott Woodaman	10		
Linda Brooks	13		



The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God by the People of St. Matthias' Parish