

THIS WEEK

APRIL 2:	8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service
	9:30 AM – Contemporary Service
	11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service
	12:00 PM – Small Hands, Big Hearts
	12:00 PM – Big Blue Softball Practice
	12:30 PM – Cherubim Choir Practice
	2:30 PM – EFM
	3:00 PM – MCVN
	5:30 PM – SNL Middle Schoolers
	7:00 PM – AA
	7:00 PM – SNL High Schoolers
APRIL 3:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	12:30 PM – All Ages Read Together
	6:30 PM – ESOL
	7:00 PM – MCVN
	7:00 PM – Falcons Landing Old Testament Bible Study
	7:30 PM – Free to Live Small Group and Bread of Life Small Group
APRIL 4:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	10:00 AM – All Ages Read Together
	7:00 PM – Backpack Buddies Packing
	7:00 PM – AA
	7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
	8:30 PM – Big Blue Softball Practice
APRIL 5:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	12:00 PM – AA
	12:30 PM – All Ages Read Together
	5:30 PM – NA
	5:30 PM – Lenten WatCH for Adults, Teens and Children
	6:30 PM – Lenten WatCH Dinner
	7:00 PM – Lenten WatCH for Adults and Teens
	7:00 PM – Finance Committee Meeting
	8:00 PM – Compline Service
APRIL 6:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	10:00 AM – All Ages Read Together
	12:00 PM – Bible Study
	7:30 PM – Seraphim Choir Rehearsal
APRIL 7:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	7:00 PM – MCVN
	7:30 PM – First Friday Fun & Fellowship
APRIL 8:	7:00 AM – Flower Guild
	7:30 AM – Men's Group
	8:00 AM – Fellowship Breakfast
	9:00 AM – Parish Work Day
	9:00 AM – Spiritual Formation Meeting
	10:00 AM – Community Egg Hunt
	4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal
	5:00 PM – Contemporary Service
	7:00 PM – MCVN and AA

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

APRIL 2:	June & Van Harrison
APRIL 8:	Claire & Ron Prough
APRIL 8:	Mindy & Donald Zurawski

ATTENDANCE

MARCH 25 & 26, 2017

Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	60
8:00 AM	RI	19
9:30 AM	RII	132
11:00 AM	RII	88
Faith Factory		50
Sunrise	MP	6

FINANCIAL UPDATE

AS OF MARCH 26, 2017

Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$153,577

CONTACT INFORMATION

Saint Matthew's telephone and fax:

703-430-2121 (phone)
703-430-2638 (fax)

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<http://www.stmmts.org>

A nursery for *children* is provided at all four services.

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Steve Buck, *Senior Warden*
Darrell Breed, *Junior Warden*
Susie Harding, Nick Hunter, Susan Jones,
David Lathrop, Dan Robertson, John
Thomas, Heather Tomaszek

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH

April 2, 2017

Welcome...

...to Saint Matthew's. We trust you will find us to be a church of joyful worship, loving community, and vibrant witness to our Lord Jesus Christ. We could not be more excited about all that God is doing in our midst. We are grateful for this opportunity to worship with you today. We look forward to sharing our life with you in whatever way God leads – whether just this Sunday or as a long time member.

Save the Date

- April 4 – Backpack Buddies Evening Pack
- April 8 – Parish Work Day and Community Easter Egg Hunt
- April 9 – Palm Sunday
- April 10 – 14 – Stations of the Cross
- April 12 – Tenebrae Service
- April 13 – Maundy Thursday Service
- April 13-14 – Holy Week Prayer Vigil
- April 14 – Good Friday Services
- April 15 – Holy Saturday Service
- April 16 – Easter
- April 19 – Financial Peace University
- April 21 – Concert Series: Dog City Hoedown Trio
- April 23 – Earth Day Celebration with Plant Adoption and Wild Animals
- April 29 – Spring Yard Sale and First Communion Class for Children
- May 6 & 7 – Youth Weekend
- May 12 – Concert Series: Anthem String Quartet (Bring your mom!)
- May 28 – Park Worship & Picnic
- June 2-4 – Family Camping Weekend
- June 25-July 1 – Middle School Mission Trip to Clarkesville, GA
- July 24-28 – Vacation Bible School
- July 30 – August 7 – High School Adventure Trip

Intercessory Prayer List

The Saint Matthew's intercessory prayer list is for those in or related to our community who are in need of prayer. It is designed so that all members of our community can pray for each other on an ongoing basis. In order to pray for those on the list, simply ask God to be with them and help them in any way needed - God knows what is going on, so we don't need to. Please pray for the following people:

Rick and family, Maniusko Family, Griffin's family, Tricia, Liz, Gladys, Shaunte, Tom, Mary Ann, Judy, Alex and family, Rachel, Brenda, Richard, Robin, Ellie, Lou, Dara, Laura, Anna, Missy, James, Hugh, Sean, Kevin, Mona, Hazel, Brian's family, Debbie, Amanda, Ana, Dan, Tony, Koko, Cliff, Judy, Adam, Jim, Charles, Nicholas, Fred, David, Rosie Lee, Anige, Michelle, Frank, Barbara, Joe, Anne, Kristen's family, Alina's family, Liisa's family, Hitchcock family, Jonne's family, Don, Jon, Denise, Emma, Jackie's family, Rashana, Scott, Mary, Norfleet & family, Jeanne, Kim, Jake, Kevin, Jen, Troy, Lanie, Becky, Michael, Johnny, Keith, Christina, Mason, Ali, Hazel, Justin, Alan, Virginia, Becky, Stacey, Norm, Nicholas, John, Kathleen, Brian, Marilyn, Christine, Jackie, Allison, Cara, Tom, Bilma, Kim, Barbara, Gladys, Marilyn, Braley & family, Zader, Ellie, and Dean.

If you or someone you care about is in need of Pastoral Care, please do not hesitate to call 703-430-2121.

Requests for Prayer Shawls

To request a prayer shawl for yourself or someone else, please send a request to barocon7@aol.com.

Sunday Night Live for Teens

SNL meets Sunday nights in the trailer. 6th-8th graders are invited to join from 5:30-7:00, and 9th-12th graders from 7-8:30. We'll see you there for relevant teachings, life-changing small groups, wacky activities, and worship.

There are still spots available for the SNL mission trips this summer! SNL Middle School is headed to Clarkesville, GA for some VBS and local housing projects, the price is \$375.

SNL High Schoolers are invited on a once-in-a-lifetime to Montana for adventure camping, and the streets of Spokane working with a homeless youth shelter. The price is \$625, late fees may apply.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVILABLE so PLEASE don't hesitate to ask questions! Contact: Elliott@stmtts.org

Easter Bags for the Needy – Due Today

Filled bags and gift cards need to be brought to the church today so they can be distributed before Easter. Contact Darrell Breed at darrell@stmtts.org or 703-444-2451 for more information.

Parish Work Day

Saturday, April 8, 9am – 12pm

Help us prepare the church and grounds for Easter! Coffee and treats provided. Jobs for all ages and skill levels!

Overnight Prayer Vigil

Thursday, April 13 – Friday, April 14

You are invited to join our St. Matt's community in a very special prayer vigil that begins after the Maundy Thursday service and goes through the night until the noon Good Friday service. Staff and volunteers will be present throughout the night. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway for any portion of the evening/morning you plan to attend, or RSVP on Facebook.

facebook.com/StMatthewsEpiscopalChurch/events

This will be an open time to pray, meditate, or walk the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome. Questions? Please email John at Alpha@stmtts.org.

Candy Donations and Easter Egg Filling

Thursday, April 13th, from 10am-12pm
Candy donations or small toys/stickers are needed for the Easter Egg Hunts on Easter Sunday. Please place items in the bin in the back of the church.

Please join us on **Thursday, April 13th, from 10am-12pm** at the church to fill Easter eggs (room meeting location TBD). Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy after. Thank you so much for helping to make our Easter Egg Hunts a success!!! Please contact Ashly Townsend at ashly@stmtts.org with questions.

Children's Communion Class

Saturday, April 29th – 9am

Please join us as Father Rob guides our young children through an Understanding Communion class. In this class we'll discuss preparations for Holy Communion, the ceremony itself, and how it feels to be with Jesus in a special new way. This class is open to children ages 4 through 5th grade. If you wish to have your child(ren) participate, please email Ashly Townsend at ashly@stmtts.org.

Small Hands, Big Hearts Family Team

Bring your elementary-aged children to connect with other families and inspire our children to serve the community.

April 8, 10am – Help hide Easter eggs and lead activities for the St. Matthew's Community Easter Egg Hunt.

April 29, 8am-12pm – Lemonade stand during the spring yard sale.

May 13, 12pm – Serve the community with lunch, arts & crafts and music.

June 2-4 - Save the date for our camping weekend.

Please RSVP for any of these events All Lesser - AllLesser@gmail.com

Financial Peace University

Would you like to take control of your money? As a church, we want to share a practical plan that can help you discover God's way of handling money. We want to empower you to create a budget, get out of debt, save for the future, and take control of your money. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:15pm-9:15pm starting April 19.

Register: DaveRamsey.com/findaclass or email Miriam or Mason Turner at Family@Turnerville.us. Free child care is available upon request.

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8, 10am-12pm

Have you ever seen 10,000 filled Easter eggs? That's how many we fill to offer an incredible Easter event to the community on Saturday, April 8 at Briar Patch Park. Be part of this amazing experience that brings joy to children and families in our local community. Please bring non-melting, wrapped candy, or small toys to fill the plastic eggs – a collection bin is in the back of the sanctuary. This is a wonderful service project to share with friends, or join us during coffee hour to fill eggs. Can you volunteer at the event? E-mail David Lathrop, dave@stmtts.org to help hide eggs, or assist with crafts & games.

Flower Dedications for Easter

Easter will be celebrated on April 16th this year. Dedications may be made by filling out a pew card and putting the card and your check in the offering plate or email the Miriam in the church office at Office@stmtts.org. Please write "Flowers" in the memo line of your check. The deadline for submitting a dedication is Palm Sunday, April 9th.

Easter Brunch!

On Easter morning, the Saint Matthew's community gathers for a champagne brunch following the Great Vigil and a continental breakfast following the 7:30am and 9am services. We will collect breakfast items on Saturday, April 15, 10:30am to 2pm. We also need help on Saturday and Sunday mornings to prepare food, set up and clean up. Suggested donations include: breakfast casseroles, ham, biscuits/rolls, deviled eggs, coffee cake, muffins, breakfast breads, scones, pastries, fruit, champagne, cookies, mini-cupcakes . . . Please sign up to help in the Parish Hall or contact Susan Jones at susan@stmtts.org or 571-205-6999.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL 2:	Kevin Cox
APRIL 2:	Colin Leary
APRIL 3:	Allison Crompton
APRIL 3:	Lynn Diegtel
APRIL 3:	Kevin Royer
APRIL 3:	Connor Ragsdale
APRIL 3:	Declan Kowalik
APRIL 4:	Emilia Gazoni
APRIL 4:	Daniel Gil
APRIL 6:	Heidi Lathrop
APRIL 7:	Gwen Lee
APRIL 8:	Elly Hilz
APRIL 8:	Sierra Carr