

THIS WEEK	
DEC 10:	8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service 9:30 AM – Contemporary Service 11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service 12:00 PM – Children's Music Ministry 12:15 PM – Full Pageant Rehearsal #2 3:00 PM – MCVN 5:30 PM – SNL – Middle School 7:00 PM – AA 7:00 PM – Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 PM – SNL – High School
DEC 11:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 6:30 PM – ESOL 6:45 PM – Seraphim Singers Rehearsal 7:30 PM – Free to Live Small Group and Bread of Life Small Group & Falcon's Landing Bible Study
DEC 12:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 9:30 AM – All Ages Read Together 11:00 AM – Backpack Buddies Packing 7:00 PM – EfM & Outreach Meeting 7:00 PM – AA 7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
DEC 13:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 10:00 AM – Bridge to Discovery 12:00 PM – AA 5:30 PM – NA
DEC 14:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 9:30 AM – All Ages Read Together 12:00 PM – Bible Study 5:00 PM – Odyssey of the Mind 7:30 PM – Seraphim Choir Rehearsal
DEC 15:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 12:00 PM – Space on hold
DEC 16:	7:00 AM – Flower Guild 7:30 AM – Men's Group 8:00 AM – Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 AM – LEM Training for Christmas 9:00 AM – Parish Work Day 4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal 5:00 PM – Contemporary Service 6:00 PM – Living Nativity 7:00 PM – MCVN and AA

ATTENDANCE		
DECEMBER 2 & 3, 2017		
Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	39
8:00 AM	RI	23
9:30 AM	RII	165
11:00 AM	RII	126
Faith Factory		55
Sunrise	MP	5

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
AS OF DECEMBER 3, 2017	
Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$588,811

#### Ways to Financially Support the Ministry Work at Saint Matthew's

- Online: [Go.stmmts.org/give](http://Go.stmmts.org/give)
- Download ACS Church Life App (Site #111141)
- Text 703-635-7890 text "\$ amount" Ex. \$100
- Bill Pay From Your Bank
- Offering Plate

**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
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 Thomas, Heather Tomaszek

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH

December 10, 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

December 16 – Parish Work Day and Living Nativity  
 December 17 – Pageant Rehearsal  
 December 17 – Lessons and Carols  
 December 23 – No Saturday Service and 10am Pageant Final Full Rehearsal  
 December 24 Christmas Eve Services – 3pm Pageant, 7pm, 9pm, & 11pm  
 December 25 – Christmas Day Worship at 10am

#### Christmas Worship Schedule

##### Christmas Eve: December 24

- No morning services on December 24
- ❖ **3:00pm**, Christmas Pageant and Communion in the Parish Hall
  - ❖ **7:00pm**, Festival Christmas Service with Band
  - ❖ **9:00pm**, Classic Christmas Service with Choir
  - ❖ **10:30pm**, Carols
  - ❖ **11:00pm**, Radiant Candlelight Service with Choir.

##### Christmas Day: December 25

- ❖ **10:00am**, Peaceful Communion

#### 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:

Zader, Ken, Keegan family, James, Hugh, Sean, Kevin, Mona, Connie, Tristan, Shelly, Kathy, Marge, Kali, Shannon, Todd, George, Corinne, Barbara, Joe, Ryan, Frank, Frances, Jackie & family, Dan, Lorraine, Mac, Ayden, Brittain family, Vera, Jane, Candace, Vivian, Chervenak family, Camden, Earthquake and Hurricane Victims, Grace, Jack, Bill, Paul, Steve, Emma, Tristan, Jackie, Ruth, Brian's family, Liisa's family, Kevin's family, Steven's family, Ray's family, Jon's family, Hazel, Debbie, Betty's family, Mike's family, Andrew's family, Kristen's family, Bob's family, Chambers family, Genesis, John, Chelsea, Joanne, Alina, Rebeccah, Amber, Sheri, Lise, Louise, Fredrik, Rolanda, Colleen, Stacy, Laurie, Nicholas, Gary, Cal, Angie's family, Benjamin, Vivian and sons, Kathy, Patricia, Patti, Melvin family, Charlene, Marvis, Chris, Valerie, Charlene, and Ed.

**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](mailto:barocon7@aol.com).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
DECEMBER 10:	Michelle & Dave Ragsdale

### **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.

### **Review and Update Your Account**

Check out the ACS Church Life app on your mobile device. You can update your contact information, access the church directory, review your giving, and even make offerings. You can also access the same information online at: [go.stmtts.org/myprofile](http://go.stmtts.org/myprofile).

### **Online Shopping**

Looking for a quick and easy way to support Saint Matthew's? When making a purchase on Amazon, use the following link: [go.stmtts.org/Amazon](http://go.stmtts.org/Amazon). Using this link will share a small portion of your purchase with Saint Matthew's. There's no additional charge to you. You can use the link and a scrip gift card to double your impact! Contact the church office at [Office@stmtts.org](mailto:Office@stmtts.org) for information.

### **Saint Matthew's Columbarium Niches**

The Vestry approved the Columbarium Policy and Regulations which govern the Saint Matthew's Columbarium. This created an application process for those desiring to be interred in the Columbarium. A fee of \$1500 is required for each niche, which includes a portion for long term maintenance. If you would like to reserve a niche, please see Miriam for an application packet. Applications will be submitted through the Parish office to the Columbarium Executive Committee for action and approval. Questions can be directed to Steve Buck ([stevbuck@aol.com](mailto:stevbuck@aol.com)) or Darrell Breed ([darrell@stmtts.org](mailto:darrell@stmtts.org)).

### **Living Nativity**

Experience the Nativity. Join us on **December 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8pm** for our annual presentation of the Living Nativity. With the inn, live animals and familiar personalities the story comes to life. It's a perfect opportunity to enter the week before Christmas with a focus on the central event of the season. Our fabulous music ministry will be here celebrating the birth of our Savior. We'll have Hot Chocolate to warm our bodies as the story of the greatest gift ever warms our hearts. All are welcome, come any time between 6 and 8pm.

### **Financial Peace University 2018**

We are thrilled to announce that the members of our past three Financial Peace University classes paid off \$214,238 in debt and saved more than \$58,000! How is this possible?

Whether you are trying to figure out how to balance saving for retirement, college savings and vacations or you are struggling to make ends meet, FPU has something for you.

Are you ready to make a financial turnaround in the New Year? Join us for Financial Peace University on Thursdays starting in January. Free childcare is included. Register today at: <https://fpu.com/1053656>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
DECEMBER 10:	James Thompson
DECEMBER 11:	Patricia Schneider
DECEMBER 12:	Ava Lesser
DECEMBER 12:	Eli Crawley
DECEMBER 13:	Samantha Gomez
DECEMBER 14:	Jackie Harbourne
DECEMBER 14:	Brent Harding
DECEMBER 15:	Jeffery Buckingham
DECEMBER 15:	Joshua Hart
DECEMBER 15:	Logan Bidlack
DECEMBER 16:	Virginia Swensson
DECEMBER 16:	Chiara O'Neill

### **Giving Tree Gifts Due Today!**

Thank you for helping others less than fortunate than we celebrate Christmas this year! Please return the gifts for the 2017 St. Matthew's Giving Tree today. All donated ornament gifts will be taken to the LINK Christmas distribution site so they can be distributed to needy families. For more information contact Darrell Breed at 703-444-2451 or [darrellandmerry@verizon.net](mailto:darrellandmerry@verizon.net).

### **Parish Workday on December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Lots of hands are needed to assist with our Parish Workday next Saturday. **We will meet at 9am and should be finished by noon.** We have tasks both inside and outside the building ranging from cleaning, sprucing up the grounds, helping with decorations and making minor repairs. Please help as we spruce things up for Christmas. Contact Darrell Breed for more info at [darrellandmerry@verizon.net](mailto:darrellandmerry@verizon.net) or at 703-444-2451.

### **Puerto Rico Mission Trip**

We always go to help those with the greatest need! St. Matthew's is looking forward to serving the people of Puerto Rico after the devastating hurricane season of 2017. Tentatively scheduled for the week of August 4<sup>th</sup>, we are working with Praying Pelican Missions, who St. Matthew's has worked with for over a decade on other mission trips such as Haiti and Belize. This will be an adult mission trip that will involve a variety of ministries including rebuilding and children and community outreach. Please email David Diegtel at [Diegtelsport@gmail.com](mailto:Diegtelsport@gmail.com) if you have questions or are interested in attending.

### **Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Schedule**

It's hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner! That means it's time to begin preparations for the Children's Christmas Pageant. The pageant is the Nativity Story told in a creative and rhyming way through the eyes of a child. We had an amazing turnout for casting and speaking auditions and I am excited to work with this talented group of children.

### **Important Rehearsal Dates:**

**Today, December 10<sup>th</sup> 12:15-1:15pm:** Full Pageant Rehearsal #2 in the Sanctuary  
**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 12:15-1:15pm:** Full Pageant Rehearsal #3 in the Sanctuary  
**Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00-11:30am:** FINAL Full Pageant Rehearsal in the Parish Hall (with risers/microphone)  
**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve 2:15pm-**children arrive to get into costumes  
**3:00pm** Christmas Pageant!

If you are interested in volunteering or have further questions, please contact Ashly Townsend at [ashly@stmtts.org](mailto:ashly@stmtts.org).

### **Knit 2, Pray 2**

The K2P2 group will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the Classroom on the Hill.

### **Backpack Buddies**

Backpack Buddies is packing on Tuesdays! We would love volunteers to **join us at 11am on December 12<sup>th</sup>** in the Classroom on the Hill. We are also accepting donations of shelf-stable, single-serve pantry items (e.g. canned tuna, ramen, snacks, fruit cups). Please contact Hilary Hultman-Lee at [HLLlearning@gmail.com](mailto:HLLlearning@gmail.com) with any questions.