

THIS WEEK	
DEC 4:	8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service 9:30 AM – Contemporary Service 11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service 12:15 PM – Full Pageant Rehearsal 2:30 PM – EfM 3:00 PM – MCVN 6:00 PM – SNL for Middle Schoolers 7:00 PM – AA 7:00 PM – SNL for High Schoolers 7:00 PM – <b>Advent Evensong</b>
DEC 5:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 12:30 PM – All Ages Read Together 7:00 PM – MCVN 7:00 PM – ESOL 7:30 PM – Free to Live Small Group and Bread of Life Small Group
DEC 6:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 10:00 PM – All Ages Read Together 7:00 PM – AA 7:00 PM – Backpack Buddies Packing 7:00 PM – Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
DEC 7:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 12:00 PM – AA 12:30 PM – All Ages Read Together 5:30 PM – NA 6:00 PM – Odyssey of the Mind 6:30 PM – Alpha 7:30 PM – Sandwich Generation Small Group
DEC 8:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 10:00 PM – All Ages Read Together 12:00 PM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – Vestry Budget Meeting 7:30 PM – Seraphim Choir Rehearsal
DEC 9:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 7:00 PM – MCVN
DEC 10:	7:00 AM – Flower Guild 7:30 AM – Men's Group 9:00 AM – Spiritual Formation Meeting 10:00 AM – K2P2 11:00 AM – Set up Private Party 4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal 5:00 PM – Contemporary Service 7:00 PM – AA and MCVN

**Trailer Cleanup**

We will start to clean out the middle area in the trailer in January. If you have anything in that area, please contact Steve Buck or Miriam and let us know that it needs to stay. Everything else will be removed.

ATTENDANCE		
NOVEMBER 26 & 27, 2016		
Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	57
8:00 AM	RI	19
9:30 AM	RII	175
11:00 AM	RII	121
Faith Factory		61
Sunrise	MP	10

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
AS OF NOVEMBER 28, 2016	
Revenue Required for 2016	\$701,900
Revenue Received YTD	\$544,724

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Saint Matthew's telephone and fax:**

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

**Saint Matthew's web site:**

<http://www.stmtts.org>

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

**E-mail Us:**

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**Vestry:**

Pat Pritchett, *Senior Warden*  
Steve Buck, *Junior Warden*  
Theresa Helein, Dan Robertson, Susie Harding, Marcia Rugen, Joe Sharp, John Thomas

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
DECEMBER 10:	Michelle & Dave Ragsdale

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT  
SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH  
December 4, 2016

**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**

Tonight – Advent Evensong  
December 11 – Advent Evensong  
December 17 – Parish Work Day, Altar Guild Polishing, & LEM Training  
December 17 – Living Nativity  
December 18 – Christmas Sing Along  
December 23 – Pageant Dress Rehearsal  
December 24 Christmas Eve Services – 3pm Pageant, 6pm, 8pm, 11pm & 10pm Lessons and Carols  
December 25 Christmas Day Service – 10am  
January 1 – New Year's Worship – 10am  
January 29 – Parish Annual Meeting

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
DECEMBER 4:	Alex Basil
DECEMBER 4:	Claire Hart
DECEMBER 5:	Pete Hart
DECEMBER 5:	Kris Golden
DECEMBER 7:	Melissa Hancock
DECEMBER 7:	Mary Ann Smith
DECEMBER 7:	Koko Solomon
DECEMBER 7:	Martha Olson
DECEMBER 8:	Reggie Mervine
DECEMBER 8:	Cynthia Piskadlo
DECEMBER 9:	Lexi Westover
DECEMBER 9:	Aaliyah Jacoby
DECEMBER 10:	James Thompsn

**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:

James, Hugh, Sean, Kevin, Mo, Kevin and family, Andrew and family, Bob and family, Kiia and family, Lusak and family, Jackie, Don, Dean, Kathy, Emily, Albert, Gloria, Kyle, Julie, Mona, Elizabeth, Evan, Eric, Kylie, Macallan, Shelly, Christina, Palmer family, John, Norm, Becky, The Young Family, Nancy, Tita, John, Charlotte, Sharon, Jack, Larry, Jack, Colin, Marcia, Amanda, Adam, Chele, Ethan, John, Pops, Don, Jennifer, Marcia, Claudia, Rob, Ruth, Emma, Brenda, Gairo, Dean, Valerie, Ashton, Bob, Darrell, Becca and family, Rick and family, Maniusko Family, Griffin & family, Tricia, Liz, Gladys, Shaunte, Tom, Mary Ann, Judy, Alex and family, Rachel, Brenda, Richard, Robin, Ellie, Lou, Dara, Laura, Anna, Missy, Hazel, Brian's family, Debbie, Amanda, Ana, Dan, Tony, Koko, Mary, Cliff, Judy, Adam, Jim, Charles, Nicholas, Fred, David, Rosie Lee, Anige, Michele, Frank, Barbara, Joe, Anne, Kristen's family, Alina's family, Liisa's family, Hitchcock's family, Jonne's family, Isaac, Madison, Jon, Don, and Denise.

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

To request a prayer shawl for yourself or someone else, please send a request to [barocon7@aol.com](mailto:barocon7@aol.com).

### **Sunday Night Live for Teens**

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

**12/4 Episode 311 – Happy, Part 2**

**12/11 Episode 312 – Happy, Part 3**

**12/18 – Come to the Christmas Sing**

**Along**

**12/25 – Christmas; No SNL**

### **Backpack Buddies**

Backpack Buddies packing is on **Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**. Packing at 11am resumes on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

We are in need of someone to coordinate the daytime packing beginning the week of January 9th (approximately 10:45am - 12:15pm). Most everything is set up already (shoppers, packers, delivery). You would be responsible for opening the trailer and informing the packers of how many bags to pack, and locking the trailer at the end of the time. On the first Tuesday of each month, the evening pack happens and you would not be needed for this (though you are certainly welcome). Please contact Carol Black or Michele Devaney for more information: carolwhitakerblack@gmail.com or micheledevaney@gmail.com.

### **Annual Christmas Sing Along & Raffle**

Eat an early dinner, and bring a dessert to share on **December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**. Wear your favorite Christmas apparel and join us for our Christmas Sing Along. We have some beautiful gifts for the raffle generously donated by Chicks Picks by Hillary, wooden creations from Juan Gil, and the always highly anticipated painting from Ute Gil. Santa will also be here! Invite a friend to join in the fun!

### **Giving History and Contact Info**

Did you know you can update your contact information and check your giving history anytime from the church website?

**stmtts.org/parishioners**

Simply click "Access and Update your member information". You can also submit a pledge to Saint Matthew's any time you feel called by contacting the office at office@stmtts.org.

### **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. There was 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 4<sup>th</sup> 12:15-1:15pm:** Full Pageant Rehearsal #1 in the Sanctuary

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 12:15-1:15pm:** Full Pageant Rehearsal #2 in the Sanctuary

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 12:15-1:15pm:** Full Pageant Rehearsal #3

**Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00-7:30pm:** Dress Rehearsal in the Parish Hall

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm-**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.

### **Small Hands Big Hearts Family Group**

Join us after pageant rehearsal on **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00pm** to visit Falcons Landing. We will have children sing Christmas Carols and hand out cards to residents. We may even have a Santa visit! Space is Limited, so please RSVP to Alli Lesser by Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> - AlliLesser@gmail.com. We will be visiting two centers:

2pm – West Falls Center 46661 Algonkian Parkway, Potomac Falls, VA 20165

3pm – The Johnson Center 20535 Earhart Place, Potomac Falls, VA 20165

### **Christmas Flower Dedications**

Honor a loved one, give thanks for an anniversary or accomplishment, or commemorate a loved one's birthday, special occasion or memorial by contributing to the Christmas flower arrangements.

To make a flower dedication, please use the envelopes provided in the pews. Place the envelope with your payment in the offering plate or church office by Sunday, December 18th. Please write "Christmas Flowers" in the memo of your check. Dedications of any amount are welcome.

### **Saint Matthew's Giving Tree**

Saint Matthew's annual Giving Tree helps us share God's love by providing gifts of toys and books for children, infants through age 16 years. This year our donations will help LINK offer Christmas gifts for children in the Herndon, Sterling, and Ashburn area.

Return NEW, UNWRAPPED gifts, with the tags, **by Sunday, December 11, 2016**. If you have questions, contact Darrell Breed at 703-444-2451 or darrellandmerry@verizon.net

### **Advent Wreaths and Materials**

To help slow things down and put the "reason in the season", we are offering advent materials for you to create the right kind of preparation for Christmas. There are devotional booklets and activity booklets for all age groups, for families and individuals. Please help yourself, and feel free to take one for a friend.

### **Living Nativity**

**December 17, 6pm – 8pm**

Come experience the true meaning of Christmas and the beauty of the night Jesus Christ was born. This is an outdoor event with live characters and animals, your favorite Christmas carols, hot cocoa and candy canes. Donations of food items will be accepted for our Backpack Buddies.

### **Keep Shopping with Scrip Gift Cards**

Gift cards have been restocked and are available for purchase in the Parish Hall on Sunday morning and upon request. We have \$5 gift cards (Barnes&Noble, Panera, and Starbucks) that are perfect for teachers, service workers, colleagues, neighbors, etc. Also remember to pick up Panera and Starbucks cards to give to people who need a warm place to sit and enjoy a meal. With one simple stop in the Parish Hall, you can buy and donate Gift Cards to people in need and the Christmas gift tree! Susan Jones, susan.e.jones@hotmail.com, 571-205-6999

### **Parish Work Day**

Please join us on **Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**, for the Parish Work Day. We have lots of outdoor efforts to accomplish to get ready for the Live Nativity that night and really could use the help. We need to finish mulching the garden area, cut down the grasses around the sign, clean up the parking areas and rope off of the Nativity area. In addition, we have several efforts inside to get ready for the holiday services and pageant. Thank you for all your help in advance.