

| THIS WEEK |  |
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| APRIL 16: | 5:45 AM – Easter Vigil   |
|           | 6:45 AM – Easter Brunch  |
|           | 7:30 AM – Easter Worship   |
|           | 9:00 AM – Easter Worship   |
|           | 10:00 AM – Easter Egg Hunt                                       |
|           | 11:00 AM – Easter Worship  |
|           | 12:00 PM – Easter Egg Hunt                                       |
|           | 3:00 PM – MCVN   |
|           | 7:00 PM – AA   |
| APRIL 17: | 9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery                                 |
|           | 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 18: | 9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery                                 |
|           | 11:00 AM – Backpack Buddies Packing                              |
|           | 7:00 PM – AA   |
|           | 7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal   |
| APRIL 19: | 9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery                                 |
|           | 12:00 PM – AA  |
|           | 5:30 PM – NA   |
|           | 7:15 PM – Financial Peace University                             |
|           | 7:30 PM – Sandwich Generation Small Group                        |
| APRIL 20: | 9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery                                 |
|           | 12:00 PM – Bible Study   |
|           | 7:30 PM – Seraphim Singers Choir Rehearsal                       |
| APRIL 21: | 9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery                                 |
|           | 5:00 PM – Concert Set-up   |
|           | 7:00 PM – MCVN   |
|           | 7:00 PM – Old Dominion Dancers                                   |
|           | 7:30 PM – Concert Series: Dog City Hoedown Trio                  |
| APRIL 23: | 7:00 AM – Flower Guild   |
|           | 7:30 AM – Men's Group  |
|           | 8:00 AM – Fellowship Breakfast                                   |
|           | 4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal   |
|           | 5:00 PM – Contemporary Service                                   |
|           | 7:00 PM – MCVN and AA  |
|           | 10:00 PM – MCVN  |

| ATTENDANCE        |         |         |
|-------------------|---------|---------|
| APRIL 8 & 9, 2017 |         |         |
| Time or Place     | Service | Attend. |
| Saturday 5:00 PM  | RII     | 52      |
| 7:30 AM           | RI      | 26      |
| 9:00 AM           | RII     | 155     |
| 11:00 AM          | RII     | 124     |
| Faith Factory     |         | 51      |
| Sunrise           | MP      | 5       |

| FINANCIAL UPDATE          |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| AS OF APRIL 2, 2017       |           |
| Revenue Required for 2017 | \$757,771 |
| Revenue Received YTD      | \$161,789 |

**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.

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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

| HAPPY ANNIVERSARY |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| APRIL 16:         | Marilyn & Webster Anderson |
| APRIL 20:         | Erin & Tom Leary           |

EASTER SUNDAY  
 SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH  
 April 16, 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 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 2 – Backpack Buddies Evening Pack  
 May 6 & 7 – Youth Weekend  
 May 13 – Community Lunch  
 May 28 – Park Worship & Picnic  
 June 2-4 – Family Camping Weekend  
 June 25-July 1 – Middle School Mission Trip to Clarkesville, GA  
 July 15-21 – Adult Mission Trip to Haiti  
 July 24-28 – Vacation Bible School  
 July 30 – August 7 – High School Adventure Trip

**Concert Series: Dog City Hoedown Trio**  
**Friday, April 21 – 7:30pm**  
 Join us for an eclectic selection of popular music in the bluegrass style for easy listening and dancing. The concert will begin at 7:30pm. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. All ages are welcome! Free admission! For more information contact Kevin at kevin@stmtts.org or 303-834-0601.

**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, Dean, Ken, Keegan family, Connie, Shelly, and Tristan.

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. No SNL on Easter! We'll see you on April 30.

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 trip to Montana for adventure camping, and working with homeless youth in Spokane. The price is \$625, late fees may apply.

**Scholarships are available for both trips so please don't hesitate to ask!**  
Contact: Elliott@stmtts.org

### **Spring Yard Sale is Coming**

**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 8am – 12pm**

It's time to clean out those closets and those basements! The Annual Spring Yard Sale is upon us. We'll need lots of volunteers to help set up and sort on Thursday afternoon and Friday. We'll also need lots of help the day of the event. Contact Wilma Sargent at wilsar2@verizon.net or Daryl Coleman at ddc3107@hotmail.com for more information. Proceeds benefit Backpack Buddies.

### **ESOL Continues**

St. Matt's ESOL program continues to reach non-native speakers of English at all levels of proficiency. We meet from 6:30-8:30 Monday evenings. See Roz Gann for more details: 423-202-0007.

### **Backpack Buddies**

Are you looking for a way to help meet the needs of food insecure children in our community?

Backpack Buddies is currently feeding 220 students at 7 schools in Sterling and we always need help restocking our pantry! Individual-sized: 100% juice boxes/packs, protein (canned tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, beans, ravioli), snacks (granola or cereal bars, fruit gummies, pudding), shelf-stable milk, Ramen noodles, mac n' cheese, or fruit cups. Consider having your office hold a food drive!

We'd love to have your help packing! Join us Tuesday, April 18th or 25th at 11am, or Tuesday, May 2nd at 7pm in the classroom on the hill. Supervised children are encouraged to attend! If you have any questions, please contact Hilary at HHLlearning@gmail.com.

### **Children's Communion Class**

**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – 9am**

Please join us as Fr. Rob guides our 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 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 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 Alli Lesser - Allil Lesser@gmail.com

### **Park Worship and Picnic**

**Sunday, May 28 at 11am**

Join us for worship at Algonkian Park. After the service, stay to enjoy a day filled with activities and games! Bring friends; make friends—we can't wait to see you there! If you can't make it to the park, please join us at St. Matt's for the Saturday 5pm service or Sunday 8am service – no 9:30 service on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Youth Weekend:**

The youth of Saint Matt's will be taking over the services on **May 6 and 7**. Don't miss this fun weekend where you'll see our St. Matt's youth stepping out in faith to speak words from their heart, play in the band, lift their voices to sing, serve, and of course everyone loves our Saint Matthew's dancers.

### **Community Luncheon**

**Saturday, May 13, 12pm - 2pm**

Are you looking for a way to build relationships with people in our community you might not otherwise meet? You're invited to our next Community Lunch!

Here are few ways you can contribute to this vital ministry:

- 1) Donate children books - new or gently used
- 2) Bring a dessert to share
- 3) Volunteer – (Greeters/Kitchen Help/Servers/Set Up/Clean Up/Kid's Activities/Displays)
- 4) Attend – join us for lunch – meet our wonderful neighbors
- 5) Offer to share a skill, hobby or talent with the children and/or adults
- 6) All of the above

Donations can be dropped off 9am-11 am on Saturday. Have questions? Contact Sandra at sandra.gentry1@verizon.net.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Community Luncheons in 2017:

September 9 and November 11

Please put the dates on your calendar and plan to participate, as you are able. And, as always, please help to get the word out to the community.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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| APRIL 17: | Marilyn Anderson  |
| APRIL 17: | Jonathan Marvin   |
| APRIL 18: | Dick Almarode     |
| APRIL 18: | Kassi Elliott     |
| APRIL 19: | Emily Palmer      |
| APRIL 19: | Donnie Royer      |
| APRIL 20: | Timothy Dillistin |
| APRIL 20: | Janet Hart        |
| APRIL 20: | Hope Mattina      |
| APRIL 20: | Jacob Ohanian     |
| APRIL 21: | Dave Hallett      |
| APRIL 21: | Christine Merola  |
| APRIL 21: | Nicholas Carr     |
| APRIL 21: | David Taylor      |
| APRIL 22: | PJ Long           |
| APRIL 22: | Caden Johnson     |

### **Adult Mission Trip**

Ask anyone who has ever gone on a mission trip, and they will confirm that mission trips are life changing. At Saint Matthew's, it is our hope that as many people as possible will have the opportunity to participate in a mission trip. This summer, we will return for our third year to Port Margot, Haiti, where we will continue our partnership with Eglise Baptiste Eben-Ezer Church. On past trips we have erected the roof on their church, built an altar, and laid the floor. This year our challenge is to build the steps leading up to the front of the church. This trip is an adult only trip (college and above). The dates are **Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, July 21st**, and the cost is \$1,450 (scholarships are available on an as needed basis). Is this your year to go on a mission trip? For more information contact Mary Petersen at maryp@stmtts.org.