

THIS WEEK	
FEB 26:	8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service
	9:30 AM – Contemporary Service
	11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service
	12:00 PM – Chili Cook Off
	2:30 PM – EfM
	3:00 PM – MCVN
	5:30 PM – SNL Middle Schoolers
	7:00 PM – AA
FEB 27:	7:00 PM – SNL High Schoolers
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	12:30 PM – All Ages Read Together
	6:30 PM – ESOL
	7:00 PM – MCVN
FEB 28:	7:00 PM – Falcons Landing Old Testament Bible Study
	7:30 PM – Free to Live Small Group and Bread of Life Small Group
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	10:00 AM – All Ages Read Together
	11:00 AM – Backpack Buddies Packing
MAR 1:	5:30 PM – Pancake Dinner
	7:00 PM – Vestry Meeting
	7:00 PM – AA
	7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
	6:00 AM – Ash Wednesday Service
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	9:15 AM – Bridge to Discovery
	12:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service
MAR 2:	12:00 PM – AA
	12:30 PM – All Ages Read Together
	5:30 PM – NA
	6:00 PM – Odyssey of the Mind
	7:00 PM – Finance Committee Meeting
	7:30 PM – Ash Wednesday Service
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
MAR 3:	10:00 AM – All Ages Read Together
	12:00 PM – Bible Study
	6:00 PM – Sterling Playmakers
	7:30 PM – Seraphim Choir Rehearsal
MAR 4:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	7:00 PM – MCVN
	7:00 PM – Old Dominion Dancers
	7:30 PM – First Friday Fun & Fellowship
MAR 4:	7:00 AM – Flower Guild
	7:30 AM – Men's Group
	10:00 AM – Wellness Day Set-up
	2:00 PM – Children's Wellness Day
	3:00 PM – Private Use
	4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal
MAR 4:	5:00 PM – Contemporary Service
	7:00 PM – MCVN and AA

ATTENDANCE		
FEBRUARY 18 & 19, 2017		
Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	50
8:00 AM	RI	21
9:30 AM	RII	163
11:00 AM	RII	75
Faith Factory		52
Sunrise	MP	7

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
AS OF FEBRUARY 19, 2017	
Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$63,789

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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David Lathrop, Dan Robertson, John Thomas, Heather Tomaszek

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH February 26, 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

March 3 – First Friday Fun & Fellowship
March 4 – Children's Wellness Day
March 11 – Community Lunch
March 17 – Concert Series: Keltish
March 25 – Newcomers Reception
April 8 – Parish Work Day and Community Easter Egg Hunt
April 9 – Palm Sunday
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
May 12 – Concert Series: Anthem String Quartet (Bring your mom!)
May 28 – Park Worship & Picnic
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

Ash Wednesday Services

Join us on Wednesday, March 1st at 6am, 12pm, or 7:30pm for the Ash Wednesday Liturgy with imposition of ashes.

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, Mona, Kevin and family, Andrew and family, Bob and family, Kiia and family, Lusak and family, Jackie, Don, Dean, Pops, Don, Jennifer, Marcia, Claudia, Rob, Ruth, Courtney, Emma, Brenda, Gairo, Dean, Valerie, Ashton, Bob, Darrell, Becca and family, 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, 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, Bilma, and Cara.

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

New Times! 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.

High School Adventure Trip, July 30 through August 7

We're going to be traveling to the mountains of Montana. This is going to be an epic trip and a powerful and unique spiritual experience, open to rising 9th graders through 2017 graduated 12th graders, and everyone in the middle! Don't miss this opportunity. More details are available on the bulletin board and on Facebook; scholarships always available.

Middle School Mission Trip, June 25 through July 1

We'll be going to Clarksville, Georgia, in the northeast Georgia Mountains. The families in these areas are struggling daily to acclimate to a new life in a new country. During this trip, we will reach out and minister to these children through summer camps and children's outreach programs located in their own neighborhoods. Youth will also have the opportunity to work with these families through home improvement and repair projects. You don't want to miss this trip. More details are available on the bulletin board and on Facebook; scholarships

Community Luncheon

Saturday, March 11, 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:

May 13, September 9, 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.

Prom Wishes

The Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun is hosting its 15th Annual Prom Wishes event on April 1. This event allows high schoolers to shop for dresses, shoes, and jewelry, completely free of charge. If you have anything to donate, please drop items off in the parish hall from now through March 25th. Also, please share this event with any young lady that you know who would like to attend. For more information, please contact Lacy Hurst at LacyLace80@hotmail.com or check out jwcl.org.

Newcomers Welcome Reception

New to Saint Matthew's or just want to learn how to connect? Join us on Saturday, March 25th at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Fr. Rob, the staff and vestry welcome you and your family for an informal round table chat. Appetizers will be served. Please RSVP to Miriam Turner at office@stmtts.org.

Backpack Buddies Needs Your Help!

Are you looking for a way to help meet the needs of food insecure children in our community? Backpack Buddies needs help restocking our pantry! Individual-sized: 100% juice boxes, protein (canned tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, beans, ravioli), snacks (granola or cereal bars, fruit gummies, pudding), shelf-stable milk, Ramen noodles, mac n' cheese, fruit cups. Consider having your office hold a food drive!

We'd love to have your help packing! Join us any Tuesday: February 28th and March 14th at 11am., or Tuesday, March 7th at 7pm in the classroom on the hill. Supervised children are encouraged to attend! If you have any questions, please contact Carol: carolwhitakerblack@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. Financial Peace University is that plan. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7pm-9pm starting April 19. To register, sign up online at: DaveRamsey.com/findaclass or email Miriam or Mason Turner at Family@Turnerville.us. Child care is available upon request.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is coming up on Tuesday, February 28th from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Rumor is that it's going to be a huge event! All middle school and high school youth will be volunteering, but you're not going to want to miss this Tuesday evening extravaganza!

Scout Weekend – March 11-12

All Scouts, former Scouts and Scout leaders are invited to participate in Scout Weekend. From ushers to communion to slides and video, Scouts can help at all services. To participate in this event or for more information, please contact Mason Turner mason@mac.com.

St. Matthew's Softball Team Registration

PLAY BALL! The weather sure does want it to be softball season! So it's time for Big Blue, St. Matt's softball team, to gear up for another fun season! Registration and roster must be submitted to Loudoun County by March 6th. We play for fun and all are welcome. If you are interested please see Jim Helein or email him at jim.helein@gmail.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY 26:	Shirley Lotz
FEBRUARY 26:	Tony Solomon
FEBRUARY 26:	Tricia Fischer
FEBRUARY 26:	Allison Gradich
FEBRUARY 28:	Mike Long
FEBRUARY 28:	Brandt Zebrowski
MARCH 1:	Van Harrison
MARCH 1:	Katie Robertson
MARCH 1:	Riley Devaney
MARCH 1:	Zach Greenlund
MARCH 2:	Ben Jacoby
MARCH 2:	Grady Jackson
MARCH 3:	Anne Martini
MARCH 3:	Megan O'Hara
MARCH 3:	Rachel Weller
MARCH 3:	Hannah Ferrante
MARCH 3:	Pete Hester

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. Please join us starting Monday, February 27. Call Roz Gann for more details: 423-202-0007.