

## THIS WEEK

JAN 7:	8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service
	9:30 AM – Contemporary Service
	11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service
	3:00 PM – MCVN
	7:00 PM – AA
JAN 8:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	6:30 PM – ESOL
	7:30 PM – Free to Live Small Group and Bread of Life Small Group
JAN 9:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	9:30 AM – All Ages Read Together
	11:00 AM – Backpack Buddies Packing
	7:00 PM – EFM & Diocese Region Meeting
	7:00 PM – Outreach Meeting
	7:00 PM – AA
	7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
JAN 10:	9:00 AM – Classroom to Discovery
	9:30 AM – Bridge to Discovery
	12:00 PM – AA
	5:30 PM – NA
JAN 11:	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
	7:15 PM – Financial Peace University
	7:15 PM – WatCH on Thursday
	7:30 PM – Seraphim Singers Rehearsal
JAN 12:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	12:00 PM – Community Lunch Preparation & Set up
	7:00 PM – Old Dominion Dancers
JAN 13:	7:00 AM – Flower Guild
	7:30 AM – Men's Group
	8:00 AM – Fellowship Breakfast
	9:00 AM – Community Lunch Set-up
	9:00 AM – Spiritual Formation & Reverence Meetings
	12:00 PM – Community Lunch
	4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal
	5:00 PM – Contemporary Service
	7:00 PM – MCVN and AA

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

JANUARY 9:	Haley & Ted Elliott
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## ATTENDANCE

### CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY

Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Christmas Eve Pageant	RII	450
Christmas Eve 7pm	RII	195
Christmas Eve 9pm	RII	136
Christmas Eve 11:00 PM	RII	87
Christmas Day 10am	RI	43

## ATTENDANCE

DECEMBER 31, 2017

Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	No Service
8:00 AM	RI	19
9:30 AM	RII	135
11:00 AM	RII	66
Faith Factory		24
Sunrise	MP	5

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

AS OF DECEMBER 17, 2017

Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$627,732

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

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

### SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH

January 7, 2018

### 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

January 13 – Community Lunch  
January 14 – I Have a Dream Potluck Lunch  
January 20 – Grit & Grace Men's Breakfast  
February 2 – First Friday Fun & Fellowship  
February 4 – Annual Meeting  
February 13 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
February 14 – Ash Wednesday Services at 6am, noon, and 7:30pm  
March 3 – Children's Wellness Day  
March 10 – Community Lunch  
July 1-7 – SNL Middle School Summer Trip  
July 23-27 – Vacation Bible School  
July 29 – August 4 – SNL High School Summer Trip

### Backpack Buddies

Backpack Buddies is packing on Tuesdays! We would love volunteers to join us at **11am on January 9, 16, 23, and 30 or at 7pm on February 6** 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.

### 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, California Fire 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, Angie's family, Benjamin, Vivian and sons, Kathy, Cal, Patricia, Patti, Melvin family, Charlene, Marvis, Chris, Valerie, Charlene, Ed, Ava, Gina, Cari, Brian, Amelia, Josie, Anderson family, Kim, Isaac, Matthew, Becca, Donald, David, & Philip.

**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).

### 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.

SNL High School is doing **Youth Alpha** in January and February! **Starting January 14th from 7-9pm on Sunday nights**, St. Matt's high schoolers are invited to be a part of Youth Alpha. We'll share dinner together, watch a short video, and discuss what we all believe about God, faith, and church. Bring your friends!! Location to be announced, contact Elliott@stmmts.org for more details.

The High Schoolers are invited to our second annual Winter Retreat **the last weekend in January!** We are heading back up to Pennsylvania to the same epic cabin as last year for some fun in the snow, incredible food, worship, and fellowship! We will leave **Friday the 26th and return Sunday evening on the 28th.** RSVP ASAP with Elliott@stmmts.org! Cost: \$200

### Grit & Grace (Ortly. Men's Breakfast)

Segmented by the different services we all attend, it's been too long since we've gathered together as men at Saint Matthew's! **Join us Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am** in the parish hall for breakfast, teaching, and fellowship. Elliott will be sharing his testimony, and how men's ministry has been instrumental in his life. You don't want to miss this crucial opportunity to get to know other men at Saint Matt's! If you can make it, please come, you won't be disappointed. Feel free to invite a friend!

### Is It Too Early To Think About The Stations of the Cross For Holy Week?

For those of you who participated in the Stations of the Cross last year, you could probably see that they took months to plan. We want to do that again, and then some! So, no, it is not too early. We are looking for 12 folks to provide their artistic skills to depict one of the twelve stations. We are currently taking names and will soon provide a list of the stations to the interested artists. Please contact Vicki Nelson at van@sacklaw.com if you are interested in participating as an artist. Also, if you are interested in being part of the planning of this exciting offering, please contact Vicki Nelson as well at van@sacklaw.com.

### 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) or Darrell Breed (darrell@stmmts.org).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
JANUARY 7:	Jeffrey Rickard
JANUARY 7:	Annette Brennan
JANUARY 7:	Kelly Ferguson
JANUARY 8:	Stephen Thompson
JANUARY 8:	Tina Pyhtila
JANUARY 8:	Austin Glascock
JANUARY 8:	Everett Hurst
JANUARY 9:	Maria Tuttle
JANUARY 9:	Adrienne Thompson
JANUARY 9:	Grace Wiseman
JANUARY 11:	Michelle Drew
JANUARY 11:	Lauren Merola
JANUARY 12:	Alex Wilson
JANUARY 13:	Aidan Ecker
JANUARY 13:	Bianca Gattoni

### WatCH - OT!

For many years now, one of the programs we have offered at St. Matt's is WatCH: Wednesdays at Church. This January, WatCH returns. On Thursdays!

Yes, you read that right. On Thursday nights starting January 4(!), we'll meet at 6:45pm for dinner with the Choir and Financial Peace University. Then at 7:15, we'll start a Bible study on "Following Jesus." We'll consider that Jesus did not so much as hand out answers as demonstrate an approach to life—an approach that is every bit as powerful and transformative today as it was 2000 years ago. We hope you will join us!

### New LEM Training: January 7

Ever wondered what really goes on at the altar during services? Do you like to read aloud, or are just called to serve? We need you to volunteer as a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM)! Training is short and easy and the more of us there are, the more flexible the schedule can be. There will be a training today, January 7<sup>th</sup> after the 11am service. For more information please contact Katt Hancher: 703-405-4057 or cathrinekatt@gmail.com.

### Financial Peace University 2018

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>

### ESOL

ESOL at St. Matt's resumes **January 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:15pm.** We can always use volunteers. Come to participate in a rewarding experience. It is not necessary to know a foreign language. For more information, contact Roz Gann 423-202-0007 or rrgann@gmail.com.

### SNL High School 2018 Mission Trip

We are headed to New York, New York for urban ministry with CSM (City Service Mission) this summer! We're going to be working with local kids, and a whole variety of community-based ministries around the city. It's going to be an absolutely incredible time of service, fellowship, faith, and fun. Don't miss out, and invite your friends!  
**Dates: July 29th-August 4th; Price: \$550**

### SNL Middle School 2018 Mission Trip

We are teaming up with Team Effort again this year to do some mission work, but this time we are road tripping a little closer to home: Virginia Beach! We'll be working on different repair projects in lower income areas that need a little extra love, and would love it if you joined us!  
**Dates: July 1st-7th; Price: \$430**

### 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 if you have questions or are interested in attending.

### Children's Music Ministry

Children's Music Ministry will begin spring classes on Sunday, January 14, from 12:30-1:15pm. If you have a child or children who would like to join the group, please contact Kevin at kevin@stmmts.org

### Brené Brown: January 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:15am

Check Facebook for more details!