

THIS WEEK	
JULY 16:	8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service 9:30 AM – Contemporary Service 11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service 3:00 PM – MCVN 5:00 PM – Private reception 5:30 PM – SNL – Middle School 7:00 PM – SNL – High School 7:00 PM – AA
JULY 17:	1:00 PM – Reading Program 7:00 PM – Falcons Landing Old Testament Bible Study 7:30 PM – Free to Live Small Group and Bread of Life Small Group
JULY 18:	12:00 PM – All Ages Read Together 4:00 PM – Volcano Island Meet-up 7:00 PM – AA 7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
JULY 19:	12:00 PM – AA 12:00 PM – All Ages Read Together 5:30 PM – NA 7:00 PM – Prayer & Praise Service 7:30 PM – Sandwich Generation Small Group
JULY 20:	12:00 PM – Bible Study 12:00 PM – Reading Program 12:00 PM – All Ages Read Together 7:30 PM – Seraphim Singer's Rehearsal No events scheduled
JULY 21:	No events scheduled
JULY 22:	7:00 AM – Flower Guild 7:30 AM – Men's Group 8:00 AM – Reading Program 4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal 5:00 PM – Contemporary Service 7:00 PM – MCVN and AA 10:00 PM – MCVN

ATTENDANCE		
JULY 8 & 9, 2017		
Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	38
8:00 AM	RI	32
9:30 AM	RII	188
11:00 AM	RII	82
Faith Factory		26
Sunrise	MP	3

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
AS OF JULY 9, 2017	
Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$327,545

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
JULY 16:	Lyn Royer
JULY 17:	Miriam Turner
JULY 17:	Kevin Thompson
JULY 17:	Ben Merola
JULY 18:	Kevin Dennis
JULY 18:	Jean Pritchett
JULY 19:	Verdun Thomas
JULY 20:	Kyan Rodriguez
JULY 21:	Shelly D'Antoni
JULY 21:	George Lowden
JULY 21:	Mason Turner II
JULY 22:	Bre Jacoby
JULY 22:	Owen Jacoby

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH July 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

July 15-21 – Adult Mission Trip to Haiti  
July 18 – Volcano Island Meet-up  
July 19 – Prayer and Praise Worship  
July 23 – VBS Decorating  
July 24-28 – Vacation Bible School  
July 30 – August 7 – High School Adventure Trip to Montana  
August 19 & 20 – Blessing of the Backpacks  
August 27 – Summer Fun Day  
September 2- Frederick Keys Game and Potluck Dinner  
September 9 – Community Lunch  
September 20 – Financial Peace Univ.

### Flower Dedication

The flowers behind the altar this morning are given in loving memory of Merry Breed by Darrell Breed and their family.

Your dedications for flowers are welcome to remember loved ones, honor birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, or any special occasion. Please use the cards provided in the pews or advise Miriam in the office.

### 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, Hazel, Brian'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, Marilyn, Gladys, Barbara, Braley & family, Ellie, Zader, Ken, Keegan family, Connie, Tristan, Shelly, Kathy, Marge, Kali, Shannon, Patricia, Deb, Ray, Charlene, Kim, Jerry, Bob, Marcia, Valerie, Dean, Kerstin, Jim, Keno, Ava, Mary & family, Anna, Rick, Allene, the Lutz family, Mart, Marie, Todd, George, Corinne, Barbara, Joe, Wayne, and Ryan.

**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.

### Financial Peace University (FPU)

**Wednesdays, starting September 20<sup>th</sup>**

We are thrilled to announce that our spring Financial Peace University class paid off over \$47,000 in debt and saved more than \$27,000 in just nine weeks! How is this possible?

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 get on a budget, get out of debt, save for the future, and take control of your money. Financial Peace University is that plan.

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.

**Class will officially begin on Wednesday, September 20th** and run until the week before Thanksgiving. We hope you'll join us. For more information or to register for the class go online to: <https://fpu.com/1043797>. If you have any questions, please email Miriam or Mason at [Family@turnerville.us](mailto:Family@turnerville.us)

### July Prayer & Praise Service

**Wednesday, July 19, 7pm-8pm**

We are happy to announce that this July, St. Matt's will be hosting a midweek Prayer & Praise service where we will have the opportunity to worship together and intercede in prayer for one another and for the Northern Virginia area. Please join us on Wednesday, July 19 at 7pm. As we prepare to glorify God in song and seek God's will for our church family we ask that you partner with us in prayer over these coming weeks. We look forward to you joining us for what we believe will be a powerful and inspirational event!

### Daytime Co-Ed Bible Study

**Thursdays at 12pm**

We are pleased to announce that we will continue through July with a study of Paul's letter to the Ephesians!

This co-ed Bible study group meets on Thursdays from 12pm – 1pm in classroom four. Feel free to bring your lunch with you if you're joining us on your lunch hour. If you aren't currently involved with the Bible study group but are interested in joining for the summer or receiving more information, you can email Isaac at [isaac@stmmts.org](mailto:isaac@stmmts.org).

### Friday Flash

Are you receiving our weekly email, the Friday Flash? Stay up to date on all the latest happenings at St. Matt's this summer and beyond. To sign up or update your email address, please email Miriam in the church office at [Miriam@stmmts.org](mailto:Miriam@stmmts.org).

### Volcano Island Meet-up

**Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**

Are summer temperatures getting you down? Come out to Volcano Island Waterpark in Sterling on Tuesday, July 18th for an evening of splashing, slipping and sliding. Evening admission starts at 4:00pm and is \$5.25 per person. Children two and younger are free. Email Ashly at [ashly@stmmts.org](mailto:ashly@stmmts.org) if you want to join in the fun!

### VBS Decorating: We Need You!

**Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Calling all volunteers! We need "all hands-on deck" on Sunday, July 23rd immediately following the 11:00am service to help transform the church into an invention laboratory for Vacation Bible School. It's always more fun to work as a team, so please join us! There will be decorating tasks for ALL ages. All are welcome! If you are unable to attend on Sunday, July 23rd but would love to assist with prepping décor items, please email Ashly at [ashly@stmmts.org](mailto:ashly@stmmts.org).

### Vacation Bible School 2017

Maker Fun Factory! A world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly created by God! It's time to register for the most awesome week of the summer! Vacation Bible School 2017 will be from **July 24th-28th from 5:30pm-8:30pm for preschoolers – rising 5th graders**. Grab your friends and prepare yourself for a week of innovative inventions, experiments, service, music, creative crafts, games, and so much more!

Dinner will be provided each night. You don't want to miss out on this once in a lifetime VBS experience so participants and volunteers should register online **NOW** at: <http://www.myvbs.org/stmatts2017>

### Alpha

Alpha is an introduction to the Christian faith and is open to anyone. We will hold a series of weekly meetings over 10 weeks. Each meeting will start with a simple meal, we will watch a short DVD on the subject for that week and we will break into small groups to discuss the DVD.

The course is designed for those wanting to investigate Christianity, new Christians, newcomers to the church and those wanting to brush up on the basics of our faith. This is an opportunity for you to bring a friend to explore the faith in a nonthreatening environment.

We will need volunteers to:

Prayer warriors who will commit to be praying for the Alpha course (starting now)

Help in facilitating the discussions in each of the groups

Help with catering for the meals

Please pray about how you might be able to help with the course and about who you might want to invite to the course. It is our mission to grow disciples – by growing in our own discipleship or by introducing someone to Jesus through the Alpha course.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the back of church.

### News and Happenings at St. Matt's

Did you know you can read the weekly bulletin announcements, monthly newsletter and view pictures of St. Matt's events online? Check out our website at: [stmmts.org/news-events](http://stmmts.org/news-events)

We can also be found on Facebook at [facebook.com/StMatthewsEpiscopalChurch/](https://facebook.com/StMatthewsEpiscopalChurch/) and Instagram at [StmattsSterling](https://www.instagram.com/StmattsSterling/).

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

JULY 18:	Susie & Brent Harding
JULY 20:	Erin & Mike Long