

THIS WEEK	
JULY 9:	8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service 9:30 AM – Contemporary Service 11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service 3:00 PM – MCVN 5:30 PM – SNL – Middle School 7:00 PM – SNL – High School 7:00 PM – AA 7:00 PM – Executive Committee Mtg
JULY 10:	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 11:	12:00 PM – All Ages Read Together 7:00 PM – AA 7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
JULY 12:	12:00 PM – AA 12:00 PM – All Ages Read Together 5:30 PM – NA
JULY 13:	12:00 PM – Bible Study 12:00 PM – Reading Program 12:00 PM – All Ages Read Together 6:00 PM – Wedding Rehearsal 7:30 PM – Seraphim Singer's Rehearsal
JULY 14:	No events scheduled
JULY 15:	Haiti Mission Trip Departs 7:00 AM – Flower Guild 7:30 AM – Men's Group 8:00 AM – Reading Program 8:00 AM – Fellowship Breakfast 10:00 AM – K2P2 4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal 5:00 PM – Contemporary Service 7:00 PM – MCVN and AA

ATTENDANCE		
JULY 1 & 2, 2017		
Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	37
8:00 AM	RI	24
9:30 AM	RII	116
11:00 AM	RII	80
Faith Factory		22
Sunrise	MP	5

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
AS OF JUNE 13, 2017	
Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$308,501

CONTACT INFORMATION

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David Lathrop, Dan Robertson, John
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
JULY 9:	Breanne Williams
JULY 9:	Cassie Diegtel
JULY 11:	Liz DelNegro
JULY 12:	Gordon Wilson
JULY 12:	Maya Thayer
JULY 13:	Becky Harding
JULY 14:	Chris Cox
JULY 14:	Jennifer Whitehouse
JULY 14:	Christopher Whitehouse
JULY 14:	Bridget Schafer
JULY 15:	Avery Sta. Ana

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH

July 9, 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 – Mt. Vernon Bike Ride
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 20 – Financial Peace Univ.

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@stmtts.org.

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.

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 20th

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

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!

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@stmtts.org.

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: stmtts.org/news-events

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

Flower Dedication

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.

Volcano Island Meet-up

Tuesday, July 18th 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@stmtts.org if you want to join in the fun!

VBS Decorating: We Need You!

Sunday, July 23rd

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@stmtts.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>

Adult Mission Trip to Port Margot, Haiti

July 15th – July 21st

Our missionaries are getting ready to return for their third year to Port Margot, Haiti. To help us engage with the youth of the community we like to bring along outdoor activities. A list of suggested items is provided below. Donations can be placed in the Haiti Donation Box located in the Narthex.

Sports/Outdoor Play equipment

Soccer balls (their favorite)

Beach balls

Ping pong balls

Nerf & other small playground balls

Velcro catch ball games

Bubbles (another favorite)

Jump Ropes (single, double, and Chinese)

Matchbox cars

Adult size work gloves

Children's Summer Clothing - new or in "like new" condition only

Greetings St. Matt's Cyclists!

Saturday, July 15, 7:30am

If you enjoy cycling, or if you are looking for the right excuse to start riding more, we welcome you to join us for a Saturday morning ride on the Mount Vernon Trail in DC on Saturday, July 15th. We'll meet in Arlington at 7:30am.

This 18-mile trail follows the Virginia side of the Potomac and has beautiful scenery including some great views of various monuments. Even if you only want to do a section of the 36-mile loop, you are absolutely still welcome to join us for part of the ride! If you are interested, please email Isaac, our seminarian, at Isaac@stmtts.org and he will be able to provide more details for you. See you on the trails!