

THIS WEEK	
MAR 12:	8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service
	9:30 AM – Contemporary Service
	11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service
	12:30 PM – Cherubim Choir Practice
	2:30 PM – EFM
	3:00 PM – MCVN
	5:30 PM – SNL Middle Schoolers
	7:00 PM – Executive Committee Mtg
	7:00 PM – SNL High Schoolers
	7:00 PM – AA
MAR 13:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	12:30 PM – All Ages Read Together
	6:30 PM – ESOL
	7:00 PM – MCVN
	7:00 PM – Falcons Landing Old Testament Bible Study
MAR 14:	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
	7:00 PM – AA
MAR 15:	7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
MAR 16:	9:15 AM – Bridge to Discovery
	12:00 PM – AA
	12:30 PM – All Ages Read Together
	5:30 PM – NA
	5:30 PM – Lenten WatCH for Adults, Teens and Children
	6:30 PM – Lenten WatCH Dinner
	7:00 PM – Lenten WatCH for Adults and Teens
	8:00 PM – Compline Service
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	10:00 AM – All Ages Read Together
MAR 17:	12:00 PM – Bible Study
	7:30 PM – Seraphim Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	5:00 PM – Concert Set-up
	7:00 PM – MCVN
MAR 18:	7:30 PM – Concert Series: Keltish
	7:30 AM – Flower Guild
	7:30 AM – Men's Group
	8:00 AM – Girl Scout Thinking Day
	9:00 AM – Reverence Committee Mtg
	10:00 AM – K2P2
	3:00 PM – Private Use
	4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal
5:00 PM – Contemporary Service	
7:00 PM – MCVN and AA	

ATTENDANCE		
MARCH 4 & 5, 2017		
Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	58
8:00 AM	RI	23
9:30 AM	RII	197
11:00 AM	RII	80
Faith Factory		58
Sunrise	MP	7

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
AS OF MARCH 1, 2017	
Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$91,616

**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
**Saint Matthew's telephone and fax:**  
 703-430-2121 (phone)  
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A nursery for *children* is provided at all four services.

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 Susie Harding, Nick Hunter, Susan Jones,  
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 Thomas, Heather Tomaszek

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH**  
*March 12, 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 17 – Concert Series: Keltish
- March 25 – Newcomers Reception
- April 8 – Parish Work Day and Community Easter Egg Hunt
- April 9 – Palm Sunday
- April 12 – Tenebrae Service
- April 13 – Maundy Thursday Service
- April 14 – Good Friday Services
- April 15 – Holy Saturday Service
- 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 6 & 7 – Youth Weekend
- 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
MARCH 12:	Rebecca Wilson
MARCH 14:	Matt Greenlund
MARCH 17:	Randolph Sta.Ana
MARCH 17:	Lacy Hurst

**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, Cara, Tom, Bilma, Kim, Barbara, Gladys, and Marilyn.

**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.

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> graders through recently graduated 12<sup>th</sup> graders, and everyone in the middle! Details are available on the bulletin board and on Facebook; scholarships 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. Youth will also have the opportunity to work with these families through home improvement and repair projects. More details are available on the bulletin board and on Facebook; scholarships always available.

### **Knit 2, Pray 2**

The K2P2 group is noted for their knitting and crocheting skills. With prayerful thought, they supply christening blankets for all the infants and toddlers joining our church family. They also see that those who need spiritual comfort are given a prayer shawl to wrap them in the warmth of God's love.

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 18 at 10AM to noon in the classrooms on the hill in back of the church. We welcome all who may be interested in joining us. We also provide lessons in knitting and crocheting if you are interested.

### **Backpack Buddies Needs Your Help!**

Backpack Buddies is currently feeding 220 students at 7 different 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, fruit cups. Consider having your office hold a food drive! Feel free to join us any Tuesday to help pack. Our next morning packs are: March 14, 21 and 28 at 11:00 am. EVENING PACK: Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the classroom on the hill. Supervised children encouraged to attend! If you have any questions, please contact Hilary Hultman-Lee at [HLLlearning@gmail.com](mailto:HLLlearning@gmail.com)

### **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. Call Roz Gann for more details: 423-202-0007.

### **Newcomers Welcome Reception**

New to Saint Matthew's or just want to learn how to connect? Join us on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 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. Child care is available upon request. Please RSVP to Miriam Turner by Monday, March 20 at [office@stmmts.org](mailto:office@stmmts.org).

### **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. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7pm-9pm starting April 19. To register, sign up online at: [DaveRamsey.com/findaclass](http://DaveRamsey.com/findaclass) or email Miriam or Mason Turner at [Family@Turnerville.us](mailto:Family@Turnerville.us). Child care is available upon request.

### **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>

### **Easter Baskets for the Needy**

Empty baskets to fill with groceries for the needy will be available beginning Saturday, March 18. Please take a basket and fill it with non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, and toiletries. We will deliver the baskets to families in need in our community, making their Easter a brighter day. The baskets and lists of suggested items frequently requested are available in the Narthex. We are also in need of grocery gift cards the families can use to purchase perishable items (available from Scrip cards). Please return the filled baskets and gift cards no later than Sunday, April 2, so they can be distributed before Easter. Contact Darrell Breed for more information at [darrellandmerry@verizon.net](mailto:darrellandmerry@verizon.net) or 703-444-2451.

### **Community Easter Egg Hunt – April 8**

What better way to build excitement just a week out from Easter than an old-fashioned Easter Egg Hunt hosted by none-other-than the Easter Bunny himself! You are invited to share this opportunity with your family, friends, and the rest of the Saint Matthew's local community on Saturday, April 8, from 10am to noon at Briar Patch Park – across from the church. There will be an egg hunt for various ages, crafts, games, and an opportunity for a photograph with the Easter Bunny!

If you would like to donate, please bring non-melting, wrapped candy to fill the plastic eggs – a collection bin will be in the back of the sanctuary. Several thousand eggs are necessary to make this event possible. Please join us during coffee hour to fill eggs and, if you can help during the event, please e-mail David Lathrop, [dave@stmmts.org](mailto:dave@stmmts.org). We'll need volunteers to hide eggs, find eggs with young kids, assist with crafts & games, and a small but effective protection detail for E.B.

### **St. Patrick's Day Concert**

As part of our concert series, we will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day concert featuring the Irish Band, "Keltish". Dress in green and come out for a fun evening of music and fun. The concert will begin at 7:30pm. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. If you haven't been to one of the concerts this year, this is the one you don't want to miss! For more information contact Kevin at [kevin@stmmts.org](mailto:kevin@stmmts.org) or 303-834-0601.