

THIS WEEK	
MAR 19:	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
MAR 20:	3:00 PM – MCVN
	5:30 PM – SNL Middle Schoolers
	7:00 PM – AA
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	12:30 PM – All Ages Read Together
MAR 21:	6:30 PM – ESOL
	7:00 PM – MCVN
	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
MAR 22:	10:00 AM – All Ages Read Together
	11:00 AM – Backpack Buddies Packing
	7:00 PM – Outreach Committee Meeting
	7:00 PM – AA
	7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
MAR 23:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	9:15 AM – Bridge to Discovery
	12:00 PM – AA
	12:30 PM – All Ages Read Together
	5:30 PM – NA
MAR 24:	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
	8:30 AM – Lifeline Screening
MAR 25:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	10:00 AM – All Ages Read Together
	12:00 PM – Bible Study
	7:30 PM – Seraphim Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM – Women's Group
MAR 24:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	7:00 PM – MCVN
	7:00 PM – Old Dominion Dancers
	7:00 AM – Flower Guild
	7:30 AM – Men's Group
MAR 25:	8:00 AM – Fellowship Breakfast
	9:00 AM – Reverence Committee Mtg
	10:00 AM – Middle School Waffle Breakfast
	3:00 PM – Private Use
	4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal
MAR 25:	5:00 PM – Contemporary Service
	6:00 PM – Newcomers Welcome Reception
	7:00 PM – MCVN and AA
	10:00 PM – MCVN

ATTENDANCE		
MARCH 11 & 12, 2017		
Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	77
8:00 AM	RI	26
9:30 AM	RII	132
11:00 AM	RII	75
Faith Factory		34
Sunrise	MP	7

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
AS OF MARCH 15, 2017	
Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$109,671

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Susie Harding, Nick Hunter, Susan Jones,
David Lathrop, Dan Robertson, John Thomas, Heather Tomaszek

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH

March 19, 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 25 – Newcomers Reception
April 8 – Parish Work Day and Community Easter Egg Hunt
April 9 – Palm Sunday
April 10 – 14 – Stations of the Cross
April 12 – Tenebrae Service
April 13 – Maundy Thursday Service
April 13-14 – Holy Week Prayer Vigil
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 and First Communion Class for Children
May 6 & 7 – Youth Weekend
May 12 – Concert Series: Anthem String Quartet (Bring your mom!)
May 28 – Park Worship & Picnic
June 2-4 – Family Camping Weekend
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

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:

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, James, Hugh, Sean, Kevin, Mona, 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, Marilyn and Braley & family, and Zader.

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.

This summer, **SNL Middle School** is headed to Clarkesville, GA where we get to put our faith into action by working with children and families in the greater Clarkesville area! **The price is \$375, and \$90 deposits are due by March 26th**, although some spots may be available on a first come first serve basis and a \$10 late fee! Scholarships are always available; please inquire if you have any questions!

This summer, **St. Matt's High Schoolers** are invited on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the most spectacular locale in the country: the American Northwest. Both a spiritual retreat and ministry opportunity, we will be exploring the wilderness of Montana through adventure camping, and the streets of Spokane working Cup of Cool Water, a ministry that exclusively serves the homeless youth of Spokane County. **The price is \$625, but scholarships are available** so PLEASE don't hesitate to ask questions! A \$150 deposit is due the first week of April, and any other slots are open only on a first_come first serve basis!

Small Hands Big Hearts Family Team

Bring your elementary-aged children to connect with other families and inspire our children to serve our community. We have several dates coming up this spring, so please mark your calendar.

April 2, 12pm in the parish hall - Bring your creativity as we build Station One of the Stations of the Cross.

April 8, 10am – Join us to help hide Easter eggs and lead activities for St. Matthew's Community Easter Egg Hunt

April 29 – Lemonade stand to raise money during the spring yard sale.

May 13, 12pm – Join us to serve our community with lunch, arts & crafts and music.

June 2-4 - Save the date for our camping weekend. More details to come.

Please RSVP for any of these events Alli Lesser - AlliLesser@gmail.com

Holy Week Prayer Vigil

"Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" Those were Jesus' words in the Garden of Gethsemane shortly before he was betrayed. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing but the body is weak." We will have an opportunity to respond to Jesus right here at St. Matthew's during our Holy Week Prayer Vigil. Starting after the Maundy Thursday evening service until the noon Good Friday service, we will keep watch. You'll have the opportunity to pray and meditate at the Altar, in the garden created in the sanctuary or experience the Stations of the Cross throughout the Church. Wherever is most meaningful to you. Staff and volunteers will be present so you won't be alone and there will be material to help focus your prayer. Sign up for an hour on the bulletin board or email Alpha@stmmts.org to get on the schedule. More than one person can be scheduled for each hour.

Community Easter Egg Hunt – April 8

Saturday, April 8, 10am-12pm

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!

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. Join us during coffee hour to fill eggs and, if you can help during the event, please e-mail David Lathrop, 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.

Candy Donations and Easter Egg Filling

Thursday, April 13th, from 10am-12pm

Candy donations or small toys/stickers are needed for the Easter Egg Hunts on Easter Sunday. We will have two hunts and need to fill many eggs for the event. There is a bin in the back of the church to collect individually wrapped, peanut free candy or small toys/stickers.

Please join us on **Thursday, April 13th, from 10am-12pm** at the church to fill Easter eggs (room meeting location TBD). Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy after. Thank you so much for helping to make our Easter Egg Hunts a success!!! Please contact Ashly Townsend at ashly@stmmts.org with questions.

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. Child care is available upon request. Please RSVP to Miriam Turner by Monday, March 20 at office@stmmts.org.

St. Matthew's Young Professionals

St. Matthew's is looking to start a fellowship group for the young adult/professionals in our congregation. Join us for fellowship March 25 at Top Golf in Ashburn (6:30pm). Cost: \$12-15 per person per hour.

Easter Baskets for the Needy

The baskets and lists of suggested items are available in the Narthex. Please take a basket and fill it with non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, and toiletries. 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 at darrellandmerry@verizon.net or 703-444-2451 for more information.

Children's First Communion Class

Saturday, April 29th – 9am

Please join us as Father Rob guides our young children through their First Communion class. In this class we'll discuss preparations for Holy Communion, the ceremony itself, and how it feels to be with Jesus in a special new way. This class is open to children ages 4 through 5th grade. If you wish to have your child(ren) participate, please email Ashly Townsend at ashly@stmmts.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH 20:	Anne Franks
MARCH 21:	Michael Piskadlo
MARCH 21:	Carter Glascock
MARCH 22:	Maria Palmer
MARCH 22:	Patsie Colbert
MARCH 23:	Maya Cranson
MARCH 25:	Barbara Thomas

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

MARCH 22:	Ursula & Chris Cox
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