

THIS WEEK	
MARCH 5:	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
	3:00 PM – Scout Crossover
	5:30 PM – SNL Middle Schoolers
MARCH 6:	7:00 PM – AA
	7:00 PM – SNL High Schoolers
	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
	7:30 PM – Free to Live Small Group and Bread of Life Small Group
MARCH 7:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	10:00 AM – All Ages Read Together
	7:00 PM – AA
MAR 8:	7:00 PM – Backpack Buddies Packing
	7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
	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
	5:30 PM – Lenten WatCH for Adults, Teens and Children
MAR 9:	6:00 PM – Odyssey of the Mind
	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
	12:00 PM – Bible Study
	7:30 PM – Seraphim Choir Rehearsal
MAR 10:	7:30 PM – Women's Group
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	7:00 PM – MCVN
MAR 11:	7:00 PM – Old Dominion Dancers
	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 Meeting
	12:00 PM – Community Lunch
	3:00 PM – Private Use
	4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal
	5:00 PM – Contemporary Service
7:00 PM – MCVN and AA	

ATTENDANCE		
FEBRUARY 25 & 26, 2017		
Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	50
8:00 AM	RI	19
9:30 AM	RII	136
11:00 AM	RII	94
Faith Factory		48
Sunrise	MP	7
Ash Wednesday 6am	RI	14
Ash Wednesday 12am	RII	45
Ash Wednesday 7:30pm	RII	

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

CONTACT INFORMATION
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A nursery for *children* is provided at all four services.

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 Darrell Breed, *Junior Warden*
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 David Lathrop, Dan Robertson, John
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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
 SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH
 March 5, 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 11 – Community Lunch
- March 17 – Concert Series: Keltish
- March 25 – Newcomers Reception
- April 8 – Parish Work Day and Community Easter Egg Hunt
- April 9 – Palm Sunday
- 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

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.

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, Bilma, Cara, Kim, 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 9th graders through recently graduated 12th 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.

Afternoon at the Movies: The Shack Sunday, March 5th, 1:00pm

Do you remember the book The Shack? We read it together as a Past Lenten WatCh study. Whether you have read the book or not, you're invited to come see the movie TODAY at the Dulles Town Center Regal Theatre and then stay for an optional discussion afterwards. Invite a friend to join you. The movie begins at 1:15pm and is rated PG-13. Tickets can be purchased online or at the box office.

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 or email Miriam or Mason Turner at Family@Turnerville.us. Child care is available upon request.

Vacation Bible School 2017

Maker Fun Factory! A word 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>

St. Matthew's Softball Team Registration

PLAY BALL! This weekend is the last weekend to register to play for Big Blue - St. Matthew's softball team this season. Registration and roster must be submitted to Loudoun County by March 6th. We play for fun and all are welcome. If you are interested please see Jim Helein or email him at jim.helein@gmail.com.

Scout Weekend – March 11-12

All Scouts, former Scouts and Scout leaders are invited to participate in Scout Weekend. From ushers to communion to slides and video, Scouts can help at all services. To participate in this event or for more information, please contact Mason Turner mason@mac.com.

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 14th and 21st at 11:00 am.

Evening Pack: Tuesday, March 7th 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

Community Luncheon

Saturday, March 11, 12pm - 2pm

Are you looking for a way to build relationships with people in our community you might not otherwise meet? You're invited to our next Community Lunch!

Here are few ways you can contribute to this vital ministry:

- 1) Donate children books - new or gently used
- 2) Bring a dessert to share
- 3) Volunteer – (Greeters/Kitchen Help/Servers/Set Up/Clean Up/Kid's Activities/Displays)
- 4) Attend – join us for lunch – meet our wonderful neighbors
- 5) Offer to share a skill, hobby or talent with the children and/or adults
- 6) All of the above

Donations can be dropped off 9am-11 am on Saturday. Have questions? Contact Sandra at sandra.gentry1@verizon.net.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Community Luncheons in 2017:

May 13, September 9, November 11

Please put the dates on your calendar and plan to participate, as you are able. And, as always, please help to get the word out to the community.

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@stmatts.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH 6:	Phoebe Myers
MARCH 6:	Joe McKinney
MARCH 6:	Gregory Drew
MARCH 6:	Randy Hurst
MARCH 6:	Elena Jurkovic
MARCH 6:	Ana Jurkovic
MARCH 7:	Mike Fischer
MARCH 7:	Sandra Harvey
MARCH 7:	Emma Williams
MARCH 8:	Michele Dillistin
MARCH 8:	Christie Olson
MARCH 9:	Katie Elliott
MARCH 11:	Katt Hancher

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

MARCH 8:	Lisa & Glenn Lintelman
MARCH 9:	Cheryl & Bob Cranson
MARCH 10:	Miriam & Mason Turner