

THIS WEEK	
MAY 14:	8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service 9:30 AM – Contemporary Service 11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service 12:30 PM – Cherubim Children's Choir 3:00 PM – MCVN 5:30 PM – SNL for Middle Schoolers 7:00 PM – SNL for High Schoolers 7:00 PM – Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 PM – AA
MAY 15:	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
MAY 16:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 11:00 AM – Backpack Buddies Packing 7:00 PM – AA 7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
MAY 17:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 12:00 PM – AA 12:30 PM – All Ages Read Together 5:30 PM – NA 7:15 PM – Financial Peace University 7:30 PM – Sandwich Generation Small Group
MAY 18:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 12:00 PM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – Seraphim Singers Choir Rehearsal
MAY 19:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 7:00 PM – MCVN 7:00 PM – Old Dominion Dancers
MAY 20:	7:00 AM – Flower Guild 7:30 AM – Men's Group 8:00 AM – Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 AM – Reverence Committee Mtg 10:00 AM – K2P2 12:00 PM – Drum Recital & Reception 4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal 5:00 PM – Contemporary Service 7:00 PM – MCVN and AA

ATTENDANCE		
MAY 6 & 7, 2017		
Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	53
8:00 AM	RI	19
9:30 AM	RII	181
11:00 AM	RII	94
Faith Factory		Not held
Sunrise	MP	6

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
AS OF APRIL 23, 2017	
Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$210,320

**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
**Saint Matthew's telephone and fax:**  
 703-430-2121 (phone)  
 703-430-2638 (fax)

**Saint Matthew's web site:**  
<http://www.stmtts.org>

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

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
MAY 19:	Anne & Gregory Beltrane
MAY 20:	Ute & Juan Gil

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
 SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH  
 May 14, 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**  
 May 20/21 – One Hit Wonder Weekend  
 May 28 – Park Worship & Picnic  
 June 2-4 – Family Camping Weekend  
 June 4 – Baccalaureate Service  
 June 6 – End of School Year Evening Backpack Buddies Packing  
 June 18 – Father's Day  
 June 25-July 1 – Middle School Mission Trip to Clarkesville, GA  
 July 4 – Independence Day Music & Barbeque  
 July 15-21 – Adult Mission Trip to Haiti  
 July 24-28 – Vacation Bible School  
 July 30 – August 7 – High School Adventure Trip

**Daytime Bible Study**  
 Join us for a 6 week bible study on Galatians each Thursday at noon. We will be using Paul for Everyone: Galatians and Thessalonians by N. T. Wright. We will have an extra copy available for new attendees. Join us any time you are available.

**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, Marilyn, Gladys, Barbara, Braley & family, Ellie, Zader, Ken, Keegan family, Connie, Tristan, Shelly, Kathy, Marge, Kali, Jack and family, and Shannon.

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.

There are still spots available for the SNL mission trips this summer! SNL Middle School is headed to Clarkesville, GA June 25 – July 1 for some VBS and local housing projects, the price is \$375.

SNL High Schoolers are invited on an once-in-a-lifetime trip to Montana (July 28-August 7) for adventure camping, and working with homeless youth in Spokane. The price is \$625, late fees may apply.

**Scholarships are available for both trips so please don't hesitate to ask!**

Contact: Elliott@stmtts.org

### Happy Mother's Day to Mothers of All Kinds

To those who are spiritual moms, foster moms, & mentor moms: we need you.

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day & wear the badge of food stains: we appreciate you.

To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away: we mourn with you.

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment: we walk with you.

To those who lost their mothers: we grieve with you.

To those who are single & long to be married & mothering your own children: we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be.

To those who placed children up for adoption: we commend you for your selflessness & remember how you hold that child in your heart.

To those who have disappointment, heartache, & distance with your children: we sit with you.

To those who have warm & close relationships with your children: we celebrate with you.

### Small Hands, Big Hearts Family Team

**June 2-4** - Join us on our annual outdoor adventure! All families from St. Matt's and friends outside of St. Matt's are invited to go camping at Cunningham Falls Campground in Thurmont, MD. Only 1 hour from Sterling, this campground offers lots of fun activities including hiking, cooking over a campfire, and wading in the cool river! RSVP to Nick Hunter at Nick.Hunter@gmail.com.

### Adult Mission Trip

Ask anyone who has ever gone on a mission trip, and they will confirm that mission trips are life changing. At Saint Matthew's, it is our hope that as many people as possible will have the opportunity to participate in a mission trip. This summer, we will return for our third year to Port Margot, Haiti, where we will continue our partnership with Eglise Baptiste Eben-Ezer Church. On past trips we have erected the roof on their church, built an altar, and laid the floor. This year our challenge is to build the steps leading up to the front of the church. This trip is an adult only trip (college and above). The dates are **Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**, and the cost is \$1,450 (scholarships are available on an as needed basis). Is this your year to go on a mission trip? For more information contact Mary Petersen at maryp@stmtts.org.

### Baccalaureate Service & Dinner

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**

All high school and college graduates & their families are cordially invited to a special graduation celebration. The celebration worship service begins at 5:00pm with a dinner immediately following. Please send your RSVP to the church office at Office@stmtts.org.

### Backpack Buddies

Backpack Buddies is currently feeding 220 students at seven 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, or fruit cups.

Consider having your office hold a food drive! I'm happy to assist by providing information, grocery bags to fill or even picking up food. If you have any questions, please contact Hilary: HHLlearning@gmail.com

We'd love to have your help packing! **Join us Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am, in the classroom on the hill.**

### 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 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-8:30pm for preschoolers – rising 5<sup>th</sup> 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>

### 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.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY 14:	Michael Wilson
MAY 15:	Mary Lunn
MAY 16:	Rachel Dailey
MAY 17:	Hillary Collins
MAY 18:	Felix Motta
MAY 18:	Colin Lathrop
MAY 20:	Jack Harmon

### Community Lunch

Thanks to all of you who donated your time, talent or treasure to make the Spring Community Lunch such a success. Your graciousness and hospitality was felt by so many in our community. We look forward to seeing you this fall on Saturday, September 9 and Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for the final lunches of the 2017 year.