

THIS WEEK

Nov 5:	8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service 9:30 AM – Contemporary Service 10:30 AM – Christmas Pageant Meeting 11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service 12:00 PM – Children’s Music Ministry 12:00 PM – Christmas Pageant Meeting 2:30 PM – EFM 3:00 PM – MCVN 5:30 PM – SNL – Middle School 7:00 PM – AA & Building & Grounds 7:00 PM – SNL – High School
Nov 6:	6:30 PM – ESOL 7:30 PM – Free to Live Small Group and Bread of Life Small Group
Nov 7:	9:30 AM – All Ages Read Together 11:00 AM – Backpack Buddies Packing 7:00 PM – AA 7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
Nov 8:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 10:00 AM – Bridge to Discovery 12:00 PM – AA 5:30 PM – NA 7:00 PM – Alpha 7:15 PM – Financial Peace University
Nov 9:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 9:30 AM – All Ages Read Together 12:00 PM – Bible Study 7:30 PM – PACO Rehearsal 7:30 PM – Seraphim Singers
Nov 10:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 12:00 PM – Preparation for Community Lunch 6:30 PM – Veterans Day Service Practice 7:00 PM – Old Dominion Dancers
Nov 11:	7:00 AM – Flower Guild 7:30 AM – Men’s Group 9:00 AM – Spiritual Formation Meeting 9:00 AM – Community Lunch Set-up 11:00 AM – Veterans Day Service 12:00 PM – Community Lunch 4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal 5:00 PM – Contemporary Service 7:00 PM – MCVN and AA

ATTENDANCE

OCTOBER 28 & 29, 2017

Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	51
8:00 AM	RI	22
9:30 AM	RII	163
11:00 AM	RII	123
Faith Factory		65
Sunrise	MP	6

FINANCIAL UPDATE
AS OF OCTOBER 22, 2017

Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$500,269

- Ways to Financially Support the Ministry Work at Saint Matthew’s**
- Online: Go.stmmts.org/give
 - Download ACS Church Life App (Site #111141)
 - Text 703-635-7890 text "\$ amount" Ex. \$100
 - Bill Pay From Your Bank
 - Offering Plate

CONTACT INFORMATION

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SAINT MATTHEW’S CHURCH
November 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**
- November 5 – Christmas Pageant Mtg
 - November 11 – Veterans Day Service and Community Lunch
 - November 12 – Christmas Pageant Casting, Thanksgiving Bags Returned, & Coat Drive Items Due
 - November 23 – Thanksgiving Day
 - December 3 – Advent Wreath Making and Pageant Rehearsals Begin

Veterans Day Celebration Service
Saint Matthew’s invites you to celebrate and honor those who have valiantly served our country at the **3rd Annual Veterans Day Celebration Service on Saturday, November 11th, at 11:00 am.** We are excited to welcome Lt. Col. (Ret) Glenn Schiraldi Ph.D. as our guest speaker.

To show our appreciation for the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces we are creating a video tribute. If you have a family member who is/was in the Armed Forces whom you would like to honor, please send a photo to Maureen_pgh@yahoo.com.

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:

Zader, Ken, Keegan family, James, Hugh, Sean, Kevin, Mona, Connie, Tristan, Shelly, Kathy, Marge, Kali, Shannon, Patricia, Deb, Ray, Charlene, Kim, Jerry, Bob, Marcia, Valerie, Dean, Kerstin, Jim, Ken, Ava, Mary and family, Anna, Rick, Allene, Lutz Family, Mart, Marie, Todd, George, Corinne, Barbara, Joe, Ryan, Frank, Frances, Jackie & family, Dan, Lorraine, Mac, Ayden, Brittain family, Vera Jane, Candace, Vivian, Chervenak family, Camden, Earthquake and Hurricane victims, Grace, Jack, Bill, Paul, Steve, Emma, Tristan, Jackie, Ruth, Brian's family, Liisa's family, Kevin's family, Steven's family, Ray's family, Jon's family, Hazel, Debbie, Betty's family, Mike's family, Andrew's family, Kristen's family, Bob's family, Chambers family, Genesis, John, Chelsea, Alina, Joanne, Amber, Rebeccah, Sheri, Lise, Louise, Fredrik, Rolanda, Stacy, and Laurie.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER 5:	Destiny Chambers
NOVEMBER 7:	Eric McKeown
NOVEMBER 7:	Conor Wilson
NOVEMBER 8:	Jen Lofquist
NOVEMBER 11:	Jane Jenness
NOVEMBER 11:	Kristen Aslanes

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.

Alpha

Alpha is an introduction to the Christian faith and is open to anyone. **Join us on Wednesdays and at 7pm** for a simple meal, a short DVD on the subject for that week and then small group discussion. Join us at any time or email Alpha@stmmts.org with any questions.

Worship Survey

Saint Matthew's goal is to help you "Know and share God's love". An important part of the goal is to provide meaningful worship experiences that allow you to move closer to God and experience His presence. We would like your input on how our worship services meet your needs. You may use the link (Go.stmmts.org/survey) or there are paper copies in the back of the Church if you would rather complete it that way. Your input is important to us. Thank you for taking a few minutes to share your thoughts with us.

Mission Trip Leadership Team Forming

Saint Matthew's is in the process of forming a Mission Trip Leadership Team. We are looking for members of this team with a variety of talents: travel scheduling, advance logistics, team leader during the trip, finance coordinator. If one of these roles is a match for your talents or if you are able to help in another way, please email Susie.harding@stmmts.org, Susie Harding, Spiritual Formation Chairperson.

Backpack Buddies

Backpack Buddies is packing on Tuesdays! We would love volunteers to join us at 7pm on November 7 in the Classroom on the Hill.

We are also accepting donations of shelf-stable, single-serve pantry items (e.g. canned tuna, ramen, snacks, fruit cups).

Questions? Contact Hilary Hultman-Lee at HLLlearning@gmail.com.

New Ways to Review and Update Your Account

Check out the ACS Church Life app on your mobile device. You can update your contact information, access the church directory, review your giving, and even make offerings. You can also access the same information online at: go.stmmts.org/myprofile.

Saint Matthew's Columbarium Niches

The Vestry approved the Columbarium Policy and Regulations which govern the Saint Matthew's Columbarium. This created an application process for those desiring to be interred in the Columbarium. A fee of \$1500 is required for each niche, which includes a portion for long term maintenance. If you would like to reserve a niche, please see Miriam for an application packet. Applications will be submitted through the Parish office to the Columbarium Executive Committee for action and approval. Questions can be directed to Steve Buck (stevbuck@aol.com) or Darrell Breed (darrell@stmmts.org).

Education for Ministry (EfM)

The Education for Ministry (EfM) program is a four-year study and group reflection process for the formation of Christian ministry through the development of knowledge, attitude, skill and identity as Christians. Published texts and essays provide the primary knowledge content. Our EfM group **will start again on November 14th and will meet on Tuesday nights from 7pm to 9:30pm.** We have room to add 4 additional members to our group. Students commit one year at a time and the cost of \$375 includes the texts. Scholarships are available. Red info packets are available in the back of the church for those interested. For more information please contact susie.harding@stmmts.org.

ESOL Needs Volunteers

ESOL continues to meet on Monday evenings (including Nov.6) from 6:45pm to 8:15pm to support language learners in our community. We'd love to have you join us! You do not need to know a foreign language, nor are you expected to come every week. Be part of this rewarding experience where we welcome the stranger in our midst. For further details, contact Roz Gann rrgann@gmail.com; 423-202-0007.

LINK Coat Drive Time

As you pull out your winter coats, please consider donating one or two to the LINK Coat Drive. We are collecting gently used and new winter coats, hats, gloves, and boots until November 12th for the LINK Holiday Program. Please place them in the bin in the Parish Hall. Contact Marcia Rugen at Marcia.rugen@gmail.com or 571-419-0283 with any questions.

Christmas Pageant Meeting and Casting **November 5th & 12th**

It's hard to believe it's time to begin preparations for the Children's Christmas Pageant. The pageant is the Nativity Story told in a creative and rhyming way through the eyes of a child. All children who have an interest in acting and singing are invited to participate. We have lots of opportunities including speaking and non-speaking roles. There is a part for everyone!

The pageant does not work without all of you so please consider volunteering. **An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 5th for parents of interested children following the 9:30 and 11:00 services in Classroom 4.** Casting and "auditions" for speaking parts will be held on Sunday, November 12th in Classroom 4 following the 9:30 and 11:00 services. If you are unable to attend or need additional information, please contact Ashly Townsend at ashly@stmmts.org

Thanksgiving Baskets for the Needy

Please pick up a reusable grocery bag as you leave this morning and return it filled with non-perishable food, cleaning supplies and toiletries. The grocery bags and lists of suggested items are available in the Narthex. We are also in need of grocery gift cards (available through the Scrip program) to allow the families to purchase turkeys and other perishable items.

Please return the filled bags and gift cards no later than **Sunday, November 12th**, so they can be distributed before Thanksgiving, ensuring these families enjoy a brighter Thanksgiving Day. Contact Darrell Breed for more information at 703-444-2451 or darrellandmerry@verizon.net.