

THIS WEEK	
OCT 1:	8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service
	9:30 AM – Contemporary Service
	11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service
	12:00 PM – Children's Music Ministry
	2:30 PM – EfM
	3:00 PM – MCVN
	5:30 PM – SNL – Middle School
7:00 PM – AA	7:00 PM – AA
	7:00 PM – SNL – High School
	OCT 2:
9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery	
6:30 PM – ESOL	
7:30 PM – Falcon's Landing Bible Study	
7:30 PM – Free to Live Small Group and Bread of Life Small Group	
OCT 3:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	9:30 AM – All Ages Read Together
	7:00 PM – Backpack Buddies Packing
	7:00 PM – AA
	7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
OCT 4:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	10:00 AM – Bridge to Discovery
	12:00 PM – AA
	5:30 PM – NA
	7:00 PM – Alpha
	7:00 PM – Finance Committee Meeting
7:15 PM – Financial Peace University	
7:30 PM – Sandwich Generation Small Group	
OCT 5:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	9:30 AM – All Ages Read Together
	12:00 PM – Bible Study
	7:00 PM – Orchestra Rehearsal
OCT 6:	7:30 PM – Seraphim Singers Rehearsal
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
OCT 7:	7:00 PM – Old Dominion Dancers
	7:30 PM – First Friday Fun & Fellowship
	7:00 AM – Flower Guild
	7:30 AM – Men's Group
	8:00 AM – Fellowship Breakfast
9:00 AM – Loudoun Coupons for Hope: Trunk or Treat	
4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal	
No Saturday Church Service	
7:00 PM – MCVN and AA	

ATTENDANCE		
SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, 2017		
Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	55
8:00 AM	RI	21
9:30 AM	RII	150
11:00 AM	RII	102
Faith Factory		58
Sunrise	MP	5

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
AS OF 21 SEPTEMBER, 2017	
Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$449,484

CONTACT INFORMATION

Saint Matthew's telephone and fax:
703-430-2121 (phone)
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<http://www.stmmts.org>

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

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David Lathrop, Dan Robertson, John
Thomas, Heather Tomaszek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
OCTOBER 3:	Maureen & Carl Albrethsen
OCTOBER 5:	Allison & Chris Lesser

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH October 1, 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

October 14 – Newcomer Reception

October 22 – Oktoberfest

October 28/29 – Survivor Weekend

October 29 – Faith Factory Character Dress Up Day

November 2 – All Souls Day Service

November 4 – Annual Convention

November 11 – Veteran's Day Service and Community Lunch

No Saturday Church Service on 7 Oct.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
OCTOBER 1:	Brenden O'Hara
OCTOBER 1:	Kathleen Buckingham
OCTOBER 1:	Natascha Hunter
OCTOBER 1:	Jack Runski
OCTOBER 1:	Ana Hendon
OCTOBER 3:	Susie Harding
OCTOBER 3:	Christopher Fair
OCTOBER 4:	Dan Robertson
OCTOBER 4:	Amanda Thomas
OCTOBER 4:	Lilah Collins
OCTOBER 5:	Ellen Whitehouse
OCTOBER 5:	Joseph Sharp
OCTOBER 5:	Grace Harding
OCTOBER 7:	George Williams

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 & family, Anna, Rick, Allene, the Lutz family, Mart, Marie, Todd, George, Corinne, Barbara, Joe, Ryan, Frank, Frances, Jackie and family, Dan, Lorraine, Mac, Ayden, the Brittain family, Vera, Candace, Jane, Vivian, Chervenak family, Camden, Grace, Jack, Bill, Earthquake and Hurricane victims, Paul, Steve, Tristan, Emma, 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, John, Chelsea and Genesis.

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.

Children's Music Ministry

Children's Music Ministry begins today from 12:30pm-1:15pm in the music room. All students ages 5 and older are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there.

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.

Financial Peace University (FPU)

Class has officially begun, but you can still join us on Wednesdays from 7:15-9:15pm. For more information or to register for the class go online to: <https://fpu.com/1043797>. If you have any questions, please email Miriam and Mason at Family@turnerville.us

Alpha

Wednesdays at 7pm

Alpha is an introduction to the Christian faith and is open to anyone. **Each meeting will start at 7pm** with a simple meal, a short DVD on the subject for that week and then small group discussion.

The course is designed for those wanting to investigate Christianity, new Christians, newcomers to the church and those wanting to brush up on the basics of our faith. This is an opportunity for you to bring a friend to explore the faith in a nonthreatening environment.

Sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board in the hallway or email Alpha@stmtts.org with any questions.

Become a Lay Eucharistic Minister!

Ever wondered what really goes on at the altar during services? Do you like to read aloud, or just feel called to serve? We need you to volunteer as a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM)! Training is short and easy and the more of us there are, the more flexible the schedule can be. For more information please contact Katt Hancher at cathrinekatt@gmail.com or 703-405-4057.

Veterans Day Celebration Service

St. 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.

We encourage those family members whose veterans are no longer with us to please come in their memory. All those in attendance are invited to attend the Community Lunch immediately following the service in the fellowship hall.

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 for to Maureen_pgh@yahoo.com.

Small Hands, Big Hearts

K-5 Children - Join us for our 2nd annual visit to Falcons Landing residents with your Halloween costumes to hand out treats and for a Halloween story. They have even asked if any children play piano, so if you have a musician in costume interested in performing, please let us know! Bringing smiles to these residents' faces was so rewarding last year -- we hope you can help our group continue the tradition!

Sunday, October 29 at 1:30pm at The Johnson Center and at 2:15pm at West Falls Center. You are welcome to one event or join us for both. Each event will last about 30 minutes. We are limited to 10 children per center, so please RVSP to Alli Lesser with the number of children and if you can come to one or both time slots. AlliLesser@gmail.com

Flower Dedications

The flowers behind the altar this morning are given by Gloria Kocher and Larry & Sharon Schlabach in joyful celebration of the baptism of their granddaughters, Scarlett and Amelia.

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@stmtts.org, Susie Harding, Spiritual Formation Committee Chair.

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. Saint Matthew's EfM group will start its next program year in late October and will meet on **Tuesday nights from 7pm to 9:30pm**. We have room to add 6 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@stmtts.org.

Newcomers Welcome Reception

New to Saint Matthew's or just want to learn how to connect? Join us on **Saturday, October 14th 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. Please RSVP to Miriam Turner at office@stmtts.org.

ESOL Needs Volunteers

ESOL at St. Matt's is growing. We welcome additional volunteers to assist with language instruction with adults and to assist bilingual children with homework. We can also use your old board games. **ESOL meets at 6:45pm Monday nights, and runs until 8:15pm**. You do not have to come every week-- once or twice a month is fine. Training and materials are provided. You'll find it a very rewarding experience. Help us to welcome the stranger in our midst. For more information, contact Roz Gann: 423-202-0007 or rrgann@gmail.com.

Backpack Buddies

Backpack Buddies is packing on Tuesdays! We would love volunteers to join us at **7pm on October 3 or at 11am on October 10 or 17** 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). Please contact Hilary Hultman-Lee at HLLlearning@gmail.com with any questions.

St. Matthew's Columbarium Niches

The Vestry approved the Columbarium Policy and Regulations which govern the St. Matthew's Columbarium. A fee of \$1500 is required for each niche, which includes a portion for long term maintenance. If you would like to purchase a niche, please see Miriam (Miriam@stmtts.org) for an application packet. Questions can be directed to Steve Buck (stevbuck@aol.com) or Darrell Breed (darrell@stmtts.org).