

THIS WEEK	
OCT 29:	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 1:30 PM – Small Hands, Big Hearts Halloween Event 2:30 PM – EFM 3:00 PM – MCVN 5:30 PM – SNL – Middle School 7:00 PM – AA 7:00 PM – Building & Grounds Meeting
OCT 30:	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 31:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 9:30 AM – All Ages Read Together 11:00 AM – Backpack Buddies Packing 7:00 PM – AA 7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
NOV 1:	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
NOV 2:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 9:30 AM – All Ages Read Together 12:00 PM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – All Souls Day Service
NOV 3:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 7:30 PM – First Friday Fun & Fellowship
NOV 4:	7:00 AM – Flower Guild 7:30 AM – Men's Group 8:00 AM – Fellowship Breakfast 4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal 5:00 PM – Contemporary Service 7:00 PM – MCVN and AA

ATTENDANCE		
OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2017		
Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	24
8:00 AM	RI	24
9:30 AM	RII	140
11:00 AM	RII	112
Faith Factory		45
Sunrise	MP	6

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
AS OF OCTOBER 22, 2017	
Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$500,269

CONTACT INFORMATION
Saint Matthew's telephone and fax:
 703-430-2121 (phone)
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A nursery for *children* is provided at all four services.

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
NOVEMBER 2:	Alyson & Sydney Severino
NOVEMBER 2:	Marcy & Roger Sternitzke
NOVEMBER 3:	Elizabeth & Ben Chervenak

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
 PENTECOST
 SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH
 October 29, 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 2 – All Souls Day Service
 November 4 – Annual Convention
 November 5 – Christmas Pageant Mtg
 November 11 – Veterans Day Service and Community Lunch
 November 12 – Christmas Pageant Casting & Thanksgiving Bags Returned
 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, Keno, 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, Amber, Sheri, Lise, Louise, Fredrik, Rolanda and Amber.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER 29:	Patty Harmon
OCTOBER 31:	Hannah Nowinski
NOVEMBER 1:	John Tattersall
NOVEMBER 1:	Maggie Schafer
NOVEMBER 1:	Jack Nowinski
NOVEMBER 1:	Amanda Gobeille
NOVEMBER 2:	Pam Hart
NOVEMBER 2:	Michele Wilson
NOVEMBER 3:	Fred Brittain
NOVEMBER 3:	Ute Gil
NOVEMBER 3:	Meg Helein
NOVEMBER 3:	Ava Harding
NOVEMBER 3:	Grace Schmidt

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@stmtts.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.stmtts.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.

Small Hands, Big Hearts

K-5 Children - Join us for our 2nd annual visit to Falcons Landing to hand out treats and for a Halloween story. **Today, 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 30 minutes. We are limited to 10 children per center, so RSVP to Alli Lesser at AlliLesser@gmail.com

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 Chairperson.

Backpack Buddies

Backpack Buddies is packing on Tuesdays! We would love volunteers to join us at 11am on October 31 or 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.stmtts.org/myprofile.

All Souls Day Memorial Worship

Thursday, November 2, 2017, 7:00pm

Saint Matthew's will hold an All Souls Day Memorial Service on Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to join us as we remember those we have lost through music, prayer and poetry. The names of those we are remembering will be read aloud during the service and an opportunity will be given to light a candle for your loved one. All those in attendance are invited to a reception immediately following the service.

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 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.

ESOL Needs Volunteers

ESOL continues to meet on Monday evenings (including Nov.6) 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.

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@stmtts.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.