

THIS WEEK	
OCT 8:	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
OCT 9:	7:00 PM – Executive Committee Meeting
	7:00 PM – SNL – High School
	Columbus Day
OCT 10:	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
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	9:30 AM – All Ages Read Together
OCT 11:	7:00 PM – Backpack Buddies Packing
	7:00 PM – AA
	7:00 PM – Outreach Committee Meeting
	7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	10:00 AM – Bridge to Discovery
OCT 12:	12:00 PM – AA
	5:30 PM – NA
	7:00 PM – Alpha
	7:15 PM – Financial Peace University
OCT 13:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	9:30 AM – All Ages Read Together
	12:00 PM – Bible Study
OCT 14:	7:00 PM – Orchestra Rehearsal
	7:30 PM – Seraphim Singers Rehearsal
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	7:00 PM – Old Dominion Dancers
OCT 14:	7:00 AM – Flower Guild
	7:30 AM – Men's Group
	9:00 AM – Spiritual Formation Meeting
	4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal
	5:00 PM – Contemporary Service
OCT 14:	6:00 PM – <b>Newcomer's Reception</b>
	7:00 PM – MCVN and AA

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
OCTOBER 8:	Gladys & Rafael Montanez
OCTOBER 10:	Katie & Jeff Juliane
OCTOBER 11:	Briana & Jeff Watson
OCTOBER 14:	Koko & Tony Solomon

ATTENDANCE		
SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1, 2017		
Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	62
PET BLESSING		
8:00 AM	RI	20
9:30 AM	RII	148
11:00 AM	RII	105
Faith Factory		53
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)  
 703-430-2638 (fax)

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

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 David Lathrop, Dan Robertson, John  
 Thomas, Heather Tomaszek

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
 PENTECOST  
 SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH  
 October 8, 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

**Backpack Buddies**  
 Backpack Buddies would love volunteers to join us at **11am on October 10, 17, 24 or 31** in the Classroom on the Hill. Please contact Hilary Hultman-Lee at [HLLlearning@gmail.com](mailto:HLLlearning@gmail.com) with any questions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	
OCTOBER 10:	Judy Schmid
OCTOBER 10:	Cullen O'Neill
OCTOBER 10:	Evan D'Antoni
OCTOBER 11:	Allison Hart
OCTOBER 12:	Karla Merola
OCTOBER 13:	Chris Lesser
OCTOBER 13:	Michelle Dubrule
OCTOBER 13:	Shaun Peterson
OCTOBER 13:	Maddie Nyman
OCTOBER 13:	Andrew Hartsel
OCTOBER 14:	Priscilla Shingleton

**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](mailto:barocon7@aol.com).

**Children's Music Ministry**  
 Children's Music Ministry continues 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.

### **Flower Dedications**

The flowers behind the altar this morning are given by the Nelson Family in celebration of Reid's birthday.

The flowers are also given by Sandra Gentry to the glory of God in loving memory of Harry Gentry.

The flowers are also given by the Mattina family in loving memory of Bob Dias.

### **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 RSVP to Alli Lesser with the number of children and if you can come to one or both time slots. AllilLesser@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 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.

### **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. We offer a wide variety of worship experiences at St. Matthew's but are always striving to improve. You should have received an email 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.

### **Community Luncheon**

**Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Noon** Traditionally, the November luncheon has the highest attendance. We expect an even larger crowd this year since the luncheon will follow the Veterans Day service.

The luncheon will be a traditional Thanksgiving meal. For this luncheon, the Scrip program has gift cards that can be purchased to allow us to purchase turkeys for the meal. See the scrip table in the parish hall to purchase.

Ways you can contribute to this ministry:

- 1) Donate a gift card for the turkeys.
- 2) Bring a dessert to share/
- 3) Volunteer - (Greeters/Kitchen Help/Servers/Set Up/Clean Up/Kid's Activities)
- 4) Attend - come and have lunch - get to know your neighbors.
- 5) Distribute fliers. Email Office@stmtts.org
- 6) All of the above.

Please help to get the word out to the community.

**All donations can be dropped off between 9 and 11 am on Saturday, November 11.** If you need additional information, please contact Sandra Gentry at sandra.gentry1@verizon.net.

### **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.

### **Become a Lay Eucharistic Minister or Lector!**

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) and/or Lector! 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 for to Maureen\_pgh@yahoo.com.