

THIS WEEK	
SEP 17:	8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service
	9:30 AM – Contemporary Service
	11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service
	3:00 PM – MCVN
	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 – SNL – High School
SEP 18:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	6:30 PM – ESOL
	7:30 PM – Free to Live Small Group and Bread of Life Small Group
SEP 17:	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
SEP 20:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	10:00 AM – Bridge to Discovery
	12:00 PM – AA
	5:30 PM – NA
	7:15 PM – Financial Peace University
	7:30 PM – Sandwich Generation Small Group
SEP 21:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	9:30 AM – All Ages Read Together
	12:00 PM – Bible Study
	7:30 PM – Seraphim Singers Rehearsal
SEP 22:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
SEP 23:	7:00 AM – Flower Guild
	7:00 AM – SNL at Six Flags
	7:30 AM – Men's Group
	8:00 AM – Fellowship Breakfast
	9:00 AM – Reverence Committee Mtg
	10:00 AM – K2P2
	1:00 PM – Music Ministry Meeting
	4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal
	5:00 PM – Contemporary Service
	7:00 PM – MCVN and AA
	10:00 PM – MCVN

ATTENDANCE		
SEPTEMBER 9 & 10, 2017		
Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	38
8:00 AM	RI	22
9:30 AM	RII	160
11:00 AM	RII	110
Faith Factory		64
Sunrise	MP	8

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
AS OF 27 AUGUST, 2017	
Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$411,732

CONTACT INFORMATION

Saint Matthew's telephone and fax:
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A nursery for *children* is provided at all four services.

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH September 17, 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

September 20 – Financial Peace Univ.
September 24 – Saint Matthew's Day
September 27 – Alpha Begins
September 28 – Talking to Kids about Race Workshop
September 30 – Pet Blessing
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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER 18:	Sean Collins
SEPTEMBER 18:	Mikayla Basil
SEPTEMBER 18:	Charlotte Bellamy
SEPTEMBER 19:	Pat Pritchett
SEPTEMBER 19:	Andrew Lathrop
SEPTEMBER 19:	Gavin Jackson
SEPTEMBER 19:	Peter Fair
SEPTEMBER 20:	Peggy Mervine
SEPTEMBER 20:	Sharon Ferguson
SEPTEMBER 20:	Vannia Famoriyo
SEPTEMBER 21:	Wilma Sargent
SEPTEMBER 23:	Matthew Fano
SEPTEMBER 23:	Reid Nelson

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:

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, 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 & 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, Hurricane victims, Paul, and Steve.

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.

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@stmmts.org.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

SEPTEMBER 17:	Mary Ann & Tom Smith
SEPTEMBER 23:	Donya Zarkeshfard & Saman Pazooki

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

Wednesdays, starting September 27th

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@stmmts.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 are just 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 your schedule can be. For more information please contact Katt Hancher at 703-405-4057 or cathrinekatt@gmail.com.

Backpack Buddies is Gearing Up

Backpack Buddies is packing on Tuesdays! We would love volunteers to join us at 11am on September 19 and 26 or at 7pm on October 3 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 HHLlearning@gmail.com with any questions.

After Charlottesville: Talking to Our Kids About Race

Thursday, September 28th at 7pm

In these politically charged times it can be very difficult to explain to our kids what is going on in the world. This becomes even more challenging when it comes to race, particularly if we are not ourselves people of color. Even well intentioned efforts can quickly reveal our inadequacy when we try to discuss racism in America. Everyone is talking about race however: it's in the news, in our Facebook feeds, and on the radio. You are talking about it, your friends are talking about it, and you can bet your kids are talking about it. Join us at Saint Matthew's Thursday, September 28th for a workshop on what racism is and how we might begin talking about it in the church, with each other, and with our children. Prayerfully consider coming to this event, and inviting others if you wish!

Small Hands, Big Hearts Family Service Group

Calling all Kindergarten – 5th Grade Children. We are planning our fall and winter service events for children, so stay tuned for fun and easy ways to involve children and give back to our community. Some past events included visiting the LINK food pantry, touring an animal shelter and collecting pet donations, visiting Falcon's Landing to sing, and raising money from a lemonade stand to then buy ice cream for fire fighters. Have ideas for or able to help? Please reach out to Alli Lesser - AlliLesser@gmail.com

Mark your calendar for a fun event with our friends from Loudoun Coupons for Hope! Saturday, October 7th from 10:30-1:30 at St Matthew's. Bring children dressed in costume to trick or treat, play games & more.

St. Matthew's Day Luau

Sunday, September 24 at 12pm

On Sunday, September 24 we will be celebrating our patron, Saint Matthew, with a Luau! The Luau will begin around noon. Please bring a dish to share according to the first letter of your last name: A-H Appetizer or Salad; I-O Side Dish; P-Z Dessert. Looking for fun ideas, visit go.stmmts.org/LuauIdeas.

Get Ready for ESOL

Mondays at 7pm

If you have not participated in this ministry, please consider doing so. It's a very rewarding experience. You don't need to be a teacher, and you don't need to know another language. You do not have to come every week. Classes themselves meet from 7:00-8:15pm every Monday during the school year.

For further information, contact Roz Gann: rgann@gmail.com or 423-202-0007.

St. Matthew's Columbarium Niches

The Vestry approved the Columbarium Policy and Regulations which govern the St. 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 purchase a niche, please see Miriam (Miriam@stmmts.org) 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).

Blessing of the Animals

Please join us on Saturday, September 30th at 5:00 pm. Bring your pets to have them blessed at a special service in the Chapel in the Woods. If you're interested in assisting with this service, please contact the church office at 703-430-2121 or office@stmmts.org.

Financial Peace University (FPU)

Wednesdays, starting September 20th

As a church, we want to share a practical plan that can help you discover God's way of handling money. We want to empower you to get on a budget, get out of debt, save for the future, and take control of your money. FPU is that plan.

Whether you are trying to figure out how to balance saving for retirement, college savings and vacations or you are struggling to make ends meet, FPU has something for you.

Class will officially begin on Wednesday, September 20th and run on Wednesdays **from 7:15-9:15pm** until the week before Thanksgiving. We hope you'll join us. For more information or to register for the class go online to: <https://fpu.com/1043797>. If you have any questions, please email Miriam or Mason at Family@turnerville.us

Addresses for College Students

We'd like to stay in touch with our students. Please provide your college student's address to Miriam@stmmts.org.