

THIS WEEK	
APRIL 23:	8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service
	9:30 AM – Contemporary Service
	10:30 AM – Earth Day Celebration
	11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service
	12:30 PM – Cherubim Choir Practice
	2:30 PM – EFM
	3:00 PM – MCVN
APRIL 24:	5:30 PM – SNL for Middle Schoolers
	7:00 PM – SNL for High Schoolers
	7:00 PM – AA
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	12:30 PM – All Ages Read Together
APRIL 25:	6:30 PM – ESOL
	7:00 PM – MCVN
	7:00 PM – Falcons Landing Old Testament Bible Study
	7:30 PM – Free to Live Small Group and Bread of Life Small Group
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	10:00 AM – All Ages Read Together
	11:00 AM – Backpack Buddies Packing
APRIL 26:	7:00 PM – Vestry Meeting
	7:00 PM – AA
	7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	12:00 PM – AA
APRIL 27:	12:30 PM – All Ages Read Together
	5:30 PM – NA
	7:15 PM – Financial Peace University
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	10:00 AM – All Ages Read Together
APRIL 28:	12:00 PM – Bible Study
	12:00 PM – Spring Yard Sale Set-up
	7:30 PM – Seraphim Singers Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM – Women’s Group
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
APRIL 29:	7:00 PM – MCVN
	7:00 AM – Flower Guild
	7:30 AM – Men’s Group
	8:00 AM – Spring Yard Sale
	9:00 AM – Children’s Understanding Communion Class
APRIL 29:	10:00 AM – Small Hands, Big Hearts Lemonade Stand
	4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal
	5:00 PM – Contemporary Service
	7:00 PM – MCVN and AA

ATTENDANCE		
APRIL 12 THROUGH 16, 2017		
Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Tenebrae		53
Maundy Thursday	RII	69
Good Friday 12:00pm	RII	50
Good Friday 7:30pm	RII	46
Holy Saturday	RII	30
Easter Sunrise	RII	80
Easter 7:30am	RII	34
Easter 9:00am	RII	304
Easter 11:00am	RII	300
Sunrise	MP	5

FINANCIAL UPDATE	
AS OF APRIL 19, 2017	
Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$201,887

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	
APRIL 26:	Sheri & Matt Brown
APRIL 27:	Cynthia & Edward Piskadlo

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SAINT MATTHEW’S CHURCH
April 23, 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**
- April 29 – Spring Yard Sale and First Communion Class for Children
 - May 2 – Backpack Buddies Evening Pack
 - May 6 & 7 – Youth Weekend
 - May 13 – Community Lunch
 - May 14 – Mother’s Day
 - May 28 – Park Worship & Picnic
 - June 2-4 – Family Camping Weekend
 - June 4 – Baccalaureate Service
 - June 18 – Father’s Day
 - June 25-July 1 – Middle School Mission Trip to Clarkesville, GA
 - July 4 – Independence Day Music & Barbeque
 - July 15-21 – Adult Mission Trip to Haiti
 - July 24-28 – Vacation Bible School
 - July 30 – August 7 – High School Adventure Trip

Flower Dedications
The flowers behind the altar this morning are given by Chris and Katie Milligan in joyful celebration of the baptism of their son, Matthew Owen and by Sean and Hillary Collins in joyful celebration of the baptism of their son, Harrison.

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 people:

- Rick and family, Maniusko Family, Griffin’s family, Tricia, Liz, Gladys, Shaunte, Tom, Mary Ann, Judy, Alex and family, Rachel, Brenda, Richard, Robin, Ellie, Lou, Dara, Laura, Anna, Missy, James, Hugh, Sean, Kevin, Mona, Hazel, Brian’s family, Debbie, Amanda, Ana, Dan, Tony, Koko, Cliff, Judy, Adam, Jim, Charles, Nicholas, Fred, David, Rosie Lee, Anige, Michelle, Frank, Barbara, Joe, Anne, Kristen’s family, Alina’s family, Liisa’s family, Hitchcock family, Jonne’s family, Don, Jon, Denise, Emma, Jackie’s family, Rashana, Scott, Mary, Norfleet & family, Jeanne, Kim, Jake, Kevin, Jen, Troy, Lanie, Becky, Michael, Johnny, Keith, Christina, Mason, Ali, Hazel, Justin, Alan, Virginia, Becky, Stacey, Norm, Nicholas, John, Kathleen, Brian, Marilyn, Christine, Jackie, Allison, Cara, Tom, Bilma, Kim, Barbara, Gladys, Marilyn, Braley & family, Zader, Ellie, Dean, Ken, Keegan family, Connie, Shelly, Tristan, Kathy, Marge, and Kali.

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. No SNL on Easter! We'll see you on April 30.

There are still spots available for the SNL mission trips this summer! SNL Middle School is headed to Clarkesville, GA for some VBS and local housing projects, the price is \$375.

SNL High Schoolers are invited on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Montana for adventure camping, and working with homeless youth in Spokane. The price is \$625, late fees may apply.

Scholarships are available for both trips so please don't hesitate to ask!
Contact: Elliott@stmtts.org

Small Hands, Big Hearts Family Team

Bring your elementary-aged children to connect with other families and inspire our children to serve the community.

April 29, 10am-12pm – Join us during the spring yard sale for children to sell lemonade and baked goods. All proceeds will go toward the church and our team for future service projects.

May 13, 12pm – Serve the community with lunch, arts & crafts and music.

June 2-4 - Save the date for our camping weekend.

Please RSVP for any of these events Alli Lesser - AlliLesser@gmail.com

Community Luncheon

Saturday, May 13, 12pm - 2pm

Are you looking for a way to build relationships with people in our community you might not otherwise meet? You're invited to our next Community Lunch!

Here are few ways you can contribute to this vital ministry:

- 1) Donate children books - new or gently used
- 2) Bring a dessert to share
- 3) Volunteer – (Greeters/Kitchen Help/Servers/Set Up/Clean Up/Kid's Activities/Displays)
- 4) Attend – join us for lunch – meet our wonderful neighbors
- 5) Offer to share a skill, hobby or talent with the children and/or adults
- 6) All of the above

Donations can be dropped off 9am-11 am on Saturday. Have questions? Contact Sandra at sandra.gentry1@verizon.net.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Community Luncheons on September 9 and November 11.

Please put the dates on your calendar and plan to participate, as you are able. And, as always, please help to get the word out to the community.

Spring Yard Sale is Coming

Saturday, April 29th 8am – 12pm

It's time to clean out those closets and those basements! The Annual Spring Yard Sale is upon us. **We will start collecting items for the sale on Saturday, April 22.** People should mark the bags, boxes, big items "Yard Sale" and place in the hallway by the Coat Rack. Large items should not be brought to the church until Thursday, April 27 or Friday, April 28.

We need lots of volunteers to help set up and sort on Thursday afternoon and Friday. We also need help the day of the event. Contact Daryl Coleman at ddc3107@hotmail.com or Wilma Sargent at wilsar2@verizon.net or for more information. Proceeds benefit Backpack Buddies.

Children's Communion Class

Saturday, April 29th – 9am

Please join us as Father Rob guides our young children through understanding Communion class. In this class we'll discuss preparations for Holy Communion, the ceremony itself, and how it feels to be with Jesus in a special new way. This class is open to children ages 4 through 5th grade. If you wish to have your child(ren) participate, please email Ashly Townsend at ashly@stmtts.org.

Youth Weekend:

The youth of Saint Matt's will be taking over the services on **May 6 and 7**. Don't miss this fun weekend where you'll see our St. Matt's youth stepping out in faith to speak words from their heart, play in the band, lift their voices to sing, serve, and of course everyone loves our Saint Matthew's dancers. All youth are invited to participate. Please contact Elliott at Elliott@stmtts.org or Ashly at @ashly@stmtts.org to be part of this great weekend!

Park Worship and Picnic

Sunday, May 28 at 11am

Join us for worship at Algonkian Park. After the service, stay to enjoy a day filled with activities and games! Bring friends; make friends—we can't wait to see you there! If you can't make it to the park, please join us at St. Matt's for the Saturday 5pm service or Sunday 8am service – **no 9:30 service on May 28th.**

Backpack Buddies

Backpack Buddies is currently feeding 220 students at 7 schools in Sterling and we always need help restocking our pantry! Individual-sized: 100% juice boxes/packs, protein (canned tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, beans, ravioli), snacks (granola or cereal bars, fruit gummies, pudding), shelf-stable milk, Ramen noodles, mac n' cheese, or fruit cups.

We'd love to have your help packing! Join us Tuesday, April 25 at 11am, or Tuesday, May 2nd at 7pm in the classroom on the hill. Supervised children are encouraged to attend! If you have any questions, please contact Hilary at HLLlearning@gmail.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL 23:	Huyen Johnston
APRIL 23:	Marcy Sternitzke
APRIL 23:	Sarah Hamilton
APRIL 23:	Lindsey Hancock
APRIL 23:	Alexandra Davis
APRIL 24:	Kevin Koss
APRIL 24:	Jennifer Schmid
APRIL 24:	Bekah Harding
APRIL 24:	Jack Hester
APRIL 25:	Elise Merola
APRIL 25:	Maggie Piesco
APRIL 26:	Arthur Gobeille
APRIL 26:	Robert Burns
APRIL 27:	Johanna Harvey
APRIL 28:	Kara Kowalik
APRIL 29:	Lali Alibali
APRIL 29:	Mike Brennan
APRIL 29:	Akila O'Grady
APRIL 29:	Jessica Koss
APRIL 29:	Jamie Lawall
APRIL 29:	Gwyneth Jackson

Adult Mission Trip

Ask anyone who has ever gone on a mission trip, and they will confirm that mission trips are life changing. At Saint Matthew's, it is our hope that as many people as possible will have the opportunity to participate in a mission trip. This summer, we will return for our third year to Port Margot, Haiti, where we will continue our partnership with Eglise Baptiste Eben-Ezer Church. On past trips we have erected the roof on their church, built an altar, and laid the floor. This year our challenge is to build the steps leading up to the front of the church. This trip is an adult only trip (college and above). The dates are **Saturday, July 15th, through Friday, July 21st**, and the cost is \$1,450 (scholarships are available on an as needed basis). Is this your year to go on a mission trip? For more information contact Mary Petersen at maryp@stmtts.org.