

THIS WEEK

DEC 31:	8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service 9:30 AM – Contemporary Service 11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service 12:15 PM – Full Cast Pageant Rehearsal #3 3:00 PM – MCVN 5:00 PM – Seraphim Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM – SNL – Middle School 7:00 PM – AA 7:00 PM – Lessons and Carols 7:00 PM – SNL – High School
JAN 1:	9:00 AM – Harpers Ferry Hike – Middle School SNL 6:30 PM – ESOL 7:30 PM – Free to Live Small Group and Bread of Life Small Group & Falcon's Landing Bible Study
JAN 2:	10:00 AM – Staff to Johnson Center 6:00 PM – High School SNL Holiday Party 7:00 PM – EFM 7:00 PM – AA 7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
JAN 3:	10:00 AM – Flower Guild 12:00 PM – AA 12:00 PM – Lunch and Pageant Set-up 5:30 PM – NA
JAN 4:	7:30 PM – Seraphim Choir Rehearsal
JAN 5:	7:00 AM – Flower Preparation
JAN 6:	7:00 AM – Flower Guild 7:30 AM – Men's Group 9:00 AM – Altar Guild Polishing & Set-up 10:00 AM – Final Full Cast Pageant Rehearsal 11:00 AM – LEM Training for Pageant 7:00 PM – MCVN and AA 10:00 PM – MCVN

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

DECEMBER 31:	Jackie & Johnny Chambers
JANUARY 4:	Roz & Joe Gann

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER 31:	Nick Hunter
JANUARY 2:	Cheryl Cranson
JANUARY 2:	Andrew Nelson
JANUARY 2:	Cole Deaso
JANUARY 3:	Barbara McKinney
JANUARY 3:	Benjamin Fano
JANUARY 5:	Natalie Sawyer
JANUARY 5:	Chris Pyhtila
JANUARY 6:	Tiffany Peterson

ATTENDANCE

DECEMBER 16 & 17, 2017

Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	48
8:00 AM	RI	20
9:30 AM	RII	167
11:00 AM	RII	106
Faith Factory		47
Sunrise	MP	5
Lessons & Carols		100

FINANCIAL UPDATE

AS OF DECEMBER 17, 2017

Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$627,732

Ways to Financially Support the Ministry Work at Saint Matthew's

- Online: Go.stmmts.org/give
- Download ACS Church Life App (Site #111141)
- Text 703-635-7890 text "\$ amount" Ex. \$100
- Bill Pay From Your Bank
- Offering Plate

CONTACT INFORMATION

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH

December 31, 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

January 4 – WatCH – OT and Financial Peace University Begins
January 13 – Community Lunch
January 14 – I Have a Dream Potluck Lunch
January 20 – Men's Breakfast
February 2 – First Friday Fun & Fellowship
February 4 – Annual Meeting
February 13 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 14 – Ash Wednesday Services at 6am, noon, and 7:30pm
March 3 – Kids Wellness Day
March 10 – Community Lunch
July 1-7 – SNL Middle School Summer Trip
July 23-27 – Vacation Bible School
July 29 – Aug 4 – SNL High School Summer Trip

Backpack Buddies

Backpack Buddies pack will be **Tuesday, January 3rd, at 7pm** 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). If you have any questions, please contact Hilary Hultman-Lee at HLLlearning@gmail.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, Todd, George, Corinne, Barbara, Joe, Ryan, Frank, Frances, Jackie & family, Dan, Lorraine, Mac, Ayden, Brittain family, Vera, Jane, Candace, Vivian, Chervenak family, Camden, California Fire 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, Joanne, Alina, Rebeccah, Amber, Sheri, Lise, Louise, Fredrik, Rolanda, Colleen, Stacy, Laurie, Nicholas, Gary, Angie's family, Benjamin, Vivian and sons, Kathy, Cal, Patricia, Patti, Melvin family, Charlene, Marvis, Chris, Valerie, Charlene, Ed, Ava, Gina, Anderson family, Kim, Isaac, Matthew, Becca, & Donald.

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.

SNL High School is doing **Youth Alpha** in January and February! **Starting January 14th from 7-9pm on Sunday nights**, St. Matt's high schoolers are invited to be a part of Youth Alpha. We'll share dinner together, watch a short video, and discuss what we all believe about God, faith, and church. Bring your friends!! Location to be announced, contact Elliott@stmmts.org for more details.

The High Schoolers are invited to our second annual Winter Retreat **the last weekend in January!** We are heading back up to Pennsylvania to the same epic cabin as last year for some fun in the snow, incredible food, worship, and fellowship! We will leave **Thursday the 25th and return Sunday evening on the 28th.** RSVP ASAP with Elliott@stmmts.org! Cost: \$200

Financial Peace University 2018

We are thrilled to announce that the members of our past three Financial Peace University classes paid off \$214,238 in debt and saved more than \$58,000!

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.

Are you ready to make a financial turnaround in the New Year? Join us for Financial Peace University on Thursdays starting in January. Free childcare is included. Register today at: <https://fpu.com/1053656>

Puerto Rico Mission Trip

We always go to help those with the greatest need! St. Matthew's is looking forward to serving the people of Puerto Rico after the devastating hurricane season of 2017. Tentatively scheduled for the week of August 4th, we are working with Praying Pelican Missions, who St. Matthew's has worked with for over a decade on other mission trips such as Haiti and Belize. This will be an adult mission trip that will involve a variety of ministries including rebuilding and children and community outreach. Please email David Diegtel at Diegtelsport@gmail.com if you have questions or are interested in attending.

Knit 2, Pray 2

The K2P2 group will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be **January 20th, 2018** in the Classrooms on the Hill.

January Sermon Series:

And Justice for All

Three things God requires of us:

1. To love kindness.
2. To walk humbly with God.
3. And to do justice.

But what does it mean to do justice? We all long for a different kind of world, a world in which every human being is fully loved and valued. But how do we create that world? Join us in January as we consider together the answer to this question--and what that asks of us.

WatCH - OT!

Thursdays, starting January 4

For many years now, one of the programs we have offered at St. Matt's is WatCH: Wednesdays at Church. This January, WatCH returns. On Thursdays!

Yes, you read that right. On Thursday nights starting January 4(!), we'll meet at 6:45pm for dinner with the Choir and Financial Peace University. Then at 7:15, we'll start a Bible study on "Following Jesus." We'll consider that Jesus did not so much as hand out answers as demonstrate an approach to life—an approach that is every bit as powerful and transformative today as it was 2000 years ago. We hope you will join us!

Men's Breakfast:

Segmented by the different services we all attend, it's been too long since we've gathered together as men at Saint Matthew's! **Join us Saturday, January 20th at 7:30am** in the parish hall for breakfast, teaching, and fellowship. Elliott will be sharing a little about his testimony, and how men's ministry has been instrumental in his life. You don't want to miss this crucial opportunity to get to know other men at Saint Matt's! If you can make it, please come, you won't be disappointed if you do. Feel free as always to bring a friend!

Community Lunch

Saturday, January 13th, 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! Free to all!

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

- Attend – join us for lunch – meet our wonderful neighbors
- Donate children books - new or gently used
- Volunteer – (Greeters/Kitchen Help/Servers/Set Up/Clean Up/Kid's Activities/Displays)
- Bring a dessert to share

The 2018 Community Lunch dates are: Jan. 13, March 10, May 12, Sept. 8, Nov. 10
Donations can be dropped off 9am - 11am on the morning of the luncheons. Have questions or want to be added to the volunteer list? Please contact Heidi Lathrop: hlathrop@me.com

SNL High School 2018 Mission Trip

We are headed to New York, New York for urban ministry with CSM (City Service Mission) this summer! We're going to be working with local kids, and a whole variety of community-based ministries around the city. It's going to be an absolutely incredible time of service, fellowship, faith, and fun. Don't miss out, and invite your friends!

Dates: July 29th-August 4th; Price: \$550

SNL Middle School 2018 Mission Trip

We are teaming up with Team Effort again this year to do some mission work, but this time we are road tripping a little closer to home: Virginia Beach! We'll be working on different repair projects in lower income areas that need a little extra love, and would love it if you joined us! **Dates: July 1st-7th; Price: \$430**

Saint Matthew's Columbarium Niches

The Vestry approved the Columbarium Policy and Regulations which govern the Saint 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 reserve a niche, please see Miriam 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).