

| THIS WEEK | |
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| JULY 23: | 8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service 9:30 AM – Contemporary Service 11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service 12:00 PM – VBS Set-up 12:15 PM – VBS Volunteer Meeting 3:00 PM – MCVN 5:30 PM – SNL – Middle School 7:00 PM – SNL – High School 7:00 PM – AA |
| JULY 24: | 5:30 PM – VBS 7:00 PM – Falcons Landing Old Testament Bible Study 7:30 PM – Free to Live Small Group and Bread of Life Small Group |
| JULY 25: | 6:00am - Vestry 5:30 PM – VBS 7:00 PM – AA |
| JULY 26: | 12:00 PM – AA 5:30 PM – VBS 5:30 PM – NA |
| JULY 27: | 12:00 PM – Bible Study 5:30 PM – VBS |
| JULY 28: | 5:30 PM – VBS |
| JULY 29: | 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 | | |
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| JULY 15 & 16, 2017 | | |
| Time or Place | Service | Attend. |
| Saturday 5:00 PM | RII | 48 |
| 8:00 AM | RI | 35 |
| 9:30 AM | RII | 135 |
| 11:00 AM | RII | 71 |
| Faith Factory | | 30 |
| Sunrise | MP | 3 |

| FINANCIAL UPDATE | |
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| AS OF JULY 9, 2017 | |
| Revenue Required for 2017 | \$757,771 |
| Revenue Received YTD | \$342,811 |

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 BIRTHDAY | |
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| JULY 23: | Emma Harmon |
| JULY 24: | Bob Petersen |
| JULY 24: | Claire Nowinski |
| JULY 25: | Barbara Dennis |
| JULY 25: | Joseph Greenlund |
| JULY 26: | Eliana Fair |
| JULY 27: | Ed Goloway |
| JULY 27: | James Golden |
| JULY 28: | Debbie Mueller |
| JULY 28: | Kathy Majewski |
| JULY 29: | Marie Thomen |
| JULY 29: | Joseph Lowden |

| HAPPY ANNIVERSARY | |
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| JULY 26: | Stephanie & Robert Burns |
| JULY 27: | Debbie & Steve Saunders |

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER
 PENTECOST
 SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH
 July 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

July 23 – VBS Decorating
 July 24-28 – Vacation Bible School
 July 30 – August 7 – High School Adventure Trip to Montana
 August 19 & 20 – Blessing of the Backpacks
 August 27 – Summer Fun Day
 September 2- Frederick Keys Game and Potluck Dinner
 September 3 – Faith Factory Kick-off
 September 9 – Community Lunch
 September 20 – Financial Peace Univ.
 September 24 – Saint Matthew's Day
 September 27 – Alpha Begins

Flower Dedication

Your dedications for flowers are welcome to remember loved ones, honor birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, or any special occasion. Please use the cards provided in the pews or advise Miriam in the office.

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:

James, Hugh, Sean, Kevin, Mona, Hazel, Brian'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, Marilyn, Gladys, Barbara, Braley & family, Ellie, Zader, Ken, Keegan family, 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, Wayne, and Ryan.

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.

Alpha

Wednesdays, starting September 27th

Alpha is an introduction to the Christian faith and is open to anyone. This fall we will hold a series of weekly meetings over 10 weeks. Each meeting will start with a simple meal, we will watch a short DVD on the subject for that week and then break into small groups to discuss the message.

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.

We will need volunteers to:

- Be prayer warriors who will commit to praying for the Alpha course (starting now)
- Help in facilitating the discussions in each of the groups
- Help with catering for the meals

Training will be provided for volunteers:

- September 13 – Hosting small groups
- September 20 – Pastoral Care
- September 20 – Praying for others

Please pray about how you might be able to help with the course and about whom you might want to invite to the course. It is our mission to grow disciples – by growing in our own discipleship or by introducing someone to Jesus through the Alpha course.

Sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Friday Flash

Are you receiving our weekly email, the Friday Flash? Stay up to date on all the latest happenings at St. Matt's. To sign up or update your email address, please email Miriam in the church office at Miriam@stmtts.org.

Daytime Co-Ed Bible Study

Thursdays at 12pm

We are pleased to announce that we will continue through July with a study of Paul's letter to the Ephesians!

This co-ed Bible study group meets on Thursdays from 12pm – 1pm in classroom four. Feel free to bring your lunch with you if you're joining us on your lunch hour. If you aren't currently involved with the Bible study group but are interested in joining for the summer or receiving more information, you can email Isaac at isaac@stmtts.org.

News and Happenings at St. Matt's

Did you know you can read the weekly bulletin announcements, monthly newsletter and view pictures of St. Matt's events online? Check out our website at: stmtts.org/news-events

We can also be found on Facebook at facebook.com/StMatthewsEpiscopalChurch/ and Instagram at [StmttsSterling](https://www.instagram.com/StmttsSterling).

Vacation Bible School 2017

Maker Fun Factory! A world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly created by God! It's time to register for the most awesome week of the summer! Vacation Bible School 2017 will be from **July 24th-28th from 5:30pm-8:30pm for preschoolers – rising 5th graders**. Grab your friends and prepare yourself for a week of innovative inventions, experiments, service, music, creative crafts, games, and so much more!

Dinner will be provided each night. You don't want to miss out on this once in a lifetime VBS experience so participants and volunteers should register online NOW at: <http://www.myvbs.org/stmatts2017>

VBS Decorating: We Need You!

Today, July 23rd!

Calling all volunteers! We need "all hands-on deck" today, July 23rd immediately following the 11:00am service to help transform the church into an invention laboratory for Vacation Bible School. It's always more fun to work as a team, so please join us! There will be decorating tasks for ALL ages. All are welcome!

Add Your Voice!

The choir is seeking new members. No experience required and all ability levels accepted. Weekly rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. Remember the old African Proverb, "If you can speak you can sing!"

For more information contact Kevin at kevin@stmtts.org or 303-834-0601.

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 19th & 20th

Summer is half over and fall is just around the corner. That means it's time to get back into our regular habits. Grab your calendar and create a recurring event for Church every Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Children are invited to bring their backpacks to any of the four services the weekend of August 19th & 20th to receive a special blessing before the new school year begins.

Online Account Review

Would you like to review your account online? Head over to the website: stmtts.org/parishioners and click "Access and update your member information". From this link you can edit your address and phone number and review your offerings.

Financial Peace University (FPU)

Wednesdays, starting September 20th

We are thrilled to announce that our spring Financial Peace University class paid off over \$47,000 in debt and saved more than \$27,000 in just nine weeks! How is this possible?

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. Financial Peace University 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 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