

THIS WEEK

APRIL 9:	7:30 AM – Rite I Worship Service 9:00 AM – Contemporary Service 11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service 12:30 PM – Set up Stations of the Cross 12:30 PM – Cherubim Choir Practice 3:00 PM – MCVN 5:30 PM – SNL Middle Schoolers 7:00 PM – AA 7:00 PM – Executive Committee Mtg 7:00 PM – SNL High Schoolers
APRIL 10:	8:00 AM TO 9:00 PM – Stations of the Cross 9:00 AM – SNL Middle School Aquarium Trip 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
APRIL 11:	8:00 AM TO 9:00 PM – Stations of the Cross 8:00 AM – High School SNL Beach Trip 7:00 PM – Outreach Committee Mtg 7:00 PM – AA 7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
APRIL 12:	8:00 AM TO 9:00 PM – Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM – AA 5:30 PM – NA 7:30 PM – Tenebrae Service
APRIL 13:	8:00 AM TO 9:00 PM – Stations of the Cross 9:00 AM – SNL High School & Middle School Trip to Washington DC 10:00 AM – Easter Egg Filling 7:30 PM – Maundy Thursday Service 8:30 PM to Noon on Friday – Holy Week Prayer Vigil
APRIL 14:	8:00 AM TO 9:00 PM – Stations of the Cross 12:00 PM – Good Friday Service 1:00 PM – Flower Storage 7:00 PM – MCVN 7:30 PM – Good Friday Service
APRIL 15:	7:00 AM – Flower Guild 7:30 AM – Men's Group 9:00 AM – Altar Guild Polishing and Set-up for Easter 10:00 AM – Holy Saturday Service 7:00 PM – MCVN and AA

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

APRIL 12:	Jenny & Matt Greenlund
APRIL 12:	Vicki & Peter Nelson
APRIL 14:	Barbara & Lowell Thomas
APRIL 15:	Martha & Bob Olson

ATTENDANCE

APRIL 1 & 2, 2017

Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	41
8:00 AM	RI	20
9:30 AM	RII	140
11:00 AM	RII	110
Faith Factory		60
Sunrise	MP	6

FINANCIAL UPDATE

AS OF APRIL 2, 2017

Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$161,789

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*
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Susie Harding, Nick Hunter, Susan Jones,
David Lathrop, Dan Robertson, John Thomas, Heather Tomaszek

PALM SUNDAY

SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH

April 9, 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 10 – 14 – Stations of the Cross
April 12 – Tenebrae Service
April 13 – Maundy Thursday Service
April 13-14 – Holy Week Prayer Vigil
April 14 – Good Friday Services
April 15 – Holy Saturday Service
April 16 – Easter
April 19 – Financial Peace University
April 21 – Concert Series: Dog City Hoedown Trio
April 23 – Earth Day Celebration with Plant Adoption and Wild Animals
April 29 – Spring Yard Sale and First Communion Class for Children
May 2 – Backpack Buddies Evening Pack
May 6 & 7 – Youth Weekend
May 12 – Concert Series: Anthem String Quartet (Bring your mom!)
May 28 – Park Worship & Picnic
June 2-4 – Family Camping Weekend
June 25-July 1 – Middle School Mission Trip to Clarkesville, GA
July 24-28 – Vacation Bible School
July 30 – August 7 – High School Adventure Trip

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, and Ken.

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.

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 to Montana for adventure camping, and the streets of Spokane working with a homeless youth shelter. 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

Overnight Prayer Vigil

Thursday, April 13 – Friday, April 14

You are invited to join our St. Matt's community in a very special prayer vigil that begins after the Maundy Thursday service and goes through the night until the noon Good Friday service. Staff and volunteers will be present throughout the night. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway for any portion of the evening/morning you plan to attend, or RSVP on Facebook.

facebook.com/StMatthewsEpiscopalChurch/events

This will be an open time to pray, meditate, or walk the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome. Questions? Please email John at Alpha@stmtts.org.

Altar Guild Polishing Event

The Altar Guild will be getting together for our semi-annual polishing event. Any and all are welcome to join the fellowship and fun in helping to make the altar shiny for our Easter celebration. We'll meet in Classrooms 1 & 2 (by the kitchenette) at 9AM, take a break for the Holy Saturday service at 10, then finish up around 11. Bring a few soft rags and some elbow grease (though, it's really not that hard). Call or text Lisa (703-582-8965) with any questions.

Financial Peace University

Would you like to take control of your money? 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 create a budget, get out of debt, save for the future, and take control of your money. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:15pm-9:15pm starting April 19.

Register: DaveRamsey.com/findaclass or email Miriam or Mason Turner at Family@Turnerville.us. Free child care is available upon request.

Easter Brunch!

On Easter morning, the Saint Matthew's community gathers for a champagne brunch following the Great Vigil and a continental breakfast following the 7:30am and 9am services. We will collect breakfast items on Saturday, April 15, 10:30am to 2pm. We also need help on Saturday and Sunday mornings to prepare food, set up and clean up. Suggested donations include: breakfast casseroles, ham, biscuits/rolls, deviled eggs, coffee cake, muffins, breakfast breads, scones, pastries, fruit, champagne, cookies, mini-cupcakes . . . Please sign up to help in the Parish Hall or contact Susan Jones at susan@stmtts.org or 571-205-6999.

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, fruit cups.

Our next packs are: April 18th and 25th at 11:00 am. NO PACK APRIL 11th!

If you have any questions, please contact Hilary Hultman-Lee at HLLlearning@gmail.com

Children's Communion Class

Saturday, April 29th – 9am

Please join us as Fr. Rob guides our children through an 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 participate, please email Ashly Townsend at ashly@stmtts.org.

Flower Dedications for Easter

You are invited to make an Easter flower dedication by filling out a pew card and putting the card and your check in the offering plate today. Any amount is welcome. Please write "Flowers" in the memo line of your check. The deadline for submitting a dedication is Today - Palm Sunday, April 9th.

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.

Candy Donations and Easter Egg Filling

Thursday, April 13th, from 10am-12pm
Candy donations or small toys/stickers are needed for the Easter Egg Hunts on Easter Sunday. Please place items in the bin in the back of the church.

Please join us on **Thursday, April 13th, from 10am-12pm** at the church to fill Easter eggs (room meeting location TBD). Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy after. Thank you so much for helping to make our Easter Egg Hunts a success!!! Contact Ashly at ashly@stmtts.org with questions.

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, 8am-12pm – Lemonade stand during the spring yard sale.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL 9:	Anne Beltrane
APRIL 9:	Rhys Jacoby
APRIL 10:	Katherine Gomez
APRIL 11:	Connor Burns
APRIL 11:	Kathryn Burns
APRIL 12:	Leanna Wilson
APRIL 13:	Jack Gattoni
APRIL 13:	Ashlyn Vallejo
APRIL 14:	Jessica Smith

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. Is this your year to be part of the team? For more information contact Mary Petersen at maryp@stmtts.org.