

THIS WEEK	
SEP 24:	8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service 9:30 AM – Contemporary Service 11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service 12:00 PM – St. Matthew's Day Luau 2:30 PM – EFM 3:00 PM – MCVN 5:30 PM – SNL – Middle School 7:00 PM – Building & Grounds Meeting 7:00 PM – AA 7:00 PM – SNL – High School
SEP 25:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 6:30 PM – ESOL 7:30 PM – Falcon's Landing Bible Study 7:30 PM – Free to Live Small Group and Bread of Life Small Group
SEP 26:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 9:30 AM – All Ages Read Together 11:00 AM – Backpack Buddies Packing 7:00 PM – AA & LINK Board Meeting 7:00 PM – Vestry Meeting 7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
SEP 27:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 10:00 AM – Bridge to Discovery 12:00 PM – AA 5:30 PM – NA 7:00 PM – Alpha 7:15 PM – Financial Peace University
SEP 28:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 9:30 AM – All Ages Read Together 12:00 PM – Bible Study 7:00 PM – After Charlottesville: Talking to Our Kids About Race 7:30 PM – Seraphim Singers Rehearsal
SEP 29:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 7:00 PM – Old Dominion Dancers
SEP 30:	7:00 AM – Flower Guild 7:30 AM – Men's Group 4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal 5:00 PM – Contemporary Service – Pet Blessing 7:00 PM – MCVN and AA

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.

ATTENDANCE		
SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, 2017		
Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	38
8:00 AM	RI	25
9:30 AM	RII	150
11:00 AM	RII	98
Faith Factory		51
Sunrise	MP	7
Prayer & Praise		30

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:
 703-430-2121 (phone)
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<http://www.stmmts.org>

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH
September 24, 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 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 24:	Sheri Brown
SEPTEMBER 24:	Kassidy Juliane
SEPTEMBER 25:	Julie Jacoby
SEPTEMBER 25:	Mia Jurkovic
SEPTEMBER 26:	Max Morrison
SEPTEMBER 27:	Mike DelNegro
SEPTEMBER 28:	Rob Merola
SEPTEMBER 28:	Allison Pritchett
SEPTEMBER 29:	Megan Rickard
SEPTEMBER 30:	Zack Rugen

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY	
SEPTEMBER 25:	Ellen & Richard Whitehouse
SEPTEMBER 26:	Joleen & John Gradich
SEPTEMBER 26:	Shelly D'Antoni & John Runski
SEPTEMBER 30:	Jane Jenness & Gerry Franks

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, Steve, Willie, John, Tristan, Emma, and Oberst family.

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.

Flower Dedications
 The flowers behind the altar this morning are given by John and Kristin Aslanes in joyful celebration of the baptism of their son, John.

Altar flowers are given in glory to God in celebration of the baptism of Kesian Matthew and Aaliyah Louise Jacoby.

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.

Financial Peace University (FPU)

Class has officially begun, but you can still join us on Wednesdays from 7:15-9:15pm. 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

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

Veterans Day Celebration Service

St. Matthew's invites you to celebrate and honor those who have valiantly served our country at the **3rd Annual Veterans Day Celebration Service on Saturday, November 11th, at 11:00 am**. We are excited to welcome Lt. Col. (Ret) Glenn Schiraldi Ph.D. as our guest speaker.

We encourage those family members whose veterans are no longer with us to please come in their memory. All those in attendance are invited to attend the Community Lunch immediately following the service in the fellowship hall.

To show our appreciation for the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces we are creating a video tribute. If you have a family member who is/was in the Armed Forces whom you would like to honor, please send a photo for to Maureen_pgh@yahoo.com.

Small Hands, Big Hearts

Calling all Kindergarten – 5th grade children and their families: 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 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 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).

Mission Trip Leadership Team Forming

Saint Matthew's is in the process of forming a Mission Trip Leadership Team. We are looking for members of this team with a variety of talents: travel scheduling, advance logistics, team leader during the trip, finance coordinator. If one of these roles is a match for your talents or if you are able to help in another way, please email Susie.harding@stmmts.org, Susie Harding, Spiritual Formation Committee Chair.

Backpack Buddies is Gearing Up

Backpack Buddies is packing on Tuesdays! We would love volunteers to join us at **11am on September 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 HLLlearning@gmail.com with any questions.

ESOL Needs Volunteers

ESOL at St. Matt's is growing. We welcome additional volunteers to assist with language instruction with adults and to assist bilingual children with homework. We can also use your old board games. **ESOL meets at 6:45pm Monday nights, and runs until 8:15pm**. You do not have to come every week-- once or twice a month is fine. Training and materials are provided. You'll find it a very rewarding experience. Help us to welcome the stranger in our midst. For more information, contact Roz Gann: [423-202-0007](tel:423-202-0007) or rrgann@gmail.com.

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!

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](tel:703-430-2121) or office@stmmts.org.