

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

The Rev. Brenda S. Overfield, Rector

11300 West Huguenot Road

Midlothian, VA 23113

Announcements for January 20, 2021

GENERAL INFORMATION

Morning Prayer via zoom—8:30 AM

For after-hour emergencies and pastoral care, please contact the Rector or Parish Administrator: 804-464-1842.

For baptisms, marriages, or funerals, please contact the Rector.

For use of the facilities, membership, or giving and pledges, please contact the Parish Administrator.

Church sponsored, Sunday bulletin announcements are due in the office by 12:00 PM, Tuesdays and should be submitted here:

www.stmatmidlo.com/news-announcements

Please see our community bulletin board in Morrison Hall for personal and community announcements.

OFFICE HOURS

By Appointment Only

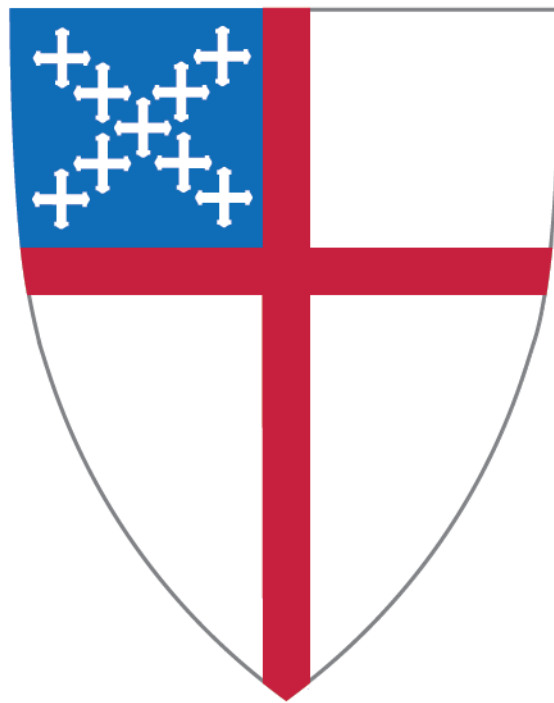
Masks Required.

Staff members are working from home and are checking voice mail and returning calls.

Phone: 804-464-1842 Fax: 804-594-5982

Weather/Emergency Text Updates: Text WeAreIAm to 84483

Web Site: www.stmatmidlo.com ~ Email: st.matthias@stmatmidlo.com



Weekly Update

My Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Now that the Christmas Season has passed – it's time to get ready for Lent!!! Really – Ash Wednesday is in four short weeks on February 17th.

“Come on, Brenda, can't we just bask in the light of Epiphany for a while?!” , you might say.

We can. And we will. And we are. But here's why it's being mentioned in this week's update:

We've come up with a plan that will enable us to celebrate and mark Ash Wednesday as close to what is normative for us, and we need a little time to prepare for that.

Beginning this week, we would ask you to gather a small amount of ashes from your fireplaces or firepits. Please place them in a small bag (a large quantity is not necessary) and leave them in a designated location at the front door to the Commons. We ask that these be brought to the church no later than February 5th. All of our offerings will be combined and ground down and prepared for Ash Wednesday itself.

On February 10 at Noon, there will be a live-streamed service of prayer and the blessing of the ashes. After the service, the blessed ashes will then be placed in small bags and left at the Commons doors for pick up for the following week's service.

On February 17th at 12:15 PM and 7PM, we will have the Service for Ash Wednesday with the imposition of these prepared and blessed ashes as a part of that service. Because it is not a requirement for the ashes to be imposed by a priest, family members can place the blessed ashes on each other's foreheads, or individuals can self-impose the ashes.

I am hopeful that we will all find this to be a very moving and profound way of staying connected to one another despite our temporary separation.

In the meantime, enjoy and live into this season and time of light. May we all be the light, and share the light and love of Christ – at this time and forever.

Yours in Christ,
Brenda+

New Collection Day.

Food Pantry Collection Day: The Food Pantry will be collecting food in the parking lot behind Morrison Hall on Thursday, January 21 from **10:00 AM -11:00 AM.**

Please remember that when you bring your Food Pantry donations to park in the parking lot behind Morrison Hall, remain in your car. Pantry volunteers will take your donation from your car.

For the safety of the staff, donations to the pantry must be brought to the pantry on the 21st. With the rising Covid rates, staff cannot accept donations at the door.

The pantry is in need of the following items:

- Canned corn, green beans or carrots
 - Canned or dried beans
 - Canned tuna or chicken
 - Pancake mix and/or syrup
 - Mac and cheese
- Spaghetti and spaghetti sauce

Limited Access: For the safety of the staff and those working in the pantry, the office and building are open by appointment only. If you need speak to or make an appointment to see the Rector or a staff member you can call 804-464-1842.

Forward Day by Day: The February, March, April Forward Day by Day is now available. You may request a copy be mailed to you by emailing your request to forwarddaybyday@stmatmidlo.com In your request please include your name and address.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets via Zoom on Sunday mornings, from 12:15 - 1:00 pm. Feel free to eat lunch during the class.

Here is the link to the Zoom Sunday School class: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82002087633>
You will be in the waiting room until the host (Sunday School teacher) lets you into the meeting.

January 24th - *Jesus Goes to Nazareth* (Activity - Maze, Word Find & Trivia)

January 31st - *The Disciples* (Activity - Disciple Facts)

January supplies: supplies are being emailed this month; you can request supplies from Kristen at kristen.ketron@stmatmidlo.com

Even if your child does not attend our Zoom Youth Ministry gatherings on Sundays - feel free to request the supplies so you/they are able to participate in spiritual formation when the timing suits you.

YOUTH MINISTRY

We meet weekly on Sundays from 4:00 - 5:00 pm via Zoom.

Here is the link to the Zoom Youth Ministry meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81326382189>

You will be in the waiting room until the host (Youth Ministry leader) lets you into the meeting.

January 24 & 31 - Goals (a series on Wisdom) We all have goals! Whether your goal is to raise your grades, learn a new skill, get TikTok famous, change the world, or all of the above, there are things you want to do, accomplish, and become. But let's be honest — it's not always easy to achieve our goals. Sometimes it difficult to even know which goals to set in the first place! That's why, in this 3-week series, we'll explore the story of a guy with a seemingly impossible goal and the steps he took to make his goal a reality. His name is Nehemiah, and because of his example we can learn a lot about goal-setting, decision-making, leadership, and trusting God.

February 7, 14, 21 & 28 - Free People (a series on Authority)

Please register your youth here: <https://forms.gle/wwr1T73uYYnReCS27>

Seekers Class: The Sunday morning, 9:30 Seekers class will continue to use Richard Rohr's daily meditations through Feb. 14th.

Starting on the first Sunday in Lent, Feb. 21st, the class will begin a Lenten series by Joan Chittister using a book called Lent 2021: To Live Anew. To purchase this book (\$4) contact Debbie Vance at (804) 921-8422 or Debra.vance10@gmail.com Use the Zoom link provide in the Enews or Sunday email to join.

Weekly Zoom Gatherings

All you have to do is click on the links below to join. If there is an access code listed with a link, you will need to use that access code to enter that meeting.

All Sunday Service information and links will sent to you in a separate email.

[Morning Prayer 8:30 AM](#) Pass Code: 847445

[Seekers](#)

[Morning Prayer 11:30 AM](#) Pass Code: 582754

[Monday Evening Kerygma Monday 7:00 PM](#) Pass Code: 555850

[Men's Group Tuesday 8:30 AM](#)

[Passing the Peace Tuesday 7:00 PM](#) Pass Code: 579942

Wednesday Kerygma 10:00 AM: Meeting ID is 651650950

[Centering Prayer Wednesday 7:30 AM](#)

Contributions to the Church

Please continue to offer your faithful gifts by mailing your check to our church office at 11300 West Huguenot Road, Midlothian VA 23113. Please be sure to note on your check if it is for the General Fund or the Outreach Fund and or how you would like your amount split between the two.

Now that staff are in the office you may also give via debit/credit card over the phone by calling Br. Mark.

On-line giving has been set up and activated to provide an avenue to continue to receive members' donations. This includes debit and credit cards as well as direct ACH transactions. We offer these various forms of payment of your donations for your convenience and ease, but never with the wish that you indebt yourselves in so doing. We are grateful for your generosity.

On-line giving is available through our website at www.stmatmidlo.com.

Text Giving

Text: Stmatmidlo and Amount to 73256

PRAYER LIST

Prayer requests can be sent to Br. Mark at Mark.jenkins@stmatmidlo.com.

Our Congregation is asked to keep in their prayers the following:

Monte Montgomery	/William	For the repose of the souls of Louise Auber,
Tom Gough	/Ann	Steve Ketron, and Jay Clow
Bonnie Creton	Sarah	
Pat King	Courtney	We also pray for those in the military, especial-
Walter	Julie Lucas	ly:
Nancy	Linda Seamster	Todd Batteau
Debbie Liu	Edward Black	Sooky Brooks
Regina	George Kirkland	Alex Burton
/Dillon Porado	Betty	Christopher Garland
/Christian Gianola	\Opal & Nancy Moore	Michael Handlan
Michael	Lee	Jake Hentges
Caroline	Betsy	Rebecca Jenkins
Hannah	The Tucker Family	Donta Mason
Preston	Pete	Tom Montgomery
Rebecca	Lou	Phillip Plourd
Regan	Matt	Andrew Rodgers
Chris	/Bob	Heather Smith
Racheal Garcia	Jagne (Jang)	Hank Truillo
Leslie	Mary Elizabeth	Nat Williams
For the Residents and Employees at Bickford	Michael	Corey
Sheila Mandt	Nicholas	Spencer
Jane Griffin	James	Zach
Liz Brengel	Carl & Helen	
Rodger Hardy	Nancy	
Gretchen		
Dick Harman		
Ed McCowan		
Nancy		

MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Caroline Sweeney	25	Darius Firestone	29
Aubriana Anderson	27	Allen Davis	30
Robert Anderson	27	Holly Wescott	30
Cathy Todd	28		