

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

The Rev. Brenda S. Overfield, Rector

11300 West Huguenot Road

Midlothian, VA 23113

Announcements for March 3, 2021

GENERAL INFORMATION

Morning Prayer via zoom—8:30 AM

Holy Communion In-person 11:00 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

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

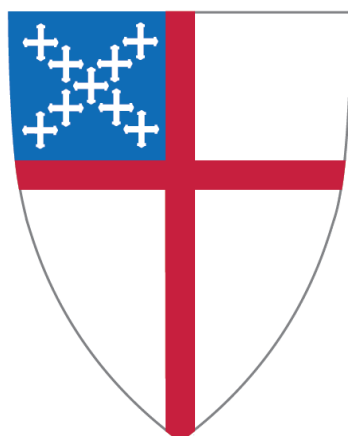
Masks Required

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

“Are You Saved!?”

This was a question a street corner evangelist asked a passer-by. The passer-by stopped, looked at the person, and responded simply, “I am saved. I have been saved. I am being saved.”

The Lord is Risen! And because of his Resurrection, we are raised with him – and are saved, have been saved, and continue to be saved.”

So, what is the practical application of this for us? How can it, does it, look in our day-to-day living?

The short version is this:

Nothing I can ever do will ever separate me from God’s love. Nothing. Drop the mic.

That love happens RIGHT NOW. (Eternity spans time infinitely – not just at some point in the future.)

Because I don’t have to be perfect, because it’s okay to make mistakes – I’m free to be my best self just as I am. When I do make a mistake(and I will...) I can ask God’s help in correcting it, and then have some curiosity about what I can learn from it. Then I can continue to learn and grow.

Because I’m loved, and acceptable the way I am (even at my worst), I can practice that same love and acceptance with everyone whom I meet (even at their worst..).

When all of this happens, the Kingdom of Heaven breaks into our midst. Eden returns.

This is Salvation – by God for us because of Jesus – for ALL of us.

All and only because of the Resurrection.

Do not wait for heaven, for eternal life after death, to claim the promises and the hope of Jesus’ Resurrection – too much can be squandered over that length of time.

Claim your place now. Claim your joy now. Claim and live your hope – right now!

Because -The Lord is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed!
Alleluia!

Yours in faith and joy,
Brenda

Military Prayer List: we will be updating our military list. If you would like the name of a loved one to remain on the military list please email their name to Br. Mark at mark.jenkins@stmatmidlo.com by noon on Tuesday, April 13.

mark your Calendars! The Bishop is Coming!!

As we regather, we also do so now in anticipation of Bishop Susan Haynes first visit at St. Matthias!

The Bishop will be here on June 20th. The time of the in-person service is yet to be determined. We will provide updates as the time grows closer. We are also uncertain as to how to plan a reception- if at all- until we see an easing of restrictions or figure out a safe way to have one. More to follow on that as well. The most important thing is that we will be able to welcome our recently elected Bishop and share with her the wonderful place that is St Matthias!

As a part of her visit, there will be Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows.

This year, Brenda will be offering a combined class for our Confirmands and Adult Inquirer's. It will be an abbreviated, four week curriculum via Zoom on Sunday afternoon at 4PM beginning May 16 and concluding June 6. If you previously expressed interest in participating, or if you are now interested, please contact Brenda directly by April 25th to confirm your participation: bsoverfield@stmatmidlo.com.

Forward Day by Day: The May, June, July issue of Forward Day by Day is now available. To have a copy mailed to you, email your request to: Forwarddaybyday@stmatmidlo.com. In your request please include your name and mailing address.

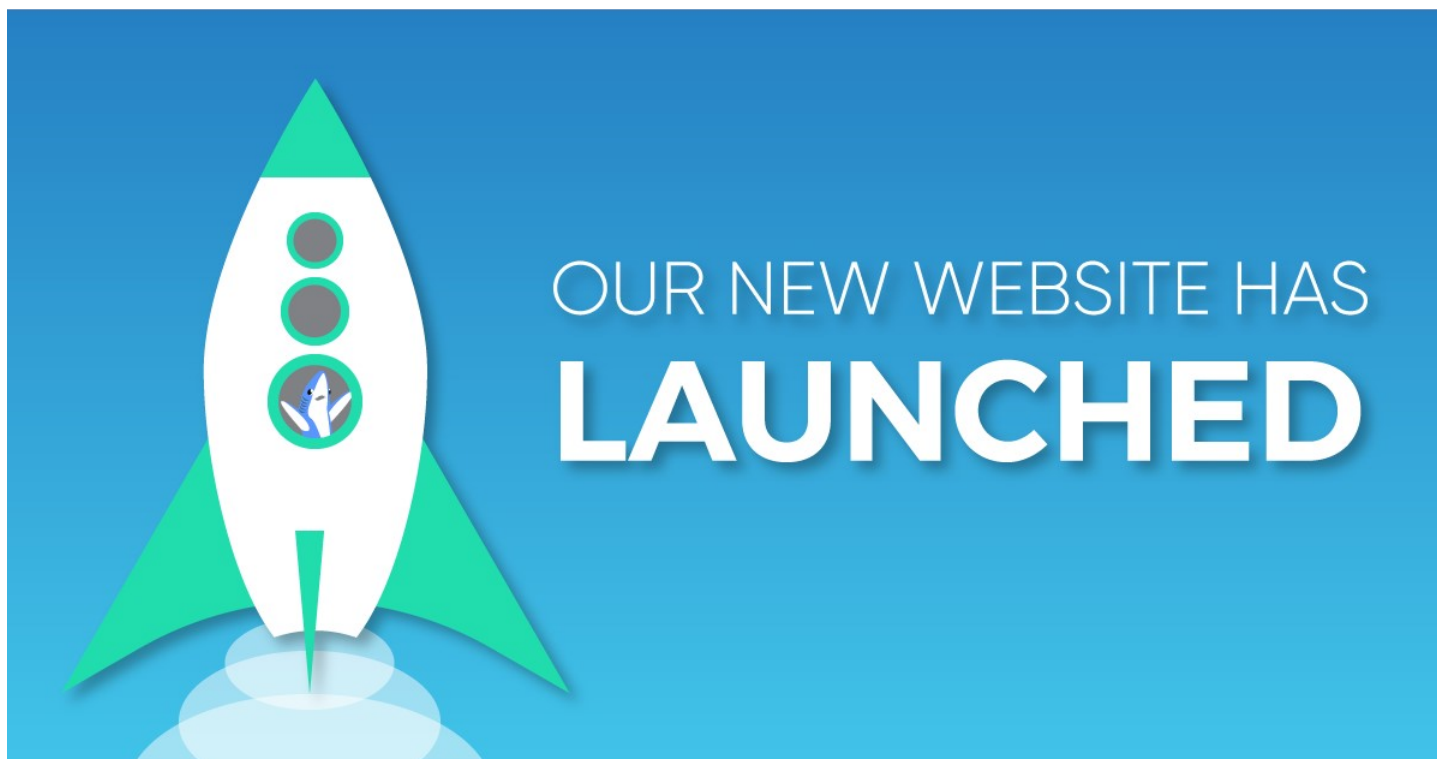
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We hope this information is helpful and offers some clarification regarding how to participate in Sunday services should you wish.



Our New **Website**
has gone live! On Friday, March 26 St. Matthias' new website went live. Check it out at www.stmatmidlo.com.

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Please note that all previous safety guidelines: required masks & social distancing remain in place **regardless of whether or not someone has received the vaccine.**

Virtual Stations of the Cross: Missed our Stations of the Cross service during Holy Week? Attended the service but want to see the SOTC again? The service is available on our YouTube channel.

Click here to access the service [Stations of the Cross 2021](#).

Click here to access the service booklet [SOTC booklet 2021](#)

Thanks to all the participants - children, youth, young adults, and adults - for their contributions. Everyone did an outstanding job. This service is not to be missed!

Food Pantry Opportunities! The Food Pantry is gearing up to once again shop at Feed More, pick up fresh produce from the Salisbury Presbyterian Church blessing garden, and deliver food to families at two elementary schools. Your physical help would be appreciated for any of these tasks. They are all once a month rotating commitments for as little as 30 min and at the most 2 hrs. Please consider joining the Food Pantry team in providing food to those in the community who are in need. Linda Hudgens 804-347-4243 lbhudgets@gmail.com and Sharon Bishop 804-833-7052 sharonbbishop@aol.com

are eagerly waiting to hear from you and can share additional details. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets via Zoom on Sunday mornings, from 12:15 - 1:00 pm. Join us for prayers, Bible stories, games, and music! 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.

April 11 - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (Spring Break)

April 18 - *The Empty Tomb* (Activity - An Illustrated Resurrection Set)

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sundays

We meet weekly on Sundays from 4:00 - 5:00 pm via Zoom. Come join us for prayer, interesting series topics, games, and more. Friends are welcome!

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.

April 11 - NO YOUTH MINISTRY (Spring Break)

April 18 & 25; May 2 & 9 - *Waitlisted (a series on doubts & questions)* Waiting is inevitable. It could mean that the stadium is at capacity, there aren't enough tables at your favorite restaurant on your birthday, the pair of shoes you really wanted is out of stock. Or it could be more serious things like waiting for test results or waiting on help while making a big decision. Abraham and Sarah. Paul and Silas. Saul and David. David and Goliath. Their stories all have something to teach students about what is happening during the season of being "waitlisted". **God has a plan, but we might have to wait for it.** And, while we're waiting, **God is faithful, listening, and hopes you don't give up— because God doesn't give up on you.**

St. Matthias Shelter Feeding: 10 bagged lunches - Saturday, April 24, 2021

Each bag should have a sandwich, a fruit snack, a salty treat, a sweet treat and a napkin. Please no condiments. If you make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, please mark "PBJ" on the bag.

We will meet at 9am on April 24th in the church parking lot to collect the lunch bags. It is most helpful if you can put the 10 lunches in one paper bag or box.

Mary Eilers (804) 908-1575 maryellers@yahoo.com

Carrie Deane (804) 986-6460 carriecdeane@aol.com

Click [here](#) to sign up.

Seekers Class: Starting Sunday, April 11th at 9:30 am the Seekers class will discuss Jesus and the Disinherited by Howard Thurman. The book is described as a brilliant and compassionate look at God's work in our lives and challenges our submersion into individual and social isolation.

The book can be purchased on Amazon and the group will discuss one chapter per week.

See the Sunday morning worship email for a link to the Zoom class.

Contact Barbara Stout - bnbstout@comcast.net for more information.

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 be sent to you in a separate email.

Sundays

[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

[Sunday School 12:15 PM](#)

[Youth Ministry 4:00 PM](#)

[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.

Carol Weible	/Joyce	
Bob Franklin	Sheila	
Audrey McElhinney	Debbie Liu	For the repose of the souls
Linda Seamster	/Bobby	of Ed Tucker & Monte
/Gabe	Ellie	Montgomery
Nathan	Blair	
Dianne	Mary	We also pray for those in
James	Heather	the military, especially:
Nicholas	Gen	Daivon Edmonds
Bill Amend	Margaret Pyles	Todd Batteau
John Johnson	Kate Reid	Sooky Brooks
Larry Palmer	/Rita	Alex Burton
Torian	Courtney	Christopher Garland
/Crystal	Hub	Michael Handlan
Mark Rodstrom	Jan	Jake Hentges
Marg	Dot Worsham	Rebecca Jenkins
Tim Matthews	/Nancy	Donta Mason
Mark	Don	Tom Montgomery
Jane Griffin	Dale	Phillip Plourd
Liz Brengel	Karl & Helen	Andrew Rodgers
Rodger Hardy	Kay Baum	Heather Smith
Gretchen	Jan	Hank Truillo
Dick Harman	Molly	Nat Williams
Ed McCowan	Phil Kennedy	Corey

MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Anna McElhinney	11
Frank Warren	12