

Order of Worship **World Communion Sunday** **October 1, 2017**

+Please stand as you are able

Worship Leaders 8:45 Peter Vernimb 11:00 Jim Davis

Welcome and Friendship Connections

+Choral Introit "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" (vv. 1-2) p. 2151

+Call to Worship

Welcome! On this world communion Sunday we gather to celebrate God's great promises in Jesus Christ with believers all over the world.

Open our hearts today to receive and live the good news.

Hear God's message of salvation. Grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as we receive the holy sacrament.

Lord, change our hearts. Empower us to reflect Your love both in the church and out into the world. Amen.

+Hymn of Praise "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" p. 117

+Affirmation of Faith "The World Methodist Social Affirmation" p. 886

+Choral Response "Seek Ye First" (v. 1) p. 405

Seek Ye First the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Responsive Old Testament Reading Psalm 84 p. 805

Epistle Reading I Timothy 6: 17-19

Blessings and Gathering of Prayers Pastor Pat

Moments for Young Disciples

We provide a staffed nursery for infants - 5 year olds during worship.

Special Music "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" St. Matthias Choir

Gospel Reading Matthew 19: 16-26

Message "Free to Live" Pastor Pat

Invitation/Call to Holy Communion

Prayers of Confession and Words of Assurance Pastor Pat

The Great Thanksgiving pp. 15-16

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Receiving the Bread and Cup

All who seek the Lord with a humble heart are welcome at His table! A gluten-free option is available. You are invited to bring your Tithes and Offerings forward as you come for Holy Communion. The separate baskets are for our local mission fund which is used to help families with utility bills and food.

Prayer following Communion p. 11

Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+Hymn of Discipleship "Freely, Freely" p. 389

+Benediction and Postlude



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in honor in memory of Fran Varela from Roger Varela and to Kathy Smith in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary from Walt Smith.



PET BLESSING ~ TODAY, OCTOBER 1ST ~ 5:00 p.m.

PLEASE bring your pets and join us for a special evening of worship. Service will be held outside, weather permitting. We will have a short message along with the blessing of our animals and Holy Communion.

New Discipleship study TODAY October 1 ~

Moses, by Adam Hamilton, will be the next study for the Seekers Discipleship class on Sunday mornings. Subtitled, "In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet," this 6-week study will follow the footsteps of Moses as he blazed a trail of faith. The reading will be augmented each week with a DVD selection. **POC: Mary Ella Fuquay**

FALL FESTIVAL BASKET AUCTION
Sat, October 7th • 8:00-2:00 pm *New this year!*

The Fall Festival Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, October 7, from 8 to 2 pm. Find those "white elephants" you're no longer using and bring them to church all during the week starting October 1. Items may be placed in the former pre-school room, the last Sunday School room on the left, just past the nursery. Please place items along the walls, out of the way, and they will be priced for you. Be sure to come and shop at the Fall Festival Craft/Yard/Baked Goods sale!

CALLING ALL BAKERS ~ If you love to bake, you're going to love this message! We have an opportunity for you to bake (cookies, brownies, cupcakes, anything you can make in the oven!). Fall Fest/Craft sale is coming up on October 6 & 7, and of course there will be a baked goods sale **AND** a new table, a cookie sale table! So get out your favorite recipes, get that oven stoked up, and bake to your heart's content!

CHILDREN'S SABBATH SUNDAY ~ October 22 - 11:00 service

Children's Sabbath Sunday is a time to celebrate God's gift of children. We reflect on the ways the congregation and individuals can renew their commitment to care for, protect and nurture our children in Christ's holy church. May our teaching and example lead our children to accept God's grace for themselves. May we also look deeply at the needs of children local, and worldwide, and pray for them.
POC: Liz Morris, Momx3gnmad@verizon.net

WOMEN'S RETREAT ~ SAT., OCT. 28 ~ 9:00 a.m.

The theme for this year's Women's Retreat will be Philippians 4:13 "I can do *all* things through *Christ* who strengthens me. The sign up sheet is on the front bulletin board. There is a suggested love offering of \$25.00 to benefit the 2018 Honduras Mission Trip. For more information please contact Betsy Giannuzzi, (703) 586-3153, email: bignp92@gmail.com

POTATO BAR RESCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY. OCT. 29 - 12:15 PM

LOVE AND LAUNDRY continues to be a ministry of blessings! On Friday, September 15, we helped 16 patrons/families and spent \$156.00 in quarters to pay for the laundry of those who came to The Laundry Basket (Chatham Heights Square Shopping Center). Thanks to the St. Matthias congregation for your steady contributions of quarters for this ministry! Next Love and Laundry event: **Friday, October 20, 1 - 5 pm.** POC: Mary Ella Fuquay, (540) 479-8265

Your St. Matthias Mission Team is in action this fall in many ways. Among these is supporting the Salvation Army through donations for Toyland, clothing and food. Per the request of the Salvation Army, we will not be purchasing bicycles this year, but we are continuing to support the Salvation Army in serving even more children in our area through the **Christmas Toyland, clothing and food programs.** Thank you for your prayers for wisdom in using the gifts God has entrusted to us. We ask for your prayers as we take action in sharing our faith, resources and love with others! Thank you for your giving hearts!

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 1

9:45 a.m. Adults
"Good News" Bible Study Rm. 10
"Moses" Fellowship Hall
"The Shack" (begins Oct. 8) Youth Rm. A
9:45 a.m. Children & Youth
6th - 12th- Youth Youth Rm B
1st- 5th Rm. 8
Preschoolers - K Rm. 6
Nursery Rm. 15

5:00 p.m. Pet Blessing/Outside Worship

Monday, October 2

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry
10:00 a.m. Prayer
5:30 p.m. Upper Room
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, October 3

7:45 a.m. Exercise
1:00 p.m. God's Celebrators @ Celebrate
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Wesleyan Bldg. Bros.

Wednesday, October 4

Happy Birthday Donna Jenkins
10:00 a.m. UMW Crafts
5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 5

Happy Birthday L. Ray Smith, Lauren Strausbaugh & Pat Adams
Happy Anniversary Walt & Kathy Smith
6:30 a.m. Micah Breakfast
6:00 p.m. Upper Room
6:29 p.m. Prayer
7:00 p.m. AI-Anon

Friday, October 6

Happy Birthday Bob Powers & Darlene Shelton
5:00 p.m. Craft Show & Auction

Saturday, October 7

7:00 a.m. Pray Like a Man
8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
8:00 a.m. Fall Festival

St. Matthias is continuing to receive gifts to send to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Please make your check out to **SMUMC** with the notation line reading UMCOR Hurricane Relief. Thank you and let us continue to pray for all who are affected by the storms.

*Total collected to date for UMCOR: **\$3,066.00**

Year to date budget needs

9/24/2017: **\$240,825**

Year to date contributions

9/24/2017: **\$215,495**

Year to date Building for Future

fund August 2017: **\$12,653**

Building for Future fund goal for

2017: **\$12,000**

REBUILDING MISSION TRIP ~

NOVEMBER 5-11 ~ Virginia Beach area to help in the aftermath of tornadoes and flooding ~ If you are interested in being God's hands and feet for some or all of that week, please contact Peg Jones, pegjonesva@gmail.com or 540-775-5729. Meeting 12:15 p.m., Sunday, October 15.

**HARVEST SHINE
BELL CHOIR CONCERT
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8
2:00 PM**



Sunday, Oct. 8 ~ 4:00-5:30 p.m.
St. Matthias UMC

GriefShare is a 13-week seminar with videos featuring professional grief experts as well as ordinary people dealing with loss. **The group begins Sunday Oct. 8th, 4pm-5:30pm.** There is no fee, but contributions are welcome. If you'd like more information or would like to join the Grief Share leadership team, please contact Lynda Bartush, lyn7038@yahoo.com or (612) 770-6869

Prayers of the Community of Faith!

There is power in prayer! Please write the names of those you want lifted up in prayer on the Prayer Card in your Friendship Pad. These persons will remain on the prayer list for 21 days (Daniel 10:10-14). Their names may be resubmitted after the 21 days.

Mourning / Families of: •Barbara Mathers (B. Morris) •Diane Harvey (J. Keene)

Continuing Needs: •Velma Bailey (M. Holt) •Paul Balgavy (R. Balgavy) •Hunter Barfield (C. Powers) •Eileen Bowles (R. Keene) •Janet Bowling (R. Courtney) •Debbie Carpenter (B. Anderson) •Margaret Courtney (R. Courtney) •Pattie Cushing (R. Keene) •Lindsey Fortune (D. Farrar) •Mrs. "Clyde" Hambrick •Mary Ann & David Hill (J. Studley) •Rev. Wayne Hogue •Shelley Holmes (B. Holmes) •Billie Jo Hynson (B. Gmitter) •Jamie Kahler (M. Holt) •Doris & Pete Jerman •Jim Kocher (J. Belako) •Kyra (P. Vida) •Ed Marks (J. Clark) •George Nosek (D. Garrett) •Ken Pullen (J. Cover) •Mary Rose (Gene & Ruth Feltner) •Dian Rubiera (B. Giannuzzi) •Emerson Rudacille (J. Studley) •Bob & Claire Runger (B. Anderson) •Joe & Lita Schepers •Suzanne Stafford (D. Hawkins) •Dorothy & Pastor Bob Van Natta (W. Hogue) •Amy Watkins (C. Hall & L. Cooper) •Bob Watts (J. Cover) •Renewal of UMC •Ken & Charlotte Stockwell •Patricia Turley (J. Keene) •Jennifer Giannuzzi (B. Giannuzzi)

Prayer Requests from the week of September 10: •Emma's nephew (K. Breggenti) •Florida people impacted by Hurricane Irma in FL, and beyond •Lura Hill •Michelle Hutchison •Doris & Pete Jerman •P. Thompson's grandchildren (P. Thompson) •Steve Thompson (P. Thompson) •UMCOR Help to the right areas in FLA. and TX. •Chris's younger sister (M. A. Holt) •Jeff Harvill (J. Keene) •Barbara Grant

Prayer Requests from the week of September 17: •Marty Archer (M. A. Holt) •Donna Crowley (J. Cover) •Lura Hill •Michelle Hutchinson •Ken Pullen (J. Cover) •Joe Schepers •Texas & Florida (D. Garland) for the people hit by the hurricanes •Wendy Trant •Bob Watts (J. Cover) •UMCOR and those bringing physical, emotional and spiritual help to those in the pathways of recent storms •The United Methodist denomination and our church as we discern God's next steps forward

Prayer Requests from the week of September 24: • Family of Diane Harvey (J. Keene) •Janet Bahmer, Mike Warlick, Linda Waple, Steve Waple (B. Machleit) •Mackenzi Nimon •Kelli Jones (B. Grant) •Jim (M. A. Holt) •Frankie Wheeler (C. Hall) •Brenda Thompson (A. Gotthardt) •Prayers for the people of Puerto Rico as they recover from Hurricane Maria •Prayers for Mexico as they recover from an earthquake •Dave Whetzel (G. Payne) •Michelle Hutchinson •Ty Ramsey (M. Archer) •Response teams in the wake of all the hurricanes •Grandparents (M. Rivera) •Joe Schepers •Wendy Trant •Travelers in wake of hurricanes •Austin Wolfe (R. Varela) •Sally (M. A. Holt) •Barry Hawes (Tammi Ellis) •For survivors of suicide •See You At the Flagpole Pray Rallies at schools



ST. MATTHIAS YOUTH GROUP

focuses on growing our faith, having LOTS of fun, and maintaining close knit fellowship. The group welcomes all 6th-12th graders! You do not have to be a member of the church to be a part of it....so invite some friends!

Nov. 18 is National Suicide Survivor Awareness Day

Mary Washington Hospice is establishing a Suicide specific grief support group. The meetings are on Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. at their offices at Harbor House in Fredericksburg.

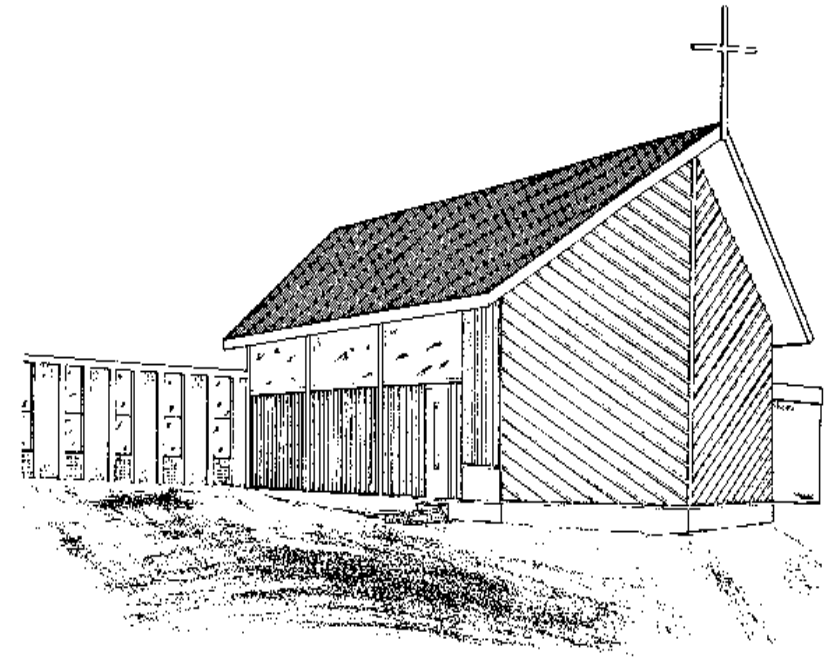
KID'S CLUB PUMPKIN CARVING ~ Sun. Oct. 22. following the 11:00 service

Kid's Club will provide lunch, pumpkins and carving tools. PLEASE SIGN-UP for this activity. We need to know how many pumpkins to purchase. **Kid's Club is open to young children through elementary school. The younger children should have a parent(s) accompany them.**
POC: Britt Morris (540)840-9181, Saltyh2os@gmail.com AND
Liz Morris (540)226-5133, Momx3gnmad@verizon.net

CHARGE CONFERENCE ~ WED., OCTOBER 11, 7:00 p.m.

EASTLAND UMC, 10718 Courthouse Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22407

The theme is INTENTIONAL DISCIPLE-MAKING. All members of the Adm. Council are voting members of the Charge Conference. Come, join with other churches on our Rappahannock River District as we consider how to "make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."



St. Matthias United Methodist Church

A Christ-centered community of faith, reaching, teaching, loving, and serving.

October 1, 2017

A Prayer Covenant Congregation of the Virginia Conference

8:45 & 11:00 Worship

Staffed nursery for infants – 5 yrs.

1st & 3rd Sundays

5:45 p.m. Evening Worship

Discipleship Groups 9:45 – 10:45

Classes for all ages: 3 years - adults

Staffed nursery for infants - 2 years

... wheelchair available and gender-neutral handicap accessible restroom available.

... large print bulletins and hymnals available upon request

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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Attendance on September 24

Sunday School: 43

Morning Worship: 144