



A Christ-centered Community of Faith, Reaching,
Teaching, Loving and Serving

THE MESSENGER

St. Matthias United Methodist Church



APRIL 2018

BROKEN INTO BEAUTIFUL

Inspired by the song "Something Beautiful" by Steven Curtis Chapman, Erica Murray got an idea for an altar display. She took the idea to Pastor Pat and together the idea became a sermon series in July of 2015.

John 4: 5-26 "Blessedness in Brokenness," part 1 (Thirsting for More); Romans 4:25 & 5:1-8 "Blessedness in Brokenness," part 2 (The Great Exchange); Romans 8:28-29; Ephesians 2:10 "Brokenness -- Re-created in Christ," part 3 (All Things Working Together for Our Good)

Broken items displayed around the altar for two Sundays were transformed into something new and beautiful on the third Sunday. This picture was constructed with the help of Amanda Murray from broken plates, reclaimed ceramic floor tiles and dry erase board. It is framed by the top of a discarded glass coffee table.

Just so in our lives, all can be made beautiful again through the grace and purposes of God, revealed in Jesus Christ. Christ is alive and makes all things (yielded to Him) new (Revelation 21:5). In the words of Steven Curtis Chapman, "... grace has just begun," ... God is still working in and through us (Philippians 1:6) to reflect His glory! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!



Something Beautiful

And God's says

I'm gonna turn it into something different
I'm gonna turn it into something good
I'm gonna take all the broken pieces
And make something beautiful like only I could
So put it all in the hands of the Father
Give it up, give it all over to
The only one who can turn it into
Something beautiful
Something really beautiful!

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FredCamp 2018 ~ July 1-7 \$100 deposit due April 1

It's that time of year again! When we start to make our summer plans and think about serving others at FredCamp! Deposit and COMPLETED forms are due **April 1**. Forms can be found at fredcamp.org. Participant requirements for youth: going into 9th grade-completion of 12th grade. **We also need adults to attend and care for our youth!**

POC: Jim Davis, (540) 373-2308

LAY SERVANT TRAINING MAY 4-5, 2018

The Rappahannock River District is pleased to offer Lay Servant training May 4-5 at Warsaw UMC (287 Main Street, Warsaw). The classes will be Friday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Applications are due no later than April 30. Contact Lay Servant Ministries Director, Dottie Garrison, 703.403.8953 or dottiegarrison@yahoo.com for more information.

UPCOMING SERVICES:

Sunday, April 8 – Our Faith story time will feature Emmaus “Pilgrims”

Sunday, April 15th – Holy Humor Sunday, led by Tim Ware and Pastor Pat. Please send your favorite church joke to Pat@stmatthiasumc.org by April 8th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

F.U.N. GROUP TRIP TO THE MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE

If you haven't yet signed up for the F.U.N. Group Trip to the Museum of the Bible in D.C., there's still time to do so! The trip is on **Saturday, April 28**, leaving the church at about 9 a.m. We will be traveling by bus, and . Cost for the trip: \$20 for the bus; \$15 (suggested) donation to the museum; additional cost for your lunch. There are 2 lunch options at the museum: a coffee shop, with lighter fare, and a restaurant with more expensive fare. We will each choose on our own where we would like to eat. There are no restaurants near the museum, and no outside food or drink is permitted in the museum.

Be sure to sign up on the main bulletin board by **Sunday, April 8**. Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing. This will be a wonderful day of experiencing the Bible, first hand!
POC: Mary Ella Fuquay

EASTER SERVICES

March 29 – Maundy Thursday – 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday includes special music from our choir and Matt McBride, along with Holy Communion.

March 30 – Good Friday – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday features special music from our choir and Laura Artis, along with the cross procession and a service of light and darkness.

April 1 – Sunrise Service – 6:30 a.m., followed by light breakfast

April 1 – Easter Service – 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

(Please bring fresh flowers to adorn the living cross.)

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Joe Dunkin Scholarship

The United Methodist Men annually accept applications for a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from the congregation, in memory of Joe Dunkin. Joe, retired from the Stafford High School, was a long time member of the Church, a spiritual leader to many and a tenor in the Church Choir. In his 80's, Joe's voice could still make the building reverberate to his song.

Young men wishing to apply need to submit a free form essay discussing your faith and church involvement, community and school extracurricular activities, collegiate plans; and what you see as God's calling for your future.

Essays should be submitted in hard copy to the either the Church Office or dropped in the United Methodist Men (UMM) mailbox; and by email attachment sent to Mr. Matt McBride at mattmcb29@verizon.net. Essays should be submitted no later than May 25th. Presentation of the scholarship will be during a worship service in June.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Calling all women of St. Matthias and their female relatives and friends! The Glad Hatters' Tea Party is coming on May 6! Right after the 11:00 worship service, we will gather in the Social Hall for a lovely lunch of tea sandwiches, salads, and desserts, along with tea, tea and more tea! And once we have filled our tummies with yummys, we will have a hat-making party! In groups of 2, 3 or more, we will decorate plain straw hats with items provided, and then we will have a hat-fashion show! It's bound to be an afternoon of fun, food, fellowship and lots of laughter, the perfect combination to usher in the merry month of May. Sign up on the main bulletin board, and indicate the number in your group and if you can help (set-up, food prep, etc.). And if you have pretty tea pots or tea cups that we can borrow for decorating and tea-making, let us know! **POC:** Mary Ella Fuquay (540) 479-8265 or Dottie Prater (540) 940-2611.

Kits for Conference: once again, UMW will be assembling Health Kits and School Kits to be taken to Annual Conference (3rd weekend in June) to be given to UMCOR. A sheet listing the "ingredients" in each type of kit will be inserted into the bulletin after Easter, and there will be sheets available by the donations tub, where items can be placed. The tub will be in the Missions Hallway for your donations. And in advance, THANK YOU, for supporting this wonderful project again this year.

All God's Children Camp for children of incarcerated parents is looking for donations of items needed to outfit the cabins where the campers spend their camping week. The list of needed items is on the main bulletin board. If you wish to provide any of the items, please place them in the marked tub in Missions Hallway, and we will get them to the camp director. This would be a great project for a small group to take on, or for us to consider as a whole church. UMW has supported the camp each year, with a donation of a scholarship (\$400) for one camper, and the director of the camp inspired us with success stories when she spoke to our group in February. Need more information about the camp? **POC:** Mary Ella Fuquay. Thank you, St. Matthias family, for your prayerful consideration of support for this great ministry of mission.

UMW also thanks everyone for your great support of our sale of spring crafts and Easter baskets. Your generosity makes our UMW mission donations possible!

May the joy and promise of Easter fill your hearts and change your lives as we serve our Risen Lord and Savior.

WORSHIP

Happy Easter! Looking forward to seeing all of you on April 1st to celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ!

We will have 3 services on Easter:

Sonrise service will be held outside, in front of the crosses, at 6:30 a.m. with communion, followed by a light breakfast.

8:45 a.m. & 11 a.m. services are inside with communion.

(Please remember to bring fresh flowers to adorn the living cross)

We can also worship and honor God by watching Christian movies:

“Jesus Christ, Superstar – Live” is on TV Easter evening 8 p.m. on NBC!

If you have an Easter break from school or work, there are at least 3 Christian movies in the theater:

“God’s Not Dead 3 – A Light in the Darkness”

“I Can Only Imagine”

“Paul, the Apostle”



JOIN US FOR LIFE WALK 2018

2018 marks the inaugural Life Walk and we are less than three weeks away!

Acknowledging that LIFE begins at conception and is worthy of protection, the community of Fredericksburg is WALKING in support of the various LIFE-AFFIRMING ministries that directly sustain and offer hope to those who are most vulnerable.

Come out with your family, church group, and neighbors for a fun walk, food and music as we raise awareness and funds together! Every registrant will receive a t-shirt and goody bag the day of the walk!

We look forward to you joining us as we foster a culture of life in our community.

Pre-register at LifeWalkFxbg.com

EASTER ACTIVITES ~ PALM SUNDAY



The children enter the Sanctuary waving their palm fronds in celebration of Palm Sunday.



Anna Gotthardt displays a sample of an Easter craft designed by her son, Gabriel.



VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - IT'S COMING!!!!

It may be cold and wintery outside, but it's not too early to start thinking about our ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE Vacation Bible School that will be held August 6-10, 9:00-noon!!

There are lots of positions to fill. Maybe you did something last summer that you'd like to do again? If you know what position you'd like to have, let me know ASAP so I can save it for you!!

Please contact me with any questions.

Liz Morris, momx3gnmad@verizon.net, 540-226-5133

**Scheduled meeting dates are:

April 28

May 19

June 23

July 28

Decorating Days - Aug 3 & 4

All meeting times are 9:30 am



APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>6:30 am Sunrise Service 8:45 am Easter Service 11:00 am Easter Service</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 Upper Room</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:45 a.m. Exercise 11:30 Disc. 4 1:00 God's Celebrators 7:00 WBB</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 am UMW Crafts 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00 p.m. UR 6:29 Prayer 7:00 Al Anon 7:00 Trustees 7:00 Heartwood Board</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 PLAM 8:00 Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>8</p> <p>5:00 Praise Practice 6:30 UMYF</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 Upper Room 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:45 a.m. Exercise 11:30 Disc. 4 1:00 God's Celebrators 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 WBB</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 am UMW Meeting 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00 p.m. UR 6:29 Prayer 7:00 Al Anon 7:00 Worship</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 PLAM 8:00 Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:45 a.m. 2nd Sunday Fellowship 5:00 Praise Practice 5:45 p.m. Evening Worship 6:30 UMYF</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 Upper Room 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:45 a.m. Exercise 11:30 Disc. 4 1:00 God's Celebrators 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 WBB</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 am UMW Crafts 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir 7:00 Finance</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00 p.m. UR 6:29 Prayer 7:00 Al Anon 7:00 p.m. Ad Council</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1-5:00 p.m. Love & Laundry Youth Retreat 20-22</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 am Pray Like a Man 8:00 Men's Bible Study UMM Yard Sale</p>
<p>22</p> <p>7:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast 5:00 Praise Practice Youth Return</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 Upper Room 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:45 a.m. Exercise 11:30 Disc. 4 1:00 God's Celebrators 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 WBB</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 am UMW Crafts 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00 p.m. UR 6:29 Prayer 7:00 Al Anon 7:00 Admin Council</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 Pray Like a Man 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:00 a.m. F.U.N. Group Trip 9:30 a.m. VBS Meeting 9-4:00 p.m. G.S. Rain Gutter Regatta</p>
<p>29</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Potato Bar 5:00 Praise Practice 6:30 p.m. UMYF</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 am Prayer 5:30 Upper Room 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:45 a.m. Exercise 11:30 Disc. 4 1:00 God's Celebrators 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 WBB</p>				

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Adam Bray
- 2 Bob Gmitter
- 2 James Pettit
- 3 Barry Jones
- 3 John Moore
- 7 Spencer Ashby
- 9 Lily Main
- 9 Mioko Krehbiel
- 9 Charlotte Stockwell
- 9 Carolyn Sprinkle
- 11 Graham Morris
- 11 Julia Nedza
- 13 Bob Dixon
- 15 Becky Machleit
- 16 Brian Plum
- 19 Bonnie Gardner
- 19 Pete Wick
- 21 Brittany Morris
- 21 Erin Wetzel
- 21 Gene Pitzer
- 23 Ken Stockwell
- 24 Joe Reichard
- 24 Madison Toombs
- 25 Sue Hoiska
- 25 Judith Chaplin
- 25 Peter Vernimb
- 26 Fenton Piggott
- 29 Russell Stone
- 30 Beth Barnes

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 A.C. & Shirley Glover
- 5 Jim & Helen Powell
- 6 Jeff & Laraye Berry
- 6 Mike & Erica Murray
- 14 Roger & Margaret Morgan
- 17 Jerry & Barbara Hardison
- 25 Todd & Mary Eva Repass

The annual United Methodist Men's Yard Sale will be held Saturday, April 21. Please save all the good stuff you don't need or want anymore and consider donating it to support the ministries of the St. Matthias United Methodist Men. Please drop your donations in the Fellowship Hall the week of April 16.



PHI THETA KAPPA
HONOR SOCIETY

We would like to congratulate our Administrative Assistant and Financial Secretary, Susan Courtney, for her upcoming induction in to the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society of two-year colleges and recognizes students for exemplary academic achievement. Susan is studying Business Administration, working towards her Associates degree from Rappahannock Community College. Way to go, Susan! The induction ceremony will take place later this month.





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"A church alive is worth the drive!"

A Prayer Covenant Congregation of the Virginia Conference

Phone: (540) 373-8759 - Email: office@stmatthiasumc.org

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

Nursery Volunteers Always Appreciated!!!!