

# THE MESSENGER

St. Matthias United Methodist Church

October 2017

## Harvest Time!

***October is a season of Harvest, a precious time when we celebrate the fruit of many laborers:***

\***Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>:** **BLESSING of the ANIMALS and EVENING WORSHIP**, led by our praise band, *Awaken the Dawn*, 5:00 p.m. outside; in the event of rain, we will move to the fellowship hall.

\***FALL FESTIVAL - October 6<sup>th</sup> (5:00- 7:00 p.m.) and October 7<sup>th</sup> (8:00 -2:00 p.m.)** Come, sample creative treasures from our Wednesday crafters, baked goodies from the kitchens of our congregation, and donated items in a new event – UM Women’s Basket Auction!

\* **Sunday morning opportunities for discipleship:** \***MOSES: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet**, meeting in the fellowship hall; \***THE SHACK**: discussions around the book and recent movie, meeting in youth room A; Jim Haney’s BIBLE CLASS in room 10; Erin Wetzels and Youth meet in youth room B; Classes for children of all ages: pre-school - led by Brenda Wood, and Judy Hartford – elementary children.

\*New **SEASON of FALL SOFTBALL** with new friends of Coach Justin wearing the St. Matthias green and white jerseys with the UM flame and cross: Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> – Melchers Field and Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> at Duff Field. Games are at 8:30 p.m. Support our team!

\***HARVEST SHINE CONCERT**, featuring our newly-refurbished BELLS - Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. A love offering will be received to help with this ministry.

\***GRIEF SHARE** – Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., a new session begins, facilitated by Lynda Bartush – Invite a friend to come and embark on this journey together. Each participant receives a workbook with helpful resources. The DVD as well as the small group sharing is both comforting and enlightening.

\***CHARGE CONFERENCE**, Weds. October 11<sup>th</sup>, at Eastland UMC, sharing from churches on intentional ways we make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, along with the yearly business of the church.

\***NEXT LOVE and LAUNDRY**: Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1-5 p.m., at *The Laundry Basket*, Chatham Square

\***VOLUNTEERS in MISSION** are making a difference, now more than ever before! Forrest White, VA Conference VIM Coordinator, will be speaking in both 8:45 and 11 a.m. worship on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Following 11 a.m. worship, Peg Jones will host a meeting about our next **Mission Trip, November 5-11**, in VA Beach to do some rebuilding in the aftermath of last Spring’s storms. If you can serve for part of the week, you are welcome!

\***CHILDREN’S SABBATH**: Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, thanking God for opportunities for and with children!

\*Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. - **Women’s Retreat**, “I Can Do All Things through Christ,” led by Betsy Giannuzzi. A suggested donation of \$25 will go to help our Honduras Mission Team bless children and families with the love of Christ.

\***TRUNKS and TREATS**, sponsored by our St Matthias UM Youth, 5 – 7 p.m. **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

***Pray for and invite others. Be a part of helping nurture disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!  
(John 4:35) It’s Harvest Time!***

***On the journey with you,***

***Pastor Pat***

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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. 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:lyn7038@yahoo.com) or (612) 770-6869

### Nursery Emergency!! Please help!!

The nursery is in desperate need for volunteers, especially for the 11:00 a.m. service (we currently have only 3 people on the rotation). The 8:45 a.m. service could use more volunteers also! If you have had Safe Sanctuary training and feel led to help out, please email Susan Gmitter at [susan.gmitter@navy.mil](mailto:susan.gmitter@navy.mil). Dave Hogue is always willing to assist anyone who needs to have Safe Sanctuary training.

## Wills, Living Trusts, Estate and Legacy Planning Seminar

St. Matthias Endowment Committee is hosting a Wills and Estate Planning Seminar on November 4, 2017 between 10:00AM and 11:30AM at the church. If you do not have a will or it is more than 3 years old, this is an opportunity to ask questions about your Wills and Estate Plan and whether they need to be updated. As families grow and change, estates also grow and change and should be adjusted to reflect the current status and how you want your property, investments and other holdings to be distributed at the settlement of your estate. This is a free seminar, which will be led by Attorney Gaby Coronado of the Coronado Law Firm in Stafford, VA. We will have a signup sheet for this seminar on the bulletin board, so be thinking about this and set aside Saturday, November 4, 2017 for this important opportunity.

Gordon Payne

Chair of the Endowment Committee

## 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!

POC: Mary Ella Fuquay, (540) 479-8265



### FALL FESTIVAL

Sat, October 7<sup>th</sup> • 8:00-2:00 pm

Craft Show & Auction Begins  
Fri, October 6<sup>th</sup> • 5:00-7:00 pm

## BASKET AUCTION

New this year!

Restaurants, Veterinarians, Car Oil changes, Specialty shops, SkyZone, Hair Salons, Wilderness Resort, Fawn Lake Fishing, Flower Shops, filled baskets, and so much more!

25 Chances for \$10.00

Along with our favorites from previous years:

- Crafts
- Cookie & Bake Sale
- White Elephant
- Children's face painting
- Lunch available

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). We laughed, wept, prayed and talked with patrons that afternoon, and gave St. Matthias brochures and magnets to them. We gave packets of crayons, coloring pages, Play-Doh and lifesavers to a couple of children who came in with their weary moms. The owner, Yul, enthusiastically agreed to let us leave several copies of our church brochures there, and to post Fall Fest/craft sale information on the bulletin board. Thanks to Margaret Ann Holt, Beth McBride, Sandy Rawlins, Debbie Whittington and Dee Naifeh for their hard work, and to the St. Matthias congregation for their steady contributions of quarters for this ministry! Next Love and Laundry event: Friday, October 20, 1 - 5 pm.

**VITAL CHURCH TEAM**

As you've no doubt seen in the Sunday bulletins, the Love and Laundry ministry continues to be a blessing, as we help folks by paying for their laundry at the Laundry Basket Laundromat on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday afternoon of each month. Thank you, St. Matthias, for your generous support of this ministry; your quarters in the detergent bucket by the sanctuary door make this possible! Next Love and Laundry event: Friday, October 20,

1-5 pm. Want to help? Call or email Mary Ella Fuquay for details, (540) 479-8265, mefuquay@gmail.com

Other Vital Church Team events in October:

**5-Talent Academy** (Woodlake UMC in Midlothian)

Thursday, October 19, 9 am – 3 pm  
POC: Mary Ella Fuquay, (540) 479-8265

**Vital Church Meeting**

Tuesday, October 24, 6:00

Garaffa's Pizza (Truslow Road at Rt. 1)

All are welcome to join us for great pizza and planning upcoming ministry events for St. Matthias!

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Saturday, September 23 was a very special day for the UMW of St. Matthias. We hosted the **Rappahannock River District UMW's Annual Meeting**, and nearly 90 women came to worship, to learn, to enjoy fellowship, to celebrate goals met, and to vote on important issues for the upcoming year. The morning's speaker was Gloria Whitley, Nurse Manager of the Fredericksburg Pregnancy Center/Choices, and her description of the work done at the Center to assist young parents to make informed decisions when faced with unplanned pregnancies was inspiring and uplifting. The St. Matthias UMW unit was awarded two certificates of recognition: Level 1 of Living Into Our Purpose, and a 5-Star Unit Certificate for mission work donations. The certificates are on the bulletin board near the end of the classroom hallway; nice tributes to the hard work done all year long by our dedicated UMW members.

UMW members continue to make “**cough pillows**” for Stafford Hospital patients who have had abdominal surgery or C-section baby deliveries. We are providing approximately 40 of these pillows per month, and we have received some very appreciative notes and cards from recipients of same. Interested in helping to sew and stuff these pillows? Call or email Sherry King, and she'll tell you what is needed!

**FALL FESTIVAL** The biggest event in the UMW year will be taking place on Friday evening, October 6 (5 – 7 pm) and Saturday, October 7 (8 am – 2 pm): our annual Craft Fair and Fall Festival! A new addition to the craft fair this year will be a Basket Auction, where folks can purchase opportunities to win a variety of gift cards and services from local merchants. Also new this year will be a cookie table (separate from the ever-popular baked goods table), at which you'll be able to purchase tins of homemade cookies for your holiday enjoyment!

The Fall Fest is always a great family event, a chance to do holiday shopping, and mostly, a chance to enjoy time, conversation and lunch with friends. Start setting aside your used treasures for the yard sale, baking goodies for the baked goods table, and inviting your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy the fun!

## KID'S CLUB PUMPKIN CARVING

Sunday, October 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.\*\*

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## children's choir

Did you know.....St. Matthias has a CHILDREN'S CHOIR! We practice during Sunday school hour for the first 15 minutes. The Sunday school teacher's will bring your child to the sanctuary to sing. We sing in church once a month at the 11:00 service. Come to Sunday school and choir practice!

"Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God..." Psalm 147.1

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## 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.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Mark 10:14

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Our Worship Committee has been busy this Fall working on upcoming services. In September, we had testimonies from the Honduras Team on 9/3/17. Then the Rainbow, Butterfly, Unicorn, Chicken All Girl Band played at both services on 9/17/17 and the children sang 9/24/27 at the 11 am. service! On 10/01/17, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday and enjoy the aroma of all the bread. That evening at 5 pm, we will have an outdoor service with Awaken the Dawn Band and have our animals blessed by Pastor Pat. I am hoping to bring my kitty in her travel cage and Beth might even bring a chicken! The hand bells will be playing at both services

on 10/08/17 with a bell concert at 2 pm. that same day. Awaken the Dawn will also play at the 11 am service on 10/15/17 and Children's Sabbath will be on 10/22/17. Please come and join us in the variety of worship this autumn.

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."

# MISSIONS



The theme for this year's Women's Retreat will be Philippians 4:13 "I can do **all** things through **Christ** who strengthens me. Sometimes it is as simple as putting one foot in front of another, other times it requires great leaps of faith. Come explore your faith and belief that anything is attainable by letting Christ guide you and lead you through. His hand is always on you.

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](mailto:bignp92@gmail.com)

## HONDURAS MISSION TRIP ~ 2018

May 26 ~ June 2

REBUILDING MISSION TRIP ~ NOVEMBER 5-11 - Our next rebuilding mission trip sponsored by the Virginia Conference will be in the Virginia Beach area to help in the aftermath of tornadoes and flooding. Meet at 12:15 p.m. on Sun., October 15<sup>th</sup> If you are interested in being God's hands and feet for some or all of that week, POC: Peg Jones, [pegjonesva@gmail.com](mailto:pegjonesva@gmail.com) or 540-775-5729

## New Discipleship study 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. We can still order books if you want to join this study. POC: Mary Ella Fuquay, (540) 479-8265



The Shack discipleship study will begin October 8<sup>th</sup> in Youth Room A. The class will begin by viewing the movie, then reading the book and completing a study guide. The book and study can be purchased online (Amazon.com) for \$16.00. Please contact Britt Morris for more information, (540)840-9181, [Saltyh2os@gmail.com](mailto:Saltyh2os@gmail.com)



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!

## TRUSTEES

by Rich Kaufmann

Here is an update on the projects the Trustees are working on:

As I have relayed in the past, building our shed is moving slower than anticipated. We have experienced a challenging time finding a contractor to complete the foundation which is considered a "small" job. We finally received a quote on the foundation work and have a general contractor to act as a construction manager. He is preparing the paperwork to present our plans to the county for approval. Timing of the build is still up in the air.

Since we are having such a difficult time finding contactors to work on small jobs, David Hawkins is spearheading completion of the sanctuary project. We estimate it will cost less than \$300.00 with us providing the labor. We currently have the installation left over from the ceiling project completed earlier this year.

Our twenty-eight year old dishwasher is broken and the cost of repair would be unwise. We reviewed configurations and prices from several sources and purchased a 'door type' machine along with new soil-and-clean tables. No longer will we have to lift racks of dishes and bend over to load and unload the machine. Racks will slide from the soil table into the dishwasher and then slide to the clean table when finished. I asked the vendor and they have agreed to donate several bottles of chemicals used in the machine. These clean, rinse and sanitize chemicals dispense automatically at the appropriate time during the cleaning cycle. The equipment has been ordered with installation expected in late September or October.

The UMW has graciously contributed \$3,000 toward the price of the dishwasher and tables. Since we will not be paying a contractor for the sanctuary project the UMW decided to put the money donated for that project toward the dishwasher. We owe a big THANK YOU to the UMW.

We are working on several projects at the parsonage. These include replacing the kitchen doors and drawer fronts since the paint is peeling, seal coating the driveway, power washing and staining the ramp and fencing around the carport and trimming bushes and trees. THANK YOU to Mike Murray for removing an over grown tree in the yard.

We have known for years that kids are climbing on the church roof. We have expensive equipment up there that could be destroyed or the rubber roof membrane punctured. We have also found out from a neighbor that apparently illicit activities are occurring in the parking lot during the wee hours of the morning. The police have been made aware of this issue. Discussions were held about installing fencing on the roof to prevent the climbing but there are too many access points to fence. We are installing security cameras outside and inside of the church. This will enable us to provide law enforcement evidence of these activities. The cameras will also provide coverage to the church office and nurse.



Thanks to CheerL's Cleaning Service for our new soap dispensers in our restrooms!

**Congratulations to Matthew Rivera for completing the Early Response Team course offered by the VA Conference! The Next Training: October 14, 2017, Warrenton**

**United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Early Response Team (ERT) certification training.**

Early Response Teams respond during the first phase of disaster relief, providing Christian presence. Your church and community could also be faced with a disaster. Train to be ready to respond and know the first steps to help. Registration fee is \$55, which includes training manual. UMCOR ERT badge, T-shirt and background check fee (forms will be handed out at training). Checks should be made out to the Virginia Conference and brought the day of training.

**Basic Early Response Team Training ~ Saturday, October 14, 2017 ~ 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.**

Bethel UMC 6903 Blantyre Road, Warrenton VA

Lunch will be provided. Cost is \$55 which includes background fee, materials and ERT T-shirt. Register: [bethelumc.com](http://bethelumc.com)

## The St Matthias Ringers-"Harvest Shine" October 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 2:00 p.m.



Our bells have been on a road trip to the spa! No, not our human ringers, but the bells themselves. This past May we took our 3 octave set of used Handbells to the Schulmerich Handbell Company in PA for much needed refurbishment, where they were buffed, polished, tuned and mechanically perfected! The Ringers and Ringer Ensemble will present a "Harvest Shine" concert to introduce our "new" bells at 2:00 on October 8. We've been busy since mid August preparing all new music selections with a surprise planned during our Noah's "Arky Arky" piece. We need your help! Our generous Worship Committee budgeted and paid \$2000 for the work, but after some unexpected necessary repairs, our total refurbishment cost was \$2400. We ask that you please give to the love offering during our concert to help put the cost overage back in our bell SDA. You'll be able to catch a concert preview at both morning services on October 8! As always, the Ringers extend love and gratitude to the

Worship Committee and our congregation for your continued support of our ministry. Invite a friend to the October 8<sup>th</sup> "Harvest Shine" concert as we ring for the Glory of God.

## PET BLESSING ~ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> ~ 5:00 p.m.

All God's  
Creatures



All God's creatures are a blessing to us all. Whether it is the dog that lays at your feet, the cat that curls up in your lap, the chicken who provides your morning eggs, the cow that provides the milk for your cereal or service animals that save lives every day, they are gifts from God to enrich our lives.

PLEASE bring your pets and join us for a special evening of worship. On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 evening worship will be held at 5:00 p.m. Service will be held outside, weather permitting. We will have a short message along with the blessing of our animals and Holy Communion.



### FALL SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

#### MECHLER'S FIELD

Friday ~ October 6 ~ 8:30 p.m.

Friday ~ October 13 ~ 8:30 p.m.

Friday ~ October 20 ~ 8:30 p.m.

#### DUFF FIELD


Friday ~ October 23 ~ 8:30 p.m.

## Golden Broom Award



THANK YOU, GREG ANDERSON & FAMILY

# October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>1</b> <b>5:00 Pet Blessing/ Outside Worship</b>	<b>2</b> <b>9-11 Food Pantry</b> 10:00 am Prayer <b>5:30 Upper Room</b> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	<b>3</b> <b>7:45 a.m. Exercise</b> 1:00 God's Celebrators <b>6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts</b> 7:00 pm Wesleyan Bldg Bros	<b>4</b> <b>10:00 am UMW Crafts</b> 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir <b>6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>5</b> <b>Fall Festival Set-UP</b> <b>6:30 a.m. Micah Brkfst</b> 6:00 Upper Room <b>6:29 pm Prayer</b> 7:00 Al Anon	<b>6</b> <b>Fall Festival Set-Up</b>  <b>5-7:00 p.m. Craft Show &amp; Auction</b>	<b>7</b> <b>FALL FESTIVAL</b> 7:00 Pray Like a Man <b>8:00 Men's Bible Study</b> 8-2:00 p.m. Fall Festival	
<b>8</b> <b>9:45 a.m. 2nd Sunday Fellowship</b> 2:00 Bell Concert <b>4-5:30 p.m. Griefshare</b> 5:00 p.m. Praise Practice <b>6:30 UMYF</b>	<b>9</b> <b>9-11 Food Pantry</b> 10:00 am Prayer <b>5:30 Upper Room</b> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	<b>10</b> <b>7:45 a.m. Exercise</b> 1:00 God's Celebrators <b>6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts</b> 7:00 pm Wesleyan Bldg Bros	<b>11</b> <b>10:00 am UMW Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir <b>6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts</b> 7:00 Choir <b>7:00 p.m. Charge Conference @ Eastland UMC</b>	<b>12</b> 6:00 Upper Room <b>6:29 pm Prayer</b> 7:00 Worship <b>7:00 Al Anon</b> 7:00 p.m. Statistics Workshop	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>7:00 am Pray Like a Man</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m. - <b>12:00 p.m. Emmaus 4<sup>th</sup> Day Training</b>	
<b>15</b> <b>7:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast</b> 12:15 p.m. Mission Trip Mtg. <b>4:00 Griefshare</b> 5:00 Praise Practice <b>5:45 p.m. Evening Worship</b> 6:30 UMYF	<b>16</b> <b>9-11 Food Pantry</b> 10:00 am Prayer <b>5:30 Upper Room</b> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	<b>17</b> <b>7:45 Exercise</b> 1 pm God's Celebrators <b>6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts</b> 7:00 pm Wesleyan Bldg Bros	<b>18</b> <b>Retired Teacher's Luncheon</b> <b>10:00 am UMW Crafts</b> 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir <b>6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts</b> 7:00 Choir <b>7:00 p.m. Finance</b>	<b>19</b> <b>9-3:00 p.m. 5 Talent's Academy</b> <b>6:00 p.m. Upper Room</b> 6:29 Prayer <b>6:30 Cub Scout Comm. Mtg.</b> 7:00 Admin Council <b>7:00 Al Anon</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Love &amp; Laundry 1-5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>21</b> <b>7:00 Pray Like a Man</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study <b>9:30 Missions</b>	
<b>22</b> <b>12:15 p.m. Kid's Club Pumpkin Carving</b> 4:00 Griefshare <b>5:00 Praise Practice</b> 6:30 UMYF	<b>23</b> <b>9-11 Food Pantry</b> 10:00 am Prayer <b>5:30 Upper Room</b> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	<b>24</b> <b>7:45 Exercise</b> 1 pm God's Celebrators <b>6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts</b> 7:00 pm Wesleyan Bldg Bros	<b>25</b> <b>10:00 am UMW Crafts</b> 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir <b>6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>26</b> <b>6:00 Upper Room</b> 6:29 Prayer <b>7:00 Al Anon</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>7:00 Pray Like a Man</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study <b>9:00 a.m. Be Still &amp; Know Meditation</b>	
<b>29</b> <b>12:15 Rise Against Hunger Potato Bar</b> 4:00 Griefshare <b>5:00 p.m. Trunks and Treats</b>	<b>30</b> <b>9-11 Food Pantry</b> 10:00 am Prayer <b>5:30 Upper Room</b> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout	<b>31</b> <b>7:45 Exercise</b> 1 pm God's Celebrators <b>6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts</b> 7:00 pm Wesleyan Bldg Bros					



## October Birthdays

- 4 Donna Jenkins
- 5 L. Ray Smith
- 5 Lauren Strausbaugh
- 5 Pat Adams
- 6 Bob Powers
- 6 Darlene Shelton
- 8 Ben Wood
- 8 Erica Murray
- 8 Kurt McBride
- 9 Eric Hartman
- 9 Mike Murray
- 9 Linda Monaghan
- 10 Jacqueline Arthur
- 10 Robert Anderson
- 13 Matthew Lonergan
- 14 Caleb Rippey
- 17 Tyler Ellis
- 19 Logan Ellis
- 20 Cynthia Gallant
- 20 Linda Pettit
- 22 Jacob Berry
- 23 Brian Harkless
- 23 Rodney Hubbard
- 24 Margaret Morgan
- 24 Debbie Whittington
- 28 Michaela Moore
- 29 Ashton White-Toombs
- 29 Haleigh Roland

## October Anniversaries

- 3 Ross & Cheryl Potts
- 5 Walt & Kathy Smith
- 9 Gregg & Teresa Orto
- 10 Jason & Angelique Toombs
- 14 Brad & Jolene Rippey
- 14 David & Rosa Hogue
- 18 John & Lois Nedza
- 19 Sean & Jennifer Belako
- 21 Bob & Susan Gmitter
- 24 David & Christie Conrad
- 25 Geoffrey & Brittany Morris
- 25 Larry & Patsy Vida
- 26 Derrick & Sue Hoiska

### LABELS FOR EDUCATION COMING TO AN END ([labelsforeducation.com](http://labelsforeducation.com))

In the past few years participation in *Labels for Education* has declined and as a result, Campbell has come to the very difficult decision to wind down the Labels for Education program. Only UPCs with the *Labels for Education* logo will be accepted and redeemed for points into registered schools' bank accounts. The deadline for submission is January 2, 2018 and the deadline to redeem merchandise is May 31, 2018.

The Labels for Education program will officially come to an end July 31, 2018.



**St. Matthias United Methodist Church**

**426 Deacon Road**

**Fredericksburg, VA 22405**



## St. Matthias United Methodist Church

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

"A church alive is worth the drive!"

***A Prayer Covenant Congregation of the Virginia Conference***

Phone: (540) 373-8759 - Email: [office@stmatthiasumc.org](mailto: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!!!!***