

Order of Worship

Epiphany

January 7, 2018

+Please stand as you are able

Worship Leader 8:45 Dianne Moore 11:00 Peg Jones

Welcome and Friendship Connections

+Choral Call to Worship "We Are Marching in the Light of God" p. 2235-b

+Unison Prayer

Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, You brought the nations to Your light and kings to the brightness of Your rising. Fill the world with Your glory, and show Yourself to all the nations; through Him who is the true light and the bright and morning star, even Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord. Amen.

+ Hymn of Praise "We Three Kings" p. 254

+Affirmation of Faith from the United Church of Canada p. 883

+Choral Response "When They Saw the Star"

When they saw the star, saw the shining star, They were filled with exceeding, exceeding great joy, They were filled with exceeding great joy!

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60: 1-6

Epistle Reading Ephesians 3: 7-12

Blessings and Prayers of God's People Pastor Pat

Moments with Young Disciples Tim Ware

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

Special Music "Seeking the King" St. Matthias Choir
Tammi Ellis, soloist

Gospel Reading Matthew 2: 1-12

Message "Why Worship" Pastor Pat

Invitation to Holy Communion

Hymn of Preparation "What Child Is This" p. 219

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 "The First Noel" (vv. 1-2 & 5) p. 245

+ Benediction and Postlude Carole Hall

MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS (HONDURAS 2018)

TODAY, after the 11:00 service, we will be having our first meeting to discuss the mission trip to Honduras. The dates for the trip are 26 May-2 June 2018. A \$200.00 nonrefundable deposit will be due **NO LATER THAN 15 January**. POC: Peg Jones, 540-775-5729,

LADIES EXERCISE CLASS 2018 ~ STARTING *THIS* TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

Ladies exercise class kicks off 2018 at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Come join the ladies for a fun filled hour while getting fit. All are welcome, no matter your fitness level. Cost: \$70 ~ 10 week session. Lead by Marie Vaz, a Professional Personal Trainer with 25 years of experience. Contact Cathy Bray for more info, (540) 371-1380 or cathy@twobrays.com

Sun., January 14, 9:45 a.m. ~ The Seekers will be beginning a study of Paul's Letter to the Romans on Sunday, January 14, 2018. Our study will follow the outline of J. Vernon McGee's *Thru The Bible* study of Romans. The outline will be provided. Purchase of a book is not necessary. For those who wish to follow along with J. Vernon McGee's Book, please let Mary Ella Fuquay know. There are two volumes, and are currently priced at \$8.66 and \$8.97 respectively on Amazon or for \$6.29 each at Lifeway. (Shipping may apply). We look forward to your joining us for this long-term study (We will break for a Lenten study the Sunday after Ash Wednesday, and resume the Romans study after Easter). We expect to finish prior to Labor Day!
POC: Patrick Lonergan, (540) 907-9794



January KID'S CLUB will be meeting on Sunday, the 21st. We will be making snowman pictures, along with other planned activities. We will also be putting together activity bags for the children of Broward Health Salah Foundation Children's Hospital in Ft. Lauderdale, FL for terminally ill children.

We will gather following the 11:00 service in the social hall. Lunch will be provided.

POC: Liz Morris, Momx3gnmad@verizon.net 540-226-5133

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Children's Choir will sing at the 11:00 service on Sunday, January 21! All children are welcome to join us. We practice during the first 15 minutes or so of the Sunday School hour, 9:45.

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

SAVE THE DATES:

Sat. Feb. 24 ~ Ebenezer UMC – 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Chat n Chew 2.0 – A listening session with Bishop Sharma Lewis focused on the Commission on the Way Forward. \$10.00/person. Lunch is included. Ebenezer UMC, 161 Embrey Mill Rd. Stafford, VA 22554

Sat. March 10 ~ 5 Talent Academy – "Beyond Sunday School: Empowering Regular Folks to Lead a God Movement Event." Early Bird Registration is \$25 -- Please sign up by February 7 to take advantage of this rate! POC: Mary Ella Fuquay, (540) 479-8265

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 7

Happy Birthday Craig Cate, Don Clark & Elizabeth Morris

9:45 a.m. Adults

"Good News" Bible Study Rm. 10
"Not Your Birthday" Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. Children & Youth

6th - 12th Youth Youth Rm B
1st - 5th Rm. 8
Preschoolers - K Rm. 6
Nursery Rm. 15

12:15 p.m. Emmaus Reunion
12:14 p.m. Honduras Mission Trip Meeting
5:00 p.m. Praise Practice
5:45 p.m. Evening Worship
6:30 p.m. UMYF

Monday, January 8

Happy Birthday Gail Day & Linda Reichard

9:00-11:00 Food Pantry
10:00 a.m. Prayer
5:30 p.m. Upper Room
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, January 9

Happy Birthday Pastor Pat Tony

7:45 a.m. Exercise
11:30 a.m. Disciple 4 Class
1:00 p.m. God's Celebrators @ Celebrate
6:00 p.m. Vital Church Meeting
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Wesleyan Bldg. Bros.

Wednesday, January 10

10:00 a.m. UMW Meeting
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Finance

Thursday, January 11

10:00 a.m. Women's Devotional
6:00 p.m. Upper Room
6:29 p.m. Prayer
7:00 p.m. AI-Anon
7:00 p.m. Worship
7:00 p.m. Trustees

Friday, January 12

Saturday, January 13

7:00 a.m. Pray Like a Man
8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
1:00-6:00 p.m. Emmaus Gathering



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Don't throw those Christmas cards away! Save the fronts for Ruby Courtney and put the signed portions in a special box for yourself. Each day, draw out a card and pray for the person!

Year to date budget needs
12/31/2017: \$327,277

Year to date contributions
12/31/2017: \$289,609

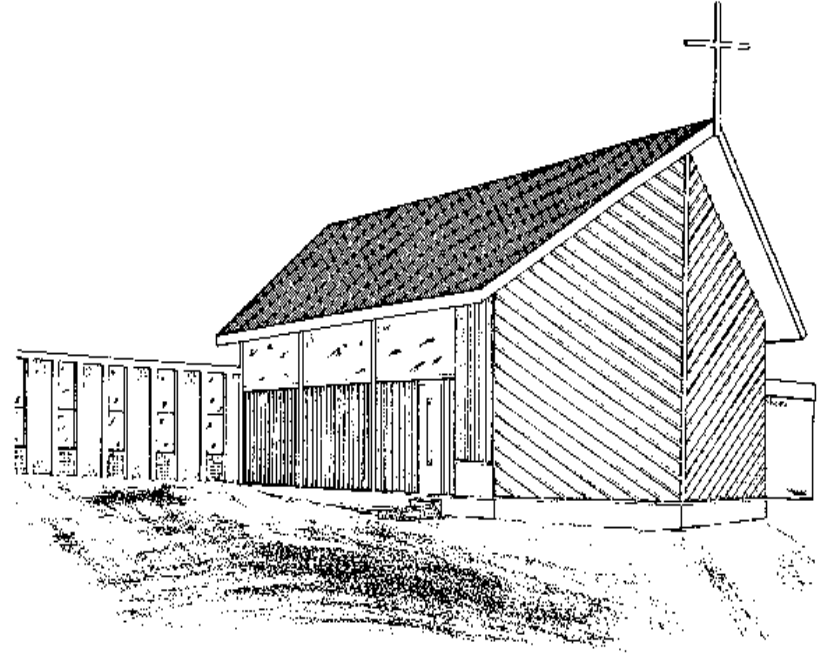
Year to date Building for Future fund August 2017: **\$15,297**

Building for Future fund goal for 2017: **\$12,000**

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:** ●Helen Goldsmith (T. Ellis) ●Mary K. Selders (J. Kinneer)
- Continuing Needs:** ●Velma Bailey (M. Holt) ●Paul Balgavy (R. Balgavy) ●Eileen Bowles (R. Keene) ●Janet Bowling (R. Courtney) ●Debbie Carpenter (B. Anderson) ●Margaret Courtney (R. Courtney) ●Pattie Cushing (R. Keene) ●Lindsey Fortune (D. Farrar) ●Jennifer Giannuzzi (B. Giannuzzi) ●Dennis & Connie Hagan ●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) ●Pete Jerman ●Jim Kocher (J. Belako) ●Kyra (P. Vida) ●Ed Marks (J. Clark) ●George Nosek (D. Garrett) ●Mary Rose (Gene & Ruth Feltner) ●Dian Rubiera (B. Giannuzzi) ●Emerson Rudacille (J. Studley) ●Bob & Claire Runger (B. Anderson) ●Ken Sargent ●Joe & Lita Schepers ●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) ●Austin Wolfe (R. Varela)
- Prayer Requests from the week of December 17:** ●Helen Powell's family (M. A. Holt) ●Hughes Home needs someone to hold church services for them (Larry & Betsy Mosley) ●Larry Vida ●Unspoken prayer requests ●Ken Sargent (P. Vida) ●All those who are grieving during this holiday season
- Prayer Requests from the week of December 24:** ●Janet (Dave) Kinneer ●Justin Mosher and family (A. Murray) ●Those battling cancer ●Holiday travelers ●California fires
- Prayer Requests from the week of December 31:** ●House Speaker, Bill Howell ●Axton (B. Kendall) ●Janet Kinneer (death of her mother, Mary L. Selders) ●Carolyn Sprinkle ●Katherine & Chang Tang (M.A. Holt) ●Michelle Hutchinson ●Peggy Heatherman (R. Balgavy) ●Gail Smith (R. Balgavy) ●Ruth Young (Anna Rae) ●Erin (C. Powers) ●General Khalifa ●Mohamed Khalifa ●Peter Vernimb's mother ●Unspokens



CHRISTMAS EVE DINNERS FOR THE HOMELESS

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare, assemble, and deliver Christmas Eve meals to the less fortunate in the Fredericksburg area. This ministry would not be possible without the help of volunteers. Thank you for volunteering your time and resources.

Warmest Regards,
 Marian Lynch



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!

THURMAN BRISBEN CENTER

We will be preparing and serving a meal at TBC on Sunday, January 28, 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please see the sign-up sheet on the front bulletin board or contact Brenda Wood, (540)809-4616 or bwood@fredericksburgva.gov



ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP SHEET

If you would like to order flowers to be placed on the altar in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office door. The cost per bouquet is \$25. If paying by check, please note "altar flowers" on the memo line. For more information contact the church office, 540.373.8759

OFFERING ENVELOPES

2018 offering envelopes are available for pick-up outside the Sanctuary doors. Please note that you may have been assigned a new envelope number. Please discard any unused envelopes and begin using your new number today.



St. Matthias United Methodist Church

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

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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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Rev. Pat B. Tony

Attendance on December 31

Morning Worship: 101