



## FAREWELL

Author and seminary professor, Dr. Maxey Dunham, writes about four heart-felt human needs. As persons of sacred worth, we all need:

- 1) To **KNOW GOD'S LOVE for US** (John 3:16, I John 3:16) – Hymn ~ *“Love Lifted Me”*
- 2) To **RESPOND** to this great love poured out in Christ Jesus – To repent (turn from going our own separate way) & accept God's grace (John 1:12; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-10) – Hymn ~ *“I Surrender All”*
- 3) To **LIVE OUR LIVES IN HOPE** (Ephesians 1:18; Colossians 1:27-29; Romans 5:1-5; 15:4-6, 12-13; I Thessalonians 1:2-4) – Hymn ~ *“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less than Jesus' Blood and Righteousness”*
- 4) To **TELL OTHERS** – to **PASS ON** God's greatest GIFT in Christ Jesus to others (Matthew 28:18-20; I Peter 3:14-15) – Hymn ~ *“Pass It On”*

Within the pages of this newsletter are just *some* of the ways **God is at work** in our midst. I continue to be amazed in the midst of all that is happening, God continues to bring forth good fruit in and through those who purpose to stay connected to the Vine (**John 15**).

As St. Matthias UMC prepares for a pastoral transition which will take place on June 27<sup>th</sup> with the baton of leadership being passed to the next pastor, the Rev. Bert Cloud, let us continue to pray for him and for all ministries of the church. Please welcome the many good gifts Pastor Bert brings to St. Matthias. (See his biographical sketch and photos in this newsletter). Pastor Bert, Pastor Regina (Fredericksburg UMC) and family come ready to listen, to pray, and to strengthen the work of making disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in and through His church (**See Ephesians 4:11-16**). Pray with them and warmly receive their ministry, all to the glory of God!

Farewell, friends in Christ. Thank you for your love, encouragement and prayers through these six years together in ministry. Let us press on to **KNOW CHRIST and to MAKE HIM KNOWN!** May we *live* our lives in HOPE and *share* this FAITH, HOPE and LOVE with others. The Apostle Paul's prayer for the Ephesians is a good one for us in the transition days ahead (**See Ephesians 1:15-23**). May our faithful God continue to **“open the eyes of our hearts”** so that we may experience the power of Christ's resurrection and His calling into a future filled with hope and new possibilities.

May the Lord Jesus keep our eyes focused on Him, (**Hebrews 12:1-3**)

*Pastor Pat*

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**CALLED CHURCH TELECONFERENCE – SUNDAY,  
JUNE 3 – 3:00 PM – Room 10**

The purpose of the church conference will be to approve the Clergy Compensation package for St. Matthias’ incoming pastor.

**FAREWELL OPEN HOUSE FOR PASTOR PAT ~  
SATURDAY, JUNE 9**

A celebration of Pastor Pat’s retirement will take place Sat., June 9 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Wood’s residence (108 Goodloe Dr., F’burg, 22401) All are invited to attend! **Please sign up on the front bulletin board** indicating what side dish you plan to bring. Pulled pork sandwiches, chicken wings & drinks provided. **POC:** Ben & Brenda Wood, (540)371-1207

Baby Bottle Campaign for the Choices Pregnancy Center has begun. Pick up a baby bottle from the display near the sanctuary, fill it with your loose change or cash, and return it to the sanctuary on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17. **Checks may be brought as well, payable to St. Matthias United Methodist Church**, with "Choices Pregnancy Center" on the memo line.

**HONORING OUR GRADUATES**

We will be recognizing our graduating high school seniors and college graduates during the 11:00 Youth Sunday worship service, June 3.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30 – 10:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

The blood drive scheduled for July 6 has been rescheduled for June 30. Please consider donating blood and giving the gift of life!

**LOVE and LAUNDRY**

On Friday, May 18, we assisted 14 patrons and spent \$153.00 for their laundry. We also gave out a couple of “kid bags” with treats and coloring pages, and several granola bars, brochures and magnets to patrons. We have our church information on the granola bars. A very special joy: one of the fellows we talked to and helped with laundry was in worship and Sunday School with us on May 20<sup>th</sup>! Thank you, St. Matthias family, for helping us to bless folks with this ministry of “soap and hope!”

**Please note: next month's Love and Laundry will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday (June 22), rather than the third Friday.**

**Choices Women’s Center**

This year the Choices Women’s Center will be holding their first silent auction in July! Please consider donating any new/gently used items, services, vacations, etc. that would be valuable in a silent auction. All donations need to be dropped off by June 15<sup>th</sup> and will be tax-deductible. Please bring donations to 1616 Stafford Ave. Contact (540) 370-1800 for more information.

**GLAD HATTERS TEA PARTY  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

**POC:** Mary Ella Fuquay (540) 479-8265 or Dottie Prater (540) 940-2611.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW, thanks to YOUR generous donations, assembled approximately 2 dozen Hygiene (formerly Health) kits, and about 20 school kits, to be taken to Annual Conference and given to UMCOR. The kits will be blessed at the altar on June 3.

UMW will be contributing \$250 to the FredCamp scholarship fund. Combined with \$300 from the Missions Team, this will allow two students to be able to be fully funded for participation in FredCamp this year.

Last year, 2017, UMW members sewed, stuffed and provided 417 cough pillows to patients at Stafford Hospital; 180 blankets and 114 pillowcases to children with cancer. This work of blessing others has already begun in earnest this year.

UMW meeting on Wednesday, June 13, will begin at 9:30 a.m., and after a short business meeting, we will be visiting the newly re-opened Fredericksburg Museum and then have lunch together at Eileen's Bakery. A sign-up sheet will be on the main bulletin board.

As summer begins, let us give thanks for the rain that came and finally stopped, for the warmth of the sun and for the blessings God has poured upon our lives. Let us live in prayer for one another, for God's church known as St. Matthias UMC, and for the greater United Methodist Church as its leaders deal with challenging issues. May God continue to lead, guide and direct us.

## WORSHIP & PRAYER

Please be in prayer for Pastor Pat, Pastor Bert and their families for their moves and for smooth transitions. Pray for healing for Pat's broken wrist and Bert's broken foot.

Upcoming Services:

- June 3: Communion/Youth Sunday – Awaken the Dawn @ both services. Mission kits dedicated
- June 10: Pastor Pat's last Sunday – Honduras Mission Team will give testimonies. Choir @ 8:45 & Awaken the Dawn @ 11 am
- June 17: Father's Day – Patrick Lonergan giving the message
- June 24: Matt McBride giving the message
- July 1: Communion/Pastor Bert's first Sunday

May you each have a fun, safe and wonderful summer!

## A "God-thing" within our "Flower Fairy" ministry:

A young girl, "Lilly" in our church asked for prayers for her dance instructor who had been injured in an accident. So our church began praying for "Stormy."

That week Lilly was to be presented with one of our Flower Fairy arrangements as a token to indicate to her that our church is praying for healing for her dance instructor, Stormy. I tried to contact Lilly's family to find out when the best time would be to deliver the bouquet to Lilly. The father returned my call and said that Lilly's dance class would begin at 6 p.m. that evening and that I could deliver the flower arrangement there for Lilly to receive it. He said Lilly would be very happy and surprised to receive the flowers.

So I arrived at the dance studio before 6, bearing the flower arrangement with a note attached: "To Lilly, as a token of the prayers of St. Matthias church on behalf of your dance instructor, Stormy, and for his healing."

I walked in and a class was in session. The manager asked if he could help me. I introduced myself as "The Flower Fairy." He grinned and chuckled. I explained that I had flowers to deliver for Lilly and that the flowers were a token to represent the prayers going up on behalf of Stormy's healing. The manager began stammering, not knowing what to say and was visibly moved. "That's a wonderful thing you are doing. We thank you. I'll see to it that Lilly gets the flowers."

I think God did a "Prevenient Grace" thing. The flowers got delivered and many people became aware that our church is praying for Stormy's healing.

Submitted by Margaret Ann Holt (a.k.a. The Flower Fairy)



*Rev. Bert Cloud and wife Rev. Gina Anderson-Cloud, children Trae, Danielle, and Kayana.*



This July, Rev. Bert Cloud will come to serve as the new pastor of St. Matthias United Methodist Church. He is the father of Trae (18), Danielle (14), and Kayana (13), and has been married to Rev. Gina Anderson-Cloud for 28 years.

Pastor Bert is a follower of Jesus Christ whose passion for ministry has been to serve as a companion and guide for the spiritual journey of diverse people loved by God. The central goal of his ministry has been the loving advancement of God’s kingdom by focusing on living and proclaiming the love of God and being part of the ministry of restoration and healing. Bert’s pastoral vision and practice have been formed in the great commandment (Luke 10:27), the great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), and the great requirement (Micah 6:8).

Before entering the ministry, Pastor Bert was a Nationally Certified School Psychologist last serving as the Sr. Psychologist for Campbell County Schools in Central Virginia. Bert also held several leadership positions in the Virginia Psychological Association and the Virginia Academy of School Psychologists.

Bert earned a Master of Divinity in 2002 from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University where he was a Margaret A. Pitts Scholar. At Emory, Pastor Bert received the John D. and Alice Slay Award for Academic Performance and Promise in Pastoral Ministry and was elected to Omicron Delta Kappa (Leadership) and Theta Phi (Theology) honor societies.

Bert has served a variety of church and community sizes and currently is the Co-Sr. Pastor of Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church in Newport News. District and Conference leadership includes extensive experience in mentoring new clergy, and he coordinates a group of provisional clergy members working toward ordination.

Among other roles, Pastor Bert has previously served as Superintendency Committee Chair, pastoral care faculty for the conference licensing school, Lay Speaker/Servant teacher, Walk to Emmaus Spiritual Director, and UMVIM missionary and leader. Bert has been part of spiritual formation and soul care ministries including the Upper Room’s Academy of Spiritual Formation and a contemplative prayer network in Virginia known as the Kindred Project. Bert is a member of Christians in the Visual Arts and the Fellowship of United Methodist Spiritual Directors and Retreat Leaders.

Bert treasures time with his family and enjoys photography, biking, hiking, cooking, and writing.

# JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00 PLAM 8:00 Men's Bible Study
<b>3</b> <b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b> 12:15 Emmaus Reunion 3:00 Called Charge Teleconference 5:00 Praise Practice 5:45 Evening Worship	<b>4</b> 9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 Upper Room 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout	<b>5</b> 7:45 a.m. Exercise 1:00 God's Celebrators 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 WBB	<b>6</b> 10:00 am UMW Crafts 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	<b>7</b> 6:00 p.m. UR 6:29 Prayer 7:00 Al Anon 7:00 Trustees	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00 am Pray Like a Man 8:00 Men's Bible Study 6-9 p.m. Farewell open house for Pastor Pat
<b>10</b> 9:45 a.m. 2nd Sunday Fellowship 5:00 Praise Practice 6:30 UMYF-Last Meeting until Aug.	<b>11</b> 9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 Upper Room 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout	<b>12</b> 7:45 a.m. Exercise 1:00 God's Celebrators 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 WBB	<b>13</b> 10:00 a.m. UMW Meeting 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	<b>14</b> 6:00 p.m. UR 6:29 Prayer 7:00 Al Anon 7:00 Worship	<b>15</b> VA ANNUAL CONF. Hampton, VA <u>May 15-17</u>	<b>16</b> 7:00 Pray Like a Man 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Mission Meeting
<b>17</b> 5:00 Praise Practice 5:45 Evening Worship	<b>18</b> 9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 Upper Room 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout	<b>19</b> 7:45 a.m. Exercise 1:00 God's Celebrators 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 WBB	<b>20</b> 10:00 am UMW Crafts 6:00 Last Choir Practice before summer 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	<b>21</b> 6:00 Upper Room 6:29 Prayer 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Comm. Mtg. 7:00 Al Anon	<b>22</b> 1-5:00 p.m. LOVE & LAUNDRY	<b>23</b> 7:00 Pray Like a Man 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 VBS Meeting
<b>24</b> 5:00 Praise Practice	<b>25</b> 9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 Upper Room	<b>26</b> 7:45 a.m. Exercise 1:00 God's Celebrators 7:00 WBB	<b>27</b> 10:00 am UMW Crafts  Welcome new Pastor Bert Cloud and family	<b>28</b> 6:00 Upper Room 6:29 Prayer 7:00 Al Anon	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00 Pray Like a Man 8:00 Men's Bible Study 10-2:00 Blood Drive

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Shelby Powers
- 1 Susan Miller
- 4 Barbara Knutson
- 5 Dianne Moore
- 6 A.C. Glover
- 6 Spencer Courtney
- 7 Paula McClure
- 9 Pete Jerman
- 10 Braelyn Drinks
- 12 Kathy Kaufmann
- 12 Lynda Bartush
- 13 Becky Hubbard
- 14 Katie Smith
- 16 Gregg Orto
- 16 Stephen Hunter
- 17 Paul Haselbush
- 23 Ron Hall
- 24 Beth McBride
- 24 Tammi Ellis
- 24 Jesse Stone
- 25 Brad Hayes
- 25 Tom Wiegand
- 25 Lura Hill
- 26 Cliff Ellis
- 28 Doris Sheffer
- 29 Addie Jolin
- 29 Matt McBride

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Dave & Trudy Monroe
- 2 Homar & Eileen Rivera
- 3 Ron & Carole Hall
- 6 Butch & Judy Cover
- 9 Paul & Martha Haselbush
- 10 Ben & Brenda Wood
- 14 Andrew & Michelle Hutchinson
- 16 Mary Ella & Harold Fuquay
- 17 Donald & Darlene Shelton
- 19 Dean & Pat Tony
- 19 Paul & Rosemary Balgavy
- 20 Gene & Linda Bailey
- 25 David & Cathy Hawkins
- 28 Collins & Erin Wetzel



MICAH BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS  
Matthew Rivera, Marian Lynch & Barry Jones



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE

AUGUST 6 - 10. 9:00 - NOON

It's not too early to start thinking about how YOU would like to serve at VBS this year!! Experience the Ride of your Lifetime with God!! Upcoming meeting dates: 9:30/Sat., June 23 9:30/Sat., July 28 9:30 - Decorating Days: Fri., Aug. 3 9:30/Sat., Aug. 4 9:30/VBS - Aug. 6 – 10 POC: Liz Morris 540-226-5133, [momx3gnmad@verizon.net](mailto:momx3gnmad@verizon.net)

Go to [Cokesburyvbs.com](http://Cokesburyvbs.com) and check it out!! "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." Isaiah 43:2

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank all the St Matthias prayer warriors & angels for the many prayers, cards, visits, calls, messages, food & assistance given to Larry during his illness and to the family after his passing. We have been truly blessed to be a part of the St Matthias Family.

With our love & gratitude,

The Larry Vida Family ~ Patsy, Victoria, Larissa, Brad, Dan, Corinne, Nicolas, Jack & Scott



**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!!!!***