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MAY 2019

# The Messenger

A PUBLICATION OF ST. MATTHIAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Although we haven't hit the year anniversary mark for my pastoral ministry yet, it came to me recently that I have been in a relationship with you for about a year. In the first week of Lent in 2018, I learned of my projected appointment at St. Matthias, and I believe that my video greeting came to you on Palm Sunday last year. I began praying for the people of St. Matthias UMC then and have continued ever since. Slowly, those first moments have grown to a deeper knowledge and appreciation of each other. It has been quite a journey thus far, and I am convinced of God's love for us as we travel this road together.

We have a long road in front of us. That's not a bad thing, A lot can happen on a long, open road. Perhaps a few blisters on our feet, but also an opportunity to learn and grow, to meet new travelers and to come to understand ourselves better, and to experience joys that we can't yet conceive. Clearly, we have the best and truest guide in Jesus Christ, the pioneer, and perfecter of our faith.

This newsletter has a few glimpses ahead on that journey. In these pages, you'll find a letter from interim Bishop Weaver about the latest in our denominations route forward in light of the controversy of sexuality. Clearly, we have a storm ahead, but as Bishop Weaver reminds us, "God has brought us this far...and God isn't finished with us yet!" Bishop Weaver will be gathering with our district for a conversation about this on May 11th, 2pm at Wright's Chapel United Methodist Church 8063 Ladysmith Rd, Ruther Glen, VA 22546, and all are invited. I also want to invite you to a Holy Conversation about this on Sunday, May 19 at 7pm in the Social Hall. This will follow the 5:45 worship service that evening.

This newsletter is also full of reminders of who we are now. This month, we are celebrating how we are "May'd for Mission" including local, regional and international work of living into the Kingdom of God. This is done by sharing the gospel and serving others through acts of compassion and justice. What we call 'mission' is clearly part of our DNA and a fundamental part of our discipleship of Jesus. We follow him into his mission. What does this say to you about your part of the mission?

I really am looking forward to our next steps together at St. Matthias. We have barely started with many steps ahead, and there is a lot more to learn about each other and with each other. May God bless each and every step.

Your companion along the way,

Pastor Bert  
Pastorbert@stmatthiasumc.org

## PASSION PLAY 2020

Allen and Chris Fisher from the Presbyterian Church is putting together a trip to see the Passion Play, July 6-16, 2020. In addition to the play and two nights in Oberammergau, Germany, the trip includes two nights in Prague, two nights in Budapest, two nights in Vienna, and one night in Munich. The cost is \$4219 per person, which includes round trip airfare from Washington, DC; \$450 Government taxes/airline surcharges; First class (Category I) admission tickets to the Passion Play; most meals; services of a professional English-speaking tour director; tips to escort, guides, drivers and waiters; comprehensive sightseeing throughout; all hotel service charges, value added taxes, portage where available and entrance fees per itinerary; and \$100,000 automatic flight insurance.

This trip is being offered to anyone who is interested in going and is not a church-specific trip. For more information, please contact Peg Jones, 540-775-5729 (H); 540-903-6321 (C); or email at [pegjonesva@gmail.com](mailto:pegjonesva@gmail.com).

## BELL CHOIR CONCERT



St. Matthias Ringers

Spring Bell Concert

Wednesday, May 8

7:00 p.m.

## WARM WINTER WEAR



## SHOREY CHAPEL WARM WINTER WEAR

Share God's love by bringing your warm winter wear to St. Matthias UMC on or before **May 10**. Your donations will be taken to Shorey Chapel in Industry, Maine to be distributed to those in need.

## THURMAN BRISBEN CENTER

**THURMAN BRISBEN CENTER** – St. Matthias will be preparing and serving a meal at Thurman Brisben Center on Sunday, **May 5** from 3:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign-up on the front bulletin board in the Welcome Center or contact Brenda Wood, (540) 809-4616 or [bwood@fredericksburgva.gov](mailto:bwood@fredericksburgva.gov)



## VBS IS COMING!!

To Mars And Beyond!

July 22-26

\*5:00-8:00 PM (evening hours)

*"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by His power at work within us." Ephesians 3:20*

\*Please note, VBS will be in the evening this year.

Maybe you've wanted to volunteer your talents and love with the children who attend VBS, but have not been able to because of your job. I hope you will consider this new opportunity to come join in the fun and help us build a firm foundation of faith in our youngest disciples. Mark your calendars for the planning meetings....

**Saturday, May 25 @ 9:30 a.m.**

**Saturday, June 29 @ 9:30 a.m.**

Our VBS Decorating Days will be **July 19** at 6:00 pm and, if needed, July 20 at 9:30 am.

I'm excited to reach for the stars and encounter the limitless power and love of God!!

Won't you join me!?!

POC: Liz Morris, (540) 226-5133 or [momx3gnmad@verizon.net](mailto:momx3gnmad@verizon.net)

## SCHOLARSHIP

## Lorraine Sperlazza Scholarship

St. Matthias UMW will be awarding the Lorraine Sperlazza scholarship to a graduating high school girl again this year. Applicants should submit a resume of activities and achievements and a letter describing how St. Matthias UMC has impacted their lives and their decisions regarding their future plans.

## AWAKEN THE DAWN

**AWAKEN THE DAWN**  
Doughnuts & Coffee, Fellowship and Praise!  
Come join us **May 5**.

LOVE AND LAUNDRY: MANY LOADS OF BLESSINGS!

This past month marked the 2-year anniversary of Love and Laundry, a once-monthly mission that began with an idea shared in a small group Bible study, a ministry that has bubbled over like a washer with too much detergent in it! The success of Love and Laundry is directly related to the generosity of the St. Matthias family; not only with your constant monetary support, but also your willingness to participate at The Laundry Basket on some very hectic 3rd-Friday-of-the-month afternoons!

Here's what Love and Laundry has "amounted to" over the past 24 months:

Number of patrons served: **486**

Money spent: **\$5,757.50 OR 23,030 quarters !!!**

In addition to the money spent to provide free laundry to patrons at The Laundry Basket, we have given out dozens of Bibles; dozens of gift bags to children; nearly 100 shell flowers (reminders of God's love for his precious children); over 100 brochures, pamphlets, tracts and information flyers about St. Matthias UMC, its activities, events, services, and about God's love and faithfulness. We have been able to connect folks with our food pantry and with other local resources for assistance and support.

We have been blessed to pray with many of our "regulars," and to share Bible discussions with some of them. We have wept with many of them over losses of friends, family members, jobs and dwelling places. We have held babies, played with children, offered water and snacks, been taught how to "dance" by some of our lively friends, rejoiced at good news, and spent many wonderful moments just listening to voices that have grown quiet with sorrow.

Some of the patrons of the laundromat turn down our assistance, and instead, leave a donation with us. One such young woman told us, "I was homeless once; I KNOW from experience what a valuable service you are doing here." And Maria, the manager on duty when we are there, has told us more than once, "This is a different place when you are here: people talk with and help each other; they are a little happier when you're here with them; you church people make a difference here."

We have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in so many ways through Love and Laundry; as long as that spirit continues to bless our work at the laundromat, we will continue to do His bidding. As one of the patrons told us over a year ago: Love and Laundry is more than quarters and clothing and soap: it's friendship and caring and HOPE..

## KITS FOR CONFERENCE

CAN WE DO 50??

Annual Conference is approaching (June 20 – 22), and that means it's time to start preparing Kits for Conference! In the past, UMW members have assembled approximately 2 dozen each, Health (Hygiene) kits and School Kits. The kits have been blessed at the altar and then delivered to Annual Conference.

UMW would like to engage the entire congregation in the collecting of items and then the assembly of the kits this year! We will be putting up donation boards, to direct the collection of the items needed, and then in early June the kits will be assembled. There will also be bulletin inserts each week, listing the items needed for each kit.

Can we do **50 of each kit** this year? This is our goal; please make it yours! Watch for the listing of items and for the donation boards, and be your dear, generous selves in bringing in the items. We'll plan a fun event to assemble the kits and perhaps share some food together; we ARE United Methodists after all, and we perform better with food! And if we all work together, we can make short work of it!

## HEALTH KIT MATERIALS

### Health Kit Materials

- One **NEW** hand towel (15 x 25 – 17 x 27 inches) \*\* No kitchen, cleaning or microfiber towels
- One **NEW** washcloth
- One comb
  - Sturdy and longer than 6 inches long;
  - No pocket combs or picks please;
  - Rattail combs are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth.
- One metal nail file or nail clippers (**no emery boards, please**)
- One bath-size soap in original packaging
  - 3 oz. and larger sizes only (No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content)
- One toothbrush (**do not remove from original packaging**)
  - Adult size only
- Six adhesive bandages (common household Band-Aids), 3/4" - 1" size
- 1 gallon size sealable plastic bag
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

### Assembly Directions

Lay hand towel out flat; lay the washcloth in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items, except for the \$1 for toothpaste, on top of the wash cloth, and fold over the sides of the hand towel to cover all items. Bundle all tightly and place in plastic bag, removing as much air as possible and sealing bag. **ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW; DO NOT WASH ANY OF THE ITEMS.**

## SCHOOL KIT MATERIALS

### School Kit Materials

- One pair blunt scissors
  - Rounded tip only - **No plastic scissors, please.**
- One box of 24 crayons
  - Only 24 count boxes are accepted
- Three one-subject notebooks
  - **No marble composition books**
  - **No 3 or 5-subject notebooks**
- One pack of loose-leaf paper
  - 100-200 page packets are acceptable
  - Wide or college rule accepted
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
  - 1-inch or longer
  - Remove from packaging
- One ruler (**12 inches or 30 centimeters long**)
  - Sturdy or flexible material accepted
- Six unsharpened pencils
- One eraser (**two inches or larger**)
- One two-gallon re-sealable plastic bag

### Assembly Directions

1. Stack all paper items on top of each other.
2. Place all loose items on top of paper. (small loose items may be placed in a smaller re-sealable bag.)
3. Place kit inside of re-sealable bag and seal.

## FINANCE REPORT

One quarter into the year (March 31, 2019), we spent 24.2% of our approved operating budget of \$333,098.

Through March, revenues totaled \$70,968.64 in unrestricted weekly and online giving. Expenses totaled \$75,376.70, leaving a net loss of \$4,408.06.

The March bank statement reflects a beginning balance of \$61,537.60 and an ending balance of \$53,380.80. This included \$31,725.57 in deposits and \$39,882.46 in cleared checks. There was a total of \$6,007.44 in uncleared checks for a QuickBooks register balance of \$47,373.36. As of April 9, 2019, monies earmarked for various Special Designated Accounts totaled \$1,973.18 because the deposits of \$21,630.61 in airfare expenses for the Honduras mission are not reflected in the statement. Excluding the expenses for Honduras, the SDA balance is \$19,657.43.

The Board of Trustees had a total of \$119,721.95 in several accounts as of April 9th, which includes several CDs, checking and money market accounts.

The May monthly meeting will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in room 10. The meetings will resume on the second Wednesday of each month beginning in June.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or text Sandy Rawlins at 540 840-3776.

## MAY'D FOR MISSION

This Month is "May-d for Mission"!

We all know that St. Matthias UMC is a very mission minded church. All you have to do is open our Mission Booklet to see all the mission opportunities our church undertakes each year. One reason we are so mission minded is because our church is full of loving, caring, and giving people. We are God's people who care about our brothers and sisters in our community/world who need a helping hand to feed them, clothe them or put a roof over their heads. God calls us to love one another and we can show His love by giving of ourselves. Take a look at all the mission activities we have at the church during the month of May. In which mission is God nudging you to be involved? Messy Church? United Methodist Men's Yard Sale? UMYF Car Show? Love and Laundry? Preparing Kits for Conference? Making Pillows? No matter which one God chooses for you, give of your whole self and feel the blessings that are returned to you by helping your brothers and sisters. After all, we are all May-d for Mission!



We would like to congratulate our church Administrative Assistant, Susan Courtney, on the completion of her Associates Degree in Business Administration from Rappahannock Community College. Susan will be graduating with academic honors Friday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Warsaw Campus of RCC. No tickets are necessary to attend. We are so proud of her hard work and academic success. Susan will be pursuing her bachelor's in Business Administration with Liberty University's online degree program in the fall.



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April 27, 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Virginia Conference,

Greetings in the name and spirit of the Risen Christ who promises to journey with us always! Another step along the journey of our United Methodist Church was taken on Friday. The Church's Judicial Council (Supreme Court) reviewed, in the light of our Church Constitution, the church laws that were passed by our Special General Conference (global legislative body) in late February. The actions of that General Conference centered on our Church's positions related to the practice of homosexuality.

Many faithful United Methodists and churches have been significantly impacted by these decisions. Some have agreed, some have disagreed. Regardless of people's perspectives, many questions have been raised, hurt inflicted, unity tested, prayers raised and significant conversations started about our future. Let us always remember that this is about people's lives, for whom Christ died and rose again.

At the conclusion of this letter, I will share links to resources in which you can find detailed explanations of each decision that the Judicial Council made. Here, in simple language, I want to summarize the basics of our Church position and changes that were found to be constitutional. **Most of the changes will take effect starting January 1, 2020 except for the "gracious exit" provisions which are effective from now until December 31, 2023.**

1. **NOTHING CHANGED ABOUT** the Church position that "all persons are individuals of sacred worth, created in the image of God," and that "we will seek to live together in Christian community, welcoming, forgiving, and loving one another, as Christ has loved and accepted us." "We commit ourselves to be in ministry for and with all persons." The Church also believes that "sexual relations are affirmed only with the covenant of monogamous, heterosexual marriage." and it does not allow same- sex marriages in our churches and by our pastors. The church does not ordain or appoint "self-avowed practicing homosexuals".
2. **MAJOR CHANGES FOUND CONSTITUTIONAL**
  - a. The definition of "self-avowed practicing homosexual" now includes people living in same-sex marriage, domestic partnership or civil union, or who publicly state it. These persons are not considered qualified for United Methodist ministry.
  - b. Boards or District Committees on Ministry must make a full examination and shall not approve anyone who does not meet the qualifications for ministry and the bishop shall rule unqualified persons, if recommended, "out of order." Bishops may not consecrate a "self-avowed practicing homosexual" as a bishop.
  - c. A pastor who has conducted a same-sex marriage shall be given a minimum penalty, after due, fair process, of one-year suspension without pay for a first offense and termination for a second.
  - d. If allegations are brought against a pastor, any resolution of the offense must include agreement from the person bringing the allegation. The resolution must identify the harm caused and how that will be addressed by the pastor.

3. **SEVEN PROPOSED CHANGES WERE FOUND UNCONSTITUTIONAL**. Some of these sought to provide a way in which to certify that only persons who would “uphold, enforce, and maintain” the *Book of Discipline* (our book of order) could serve in certain committees. Other proposals suggested an additional process for removing bishops from active office. The Judicial Council found these unconstitutional because of lack of balanced and fair processes.
4. **"GRACIOUS EXIT PROPOSAL"** was found to be constitutional for churches thinking of leaving the United Methodist denomination concerning homosexuality for a limited time from now until December 31, 2023. They would have a "limited right" to disaffiliate for reasons related to the Church's law concerning homosexuality for a limited time. Approval for such a move would require:
  - a. A two-thirds vote of the members of the local church
  - b. Terms related to financial and legal matters, apportionments and clergy pensions
  - c. Approval by a majority vote of the Annual Conference

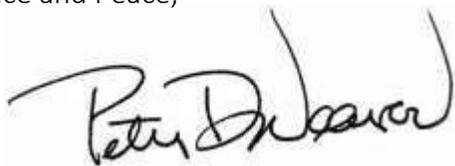
When I was growing up, I had a Sunday School teacher who was fond of saying, “God has brought us this far...and God isn’t finished with us yet!” While the decisions by the 2019 General Conference and the rulings of the Judicial Council are important, they are, by no means, the final word in the journey of The United Methodist Church.

Take some time to read the detailed material and reports that are linked to this letter. Talk to those of different perspectives in your local church and community. In less than two weeks, I will begin to visit all of our districts for further conversation and worship with you ([see the link to your invitation](#)). Then the Virginia Annual Conference will gather in Roanoke June 20-22. Visitors are welcome.

In just about one year, May, 2020, the General Conference will convene again to further pray, discern, further refine, and redefine who we are as United Methodists, as we have for over 250 years. This is not a time for “waiting” but for working with one another, building relationships with all of God’s people and seeking God’s will for our next steps on the journey. Please feel free to contact your District or our conference office with questions or concerns.

As Wesley reminded us: “Best of all, God is with us!”

Grace and Peace,



Peter D. Weaver  
Interim Bishop, Virginia Conference

View the Judicial Council ruling: <http://www.umc.org/decisions/79922>;  
<http://www.umc.org/decisions/79923>

Learn more about the Judicial Council ruling: <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/court-oks-part-of-traditional-plan-exit-plan>

Council of Bishops statement on ruling:

[https://vaumc.org/pages/news/2019vanews/2019vanews\\_cobresponseapril26\\_2019](https://vaumc.org/pages/news/2019vanews/2019vanews_cobresponseapril26_2019)

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 213 NEWS

As requested by Cub Scout Pack 213 leadership, the United Methodist Men of St. Matthias United Methodist Church recently released the charter of Cub Scout Pack 213, Falmouth, VA, to allow a new charter to be formed as Cub Scout Pack 4123 with the Fraternal Order of Eagle, 4123, 21 Cool Springs Rd, Fredericksburg, VA. This decision was made in both sadness from our loss of a pack with a long connection to our church but also hopefulness for the anticipated future of the pack as it has expanded significantly and outgrown our facility. Please join us in prayers of thanksgiving for all that God has done through the scouts and volunteers of Cub Scout Pack 213 over the last decades. We also pray for God to continue to bless the growth and development of the scouts and families of the future pack and anticipate that we will partner with them in serving our community. St. Matthias has retained the flag and other materials for the former Pack 213, and has the option of reforming in the future as interest and volunteers become available.

## CYCLONE

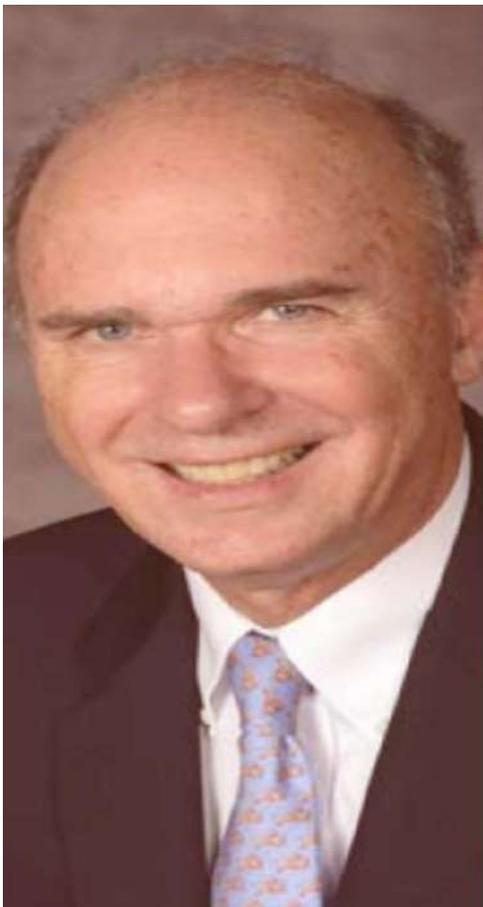
### Church aids 2,000 cyclone survivors in Zimbabwe

The United Methodist Church in Zimbabwe handed out more than \$25,000 in aid to thousands of Cyclone Idai survivors in the hard-hit Ngunu and Copper communities. Learn more about this mission and more at [umcmmission.org](http://umcmmission.org)

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

### Campus Minister at UMW

The Campus Christian Community (CCC) at the University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, Va., seeks a Christ-centered spiritual leader who serves as pastor to the student community. The CCC Minister provides ongoing preaching and teaching, mentoring and discipleship, care and counseling, and relational leadership to grow and equip students for a life of faith and servant leadership. The CCC is an ecumenical organization and is supported by the Virginia Conference of the UMC, the Presbytery of the James, and local Lutheran and Episcopal congregations. Candidates are being considered on an ongoing basis. Please submit your resume and cover letter to [paulolopes@vaumc.org](mailto:paulolopes@vaumc.org) with copy to [mikegould10@gmail.com](mailto:mikegould10@gmail.com). St. Matthias has been part of the CCC's work. Please pray for this ministry and for the transition of leadership.



**Bishop Pete Weaver is inviting clergy and laity of the Virginia Conference to join him in district gatherings in May and early June.**

**"Jesus most often journeyed in the company of others," said Weaver. "Even in our context, we can learn from each other and practice our Christian love for each other by journeying together. I am inviting you to join me in a district gathering so we may have a conversation 'on the road' together."**

**He explained, "We will share in Communion, seek to care for one another, and look at the meaning of the Judicial Council decisions and their implications as your Bishop and Cabinet seek to follow the Book of Discipline which governs our church."**

**May 11 – 2 PM**

**Rappahannock River/Richmond  
Wright's Chapel United  
Methodist Church  
8063 Ladysmith Rd.  
Ruther Glen, VA 22546**

MAY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 10:00 a.m. UMW <b>Crafts</b> 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir <b>6:30 p.m. Girl            Scouts</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>2</b> 6:30 a.m. Micah <b>Breakfast</b> 6:00 p.m. UR <b>7:00 Al Anon</b> 7:00 Trustees	<b>3</b> <b>YOUTH            RETREAT</b>	<b>4</b> <b>7:00 PLAM</b> 8:00 a.m. Rain Gutter Regatta <b>9:30 Prayer</b>
<b>5</b> 2:00 p.m. <b>Honduras Meeting</b> 3:30 p.m. Thurman Brisben <b>5:00 Praise Band            Practice</b> 5:45 Evening Worship	<b>6</b> <b>9-11 Food Pantry</b> 10:00 am Prayer <b>5:30 p.m. Upper            Room</b>	<b>7</b> 7:45 a.m. <b>Exercise</b> 1:00 p.m. God Celebrators <b>6:30 p.m. Girl            Scouts</b> 7:00 WBB	<b>8</b> 10:00 a.m. UMW <b>Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m. G.S. <b>7:00 p.m. Bell Choir            Concert</b>	<b>9</b> 6:00 p.m. UR 7:00 Al Anon <b>7:00 Worship</b>	<b>10</b> <b>5:30 p.m.            Messy            Church</b>	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 PLAM</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study <b>9:30 Prayer</b> 10:30 a.m. Cong. Care Team Meeting <b>2:00 Bishop            Weaver's District            Gathering</b>
<b>12</b> 5:00 p.m. Praise <b>Band Practice</b>	<b>13</b> <b>9-11 Food Pantry</b> 10:00 am Prayer <b>5:30 p.m. Upper            Room</b>	<b>14</b> 7:45 a.m. <b>Exercise</b> 1:00 p.m. God Celebrators <b>6:30 p.m. Girl            Scouts</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00 a.m. UMW <b>Crafts</b> 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts <b>7:00 Choir</b> 7:00 p.m. Finance	<b>16</b> 6:00 p.m. UR 7:00 Al Anon <b>7:00 p.m.            Admin Council</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Love &amp;            Laundry            1:00 – 5:00            p.m.</b>	<b>18</b> <b>7:00 PLAM</b> 8:00 a.m. Car Show <b>8:00 a.m. UMM            Yard Sale</b> 9:30 Prayer
<b>19</b> <b>7:30 a.m. UMM            Breakfast</b> 9:45 Third Sunday Fellowship <b>5:00 Praise Band</b> 5:45 Evening Worship <b>7:00 Holy            Conversation:            Conference            update on human            sexuality</b>	<b>20</b> <b>9-11 Food Pantry</b> 10:00 am Prayer <b>5:30 p.m. Upper            Room</b> 6:30 SPPRC	<b>21</b> 7:45 a.m. <b>Exercise</b> 1:00 God's Celebrators <b>6:30 p.m. Girl            Scouts</b> 7:00 WBB	<b>22</b> 10:00 a.m. UMW <b>Crafts</b> 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts <b>7:00 Choir</b>	<b>23</b> 6:00 p.m. UR 7:00 Al Anon	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>7:00 PLAM</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study <b>9:30 a.m. VBS            Planning Meeting</b> 9:30 Prayer
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 Don Shelton  
1 Ben Belako  
8 Walt Smith  
8 Debra Garland  
9 Derrick Hoiska  
10 Paul Balgavy  
11 John Nedza  
14 Lolita Schepers  
16 Sonny Bray  
17 Barbara Grant  
17 Anna Gotthardt  
18 Emme Harkless  
21 Brad Rippey  
21 Carole Hall  
22 Kerry Meyer  
22 Christie Conrad  
24 Nicholas Stephens  
26 Patsy Vida  
27 Lois Nedza  
28 Dottie Prater  
28 Julie Dixon  
28 Mary Bailey

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

24 Matt & Beth McBride  
29 Cliff & Tammi Ellis  
31 Barry & Peg Jones



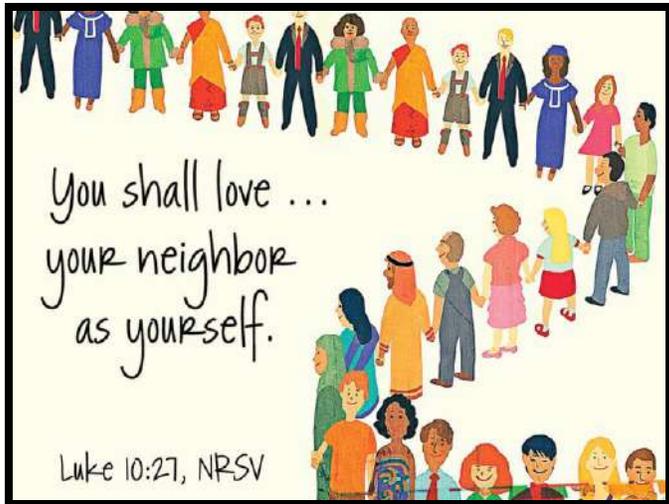
### St. Matthias Softball Schedule

Wednesday, May 8	8:30-10:30 p.m.	McDuff Park
Wednesday, May 15	8:30-10:30 p.m.	Melchers Complex
Wednesday, May 22	8:30-10:30 p.m.	McDuff Park
Wednesday, May 29	8:30-10:30 p.m.	Melchers Complex
Friday, June 7	7:30-9:30 p.m.	Melchers Complex
Friday, June 14	8:30-10:30 p.m.	Melchers Complex

**St. Matthias United Methodist Church**

**426 Deacon Road**

**Fredericksburg, VA 22405**



## St. Matthias United Methodist Church

**Called to Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World**

### **Worship:**

Sundays: 8:45 & 11:00 | Nursery for infants to 5 yrs  
Kids Own Worship (pre -5th grade): 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship: 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 5:45 p.m.

### **Pastor:**

Rev. Bert Cloud

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