

**Order of Worship                      Second Sunday in Lent                      February 25, 2018**

+Please stand as you are able

Worship Leader                      8:45 Dianne Moore                      11:00 Judy Cover

Welcome and Friendship Connections

+Introit                      "Come and Find the Quiet Center"                      (2x)                      (v.1) p. 2128

+Unison Prayer for Lent

**Almighty God, Your blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations. You know the weakness in each of us; yet, please enliven our hearts to find You mighty to save; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.**

+Hymn of Praise                      "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"                      p. 359

+Affirmation of Faith                      "Apostles' Creed"                      p. 882

Choral Response                      "Standing in the Need of Prayer" (refrain, v. 1, refrain) p. 352

**[It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. It's me (it's me), it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.] Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]**

Gospel Reading                      Mark 8: 31-38

Epistle Reading                      Ephesians 5: 15-20

Blessings and Testimonies                      Pastor Pat

Call to Prayer                      "Where He Leads Me"                      (vv. 1 & 4) p. 338

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

Moments with Young Disciples                      Carole Hall  
*We provide a staffed nursery for infants - 5 year olds during worship.*

Receiving the Offering                      Prayer of Dedication                      Worship Leader

+Doxology                      p. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, Whose power uplift! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

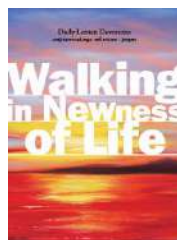
Special Music                      "Seek Ye First"                      St. Matthias Choir

Old Testament Reading                      Psalm 40: 1-8

Message                      "A New Song"

+Hymn of Discipleship                      "There's Within My Heart a Melody"                      (vv. 1-4) p. 380

+Benediction



**Society of St. Andrew Devotion for Sunday, February 25**  
Being Born Again? In *Walking in Newness of Life*, our Lenten devotional booklet from Society of St. Andrew, today's writer asks us to consider that our new life change may not be dramatic, but rather a gradual growth experience.

**New Women's Bible Study (Begins February 26)** First Corinthians – Living Love When We Disagree. Class meets Monday evenings, 5:30-7:30 pm until Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>. Workbooks are \$10.00 POC: Tammi Ellis, (540) 842-2858 or ellistw09@gmail.com

**Beef Stew and Biscuits Benefit ~ NEXT Sun., MARCH 4 ~ 12:15 PM ~ FELLOWSHIP HALL TO BENEFIT RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

*This is our first fundraiser for our Rise Against Hunger meals. Please sign up on the front bulletin board so we know how much delicious food to prepare.*

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE ~ SATURDAY, MARCH 24 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Online scheduling is now available (redcrossblood.com) Please consider giving the gift of life. POC: Carole Hall, (540) 786-3194, cthrhwh2123@comcast.net



**Girl Scout Sunday - March 11**

**UMCOR Sunday ~ March 11 ~ One Great Hour of Sharing**

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church (UMC), a non-profit 501(c)3 organization operated under the auspices of the General Board of Global Ministries. If you'd like to give, please make your check to St. Matthias UMC, and put UMCOR in the memo.

**MEDITATION RETREAT ~ March 17 ~ Time to be announced**

Please join us as we explore our personal meaning of putting on the armor of God in the context of meditation or centering prayer. Take a morning to learn the basics of meditation and how to spend quiet time in God's presence while contemplating His word. **RSVP:** to Betsy Giannuzzi at 703-586-3153 (leave a message), email [meditate46@gmail.com](mailto:meditate46@gmail.com) or call the church office at 540-373-8759.

**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 due April 1, but I would like to collect those by Sunday 18 Mar, if possible. (If that does not work contact Jim Davis and we can work something out). Forms can be found at [fredcamp.org](http://fredcamp.org). Participant requirements for youth: going into 9<sup>th</sup> grade-completion of 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We also need adults to attend and care for our youth!  
**POC:** Jim Davis, (540) 373-2308

**Holy Week and Easter Services**



*Come Worship With Us!*

**March 25 - Palm Sunday**

8:45 a.m. Worship with special message by Peter Vernimb

11:00 a.m. Cantata & Easter Egg Hunt following covered-dish lunch.

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

**March 30 – Good Friday – 7:00 p.m.**

**April 1 – Sunrise Service – 6:30 a.m.**

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

*This Week at a Glance*

**Sunday, February 25**

*Happy Birthday Ryan Smith & Tyler Harris  
Happy Anniversary James & Linda Pettit and Joe & Lita Schepers*

**9:45 a.m. Adults**

"Good News" Bible Study                      Rm. 10

"Romans"                      Fellowship Hall

"Anxious for Nothing"                      Youth Rm. A

**9:45 a.m. Children & Youth**

6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>- Youth                      Youth Rm B

1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>                      Rm. 8

Preschoolers - K                      Rm. 6

Nursery                      Rm. 15

5:00 p.m.                      Praise Practice

**Monday, February 26**

9:00-11:00                      Food Pantry

10:00 a.m.                      Prayer

5:30 p.m.                      Upper Room

5:30 p.m.                      Women's Bible Study

6:30 p.m.                      Cub Scouts

**Tuesday, February 27**

*Happy Birthday Earline Haney & Kathy Smith*

*Happy Anniversary Greg & Betsy Anderson*

7:45 a.m.                      Exercise

11:30 a.m.                      Disciple 4 Class

1:00 p.m.                      God's Celebrators @ Celebrate

6:30 p.m.                      Girl Scouts

7:00 p.m.                      Wesleyan Bldg. Bros.

**Wednesday, February 28**

10:00 a.m.                      UMW Crafts

5:30 p.m.                      Ringers Practice

6:30 p.m.                      Girl Scouts

7:00 p.m.                      Choir

**Thursday, March 1**

9:30 a.m.                      Upper Room Lenten Study

6:00 p.m.                      Upper Room

6:29 p.m.                      Prayer

7:00 p.m.                      AI-Anon

7:00 p.m.                      Trustees

**Friday, March 2**

11:30 a.m.                      F.U.N. Group Trip

**Saturday, March 3**

7:00 a.m.                      Pray Like a Man

8:00 a.m.                      Men's Bible Study



*"He heals the broken in heart, and binds up their wounds."*

*Psalm 147:3 (NIVB)*



Everyone has a place at God's party, and God rejoices when people of all abilities are included in our churches and communities. Your gifts make their empowerment possible! To make a donation to Heart Havens, visit [www.hearthavens.org](http://www.hearthavens.org)

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Your name & phone #:

How many of each:

\_\_\_\_\_ Lilies  
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In Honor of:

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**Cost:** Lilies \$15  
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**Deadline: March 5**

## 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:** ● Avery Kaufmann (C. Powers) ● Jean Lee (D. Jenkins) ● Jose Ortiz (M. Rivera) ● Bill Ellis (T. Ellis) ● Sue Gordon (J. Cover) ● David Gilkerson (J. Cover) ● Families of those killed in the school shooting in Parkland, FL

**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) ● 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) ● 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 February 4:** ● Baby Eva (P. Tony) ● Barbara Kendall ● Ashton Toombs ● Ben Wood (J. Cover) ● Mike Gibson (D. Whittington) ● Gen. Khalifa (B. Grant) ● Lauren Polen (J. Polen) ● Kara, Debbie & Dana (B. Gmitter) ● Betty Zelloe (D. Jenkin) ● God's wisdom in the choice of next pastor to serve St. Matthias ● Jim Davis's father ● Stephen Thompson (P. Thompson)

**Prayer Requests from the week of February 11:** ● Gary Gardiner (B. Wood) ● Charlotte Burrill (B. Trant) ● Family of Jean Lee (D. Jenkins) ● Symonds (C. Hand) ● James Davis, Jr (J. Davis) ● Paul Balgavy (R. Balgavy) ● Larry Vida ● Jason Toombs ● Rugby (C. Hambrick) ● Matthew Lonergan (P. Lonergan) ● Velma & Jim Bailey (M. A. Holt) ● Tim Gates (Admin. Asst. at Peace UMC) ● Barbara Kendall ● Bishop & Dist. Superintendent meeting this week to begin discussing pastoral assignments ● Rona Vernimb (P. Vernimb) ● Michelle Hutchinson ● Ron Hall

**Prayer Requests from the week of February 18:** ● Florida school shooting -- for the children & parents ● Michelle Hutchinson ● Jerry (P. Jones) ● Jim Bell (S. King) ● Renaldo Keene (B. Keene) ● Barbara Kendall ● Laura (A. Murray) ● Dick Moore ● Patsy & Larry Vida ● Jason Toombs (Angelique and family) ● Barbara Grant ● The Rucker triplets and others who are homebound during the flu season ● Barry Jones on a mission in Haiti - Feb. 21-28, and Peg Jones on a mission in Columbia - Feb. 24 - March 3 ● Our upcoming Honduras Mission May 26- June 2, with 10 serving on the team ● New Bible studies and on-going ones ● Basilio Hualpa (G. Russell) ● Susan Scheina



### ST. MATTHIAS YOUTH GROUP

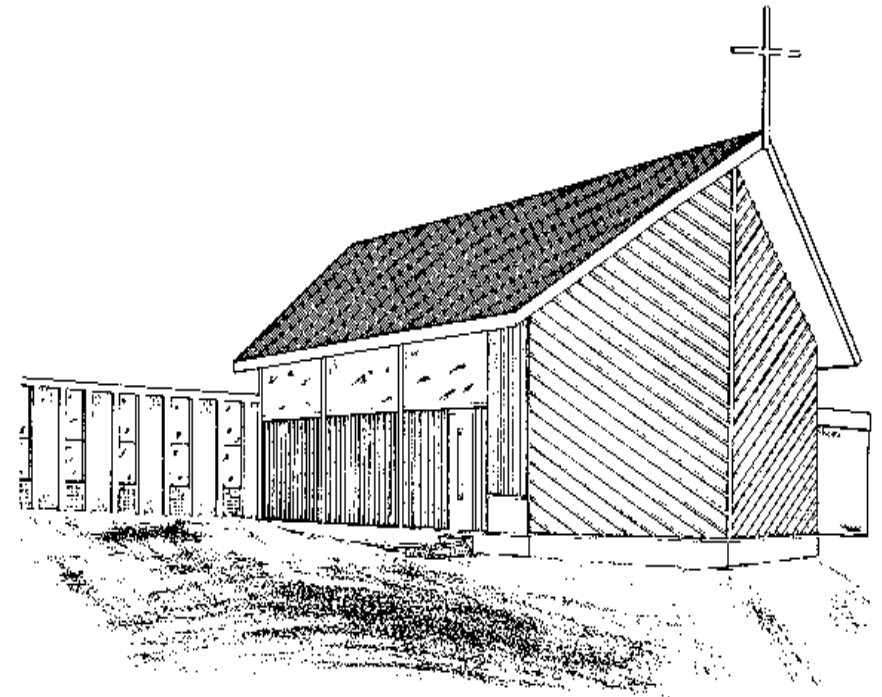
focuses on growing our faith, having LOTS of fun, and maintaining close knit fellowship. The group welcomes all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders! You do not have to be a member of the church to be a part of it....so invite some friends!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Regular, Sunday night meetings 3/4, 3/11, 3/18

F.U.N. Group Trip ~ Saturday, April 28 ~ Museum of the Bible in D.C.

F.U.N. Group trip to the Museum of the Bible in D.C. will be on Saturday, April 28, leaving the church parking lot approximately 9 a.m. Cost will be determined by the mode of transportation: \$8 - \$10 per person if we go by van (16 or fewer people); \$20 per person if we go by bus. The museum requests a donation of \$15.00. Sign up on the front bulletin board for this interesting trip! POC: Mary Ella Fuquay, (540) 479-8265



## St. Matthias United Methodist Church

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

**February 25, 2018**

**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

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**Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

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**Rev. Pat B. Tony**

**Attendance on February 18**

**Sunday School: 29**

**Morning Worship: 164**