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ST. MATTHIAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 2018



I am a soup maker. I love to pull out the pot, cutting boards, and fresh ingredients. With a little time and work, the kids come sniffing and asking about dinnertime. It is therapeutic for me, it feeds the family a few meals, and helps us come around the table and be at home. I learned this from my mother, who makes the best vegetable beef soup you will ever eat, but I learned mostly by watching and tasting.

The beauty of a good soup is blending of taste to make something new. Each ingredient is important and unique, but heat and time bring it all together to something quite wonderful. This mixing and merging is why it is always better the next day. You can even mix in things that don't necessarily make sense (ask me about dark chocolate in chili sometime) and something wonderful emerges. Well sometimes.

The same is true with the body of Christ, and particularly with local congregations like St. Matthias. Individual people are important and unique, beloved by Christ, and with something unique to offer. Some are young, green shoots, other more seasoned, still others bringing the needed salt or sweetness. The blending isn't easy and always involves transformation. Heat and time cause the components to yield. But the result can be quite beautiful.

Paul puts it this way: He gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. His purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Son. God's goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ. As a result, we aren't supposed to be infants any longer who can be tossed and blown around by every wind that comes from teaching with deceitful scheming and the tricks people play to deliberately mislead others. Instead, by speaking the truth with love, let us grow in every way into Christ, who is the head. The whole body grows from him, as it is joined and held together by all the supporting ligaments. The body makes itself grow in that it builds itself up with love as each one does its part. (Ephesians 4:11-16, CEB).

Please don't miss the key ingredient: Love. That is the love of God and the love of each other at work in our community and in our relationships.

We are still cooking at St. Matthias. I am so very hopeful for our life together, and look forward to what Christ, the master chef, will be able to do with us. Please pray with me about this and stay in touch.

See you in church!

Pastor Bert

If you would like to contact Pastor Bert, please call or text 540-736-7007 or email pastorbert@stmatthiasumc.org About.me/bert.cloud

CHURCH EMAIL

If you are having trouble receiving email from the church, please be sure to check your spam or junk folders. If you need additional help, please contact the church office, 540-373-8759.

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"The Lord is my strength and my song" comes directly from Deuteronomy and implores us to keep a song in our heart and God in all of our days. The choir season begins on August 29, 2018 at 7 p.m. and we would love to have you join us. New music, new song books, and even the cantata have been ordered and it looks like a good variety of music everyone will enjoy. Please pray fervently about singing for our Lord in the choir! He can do great things when you say "yes" to His nudging. We hope to see you in choir!

POC: Carole Hall, (540) 786-3194



Women of St. Matthias, mark your calendars for Sunday, September 9, 12:30 pm. We will gather in Social Hall right after second worship service, for a time of food, fellowship and merriment: an old-fashioned tea party! We will enjoy tea (of course!), sandwiches and sweets, and then spend a bit of time making fun and funny hats to model! Invite your female friends and relatives to join us! Please sign up on the main bulletin board, indicating the number in your party. **POC:** Mary Ella Fuquay (540) 479-8265 or Dottie Prater (540) 940-2611.



THANK YOU, St. Matthias family, for your continued support of Love and Laundry! On Friday, July 20, we served 21 patrons and spent \$218.75!

More importantly, we prayed with some folks, laughed and cried with some folks, and received a wonderful thank you note from one of our "regulars." You can see Celine's note on the main bulletin board. YOU are providing a blessing to folks you might never meet, but whose lives you are touching deeply.



The Emmaus Face to Face Walk for older adults gives seniors the opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence in their lives, to gain fresh understanding of God's transforming grace and to form friendships that foster their faith after the Face to Face experience. St. Matthias will be providing lunch for the Pilgrims Tuesday, August 14. If you would like to help, please sign up on the front bulletin board.

Please drop off your food contribution no later than 9:30 a.m., August 14th so that it can be delivered by 11:30. **All food items must be NUT-FREE.**

POC: Judy Harford, (540) 899-2249

NEW BOOK STUDY STARTING

The Seekers Sunday School class will be starting a new book on September 9: *The Rock, the Road and the Rabbi* by Kathy Lee Gifford. The study will last until Advent, or close to it. If interested in participating in this study, please sign up on the main bulletin board to order a copy of the book (approximately \$12.00 in paperback; also available on Kindle from Amazon). Questions? Contact Mary Ella Fuquay or Patrick Lonergan.

WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO?

Hard to believe, but school will be starting again very soon, and that means the teachers at Grafton Village Elementary School will be welcoming us back to help with their students in their classrooms. We do a variety of tasks, from working with small groups to one-on-one tutoring, to making copies or helping with displays. **No teaching experience or any special training or clearance is needed!** Our first task will be providing breakfast for the teachers on their workday, usually a day during the last week of August, before the students return. (The actual date for that will be announced soon.) If you're interested in being one of our Reading Buddies or Study Buddies, or just want more information, please contact Mary Ella Fuquay by phone (540-479-8265) or email: mefuquay@gmail.com. Making a difference in the life of a child is one of the greatest things we can be called to do, and the rewards of smiles and hugs is the best "payment" you can get!

C A H L O M E :

We have an exciting opportunity to hear a phenomenal speaker, Dr. Terry Tekyl, speak on the power of prayer. On Saturday, September 15, from 9 am to 3 pm, Dr. Tekyl is offering a workshop-style event that focuses on prayer, and we are forming a group from St. Matthias to attend. The event will be held in Richmond, at Reville IUMC on Cary Street. Cost is only \$10, which includes lunch! For more information, see the flyer on the main bulletin board. If interested in attending, contact Mary Ella Fuquay.



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RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER DISTRICT LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

October 5—6, 2018

Register Chapel UMC, 85 Bells Hill Rd, Stafford, VA,

540-659-2642 for Directions

SCHEDULE

Registration Check in: Friday, Oct 5, 6:00 pm
10:00pm, Saturday: 8:00am—4:30pm

Class: Friday 6:30pm-

Lay Servant Training can help anyone who is interested in learning more in their pursuit of being a better leader and servant for Christ's church. These classes can be used as tools in discerning God's call for your personal walk and ministry.

If you are a Lay Servant, you must attend the **ENTIRE** course in order to receive credit for certification or recertification. Recertification is required every three years for both Certified Lay Servants and Certified Lay Speakers.

Basic Course Offered

The Basic Course – This course is the foundation for all other Learning and Leading courses. In this course you are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended. Participants are invited to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship. This course offers guidelines for best practices as a church leader and in mission and ministry in the community and in daily life. *Leader—TBD. Book: Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course. Books will be provided for this class by a Rappahannock River District Grant.*

Advanced Courses Offered

Advanced Class: **Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts**

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts – This course helps you understand spiritual gifts and how you and your church can use them to fulfill your mission and ministry. You will also learn what it means to be a spiritual leader and you will be equipped to lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts. *Leader—Rev Sung Yoo*

Book: Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts, by Charles V Bryant, ISBN 978-0-8358-0633-6 and Your Spiritual Gifts Inventory, ISBN 0-8358-0819-X Please purchase your own book for this class.

Advanced Courses Offered

Advanced Class: **Intentional Discipleship Making**—You will be invited to become more intentional about making disciples in your ministry setting. We will cover investing in making and growing disciples; creating an intentional discipleship system; learning that discipleship begins with relationships; and developing tools for seeing all the people and engaging your community. *Leader—Rev. Jeff Campbell* Books will be provided for this class.

Advanced Courses Offered

Advanced Class : **Leading Worship**

Leading Worship – This course will focus on basic worship leadership skills for lay persons who assist the pastor in leading Christian worship. Particular emphasis is given to basic skills: understanding your leadership role in relation to other leaders and the congregation, reading scripture, leading prayer, distributing the elements at the Lord's Supper, and basic do's and don'ts of effective worship. *Leader - Rev Emily Moore-Diamond*

Book: Worshipping with United Methodists by Hoyt Hickman. ISBN-9780687335268 Please purchase your own book for this class.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE



FINANCE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

June 2018 Status of Funds

Financial reports for the period ending June 30, 2018 are complete. We are half way through the year and we have spent approximately 45.1% of our budget in the general operating account. The chart below reflects our status in each major line item category.

DESCRIPTION	ANNUAL BUDGET	YEAR-TO-DATE ACTUALS	% EXPENDED
Staff Salaries/Pensions	\$170,901	\$80,400	47.0
Admin/Conf Apport	\$63,335	\$33,709	53.2
Program Areas	\$25,950	\$5,253	20.2
Building/Maint/Utilities	\$70,716	\$26,152	36.9
TOTAL	\$330,902	\$145,495	44.0

As of June 30, our status is shown below. However, halfway through July, we are in the positive again.

Revenue	\$141,997.31
Expenses	(\$146,148.25)
Net loss	(\$4,150.94)

Revenue includes offerings into the general fund and \$10,920 in script sales. There is \$32,183.03 in our operating account earmarked for various Special Designated Accounts such as the Rise Against Hunger, the 30 Hour Famine, the Salvation Army and many others.

Expenses include items such as conference apportionments, staff salaries, utilities, building repair and maintenance costs, Program area expenses and administrative costs.

Revision of the Financial Policies and Guidelines will be made available to the congregation as soon as they are approved by the Finance Committee and the Administrative Council.

Our meetings are open to all on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in room 10. All detailed financial reports are available for review in the church office.

Sandy Rawlins (540 840-3776)

AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:30 a.m. UMW Annual Fall Luncheon	2 6:30 a.m. Micah Breakfast 6:00 p.m. UR 6:29 Prayer 7:00 Al Anon 7:00 Trustees	3 Decorate for VBS	4 Decorate for VBS 7:00 PLAM 8:00 Men's Bible Study
5 5:00 Praise Practice 5:45 Evening Worship	6	7 7:45 a.m. Exercise 1:00 God's Celebrators 7:00 WBB	8	9 6:00 p.m. UR 6:29 Prayer 7:00 Al Anon 7:00 Worship	10	11 7:00 PLAM 8:00 Men's Bible Study
12 9:45 a.m. 2nd Sunday Fellowship 5:00 Praise Practice	13 9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer	14 7:45 a.m. Exercise 9:30 a.m. Food Delivery – Face to Face Conference 1:00 God's Celebrators 7:00 WBB	15 10:00 am UMW Meeting 6:00-8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Comm. Mtg. 7:00 Finance	16 6:00 p.m. UR 6:29 Prayer 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Comm. Mtg. 7:00 Al Anon 7:00 p.m. Trustees	17 Love & Laundry	18 7:00 am Pray Like a Man 8:00 Men's Bible Study
19 7:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast 5:00 Praise Practice 5:45 p.m. Evening Worship	20 9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer	21 7:45 a.m. Exercise 1:00 God's Celebrators 7:00 WBB	22 10:00 am UMW Crafts 5:00-9:00 p.m. Annual ice cream Girl Scout social	23 6:00 p.m. UR 6:29 Prayer 7:00 Al Anon	24	25 7:00 Pray Like a Man 8:00 Men's Bible Study 8:00-2 p.m. Emmaus Team Training Youth Kick- Off-More info to follow
26 5:00 Praise Practice	27 9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer	28 7:45 a.m. Exercise 1:00 God's Celebrators 7:00 WBB	29 10:00 am UMW Crafts 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Meetings resume 7:00 p.m. Choir practice resumes	30 6:00 p.m. UR 6:29 Prayer 7:00 Al Anon	31	

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Andrew Holt
- 2 Matthew Rivera
- 3 Patrick Lonergan
- 6 Logan Bush
- 7 Jim Haney
- 8 Dee Naifeh
- 10 Charlotte Potts
- 10 Christiana Potts
- 10 Joyce Keene
- 10 May Lou Pitzer
- 11 Gabriel Gotthardt
- 11 Peggy Stone
- 12 Eric Hayes
- 12 Haley Russett
- 14 Laraye Berry
- 14 Mary Eva Repass
- 15 Janet Kinneer
- 17 Brandon Ashby
- 17 Evette Russett
- 17 Kara Hogue
- 17 Nicole Ashby
- 20 John Reichard
- 22 Terry Hill
- 23 Rosa Hogue
- 25 Barbara Nash
- 25 Jeff Berry
- 25 Savannah Russett
- 29 Helen Powell
- 30 R. Allen King
- 31 Bobbie Dunkin

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Dick & Dianne Moore
- 5 Darrell & Doreen Barnes
- 9 Ken & Charlotte Stockwell
- 10 Don & Judy Clark
- 13 Brian & Claire Harkless
- 18 Brandon & Nicole Ashby
- 23 Mike & Brenda Trant
- 30 Jeff & Paula McClure
- 30 Roger & Joyce Keene



ANNUAL GIRL SCOUT ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Wednesday, August 22

5:00-9:00 PM

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2ND ANNUAL CAR, TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:00 – 2:00 PM

RAIN DATE: SATURDAY, SEPT. 29



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

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!!!!