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# THE MESSENGER

St. Matthias United Methodist Church

FEBRUARY 2018

*For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. (Romans 6:4)*

**Ash Wednesday, February 14**, marks the beginning of **Lent**.

We will have a brief meditation and Imposition of Ashes at 10:00 a.m. and Worship with Imposition of Ashes at 7 p.m.

Lent is a 40 day season of penitence and sacrifice. We seek renewal and refreshment in **God's forgiveness for our sins, and His new way of life in Christ Jesus**. As the darkness gives way to lengthening daylight, we meditate upon how Jesus defeated the darkness through His death on the cross and resurrection. We look forward to Easter, April 1 when we proclaim His Resurrection power over sin and death!

***Walking in Newness of Life*** - - trusting and following Christ - - is the theme of our Society of St. Andrew Lenten booklet this year. Each household is invited to take a devotional guide. Or you may receive a daily email devotion at [www.endhunger.org](http://www.endhunger.org). As we receive daily bread and celebrate the changes the Holy Spirit is working in our lives, let us give a thank offering to feed the hungry of our nation.

Serving the poor is one way we serve the Lord Jesus until He comes again. (Matthew 25: 31-46)

Recently, Iris W. Bray, mother of Sonny Bray, claimed the promise of the Resurrection. What a legacy of faith she leaves in her poetry and in the way she lived as a Christian! One of her poems describes the faithfulness of God along the journey of life. May the Lord Jesus use it to bless your faith walk this Lenten season.



## *God Will Make a Way*

Keep your faith – spend time in prayer  
Leave your burdens in His care!  
Find your strength  
renewed each day ---  
Knowing God will make a way!

Trust His promise to be true  
That in your need He comes to you --  
If, in faith you wait and pray  
Believing God will make a way!

“He” who placed the stars on high  
And hung the moon to light our sky,  
Can turn all darkness into Day --  
The Gracious God will make a Way!

*Iris W. Bray – Summer of 2010*

*On the Journey with you this Lent,  
Pastor Pat*

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**UPCOMINGEVENTS**

**5-Talent Academy**

Saturday, March 10, 9-3, Ebenezer UMC. This will be a day of great inspiration and learning, featuring Reverend Rachel Billups speaking on “Beyond Sunday School: Empowering Regular Folks to Lead a God Movement.” **Early registration date is February 7;** cost is \$25 (that’s \$10 off the regular price!) and if there are 5 of us from St. Matthias, one gets to go for free! Please sign up soon, and we will register us all at one time.

**URGENT! HELPERS NEEDED! URGENT!**

**Do you love to read?** You can make a life-long difference for a child who doesn't get read to or read with at home by joining Reading Buddies, our partnering group with Grafton Village Elementary School. Starting on Tuesday, February 6 and going for 8 weeks (through March 27), we will meet with kids from Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and work with them one-on-one, from 3:40 til 4:45 each week. You'll share your love of books and reading with these little ones, and you'll form a very special friendship with a very special child or two. The more adults we have participating, the more children we can help; please say “yes” to this wonderful ministry!

**POC:** Mary Ella Fuquay, (540) 479-8265

**F.UN. Group Trips**

There will be a short meeting after 11:00 worship on February 11, to choose a date for the F.U.N. Group trip to the Museum of the Bible in D.C. Anyone interested in this trip (this will be a van trip, thanks to Lois Nedza!) should try to come to the meeting, to add your voice to the decision-making.

To participate in other F.U.N. Group trips, to Shannon Airplane Museum (March 2<sup>nd</sup>) and to the Terra Cotta Army exhibit (Richmond-March 9<sup>th</sup>), sign up on the sheet on the main bulletin board.

**POC:** Mary Ella Fuquay

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** *Ash Wednesday* is rapidly approaching (February 14), and St. Matthias UMW invites everyone to join us for a very special morning. Ash Wednesday worship and imposition of ashes will begin at 10 am (a good option for those who would prefer a daytime service), followed by a speaker, Lori Smith. Lori is the Director of All God’s Children camp, a camp for children of incarcerated parents. Lori’s talk will be followed by a simple potluck lunch of soup and bread. Sign up on the main bulletin board so we know how many places to set at the table.

**POC:** Mary Ella Fuquay, (540) 479-8265

Ash Wednesday Worship will also be held at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



**LENTEN STUDY:** Please join the Seekers Discipleship class in a Lenten Study by Tom Berlin: *Restored: Finding Redemption in our Mess.* Sign up on the main bulletin board to have a book ordered for you (cost: \$10.79).

## LOVE & LAUNDRY



One of our favorite patrons finds that it's easier to put the detergent in if you're standing on a stool!

**LOVE + LAUNDRY:** Thank you, St. Matthias family, for your wonderfully generous support of Love and Laundry! Because of your continued donations, on Friday, January 19 we were able to help 14 patrons/families with free laundry, and we spent \$174.00 to do it! We had some new helpers sharing the blessings as well; thank you, Rita Payne and Brandon and Sutton Ashby! **Next Love and Laundry event: Friday, February 9, 1 – 5 pm (please note this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of February, rather than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday).**

## MISSIONS

**The Mission Team** is excited to see where the Lord will lead us in 2018! At our first 2018 meeting we shared with each other how we became mission servants and how God nudged us to be his hands and feet. Do you feel that nudge from God? How are you answering his call?

The **St. Matthias Mission Booklet** has been updated! We will distribute the booklet on Sunday, February 4. Please take a moment to go through it and see which missions touch your heart. Don't be shy about getting involved in any of the missions because we always need help!

The Mission Team will be hosting a **Chicken Crockpot Dinner** on **Friday, February 16 from 6-8 pm**. The menu will include chicken, rice, green beans, rolls and dessert. **The Rainbow Butterfly Unicorn Chickens** will provide the entertainment and I hear they have some new songs in their repertoire! Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex so we know how many folks are coming. It will be a fun evening and all donations will benefit Missions/Military & Veterans Ministries.

Thank you for your support for our many missions during 2017. We are praying that God will continue to provide for our missions in 2018. Paul, writing from Macedonia to the Corinthians said in **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8:7**: *“But since you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you - see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”* Thank you for your giving and serving hearts!

## PRAYER CONNECTION

Did you know that we have a Prayer Chain called the Prayer Connection? If you have a prayer or want to join the Prayer Connection as an intercessor, please contact Judy Cover. When I receive the prayer requests, I then send them via email to all of the Prayer Connection members who intercede/pray for those prayer requests. Please ask the Lord if He wants you to pray with us and let me know if you are interested.

Judy Cover

Prayer Coordinator – judylovesjesus2@gmail.com

## WORSHIP

February already! Time to start thinking about Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Easter. This is an unusual year in the fact that Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day and Easter is on April Fool's Day:

2/04/18 – 8:45 & 11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

2/11/18 - Boy Scout Sunday (Awaken the Dawn plays at both 8:45 and 11 a.m. worship)

2/14/18 - **Ash Wednesday** Worship - **10 am & 7 pm** in the Sanctuary

Following the 10 a.m. service, UMW “All God’s Children” Program and Luncheon

2/18/18 – First Sunday in Lent 8:45 & 11 a.m. Worship / Evening Service with Communion - 5:45 pm (Awaken the Dawn)

2/25/18 – Second Sunday in Lent 8:45 & 11 a.m. Worship

3/04/18 – Third Sunday in Lent 8:45 & 11 a.m. Worship with Communion/ Evening Service with Communion - 5:45 pm (ATD)

3/11/18 – Fourth Sunday in Lent - Girl Scout Sunday - 8:45 & 11 a.m.

3/18/18 -- Fifth Sunday in Lent - 8:45 & 11 a.m. Worship  
Evening Service with Communion - 5:45 pm (Awaken the Dawn)

3/25/18 - **Palm Sunday**, 8:45 a.m. Worship; 11 a.m. Worship -Cantata (Road to Calvary) & Bells

3/29/18 – Maundy Thurs., 7:00 p.m.

3/30/18 – Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.

4/01/18 - **Easter** Son-rise Worship and Holy Communion @ 6:30 am; Breakfast following; 8:45 am & 11 am. Worship with Holy Communion,  
No Evening Worship

## SEEKING A NEW WORSHIP LEADER FOR HUGHES HOME ASSISTED LIVING

Larry Mosley, leader of our ministry at Hughes Home Assisted Living shares: My hope is that the Lord will call on that special servant who loves God's children who are a special heritage to our community. Betsy and I have been performing services for almost 14 years. Prior to us holding services was a special saint of the church, John Niston. John held services of 20 years until he moved to Florida with his wife, Peggy. Sadly, it was about one year later that John passed away. Betsy and I have continued this service in his memory. He will always have a place in our hearts and our minds remembering his generosity of spirit as he mentored us into this special ministry.

To imagine that such a ministry of blessing could last so long from our St. Matthias UM Church is amazing. It would be sad to let this ministry fall away. It is our hope and prayer that someone will fill that blessing John began. So please, if anyone is interested, I will be more than willing to mentor in the same manner John did. All it takes is simply come to the services for a few Sundays. I would be willing to hold them as the new leader(s) observe(s). Then at the proper time, let the Holy Spirit lead you into your own moment of blessings. I still must move on to what I know is right by my mother to be in church service with her at her nursing home near Richmond. But I am willing to support this ministry if there is someone willing to answer the call.

Thanks and God Bless,

Larry & Betsy Mosley  
Assisted Living Ministry  
St. Matthias United Methodist Church

### ST. MATTHIAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ASSISTED LIVING MINISTRY "STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE"

#### Supporting Personnel, Current:

1. Larry & Betsy Mosley – Leaders
2. Gene Rushing – Assistant Leader
3. Paula Jones – Sunday Activity Coordinator, Hughes Home
4. Marcia Roland – Activity Director, Hughes Home

#### Location Information:

Hughes Home, Inc.  
100 Caroline Street | Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

Phone: (540) 373-4100 | Fax: (540) 899-1786

Email: [info@hugheshomeofva.com](mailto:info@hugheshomeofva.com)

Lorraine Sullivan (Owner), Darrell Sullivan (President)

Email: [daryl@cfaith.com](mailto:daryl@cfaith.com)

#### Service Date/Time:

- Each Sunday arrive @ 10:30a. Generally residents may not be settled for 15m and services will begin normally at 10:45a.
- Services can last between 30-45 minutes. Services must conclude by 11:25 so that the dining hall can be prepped for resident's lunch.
- More information is available for those considering this ministry. Contact our church office.



**CHRISTIAN MUSIC UNITES US ALL!**

Come and listen to Christian Music or if you are a performer or group come and share your talent. There is no admission fee and free beverages and snacks are provided. It is an ecumenical/multi-denominational gathering. This spiritually fulfilling evening celebrates the many styles of Christian Music.

**EVENT DATE & TIME:** FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9th at 7:00 pm  
**EVENT LOCATION:** St. Jude Activity Center  
10725 Courthouse Road - Fredericksburg

**Open Mic Format**  
Perform up to three songs.



Ebenezer UMC  
161 Embrey Mill Rd.

**Saturday, March 10, 2018/ 9:00-3:00PM\***

\*Please plan to arrive by 8:30 AM for Registration, the event will begin promptly at 9.

***Beyond Sunday School: Empowering Regular folks to lead a God Movement Featuring: Rachel Billups***



Rev. Rachel Billups serves as Ginghamburg's Executive Pastor of Discipleship and as part of the preaching team. Rachel, an Ordained Elder within the United Methodist Church, holds a Bachelor's Degree in Bible/Religion and History from Anderson University and a Master of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School. Rachel was also the first clergy resident for the United Methodist West Ohio Conference's Residency Program. Before joining the Ginghamburg team in July 2014, Rachel served as the lead pastor of Shiloh United Methodist, a multisite church in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Early Bird Registration: \$25/PERSON**  
**\*\*Must Register by: February 7, 2018** (that's \$10 off the regular price!) and if there are 5 of us from St. Matthias, one gets to go for free! Please sign up soon, and Mary Ella Fuquay will register us all at one time.



**A LISTENING SESSION WITH BISHOP LEWIS**

Bishop Lewis will host a listening session, *Chat n' Chew 2.0*, on **Saturday, February 24, 2018**, at Ebenezer UMC in Stafford VA. This event is for both laity and clergy from the Alexandria, Arlington, Rappahannock River, and Richmond Districts. It will focus on the work of The Commission on the Way Forward regarding unity and human sexuality, allowing lay and clergy voices across the conference to engage directly in this important conversation.



- WHO:** Laity & Clergy from the Alexandria, Arlington, Rappahannock River, and Richmond Districts.
- WHAT:** A listening session with Bishop Lewis focused on the work of the Commission on the Way Forward.
- WHEN:** Saturday, February 24, 2018  
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Ebenezer UMC: 161 Embrey Mill Rd., Stafford, VA 22554
- COST:** \$10/person. Lunch is included.

**REGISTER:** [Eiseverywhere.com/chatnchew2](http://Eiseverywhere.com/chatnchew2)

## KIDS CLUB CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



Kid's Club got together in January and worked on missions. Snowman artwork was created using painted footprints, finger prints and construction paper. Thirty-Five activity bags were also filled. It will all be sent to the children of Broward Health Salah Foundation Children's Hospital in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.



February Kid's Club will gather in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, February 18. We will be creating our own lunch and dessert and playing games. Come and join us! POC: Liz Morris, (540) 226-5133, momx3gnmad@verizon.net

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR!** Will sing in church on Sunday, February 18, at the 11:00 a.m. service!! When do we practice? Immediately following the 8:45 a.m. service, in the sanctuary. Come join us!! POC: Liz Morris



# February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 6:30 a.m. Micah Brkfst 6:00 p.m. UR <b>6:29 Prayer</b> 7:00 Al Anon <b>7:00 Trustees</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 PLAM</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study
<b>4</b> <b>12:15 Emmaus Reunion</b> 12:15 Souper Bowl <b>1:15 Flag Football Tournament</b>	<b>5</b> <b>9-11 Food Pantry</b> 10:00 am Prayer <b>5:30 Upper Room</b> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout	<b>6</b> 7:45 a.m. Exercise 11:30 Disc. 4 <b>1:00 God's Celebrators</b> 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts <b>7:00 WBB</b>	<b>7</b> <b>10:00 am UMW Crafts</b> 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir <b>6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>8</b> 6:00 p.m. UR 6:29 Prayer <b>7:00 Al Anon</b> 7:00 Worship	<b>9</b> <b>1-5 p.m. Love &amp; Laundry</b>	<b>10</b> <b>7:00 am Pray Like a Man</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study <b>3:00 G.Scout Award Banquet</b>
<b>11</b> <b>9:45 a.m. 2nd Sunday Fellowship</b> 12:15 Boy Scout Breakfast Fundraiser <b>12:15 FUN Trip Meeting</b> 5:00 Praise Practice <b>6:30 UMYF</b>	<b>12</b> <b>9-11 Food Pantry</b> 10:00 am Prayer <b>5:30 Upper Room</b> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout	<b>13</b> 7:45 a.m. Exercise 11:30 Disc. 4 <b>1:00 God's Celebrators</b> 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts <b>7:00 WBB</b> 7:00 Finance	<b>14</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>10:00 am Ash Wed. Service</b> 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir <b>6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts</b> 7:00 Ash Wed. Service	<b>15</b> <b>8:00 Girl Scout Cookie Sort (F. Hall)</b> 6:00 p.m. UR <b>6:29 Prayer</b> 7:00 Al Anon <b>7:00 Ad. Council</b>	<b>16</b> <b>6-8 p.m. Valentine Dinner with RBUC Band</b>	<b>17</b> <b>7:00 Pray Like a Man</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study
<b>18</b> <b>1st SUN. IN LENT</b> <b>7:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast</b> 12:15 pm Kid's Club Event <b>5:00 Praise Practice</b> 5:45 Evening Worship <b>6:30 UMYF</b>	<b>19</b> <b>9-11 Food Pantry</b> 10:00 am Prayer <b>5:30 Upper Room</b> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout	<b>20</b> 7:45 a.m. Exercise 11:30 Disc. 4 <b>1:00 God's Celebrators</b> 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts <b>7:00 WBB</b>	<b>21</b> <b>10:00 am UMW Crafts</b> 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir <b>6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts</b> 7:00 Choir	<b>22</b> <b>6:00 Upper Room</b> 6:29 Prayer <b>6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Comm. Mtg.</b> 7:00 Al Anon	<b>23</b> <b>30 Hour Famine begins at 10 a.m. Lock In begins at 6 p.m.</b>	<b>24</b> <b>30 Hour Fam. Lock In Ends at 4 p.m.</b> 7:00 Pray Like a Man <b>8:00 Men's Bible Study</b> 8:30 Chat & Chew w/ Bishop Lewis
<b>25</b> <b>5:00 Praise Practice</b>	<b>26</b> <b>9-11 Food Pantry</b> 10:00 am Prayer <b>5:30 Upper Room</b> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout	<b>27</b> 7:45 a.m. Exercise 11:30 Disc. 4 <b>1:00 God's Celebrators</b> 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts <b>7:00 WBB</b>	<b>28</b> <b>10:00 am UMW Crafts</b> 5:30 p.m. Bell Choir <b>6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts</b> 7:00 Choir			



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Lynette Ware
- 8 Garrett Powers
- 11 Ross Potts
- 12 Roger Morgan
- 12 Tyler Morgan
- 12 Barbara Brown
- 13 Jane Studley
- 13 Sean Belako
- 14 Linda Bailey
- 15 Catherine Powers
- 16 Carolyn Sprinkle
- 17 Sawyer Morris
- 19 Betsy Mosley
- 19 Joe Schepers
- 20 Paul Morris
- 22 Dick Moore
- 24 Tricia Boring
- 24 Meghan Smith
- 25 Ryan Smith
- 25 Tyler Hutchinson
- 27 Earline Haney
- 27 Kathy Smith

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 David & Janet Kinneer
- 21 Marvin & Dottie Prater
- 25 James & Linda Pettit
- 25 Joe & Lolita Schepers
- 27 Greg & Betsy Anderson

\$8.00 Per Person



Chicken Crock-Pot Dinner  
Friday, February 16  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

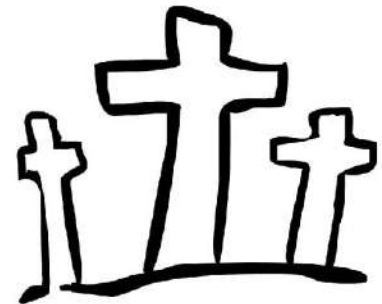
Dinner includes Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, Rolls, & Dessert

Special Entertainment Provided By

RAINBOW, BUTTERFLY  
UNICORN, CHICKEN -  
ALL GIRL BAND

Cantatas are here! Easter is just around the corner and songs will be proclaiming “Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!”

This year’s anthem “Road to Calvary” walks us down the roads from Nazareth, across the hills of Galilee, traversing the Mount of Olives, to the Garden of Gethsemane, carrying our sins up Calvary’s hill to that awful cross. He established forever that “Calvary Covers It All.” Do you feel the nudge to answer God’s call as He waits for you at the altar with His arms open wide? Come bask with us in the glow of His love and forgiveness as you proclaim that “Your Love Awakens Me.” Please pray about God’s nudging you! Contact: Carole Hall, choir director – (540) 786-3194, cthrw2123@comcast.net





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"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!!!!***