

LOVE
BEARS ALL THINGS,
BELIEVES ALL THINGS,
HOPES ALL THINGS,
ENDURES ALL THINGS



The Messenger



July 2018

ST. MATTHIAS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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

We would like to Welcome Rev. Bert Cloud 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 UVMIM 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.

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

About.me/bert.cloud

UPCOMING EVENTS



LOVE and LAUNDRY

On Friday, June 22, we served 36 patrons and spent \$310 for washers and dryers! We prayed for several of the folks who were there, and we shared laughter, and tears, along with a lot of laundry detergent!! Thank you, St. Matthias family, for your donations of quarters (and bills and checks), and the HOPE that they bring!



FRIDAY, JULY 20 ~ 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. @
ST. MATTHIAS UMC

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Tammi Ellis, 540-842-2858

GLAD HATTERS TEA PARTY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

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USHERS

Please prayerfully consider signing up to usher once a month or as an alternate. The new sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Anderson, (540) 373-4358 or Joan Polen, (540) 645-0198.

THURMAN BRISBEN - OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

We will be preparing and serving a meal at the Thurman Brisben Center Sunday, July 22nd from 3:30-7:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign-up on the front bulletin board or contact Brenda Wood, (540) 809-4616 or bwood@fredericksburgva.gov

WEEDING BUDDIES

READING BUDDIES? NO! **WEEDING**

BUDDIES! Now that Reading Buddies are finished for the summer break, we are starting a whole new kind of "buddy" ministry: Weeding Buddies! If you have a love of pulling weeds while enjoying good company, please join Rita Payne and Mary Ella Fuquay to pull the weeds in the church flowerbeds and in the labyrinth. Let us know if you're interested, and we'll set up a schedule. Training provided. POC: Mary Ella (540) 479-8265 or mefuquay@gmail.com

A big thank you to Rita and Al Payne for all your weeding work.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT Copies of the report from Annual Conference are on the information table near the church office, for anyone wishing to have one. The DVD's of the worship services have been ordered, and will be available in 2 – 3 weeks. Also, the final report of the team tasked to find “a way forward” for the General Conference of the United Methodist Church will be available to all churches about July 7 or 8.

We can rejoice in that the Kits for Conference prepared by our UMW, with items donated by St. Matthias members, were part of the 44,774 disaster kits of all kinds that were collected at Annual Conference! 29,409 hygiene (health) kits, 13,367 school kits, and 840 cleaning kits (buckets) were among the total of kits and represented the types of kits prepared and paid for by St. Matthias. Thank you, church, for your participation in this wonderful ministry!

WORSHIP & PRAYER

As we welcome Pastor Bert Cloud on Sunday July 1, let us remember to pray for him, Gina, and their 3 children as they transition to our area. (new home, new schools, new doctors, and many new names to remember) Our Worship Committee and Prayer Connection continue to plan and pray during the summer.

Rosemary Balgavy continues to need helpers for the Visual part of our church services as does Greg Anderson for the Ushers. Please pray and see if the Lord would want you to contact one of them.

May you have a safe and fun summer!

Judy Cover, Worship Chair, Prayer Coordinator

HANDBELL DIRECTOR'S SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Congrats to Beth McBride! She is the recipient of an individual scholarship given by Handbell Musicians of America Area 3 to attend the 2018 Director's Seminar in Roanoke, VA. August 17-18. The scholarship includes the registration fee (\$225), lodging at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center (\$131) and a \$100 stipend. The guest clinician for the event (along with additional faculty) is David Harris, Director of The Raleigh Ringers, an internationally recognized touring handbell ensemble based in Raleigh, NC. This event will offer classes to enhance director skills, discover ways to help young ringers ring more musically and will offer and explore new handbell repertoire. Beth is honored and excited to represent our church and "The St. Matthias Ringers" at this event.

THANK YOU

“Friends are friends forever, if the Lord's the Lord of them,” a phrase from Christian music artist Michael W. Smith, is a word for this season of transitions. There are so many “Wow, God!” moments in our ministry together over the last six years. Thank you for the memories and for the love of Christ poured out in the farewell celebrations: in the Couple's Bible Study, Vital Church Gathering and May Worship Meeting. The Farewell Open House, Sunday a.m. Worship, Second Sunday Fellowship and special times of prayer were filled with surprises of God's grace! Bless you for your prayers, encouraging words and actions of faith through challenging days as well as days of celebration.

Dean and I bless the Lord for all the amazing gifts and ways you continue to reach out in love in our community and beyond. On June 27th, Pastor Bert Cloud will begin serving St. Matthias UMC. Please pray for him and his family, support them, and love them as you keep your eyes on the Lord Jesus Christ, generous and faithful Redeemer. You'll be in our prayers; the best days of ministry are yet to come!

Pastor Pat and family

Contact information for Pastor Pat: pattony@vaumc.org

JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">1</p> <p>12:15 Emmaus Reunion 5:00 Praise Practice 5:45 Evening Worship</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">2</p> <p>9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 Upper Room</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">3</p> <p>7:45 a.m. Exercise 1:00 God's Celebrators 7:00 WBB</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">4</p> <p>4TH OF JULY OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">5</p> <p>6:30 a.m. Micah Breakfast 6:00 p.m. UR 6:29 Prayer 7:00 Al Anon 7:00 Trustees</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">7</p> <p>7:00 PLAM 8:00 Men's Bible Study</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">8</p> <p>9:45 a.m. 2nd Sunday Fellowship 5:00 Praise Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">9</p> <p>9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 Upper Room 7:00 p.m. Heartwood Center Board Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">10</p> <p>7:45 a.m. Exercise 1:00 God's Celebrators 7:00 WBB</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">11</p> <p>10:00 am UMW Meeting 7:00 Finance</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">12</p> <p>6:00 p.m. UR 6:29 Prayer 7:00 Al Anon</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">13</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">14</p> <p>7:00 PLAM 8:00 Men's Bible Study</p>
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<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">22</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Thurman Brisben</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">23</p> <p>9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 Upper Room</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">24</p> <p>7:45 a.m. Exercise 1:00 God's Celebrators 7:00 WBB</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">25</p> <p>10:00 am UMW Crafts</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">26</p> <p>6:00 p.m. UR 6:29 Prayer 7:00 Al Anon</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">28</p> <p>7:00 Pray Like a Man 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 VBS Meeting</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">29</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Potato Bar</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">30</p> <p>9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 Upper Room</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">31</p> <p>7:45 a.m. Exercise 1:00 God's Celebrators 7:00 WBB</p>				

JULY BIRTHDAYS

3	Susan Gmitter
4	J.T. Morris
6	Colin Meyer
6	Greg Anderson
6	Patricia Thompson
10	Cathy Hawkins
12	Peg Jones
12	Russell Gardner
13	Joey Harkless
14	Angelique White-Toombs
15	Jonathan Rivera
15	Karen Breggenti
16	Bryce Hogue
19	Clyde Hambrick
19	Michael Lonergan
20	Christine Holt
20	Judy Clark
21	Andrew Hutchinson
22	Ruby Courtney
23	Laura Gardner
24	Eileen Rivera
27	Barbara Hardison
27	Shelby Frantum
30	Roger Keene
31	Gene Bailey
31	Margaret Ann Holt
31	Samantha Kolan

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1	Gordon & Ruth Payne
2	Larry & Betsy Mosley
14	Rob & Sara Rucker
19	Sonny & Cathy Bray
21	Mitch & Cynthia Gallant



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ Aug. 6-10, 9:00-Noon

Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with God

Please consider making a difference in the life of a child. Come join in the fun and volunteer to help! The more the merrier and many helpers make the load light! We are in need of volunteers to lead the SKITS.

POC: Liz Morris, momx3gnmad@verizon.net, 540-226-5133 (call or text)



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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!!!!