

PRAYER IN THE CHAPEL - WEDNESDAYS: We invite you to make a commitment to pray each week. What would this year look like if we made an intentional and faithful commitment to rely on God and seek God's will? We invite you to join us on Wednesdays from 7-7:30 p.m. for a candlelight prayer service in the chapel. All are welcome--we hope to see you there.

GROWING IN FAITH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Join the new study by Rev. Adam Hamilton titled *"When Christians Get it Wrong."* This class meets at 9:45 a.m. in Room 305 and Howard Steele is our teacher. Come and join us as we begin this study. For questions contact Annabelle Linden at valinden@verizon.net.

ST. MATTHEW'S WEEKDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION: Registration for the public will begin Wednesday, February 22 at 8:00 a.m. If you know of anyone looking for a Preschool please put in a good word for us. You are our best form of advertisement! WDS Summer Camp is just around the corner! Mark your calendars for June 5-9 and June 12-16. Registration will begin in March. For questions please contact Gail Pepin-Vivian at gpepin-vivian@stmatthewsumc.org or call 703-978-6242.

VBS AND KAMP: Save the Date for Vacation Bible School and KAMP July 17-21

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP OPPORTUNITY FOR RISING 3RD - RISING 7TH GRADERS: Registration is now open for all summer camp programs at Camp Highroad (our conference's UMC camp in Middleburg, VA). There are 7 weeks to choose from (June 18th-August 4th). To learn more about the program, the schedule, and to register visit www.camphighroad.org.

FOOD CLOSET NEEDS: To continue feeding our hungry neighbors, we are in current need of jello, cold cereal and all other non-perishable donations. Please place items in the bins located just inside the church entrances.

FLOWERS & FOOD BASKET SIGN UP: If you would like to sponsor flowers or food baskets during worship in honor of a special person or occasion, you will find the sign up sheets & forms on the wall outside of the library. Flower requests need to be submitted one month in advance and food basket requests one week in advance. Both can be submitted up to a year in advance if you know your dates. Please contact Debbie Creekman for questions about flowers ccreekman@verizon.net or 703-967-5856 and for questions about food baskets call the church office 703-978-3500.

LOST AND FOUND: If your missing a coat or jacket please check the church coat rack. We will donate all coats to charity that are not claimed by March 15, 2017.

ST. MATTHEW'S INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: It is that time of year again when we will be dealing with inclement weather. The inclement weather policy for St. Matthew's is as follows: The church office follows the Fairfax County School guidelines on weather related closings. The office will be closed when Fairfax County Schools are closed. Announcements about closings and schedule or service changes on weekends will be available on the church's website, Facebook, and Twitter page. For questions, contact the Church Office at churchoffice@stmatthewsumc.org.

9:45 AM Modern Worship Service 7th Sunday after Epiphany

Gather
Opening Songs
Prayers of the People

Proclaim
Announcements
Mark 14:26-31, Mark 15:1-15
Message: *"24 Hours That Changed the World"*

Respond
Offering Our Gifts
Communion

Go
Closing Song
Benediction

ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. Matthew's is a welcoming community, nurturing and serving God's children so that all may find meaning and purpose through Jesus Christ.

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S

Welcome friends in Christ! We are happy you have joined us in our worship today to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. If you are visiting with us, please be so kind as to fill out the pew pad and introduce yourself to the worship leaders as you leave. We are proud to serve Fair Trade coffee through UMCOR's Coffee Project.

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

Bishop: Sharma Lewis
District Superintendent: Jeffrey Mickle
Senior Pastor: Neil Hough
Associate Pastor: Grace Han
Associate Pastor (SAM & Visitation): Bill Moberly
Senior Administrative Assistant: Open
Director of Youth Ministries: Mike Fee
Director of Welcoming Ministries: Joanna Boyles
Director of Children's Ministries: Carrie Schwab
Preschool Ministries Coordinator: Christine Moser
Director of Communications: Liz Dutton
Office Assistant: Kim Lauer
Bookkeeper: Andrea Crews
Finance Secretary: Jackie Dinker
Office Resource Assistant Volunteer: Claire Adams

Director of Music: Nancy Cappel
Asst. to the Director of Music: Genevieve Hanson
Assistant Handbell Director: Tammy Freeman
Organist: Carol Workman
Modern Worship Leader: Open
Worship Media Coordinator: Dan Burrel
Weekday School (WDS) Director: Gail Pepin-Vivian
WDS Business Administrator: Chris Spear
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St. Matthew's
United Methodist Church

Order of Worship 8:15 & 11:15 AM
February 19, 2017
7th Sunday after Epiphany

Be thoughtful, be silent, for this is the house of God. Before the service speak with God, during the service let God speak with you, after the service speak with one another.

PRELUDE "Episode on Dunlap's Creek" McFarland Carol Workman, Organ

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETING

*INTROIT No. 328 (United Methodist Hymnal) *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"*
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Today is God's gift, a day made for us.

We rejoice with glad hearts of praise!

Today is Christ's day, a day made for thanksgiving.

We rejoice with glad hearts of praise!

Today, we gather in joy and thanksgiving, remembering Christ's gift of great love.

We give thanks for the gift of new life as we lift high the cross of Christ!

*HYMN No. 159 (United Methodist Hymnal)

"Lift High the Cross"

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (11:15)

CHILDREN'S TIME & HYMN OF BLESSING No. 611 (United Methodist Hymnal)

*Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.*

ANTHEM

"Evening Hymn"

Rainbow Ringers (11:15)

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

MISSION MOMENT/GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

"Ezekiel Saw the Wheel" arr. Hayes

Sanctuary Choir (8:15)
Chapel Choir (11:15)

*DOXOLOGY pg. 95 (United Methodist Hymnal)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Faithful God, your Son Jesus reveals what it means to be a servant leader who trusts you fully. His steadfast obedience to your will cost him dearly. Yet through his amazing self-sacrifice, you bring healing, hope, and peace. With the power of the Holy Spirit, help us to reflect your great love in Christ. Let our words and actions point to your grace. We present our tithes and offerings through the Prince of Peace. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Mark 14:26-31, Mark 15:1-15

SERMON "24 Hours That Changed the World" Neil Hough

*HYMN No. 361 (United Methodist Hymnal) "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE No. 666 (United Methodist Hymnal) "Shalom to You"
Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

POSTLUDE "Toccata" Seixas Carol Workman, Organ
**Please stand if you are able*

FLOWERS & FOOD BASKETS IN WORSHIP: The flowers on the altar are given by Randy and Judy Jones in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary today. The flowers on the flower table are given in glory and honor of God's many blessings and in loving memory of Lefty Palmer by Doris Palmer and Denise Palmer March. A food basket is given in glory and honor of God's many blessings every day and in loving memory of Frankie Hull by Bob Hull. An additional food basket is given by Randy and Judy Jones in honor of the baptism of their grandson Riley Tobin.

Announcements

SERMON SERIES-Who Is This Man? - Concludes Today: For Christians, following Jesus is the highest priority. But what does it mean to follow Jesus in 2017? Even though two billion people claim to be his followers and more than 70,000 books have been written about him, many of us still wonder: *Who is this man?*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 19

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Hypothermia Training
5:00 p.m. Path Class
5:00 p.m. Chapel Choir
5:00 p.m. Hypothermia Shelter
6:00 p.m. UMYF

Monday, February 20

Church Office Closed — Holiday
1:30 p.m. LLI-Great Decisions
5:00 p.m. Hypothermia Shelter
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting
7:00 p.m. Monday Evening Small Group

Tuesday, February 21

5:00 p.m. Hypothermia Shelter
5:30 p.m. Food for Others
6:30 p.m. FACETS Meeting
7:00 p.m. Disciple 1 Study
7:00 p.m. ESOL
7:30 p.m. Legacy Committee Meeting
8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 22

5:00 p.m. Hypothermia Shelter
7:00 p.m. Prayer in the Chapel
7:30 p.m. Church Council
7:30 p.m. Peace Ringers

Thursday, February 23

5:00 p.m. Hypothermia Shelter
7:00 p.m. ESOL
7:30 p.m. Modern Worship Rehearsal
7:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Friday, February 24

5:00 p.m. Hypothermia Shelter
6:30 a.m. Friday Morning Prayer

SAVE THE DATE

February 26
God and Me Scout Program

February 28

Elizabeth Circle
ESOL
Boy Scout Troop 1525 Meeting

March 1

Ash Wednesday Worship
Missions Committee Meeting
Stewardship Committee Meeting

March 2

ESOL

March 4

Kairos Meeting
NMRA Model Railroad Train Show

March 5

1st Sunday in Lent
Children's Spring Mission Project
Eddie's Club House
God and Me Scout Program

March 6

Pub Theology

March 7

ESOL
Trustees Meeting

Announcements

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2017 — REGISTER BY FEB 26TH: Reverend Anne Hough will be leading a retreat for all women of St. Matthew's, their family and friends. This year's title is *Abide in Me* and the retreat will be held Friday evening March 17 — Sunday afternoon March 19. We will be staying at Blessings Lodge situated on the mountain just north of Harrisonburg. You can visit their webpage and see this beautiful facility. The total cost for the whole weekend (your room, all 5 cooked meals, and supplies) is only \$150. There is a deposit of \$65, which will be applied to your total cost. . Contact Anne Hough if you want to go but need to delay making a deposit. Space is limited so **register now** at <https://fs24.formsite.com/StMatthewsUMC/form13/index.html> or by completing a registration form at the Welcome Desk in the commons area. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Hough at eahough@gmail.com.

SEEKING MUSICIANS TO JOIN THE MODERN WORSHIP PRAISE TEAM: We are seeking individuals with proficiency in piano and guitar to join the Modern Worship Praise team, which leads worship at the 9:45 a.m. service. Contact Rev. Grace Han at ghan@stmatthewsumc.org if you are interested or with any additional questions or concerns.

OPEN POSITION AT ST. MATTHEW'S — DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP: St. Matthew's is seeking applicants for the part-time position Director of Worship (Contemporary Music Leader). This position is responsible for worship planning, leading band and vocal rehearsals, coordinating volunteers and paid musicians, and leading Sunday morning worship. Requirements include a strong vocal presence and experience in Modern Worship-ability to play guitar, piano and/or keyboard preferred. Those interested in learning more about this opportunity to serve as St. Matthew's Director of Worship, please contact Terry Moran, SPRC Chair at Terry.J.Moran@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 703-978-3500.

MARCH PUB THEOLOGY: CANCER IS FUNNY: Ever wonder why bad things happen to good people? Do you know someone with cancer, and ask God "why"? Join us on March 6th as we welcome Jason Micheli, pastor and author, to lead us through a conversation of his personal journey with keeping the faith through difficult times. We'll touch on the just world hypothesis and victim blaming, as well as the hope and steadfast love found in the gospels. Get ready to laugh and cry, and rethink everything, because, as Jason says "Cancer Is Funny."

PRISON MINISTRY — KAIROS: The St. Matthew's Prison Ministry team is looking for a few good bakers and pray-ers! We are headed back to Sussex-I prison on March 16th - 19th, and need about 400 dozen cookies! Cookie instructions and ziplock bags are available in the Information Hall (no nuts, fruit or toppings, please!). The cookies can be placed in the kitchen freezer February 26th-March 15th. We are also looking for prayer partners to pray during the event. If you can pray for the ministry at some point during the 16th - 19th of March, please sign up so that the attendees can see there are those "on the street" who care. There is a signup sheet sitting beside the cookie info. There are half-hour time slots, as well as general prayer sheets. For questions please contact Randy Jones at randy.kairos@verizon.net.

For more information on the events above visit www.stmatthewsumc.org

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 2/12/17: 386



ELECTRONIC GIVING: We offer electronic giving to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving provides convenience for you and the critical donation consistency for our operations and ministries. Authorization forms and additional information are available in the church office or at www.stmatthewsumc.org.

NURSERY (8:15 am - 12:15 pm): For children up to 3 yrs (Rm. 113)

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: For children (4 years-2nd grade) meets immediately following children's time at the 11:15 worship service in room 109.

9:45 - 10:45 am Sunday School for All Ages:

Children • Toddlers & 2's Class (Rm. 115) • 3 & 4 Years Old Class (Rm. 111)
• Kindergarten Class (Rm. 109) • 1st & 2nd Grade Class (Rm. 116)
• 3rd & 4th Grade Class (Rm. 202) • 5th & 6th Grade Class (Rm. 206)
Youth - 7th Grade (Rm. 203) • 8th Grade/Confirmation (Rm. 204)
• 9th-12th Grade (Rm. 201)

Adults • Apostles and Other Folks (Rm. 304)

• Contemporary Issues (Rm. 306)
• Parents of Children (Rm. 303) • Re-Discovery (Rm. 302)
• Hands Helping Humanity (Rm. 301) • Women of Faith Cafe (Parlor)
• Growing in Faith (Rm. 305)