



## A Message from our Asst. Rector, Rev. Mary Margaret Winn

Dear St. Matthew's friends and family,

I think we can all agree that now would be a great time to press the reset button. Reset the timeline, reset our energy, reset the path ahead. While we don't have an actual button for each person to press, we do have a guide so that the start of fall is something to be excited about. Welcome to St. Matt's "September Reset!"

Each Sunday in September will focus on a different way to help you move through the process of resetting so that you are rejuvenated and ready to take on the world come October.

**September 2nd: Rest**—The first step in any process of rejuvenation is to pause and give yourself a breather.

**September 12th: Remember**—We must remember and learn from the past to create for ourselves a brighter future.

**September 19th: Raise**—Just as Jesus calls his disciples to be servants to all, so we are called to raise each other up.

**September 26th: Recommit and Rejoice!**—We will join together with those being baptized, confirmed, reaffirmed, and received to recommit our lives to God's purpose and rejoice in each other's company.

You—yes, YOU!—are invited to join us as we collectively hit the reset button and prepare ourselves for the wonder and beauty of the life God has given us. As always, we will keep you updated on our gathering protocols and the intentionality behind them. Please keep each other safe and know that we are doing everything we can to keep you connected and healthy.

So if you, like me, are in need of a reset, join us this month and in the months to come. I can't wait to see what God will do through this incredible community.

Faithfully,

Rev. Mary Margaret



### This issue:

- September Sermon Series
- Bishop's Visit & St. Matthew's Day!
- Benefit Concert & BBQ!
- New! Small Groups Starting
- Youth & Children's Events

# WAYS TO CONNECT



## **In-Person & Online Sunday Worship**

Sundays at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00am

## **Faith Factory for Kids**

Sundays at 9:30am & 11:00am

## **Youth Group Sunday (Not) School**

Sundays at 10:15am in the trailer

## **Raising Teens Connection Group**

Sundays at 10:15am Classroom 4

## **Young Professionals (YoPros)**

2nd/4th Thursdays at 7:00pm

Contact Caitlin.Dronfield@stmtts.org for location information.

## **Compline**

Monday - Friday at 8:00pm

Facebook Live: [stmtts.org/live](https://www.facebook.com/stmtts.org/live)

## **Social Time with Candace**

Mondays at 12pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 681-861-620

## STAY CONNECTED VIRTUALLY AND IN-PERSON

### **Bread of Life Small Group**

Mondays at 7pm

Email Darrell: [Darrell@stmtts.org](mailto:Darrell@stmtts.org)

### **Social Time with Kevin**

Mondays at 8:30pm on Zoom

Email Kevin Fletcher: [Kevin@stmtts.org](mailto:Kevin@stmtts.org)

### **Women's Group**

Thursdays at 12:15pm on Zoom

Zoom ID: 886 5270 7607 Passcode: church

### **Sandwich Generation Small Group**

1st/3rd Tuesdays at 7:30pm

### **Outreach Meeting**

Second Tuesday at 6:00pm on Zoom

Email Kristin.Drummond@stmtts.org

### **Men's Group**

Saturdays at 8:00am

Email Linden: [Linden@stmtts.org](mailto:Linden@stmtts.org)

### **WatCh (Wednesdays at Church)**

Wednesdays at St. Matthew's from 7pm-8pm



## WELCOME, BEN AND JESSIE CHRISTENSON!

St. Matthew's is delighted to host intern Ben Christenson for 8 weeks this fall as part of the Young Priest Initiative (YPI) through the Diocese of Virginia. Ben is a recent graduate of William & Mary where he was involved at Bruton Parish Church and the Canterbury Association. A highlight of college was visiting Canterbury Cathedral with his classmates and spending a week attending services and visiting religious sites in England. He will become involved in every facet of parish life as he continues to discern whether he is called to ordained ministry. His wife Jessie, a veterinarian, is the granddaughter of Althea Kuniholm, a former parishioner at St. Matt's. They are both excited after time away from Northern Virginia to be back in the area this fall. Make sure to give Ben and Jessie a warm St. Matt's welcome!

# LET'S GET TOGETHER!

## SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

Each Sunday in September will focus on a different way to help you move through the process of resetting so that you are rejuvenated and ready to take on the world come October.



## 9/11 20TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL SERVICE

**SAT. SEPTEMBER 11 | 9:30 AM**

Join us for a 20th anniversary of September 11th Memorial Service as we honor those who were impacted by the tragic events of that day.



## HAITI BENEFIT CONCERT & BBQ

Come enjoy delicious, finger-lickin', award-winning BBQ, sample gourmet creations from St. Matthew's Celebration Garden, and listen to the St. Matthew's 9:30 Band. Bring friends and family for games, activities, photo booth, and lots of fun!

Learn more: [www.stmmts.org/HaitiConcert](http://www.stmmts.org/HaitiConcert) | Donate now: [go.stmmts.org/Haiti](http://go.stmmts.org/Haiti)



## BISHOP VISIT & ST. MATTHEW'S DAY

Join Rt. Rev. Ted Gulick for worship as we receive new members into the church, and share in the joy of confirmations. St. Matthew's Day Celebration immediately following the service, grill items provided by the men's group - please bring a side dish to share.



# SEPT. CHILDREN & YOUTH EVENTS

## REGISTER FOR FALL FAITH FACTORY!



Always fun, sometimes messy, lessons on faith every Sunday!  
Pre-K through 5th Grade



REGISTER TODAY! [www.stmmts.org/FaithFactory](http://www.stmmts.org/FaithFactory)

## KINDNESS ROCKS! ROCK PAINTING SUN. SEPT 5TH | 9:30 AM

**Sunday, Sept 5th** all children & youth are invited to participate in a Kindness Rock painting activity in classrooms 1 & 2 during our usual Faith Factory time at 9:30 AM. These rocks will be used as part of our September Sermon Series and spread out through the Sterling Community as a way for us *To Know and Share God's love* through the artwork of our children. We recommend kids come prepared to get a little messy! Questions? Contact [Office@stmmts.org](mailto:Office@stmmts.org).



## RAISING TEENS CONNECTION GROUP SUNDAYS AT 10:15 AM

**BEGINNING SEPT 12TH** | No matter who you are, raising a teenager is...a lot. Parents/guardians are invited to gather on Sundays, 10:15ish-11 AM (in between the 9:30 and 11 services) in Classroom 4, to connect with others who share the joys and challenges of raising teens. Questions? Contact [MaryMargaret@stmmts.org](mailto:MaryMargaret@stmmts.org)



# SEPTEMBER YOUTH EVENTS



**SUNDAY**  
(NOT) SCHOOL  
SUNDAYS AT 10:15 AM  
STARTS SEPT 12TH!

## TACKLING LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS:

Climate crisis and healthy relationships, youth will be encouraged to decide for themselves based on their faith, experiences, and relationships (with God, family, and each other).

## YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12

Middle school (6th-8th): left side of trailer  
High school (9th-12th): middle room of trailer

**YOUTH GROUP**  
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FALL KICK-OFF!

PIZZA - GAMES - GET MESSY!  
**SATURDAY**  
SEPT 11 6 PM - 8 PM

Join us as we kick off the fall youth group with an evening of all-out FUN. Friends are always welcome. Reach out to Rev. Mary Margaret with questions and to receive Youth Group events and updates.  
[MaryMargaret@stmmts.org](mailto:MaryMargaret@stmmts.org)



## YOUTH VOLUNTEERING SUN SEPT 19TH

Youth are encouraged to support our upcoming BBQ and Benefit Concert by signing up to: Set up, serve food, or clean up.

This is a great way to give back to our global family (and earn some service hours!).

**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER TODAY!**  
[www.stmmts.org/HaitiYouthVolunteer](http://www.stmmts.org/HaitiYouthVolunteer)

## YOUTH GROUP

RENNFEST: MARYLAND  
RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL  
SAT. SEPT 25 | 10:30 AM  
COST:\*\$20 + SPENDING MONEY



**TAG ALONG FOR A JOUSTING GOOD TIME!**  
Turkey legs, costumes, blacksmiths and more, this will be an afternoon of fun.

Depart St. Matt's at 10:30 AM, return around 6 PM

Sign up here (carpools to/from the church):  
[www.stmmts.org/RennFestCarpool](http://www.stmmts.org/RennFestCarpool)

# EVENTS & OUTREACH

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Whether you are trying to figure out how to balance saving for retirement, college and family vacations, or you are struggling to make ends meet, Financial Peace University has something for you. As a church, we want to share a practical plan that can help you discover God's way of handling money. We want to empower you to create a budget, get out of debt, save for the future, and take control of your money. Financial Peace University is that plan. If you have any questions, please email Miriam or Mason Turner at [Family@turnerville.us](mailto:Family@turnerville.us). Free childcare is available upon request.

**Register today: [FPU.com/1140692](http://FPU.com/1140692)**



## NEW! WOMEN'S GROUP STARTS SEPT. 9TH

Beginning September 9th, Rev. Mary Margaret will host a Women's Group on Thursdays at 12:15 on Zoom. We will begin by setting our course for the next few months and getting to know each other.

Meeting ID: 886 5270 7607  
Passcode: church



### BACKPACK BUDDIES

St. Matthew's currently provides support to dozens of local children in need. Every child receives a bag filled with six meals, snacks, and milk each weekend during the school year. Due to high demand, this program has continued into the summer. For ways to give, get involved and support this program, visit: [www.stmmts.org/BackpackBuddies](http://www.stmmts.org/BackpackBuddies)



### LINK PROGRAM

LINK needs volunteers on an ongoing basis to help run their food pantry distribution, make deliveries and help unload bulk food deliveries. You can sign-up to help at [go.stmmts.org/link](http://go.stmmts.org/link).

There are also vacancies for the Treasurer position, Food Coordinators and Food Packers. For more information, please contact Melissa Hancock at [melissahancock@hotmail.com](mailto:melissahancock@hotmail.com).



### JOIN OUTREACH!

Are you interested in becoming involved in St. Matthew's outreach efforts? Join us for our monthly meetings to share your ideas and volunteer. There are many outreach and volunteer opportunities at St. Matthew's, join our Outreach team today.

Contact Kristin Drummond at [kristin.drummond@stmmts.org](mailto:kristin.drummond@stmmts.org).