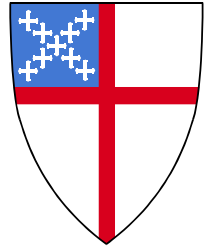


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Saint
Matthew's
Episcopal Church



201 East Frederick Drive • Sterling, VA 20164

July 2020

FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

MARY MARGARET WINN



Dear Friends,

“This is certainly not what we expected!”

I think this might be our catchphrase for the year 2020. We hear it over and over again, for graduates, for big life events, in response to any sort of change in our daily routine or personal interactions. I find myself either saying it or thinking it every single day.

I did not expect to finish my final year of seminary online or expect to have to say goodbye to the dearest of friends from six feet away. I did not imagine being ordained in a small chapel in Richmond with only a handful of people in the room. I could never have expected that Sam and I would be planning a “socially-distanced” wedding (luckily, these two former youth ministers and Sam’s hospitality background are up for the challenge!).

But even before (and during) the pandemic, I did not know what to expect in beginning ministry with St. Matt’s. This is the first time that I have been in this role as a clergy person and Assistant Rector. This is the first time I have had a job that is wide open. So, although it might feel strange not to throw a big party or swing by the office to introduce yourself or pass the peace on Sunday morning, y’all are nailing the welcome! Your cards, pictures, gifts, and notes are a joy to receive, and I have loved getting to know faces, voices, and personalities over Zoom. You are a fun bunch, and you have made this transition simply the best!

Speaking of nailing it, St. Matt’s is doing phenomenal work caring for our neighbors! Thanks to *Hilary Hultman-Lee, Tim Cooke, Adrian Mattina*, the entire *Care Response Team*, and *YOU*, we are able to continue providing meals for children in our community AND we have added students at Park View High School and Sully Elementary. I am blown away by the generosity of this place, which really does prove how much one group can do when everyone pitches in. In a time when it is so easy to be turned inward, you have your eyes and hearts on each other and on our neighbors.

In all of the unmet or wildly different expectations, in the wonderful, holy work that you are doing, in the reopening of the world bit by bit, please remember to rest. Take a beat, a hot minute, a break. Let yourself recharge. God needs us, needs you, to keep doing the work, and we need energy to do it. So take care of yourselves, even as you care for others, and always remember that the love of God surrounds you today and every day.

Lots of love,
Mary Margaret

Connect Virtually

Live Stream Sunday Services

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

Faith Factory for Kids

Sundays at 10:30am

Email Adrian@stmtts.org to join

Mid-Week Prayer on Facebook Live

Monday - Friday at 12:00pm

Facebook Live: www.facebook.com

Story and Craft Time with Adrian

Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10am

Zoom Meeting ID: 562 517 651

Social Time with Candace

Mondays at 12pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 681-861-620

Science Experiments & Games with Miss Mary

Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 1pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 231 960 9039

Family Bible Study

Mondays at 7:00pm, until July 13th

Zoom Meeting ID: 727 7990 2967

Sandwich Generation Small Group

Tuesdays at 7:30pm

Email: Harding.Brent@gmail.com

Trivia Night with Tim

Tuesdays at 8:15pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 306 657 028



Children's Music Time with Kevin

Thursdays at 10:00am

Zoom Meeting ID: 867 737 899

Women's Uncommon Prayer

Thursdays at 12:00pm

Email Susie.Harding.com to join

Tea Time with Linden

Thursdays at 3:00pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 394 405 627

NEW: Everyday Heroes Interview Series

Thursdays at 8:15pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 857 7291 1811

Men's Group

Saturdays at 8:00am

Zoom Meeting ID: 581 005 941

NEW: Virtual Vacation Bible School

July 20-24 at 7:00pm

Register today: go.stmtts.org/VBS

As new content becomes available we will update the St. Matthew's website (stmtts.org) and/or create Facebook events (facebook.com/StMatthewsEpiscopalChurch/events.) We realize that not all church communities are able to stream online and provide unique content. We invite you to please share our Sunday worship services and other connection opportunities with friends and family.

Outreach Happenings

Outreach Spotlight

The Outreach Committee would like to recognize all the families that are packing at home for Backpack Buddies. Thank you to the following: Garretts, Lawalls, Brennans, Welts, Mattinas, Lathrops, and Hultman-Lees. These families have continued to provide local students with food during the school closures by packing at home and delivering the bags to our usual schools.

We'd also like to give a special thank you to the Olenik family for helping plan and purchase food and then deliver 100 bags each week to Sully Elementary. This is the first time we have been able to deliver to Sully Elementary and it almost doubles the number of children and families we are able to help.



Support Backpack Buddies!

- Pack for Backpack Buddies at home: go.stmtts.org/ways-help
- Financial donations may be made at anytime: go.stmtts.org/give
- Food donations can be dropped off at the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am - 5pm.
- Shop on Amazon for Backpack Buddies: go.stmtts.org/shopBB
- Deliver for Backpack Buddies: go.stmtts.org/deliver4BB
- Pack for Backpack Buddies in the Classrooms on the Hill: go.stmtts.org/Pack4BB

For more information, please contact Hilary Hultman-Lee at HHLlearning@gmail.com.

Outreach Committee Zoom Meeting

Join us on Zoom on Saturday July 25 at 9:00am for a brief meeting to discuss our plans for the summer.

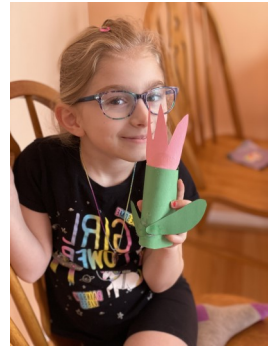
Email Adrian@stmtts.org for more info.



ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN!

Summer Faith Factory for Kids Continues thru August 9 Sundays at 10:30am

Pre-School - 2nd Grade Contact Adrian at Adrian@stmtts.org
3rd - 5th Grade Contact Meg at Meg@stmtts.org



Family Bible Study/Compassion Camp Mondays at 7:00pm, June 15 - July 13

We will be using Illustrated Ministries Compassion Camp to explore the theme of compassion for others, ourselves and the world. This is geared toward children in preschool - 5th grade, with their parents. We will meet on Zoom on Mondays from 7:00pm to 7:30pm. Email Adrian@stmtts.org for more information. Zoom ID: 727 7990 2967, PW: church



Craft and Story Time Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 10am

Zoom ID: 562 517 651, PW:008950

Science Experiments/Games Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 1pm

Zoom ID: 231 960 9039 , PW:
church

Music Time with Kevin Thursdays 10am

Zoom ID: 867 737 899, PW: church

Small Hands-Big Hearts Card Making Project for Backpack Buddies

Help spread good cheer by making cards for the Backpack Buddies bags. Email cards to Adrian@stmtts.org or mail them to the church at 201 E. Frederick Dr., Sterling, VA 20164



FLOAT ON!

Youth Group Kayaking

July 2020 | Exact Date TBA

Keep an eye out for more
details soon!



SAVE THE DATE!

JULY 20- 24 2020

7:00- 8:00PM



VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JOIN US ONLINE FOR FIVE FUN- FILLED EVENINGS!

- MUSIC
- SKITS
- CRAFTS

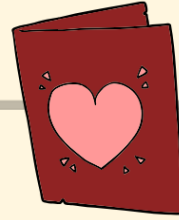


REGISTER TODAY!

- [VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/STMATTS2020](https://vbspro.events/p/stmatts2020)
- \$10 PER CHILD
- INCLUDES T- SHIRT, BOOK, AND ACTIVITY KIT.



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT ADRIAN@STMATTS.ORG



BACKPACK BUDDIES CARD MAKING PROJECT

Please help us spread
some happiness to those
in need by making cards
to go into the bags of
food that the Backpack
Buddies volunteers are
delivering

Please take a picture of
your card and email it to
adrian@stmtts.org
by 7/31/20