

Tear Off Tab

VISITORS, we hope you will take a few moments to fill out the information below so that we may learn more about you in order to serve your needs and help you get involved.

MEMBERS and regular attendees, please fill out this form if you are not receiving a newsletter or if you would like to make sure we have your correct information. Simply detach this form and drop it in the offering plate when it is passed.



Send Sally an email at stmattheyouth@bellsouth.net to join the email list and receive the latest updates on events and activities!

18-SS and Youth Group Event: Laser Tag (please sign up by Jan 4th)

25-Youth Group

Feb 1-SUPER BOWL PARTY

Feb 6-8-New Beginnings (reg SS but no Youth)

Feb 17-Pancake Supper

Feb 20-22-Happening (reg schedule)

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Calendar

Sunday, January 25: Annual Meeting

- 9:00 am Donuts & Coffee
- 9:30 am Annual Meeting (parish hall)
- Holy Eucharist
- Fish Fry
- 12:30 pm EfM
- 6:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, January 26:

- 6:30 pm Chili Cook-Off
- 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 553
- 7:30 pm Epiphany Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 27:

- 6:00 pm Centering Prayer
- 7:00 pm EfM
- 7:00 pm Al-Anon; 8:00 AA

Wednesday, January 28:

- 10:00 am Healing Service
- 11:00 am WWW Bible Study
- 4:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Outreach Meeting
- 6:30 pm DIVE (youth bible study)
- 7:00 pm Cherub Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 30:

- 7:00 pm Al-Anon 8:00 AA
- 7:00 pm Pinewood Derby Set-up

Saturday, January 31:

- 9:00 am Zumba
- 9:00 am Altar Guild
- 10:00 am Flower Guild
- 4:00 pm Pinewood Derby

Sunday, February 1:

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist & Acolyte Installation
- 9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:30 am Christian Education
- 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Acolyte Installation
- 12:30 pm EfM
- 6:00 pm Youth Group



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Welcome and Announcements

January 25, 2015

Our mission is to continue the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ by serving the greater community through loving its children, caring for the unfortunate, and witnessing to the healing power of God's love.

OUR GUESTS OF HONOR at this service are our visitors. We pray that you will feel the presence of God in this place as you join us in worship. Please help us welcome you by giving us the opportunity to make your acquaintance. If this is your first visit with us, please fill out a 'Visitor Information' leaflet (which an usher can give you) to let us know how we can invite you more fully into the life of the parish. You may also simply sign the guest book in the narthex (entry hall) where we'd ask you to include your contact information if you'd like us to be in touch. And always, if you have specific questions, feel free to speak with Mother Liz or one of the greeters. Thank you! We're glad you're here with us and hope that you'll come again soon!

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE: For the safety of our people, our building is equipped with an AED; we also have a wheelchair for your convenience. Please see an usher for assistance.

A CRYING ROOM is available in the back of the sanctuary with speakers, so you can clearly hear the service.

PRAYERS

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR COPY OF PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE on the shelf in the narthex to use during your personal devotional time.

BIRTHDAYS (January 25 - 31): Carey Holbrook, Jordyn Ward, Alexandra Johnson, Sharon Hansen, Susan Mojcik, Unoma Abia-Bassey, Catherine Franke, Debbie Wicker

Today's Date: _____ Service Attended: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone number(s): _____
Email: _____

Announcements

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the Altar and Flower Guilds, vergers and acolytes.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR ALTAR FLOWERS. The 2015 calendar is posted just outside the church office. Everyone is invited to donate flowers in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special person or event. The cost is \$62 per week.

NAME TAGS. To help Mother Liz learn our names, we encourage you to wear your name tags to church events including worship each Sunday. If you need a name tag, please sign the sheet in the narthex. Be sure to print clearly. Temporary stick-on tags are available in the same location.

SAVE THE DATE: A Celebration of New Ministry (installation) for Mother Liz Hendrick will be Wednesday evening, April 22 at 7:00 p.m., with Bishop Rob Wright, at St. Matthew's. More details to follow.

ZUMBA CLASSES CONTINUE each Saturday at 9:00 a.m. for 45 minutes in the Undercroft. Please bring a water bottle and lots of energy!

MARK DIGIOVANNI HAS BEEN OFFERING COMPLEMENTARY COPIES OF HIS BOOK, "Coins and Crosses" to parishioners. If you have received and read the book and found it helpful, Mark is kindly requesting that you consider posting a rating and/or review on-line at amazon.com.

2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the narthex pass through. If

you don't have envelopes and would like a box or if you no longer need them due to electronic bill pay, please email or call the church office. To ensure proper credit, please write your account number or envelope number on your checks. Envelopes not picked up by March 1st will be reassigned.

PALMS NEEDED FOR ASH WEDNESDAY. The ashes are produced by burning the palms which were blessed during previous years celebrations of Palm Sunday. Parishioners bring their palms to the church to be thrown into the fire. We prepare the ashes, which will mark the beginning of our Lenten journey. There is a basket in the narthex for you to drop your palms.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF, TOMORROW, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. This cook-off, sponsored by the ECW, is open to all women and men of the church. Bring your best varieties of chili to be judged. Prizes for the top three winners.

WE NEED HELPERS FOR JR. WORSHIP! Helpers will assist the Leads during the 10:30 service with the five-seven year olds. No lessons to plan! Just enjoy a youthful version of our service. Please contact Holly Bond at hojo3579@comcast.net for details.

January is **FOOD DRIVE MONTH** at St. Matthew's. This month we are focusing on the biggest needs of the shelters and organizations we support ~ **CANNED MEATS** (no SPAM, please), **CHILI, PINEAPPLE, DRY BEANS,**

CANNED BEANS (refried or chili), and **DEODORANT.** Please bring your filled bags back to the collection bins by January 31st for delivery. Thank you for your continued support!

REGISTRATION for the 2015-2016 St. Matthew's Preschool and Kindergarten is underway. Please contact Jennifer in the Preschool office by calling 770-978-1323 or by email at stmattspreschool@bellsouth.net if you have any questions.

FIRST FRIDAY'S Join us on the first Friday of every month for adult fellowship at different restaurants in Gwinnett county. Please email Becky Olbon at Beckyolbon@yahoo.com no later than the Wednesday before so that we can make reservations. **February 6 - Hail Mary Sports Pub,** 1950 Grayson Highway, Grayson.

THE NEWCOMER AND FELLOWSHIP committees would like to invite you to the newcomers luncheon to be held on February 22 after the 10:30 service. We hope you will bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share as the meat and drinks will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office by February 15.

ALL ST. MATTHEW'S GUYS are invited to come hang out with us and play Trivia on the third Wednesday of each month at McCray's Tavern in Lawrenceville beginning at 7:00 p.m. Our first night will be February 18th. Please email Levi Livermont at livermont311@gmail.com or text 678-491-1864 no later than noon on Wednesday to let him know that you are coming.

FEBRUARY LUNCH BUNCH SEEKS COMFORT FOOD and finds it at BAMBINELLI'S PIZZA in Lilburn on

Thursday, February 12 at noon in the Kroger Shopping Center, U.S. 29 and Beaver Ruin Road. Lunch Bunch is a fellowship opportunity which requires no reservations. Interested people come together for good food and conversation. Lunch Bunch is strictly a social event- no advance preparation necessary.

LEADERS from across the Diocese are invited to gather with Bishop Wright and his staff for a day of education, networking and information sharing on Saturday, February 7 from 9:30 to 3:00 at St. James Episcopal Church in Marietta. Called 2 Lead will be an opportunity to build lay leadership through skill building, resource sharing and peer learning. Participants will gain new perspectives and hear best practices for identifying and addressing common congregational challenges. Cost to attend is \$14 per person which includes Continental Breakfast and lunch. Please let Mtr. Liz or Mallard know if you are interested.

SHOVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER AND BURNING OF THE PALMS

Tuesday, February 17th

Starting at 6:00 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

February 18th

7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

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Ministry Opportunities

Please check if you would like more information or would like to participate in any of the following ministry opportunities:

Sign me up for the chili cook-off.

I need a name tag. How would you like it to read? Please print clearly:

Please add me to the mailing and/or email list.

I'd like a call from Mother Liz.

Please pray for:

