

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, April 26

Red Bag Sunday

Sunday School Classes

Church Offices Closed

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word Service – Sanctuary
- 9:20 AM Sunday School Classes – Sunday School Building
- 9:30 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- 9:30 AM Nursery Care – Sunday School Building
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversations – Parish Hall
- 11:00 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 11:15 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Nursery Care – Sunday School Building
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Music Room

Monday, April 27

- 9:30 AM Count Team Four – Church Office
- 5:00 PM Welcome Committee Meeting – Church Office
- 6:00 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club – Parish Hall
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Parish Hall

Tuesday, April 28

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office

Wednesday, April 29

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 10:30 AM Bible Study with Wanda – Parish Hall
- 12:00 PM Reception Set-Up – Parish Hall
- 5:00 PM Tutoring with Linda – Sunday School Building

Thursday, April 30

- 10:00 AM Ushers' Meeting – Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Choir Social Time – Music Room
- 4:15 PM Choir Rehearsal – Music Room & Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Church Office

Friday, May 1

Church Offices Closed

Altar Guild Team One

- 11:00 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office

Saturday, May 2

Church Offices Closed

- 9:30 AM Reception Honoring Anita Erickson – Parish Hall
- 11:00 AM Anita Erickson's Memorial Service – Sanctuary
Graveside Service following in Winter Garden
Winter Garden Cemetery
Lake Butler Blvd., Winter Garden, FL 34787

Sunday, May 3

Church Offices Closed

- 9:00 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- 10:00 AM Coffee & Conversations – Parish Hall (10am-11am)
- 11:15 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Music Room

Nursery Care is Available Every Sunday

8:45 am to 12:30 pm
Sunday School Building

SERVICE ATTENDANCE

| DATE | SERVICE | ATTENDANCE |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| 4.19.2026 | 7:45 AM Service | 19 |
| 4.19.2026 | 9:30 AM Service | 78 |
| 4.19.2026 | Sunday School | 8 |
| 4.19.2026 | 11:15 AM Service | 46 |
| Total In- Person | | 151 |
| | <i>Online Views</i> | <i>125</i> |

Those on Our Prayer List

Immediate & Urgent Prayers

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| Mother Jane Clark | Eric Barefoot | Kayla Taylor |
| Linda Denslow | Diana Mahoney | |
| Miranda Foster | Nadia Mashi | |

Parish Family Continued Prayers

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| Doreen Asregadoo | Deidre Huffman | Sheila Seale |
| Renee Babcock | Larry Lock | Jim Storr |
| Tristen Babcock | Anne Luposello | Mary Sturges |
| Josef Boeni | Kathy Mahoney | Joe Sturges |
| Esther Catino | Imantee Mallay | Linda Thorp |
| Michael Clark | Stanley Mallay | Connie Tracey |
| Hugh Dial | Lorna Manny | Liane Trainello |
| Robert Eyer | Don Manny | Sandy Unger |
| Cheryl Ferrell | Edna Marcus | Stuart Wilson |
| Michael Giallella | Olive McPherson | Vera Wilson |
| Jeannine Helm | Tracy Morelli | Dolores Wilson-Malone |

Family & Friends Continued Prayers

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| Nathan Allabaugh | Mary Dorn | Danny Nemeth |
| Anakin Boeni | Eyer Family | Felicidad Robinson |
| Isabel Boeni | John Floyd | Autumn Rose |
| Danielle Chavez | Bob Gourley | Gene Ruryk |
| Deena Chavez | Frances LaCroix | Suzanne Ruryk |
| Cooper Coole | Jennifer Lacroix | Denise Thibault Vespa |

Military & First Responders

Jeff Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
 Nicole Blumenauer, U.S. Army Reserve
 Vick Boothe, U.S. Army, Undisclosed Location
 Delani Carter, U.S. Military Academy at West Point
 Spencer Coole, U.S. Air Force, Charleston Air Force Base, SC
 Greta Gaasch, U.S. Army Reserve
 Lucas Freiberg, Federal Corrections Officer, Coleman Federal Prison
 Jeremy Linney, U.S. Army, SOCOM, MacDill Air Force Base, FL
 Tyler Mathews, U.S. Army, Iraq
 Ryan Moore, Clermont Fire Department Station #3
 Stephen Nettles, U.S. Navy, NAS Pensacola, Flight School
 Luca Newby, U.S. Marine Reserves
 Tyler Reece, U.S. Army, Afghanistan
 Logan T. Wells, U.S. Marine Reserves

Those Celebrating Birthdays

- 4.26** Angela Smith
- 4.26** Sandra Bradshaw
- 4.27** Bill Horn
- 4.28** Nicholas Ojeda (Happy First Birthday!)
- 4.29** Jennifer Akerman
- 5.1** David Longwater

Those Who Have Died

James Dorn, *Fr. Jim Dorn's father*

**The Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory of God & St. Matthias Church**

and in Loving Memory of Bradley Arthurs
Given with Love by Ray Arthurs & Family

**The Sanctuary Candle is given to the
Glory of God & St. Matthias Church**

A BIG STACK OF THANK YOUS: A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who helped make our Pancake Supper such a wonderful success! We are so grateful to all who donated food, cooked, served, cleaned, decorated, and helped set up and take down. Your hard work and joyful spirit made this event a warm and welcoming time of fellowship for our church family and friends. In addition to all the delicious food and fun time, over \$2,200.00 was raised (additional funds still coming in) to put towards our air conditioning loan! An extra thank you to the Ladies' Lunch Group that chaired and coordinated this incredible evening! Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and enthusiasm—together we truly made it a night to remember!

RED BAG SUNDAY: Please consider taking a bag this Sunday (or an envelope for a monetary donation) and filling it with a few of the items needed at the Neighborhood Center of South Lake. Red bags, AND monetary donation envelopes, can be found at our Neighborhood Center Kiosk at the back of the church. These items help support the work of the Neighborhood Center of South Lake as they care for those in need within our community. Your participation is very much appreciated. Please contact Keith Whitacre (952.239.5870) or Peggy Hope (352.988.7525) if you have any questions.

A NOTE FROM FR. JIM: Beginning on Sunday, May 3, 2026, we will begin our new Sunday service schedule. Join us for worship at 9:00 am or 11:15 am, with a time of fellowship between 10:00 to 11:00 am. Nursery Care will be available every Sunday from 8:45 am to 12:30 pm. Sunday school classes will be held from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm beginning on May 12, 2026. We know these changes mostly impact those who have been attending the 7:45 am service, and we are grateful for your flexibility, understanding, and continued faithfulness. To help with this transition, we will offer a spoken (non-music) service at 9:00 am on the last Sunday of each month. The 11:15 am service will continue to include music on those Sundays. A spoken service may be something new for many of us, and we warmly encourage you to come and experience this service as it can be a meaningful and refreshing way to worship together. We look forward to this new season in our life together! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or a Vestry member. Blessings to all of you, and thank you for your support, understanding, and prayers as we move forward, Fr. Jim +

A NOTE FROM HOPE BLUME: *"If nothing ever changed, there'd be no butterflies."* — Wendy Mass
Dear St. Matthias Family, there have been many discussions and feelings shared regarding the upcoming service schedule and Sunday School time changes. I ask that as we walk together in faith, we recognize that seasons of change are a natural and necessary part of growth. While change can sometimes feel uncertain or even uncomfortable, it also presents an opportunity for renewal, deeper trust, and a stronger sense of unity within our church community.

I want to encourage each of you to continue supporting the decisions made by our church leadership. These choices are not made lightly—they are covered in prayer, guided by wisdom, and rooted in a desire to follow God's direction for our church. Even when we may not fully understand every step, we can choose to trust the process and the people God has placed in leadership.

Let us remain united in spirit, grounded in love, and committed to extending grace to one another. Our strength as a church family is not found in uniformity, but in our shared faith and our willingness to walk together through every season.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness, encouragement, and heart for St. Matthias. Together, we will move forward with hope and confidence in what God is doing among us.

If you have any concerns regarding these changes, please feel free to talk to Fr. Jim, a vestry member, or staff member. We are all here to help put you at ease during this upcoming season of transition and change.

"The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance." — Alan Watts

Love and Blessings, Hope

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY: Sunday school will take place this **Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 9:20 am** in the Sunday School Building. Come join in on the fun! Please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

NURSERY CARE: Nursery Care is available in the Sunday School Building during the 9:30 am and 11:15 am services for all infants and children aged one month to three years old. Abby Giallella, Nicholas Crumbo, and Elijah Mathews are our amazing caregivers who create a fun, safe, and loving environment for our youngest church family members and visitors. Please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Meets this **Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 11:15 am** in the Music Room. Please contact Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

WELCOME COMMITTEE MEETING: The Welcome Committee will meet this **Monday, April 27, 2026, at 5:00 pm** in the Church Office. Please contact Rod or Linda Denslow (lindadenslow@gmail.com or 407.923.6423) if you have any questions.

BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA KLAAS: Please join Wanda this **Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall. Current topic of study is the Minor Prophets. Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or klaas46@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

RECEPTION SET-UP: We will be setting up the Parish Hall for a reception brunch honoring our dear friend, Anita Erickson. If you would like to assist, please come by the Parish Hall on **Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 12:00 pm** (after the Wednesday Bible Study class). Please contact the Church Office if you have any questions.

USHERS' MEETING: Glen Martin will be holding an ushers' meeting this **Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 10:00 am** in the Sanctuary. We are encouraging everyone that would like to become an usher, is new to ushering, or is a long-time veteran usher, to please plan to attend. Changes, updates, and reminders will be shared. This is a great opportunity for anyone who is considering becoming an usher. Please contact Glen Martin (352.391.0430 or glenmartin286@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Choir practice meets this **Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 4:15 pm** in the Music Room. If you would like to have social time prior to the start of practice, please join us at 4:00 pm in the Music Room, with practice following promptly at 4:15 pm. See what it is like, meet new friends, and lift your voice with us. If you are interested or have questions, feel free to contact Gina Mobley (407.782.3065) or simply show up. We would love to have you!

BISHOP'S VISIT: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb will be celebrating with us on **Sunday, May 17, 2026**. We will hold one service at 10:00 am followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. More details to follow.

COFFEE HELP NEEDED: We are looking for a few more friendly volunteers to help serve coffee during our fellowship time! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others and be a part of creating a warm, welcoming environment for everyone. If you are willing to lend a hand—whether regularly or occasionally—please contact Peggy Hope (352.429.9778 or rush1937@embarqmail.com) or Mindy Giallella (407.222.4540 or allellaigm@gmail.com). Your help makes a significant difference!

FLOWER GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED: If you are interested in joining the Flower Guild, please contact Wanda Klaas (klaas46@yahoo.com) and she will be happy to answer any questions you may have and get you on the volunteer schedule.

FREE PIANO: The piano located in the library is free to anyone who would like to have it. We have been in touch with the original donors, and they do not want the piano and are happy for someone in the church family (or a friend or organization) to have the piano. We are unable to deliver it, so you would need to arrange to have it moved. If you are interested in the piano, please contact Gina Mobley (407.782.3065) or Hope Blume (hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: I have had to make the EXCEEDINGLY difficult decision to delay our VBS launch into outer space this summer. No one wanted to blast off more than I did, but our countdown has now been extended to 400 days 12 hours 15 minutes (or thereabouts). **VBS will happen next year, at the same place, same time.** My sincerest apologies for any disappointment or inconvenience this decision may cause. God has been sending me messages to this effect for some time but until recently I do not think I fully understood the messages were for ME. They WERE for me and He's right. We will be back in full force and better than ever to blast off next year. I would like to take this opportunity to also give a huge thank you to all those who stepped up to volunteer for workshops and the week of VBS. It does still take a village, and my village is all of you. Also, you are now free to dispose of all your space junk trash as we will be saving everything that has been collected and will let you know if we need anything else before next year's program. Thank you for your support, generosity, and space junk. Hugs and blessings, Karen



DONATE BLOOD

**St. Matthias Episcopal Church
Sunday, May 10
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

All donors will receive*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **Sun Shade**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.



Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code **58636**

ID REQUIRED

*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit oneblood.org/details.

Donors Receive



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



New Service Schedule

Beginning **Sunday, May 3, 2026**, we will start our new Sunday service schedule:

9:00 AM 11:15 AM

Fellowship

10:00-11:00 AM

Sunday School

10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Every Second, Third, & Fourth Sunday

Nursery Care

8:45 AM-12:30 PM

In addition, the last Sunday of every month will offer

SPOKEN-WORD

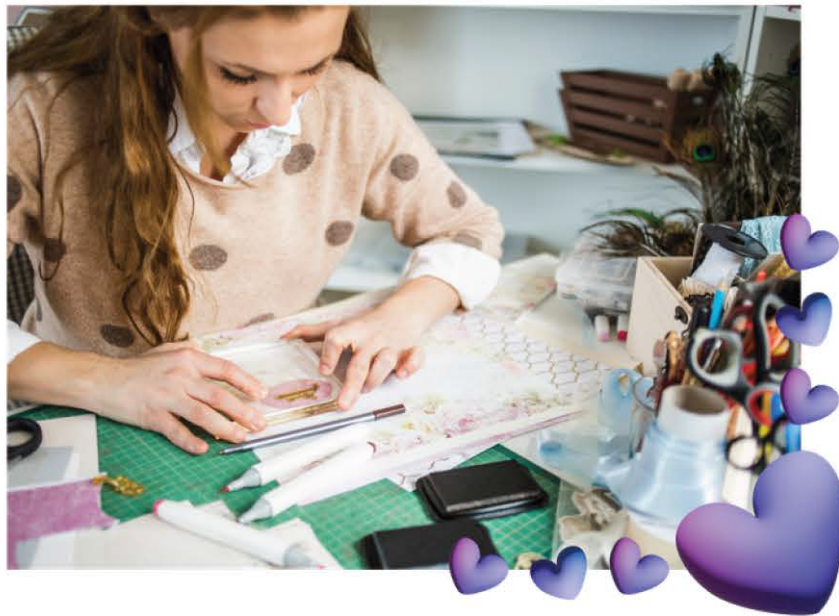
worship at the 9:00 AM service.

We look forward to this new season in our life together!

In honor of those who have Alzheimer's, their families & their caregivers, come out to St Matthias Episcopal Church and join us for card making, companionship, and raising funds and awareness for the cause.

Thursday June 18th

10 to 4PM



This is a drop-in event, and each participant is asked to make a donation of \$10 or more. All money from this event will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association. Participants will be able to make and keep 3 greeting cards, and all supplies will be provided. Each participant may also stay after they complete their three cards to make additional cards for the church.

For more information,

please contact

Stacy Huntzinger

stacyzinger@yahoo.com

407-810-8971

Can't attend but would like to donate? Scan the QR code to donate now.



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