

This Week at St. Matthias

Sunday, May 31

Red Bag Sunday

Sunday School Classes

Church Offices Closed

- 9:00 AM Spoken Word Service – Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- 10:00 AM Coffee & Conversations – Parish Hall (10am-11am)
- 10:00 AM Hope & Hannah Help Desk – Library
- 10:30 AM Sunday School Classes – Sunday School Building
- 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School – Music Room
- 11:15 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary

Nursery Care is Available Every Sunday

8:45 am to 12:15 pm
Sunday School Building

Monday, June 1

Michael on Vacation

- 9:30 AM Count Team One – Church Office
- 12:00 PM Building & Grounds Meeting – Church Office
- 6:00 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club – Library
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Tuesday, June 2

Michael on Vacation

- 1:00 PM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office

Wednesday, June 3

Michael on Vacation

- 10:30 AM Bible Study with Wanda – Parish Hall

Thursday, June 4

Michael on Vacation

- 4:00 PM Choir Social Time – Music Room
- 4:15 PM Choir Rehearsal – Music Room & Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

Friday, June 5

Altar Guild Team One

Church Offices Closed

- 11:00 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office

Saturday, June 6

Church Offices Closed

- 9:00 AM Stacy's Stamping Camp – Parish Hall

Sunday, June 7

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SERVICE ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
5.24.2026	9:00 AM Service	74
5.24.2026	11:15 AM Service	31
5.24.2026	Sunday School	9
Total In- Person		114
Online Views		224

Those on Our Prayer List

Immediate & Urgent Prayers

Maria Aureliani	Linda Denslow	Diana Mahoney
Eric Barefoot	Morgan Disilva	Nadia Mashi
Mother Jane Clark	Sharon Hess	Marcia Smith

Parish Family Continued Prayers

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

Family & Friends Continued Prayers

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

5.31 Roylando Smith
6.1 Theresa Knight
6.2 Sabrina Mallay
6.2 Brian Thorp
6.2 Mindy Giallella
6.3 Cindi Curtis
6.3 Robyn Perry
6.5 Marcia Rudolph
6.6 Audrey Powell
6.6 Karen Whitacre
6.6 Jane McClanahan

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

and in Celebration & Thanksgiving for
Our Sunday School Teachers
and
Our Director of Children's Ministries

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

2026 GRADUATES: Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) no later than **Wednesday, June 3, 2026**, if you have a child or grandchild graduating from High School, College, Technical, or Trade School this Spring as we would like to celebrate these huge milestones!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This is a day that the Lord has made!! It is also our last day of Sunday School for this year. What a great year it has been. We have very much enjoyed all our kiddos-their thoughts, ideas, progress, projects, performances, and growth. Their growth and knowledge of their place in this world and in their church continues to impress us. They are an inspiration but also a reminder of the importance of Sunday School in their growing and developing years. Let's think about that for a minute. Let's think back to our own Sunday School experiences and the impact they may have had on who we are today.

Personally, I can remember all my Sunday School teachers with great fondness. So much so that I started teaching Sunday School to little ones when I was in high school. It was 50 years later that one of my littles reached out to share the seeds that I had planted in her. What about you? What are your Sunday School memories?

Sunday School is such an important component of a child's spiritual journey, developing a moral compass, and growing a sense of community in the church, community, and world. In classes they have a safe and structured environment where they learn important Christian values through Bible stories, interactive lessons, and age-appropriate activities. This approach allows the kiddos to become familiar with scripture, biblical concepts, and an understanding of how to apply them to their daily life. Sunday School is a safe place to ask questions, explore their spirituality, and participate in faith discussions outside of the home.

The benefits of Sunday School are far reaching. Attending Sunday School provides a chance to create bonds with peers and teachers. It's a safe place to share experiences and ideas, ask questions, exercise discernment, develop social skills, and build teamwork skills. When in smaller groups like ours the kiddos are also given opportunities to pray for each other, lead prayer time, and enjoy their own fellowship time. The guidance and teachings in Sunday School support positive life choices and reinforces lessons learned at home creating a solid foundation for character development.

Our particular Sunday School program is designed to be age-appropriate and interactive using curricula that match developmental stages to ensure lessons are engaging and memorable. This approach helps children retain biblical knowledge, understand abstract concepts, and develop a lifelong connection to their faith.

All of this means Sunday School is essential for children because it combines spiritual education, social interaction, moral guidance, and family support in a structured, safe and engaging environment. It helps children grow in faith, develop character, and feel part of a larger Christian community, laying the foundation for lifelong spiritual growth and active participation in the church.

Jesus said, "Bring the children to me."

Have a wonderful summer break and we'll see you back here September 13, 2026. Stay safe! Stay healthy! Pray without ceasing!

Love, hugs and blessings, Karen (703.862.2894 or freiberger4@aol.com)

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.

HOPE & HANNAH HELP DESK: The Hope and Hannah Help Desk is available one Sunday each month during fellowship time. This is a great opportunity to receive assistance with Realm Giving, the Realm Directory, completing membership paperwork, background checks, volunteer paperwork, ministry information, directory pictures, and any additional questions you may have. Whether you are new to the church, updating your information, interested in volunteering, or simply need help navigating Realm, Hope and Hannah are happy to assist you. Stop by the help desk this **Sunday, May 31, 2026**, during fellowship time for friendly support and helpful resources. Scheduled dates as of today are May 31, June 28, July 26, and August 30 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in the library.

MICHAEL ON VACATION: Michael will be out of the office during the week of June 1, 2026. All emails and voicemail messages will be answered when he returns to the office on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. If you need immediate assistance, you can contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com).

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS THIS SUNDAY: Sunday School is this **Sunday, May 31, 2026, at 10:30 am** in the Sunday School Building. This is our last day of the school year; we will have a party and an award presentation in the classroom. We look forward to seeing all the sweet faces...kiddos and yours alike. Hugs and blessings, Karen (703.862.2894 or freiberGs4@aol.com)

NURSERY CARE: Nursery Care is available in the Sunday School Building from 8:45 am to 12:15 pm 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. We would love to have all the littles that have and those turning one year of age join us. We have a swing, walker, bed, and LOTS of new toys to play with. You can even stay for a bit to make sure all is well, if you want to. Please contact Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freiberGs4@aol.com) if you have any questions.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Will meet this **Sunday, May 31, 2026, at 11:00 am** in the Music Room. The topic of study is *Forgiveness: Why Should I and How Can I?* Please contact Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA KLAAS: Please join Wanda this **Wednesday, June 3, 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.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Choir practice meets this **Thursday, June 4, 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!

REALM DIRECTORY TRAINING: Hannah Blume will be holding instructional classes on Wednesdays in July on how to download and navigate the online directory and online giving. **Please add your name to one of the dates and times listed on the sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall** and/or contact Hannah Blume if you have any questions (352.394.3855 or hannahblume@stmatthiasfl1.com). **Classes will be limited to 6 participants per time slot** to ensure Hannah has the time to answer everyone's questions and provide individual assistance if needed. Please be sure to bring all the devices you want to be able to access the directory on (laptop, mobile phone, iPad, tablet). The dates and times are as follows:

DAY	DATE	PLACE	TIMES
Wednesday	July 1, 2026	Church Office	10:00 am
			2:00 pm
Wednesday	July 8, 2026	Church Office	10:00 am
			2:00 pm
			6:00 pm
Wednesday	July 15, 2026	Church Office	10:00 am
			2:00 pm
Wednesday	July 22, 2026	Church Office	10:00 am
			2:00 pm
			6:00 pm

HIGHSCHOOL FIT PROGRAM NEEDS (FAMILIES IN TRANSITION): The Families in Transition (FIT) program is **currently in dire of need of deodorant** and the items listed below. If you can help with any of the items, please place them in the red rolling bin in the Parish Hall. Thank you very much for your continued support!

deodorant	hoodies/sweatshirts	feminine products	shelf stable milk and food
warm blankets	leggings (<i>any sizes</i>)	hygiene items (<i>any type</i>)	wet wipes

SOCK MINISTRY NEEDS: We need men's socks (new or like-new) and protein bars (any type that are individually wrapped) for the Sock Ministry. Socks are the number one clothing need of those experiencing homelessness. The *Sock It To 'Em* Campaign aims to put new socks on the feet of men, women, and children experiencing homelessness and/or are in need. At St. Matthias, our goal is to distribute sock packs to those we see in our everyday lives who appear to need warm, dry socks and a little kindness. All donated items can be placed in the bin labeled "Sock Ministry" located in the Parish Hall. Please contact Kathy Mahoney (321.200.7032 or kathleen7219@outlook.com) if you have any questions.

FRIENDS OF THE MINNEOLA LIBRARY FUNDRAISER: Are you a creator of handmade items and would like to sell them at an organized event? The FOL Minneola Book, Bake, and Craft Sale scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2026, has tables available. I can get you an application, if you're interested. Let me know at freiberger4@aol.com. Hugs and blessings, Karen

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED FOR BUILDING & GROUNDS PROJECTS: We are reaching out to ask for your prayers, support, and assistance with several important building and grounds projects around the church campus. Finances are currently tight, and as we head into the summer months — which historically tend to be lower-giving periods — we are asking for additional financial assistance and trusting the Lord to provide through the generosity of our church family. There are several projects and repairs that currently need to be completed, including:

- \$800.00 Removal of Four Trees at 543 W. Minneola Ave. (Rental House)
- \$350.00 Roof Support Post Replacement at Church Office
- \$325.00 Ceiling Texture Repair (Five areas to be repaired, scraped, retextured, and painted)
- \$175.00 Brick Column Repair at Church Office
- \$150.00 Two Light Fixture Installations in Parish Hall (\$75 each)
- \$150.00 AC Installation at 543 W. Minneola Ave. (Rental Apartment)
- \$140.00 Cleaning of Rain Diverters and Gutters
- \$69.98 Large Woven Gray Hose
- \$62.88 All Purpose Flower and Vegetable Plant Food
- \$45.00 Toilet Paper Roller Repair
- \$32.98 Aluminum 100-ft Wall-Mount Hose Reel
- \$32.00 4 Bags of Container Plant Soil
- \$31.92 4 Bags of Potting Mix Soil
- \$29.88 6 Bags of Brown Blend Mulch
- \$14.88 30-Gallon Paper Lawn & Leaf Bags

Any assistance toward these needs would be greatly appreciated. No gift is too small, and every contribution helps us continue maintaining and caring for the facilities God has blessed us with. If you are willing to assist financially, please contact our Junior Warden, Glen Martin (352.391.0430), or our Treasurer, Michael Giallella (352.394.3855). Thank you for your faithful support, generosity, and love for our church family and building and grounds ministry.

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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