

## This Week at St. Matthias

### Sunday, November 9

Sunday School Classes

Church Offices Closed

- 7:45 AM Rite I Spoken Word Service – Sanctuary
- 9:20 AM Sunday School Classes – Little House
- 9:30 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- 9:30 AM Nursery Care – Little House
- 10:30 AM Coffee & Conversations – Parish Hall
- 10:30 AM Cake to Celebrate Vera Wilson's 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday!
- 11:15 AM Rite II Service with Music – Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Nursery Care – Little House
- 11:15 AM Adult Sunday School – Choir Room
- 2:00 PM Vera's Birthday Lunch at Amore Restaurant

### Monday, November 10

- 8:30 AM Repairs at Apartment – 539 W. Minneola Ave.
- 9:00 AM Count Team Two – Church Office
- 6:00 PM Claudia's Al-Anon Book Club – Library
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Library

### Tuesday, November 11

Church Offices Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day

- 9:00 AM Everyone's Counseling Center – Counseling Office
- 5:30 PM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office

### Wednesday, November 12

- 10:00 AM Finance Team Meeting – Church Office
- 10:30 AM Bible Study with Wanda Klaas – Parish Hall
- 12:00 PM Men's Lunch – The Crooked Spoon, Clermont
- 1:00 PM Retirement Reception Set Up – Parish Hall
- 5:00 PM Tutoring with Linda – Little House (5pm-7pm)

### Thursday, November 13

Church Office Closed Until 3:00 pm

Hope Attending Parish Administrators' Meeting in Orlando

- 7:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting – Little House

### Friday, November 14

Church Offices Closed

- 10:30 AM Beth Knight Counseling – Counseling Office
- 4:00 PM Singing Saints Fellowship – Choir Room
- 4:30 PM Singing Saints Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 5:00 PM I Am A Safe Place Meeting – Church Office

### Saturday, November 15

Church Offices Closed

- 9:30 AM Altar Guild Team Three Set Up – Sanctuary

### Sunday, November 16

One Service this Sunday

Sunday School Classes

Hugh Dial's Retirement Celebration & Reception

Church Offices Closed

- 9:50 AM Sunday School Classes – Little House
- 10:00 AM Rite II Service with Music & Choir – Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Nursery Care – Little House
- 10:00 AM Live-Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
- 11:00 AM Reception in Honor of Hugh Dial – Parish Hall

### SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE

DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
11.2.2025	7:45 AM Service	15
11.2.2025	9:30 AM Service	72
11.2.2025	11:15 AM Service	34
	<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>
	Online Views	156

## Those on Our Prayer List

### Immediate & Urgent Prayers

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|---------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Jeannine Helm | John Luposello     | Joe Sturges  |
| Brenda Kelley | Nadia Mashi        | Kayla Taylor |
| Larry Lock    | Felicidad Robinson | Sandy Under  |

### Parish Family Continued Prayers

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|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Harold Andrews    | Michael Giallella | Edna Marcus     |
| Renee Babcock     | Beverly Green     | Olive McPherson |
| Tristen Babcock   | Anne Hollywood    | Tracy Morelli   |
| Josef Boeni       | Anne Luposello    | Mark Nethersole |
| Rose Brown        | Diana Mahoney     | Sheila Seale    |
| Esther Catino     | Imantee Mallay    | Mary Sturges    |
| Michael Clark     | Stanley Mallay    | Linda Thorp     |
| Mother Jane Clark | CZ Mathews        | Connie Tracey   |
| Hugh Dial         | Elijah Mathews    | Liane Trainello |
| Anita Erickson    | Isabella Mathews  | Stuart Wilson   |
| Miranda Foster    | Jackson Mathews   | Vera Wilson     |
| Connie Gamb       | Don Manny         |                 |

### Family & Friends Continued Prayers

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|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Mindy            | Eyer Family      | Eleanore Meade |
| Nathan Allabaugh | Cheryl Ferrell   | Danny Nemeth   |
| Anakin Boeni     | Maria Figueroa   | Autumn Rose    |
| Isabel Boeni     | Tony Flores      | Sandi Rzepka   |
| Danielle Chavez  | John Gilbert     | Gene Ruryk     |
| Deena Chavez     | Deidre Huffman   | Suzanne Ruryk  |
| Ivan Davila      | Frances LaCroix  | Les Smith      |
| James Dorn, Jr.  | Francine Lacroix | Kishma Thomas  |
| Mary Dorn        | Una McLachlan    |                |

### 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  
 Christopher Morelli, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Deputy  
 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

- 11.10** Harold Andrews
- 11.11** Vera Wilson
- 11.12** Henry Reid
- 11.13** Kathleen Ridenour
- 11.14** Sheila Seale
- 11.15** Edward Mallay
- 11.15** Esther Catino

### Those Celebrating Anniversaries

- 11.10** Mitchell & Melissa Stocki

### Those Who Have Passed

Anne Persaud-Williams, *dear friend of Doreen Asregadoo*

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

and in Celebration of  
Vera Wilson's 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday!  
Given with Love by The St. Matthias Family

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

and in Celebration of  
Vera Wilson's 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday!  
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**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025, at 9:20 AM!  
COME JOIN THE FUN!**

**NURSERY CARE:** Nursery Care is available every Sunday during the 9:30 am and 11:15 am services for all infants and children ages one month to three years old. Abby Giallella and Nicholas Crumbo 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.

**COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us):** Please join us **Sundays in the Parish Hall from 10:30 am to 11:00 am** for fellowship, coffee, and conversation. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet others and sometimes enjoy a few home-baked treats. All are welcome! Please contact Peggy Hope (352.988.7525) if you have any questions and/or would like to help.

***During Coffee & Conversations this Sunday, November 9, 2025, we will be celebrating Vera Wilson's 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday! Come join us for cake in the Parish Hall after the 9:30 am service.***

The celebration doesn't stop there! Come join Vera and her family for a Dutch-Treat Birthday Lunch at Amore's Italian Restaurant in Clermont at 2:00 pm. Please RSVP to Dolores Wilson-Malone or Edna Marcus if you plan to attend so they can be sure to have a seat at the table for you. Dolores: 856.625.1515 or Edna: 352.223.8126)

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us):** Adult Sunday School will meet this **Sunday, November 9, 2025, at 11:15 am** in the Choir Room. Please contact Dolores Wilson-Malone (856.625.1515) or Matt Mobley (407.267.2312) if you have any questions.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:** The Church Office will be closed on **Tuesday, November 11, 2025**, in observance of Veteran's Day. All emails and voicemails will be returned on Wednesday, November 12, 2025. Please contact Fr. Jim directly if you have a pastoral emergency.

**BIBLE STUDY WITH WANDA KLAAS (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us):** Bible Study class will meet this **Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 10:30 am** in the Parish Hall. Please contact Wanda Klaas (352.272.4653 or klaas46@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

**MEN'S LUNCHEON (RSVP Requested – All Men & Friends Welcome to Join Us):** Brothers, Our attendance at our last few luncheons has been low. Please come out and make a connection with another man, deepen a friendship, and encourage someone. We miss you and want to be around you! Our Monthly lunch will be celebrated this **Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 12:00 Noon** at The Crooked Spoon (200 Citrus Tower Blvd, Clermont, 34711). Please RSVP and bring a friend! RSVP to Matt Mobley (407.267.2312 or homeswithmatthew@gmail.com)!

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR PART OF THE DAY:** The Church Office will be closed for a portion of the day on **Thursday, November 13, 2025**, as Hope Blume attends a Parish Administrators meeting in Orlando. The office should be open by 3:00 pm; however, please call before heading over to be sure someone is at the office. Fr. Jim will be reachable by his mobile phone if you have a pastoral emergency.

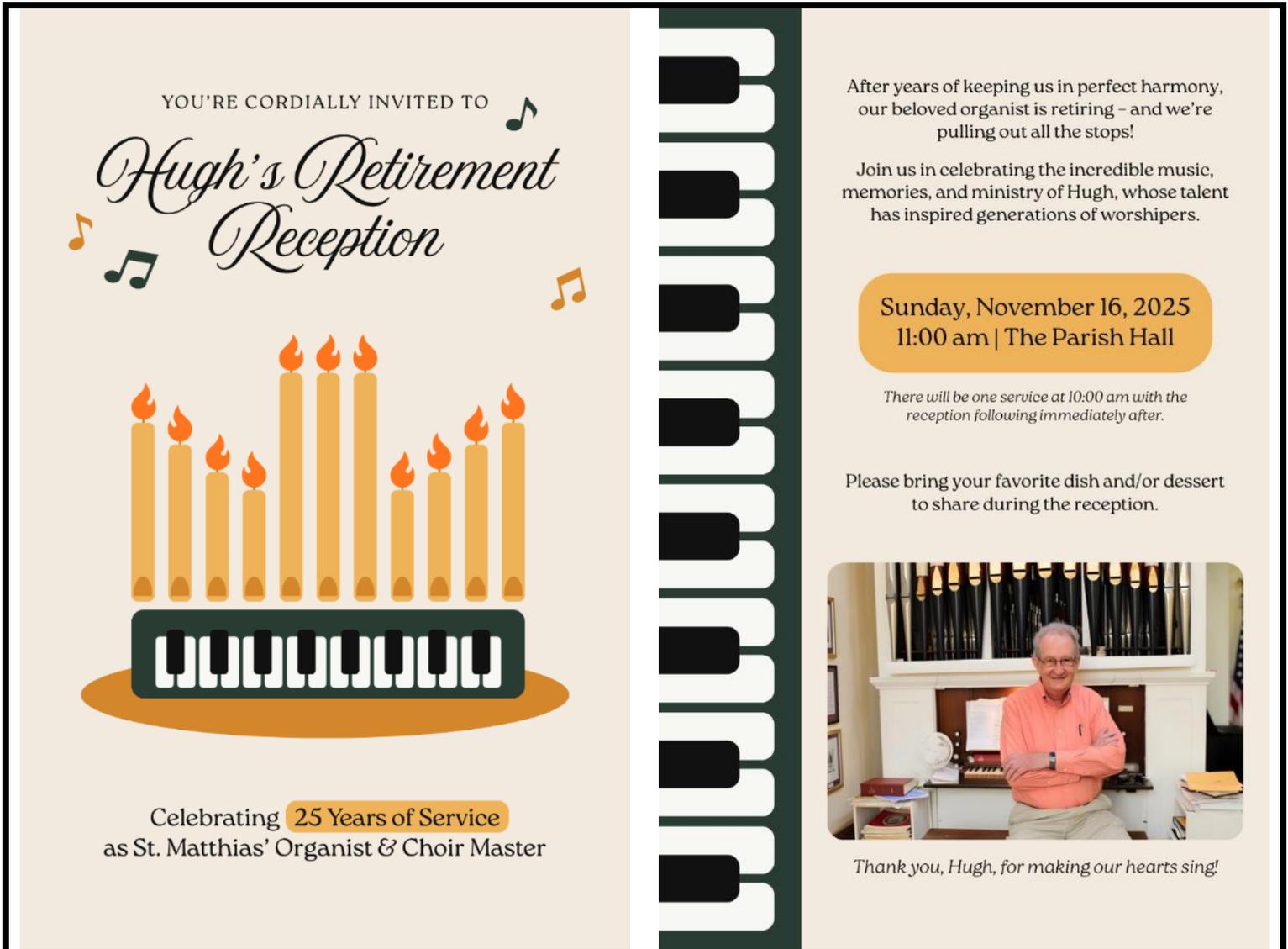
**HELLO SINGERS - PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE (All Singers Welcome to Join Us):** Please join Hugh Dial this **Friday, November 14, 2025, at 4:00 pm** in the Choir Room for teatime and at 4:30 pm in the Choir Room and Sanctuary for singing.

**ADVENT STUDY (Everyone is Always Welcome to Join Us):** Please join Janette Dorn on Tuesday evenings beginning **Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm** for an Advent Study. The first class will meet in the Church Office, and the following classes will meet in the Parish Hall. Classes will meet every Tuesday at 6:00 pm from November 18 to December 16, 2025. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall and contact Janette Dorn (352.235.5168 or jsmdorn@gmail.com) if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

**THANKFUL SUNDAY: Sunday, November 23, 2025**, will be a day of Thanksgiving where we will have the opportunity to lift prayers for all that we are thankful for. If you would like to share what you are thankful for and have it read during the Prayers of the People, please fill out a Thankful Sunday form included in your bulletin as well as located at the back of the church and **drop in the basket located at the back of the Church or return to the Church Office no later than this Sunday, November 9, 2025**. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions.

**ENCHANTED FOREST OF TREES (Volunteers Needed):** St. Matthias has signed up to participate in the Enchanted Forest of Trees this year at Victory Pointe in Downtown Clermont. We will need help decorating the tree on **Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall if you would like to join in on the fun! The Enchanted Forest of Trees opens the evening of Saturday November 22, 2025, and runs through January 2, 2026, for viewing. There will be over seventy trees decorated by local organizations and businesses. You can walk on the trail to view, or park at the Clermont Boat House and walk over to Victory Pointe. Be sure to check out the trees in the day and nighttime to get the full effect! Please contact Mindy Giallella (407.222.4540 or allellaigm@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**VBS 2025:** To my fabulous VBS volunteers, I am finding out that some of you, many of you, I'm not sure how many of you, did not receive a thank you note from me. If you did not, I am so very sorry. I sent out over 50 thank you notes from Virginia Beach when taking care of my mom shortly after VBS. Please know that all of you and each of you were an integral part of the success of the event and I was and continue to be very appreciative of your help, prayers, food, donations, and support in the many ways you shared. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Hugs and blessings, Karen.



The invitation is a vertical rectangular card with a light beige background. On the left side, there is a decorative vertical border of piano keys. The main text is centered and reads: "YOU'RE CORDIALLY INVITED TO" in a simple font, followed by "Hugh's Retirement Reception" in a large, elegant cursive script. There are several musical notes scattered around the text. Below the text is an illustration of a piano keyboard with ten lit candles of varying heights placed on top of it. At the bottom, a yellow box contains the text: "Celebrating 25 Years of Service as St. Matthias' Organist & Choir Master". On the right side, there is a section with text about Hugh's retirement, the date and time of the reception, and a request for guests to bring a dish. Below this text is a photograph of Hugh, an older man with glasses, wearing a salmon-colored shirt, sitting at a piano. A caption below the photo reads: "Thank you, Hugh, for making our hearts sing!".

YOU'RE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

*Hugh's Retirement Reception*

Celebrating **25 Years of Service**  
as St. Matthias' Organist & Choir Master

After years of keeping us in perfect harmony, our beloved organist is retiring – and we're pulling out all the stops!

Join us in celebrating the incredible music, memories, and ministry of Hugh, whose talent has inspired generations of worshippers.

**Sunday, November 16, 2025**  
11:00 am | The Parish Hall

*There will be one service at 10:00 am with the reception following immediately after.*

Please bring your favorite dish and/or dessert to share during the reception.



*Thank you, Hugh, for making our hearts sing!*

**HIGHSCHOOL FIT PROGRAM NEEDS:** The Families in Transition (FIT) program is currently in need of the items listed below. If you can help with any of the items listed below, please place them in the red rolling bin in the Parish Hall. Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com) if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your continued support!

**band-aids · crackers · canned meat · feminine products · hygiene items (any type)  
juice boxes · shelf stable milk · wet wipes · leggings (gently used welcomed - any sizes)**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION:** We are adding service projects to our children's program. Our first will be helping to stuff bags for the Sock Ministry. Many of the kiddos have been learning about the Heros of the Bible. This service project will help them see how easy it is for them to be a hero in someone's life, and it will generate a variety of conversations, learning, and teaching opportunities.

During November we will also be collecting Toys for Tots. One of our students, Katharine Giddens, a second grader, has taken on this responsibility for the Rainbow Girls group she belongs to. We will be asking our children to donate an unwrapped toy by November 30, 2025. All parishioners are welcome to participate too if you would like to donate a toy. A box for the toys is located in the Sunday School building (also known as the Little House). Future service projects are in the planning stages.

I appreciate all the love and interest you, our church family, has for our kiddos and the children's program. We have a tremendous Sunday School team, all of whom love what they do and adore the kiddos. It is a thrill to watch and a blessing to be a part of. Come join us! I'm in need of another teacher and would love to share this enormous blessing with you. Hugs and blessings, Karen Freiberg (703.862.2894 or freibergs4@aol.com).

**THANKSGIVING BASKET PROJECT:** The Community Outreach Committee has begun coordinating our Sixteenth Annual Thanksgiving Basket project. This year, we increased the amount of help we provide from 125 to 150 families in need within our community. As a committee and as a church we know we ask often for help for those in need, and the Thanksgiving Basket project is no exception. Financial support for the project is crucial, and we ask that you give what you can, any amount helps. This year we estimate the cost of each basket being around \$55.00 to \$60.00 which also includes the \$20.00 gift card for the purchase of a turkey, ham, or meat of choice. This year, as in the past couple of years, has brought on many additional challenges for families who were already in need, as well as challenges for families that may not have been in need in the past. We at St. Matthias have always been very blessed and willing to share with those less fortunate. We ask that everyone share what they can to help our neighbors and friends in Christ during this Thanksgiving season. Basket building and distribution will take place at St. Matthias on Saturday, November 22, 2025. Basket building will take place from 9:00 am to 10:00 am and basket distribution will take place between 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. Questions? Please contact Hope Blume (352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com).

#### **The Plan:**

- All 150 families will be provided with a food basket.
- All 150 families will be given a gift card in the amount of \$20.00 to purchase a turkey, ham, or meat of their choice.
- All food items for the baskets will be ordered and/or purchased ahead of time through Kroger.
- Basket building and distribution will take place at St. Matthias on Saturday, November 22, 2025.
- Basket building will take place from 9:00 am to 10:00 am and basket distribution will take place between 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. We will have two teams for the day, feel free to sign up for the basket building team, the basket distribution team, or both.

#### **How to Give:**

Envelopes for monetary donations are available at the back of the church, in the pewholders, in the Parish Hall, and at the Welcome Table. The donations will be used to purchase gift certificates and food items for the baskets.

You may drop in the offering plate, mail a check to the church office (528 West Montrose Street, Clermont, FL 34711) and note in the memo line that it is for the Thanksgiving Basket project, or give a donation via online

**Information for online giving can be found on St. Matthias' website:**

<https://stmatthiasfl.com/online-giving/>

**Please use the following link for online giving:**

<https://onrealm.org/StMatthiasEpisc37600/Give>

***Thank you for your continued support of the Thanksgiving Basket Program!***

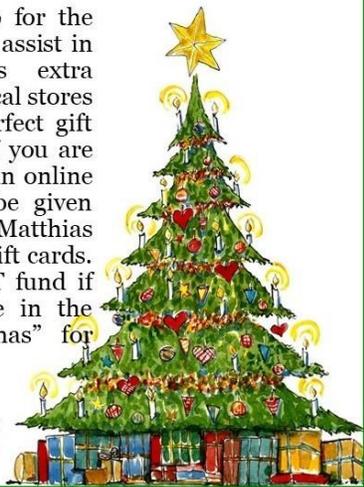
# Christmas Giving for Families In Transition High School Students

For the last few years we have been able to provide many Christmas gifts for our local Homeless High School Students who are a part of the Lake County School's Families in Transition program (FIT). These are the same students we have been helping provide food and personal hygiene items to throughout the year and we would once again like to extend our help in providing Christmas gifts.

High School aged students are typically the age group that is forgotten or hardest to provide for during the holidays and we want to help make a change and spread some Christmas cheer to these well-deserving young men and women.

If you are unable to shop for the students but would like to assist in making their Christmas extra special, gift cards to any local stores or restaurants make a perfect gift for students of this age. If you are unable to get a gift card, an online donation or check may be given and made payable to St. Matthias and we will purchase the gift cards. Be sure to choose the FIT fund if donating online and note in the memo line "FIT Christmas" for check donations.

Additional information pertaining to this important initiative is provided on the back side.



# Gifts Due to the Church by Tuesday, December 2nd

Christmas collection boxes will be located in the Parish Hall and the Church Sanctuary where you can place your unwrapped gifts.

Please contact Co-Chairs, Hope Blume & Janette Dorn, or the Church office if you have any questions or concerns.

Hope: 352.978.6511 or hopeblume@gmail.com  
Janette: 352.235.5168 or jsmdorn@gmail.com

**Please remember we are collecting for High School aged students only.**



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## Christmas Gift List

Card Games	Body Sprays
Candy/Snack Gift Sets	Jewelry
Ear Buds	Make-Up Kits
Nail Polish Kits	Body Lotions
Holiday Socks	Perfumes
Hoodies	Axe Body Spray

Solar Powered Chargers  
Charging Pads / Portable Chargers for Cell phones

**Gift Cards to the Following Restaurants or Stores:**

McDonalds · Chick-Fil-A · Sonic

Culvers · Subway · Jersey Mikes

Amazon · Dollar General · Target · Walmart

### Craft Fair



Please join us on  
Saturday, November 22nd  
From 9AM to 2PM  
For our 3rd annual craft fair  
With over 30 vendors!

First Baptist Church Clermont  
2751 Hartwood Marsh Rd  
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# CRAFT FAIR

Lakes of Mount Dora CRAFT FAIR

**Saturday, November 15, 2025**

**9:00am – 2:00pm**

**8506 Lakes of Mt. Dora Blvd.**

- Over 50 tables of Unique, and one-of-a-kind hand-crafted items by local artisans
- Breakfast & Lunch items for sale
- Huge Bake Sale!
- Start your holiday shopping early!
- A fun & festive event!

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# Let's Talk SMAC

St. Matthias Ads and Classifieds

*Supporting & Connecting Our St. Matthias Family!*

If you have something to sell, or looking to buy, or a service to offer or one you're looking for, contact Karen Freiberg (freibergs4@aol.com) with all the pertinent information, and it will be included in our SMAC section.

## IN SEARCH OF - IN NEED

We are moving and are in desperate need of **boxes** in a variety of sizes. Please leave any you want to get rid of in the Library for us. Thank you so much!! Hugs and Blessings, Karen and Dave Freiberg

## IN NEED OF

We need a new or gently used oven to replace the current one in the church kitchen. If you are getting ready to replace your oven, and/or willing to donate an oven, please contact the church office at 352.394.3855 or hopeblume@stmatthiasfl1.com. Thank you!

## FOR SALE

Twin Daybed with Trundle, Metal Twin Size Daybed with Pullout Trundle on Casters. Comes with cover, pillow shams, and sheets. Must pick up. \$75.00. Contact Maxine Hylton at maxhyl1@gmail.com if you are interested and/or have any questions.



## FOR SALE

Wednesday Bible Study is selling hot/cold drink cups with all proceeds going to the a/c replacement loan. If you would like to purchase, please contact Anne Hollywood (228.229.6817) or Hugh Dial (863.557.8803). Cost is \$30.00 each and as you can see from the photos, they are beautifully handmade!

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