



# MATTHIAS MIDWEEK

Inspired by the life and compassion of Jesus Christ,  
We are a church of action in our community, engaging in  
Hospitality by offering bread for body and soul

## REFLECTION FROM ANN+

We gathered last Sunday. We gathered upstairs in the sanctuary and afterwards downstairs in the Parish Hall. I appreciate the presence of those who came for both worship and meeting. Both are essential ingredients in the life of St. Matthias. Both reflect our community, even as the Trinity, which we celebrated on Sunday, reflects the community which is God.

I am especially pleased with our parish meeting. As always, there was good food, which you rallied to provide and arrange, organized by one of our new Vestry members, Sandy Ashe. Sandy is joined by Michelle Pittelli and Judy Schneider, ready to build upon the able work of their predecessors. I am pleased with their enthusiasm and sense of purpose.

The building that houses St. Matthias is no spring chicken, but thanks be to God, our Junior Warden, Mary Ross keeps a close eye on its needs and prioritizes the projects it demands. During my tenure here, her focus has never deviated from Building and Grounds. As a result, we don't have thousands of dollars of deferred maintenance hanging over our heads.

Another highlight was the Loaves & Fishes report -- 6500 meals served in 2016! As well, we received \$15,000 in grants from the Maryland Food Bank and Maryland Emergency Food Program. Our volunteer list has grown to 30 people from six churches, our own community and neighborhood. We are currently forming a Board of Trustees to help oversee the next steps.

Sue Small & Sandy Ashe reminded us that we continually strive to be a People Embracing Equality with Love. PEEL continues to work in our midst, challenging what our Bishop calls the 'demon of racism'.

Good news from our treasurer, Paul Pittelli and investment chairman Bill Lambert: with the help of a generous gift from St. Peter's Lutheran, our budget is balanced and no withdrawal was necessary from our endowment - a first in my short tenure!

The testimony of Beth Dellow, a vestry member discerning a call to the diaconate, spoke positively to the spiritual underpinning of our life together. To my knowledge, Beth is the first St. Matthias parishioner to seek ordination. We are nurtured by her presence and her journey.

All evidence points to the Holy Spirit filling our sails. Our job is to continue to feel her divine breath and allow her power and wisdom to transform us as it did the first disciples on Pentecost. And may others speculate that we, like they are "filled with new wine" (Acts 2:13)

"Drunkenly", ANN+

## THIS WEEK

FRIDAY, JUNE 16: 2:00 PM

Pam & George's Wedding: Future Care, 4700 Harford Rd. (at Coldspring). All are welcome at this joyous event! Reception following ceremony

7:00 PM: Prayer Service sponsored by Renewed Minds in the Sanctuary. All are invited.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17: 9:00 AM: Book Group meets at Ellen & Lois' home, 1320 Selig Dr. 21237

11:30 AM: Morning Prayer, Sanctuary  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Loaves & Fishes

SUNDAY, JUNE 18: 2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
9:30 AM: Worship, followed by Coffee Hour & SOS

11:30 AM: Rebirth Worship  
1:30 PM: Renewed Minds Worship

TUESDAY, JUNE 20: 7:30 PM  
Renewed Minds Addiction Group, Undercroft

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21:  
10:00 AM: Morning Prayer  
10:30 - 11:45 AM: Conversaton: Dementia & the Christian Community

## COMING UP

MONDAY MOVIES AT MATTHIAS

JULY 10, 17, 24, 31

## OUR PRAYERS

Sally Morton  
Otis Cutler  
Carlton Moore  
Sylvia Hooper  
Steve Scalise

Ann Morton - thanksgiving for healing. She is back at home and gaining strength!

George & Pam - Blessings on their marriage