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Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Matthew 26: 40 & 41

The waiting game...I don’t think anyone likes to wait. Mary waited 9 months to see the perfect child within her. The wise men waited to see the star in the sky as it had been predicted, then travelled two years to see the king. We all are waiting for Christ to come again.

It’s one thing to know the thing we are waiting for is worth it, but what to do WHILE we’re waiting? Excitement and anticipation carry us only so far. We get tired, and like the disciples, can get caught sleeping on the job. We get bored and long for distraction through entertainment, gossip, addiction, etc… We crave some reminder that what we are waiting for is real—that God is real. That He is trustworthy and faithful.

“Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’” (Mark 13:35-37).

Thankfully we are all part of a community that is keeping watch. St. Matthew’s is about the business of waiting and watching. There are Bible studies to fit any schedule, including a new study starting on January 5 that is focusing on the “what” we can be doing while we wait.

Find a prayer partner to keep watch with you. It’s so easy to let boredom and laziness seep in when you go it alone. The buddy system is not just for swimming.

With the start of a new year, let us commit to keeping watch together and being about the business of waiting with joy and anticipation.

With joy,

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Monthly Mentions

The Gamers—will meet January 9 at 12:30—1:15. Please RSVP to Andrew Thompson at 741-7162.

Nursery Help is still needed. We have some holes this month. If you are willing to pull an extra duty, please call Jill Rich at 288-1911 to volunteer.

Don't forget—the volunteer schedules are now on the website, stmatthewsrichmond.org. The password is rockycat.

Our Adopted Compassion Child, Gerald has just graduated. Please continue to pray for him and his family as he transitions into adulthood.

The 25 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes were successfully delivered to Peru on December 23rd. Please continue to pray for the children who received boxes. A special thanks to Faith Gitchell & Lauren Witmer for packing boxes back in September.

Nursery Schedule

Thank you to all from the congregation, as well as all the parents who have selflessly offered their time to care for our younger parishioners.

If you would like to be included on the schedule, call Jill at 288-1911.

Date	Infants	Toddlers	Preschoolers
January 2	Lynda Jenkins	Kathryn Martin	Linda Wilson
	Nancy Knight	Natalie Axtell	Wendell Wilson
9	Holly Curell	Laura Allin	Wynn Burr
	Ken Curell	Danny Cox	Blake Burr
16	Carol Grainger	Lee West	Gretchen DeFrancesca
	???	Susan Harrison	Todd De Francesca
23	Alison Barnes	Elizabeth Spadea	Adrian Hudgins
	Matt Barnes	John Spadea	Kaki Vint
30	Pam Roach	Katie Musick	Stacy Relyea
	Svenja Lessman	Bert Musick	Bob Relyea