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# The Messenger

**St. Matthew's Episcopal Church**

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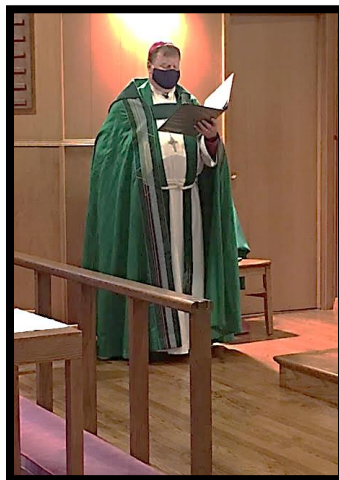
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## Service Times

10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Service  
First & Third Sundays  
Holy Eucharist  
Rite II  
Second and Fourth  
Sundays  
Morning Prayer

## FAREWELL & BEST WISHES TO BISHOP MARTY FIELD



On Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup> St. Matthew's had their last and final Parish Visit from Bishop Marty Field. Bishop Field will officially retire on September 13, 2021 after being the Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri for a little over ten years. Only two months later in November, he has been asked to come back to preside over the opening of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Missouri.

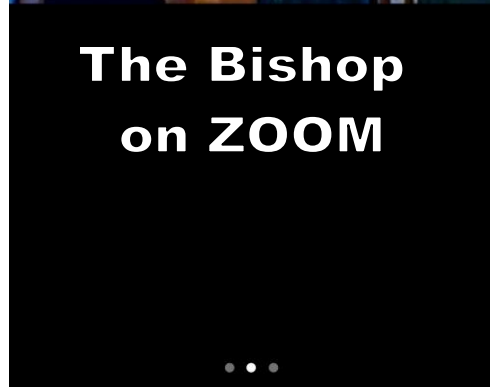
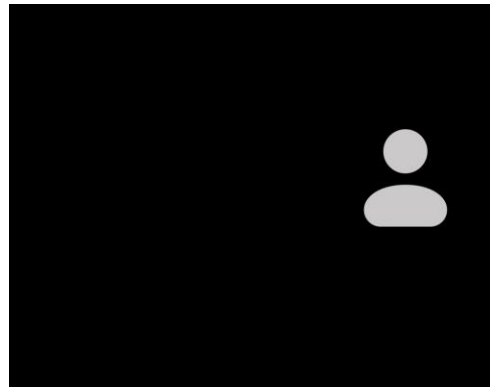
Bishop Marty led the Eucharist and delivered the sermon. Afterwards a small reception was held in the Fellowship Hall where he and his wife Donna were presented a \$150 Gift Card to go out to dinner. The Bishop spoke to the congregation and answered questions, then met for a short time with the Vestry to discuss and answer any questions they might have.

St. Matthew's can be grateful for the Bishop's leadership, guidance, and spiritual oversight through his tenure in the Diocese.

Linda Gerding-Vestry



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## FLYING SOLO IN JULY CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF THE SANTA FE TRAIL

There were 12 brave souls that headed West from Wayne City Landing, in upper Independence, to follow the Santa Fe Trail to New Santa Fe. Historical markers at Wayne City Landing gave some nice pictorial images of the original travelers as they sauntered along on the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California Trails.



Walking West



Jumping off the River



Lewis & Clark Expedition



We circled around Jim Laney, our Leader and Historian, as he gave instructions where our "wagon train" (car caravan) would head. Colorful narrative was provided by Jim via Zoom that we all connected to in our cars through our phones and Bluetooth. Bill Noone, Ann (a friend of the Cease's) and others added comments of information as we traveled along.



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Our next stop was Independence and Harry Truman's Home.



Then on to the National Frontier Trails Museum



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Then on to Raytown and the Rice Tremonti Home, and Cave Spring where the oxen and cattle could get water and the travelers could have some lunch.



The wagons made deep “swales” in the landscape as they rolled along the trail. We were able to get out at the Wieduwilt Swales and actually still see where the wagons traveled hundreds of years ago. As we traveled on we passed by Schumacher Park. Hart Grove Creek, and ending at New Santa Fe. There was a cemetery there that had a lot of old, old graves. One of the oldest was dated 1818, but the most interesting one was dated 1898 and simply said “The Horse Thief”.



This was the end of the trail for this “wagon train caravan”, but a nice reminder for all of us about the upcoming 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail through Missouri.

We thank and appreciate Jim Laney for offering to guide us through this little bit of our past history as a State. It was fun and educational!

Beth Cook-Flying Solo  
(Linda Gerding reporting)



## Community of Chaplains

As one of your chaplains, it has been a joy to learn about St. Benedict and his Rule, which is the foundation of our service as chaplains. I was delighted to find a reference to Benedict in my own Community of Christ publication, "Herald" for November/December 2020. (I'm a little bit behind on my reading!) In an article titled, "Trust What is Being Born: Always, We Begin Again" by Larry McGuire, he shares his own experience with "The Rule of St. Benedict" by John McQuiston. After coming across another reference to The Rule, he was captured by the phrase, "Always, we begin again." At the time, Larry's reaction was that this must have been a frustrating "rule" for the monks, since it implied that nothing ever got accomplished! However, he said that he came "to realize they [Always, we begin again] aren't simple words of a phrase, but a rhythm of life with which to engage over and over. Always, we begin again." The article was written for the Advent season and Larry went on to say, "This is a season of expectation and anticipation. This is a season of **defiant hope** [emphasis mine]. Always, we begin again. This is a season of trust in what is being born."

I was struck by how very much this phrase, "Always, we begin again," applies to St. Matthews! AND that **defiant hope** is a powerful way to approach our own mission...whatever that may prove to be. We are in a time of transition, again. We need to have powerful, defiant hope that God is at work in us and through us and for us. Always, we begin again.

Marci Brown-Turlin



## My Positive Thoughts Create My World

I create my life through the power of my thoughts. My positive thoughts bless my life with peace, prosperity, and wholeness. But sometimes I may experience more discord, lack, and ill health. Rather than worry or wish things could be different, I return to my thoughts.

I accept the conditions I see but keep my thoughts aligned with a more enduring truth. When faced with chaos, I affirm: **The peace of God is mine.** When confronted with insufficient supply, I affirm: **I am part of God's abundant universe, and all my needs are met.** If I feel ill, I affirm: **I am made in the image and likeness of God, and I am whole.**

I am so grateful to keep God in my thoughts.

From: Daily Word

Linda Batson, Daughters of the King



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## GIVING REMINDER



Just a reminder that you have options on how you can send in your pledge.

By mail: Dave Macey's address: 2200 NW Summerfield Dr., Lee's Summit, MO 64081

Online: Online Giving Link: <http://stmatthewsraytown.org/>



### Invitation to August Wildwood Boys Shows Come join us for good food & music!



**Aug. 7th**  
Farmers House  
Weston, Mo.  
12-4 PM  
Windy Winery  
Osborn, Mo.  
7-9 PM

**Aug. 14th**  
Wyoming Street Winery  
Pleasant Hill, Mo.  
7-9 PM

**Aug. 19th**  
Hawk Ridge Park Ampatheater  
Raymore, Mo.  
7-9 PM

**Aug, 29th**  
Grain Valley Park  
Grain Valley, Mo.  
6-7:30 PM

Check website: [www.wildwoodboysbluegrassmusic.com](http://www.wildwoodboysbluegrassmusic.com)