



July 2021

The Messenger

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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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

Sr. Warden's Message

Have you ever had a problem and didn't know what to do or how to find a solution or even where to start? Ever think about looking in your Bible? That might not be your first thought as it may not be a regular practice for you. Here's something that might help: Google "What does the Bible have to say about ..." and just fill in the blank. What does the Bible say about dealing with bad neighbors? What does the Bible say about conquering jealousy? What does the Bible say about fighting depression? You may get a list of Bible quotes or an article on the subject or other food for thought, but you will nearly always come away feeling enriched and refocused from your problem to a Biblical solution.

I tried it out by googling "What does the Bible say about giving up?" The search returned several Bible verses:

Galatians 6:9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Romans 12:11-12 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Mark 10:27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."

Matthew 11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

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Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

1 Corinthians 8:12 For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have.

As I was reading through all the verses, I felt inspired. It made me think about work, life, church, projects, and the many areas in life when it sometimes all seems to be just too much. Galatians 6:9 made me think of the church and how easy it would be to give up after all the hard work that has gone into building this church. Joshua 1:9 got me thinking about big challenges in my life and ahead of me and the need to not be so timid. And Romans 12? How easy it is to “be slothful in zeal”! I googled that one too. It means don’t be “lethargic, low energy, jaded, run down, weary, apathetic, dull, sluggish, lacking enthusiasm, half-hearted, [and] lazy.” (www.unlockingthebible.org, Overcoming Evil with Zeal”)

After my Google search, I was suddenly refocused. All things ARE possible with God. Jesus WILL take my burden and give me rest. I CAN do all things with the strength of God behind me. The readiness is there, I just have to focus on what I *have*, not on what I don’t have. This would be good for all of us.

Happy July!
Judy Taylor
Sr. Warden

BISHOP MARTIN S. FIELD

ST. MATTHEW’S PARISH VISIT SUNDAY, JULY 25th



We will enjoy three Eucharist services this month, including Fr. Mark McGuire on July 4th and 18th and Bishop Marty on July 25th. This will be Bishop Marty’s last visit to St. Matthew’s as he will retire in September. After the service, we will have a small reception downstairs in the Hall and the Bishop will take time to answer any questions we have, so get ready!

PENTECOST CELEBRATION PICTURES

May 23, 2021



Decorated for Pentecost



Fr. Eric Anderson-Supply Priest



Barbara Wegener-Lector



Parking Lot Participants



Judy Taylor- Sound Tech



Zella Forsythe- Ms. Pentecost



The Wildwood Boys Great Music Lots-A-Fun

On June 5th St. Matthew's hosted the Wildwood Boys, who played gospel and other religious music. The event was attended by about 75 people. Zella Forsythe and Linda Batson served refreshments. All had a wonderful time.



ST. MATTHEW'S COMMUNITY OF CHAPLAINS June 13, 2021

Zella Forsythe was the Host for the June Circle of Care meeting for St. Matthew's Community of Chaplains. The Chaplains again brought their own lunch and sat on the lawn at Church under the shade of the trees. After some brief business Linda Gerding reiterated to the Chaplains the importance of the "telephone ministry" and staying connected to our Parish through listening and prayer.

Zella read from the Bible expanding on the day's Gospel, which generated great discussion between the Chaplains.

Blessings,
Linda Gerding
COC Chaplain



L-R Jim Laney, Brenda Laney, Patti McGill, Zella Forsythe, Linda Gerding, Mary Cease.
(not pictured: Carl & Marci Turlin)

We're Inside In-Person...but Continue to Zoom Services

Beginning with the first in-person service on May 30, 2021, St. Matthew's has continued to provide a Zoom invitation for the Parish to log on to Sunday services. Having the option to use Zoom to attend service, for those who for whatever reason are unable to be in-person to worship, has been a blessing for some. For now, Zoom is the intermediate media that is being used until such time as the camera and other technical equipment needed to "live-stream" can be installed and personnel trained. Judy Taylor, Sr. Warden, is the point person to help make all that happen, and continues to work on the details.

The Reopening Task Force of Judy Taylor, Bill Noone, Linda Gerding, Barbara Wegener, Tish Arroyo, Christina Brooks, Carl Turlin, Beth Cook, Patti McGill, and Sherry Minzey, has done an outstanding job of making sure every protocol was followed to keep all Parishioners safe when St. Matthew's reopened. A big "THANK YOU" goes out to that Committee for all their work!

Below is the Zoom screen shot of Jim Laney leading Morning Prayer on May 30th. Linda Gerding was logged on and watching from her Lake House at the Lake of the Ozarks!



This is a sample of what you can see when you log in to the Sunday Zoom services.

Linda Gerding
Reporting



With thanks, we celebrate our 55 years of marriage today.
With tears in my eyes----sharing my beautiful card.

On Our Anniversary

I wonder if you really know what a wonderful woman you are.
I've told you far less often than I should.
It's hard to find the words to say all the things you deserve to
hear-if I could say them perfectly, I would.

I'd tell you just how much it means to be given the gift of your
love and how that love has changed me for the better.
I'd say it takes a wife like you to reveal the soul of a man-if he
can open up enough to let her.

It may be there are no words to thank you for all that you have
done to support me and create the life we share.....
But should you ever feel unsure of the love I have for you, just
look into my eyes.
You'll find it there.

Blessed Marriages,
Linda Batson, DOK



To Our Parish Family,

Thank you



We had thought to send a “Thank You” card, but I wanted to make sure as many people as possible could receive this thank you.

Your gift card was so very generous, and it will be put to good use when we find our new home. The Royals quilt with all the wonderful notes written on the back from all of you who signed, will be treasured. And, it will also be a piece of Kansas City that we have with us.

We will always be a part of St. Matthew’s even though we are miles apart, we are only a phone call away.

We are Thankful, Grateful, and truly Blessed.

*Love,
Jim & Sherry*

*Good friends
are **hard** to find,
harder to leave,
and **impossible** to forget.*

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/>



July 22nd

**August Messenger
and Calendar
Deadline**

