

JULY 2022

# THE MESSENGER

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## ST. MATTHEW'S STAFF

**The Rev. William Jeff Hurst**  
Priest-in-Charge

**Sherry Minzey**  
Admin. Assistant

**Patti McGill**  
Music Director

## OFFICERS

**Judy Taylor**  
Senior Warden

**Carl Turlin**  
Junior Warden

**David Macey**  
Treasurer

**Linda Gerding**  
Secretary

## SERVICE TIMES

**10:00 A.M.**  
**SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**SUNDAY SERVICES ALSO**  
**STREAMED ON YOUTUBE**  
**AND**  
**ZOOM**



Dear church family,

I am so glad we had our Garage sale and Pentecost celebration before the oppressive humidity and heat descended upon us! I must admit I don't relish these days ahead if this continues unabated. Please be careful if you are working outdoors during high heat index days.

I want to encourage everyone to continue to pray for a new and fresh outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon our church, our community, our local churches, our diocese, and our denomination. I had requested this through June but I saw recently that Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has asked us all to continue this intercession through July 12<sup>th</sup>. We pray for all the leaders of our nation deliberating laws for our safety, for justice to be applied for all no matter what party affiliation or flavor, asking God to help us bridge these noticeable huge gaps in our nation's dire lack of public discourse which has been a mark of our democracy. Pray that our nation's leaders will inspire all to loosen ourselves from hate, bigotry and rancor. My prayer each day is numerous, "Lord Jesus Christ, thou Son of God, have mercy on me (us)."

Dr. King's book "Strength to Love" stirs me to pray and work for unity, love and peace at a time when things are so divided. The rhetoric of the media seems to play upon our fear and anxiety when are thirsting for peace of mind. Dr. Walter Wink reminds us as we obey the scriptural injunctions to pray. "History belongs to the intercessor; those who believe and pray the future into being." I long for a future where "justice rolls like a mighty river and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24"

With Love,  
Fr. Jeff

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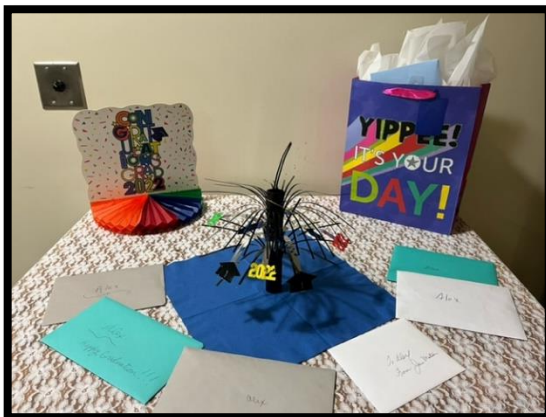
## CONGRATULATIONS ALEX WAGSTAFF

The Hospitality Team of Zella Forsythe and Christina Brooks prepared a Graduation Celebration for St. Matthew's 2022 graduating Senior, Alex Wagstaff. Fun decorations, yummy cupcakes and fruit, were enjoyed during coffee hour after Sunday service on June 19, 2022. Alex hopes to expand his photography talent in the future, and focus on sports photography.

Best of Wishes and Congratulations Alex!



*Class  
of  
2022*





## Evangelism Update

In honor of Mother's Day, St. Matthew's collected 19 boxes of feminine hygiene product for Micah. The products will be greatly appreciated. Thanks to everyone who contributed.



Flying Solo made a visit to the Toy and Miniature Museum on June 17th. There were 4 people in attendance. If you haven't seen this museum in a while, it is well worth the small admission price. The displays of toys and miniatures were fabulous.

Beth Cook  
Evangelism

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## "THANK YOU" PAT WHITMORE



On Sunday June 26th, St. Matthew's Parish acknowledged and showed appreciation to Pat Whitmore for her many years of service as the Chair of the Hospitality and Pastoral Care Committees.

Organizing food for receptions and decorating tables was her forte'. She could be counted on to get volunteers to help her get things "set up and cleaned up", always with kindness and a smile.

Pat asked that this year she be allowed to pass those leadership torches onto someone else. Beth Cook made a special quilt entitled "Crossroads" and had parishioners sign it on the back with words of love and appreciation, and presented it to Pat. Of course, in Pat fashion she was very humble and appreciative.

God Bless you Pat Whitmore



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# Thank You!

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*While serving as Hospitality Chair, it was with great joy and a pleasure serving the Lord. Having wonderful ladies to help and the men to give a helping hand when called upon. All was deeply appreciated.*

*Thank you, Christina and Zella, for stepping up to serve the church and the Lord.*

*I appreciated all the beautiful cards and the lovely quilt.*

*May God Bless you all.*

*Love always,  
Pat*



## **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 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**AUGUST**

**MESSENGER & CALENDAR**

**DEADLINE**







Deanery Picnic on July 23 to celebrate Bishop Bruce. If you would like to attend, please send an **RSVP to Fr. Jeff by 4:00 p.m. Sunday, July 3.** The Deanery will need a count for planning food arrangements.