

JUNE 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,

It has been an awesome time with all of you since I began this part-time ministry in March 1. I have enjoyed this walk with you through Lent, holy week, and the glory of Easter! As we enter the Pentecost season, the church seems to be in great spirits. Our sister in Christ, Zella has planned a great service, and has inspired us to come with expectant hearts on this special day.

This past Thursday, the vestry and a few other leaders from St. Matthews were privileged to sit and talk with our Provisional Bishop Diane Jardine Bruce for a few hours. Bishop Bruce is truly making remarkable connections with the diocese; listening, asking questions, showing genuine and authentic interest in the lives of people, their ministries and their hopes and dreams for the future. It was amazing how Bishop Bruce went to great lengths to discover the original sermon that Bishop Tuttle preached at the genesis of the Missouri West Diocese. Essentially, recalling our roots as a missionary church, which Bishop Tuttle had challenged the all the collective churches to truly encourage one another, lifting up the small parish and not forgetting the ever-present call to make space for all to know Christ. It's interesting that our full legal name as a denomination is "The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church." We still have holy work to do.

I appreciate that the vestry requested an Installation service for me with the Bishop on June 15th at 6:30 p.m. I must admit, I truly am one that enjoys working behind the scenes, supporting

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others and drawing out their oft hidden gifts and abilities. However, I do receive your request to honor me with this service with great joy!

With great Affection,

Fr. Jeff

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Bishop's Visit

As many of you may be aware, Bishop Bruce scheduled numerous churches within the diocese for Sunday visitations throughout the remainder of 2022. Unfortunately, there were only so many Sundays available, and St. Matthew's was not one of the churches scheduled. I followed up with her office and was assured we would be scheduled for a Sunday visitation in 2023. In the meantime, Bishop Bruce requested to meet with Vestry members to discuss any concerns we might have and to find out from us what we were doing for outreach. We scheduled the meeting for Thursday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m. Zella did a terrific job decorating the tables for ascension Sunday (see photos) and Christina provided us with pastries, cakes and a fruit plate. We shared the many groups and outreach activities we are involved with. I can't speak for what the bishop thought, but I think we presented an impressive number of groups and activities, many of which we have been involved with for years. It is amazing what our small parish is capable of and how much we do. We also shared details of our upcoming garage sale, and Bishop Bruce did a little shopping of her own! She purchased a glass-top side table for her balcony! We also gave her a tour of the sanctuary and offices, and she took a few photos of our stained-glass windows and of Christina and Dave Macey working away in the office. Linda and Judy snapped a few photos for you to enjoy.

Judy Taylor

Sr. Warden

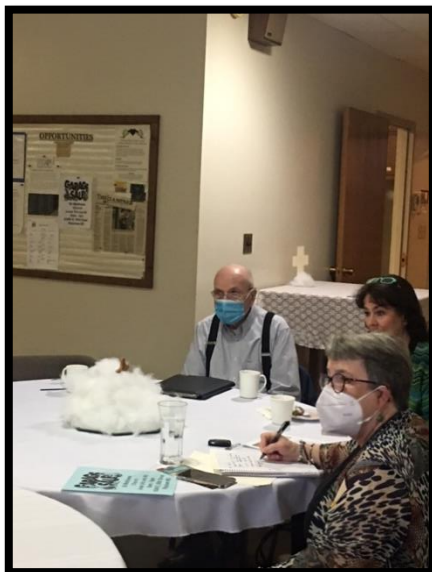


Bishop Diane chats with Carl Turlin and James Laney. Note Zella's table decorations for Ascension - Jesus ascending into the clouds.



Bishop Diane takes copious notes as the group shares our many outreach projects. Pictured - Bishop Diane, James Laney, Carl Turlin, Fr. Jeff, Beth Cook, Zella Forsythe, Barb Wegener

Bishop's Visit Pictures



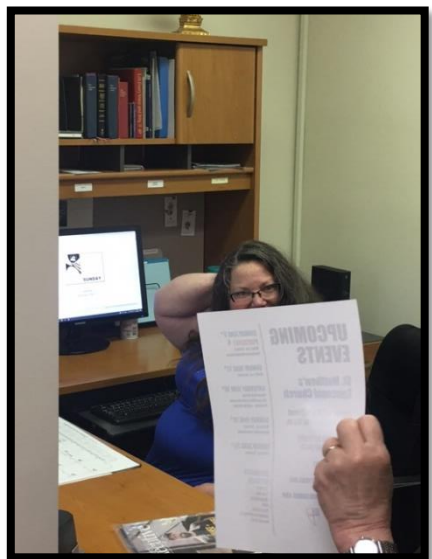
Bishop Diane, Linda Gerding and Dave Macey



Fr. Jeff, Beth Cook, Zella Forsythe and Bishop Diane



Bishop Diane tours the sanctuary and photographs multiple stained-glass windows.



Christina Brooks shows Bishop Diane a list of Upcoming Events she prepared to hand out at the garage sale.



Bishop Diane shopped the garage sale during her visit, makes space in her Rav 4 for a purchase.



Perfect fit!



BARBARA WEGENER - GRADUATE!!

On Saturday May 21, 2022 St. Matthew's own Barbara Wegener graduated from the Bishop Kemper School of Ministry in Topeka, Kansas. Several parishioners from St. Matthew's traveled to Topeka to support and extend their congratulations to her. A Celebration Reception was held at St. Matthew's during coffee hour after service on Sunday May 22, 2022. Barbara's next step will be her ordination into the Diaconate and then to serve an internship at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

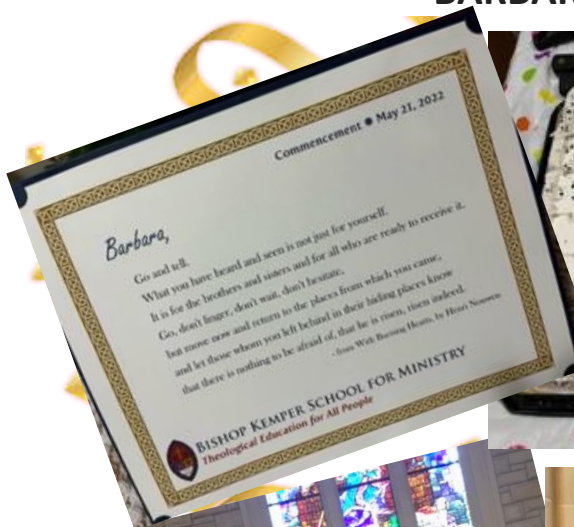
Linda Gerding reporting



Bishop for a day (or at least for a few minutes!)

More pictures on following page.

BARBARA WEGENER - GRADUATE!!



Sacristy Doors

Jason Brooks, Jordan Wagstaff, and Carl Turlin, changed out the door knob sets on both doors to the Sacristy. Due to an intruder entering the church a few months back and finding the key to unlock the Sacristy, the Vestry voted to have the locks changed as a precaution. Carl Turlin had copies made of the new keys and distributed them to those who need access to the room. The original was placed in the office safe and marked "Sacristy".

Linda Gerding



As the Dhammapada would say:

*Speak or act with an impulse (confused) mind,
And trouble will follow you,
As the wheel follows the ox that draws the cart,*

*Speak and act with (clear) mind,
And happiness will follow you,
As your shadow, unshakable.*

Linda Batson, Daughters of the King



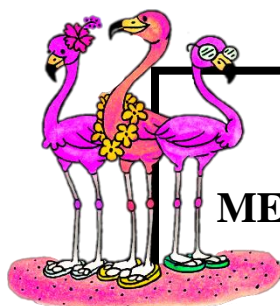
GIVING REMINDER

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

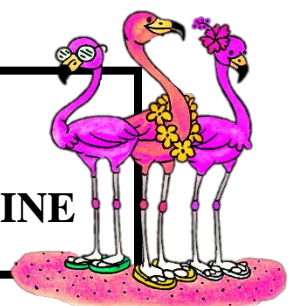
Online: Online Giving Link:

<http://stmatthewsraytown.org/>




JUNE 23RD

MESSENGER & CALENDAR DEADLINE





Celebration of a New Ministry



**The Installation of
The Rev. William Jeff Hurst
as Priest-in-Charge of
St. Matthew's Church
June 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**

Refreshments will be served in Parish Hall
following the service.

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