



March 2024

The Messenger

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
9349 E. 65th Street
Raytown, Missouri 64133

**COMMISSIONING NEW PARISH LEADERS
AND
ST. MATTHEW'S COMMUNITY OF CHAPLAINS
February 25, 2024**



Parish Leaders

Jason Brooks-Sr. Warden (Vestry)
Carl Turlin- Jr. Warden (Vestry)
Linda Gerding- Clerk of the Vestry
Brenda Laney-Treasurer (voice @ Vestry)
Christina Brooks-Finance Chair (Vestry)
Judy Taylor- Stewardship (Vestry)
Rick Roberts-Evangelism (Vestry)
Zella Forsythe-Convention Delegate
Jason Brooks-2nd Convention Delegate
Christina Brooks- Alt. Conv. Delegate
Jim Laney-Worship Commission



Community of Chaplains

(L-R) Patti McGill
Jim Laney
Brenda Laney
Mary Cease
Linda Gerding
Zella Forsythe
Marci Turlin
Carl Turlin.

St. Matthew's Staff

The Rev. William Jeff Hurst

Rector

Sherry Minzey

Admin. Assistant

Patti McGill

Music Director

Officers

Jason Brooks

Senior Warden

Carl Turlin

Junior Warden

Brenda Laney

Treasurer

Linda Gerding

Secretary

Service Times

Sunday Worship

Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:00 a.m.

Streamed on YouTube

PALM SUNDAY 2024

Please remember our Palm Sunday Service on March 24th at 10 a.m. We will gather in the nave as we offer the blessing of the palms. We would like our members and guests who attend by streaming to see this preliminary part of the service. The palms will then be distributed to the congregation and also to those who would like to process around the parking lot singing "Glory, Laud and Honor." We will primarily focus on Jesus's Triumphal entry into Jerusalem in this service. After the service, the Altar Guild and other volunteers will assist in setting up the table and other items for the Altar of Repose.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

This year we will observe our regular service of Holy Thursday on March 28th at 7 p.m. This service will include hand and foot washing stations or those who wish to participate. The Holy Eucharist will be observed followed with placing the reserve sacrament in the Altar of Repose. The Stripping of the Altar will then commence and the service will conclude in silence. The yearly observed "Watch" at the Altar of Repose will begin immediately after the service. This is normally observed by hourly rotations for those who can participate. Linda Gerding will assist us with a sign -up sheet in the foyer for those who wish to choose an hour or so to pray through the night.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

We will observe the Good Friday service on March 29th at 12 p.m. We will enact a narrative drama from the Gospel of John by volunteers followed by a brief homily. There will be an occasion for offering devotion to the cross in the front of the chancel area. The reserve sacrament in one kind will be offered from the altar of repose for those who wish to receive it. We will dismiss the church quietly.

EASTER SUNDAY

Please remember our Easter Sunday service on March 31st at 10 a.m. As every year we hope to invite many of our family and other friends who haven't been with us for a while. This year I'd like to remind us of our baptismal vows and our commitment to live in the power of the resurrection. After the service, please join us for some refreshments in the undercroft

LENT and STATIONS of the CROSS

And so, begins the 40 days of Lent and the five Fridays of Stations. From the first Friday on February 23rd to the last Stations on March 22, 2024 it will start at 6:00pm with a light meal after (no meat) at 6:30pm. Various parishioners volunteer to provide at least part of the meal and get it set-up, and clean-up after. The first Friday meal was provided by Linda Gerding: Vegetable noodle soup, mac & cheese, Caesar salad, bread, sodas, and apple pie with ice-cream. Our blessing before the meal was very "special" and sung by the duet of Carl and Marci Turlin. Nine people attended.

Stations is led by Linda Gerding and Patti McGill, with Fr. Jeff doing the service on March 8th. Please join us as we experience the 14 Stations and walk the Way of the Cross.

Peace and Blessings to you this Lent.

Linda Gerding



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



The Shrove Tuesday pancake supper was held this year by the hospitality committee. Dominic Brooks was our celebrity chef, with Christina and Jason as kitchen support, Carlos and both Madison's as servers. Zella served as cashier. We had festive decorations and yummy pancakes and sausage. The supper was well supported with over 50 in attendance. We brought in a \$200 profit which the hospitality committee has decided to donate to the Major Improvement fund.

Thank you to all who helped and ate and prayed for this success in honor of Charlie Matson.



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Pancake Supper



In Stillness

***In stillness, I find strength in letting go,
Release the grip on what I thought I'd sow.
No more the burden of relentless speed,
I'm in the state of just allowing indeed.***

***I turn my gaze to what's within my heart,
And in this pause, I find a brand new start.
Instead of lacking, I count my blessings now,
Each breath, each moment, with a grateful bow.***

***The world may have to wait with Its demanding cry,
But here in stillness, I'll let time slip by.
For in this sacred pause, I've come to see,
The beauty of just being wildly and incompletely me.***

Karen Nowicki

***The Lord be with you.
Linda Batson, Daughters of the King***



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April

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Flying Solo



On Saturday, February 17, our movie was *Argylle*, a spy-comedy movie. Afterwards, we went to SPIN Pizza and enjoyed our time together.

Mary



Online Links

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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (stmatthewsraytown.org)

St. Matthew's YouTube:

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