

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Messenger

September 2023

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

St. Matthew's is a small church, but its parishioners quietly and faithfully accomplish unique and mighty ministries in this community and beyond. These ministries include, but are not limited to, substantial contributions to HIM, the Pumpkin Patch Ministry, the Community of Hope Ecumenical Ministry, Sunday morning Bible Study, EYC, Blessing of the Animals, Ash Wednesday Ministry, work with Rusk-Panola Children's Advocacy Center, ecumenical Craft Night, Walk with the Doc, Daughters of the King ministries, Faith Dinners, and financial outreach with contributions to various charities. Outstanding work of passionate individual parishioners and Mother Patsy also provide tremendous practical and spiritual support both locally and internationally. The spiritual impact of our prayers and faith as a church provides an unseen dynamic of peace and hope that is beyond our comprehension. It is the intent of this Vestry to continue current ministries and more in accordance with God's will and guidance.

As you know, Mother Patsy is undergoing cancer treatment, but, with mystifying strength, has continued serving despite the side effects of radiation and other treatment. If, due to chemo, she is required to rest at home, there are plans in place to continue services. Canon Joann Saylor celebrated Holy Communion on August 6th and others of Bishop Doyle's staff are on call to celebrate communion at St. Matthew's as needed. Our own worship leaders will conduct services as well and we ask for the attendance, support, and faithfulness to lift them up--standing firm in our faith and recognizing that God is in control. We love our Mother Patsy and expect that she will be restored to us in good health soon. We must not worry; we must take heart and put our trust in the Lord.

Faithfully,
Your Vestry

PRAY

FOR OUR ST. MATTHEW'S FAMILY: Mother Patsy & George, Charlene & David Brewster, Sheryl Brightwell, Linda Craig, Anne & Walt Davenport, June Fuller, Bonnie Geddie, Lisa Melvin, Heath Roberts, Sophia Robinson, Sheryl Sears, Ann Woods, Catherine & David York

FOR THE FRIENDS & LOVED ONES OF OUR ST. MATTHEW'S FAMILY: Maverick (Mother Patsy+) - Roxli (Bonnie Geddie) - Christy Jo (Charlene Brewster) - Robert Allen (Tracy's dad) - Karen Anderson (Sheryl Sears) - Marnie Barno - Sue Beard (Lisa Melvin's sister) - Donna Beard (Lisa Melvin's niece) - Nancy Bidwell - Ray Brooks (Jack's dad) - Sandy Duncan Cary (Lisa Melvin) - Kim & Curtis Cobb (Bonnie Geddie) - Misty Culp (Jimmy's sister-in-law) - Bruce Cunningham - Robert Dismukes - Linda Duncan (Mother Patsy+) - Russell Evans (Jack Brooks cousin) - Kari Grant (Marty Brown) - Chris Griffin (Lisa Melvin) - Mary Grisafi (Lisa Melvin) - Amy Hacker (Jack Brooks) - Peggy Hammett (Patty Ryan) - Shawn Hodges (Mary Wade's daughter) - Pam Holley (Roberta) - Michelle Holt (Josh King) - Ben Houston (Katy Bartels) - Brian Hudspeth (Michaelle Green) - Vania & Kurt Kahrsch (Jack Brooks) - Sarah Kangerga (Jim Kangerga) - Sandra Lamb (Lisa Melvin's niece) - Vincent Lucchesi (Pam) - Kathy McGough (Mother Patsy+) - Amy Mann (Jessica Rhudy) - Richard Mattox (Lisa Melvin) - Melissa McNew (Jack Brooks) - Bob Mullins (Lisa Melvin's brother inlaw) - Randy Moore (Mother Patsy+) - Cara Natt & Parker - Ashley Payne (Michelle King) - Seth Permenter (Bonnie Geddie) - Tom Reed (Mary Jo) - Monica Reynolds & family - Dick Rhudy - Valentina Roma (Michaelle Green) - James Ross (Judge Enloe's dad) - Susan & Ben Shiriak (Sheryl Sears) - Kelly Spencer (Pam Lucchesi) - Jane Temples (Lisa Melvin's sister) - Spencer Thompson (Sheryl Brightwell's brother inlaw) - Linda Titlow (John Melvin)

FOR OUR MILITARY: Collin Carsten/stateside, Matthew Harris/Middle East, Christopher Love/Navy, Nick Nero/stateside, Daniel Parker/Middle East, Gabe Powell/South Africa, Wesley Wilson/stateside

—Please review those you have on the prayer list and notify the office with any changes/updates—

Thank you to Beth Turner for purchasing new flags for the flag poles in front of the church.

And also to David York for taking down the old & worn flags and replacing them with the new!

St. Matthew's family,

Thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards, and use of the Care Box.

♥ Always, *Monica*

Please feel free & know that you may present prayer requests to any DOK member either at church, by phone or by email.

DOK MEMBERS: *Mother Patsy+, Jan Brown, Marty Brown, Mary Jo Colombo, Anne Davenport, Bonnie Geddie, Christine Gish, Gail Love, Carol Roberts, Patty Ryan & Roberta Vallantyne.*

Hearing assistance is available again for all services held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. If you would like hearing assistance during a service, please get a receiver at the sound board upon entering the sanctuary. For your comfort, you may bring your personal headphones to plug into the receiver, but if you do not have headphones some are available for use. If you have any questions, please contact Justin Robinson and he can assist in answering them.

Our **Becky Hewes Compassionate Fund** is used for food & needs to minister to parishioners and their families that are welcoming home a baby, recovering from a hospital stay, or grieving the death of a loved one. Linda Craig oversees the use of these funds. If you would like to donate, please be sure to write the name of the fund on the memo line of your check.

Shawn Hodges Fund

St. Matthew's Outreach Committee has set up a special fund to help Shawn with her ongoing medical expense associated with CLL (Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia) If you would like to donate to this fund, please mark in the memo of your check "Shawn Hodges Fund" and place in the offering plate, mail or deliver to the church office.



Birthdays

Dan Love 10th
Hannah Phipps 10th
Lisa Melvin 17th
Skylar Terrell 28th



Anniversaries

Deborah & Jim Kangerga 26th

Open Plate Giving

- **Jan.**
- Friends Helping Friends \$222.00
- **Feb.**
- Pets Alive \$365.00
- **March**
- Christian Women's Job Corp \$238.00
- **April**
- Children's Advocacy Center \$388.00
- **Good Friday & Mite Boxes** \$123.55
- **May**
- HFD Cancer Fund \$125.00
- **June**
- Henderson Interchurch Ministry \$214.00
- **July**
- Sonshine Lighthouse \$237.00
- **August**
- Henderson Interchurch Ministry
- **September**
- Linda's Ministry in Kenya
- **October**
- Rusk County Mounted Patrol
- **Bishop's Discretionary Fund**
- **November**
- Meals On Wheels
- **December**
- Henderson Interchurch Ministry
- with Reverse Advent Boxes

SERVE

- Please be sure to **SAVE** this page & mark the date(s) you are scheduled to serve on your calendar.
- Thank you for **SECURING** a replacement when you are unable to serve during your scheduled time. If possible let the church office know of the changes.
- On the Sunday you are scheduled to serve, please **ARRIVE** early—no later than 9:15am.
- **THANK YOU** so much for your service/ministry to St. Matthew's and to our Lord!

Sept. 3rd—Proper 17

Altar Guild: Kim Robinson & Michelle King
Acolyte: Sophia Robinson
Lector: Kim Robinson
Greeters/Oblationers: Roberta Vallantyne &
Katy Bartels
Vestry Person: David York
Altar Flowers: **open**

Sept. 10th—Proper 18

Celebrant: The Rev. Alex Montes-Vela
Altar Guild: Anne Davenport & Christine Gish
Acolytes: Aaden & Noah King
Chalice: Justin Robinson
Lector: Michelle King
Greeters/Oblationers: Gail & Dan Love
Vestry Person: Gail Love
Altar Flowers: **open**

Sept. 17th—Proper 19

Altar Guild: Carol Roberts & Deborah Kangerga
Lector: John Melvin
Greeters/Oblationers: Roberta Vallantyne &
Katy Bartels
Vestry Person: Justin Robinson
Altar Flowers: Deborah & Jim Kangerga

Sept. 24th—Proper 20

Altar Guild: Marty Brown & Roberta Vallantyne
Acolyte: Isabella Craig
Lector: Linda Craig
Greeters/Oblationers: The King family
Vestry Person: Matthew Craig
Altar Flowers: **open**

Oct. 1st—Proper 21

Altar Guild: Kim Robinson & Michelle King
Acolyte: Sophia Robinson
Lector: Anne Davenport
Greeters/Oblationers: Roberta Vallantyne &
Katy Bartels
Vestry Person: Christine Gish
Altar Flowers: **open**

Addresses to send cards or notes of encouragement to Mother Patsy & George

**The Rev. Patsy Barham
1226 Garner
Nacogdoches, TX 75961**

**George BarhamIII
c/o Garrison Nursing Home
357 Elm St.
Garrison, TX 75946**

Henderson Interchurch Ministry food needs.

Soups small cans	Canned vegetables 15 oz. size	Spaghetti noodles
Pasta Sauce 16 oz. size	Canned Tomatoes 16 oz. size	Large Canned Soup & Chili 16 oz. size
Cereal & Oatmeal	Crackers	Canned Fruit
Rice	Bags of Pinto Beans	Corn Bread Mix
Eggs	Butter	



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Safeguarding God's Children is a training program for the prevention of sexual abuse of children and youth. The program provides participants with information they need to protect the children they know & care for in their personal lives and in the ministries in which they serve. If every adult can protect just one child, they will forever change one life. If we can all change one life, together we will make a difference in this generation of children.
St. Matthew's is a Safe Church!

Our 2023 Vestry - Jim Kangerga - Matthew Craig - Christine Gish - Gail Love - Justin Robinson - David York
Our 2023 Delegates - Christine & Don Gish and Catherine & David York

EDOT Weapons Policy

NOTICE
Pursuant to section 30.06, penal code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), A person licensed under subchapter H, chapter 411, government code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun.
Conforme a la seccion 30.06, del codigo penal (traspase por portador de licencia con un arma de fuego oculto), personas con licencia bajo autoridad del subcapitulo H, capitulo 411, del codigo de gobierno (ley reguladora de armas de fuego), no debera entrar a esta propiedad portando un arma de fuego oculto.

NOTICE
Pursuant to section 30.07, penal code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under subchapter H, chapter 411, government code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly.
Conforme a la seccion 30.07, del codigo penal (traspase por portador de licencia para el libre porte de armas de fuego), personas con licencia bajo autoridad del subcapitulo H, capitulo 411, del codigo de gobierno (ley reguladora de armas de fuego), no debera entrar a esta propiedad con un arma de fuego a libre porte.



July Guest Speakers from Sonshine Lighthouse w/Mother Patsy+



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2023 Pumpkin Patch Dates

- Sunday, July 23rd**, during Coffee Hour: Parish-Wide Patch Meeting
- Monday, August 14th** at 6pm: Patch Meeting
- Monday, September 18th** at 4 pm: Loading of Hay
- Sunday, September 24th** at 10:30 am: Patch Workday and luncheon. Wear work clothes to church! Blessing of Patch to follow.
- Wednesday, September 27th** at 5 pm: Pumpkin Delivery in Patch
- Saturday, September 30th** at 10 am: Patch Opens
- Saturday, October 7th** from 11am - 1pm: Blessing of the Animals, Come and Go
- Saturday, October 14th** from 1 - 3 pm: Pumpkin Painting "To-Go"
- Thursday, October 19th** from 2 - 4 pm: Seniors Sipping Cider
- Saturday, October 21st** from 10 am - 4 pm: Bake and Casserole Sale
- Tuesday, October 31st**: Patch Closes to Public
- Sunday, November 5th** at 10:30 am: Patch Cleanup

The Patch will be open from Saturday, September 30th through Tuesday, October 31st.

Patch hours: Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Sunday Schedule: The Adult Bible Study Group
will study on their own
 9:30 am Worship
 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship

The Rev. Alex Montes-Vela
will be leading
Holy Eucharist on Sept. 10th

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Parish Office Closed on Fridays	2
3	4 Labor Day Parish Office Closed	5 7:30pm AA	6	7	8	9 \$10 fee due for ECW luncheon
10 10:45am DOK 3pm Walk w/ a DOC	11	12 5:15pm DOK Book Study 7:30pm AA	13	14	15	16 10am ECW Luncheon @ St. Paul's, Kilgore
17 Vestry Mtg.	18 4pm Unload Hay	19 7:30pm AA	20	21 6:30pm Craft Night	22	23
24 Guest Speaker during Coffee - Linda Craig	25 Messenger Deadline	26 10:30am Clericus 5:15pm DOK Book Study 7:30pm AA	27 5pm Pumpkin delivery	28	29	30 Patch opens 10am-4pm
Patch Work Day & Lunch followed by Blessing of the Patch					Walk with a DOC, Fair Park, Henderson meets the 2nd Sunday of each month	