



The Widow's Mite St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Monthly Newsletter

JULY 2024



Fr. Chris is still away on sabbatical.
He will return to the office on **Monday, July 8.**

On Sunday, July 14th, we will not have a priest present so we will participate in a “Liturgy of the Word” service with Deacon Lynn leading us.

Inquirer's Classes for Those Wishing to be Confirmed

Fr Chris will lead classes beginning on Sunday, July 28 at 3:00pm at St. Matthew's. The classes will continue every Sunday through September 15th. The Bishop will be here for Confirmation on **Sunday, September 22nd**. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Chris to enroll. Rector@stmatthewsmadison.org

PARISH RETREAT - Plan now to attend our annual Parish Retreat at Camp McDowell, **August 9 – 11.** Information will be available in the Narthex soon.

ANNUAL PIG ROAST & PICNIC – save the date: **Sunday, September 22nd.**

The Associate's Account, June 2024

As we wrapped up VBS this past week, one parent, Sam Jones, whose name I use here with permission and who brought her child to VBS, told me excitedly, “I have really felt warmth and welcome here—we're going to come to church here on Sunday!” After visiting she shared that, at St. Matthew's, “everyone welcomed our family with open arms and even invited us to stay after church for coffee and desserts. I got greeted more in 5 minutes at St. Matthew's than I did in 5 years at any Catholic church.” I don't mean to speak ill of our Catholic siblings, but I did want to highlight Sam's experience and share it with you to let you know the good work that you are doing in the world! On a Sunday when we talked about Jesus calming a storm and the disciples' awe that winds and waves obey him, you offered peace, calm, safety, and security to Sam and to her family, and I am in awe of you. By doing this you share in a real way in Christ's ministry to the world. That's what following Christ in the Way is all about!

I share in Sam's observations about how deeply warm and welcoming you are. As I've gotten to watch the work you do for the last 21 months, I have felt the same Spirit and been on the receiving end of your love, of God's love, in so many ways. Getting to accompany you all on the Way is one of the greatest blessings of my life. Thank you! As we continue to walk together, lean into the wildness of the Spirit of God calling you to love God, to love your neighbor, and to love yourself.

Blessings, friends!
-Fr. Dillon+

IN LOVING MEMORY OF FR. STEVE – *because so many of you have requested a way to contribute to a memorial, the Gruman family has asked that monetary donations be made in Steve's memory to St. Matthew's and noted for "Columbarium Garden". Thank you for your gifts.*

ECW News *by Melissa Barton, President*



I hope you will be able to join us on **Sunday July 14th at 2pm** in Gruman Hall, for Miranda's DAR presentation on "Myth or Truth, Stories We've Heard About Early America". This will also include an ice cream social. All ages are welcome. This will be in place of our monthly meeting.

Our next general meeting will be August 14th in Gruman Hall.

Men's Fellowship Opportunities

WING & A PRAYER men's fellowship & prayer group, will meet this month on Tuesdays, **July 9th & 30th** at 6:00pm at Crickets in Madison. Meetings are every three weeks. **All men are welcome.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST is every **Tuesday**, 7:00am at St. Matthew's. **All men are welcome.**

Musical Musings by Tom Killian

HAPPY TO BE OF SERVICE: One of the elements which is common to our morning worship services (and to which we often give little thought) is the use of brief hymn-like songs referred to collectively as service music. In our 1982 Hymnal, all service music is gathered into a separate section in the front; and each piece is assigned a hymn number preceded by the letter "S", to differentiate it from a potential hymn with the same number. [For example, service-music selection "S 124" is a version of the Sanctus, whereas general-hymn "124" is the Epiphany standard, "What star is this, with beams so bright" – not the same thing at all.]

In the Preface to our 1982 Hymnal, service music is identified as "musical settings of Prayer Book texts." For a typical Sunday-morning service during the Season after Pentecost (our current liturgical season), we commonly use three pieces of service music: a Gloria in excelsis (or other canticle, such as Canticle 13 [S 236], which we've used for some months now); a Sanctus [S 125]; and a Fraction Anthem [S 154]. We've sung each of these selections during many liturgical seasons; they are familiar to us, and we are comfortable with them. [Uh-oh...] However, music directors are warned repeatedly that familiarity and comfort lead to complacency; so that those elements which should be uplifting and inspiring in worship become simply matters of rote. We are therefore encouraged to replace these selections regularly.

Several years ago, I tried my hand at composing a Mass whose sections would be brief, easy to learn, and memorable enough so that our congregation could sing some of these sections each week as our service music. The results were only partially successful; but I did manage to extract a Gloria and a Sanctus, and cobble together a Fraction Anthem, which might be useful to us. We gave them a trial run a few years back; but I've tweaked them a bit, and plan to reintroduce them during the last two Sundays in July. As we've done with other unfamiliar music, we'll have a short "singing school" just prior to the 8:30 and 11:00 services on July 21 to go over the Gloria before singing it in the service proper. Then we'll do the same thing on July 28 with the Sanctus and the Fraction Anthem. Hopefully by the first Sunday in August, you will be familiar enough with these to use them in our services for the remainder of the Season after Pentecost. Please let me know how these versions work out for you; and thank you for your continuing support of the music ministry at St. Matthew's.

Youth Group News
By: Jann Eich
Youth Director

The EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) is a group open to all teens! We have a Jr. EYC group for grades 6th through 8th and the Sr. EYC which includes teens in 9th through 12th grade. Please email Mrs. Jann Eich for more information or to get on the email list and Private FB page and Instagram!

2025 HS Seniors: Please let me know if you are a Senior this fall!!

EVENTS:



and Greg's-High School and Middle School at 5:30 pm Parents are welcome to join us. (6th-12th grade) **RSVP**

July 12th-Sam

Pizza and cookie extravaganza: July 20th 4-7 pm. Pick out a cookie recipe at home and make cookies. Bring Cookies to share and to compete in a contest to win prizes! Break into 2 teams and make pizza for dinner! Gruman Hall! Please RSVP!

Confirmation Classes for Youth- Sundays, August 4, 11, 18th at 10 a.m. in The Amy West House. We will have a rehearsal the Sunday before Confirmation. **Confirmation will be Sept. 22.** Please contact Jann Eich youthdir@stmatthewsmadison.org

CHRISTIAN FORMATION
By Lee Ann Mack

VBS 2024, Waves of Gratitude is a wrap!

IT WAS GREAT!!! Our children, along with the children from Messiah Lutheran, had a wild and wet time! They learned about God's gift of water through creation and our entrance into God's family through Baptism, with many other water stories in between. They also learned about Gratitude. There are so many things they shared with each other about being grateful. The week ended with a celebration including hot dogs, chips, popcicles and a SLIDE! WAVES OF GRATITUDE! A special thank you to all the volunteers from St. Matthew's and Messiah. We couldn't have pulled it off without you! THANK

YOU!!!

Ladies' Bible Study – Please join us as we continue our study of Rachel Risner's SIGNIFICANT: Six Ordinary Women, One Extraordinary God. We meet on Thursdays at 9:30 am, in Gruman Hall. All women are invited to drop in any time.

2024/2025 Sunday School – There will be an Open House for all Sunday school classes on Sunday, August 25th, 10:00 am. Sunday school classes will begin Sunday, September 8th.

PRAYER NEEDS:

Please pray for St. Matthews's members who are distressed in body, mind, or spirit:

Bill Byrd, Chuck Vickers, Dottie Aldredge, Gina Centanni, Terry Schuster, George & Sandra Burgess, Ray & Shirley White, Canellia Patterson, David Osmond, Colleen Turner, Anna Post, Bev Ryberg, David Newton, Jane Prince, Mary Travers, Marie Lutz, Josie & Ricky Cooper, Anne Sullivan, Judy Elkins, Lynda Johnston, Maurice Hale, Jack Brown, Bob &

Eileen Bogard, Tyron Newton, Roger & Rhoda Kitchen, Lynn Beasley, Brenda Kirkendall, Chris King, Eileen Lewis, Charles Bernhard, Trudie Gruman. *Also pray for our friends and family members, especially:* Nancy Laws, Brenda Anderson, Diana Parks, Martha Bergmann, Chuck Sewell, Wes Patterson, Mike Rice, Samantha Rice, Richard Hattoway, Jenny Williams, Rosie Brown, Jack Cooper, Michael & Nancy Laws, Jewell Newton, Ginger Eich, Catherine S. Williams, Joe Allen, Caroline Thomas, Elyssa Nelson, Vaughn Cassell, Bill Fischer, Sally Flanigan, Theresa Richerson, family of Madison Gilbert, Scott Marbut, Todd Newman, Jessica Goodwin, Cathy Taveras, Fran Woytowich, BB McCalpin, Bob & Peggy Wagner, Nancy Ford, Stephen Byrd, Bronwen Murray, Katie Ray, Sherry Sampson, Kate Winkler, Joe Frank Trevino, Emmy & Drew Champion, Ron Mandelbaum, Dave Knowles, Wade Allen, Emily Nebrig, Bobby Paysinger, Barbara Lemley, Steve Sands, Felicia Temple, John David Landin, Mike Bolton, Dr. Mark Bronner.

JULY READINGS

July 7 – Pent 7

Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
2 Corin 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 14 – Pent 8

Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 21 – Pent 9

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 28 – Pent 10

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-19
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5pm BSA	2 7am Men's Bkfst	3 10am Staff 12pm HE 6:30pm Choir	4 HOLIDAY	5 Church Closed 2pm EYC Celebrates America	6
7 HE- 8:30, 11:00, 5:30 2:30pm GriefShare	8 9am Sewing Sisters 5pm BSA	9 7am Men's Bkfst 6pm Wing & A Prayer 6pm Campus Planning	10 12pm HE 6:30pm Choir	11 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 4pm Madison Quilters 6:30pm Strategic Planning	12 Church Closed 5:30 EYC Sam & Greg's	13 9am Madison Quilters
14 HE- 8:30, 11:00, 5:30 2:00pm ECW Ice Cream Social 2:30pm GriefShare	15 5pm BSA	16 7am Men's Bkfst 6:30pm Vestry	17 12pm HE 5:30pm EYC Pizza/Padre 6:30pm Choir	18 9:30am Ladies Bible Study	19 Church Closed	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 4pm EYC Pizza & Cookies Extravaganza
21 HE- 8:30, 11:00, 5:30 2:30pm GriefShare	22 5pm BSA	23 7am Men's Bkfst 5:00pm DAR	24 12pm HE 6:30pm Choir	25 9:30am Ladies Bible Study	26 Church Closed	27
28 HE- 8:30, 11:00, 5:30 2:30pm GriefShare 3pm Inquirer Class begins	29 5pm BSA	30 7am Men's Bkfst 6pm Wing & A Prayer	31 12pm HE 6:30pm Choir			

JULY 2024 Worship Team Schedule

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
VOD	Ed	Miranda	Rick	Gloria
Altar Guild	Hamilton/Bagwell	Turner/Lo	Buzby/Lane	Cape/Bagwell
	8:30 Servers:	8:30 Servers:	8:30 Servers:	8:30 Servers:
Nursery	Hamilton/Maddox	Anderson/Brown	Anderson/Brown	Anderson/Brown
Hospitality	Turner	Hicks	Sharpe	Sampson
Ushers	Carpenter/R Sampson	Prince/Stagner	Utt/Utt	Carpenter/R Sampson
Lector	D Carpenter	T Clem	A Turner	J Glasgow
Epistoler	B Carpenter	A Utt	B Williams	A Modrall
Intercessor	J Hawkins	W Christopher	L Mack	T Sampson
LEMs	Centanni/Glasgow		A Williams	B Carpenter
Counters	Christopher/Lewis	Cechovic/Modrall	Byrd/Driesbach	Mack/Cooper
ACOLYTES: Crucifer Gospeler Torchbearer Torchbearer	C Glasgow J Glasgow	A Maddox	L Bruce S Bruce E Bruce A Utt	A Maddox E Maddox
	11:00 Servers:	11:00 Servers:	11:00 Servers:	11:00 Servers
Nursery	Anderson/Brown	Anderson/Brown	Anderson/Brown	Anderson/Brown
Hospitality	Pezzula	Hastings	Brown	Klasing
Ushers	Snell/Beasley	Weaver/Barton	Cassell/T Sampson	Harrison/Beasley
Lector	J Anderson	J Salmon	L Weatherbee	S Kerr
Epistoler	J Anderson	B Womack	B Loshuertos	S Peterson
Intercessor	S Vaughn	M Harrison	A Coiner	P Marques
LEMs	Bishop/Anderson		S Weaver	K Price
Counters	Barton/Harrison	Bishop/Harrison	Barton/Coiner	Bishop/Cox
ACOLYTES: Crucifer Gospeler Torchbearer Torchbearer	C Bagwell A Utt V Mullins B Mullins	J Nixon	C Beech J Nixon B Watson N Rasmussen	M Collier V Mullins B Mullins N Rasmussen

**If you cannot serve when you are scheduled, please find a replacement.
Your service is a valuable ministry to St. Matthew's.**

LIVE STREAM SERVICE REMINDER – please be mindful that the 11:00am service is live-streamed every week. Therefore, names may be audible and faces may be visible to anyone watching online.