



**Reaching out
Reaching within
Proclaiming God's Love**

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The Messenger



Covid-19 Update at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Newton

Updated: February 28, 2022: Bishop Bascom continues to encourage parishes to follow the CDC's guidance and precautions, but now allows each parish to discern best practices in their own context.

People may choose to mask at any time.

In Harvey County, Kansas, community level is Medium.

- If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether

you need to wear a mask and take other precautions

- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines
- Get tested if you have symptoms

Deacon Barbara Gibson

We want you to feel comfortable to come back to church. Hope to see you soon!

What Prevention Steps Should You Take Based on Your COVID-19 Community Level?

Low	Medium	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear a mask indoors in public • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines • Get tested if you have symptoms • Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness



The 82nd Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at St. Matthew's was enjoyed by all. There was beautiful weather and a great turnout! Thanks to everyone that came, worked and supported the Pancake Supper.





St. Matthew's Outreach

Food Cart

21 non-perishable food items were delivered to the Salvation Army "Harvest of Love" food bank in February. Thanks for remembering those who don't have enough to eat.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Totals are in! We collected 39 cans of soup and \$120.00. The items and proceeds from Souper Bowl of Caring will be donated to the Salvation Army "Harvest of Love" food bank here in Newton.

Thanks to all for helping with this outreach project.

Soldiers & Shut Ins

If anyone has a elderly loved one, or soldier that they would like to add to our Shut In or Soldier Boards, please contact Melissa. A photograph would be wonderful to put on the appropriate board.

Valentine Cards were mailed to our shut ins, soldiers, special friends, and our college students. It's always fun to keep in touch and let people know that we love and care about them.

Please pray for these people:

Creed Ekerberg Zoe Stonehouse Daniel Teichler

Susan Koehn Stephen Biddle Sharon Davis

Jordan Orr Ryan Bernard

Kathleen Leid Bill Swendson Jerry Collier
Jerry Jacobson The Bernards Clay Hedrick
Shirley Charlson

Lenten Outreach

New Jerusalem Missions

During Lent, we are wanting to collect items for the New Jerusalem Mission, located at 209 E. Broadway here in Newton. Their cafe, "Loaves & Fish" serves lunch and dinner to the public on weekdays, and house up to 18 men in transitional living.

There will lists of needed items at the display in the front hallway for those who wish to donate during Lent. Thank you.

March 2022 Coffee Hour Hosts

March 6 - Sarah Teichler
March 13 - Fred Schroeder
March 20 - OPEN
March 27 - Margie Knupp



Please sign up to host Coffee Hour...it doesn't have to be fancy, cookies, crackers, etc. If you cannot host Coffee Hour, please consider a donation to help offset the cost of supplies. If anyone has any concerns or questions, please contact Melissa. Thanks

A new sign-up sheet is in the parish hall.

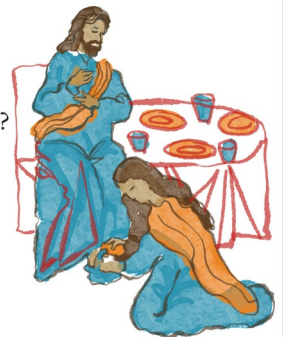


Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour (spring forward) Saturday night, March 12.

Bible Quiz

All four Gospels tell of a woman anointing Jesus. Details vary; clearly, she isn't the same person in all accounts. In John, who is she?

- A. Jesus' mother, Mary
- B. Mary Magdalene
- C. Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus)
- D. None of the above



Answer: C (See Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-39; John 12:1-8.)



Altar team for March 2022: Melissa Keenen and Karen Wall

Altar Flowers for March 2022

No flowers on the Altar during Lent

There are open dates available.
Please contact Twila Lockaby

If you would like to donate towards Easter Flowers, please fill out the form provided at the church. Or contact Twila. Easter Lilies can be given in loving memory, for blessings received or in some other way to honor a person or event. Thank you for your contribution to beautify the Altar during the Easter Season.

St. Matthew's Prayer Chain

If you have a request for prayers for yourself or others, please contact Mary Upton at **316-841-1736**. The information you share with me will then be passed on to the chain leaders who will then pass the information on to their team. The members of the chain will then add your request to their prayers. The information you give me is confidential and will not be shared with others outside the prayer chain without your permission.

If you have a prayer request, would like more information and/or join the St. Matthew's Prayer Chain, please contact Mary Upton at **316-841-1736**.



Location Location

God loves being with people and all creation this becoming quite clear in the O.T. when King David suggests building an impressive temple in one location rather than God roaming with the desert people of Israel in the Covenant Tent an on-the-go God this wanderlust God not to be hemmed in by a building no matter how magnificent

ours a country dotted with temples mosques synagogues churches of weekly worship often with rolling lawns much more manageable then our wild roaming indwelling God of everyday life of family conversations barbecues jobs travel this God of the heart a Light blazing out to all seeking love warmth acceptance and understanding

Joan Breit
Winter 2022
Blessings to you and yours!



Youth Happening Weekend registration open

Happening is a Christian Experience by youth for youth. It's a weekend retreat, focusing on Jesus and what he taught. There are games, music, great food, and a chance to talk with peers about things that really matter. Students "go through" Happening only once, after that, they may come back and serve on Happening staff, recreating the experience for others.

When: April 8-10, 2022

Those youth who have previously attended a Happening are invited to be on staff.

Where: Camp Wood YMCA

Who: Youth in grades 9-12 (including rising 9th graders in the summer); College students are invited and welcome to serve on staff.

Fee: \$55

Priority deadline: Friday, March 25 (fee increases by \$15 after this date)

Registration form: <https://bit.ly/EDOKSessions>

All staff (youth and adults) need to complete the registration form above if they wish to serve on Happening staff. There is a mandatory staff day on Saturday, March 5, 2022, 1:30-3:30 pm in Topeka.

Youth Rectors for Happening #96 are Sarah McDonald (St. Andrew's, Emporia) and Tori Riggs (St. Michael and All Angels, Mission).

Questions? Contact Diocesan Youth Missioner, Karen Schlabach, kschlabach@episcopal-ks.org.

Episcopal Summer Mega Camp registration is open

This year camp will be June 5-11, 2022. Episcopal Summer Camp is open to those currently in grades 3-12.



Episcopalians have been attending Summer Camp the first week in June at Camp Wood YMCA since 1937. Camp Wood is accredited by the American Camp Association—a process that has over 300 safety and quality standards. The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas holds three separate camp sessions during a single week at the same facility. We offer separate lodging, meal times, activities, worship, schedule, and staff for each age group.

Camp Wood YMCA features a variety of activities such as horseback riding, archery, climbing tower, zip-line, high-ropes course, low-ropes course, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, water slide, mud slide, arts and crafts, and sports. The volunteer Episcopal staff provides Christian education, featuring worship, music, small group discussions, and prayer.

We hope each camper gets the opportunity to be authentically themselves, experience something new and challenging, grow in their faith, and feel like part of the Episcopal Camp family.

The registration fee this year is \$480/camper. Payment plans are available -- the earlier you register, the smaller your payments can be as it automatically divides the amount owed over the remaining months until Camp begins. We also have [fundraising ideas](#) on our web site.

[Register online via UltraCamp.](#)



**A Note from
the Sexton**



I enjoy helping to make the Church a clean place to worship. Some who enter St. Matthew's often come from places of chaos or such. I consider St. Matthew's a sanctuary. A place of peace, love, and calm.

I have noticed that there have been spills on the carpeting around the church. This is normal and to be expected at times. However, it would be extremely helpful if caution would be exercised when food and drink are taken into offices and other areas of the church. The carpet in the parish hall is the easiest to clean. If there is a spill, please gently blot and leave a paper towel on the area with a note for me. I greatly appreciate everyone's efforts in helping to keep this beautiful church clean.

Thank you!
Sincerely,
Melissa Keenan, Sexton



"Thank you, St. Matthew's, for remembering me with a Valentine card! I miss you all too, but do watch the Sunday service online & it's good to see everyone there! God bless you all! Thea

For Ash Wednesday — and throughout the 40 days of Lent — ponder this prayer from an Italian sacramentary, or liturgical book:

"O God, you know how fragile is our human nature, wounded as it is by sin. Help your people to enter upon the Lenten journey strengthened by the power of your word, so that we may be victorious over the seduction of the Evil One and reach the paschal feast in the joy of the Holy Spirit."



Birthdays, Baptisms and Confirmations

*Remember to pray for each of these persons
on their special day*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

March Birthdays

- March 5 - Katherine Lindgren, Kim Hill
- March 7—Ashton Jantz
- March 8 - Jaden Johnson
- March 6 - Scott Craig
- March 12 - Jessica Brungardt, Jon Ainsworth, Matt Bogner
- March 14 - Susan Koehn
- March 15 - Suzie Luginbill
- March 18 - Allison Hill, Elizabeth Wall Rodriguez
- March 23 - Joan Stahly, Bryanna Bush
- March 25 - Scott McCloud

March Confirmations

- March 14 - Mitch Young

March Baptisms

- March 10 - Kristan Bogner
- March 23 - Barbara Casteel
- March 24 - Joshua Reese

If you know of other birthday, confirmation, or baptism dates that are not listed, please contact the office so they can be included. Thank you.



St. Matthew's Lenten Study
**Living Well Through Lent 2022: Letting Go with All Your Heart,
Soul, Strength and Mind**

During Lent, we will have an in-person and Zoom online book discussion on Sunday mornings at 9:00 and continuing for seven weeks ending on Easter Sunday, April 17. Our friends are welcome to join. The book is published through Living Compass and may be downloaded at: <https://www.livingcompass.org/>

The e-book is also available free from Amazon. A .pdf file may be downloaded, without logging in to OneDrive, from a shared OneDrive link: <https://1drv.ms/b/s!AhLmCEN71Zay1EThX5tsJmQuouMe?e=t7MJKV>

This devotional is intended to be used for daily personal reflection for our journey through Lent and continuing through Holy Week. The readings begin on Ash Wednesday with a reflection. Every other day of the week begins with Scripture or a quote, followed by a reflection, and then "Making it Personal" questions, offering an opportunity to reflect on the readings as they relate to your own life and spiritual journey. You are encouraged to write down important thoughts, feelings, or insights in a journal or notebook.

For more information contact Deacon Barbara Gibson at bgibson10@cox.net

The discussion will meet Sundays at 9:00 A.M. in the lounge beginning on March 6th.

Week	1	3/6/2022	Intro-pg. 20
Week	2	3/13/2022	pgs 21-28
Week	3	3/20/2022	pgs 29-36
Week	4	3/27/2022	pgs 37-44
Week	5	4/3/2022	pgs 45-52
Week	6	4/10/2022	pgs 53-60
Week	7	4/17/2022	pgs 61-71

Use this Zoom link for all meetings.

Click to Join Meeting

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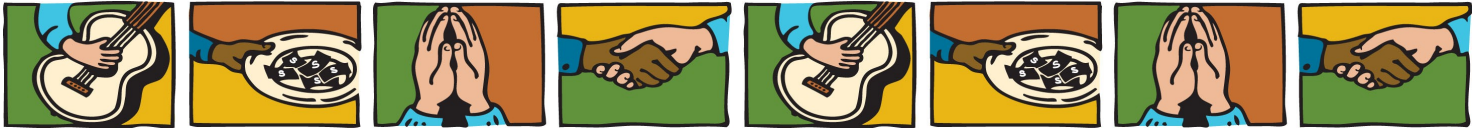
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Here is the worship schedule for March. As we begin to get back to a more normal Sunday service, please consider serving as lector, counter, usher or host. The sign up sheet will be out every Sunday for you to sign up. Thank you for your time and service.

	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Season	1st Sunday in Lent	2nd Sunday in Lent	3rd Sunday in Lent	4th Sunday in Lent
Service	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Communion in the Absence of a Priest (CommAP)
Leaders	Fr. Richard Osborne	Fr. Richard Osborne	Fr. Marc McDonald	Deacon Barb
Lectors	Bonnie Jones	Charlie Craig	Fred Schroeder	Elizabeth Hill
Counters (2)	Steve Stonehouse	Fred Schroeder	Steve Stonehouse	
Ushers	Melissa Keenan	Charlie Craig		
Hosts	Sarah Teichler	Fred Schroeder	Open	Margie Knupp
Flowers	No flowers during Lent	No flowers during Lent	No flowers during Lent	No flowers during Lent
Acolyte				
Organist	Chris Teichler	Kelly Glann	Chris Teichler	Kelly Glann