



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

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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The Messenger



A NOTE FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Maternal metaphors for God are not uncommon in the Bible, and one striking example of this is **Isaiah 66:13**.

*"As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."*

This text, then, is my choice for Mother's Day this year.

To those who gave birth this year to their first child – we celebrate with you.

To those who lost a child this year – we mourn with you.

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains – we appreciate you.

To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions or running away – we mourn with you.

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears and disappointment – we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms and spiritual moms – we need you.

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children – we celebrate with you.

To those who have disappointment, heartache and distance with your children – we sit with you.

To those who lost their mothers this year – we grieve with you.

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother – we acknowledge your experience.

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests and the overall testing of motherhood – we are better for having you in our midst.

To those who are single and long to be married and mothering your own children – we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be.

To those who step-parent – we walk with you on these complex paths.

To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren, yet that dream is not to be – we grieve with you.

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year – we grieve and rejoice with you.

To those who placed children up for adoption – we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart.

And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising – we anticipate with you.

On this year's Mother's Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst. We remember you.

Happy Mother's Day!

Fr. Richard+



St. Matthew's Vision Statement

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church is living into God's vision for us as a beloved community and disciples of Christ.

We are always growing in relationship with God, embracing our neighborhood and our world, and leading through acts of service as a beacon of God's justice and love.

The Vestry members of St. Matthew's recently completed the Safe Church program as required by the Diocese. This is a program to inform and protect individuals and groups that may be affected by inappropriate behaviors or messages of those who hold a position of authority. In the past, there was an issue with an individual in this parish. If any person still has problems from that time at St. Matthew's, please notify Fr. Richard or Deacon Barbara and help will be provided. If any member of the parish would like to take this Safe Church Training, please contact any vestry member.

St. Matthew's office hours:

- Monday-Wednesday 10:00 am-3:00 pm
- Thursday 10:00 am-Noon
- Friday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Fr. Richard is in the office 10:00 am-2:00 pm Monday and Tuesday.

Services: Holy Eucharist 10:15 am every Sunday
Evening Prayer 6:30 pm every Wednesday

The St. Matthew's Vestry's May meeting will be after church on Sunday, May 21.

The Vestry Meeting minutes will be posted on the Vestry bulletin board in the hallway.

If you would be interested in serving on a committee to help develop our Mission Statement, please contact Maggie Snow



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

May Birthdays

- May 1 - Ethan Moulds
- May 6—Erik Jantz
- May 7—Drew Holstine
- May 8—Cathy Woodward
- May 9—Brie Plummer, Amanda Irving
- May 11—Ashley Lundblom-Hinderliter. Cathie Ashcraft
- May 14—Mark Ekerberg
- May 17—Jean Kroeker
- May 26—Haley Southern
- May 31—Stephanie Lindgren

May Baptisms

- May 8—Elizabeth (Betsy) Robb
- May 9—Matthew Bogner

May Confirmations

- May 3—Margie Knupp, Mary Beck
- May 12—Charles Craig
- May 14—Darla Stonehouse
- May 17—Jennifer Beck, Jordan Orr, Betsy Robb, Rose Jones, Jordan Loyd; Darlene Hall, Elizabeth Hill,
- May 23—Mike Loyd
- May 28—Drew Holstine
- May 31—Ruth Cooper, Cathie Collier Ashcraft

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



Fun and Interesting Facts about the Episcopal Church

The Creeds

Creeds are statements of our basic beliefs about God. The term comes from the Latin *credo*, meaning I believe.

While we will always have questions about God, the Church, and our own faith, we have two foundational creeds that we use during worship: the Apostles' Creed used at baptism and daily worship, and the Nicene Creed used at communion. In reciting and affirming these creeds, we join Christians across the world and throughout the ages in affirming our faith in the one God who created us, redeemed us, and sanctifies us.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Basic Terms	Apostle Creed	Nicene Creed
Occasion when recited	It is recited during baptism. We say it at Evening Prayer	It is recited during communion.
Origin	It was adopted by the early church before the middle of the 2 nd century.	It was created in 325 by the council of Nicaea.
Language	In the beginning, the manuscript was written in Latin.	It was written in Greek.
Pronouns used	It uses 'I' that is 'I believe'.	It uses 'we' that is 'we believe'.



St. Matthew's Outreach

Food Cart

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

New Jerusalem Mission

155 items were collected during Lent for the New Jerusalem Mission in Newton. These items included 53 food items, 33 tooth brushes, 38 tubes of toothpaste, and 22 personal items. A big thanks to everyone who helped us with this outreach. We are so thankful!!

UTO (United Thank Offering)

The spring ingathering for UTO will be on Sunday, May 7th. There will be a 2nd offering during the service. Please remember to bring your blue UTO boxes to church. There will be envelopes available. Also online access for donating.



Card
Ministry

The Card Ministry group will be meeting on Monday, May 15 at 1:00 pm at the church. Please join us! All you need to bring is yourself, as all the materials will be provided. Hope to see you there!



Please join Deacon Barbara for Evening Prayer every Wednesday at 6:30 pm on Facebook. Or join us in person at the church in the St. Matthew's Covey Chapel. Everyone is welcome. Come take a few minutes to end your day with prayer.

May 2023 Coffee Hour Hosts

- May 7—Open
- May 14—Mothers Day—Margie Knupp and Mary Werner
- May 21— Open
- May 28—Pentecost—Chris & Sarah Teichler



Please sign up to host coffee hour after the service on Sundays. A person can showcase a favorite dessert, food, or can just serve crackers or cookies..... We are not picky! A group can host, buddies can host together. Thanks.



Happy Mother's Day

From the Kitchen

LABELING FOOD

Please remember to label any containers or food you might have in the refrigerator. This includes groups, functions, or individuals.

Congratulations to all 2023 Graduates. Especially...



Jenna Teichler

who is graduating from Newton High School, Sunday, May 21, 8:00pm at Hartman Arena (free, all are welcome). Her graduation party is at St. Matthew's Church that same afternoon 2-4pm (everyone is invited!). She plans to Major in Vocal Music Education at Wichita State University.



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

According to Peter, at what time of day did the Holy Spirit come upon the disciples on Pentecost?



- A. 9 a.m.
- B. Noon
- C. 3:30 p.m.
- D. 9 p.m.

Answer: A (See Acts 2:15.)

Contrary to common perception, Jesus' disciples weren't frightened and hiding during the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost. Instead, they were actively preparing for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. They "all joined together constantly in prayer" (Acts 1:14, NIV) and took steps to replace Judas.

After that inward focus, the disciples were ready to boldly burst forth on Pentecost, empowered and "enabled" (Acts 2:4) by the Spirit. They proclaimed Christ's death and resurrection, leading 3,000 people to faith that day, now known as the church's birthday.

"A great wave of faith and love swept through this newborn community," writes Suzanne de Dietrich in *Free Men*. "These Christians could not keep silent. Their joyful liberty had broken down all the walls behind which people would like to keep them; no prison could silence them."



LET'S FILL UP THE ST. MATT'S FOOD PANTRY. The pantry is outside, at the entrance to the parking lot. Please include canned food items, peanut butter and other non-perishables. Remember it will be getting hot out there.!

St. Matt's Little Free Food Pantry

Thanks for helping our neighbors.

Altar Team for May 2023

Twila Lockaby, Scott McCloud, Ruth Cooper and Maggie Snow



Altar Flowers

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May 7—Mary Upton

"In loving memory of Jim Upton, Kay Geiman, Marian Helmer and thanksgiving for Maggie and Lennon"

May 14—Mike and Jill Loyd

"In loving memory of Mary Ellen, Paul and Tom Loyd"

May 21—Thea Ferguson

"For blessings received"

May 28—Kala and George Whiteside

"In memory of Jace Garrett Kinzie"

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**.





Newton Clubhouse

Breakthrough / Episcopal Social Services, Wichita is a broad-based social services organization affiliated with the

Episcopal Diocese of Kansas. The mission is to help people move out of poverty, and to help others recover well while living with mental illness. As a faith-centered organization, Breakthrough offers opportunities for positive changes in their lives and provides ways for people to express their faith through service. Breakthrough is ready to open a new Clubhouse in Newton in the next month.

The mission of the Newton program is to establish and operate a Clubhouse using a certified service model that will empower individuals who experience severe and persistent mental illness to live, learn and work within their community with dignity, purpose and freedom from stigma. We believe that recovery is a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential.

There are four major dimensions that support life in recovery from a severe psychiatric diagnosis:

- health (overcoming or managing the symptoms and building resiliency),
- home (a stable and safe place to live),
- purpose (meaningful daily activities), and
- community (networks providing support, friendship, love, and hope).

With a combination of grants from Harvey County United Way, NAMI Mid-Kansas, St. Matthew's Permanent Endowment Fund and the Kansas Clubhouse Coalition we will open the Newton Clubhouse on June 5. Initial hours will be 10 – 2 on Mondays and Thursdays. The Coalition funds are from a grant by the Kansas Department of Aging and Disabilities Services (KDADS) to start additional Clubhouses across the state. Leadership from Breakthrough in Wichita and Milestone in Hutchinson will set-up and open the Clubhouse and provide staff while they assist in hiring and training a local director.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is offering space for the start-up Clubhouse. As membership grows, additional days will be added each week until we are open eve-

ry weekday and as the program grows, we will be open longer hours. When we have 10-12 charter members, we will have the membership select a name for the Newton Clubhouse.

The program will be on track to accreditation by Clubhouse International within three years.



<https://clubhouse-intl.org/what-we-do/overview/>

Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles—May 1

Almighty God, who gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth: Grant that we, being mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Ascension of Jesus—May 18

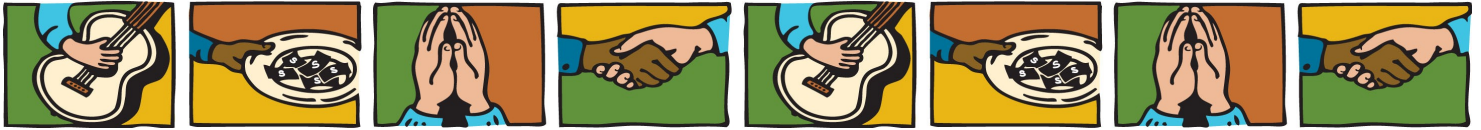
Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

The Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday) - May 28

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary— May 31

Father in heaven, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Here is the worship schedule for April. Please let the office know if you would like to sign up to read, usher and/or count. We can always use more hands! ***If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please find a substitute.*** Thanks for your service!

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Season	5th Sunday of Easter	6th Sunday of Easter	7th Sunday of Easter	Pentecost
Service	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Communion in the absence of a Priest (ComAP)	Holy Eucharist
Leaders	Fr. Richard Osborne	Fr. Richard Osborne	Deacon Barbara Gibson Mary Anne McCloud	Fr. Richard Osborne
Lectors	Fred Schroeder	Elizabeth Hill	Mary Upton	Jeremy Kitto
Counters (2)	Twila Lockaby	Fred Schroeder	Margie Knupp	Mary Upton
	Margie Knupp	David Simmonds	Twila Lockaby	Fred Schroeder
Ushers (2)	Melissa Keenan	Mary Upton	Bonnie Jones	Elizabeth Hill
	Bonnie Jones	Charlie Craig	Rick Glover	Mary Werner
Hosts	Open	Margie Knupp Mary Werner	Open	Chris and Sarah Teichler
Altar Flowers	Mary Upton "In loving memory of Jim Upton, Kay Geiman, Marian Helmer and thanksgiving for Maggie and Lennon"	Mike and Jill Loyd "In loving memory of Mary Ellen, Paul and Tom Loyd"	Thea Ferguson "For blessings received"	Kala and George Whiteside "In memory of Jace Garrett Kinzie"
Acolyte & LEM	Fred Schroeder	Maggie Snow	ComAP Mary Anne McCloud	Karen Wall
Organist	Chris Teichler	Chris Teichler	Kelli Glann	Chris Teichler