



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

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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The Messenger



Curry continues under medical care; doctors approve some July travel

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Throughout the month of June, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry received further testing and monitoring following a Memorial Day weekend hospitalization for internal bleeding and heart arrhythmia.

Under the care of a cardiologist and an endocrinologist, Bishop Curry has followed orders to rest, and his medical team continues to closely monitor and treat his atrial fibrillation as well as an aortic aneurysm discovered June 16 during a transesophageal echocardiogram with cardioversion. His doctors are also conducting a variety of tests to diagnose and treat the cause of the original internal bleed.

While Bishop Curry will continue to work from home in July on a reduced schedule, his doctors have approved some travel. He plans to be present at Episcopal Youth Event (July 4-8 in College Park, Md.) and the It's All About Love festival (July 9-12 in Baltimore) — solely to preach at and participate in the opening services. He will continue to rest and engage in medical care during his usual August vacation.

Bishop Curry offered the following statement: “I want you to know I am mindful of the power of prayer in tandem with good medical care, and I am blessed to be receiving both. I love what I do and cannot wait to be back actively serving our Lord and the church. I also know that the God who gave us a soul also gave us a body and a mind, and as we are to care for our souls, so we are to care for our bodies. I am in a season where I am called to be mindful about the care of my body. In that spirit, though, I

am looking forward to attending Episcopal Youth Event and It's All About Love, even at a more limited level, as a kind of Christmas in July since much of this is like Advent—a time of waiting on test results and considering various treatments. Thank you so much for all your prayers, and please know I am also praying for you.”

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A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God.

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.



Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.

Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This prayer — crafted by a team of Lutheran and Episcopal prayer leaders in light of the COVID pandemic — is meant to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission, wherever and however we may be gathered.



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.



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

July Birthdays

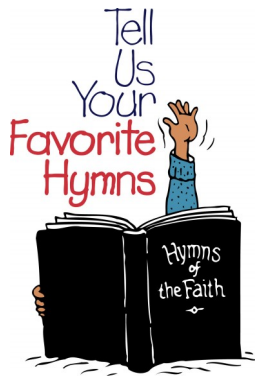
- July 9—Juliana Loyd
- July 15—Mary Beck
- July 19—Lennon Tyner
- July 22—Steven Biddle, Bill Swendson
- July 26—Jessica Keenan
- July 27—Fred Schroeder
- July 29—Sean Hall, Jay Holstine

July Baptisms

- July 9—Jordan Brinkley Orr
- July 25—Ashley Lundblom

July Confirmations

- July 14—Haley Sage Southern, Juliana Mae Loyd, Katherine Grace Lindgren, Maddie Stonehouse, Logan Bradley Moulds, Ethan William Moulds, Ellen Elizabeth Moulds, Bradley William Moulds, Elizabeth Ann Moulds



We had a great list of songs from the parishioners. Jerry Wall has the list and will be working our favorite hymns into the Sunday services. Be sure to be at church to hear and sing your favorites! Thanks to everyone that added theirs!

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. Richard and Connie will be on vacation the first two weeks of July.

Charlie will also be gone the first week of July.

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

The St. Matthew's Vestry's July meeting will be after church on Sunday, July 9, 2023

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



Notes from Vestry Meeting on June 11, 2023

Present: Fr. Richard Osborne, Deacon Barbara Gibson, Charlie Craig, Mary Upton, Chris Simmonds, and Mary Anne McCloud
Absent: Maggie Snow

Breakthrough Club

Deacon Barbara Gibson reported that more than 30 guests attended the opening, including Sen. Carolyn McGinn who included the event in her newsletter. President and CFO of Prairie View and clients attended. Also CEO of United Way and representative of Central Kansas Community Foundation attended. The club will hire a full time executive director who will receive training in Hutchinson and out of state. Wendy Nugent interviewed Robert and the club is off to a great start.

Outreach items

St. Matthew's will continue to work with Northridge Elementary School by supporting needs of students.

Buildings and Grounds

Bryan's Heating & Air Conditioning installed new AC unit in rector's office. Bryan H & AC serviced the outside unit. Estimate from Bryan H & C for new outside unit is \$36-40,000 with a 40-week lead-time to order. We will get more estimates. Chris suggested using the \$40K figure as we plan how to get money for the project. She will develop a maintenance log to track when and who has serviced units. Members also discussed who will collect mail from the post office.

New Business

The Vestry approved new by-laws to allow a vestry member to serve two consecutive terms. The congregation will vote on the changed by-laws at a special meeting.

An issue with the church phone line and number seems to be resolved.

Other topics discussed by Vestry included kitchen cleanliness, record-keeping of customaries, St. Matthew's relationship with the Payee Program and distribution of The Messenger.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.
Mary Anne McCloud, acting clerk



Junior Warden report

Following a 'walk through' the church, I started preparing a list of things that need to be done at St. Matthew's. Although some may need a professional there are many tasks that just need a bit of attention and can be done by members of our congregation. I will be preparing a list soon.

Traditionally we have had a work day. I am going to try something different. I am going to have this be task based. I will have a list and people can sign up for a task. You could share it with someone else if you wish. The task can be completed on your timeline. I know that now I may be able to do the same work but it has to be broken up into manageable time periods. Also the weather becomes less of a factor if the task involves the outdoors.

Watch for the list and the announcement.

Chris Simmonds, Jr. Warden



A test for church people

The Worship test: Am I faithful in attending the worship services of my church?

The Weather test: Am I a "fair weather" Christian? Does the same kind of weather keep me from going to church that would not keep me from going to work?

The Work test: Am I willing to work for my church? Can my church count on me to do what I'm able to do and what I have a talent for doing? Am I too busy doing other things?

The Wallet test: Am I a regular in my contributions or my tithe to my church? Am I giving to God's work "as God has prospered me?"



St. Matthew's Outreach

Food Cart

20 non-perishable food items were delivered to the Salvation Army "Harvest of Love" food bank in June. Hunger never takes a vacation....Thanks for remembering those who don't have enough to eat.

Back to School in July

Wait, wait, wait a minute!!! Summer has just started!! What is this talk about school??

Well, in order to help kids get the supplies, and tools to learn, we must collect these supplies during the month of July....

There will be a display in the front hallway at church all through July. There will be lists of needed items also. These items will be donated to Northridge Elementary school before the start of school.

Soldiers & Shut Ins

If anyone has a loved one, that would like to receive cards or visits, please let Melissa know. A photo would be welcome so we have a face to know. Thanks.

United Thank Offering

Spring UTO totals will be in soon!!

July 2023 Coffee Hour Hosts

July 2 - Melissa Kennen
July 9 - OPEN
July 16 - Jeremy and Elisabeth Kitto
July 23 - OPEN
July 30 - Fred Schroeder



If you would like to host coffee hour, and are not sure how to, please ask. A favorite dessert or dish can be showcased, or just bring snacks. We are not picky!! We can walk you through it. Come on, it's fun!!!

Any concerns or questions, please contact Melissa



Card
Ministry

The Card Ministry group will be meeting on Monday, July 10 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!

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.

MAINTAINING THE KITCHEN

Everyone is welcome to use the kitchen as needed. Please take the time to clean up after each use. This will help keep our kitchen clean and tidy! Have you seen something that needs to be repaired or changed? Please let Chris Simmonds, Jr. Warden, Scott McCloud or Jerry Wall know. You can leave a note with Charlie in the office and she will be able to get the information to the right person.

Anything else around the church that you see the Vestry needs to look into maintaining, repairing, or replacing? Please contact anyone on the Vestry.





All Creatures

On waking I go to the patio
door all is quiet no bird song
no feeding birds the CAT has
arrived Tuxedo of the black
and white coat lies quietly
focused bringing half-and-half
to distract toward hunger and
move on after feasting and
grooming he roams the neighbor
hood for a satisfying lunch

“All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.”
-James Herriot

Joan Breit
Summer 2023

Fun and Interesting Facts about the
Episcopal Church

A seal for the Diocese of
Kansas first was created
in 1897 and has seen a
few revisions since then.
This version was created
in 2004.



It is placed in a “vesica
piscis,” or pointed oval,
conventionally represent-
ing a fish. The name of
the diocese and its founding date of 1859 are
placed in the upper half of the border. The bot-
tom portion contains the motto of the diocese:
In Cruce Solum Nobis Ancora, Latin for “The
cross alone is our anchor.”

Reflecting the motto, the center features a
large anchor cross, flanked by the Greek let-
ters alpha and omega. The Bible calls Jesus
Christ the alpha and omega, meaning the first
and the last.

Above is a mitre, the ceremonial hat worn only
by bishops, to indicate that the diocese is an
episcopal church.

Bible Quiz

In what land and at what age
did Moses die?

- A. The land of Israel; 100 years old
- B. The land of Canaan; 70 years old
- C. The land of Moab; 120 years old
- D. The land of Judah; 102 years old



Answer: C (See Deuteronomy 34:5, 7)



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**.

LET'S FILL UP THE ST. MATT'S FOOD PANTRY.



The pantry is outside, at the entrance to the parking lot. Some suggested items: cereal, canned goods, jelly, mac and cheese, boxed meals, spaghetti, easy muffin mixes, etc. Thanks for helping our neighbors.

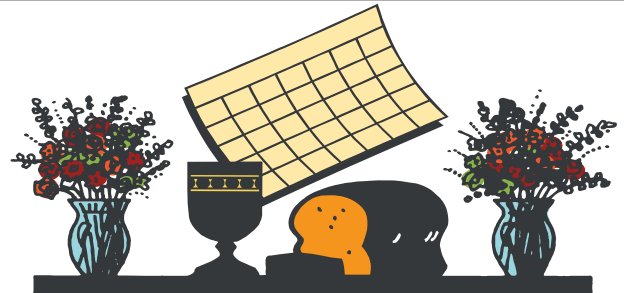
We have three openings for the Sunday Altar Flowers on the following dates:

- July 30, 2023
- January 14, 2024
- June 9, 2024

We schedule the flower list for the year, Please let me know if you would like to give flowers for "Blessings Received", "In loving memory of someone" or other thoughts!

The cost for the two arrangements, delivery and container is \$44.00. Ruzen's will send a bill to the individual giving the flowers.

Twila Lockaby, 316-215-1164



ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild Team for July
*Chris Simmonds, Margie Knupp,
Katie Reese, Elizabeth Hill*

Altar Flowers for July 2023

July 2

The Rev. Scott Hankins
"In loving memory of Sam and Vera Hankins"

July 9

Stephanie and Katherine Lindgren
"In celebration of life"

July 16

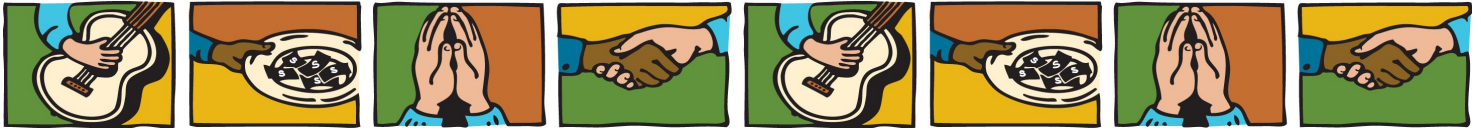
Oliver J. and Carol Geiger
"In memory of Inez and Watt Geiger by their children and grandchildren"

July 23

Jim and Katie Reese
"In memory of Nomi and Royston Reese and Agnes Lundstrom"

July 30

OPEN



Here is the worship schedule for July. 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!

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Season	5th Sunday after Pentecost	6th Sunday after Pentecost	7th Sunday after Pentecost	8th Sunday after Pentecost	9th Sunday after Pentecost
Service	Communion in the absence of a Priest (ComAP)	Communion in the absence of a Priest (ComAP)	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
Leaders	Deacon Barbara Gibson Maggie Snow	Deacon Barbara Gibson Mary Anne McCloud	Fr. Richard Osborne	Fr. Richard Osborne	Fr. Richard Osborne
Lectors	Elizabeth Hill	Bonnie Jones	Jeremy Kitto	Fred Schroeder	Mary Upton
Counters (2)	Twila Lockaby	Fred Schroeder	Mary Upton	David Simmonds	Margie Knupp
	Margie Knupp	David Simmonds	Twila Lockaby	Fred Schroeder	Mary Upton
Ushers (2)	Mary Upton	Elizabeth Hill	Bonnie Jones	Melissa Keenan	Mary Werner
	Elizabeth Hill	Rick Glover	Scott McCloud	Mary Upton	Bonnie Jones
Hosts	Melissa Keenan	Open	Jeremy and Elisabeth Kitto	Open	Fred Schroeder
Altar Flowers	July 2 The Rev. Scott Hankins "In loving memory of Sam and Vera Hankins"	July 9 Stephanie and Katherine Lindgren "In celebration of life"	July 16 Oliver J. and Carol Geiger "In memory of Inez and Watt Geiger by their children and grandchildren"	July 23 Jim and Katie Reese "In memory of Nomi and Royston Reese and Agnes Lundstrom"	July 30 <i>OPEN</i>
Acolyte & LEM	Fred Schroeder	Karen Wall		Maggie Snow	Fred Schroeder
Organist	Chris Teichler	Chris Teichler	Chris Teichler	Kelli Glann	Chris Teichler

Would you like to serve as Usher, Counter or Lector? Or serve the church in some other way? Contact the Office!