



Reaching out  
Reaching within  
Proclaiming God's Love

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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# The Messenger



## A Note from Fr. Mike Loyd

### JUNE IS BUSTIN' OUT

“June Is Bustin’ Out All Over” is a song from the Rogers and Hammerstein musical, *Carousel* and the song is a celebration of the start of summer and it also celebrates the romantic urges of us creatures of God. The lyrics of the last verse go like this; “Love has found my brother, Junior, And my sister’s even loonier, And my Ma is getting kittenish with Pap! To ladies the men are paying court, Lotsa ships are kept at anchor, Just because the captains hanker, For a comfort they can only get in port. (Chorus: All together, now, SING!) “Because it’s June, June, June!

Sorry, but I do enjoy the old musicals and face it, they don’t write songs with lyrics like, “my Ma is getting kittenish with Pap”, anymore. But June is here and so is summer. Lots goin’ on. From professional baseball to T-ball, the games are on. Also, there’s the FISA World Cup which is supposed to be a big deal for soccer fans. The summer solstice and Father’s Day and don’t forget National Chocolate Pudding Day. But there’s two observances that need special attention. And those are Juneteenth and LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

Juneteenth is June 19 and it is a federal holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. Though Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 which promised freedom to enslaved people in the South, the Southern states con-

tinued slavery and Texas was especially stubborn with holding on to slavery. Slavery continued in Texas for 71 days after Lee surrendered to Grant. On June 19, federal troops arrived in Galveston to enforce the end of slavery and freedom for the African American slaves.

Juneteenth has long been celebrated by African Americans but was largely ignored by the rest of Americans. However, due to the efforts of black Americans Juneteenth was officially made a federal holiday on June 17, 2021. One of those African Americans was Opal Lee who had campaigned for decades to make Juneteenth a holiday. In 2016-2017, at the age of 89, Opal led a symbolic walk from Fort Worth, Texas to Washington D.C. to advocate for the holiday. Due to health issues and logistic, Opal completed walking 300 miles, but she was there alongside President Biden as he signed the proclamation.

Pride Month celebrates the lives, accomplishments, and contributions that members of the LGBTQ+ community have made to their communities, our country, and the world. Pride Month also keeps us mindful to work to remove the barriers that keep LGBTQ+ people from living their lives with meaning, purpose, and joy as God intended.

Mayor Rich Stinnett, St. Matthew’s parishioner, was instrumental in bringing the Pride Proclamation to the City Commission to be



**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.*

**St. Matthew's Mission Statement**

*The Mission of St. Matthew's is to Welcome, Respect and Care for All People. We accomplish this by following Christ, the perfect example of God's reconciling love, as we promote justice, peace and healing for ourselves and our world.*

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**St. Matthew's office hours:**

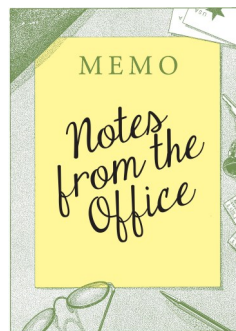
- Monday-Thursday 9:00 am—2:00 pm
- Fr. Mike's office hours are Monday and Thursday 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

**Services:** Holy Eucharist 10:15 am every Sunday  
Evening Prayer 6:00 pm Wednesday

- St. Matthew's Vestry meeting will be Sunday, June 21 after church
- St. Matthew's Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 13 at 10:00 in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Discretionary Fund**

This is a reminder that on the first Sunday of each month any loose money in the collection plate goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. This gives the Rector resources to use for when someone asks for help with things like a utility bill, rent, food or gas. Please be generous.



Charlie will be out of the office on June 11th and June 15th. Fr. Mike will still be in the office on those days, but if you need something from the church office, please let Charlie know before those days.

**Southwest Convocation Meeting**

The Southwest Convocation meeting will be Saturday, June 20th at Grace Episcopal Church 715 Millington St, Winfield, KS 67156. There will be time to meet and greet at 10 am with the meeting beginning at 10:30.

St. Matthew's current Convocation Delegates are: Elizabeth Hill, Maggie Snow and Scott McCloud, alternate.



**GO.**



**SERVE.**



**LOVE.**



**REPEAT.**



June  
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approved. It was approved, but not unanimously. Thank you to Mary Anne McCloud, Deacon Barbara Gibson, Stephanie Gibson that attended the City Commission meeting along with myself as we were there to fully support the proclamation. Unfortunately, we learned that evening that there is still hate and hostility toward the LGBTQ+ community and there continues to be work that needs to be done.

I'm proud that St. Matthew's is a witness for the love of Jesus that includes all people. We are living into our Baptismal Covenant to respect the dignity of every human being, and I believe that our lives of serving others as God's people is being noticed by the Newton community. St. Matthew's is a funky little church made up of really loving and giving people and we can be proud of that.

We also have a Parish Council meeting scheduled for Saturday June 13 at 10:00 am. Please attend so that we can plan fellowship and worship activities for the coming months. June is also the beginning of the church season known as Ordinary Time, and it's the lengthy time from now until Advent in which we can take the time to see and experience the not so ordinary presence of God.

Fr. Mike

## St. Matthew's Outreach

### Food Cart

17 non-perishable food items were collected and donated to the Salvation Army "Harvest of Love" food bank in May.

With summer upon us, and vacations being planned... please remember that hunger never takes a vacation.

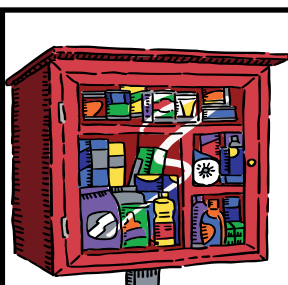
### Soldiers and Shut Ins

If anyone has a loved one that can't no longer get out much, or would like visits and cards, please let us know. .. we also would appreciate a picture of them for our board. Thanks .

### Upcoming Outreach Opportunities

#### Back to School in July

- School supplies will be collected the entire month of July to help local school aged children.



## LET'S FILL UP THE ST. MATTHEW'S FOOD PANTRY/BLESSING BOX

Don't forget that you can add items to the Blessing Box anytime. Just picking up an extra can or two when you are at the grocery store is appreciated. Please keep the weather in mind when donating an item. It's getting hot! Thank you for doing your part to help our neighbors.



**Altar Guild Team for June**

Margie Knupp, Chris Simmonds,  
Katie Reese, Elizabeth Hill

**Altar Flowers for June 2026**

**June 7**

**Bill Upton**

*"In loving memory of Jim Upton"*

**June 14**

**Mary Werner**

*"For blessings of children"*

**June 21**

**Margie Knupp**

*"In loving memory of Hal and Patty Knupp"*

**June 28**

**Stephanie and Katherine Lindgren**

*"In celebration of life"*

If you have any questions regarding Altar Guild or  
Altar flowers please contact Margie Knupp at  
316-284-1790

*"[Christ] wants a child's heart, but a grown-up's head. He wants us to be simple, single-minded, affectionate and teachable, as good children are; but he also wants every bit of intelligence we have to be alert at its job, and in first-class fighting trim." —C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity*



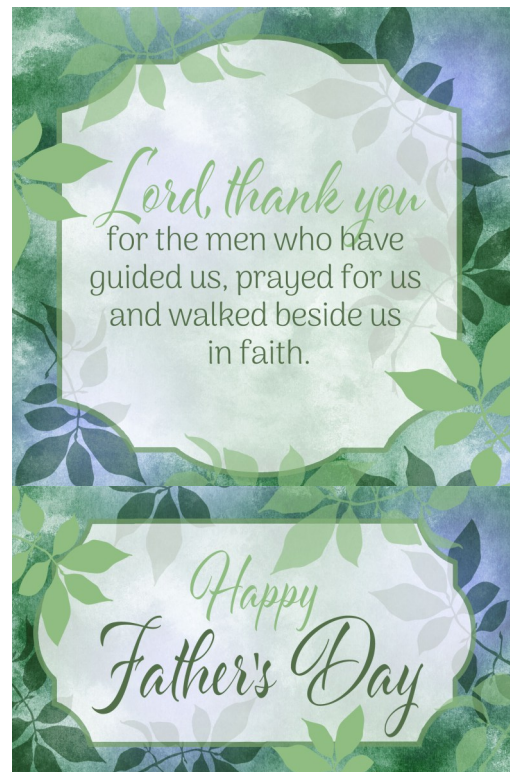
Please join  
Deacon Barbara Gibson  
and company for

Evening Prayer  
every Wednesday  
at 6:00 pm in the  
St. Matthew's  
Covey Chapel.

Or join us on Facebook

Everyone is welcome

Come take  
a few minutes to end your  
day with prayer





**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

**June Birthdays**

- June 1 - James Lawrence Upton
- June 11 - Jenna Teichler
- June 13 - Chris Snow
- June 24 - Sarah Teichler
- June 26 - Barbara Gibson
- June 29 - Margie Knupp, Brennan Parker Wald
- June 30—Beckham Ducimetiere

**June Baptisms**

- June 2—Brooke Elizabeth Glover
- June 3 - William Christopher Beck, Charles Joseph Collier, Mollie (Collier) Partridge
- June 4 - Brandon Ashcraft
- June 7 - Ryan Simmonds

**June Confirmations**

- June 3 - William Christopher Beck

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

**June 2026  
Coffee Hour  
Hosts**



- June 7 - Rick and Mary Beck
- June 14 - OPEN
- June 21 - Father's day - OPEN
- June 28 - OPEN

Please sign up to host coffee hour after the service on Sundays. There are plenty of openings available. Check out the calendar in the parish hall. It doesn't have to be a feast...have fun!

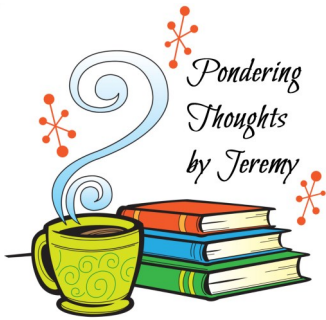
**St. Matthew's  
Prayer Chain**



If you have a request for prayers for yourself or others, contact Mary Upton at **316-841-1736**. The information you share will then be passed on to the chain leaders who will pass the information on to their team. The members of the chain will 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.

**Other Prayer Requests:**

Remember that you can add names to the Prayer List that is read during the Prayers of the People during the worship service. There is a white binder in the church office that you can have any name added to. The names will remain on the list for a month before being removed. If you need continued prayers, just let Charlie know, and the name(s) will remain on the list.



*Pondering  
Thoughts  
by Jeremy*

## The Name Command By Jeremy Kitto

The Ten Commandments, sometimes referred to as the Decalogue, are listed in Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21. Within

this list of dos and don'ts is the Name Command (NC): "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain" (KJV). It may surprise you that this command has been interpreted in twenty-three distinct ways throughout history. With such an array of possibilities, how might one know which interpretation, if any, is the correct one?

Carmen Joy Imes, Associate Professor of Old Testament at BIOLA University, was unconvinced by the NC's previous interpretations. She has argued that the word translated as take "is an inadequate and misleading translation of the Hebrew נָשָׂא." A better translation would be, "You shall not bear the name of YHWH, your God, in vain." Imes explains that this translation "does justice to the Hebrew, to its literary, historical, and theological contexts, as well as to the way the English language works, providing a satisfying alternative to the traditional translations."

In the conclusion of her monograph, *Bearing YHWH's Name at Sinai: A Reexamination of the Name Command of the Decalogue*, Imes provides relevant application: "Interpreting the NC representationally has significant ethical consequences. Instead of limiting application to a par-

ticular type of speech, the representational reading encompasses everything God's people do or say. No area of life is untouched by this command because Israel "bears the name" in everything she does" (pp. 180-181).

Imes has written a book that explains the significance of NC for the Church and how the Old Testament Law is relevant for her today: *Bearing God's Name: Why Sinai Still Matters*. If you would like to gain some insight into the Law for your daily life, I would like to commend this book to you. It is available at InterVarsity Press Academic or your preferred book retailer.





## Bishop Search Committee Update

Dear friends in the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas,

We're writing to keep you apprised of our progress as the Search Committee for the XI Bishop.

The period for the receipt of applications closed a few weeks ago, and we have been prayerfully considering each applicant. This phase of discernment includes going over résumés, listening to sermons, and conducting Zoom interviews and background checks. This work will continue throughout most of June, culminating in an in-person discernment retreat June 26-27. After final discernment and consultation, we look to commend a slate to the Standing Committee in early July. Once a slate has been named, we will step out and the Transition Committee will step in. You will hear from them as they prepare us for the election in October and consecration in April of next year.

We're grateful for the trust extended to us by the Standing Committee, and we're thankful for the people of this diocese on whose behalf we serve.

Discernment in sacred community takes place over time. We know that God guides this work. Please continue to pray for this effort, and for the Holy Spirit to assist us.

Yours in Christ,

Torey Lightcap and Scott Howard  
Co-Chairs, XI Bishop Search Committee

Please join us in prayer for the search process:

**Almighty God, giver of every good gift:  
Look graciously on your church, and so  
guide the hearts and minds of those  
who search for a new bishop to lead the  
Episcopal Diocese of Kansas, that we  
may receive a faithful pastor, who will  
care for your people and equip us for  
our ministries; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

### Parish Council Meeting

Please plan to attend the Parish Council Meeting on Saturday, June 13 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

We will be discussing and planning fellowship and worship activities for the upcoming months. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially committee leaders. Bring your calendars and your ideas.

See you there!





## NAMIWalks

Be part of something special at the first-ever NAMI-Walks Mid-Kansas Event on Saturday, June 13 in Hesston! This event brings our community together to raise awareness, support mental health, and remind others they are not alone. Proceeds help fund free, local programs through NAMI Kansas.

NAMIWalks is NAMI's (National Alliance on Mental Illness) major fundraiser of the year. Registration and check-in opens at 9 am at Hesston Mennonite Church, 309 S. Main, Hesston. The 1.4 mile walk around the Hesston College Campus will begin at 10 am. Please consider a donation to this vital organization. If you prefer to send a check, make it payable to NAMI Mid-Kansas. Checks may be mailed to: 404 N. Main, Hesston, KS 67062. You may donate securely online by using the link below.

Register, walk, or support the cause at [namiwalks.org/midkansas](http://namiwalks.org/midkansas)

Questions? Contact Deb Penner, NAMIWalks Mid-Kansas Walk Manager, at 316-288-0354 or 620-869-1143.



## Finding freedom

Juneteenth, America's newest federal holiday, marks the official end of slavery in the nation. President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Applying only to the states in the Confederacy, it declared "that all persons held as slaves are, and henceforward shall be free." But news of freedom didn't reach Galveston, Texas, until June 19, 1865, when 2,000 Union troops arrived to enforce the decree. The U.S. Constitution's 13th Amendment, which bans slavery, was ratified a few months later.

Just as freedom and justice came in fits and starts to the Israelites, so it comes to our own country and around the world, where the pursuit for justice continues.

—adapted from The Wired Word

## Bible Quiz

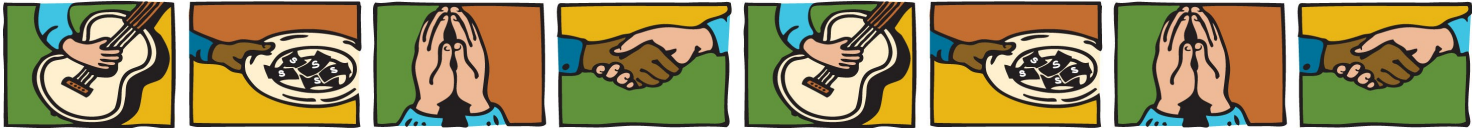
King David wanted to build a glorious temple for worshiping God and for housing the ark of the covenant. God, however, did not permit him to build it. Instead, God chose Solomon, David's son, to head up the building program. Why wasn't David allowed the honor of building the temple?



- A. David was getting too old to supervise such an undertaking.
- B. David had been a warrior and had shed blood.
- C. David had stopped taking God seriously.
- D. David's attention was required elsewhere.

Answer: B (1 Chronicles 28:3)





Here is the worship schedule for June. 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!

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Season	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	3rd Sunday after Pentecost	4th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Vestry Meeting</i>	5th Sunday after Pentecost
Service	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Healing Service</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
Leaders	Fr. Mike Loyd Deacon Barbara	Fr. Mike Loyd Deacon Barbara	Fr. Mike Loyd Deacon Barbara	Fr. Mike Loyd Deacon Barbara
LEM& Acolyte	Elizabeth Hill Ruth Cooper	Karen Wall Ruth Cooper	Ruth Cooper Karen Wall	Fred Schroeder
Lector— Lessons	Jeremy Kitto	Mary Anne McCloud	Elizabeth Hill	Bonnie Jones
Lector— Psalm	Mary Upton	Darlene Hall	Rick Glover	Jeremy Kitto
Ushers (2)	Mary Upton	Elizabeth Hill	Mary Upton	Melissa Keenan
	Rick Glover	Bonnie Jones	Elizabeth Hill	Mary Werner
Counters (2)	Margie Knupp	Mary Anne McCloud	Fred Schroeder	David Simmonds
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Altar Flowers	<b>Bill Upton</b> <i>“In loving memory of Jim Upton”</i>	<b>Mary Werner</b> <i>“For blessings of children”</i>	<b>Margie Knupp</b> <i>“In loving memory of Hal and Patty Knupp”</i>	<b>Stephanie and Katherine Lindgren</b> <i>“In celebration of life”</i>
Coffee Hour Hosts	Rick and Mary Beck	Open	Open Father's Day	Open
Organist Flutist	Chris Teichler Sarah Teichler	Chris Teichler Sarah Teichler	Chris Teichler Sarah Teichler	Kelli Glann Sarah Teichler

**Evening Prayer:** every Wednesday night at 6:00 pm in the St. Matthew's Covey Chapel