

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

*The Baptism of Sedona Jade Deivert*

December 28, 2025



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Rector*

*"Give Sedona an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen."*

*-The Book of Common Prayer, p.308*

Welcome, and God's peace be to you all. We are so glad that you are here to share with us in **Sedona's** baptism day- a special welcome to her family and friends! Your presence makes the love of Christ more real to each one of us as we welcome her into the household of God, claiming what we already know- that she is fully and completely loved by us and by God.

Please know you are always completely welcome here for everything we do- our fellowship, our mission and outreach activities, our weekday services, and our regular Sunday worship at 10am. We hope and pray you will find this to be one of your spiritual homes. Please do not hesitate to let us know what your needs are, so that we may be present to you and continue to welcome you into our community. All our contact information is listed in this bulletin.

Our Worship follows the Episcopal tradition using the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal 1982, both of which you will find in the pews. We create a comprehensive bulletin for each service to make it easier to follow along and participate; if you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask someone near you. **You will need your Hymnal to sing the hymns and service music- both are sung by everyone!**

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you wish to receive communion, place your hands together to receive the bread and you may take a sip of wine directly from the chalice. We also have individual cups available that contain a small amount of wine and a wafer (the consecrated bread); please put your hands in front of you as if you were praying if you'd like this option. **Intinction (dipping the bread in the chalice) is not allowed.** Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come forward to the altar and cross your arms.

*All blessings to you in this holy season and always -  
Mother Dina*

## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

### Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism, Rite II, 10:00AM

*(Directions to stand, kneel, etc., in our services should always be considered an invitation. If you find any of these to be challenging, please worship in whatever pose may work for you, knowing you are fully in God's presence.)*

#### The Ringing of the Bells

*We ring the sacristy bells five minutes before each service to invite us into the respectful silence that settles our souls for this time of shared worship.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude Music** “There’s a star in the east on Christmas morn”  
(trad. Spiritual)

**Processional Hymn** #93, The Hymnal 1982  
“Angels from the realms of glory”

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

#### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect*

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons** *The people sit.*

**A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:**

**Isaiah 61:10- 62:3**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 147** *Said in unison.*

**1 Hallelujah!**

How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

**2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \***  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

**3 He heals the brokenhearted \***  
and binds up their wounds.

**4 He counts the number of the stars \***  
and calls them all by their names.

- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
- Hallelujah!

**A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Church at Galatia**  
**Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

**#82, The Hymnal 1982**

**"Of the Father's Love Begotten"**

**The Gospel: John 1:1-18**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Homily**

Mother Dina

*After the homily, we will sing "I was there to hear your borning cry" while the altar party, Sedona, her godparents and family process to the baptismal font. You are all invited to leave your pew and move closer to the font, and we especially invite all children to come up close so they can see and participate in the baptism.*

### **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*The Celebrant says*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The Parents and Godparents say*

**We present Sedona Jade Deivert to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*The Celebrant asks the community* Will you be responsible for seeing that **Sedona** will be brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*All answer* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help her to grow

into the full stature of Christ?

*All answer* **I will, with God's help.**

*The Celebrant asks the following questions of Sedona and her godparents*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* **I do.**

*The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support **Sedona** in her life in Christ?

*People* **We will! (SAY IT BIG!)**

*The Celebrant then says* Let us join with **Sedona**, her godparents and family, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **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.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* 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.

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* I will, with God's help.

### Prayers for the Candidates

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for **Sedona** who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant (as the water is being poured)* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning

of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Baptism**

**Sedona Jade**, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*When this action has been completed, the Celebrant, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over her, saying*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Celebrant places a hand on Sedona's head, marking on her forehead the sign of the Cross, and saying to her*

**Sedona**, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Minister lights a baptismal candle from the Paschal Candle and hands it to Sedona's godparents as the Celebrant says  
"Receive the Light of Christ, and share this Light with all the world."

Then the Celebrant says  
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

BCP 360

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*We greet Sedona, and one another, in the name of the Lord.*

Offertory Anthem "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" arr. E.M. Coman  
Sung by St. Matthew's Choir; Tina Schlegel, piano

The Presentation of the Offerings #380, vs. 3, The Hymnal 1982

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer D

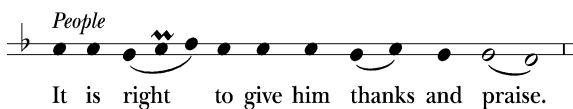
BCP 372 (S-120, The Hymnal 1982)

The musical notation is presented in three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with "Celebrant" and "People" labels above the respective parts. The first staff contains the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff contains "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff contains "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The notation includes various musical symbols such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, with some notes marked with a double wavy line (trill or grace note).

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks;  
for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light  
inaccessible from before time and forever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and  
fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the  
splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before  
you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your  
presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and  
giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and  
glorify your Name, as we sing:

**The Sanctus    “Holy, Holy, Holy”    S-129, The Hymnal 1982**

*The Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works  
reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image,  
giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you,  
our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our  
disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the  
power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in  
seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into  
covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope  
for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you  
sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To  
the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners,  
freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave  
himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death,

and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of

your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ.

Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with **St.**

**Matthew** and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**



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## The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## The Fraction Anthem

S-154, The Hymnal 1982

“Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us”

*The Celebrant says* These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Communion Hymns

“Love came down at Christmas”

#84, The Hymnal 1982

“What child is this?”

#115, The Hymnal 1982

## A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

The people and Celebrant pray together

Dearest Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we all cannot receive communion in the consecrated bread and wine, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with our hearts, souls, and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

## Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

*The Celebrant says* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People* Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

*The Priest blesses the people.*

## Recessional Hymn

#87, The Hymnal 1982

“Hark! the herald angels sing”



**The Dismissal**    *The Celebrant dismisses the People*  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*People*    Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Postlude**            “O Savior of our fallen race”            Percy Carter Buck

Serving today’s liturgy

The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Celebrant and Preacher*  
Patrick Ishler, *Music Minister*; and St. Matthew’s Choir  
Fran Zartman, *Flute*; Mary Ann Loftus, *Thurifer*  
Roy Casey and Dana Kelly, *Eucharistic Ministers*  
David Hollabaugh, *Subdeacon*  
Charles Schlegel IV, Christian Schlegel, *Lectors*  
Amanda Riedinger, Charles Schlegel IV, Christian Schlegel,  
Logan Deivert, *Sedona’s Godparents*  
Barry Treon, *Greeter and Usher*

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**PARISH NOTES for December 28, 2025**

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| <p><b>COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY:</b> The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We’re in need of volunteers to distribute diapers. Please contact Connie Kistler at <a href="mailto:kistinpa@ptd.net">kistinpa@ptd.net</a>. Monetary donations are very much welcomed, please give in an envelope labeled “Diaper Pantry.”<br/><b>Donations of diaper wipes, pull-ups, and sizes 5 and 6 are so appreciated and urgently needed- We covered 109 baby bottoms in December!</b></p> |
| <p><b>HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY:</b> Is the last Saturday of each month. Please contact John Blanchard, 570-286-5415, leave message to volunteer. Donations of canned soups, cereals, and canned fruit are welcome. <b>We fed 49 families in November!</b> The next Food Pantry will be held Saturday, January 31, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. <b>Any donations are greatly appreciated!</b></p>                                                                                                                                        |
| <p><b>CARLA’S OFFICE HOURS:</b> Office hours for this week are Mon., Dec. 29, 10AM to 2PM, &amp; Tues., Dec. 30, 10AM-12PM.<br/><b>MOTHER DINA’S OFFICE HOURS:</b> NO <u>scheduled</u> office hours between 12/26 and 1/2- I ask that you <b><u>PLEASE</u></b> text or call</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| me immediately at (717) 481-0708 if you have a matter of pastoral urgency.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b> St. Matthew's is looking for altar servers of <b>all ages</b> for the ministries of: <b>Eucharistic Minister, Crucifer, Torch Bearers, Lector, Thurifer, etc.</b> Please contact Mother Dina if interested in participating in these or ANY of our other ministries!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>CHOIR REHEARSAL:</b> Rehearsals will continue to be Thursday evenings at 5:30pm. All are welcome to join us - <b>NO MUSICAL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!</b> No rehearsal 1/1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS:</b> Volunteers are needed each month to sign up for a weekly coffee hour session. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Choir Room. Any questions, please contact Carol Hixson. This month's sign-ups are:<br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div>Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> - Matt &amp; David</div> <div>Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> - <i>Need Volunteer</i></div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div>Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> - <i>Need Volunteer</i></div> <div>Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> - Annual Meeting</div> </div>                                                 |
| <b>YOGA CLASSES: NO YOGA ON 1/1.</b> Yoga classes will be held in the Social Hall every Thursday at 7:00PM. \$5.00 per class.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:</b> Please notify Elaine Schlegel, or the Parish Administrator, Carla Treon, of anyone who needs prayers so they may be added for next upcoming Sunday.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>MONTHLY MORNING BREAKFAST:</b> The monthly morning breakfast will be held on Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM-10:AM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>VESTRY MEETING:</b> The monthly Vestry Meeting will be held on January 14th at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>ADULT BIBLE STUDY:</b> Adult Bible Study starts at 9:00AM on Jan. 18th. Any questions, please contact Nathan Blanchard.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS:</b> All reports for the annual meeting by those who are ministry heads should be emailed to the office at <a href="mailto:stmatthewsunbury@gmail.com">stmatthewsunbury@gmail.com</a> (cc Mother Dina at <a href="mailto:reverenddina@gmail.com">reverenddina@gmail.com</a> ) no later than January 7th.<br><b>NOTE:</b> if you would be interested in being a member of the vestry and/or a delegate to our annual diocese convention, please speak to Fran Zartman or Mother Dina <b>BEFORE</b> Weds., the 7th. If you have any questions about the responsibilities of these positions, please see Mother Dina. |

**UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS:** Details to follow closer to the time of the events. Please visit our website for more information

Sun., Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>: Monthly Breakfast Hour, 9:00AM

Sat., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>: Game Night, details to follow

Wed., Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>: Vestry Meeting, 6PM, Social Hall

Sun., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>: Adult Bible Study, 9AM

Sun., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>: Annual Meeting after worship

**VESTRY MEMBERS:** Fran Zartman, *Senior Warden*; Martha Bohner; *Junior Warden*; Mary Ann Loftus, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Ric Haines, Carter Ishler, Dana Kelly; Carol Lamparter; Tina McGee; Lynda Schlegel-Culver.

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Mother Dina and family, Father Fred and family, Frances, Angela, Tanya, Weston, Mike, the Sterner family, Dawson, Erika, Nancy, Becky, Easton, Ariella, Ereda, Junior, and Brendaly, AmberLynn, Daya, Arabella, Derick, Noelle, Dean, Fred, Tatum, Mary, Keith, Lisa, Tina, Bob, Karen, George, Rose, Jane, Dennis, and for those whose needs are known to God alone. Please pray for all healthcare workers, especially Dan, Kara, Melissa, Janice and their co-workers, all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Also, please pray for all serving in our military, especially Ann, and Jayden, law enforcement, and first responders. Also, remembering those who have departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Richard, April, and Carol.