



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with warm regards and peace that I send this missive to you all...It has been ~~6± months since our transition period began, and I would like to highlight the~~ events of the past several months, as well as give you an update on our future events.

If you have not had the opportunity to visit us recently, please stop by and see the completed ADA restrooms and renovations to the choir room and library, it is certainly worth a walk through! The renovations not only enhance the beauty to our lovely building, and there are now historical displays and old photographs framed and adorning the walls.

The painting of the parish hall/Canterbury room is now complete, and the installation of the new flooring will take place this week. This will complete our building projects for now, but we have hopes of replacing the ceiling in the parish hall very soon.

Of great note, we have recently chartered a local Boy and Cub Scout troop, Troop numbers ~~#3309 & #309~~ respectively. They approached us for a new home, and we happily embraced them, and welcomed them into our church home. They will be meeting in the parish hall weekly, on Monday nights. Kindly review our monthly calendar, which will now include their events and fundraisers as well and support them!

On Sunday, September 25th, we will be celebrating St. Matthew's day with the Holy Eucharist, and Rev. Veronica Chappell will preside. There will be an after service brunch, and we will officially welcome the Boy and Cub scouts and bless the renovations to the parish hall. Please come to worship and celebrate with us!

Now that Covid restrictions and concerns are waning, we would like to be more active as a parish family. Accordingly, the monthly parish breakfast will resume for the first Sunday of each month, beginning in October. We plan to have faith-based activities offered for our youth that day as well.

Regarding our new Rector search – unfortunately, I do not have much to report currently, as the Episcopal church (as well as several other national churches ex. Methodist and Lutheran) is struggling with a shortage of priests; as more priests retiring than are being ordained... I will keep you posted on our progress and hope to have some news very soon to share with all of you. Please know that the Wardens and Vestry members remain committed to this process and will continue to work with the Diocese to ensure that we are able to engage the proper fit for our church family.

Respectfully, on behalf of the Wardens and Vestry of St Matthew's,

Mary Ann Loftus
Senior Warden

UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS:

Details to follow closer to time of the events

Sun., Sept. 18th: Kick-off to Shoebox Ministry

Sun., Sept. 18th: Cub/Boy Scouts Annual Popcorn Sale – Deadline Oct. 10th

Tues., Sept. 20th: Chicken N' Waffle Dinner - CANCELLED

Sun., Sept. 25th: St. Matthew Day and Brunch; Meet/Greet Cub & Boy Scouts

Tues., Oct. 18th: Ham Dinner, 4pm-6:30pm

Tues., Nov. 8th: Election Day Spaghetti Dinner, 4pm-6:30pm

Wed., Nov. 23rd: Pie Sale

Sat., Dec. 3rd: St Nicholas Fest

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TUESDAY: 10:00am – 2:00pm

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THURSDAY: 10:00am – 12:00pm (Noon)

**Vacation: Oct. 2nd-Oct. 10th