



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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Dear Friends and Family of St. Matthew's,

Recently, in person to the Vestry and by email as well as postal mail to the congregation, Mother Robin communicated her decision to bring her time of ministry at St. Matthew's to a close, in order to relocate and be with her family.

Mother Robin's final liturgy as rector of St. Matthew's will be on Sunday, February 27, 2022, at 10:00 AM.

On the 27th, as part of the liturgy, we will ask Mother Robin to bless the new Stations of the Cross donated to the church, that her blessing may remain in and be remembered by St. Matthews, and that as we prepare for this Lenten season, we would remember in our prayers Mother Robin and all those who go in faith to love and serve the Lord in their families, communities, churches, and in the world. There will be coffee hour following the liturgy to celebrate her new chapter in life and say farewell. We hope you will join us for this celebration.

On March 6th, Father Chris Streeter from the Harrisburg diocese will celebrate Holy Eucharist with us. Since taking his current position at the diocese in the Fall, Father Streeter has lead and participated in-person at two of St. Matthew's Vestry meetings, celebrated a Holy Eucharist at St. Matthews during Advent, and has offered the diocese's full and active support to help St. Matthew's find a rector whose experience, training, and geography will best meet our present and future needs. As part of this active support, Father Streeter will be accompanied by Veronica Chappel, a retired Episcopal priest most recently serving in the Jersey Shore area (with an additional connection to our area by having previously been a deacon at St. Matthew's), who has agreed to serve as our consultant during the search for a new rector. After the liturgy, Father Streeter will be available to meet and talk with members of the congregation, to answer questions and concerns about the search process, and will finish his day at St. Matthew's by meeting with the Vestry to provide the information and details needed to promptly begin the search process.

The Vestry will continue to work to provide clergy and lay leadership for Sunday worship, the upcoming liturgical season of Easter, and to meet pastoral needs.

We ask you to participate in prayer and in person to help St. Matthew's become a community in liturgy, and bring to our community the life, hope, and love that the liturgy seeks to give witness to.

If you have any questions or would like to talk about the upcoming search process for a new rector, please feel free to contact or talk with a member of Vestry.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

Mary Ann Loftus
Senior Warden

Vestry:

Roy Casey, Junior Warden

Fran Zartman

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Mary Newcomb

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