



AUGUST 2022

# THE MESSENGER

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## ST. MATTHEW'S STAFF

**The Rev. William Jeff Hurst**  
Priest-in-Charge

**Sherry Minzey**  
Admin. Assistant

**Patti McGill**  
Music Director



Dear St. Matthew's church family,

Brenda and I would like to thank everyone once more for the wonderful reception you gave us on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The delicious food was greatly enjoyed by us and I 'm sure by all who attended. Also, thanks so much for the loving expressions of welcome on the cards

## OFFICERS

**Judy Taylor**  
Senior Warden

**Carl Turlin**  
Junior Warden

**David Macey**  
Treasurer

**Linda Gerding**  
Secretary

you gave us. Many thanks for the Hospitality team for heading it up and for all those who lavishly shared the food items. We are in awe of the gracious presentation of the quilting square that is a copy of one of the stained-glass windows in the nave. That lovely dove will be placed in a frame to be cherished forever. Thank you Beth Cook for quilting it and for all of you who signed it with encouraging comments.

## SERVICE TIMES

**10:00 A.M.**  
**SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**SUNDAY SERVICES ALSO**  
**STREAMED ON YOUTUBE**  
**AND**  
**ZOOM**

I must admit I've felt my age as the sweltering heat continue to envelope us. In spite of the challenging weather, I continue to build relationships with all our church membership as I am able and spend time with people in person and through phone, email and texting as what is fitting for each person. I 'm very happy to begin a new confirmation class this Fall and eventually have a celebratory confirmation event with the Bishop at our church not soon after we conclude the classes. That will be a glorious service to experience!

Love to all,  
Father Jeff

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## WELCOME FR. JEFF & BRENDA

Organized by the Hospitality Committee, St. Matthew's officially welcomed Fr. Jeff and Brenda Hurst on July 10th with a Bar-B-Que potluck. They were also given a quilt square, sewn by Beth Cook and signed by parishioners, that depicted the dove plaque that hangs in the Sanctuary.

It was "fiesta time" for St. Matthew's to celebrate our new Priest-In -Charge...and indeed we did!



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## July Flying Solo



Pictured: Charles Cease, Mary Cease, Zella Forsythe, Judy Taylor

Flying Solo held its first dinner and movie event since the pandemic began in March 2020. According to my records, our last dinner/movie was our January 2020 Flying Solo when we saw "1917" with dinner following at Bella's Italian Restaurant. Our July 2022 Flying Solo featured the movie "Elvis" with dinner at Sahara Mediterranean Food in Lee's Summit. The owner of Sahara is from Palestine and has been in the U.S. for fifteen years.

Our little group of five shared an order of Baba Ghanoush with pita triangles for an appetizer followed by Shawarma Chicken (Judy) and Grilled Chicken Kabobs (everyone else.) Attendees were Zella Forsythe, Judy Taylor, Mary and Charles Cease, and their friend Mary Ellen.

I hope you'll join us for our August Flying Solo - almost always on the third Saturday of the month. Beth will send details in the coming weeks. Remember, *everyone* is invited even if you don't happen to be "flying solo" on that particular Saturday.

Judy Taylor (sitting in for Beth Cook)

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## COMMUNITY OF CHAPLAINS



Their Circle of Care meeting was postponed to 4:30 Sunday July 10th due to the Welcome Celebration for Fr. Jeff. Patti McGill was the only one missing from the circle at Linda Gerding's house.

Hor d'oeuvres were shared, reports were worked on, "The Rule" was read for the day, and Linda Gerding's traditional July Flag cake was served for dessert. Bon Appetit'

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## Unexpected Group Lunch!

On Sunday, July 17th, two different groups of parishioners planned to go to lunch following coffee hour. One group was Christine and Jason Brooks and friends celebrating Jason's birthday. The second group was Judy Taylor and friends celebrating nothing in particular. Both groups landed at Los Compas Mexican restaurant in Raytown. We put our tables together and chowed down on delicious Mexican food. In attendance were Jason and Christina Brooks, Fr. Jeff, Stacy Wagstaff and her mom Carol, Janet Carney, Jane Matson, Mary and Charles Cease, Zella Forsythe, Diane Hunter, Linda Gerding and Judy Taylor. We had a great time!

Judy Taylor



Jane Matson, Diane Hunter



Linda Gerding, Zella Forsythe

Photographer: Judy Taylor



Left side: Jason Brooks, Christina Brooks, Stacy Wagstaff, Mary Cease, Charles Cease, Jane Matson, Diane Hunter  
Right Side: Fr. Jeff, Carol (Stacy's mom), Janet Carney, Judy Taylor, Zella Forsythe

Photographer: Linda Gerding



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Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. -*Mother Teresa*

When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on. -*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else. -*Margaret Mead*

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant. -*Robert Louis Stevenson*

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. -*Eleanor Roosevelt*

Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn. -*Benjamin Franklin*

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched — they must be felt with the heart. -*Helen Keller*

It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light. -*Aristotle*

Whoever is happy will make others happy too. -*Anne Frank*

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. -*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

*Linda Batson, Daughter of the King*

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## Good Bye Zoom



After much difficulty, we're happy to announce that our YouTube Sunday Livestream is now up and running on a regular basis. You may recall that we had much difficulty getting our Optics camera, OBS streaming software and YouTube Creator to work well together. We had it going, but continually had sound issues crop up. Turns out our equalizer into which we plugged the sound cable was going bad. Thanks to Dave Macey, we replaced the equalizer and Dave met with installers to balance the system to work properly in our sanctuary. He also detected abnormal sound coming through the cable, figured out the cause, and resolved those issues. It so happens that our Zoom operator, Linda Gerding, will miss the next couple of weeks, so it is a perfect time to make the switch from Zoom to YouTube.

You can access the YouTube Livestream in one of two ways. The easiest method is to access the stream by a link that will come to you via an email from Sherry. The email link will be sent out on the Friday or Saturday before the service.

The second method if you don't have an email account is to go directly to YouTube and search for the stream. We suggest you "subscribe" to our YouTube channel for a better experience and the ability to "chat" with us using the Chat feature. To search for our stream, follow these steps:

1. In your browser, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com).
2. Search for St. Matthew's (using the little magnifying glass) by typing St Matthews Raytown
3. Search for the upcoming livestream (or the one in progress if you join after the stream has started.)

The most recent stream will NOT be at the top, so you'll need to scroll down your screen until you find the latest service.

Regardless of the method you use to access the stream, let us know you are at the service by simply saying, "Good Morning, this is Linda" or by saying, "Hi, this is Barb" when we pass the peace. If you want to really make Linda Gerding happy, say "Hi, this is Rick - kit" so she knows you will be using a communion kit during the Eucharist. This will help her to record your attendance properly after the service.

We hope you will make use of the YouTube stream whenever you can't attend in person. You can even watch later if you can't get on live at 10:00 a.m. YouTube is also a great way for those who live out of town to join us. We have seen Sherry and Jim Minzey, Kay Gutierrez, and Lorrie Taylor on the stream. Invite your out-of-town friends or family to join us, then come back and say "Hi" during the peace.

Although we won't be able to verbally chat with each other like we're use to on Zoom, we can still "chat" with the chat feature on YouTube. I hope you will make use of YouTube whenever you can't be with us in person. "See" you on the stream!

Judy Taylor

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## Help Us With the Stream

Now that St. Matthew's will be live for all to see, we can use a little help showing our best side. Please help us in the following ways:

1. Observe quiet time prior to the start of the Prelude. Everything that is said can potentially be heard and will exist in perpetuity online. Sound is magnified, so even a whisper or quiet voice can potentially be picked up by the microphone.
2. If you sit toward the back, please try not to sit right on the aisle seat, particularly on the back left (as you face front) as those seats are directly in the line of sight of the camera.
3. Remember when you come to the back of the church, you will likely be blocking the camera. Please try to use the outer aisles when you go to the restroom or otherwise come to the back.
4. Try not to talk with the camera operator as she will be trying (sometimes with difficulty) to get the stream going and sometimes has a difficult time conversing.
5. The stream will be live for a short time following the service, so be careful talking too loudly as it will probably be recorded.
6. If you are setting up the altar before the service, please close the flower room door when you are finished as it looks bad on the stream.

Helping us in the above ways will allow us to put on a professional and dignified church service. Your help is *greatly* appreciated!

Judy Taylor





**A Big Thank You** from hospitality to everyone who helped with Fr. Jeff's and Brenda's Welcome Celebration. We had help with the set-up, clean up, and of course all the food donations! All the help was greatly appreciated.

Christina Brooks and Zella Forsythe  
Hospitality

**Hospitality is in need of ice cream makers for the September 25 Ice Cream Social.** If you have an ice cream maker that you would be willing to let hospitality use, please bring to the church by September 11. Any questions, please contact Christina Brooks. Thank you!



### **GIVING REMINDER**

Just a reminder that you have options on how you can send in your pledge.

By mail: Dave Macey's address: 2200 NW Summerfield Dr., Lee's Summit, MO 64081

Online: Online Giving Link:  
<http://stmatthewsraytown.org/>



**AUGUST 23RD**

**SEPTEMBER**

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**DEADLINE**

