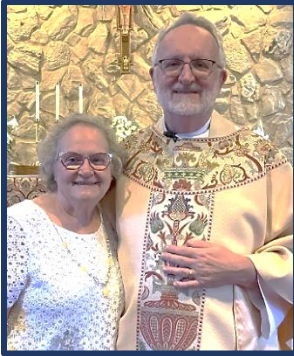


August 2024

The Messenger

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
9349 E. 65th Street
Raytown, Missouri 64133



Dear Church family,

It is now mid-Summer and my Zinnias are blooming and I have some okra ready to pick. My squash plants got a late start but I look forward to fried squash and okra soon. The old saying, "Sweet summer time", might be soon an oven blast as we head further into this season of fireworks, fireflies, and good grilled food.

Brenda and I really enjoyed our three weeks of vacation and fell in love again with the simple and enduring beauty of the Ozarks. The Shepherd of the Hills live play we attended was preceded by a tour with a skilled historian who made us feel like we were standing on sacred ground as we took time to explore as a group the treasures of the past of this Ozark region.

I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to Jason Brooks, James Laney and Deacon Barbara Wegener for skillfully leading the congregation into worship and sacrament. It's amazing how blessed we are with so many gifted and mature leaders in St. Matthews Episcopal Church.

Not long after my vacation, I received notification from Sherry about her wish to retire beginning September 1st. We have been so blessed and privileged to have Sherry with us these last 21 years. Sherry's labor of love, marked with such great patience and understanding is an enduring witness of her devotion to our community and to the Lord Jesus Christ. Sherry broke this new priest in as well as supporting the three other priests who preceded me. I am sure Fr Bob, Fr Gary, Fr Bill and Fr Orrin would give Sherry a standing ovation with all of us at St Matthews Church. Sherry worked well with all committees and ministries of our church over some bumpy times of pastoral transition and the terrible Covid crisis. All of our lives have been enriched by Sherry's ministry for and with us.

Sherry, we couldn't have made it without you! Please accept all our love and well wishes as you move happily into some blessed and restful times with family and friends.

With Much Love,
Fr Jeff and Brenda

St. Matthew's Staff

The Rev. William Jeff Hurst
Rector

Sherry Minzey
Admin. Assistant

Patti McGill
Music Director

Officers

Jason Brooks
Senior Warden

Carl Turlin
Junior Warden

Brenda Laney
Treasurer

Linda Gerding
Secretary

Service Times

Sunday Worship
Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 a.m.

Streamed on YouTube

Flying Solo



On Saturday, July 27, we met at Los Compas Mexican Restaurant for dinner before some of us went to the Raytown Arts Council play, WILLY WONKA, at the high school.

Mary Cease, reporting





Birthdays & Anniversaries

Thank you to Daughters of the King for celebrating July Birthdays and Anniversaries by providing a wonderfully delicious cake, during coffee hour, on July 14th.

Those celebrating Birthdays:

Madison Harless	7/3
Jane Matson	7/7
Linda Gerding	7/20
Manuel Gutierrez	7/22
James Laney	7/25
Christina Brooks	7/25
Kay Gutierrez	7/28

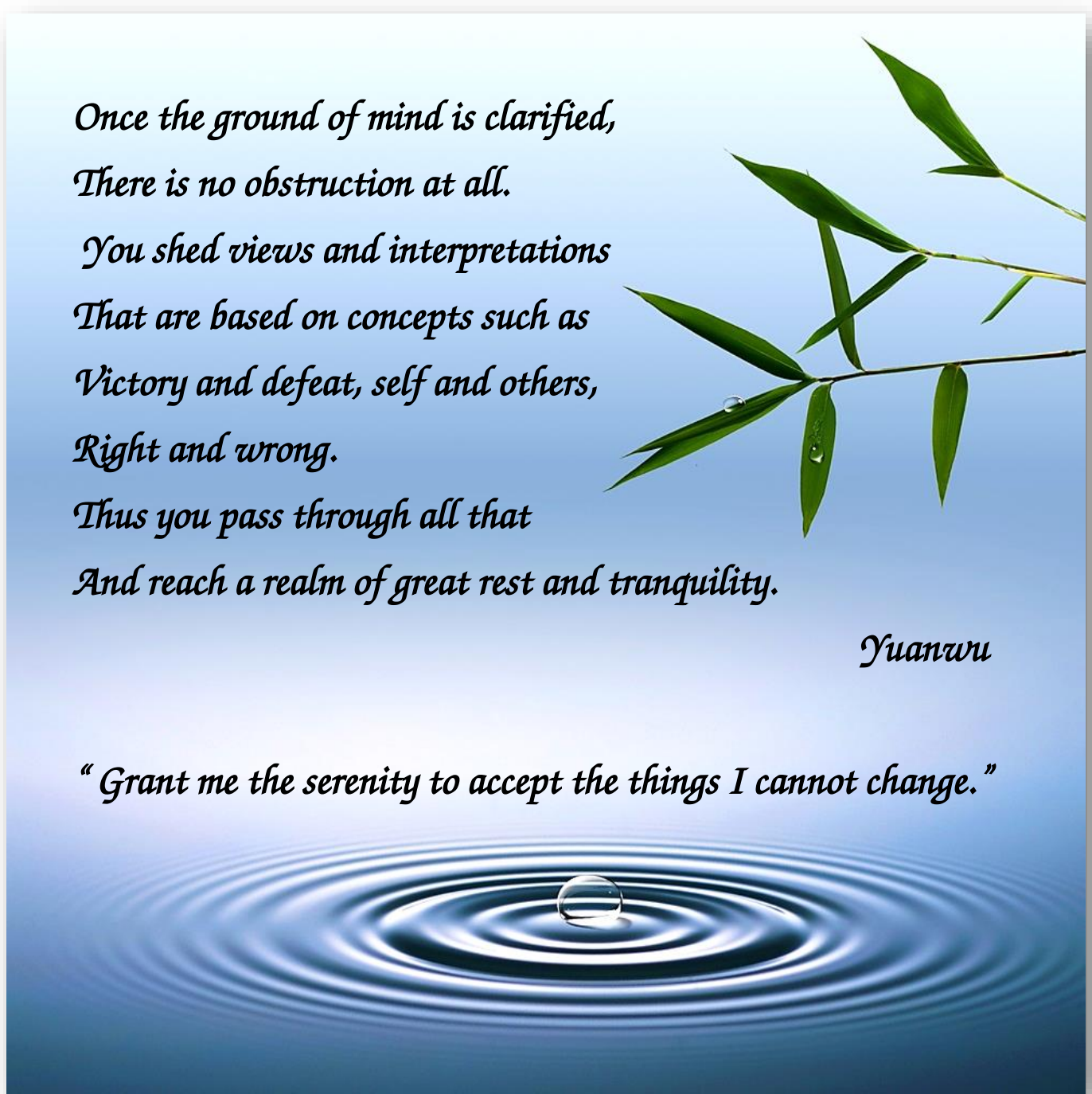
Those celebrating Anniversaries:

Rick & Judy Roberts	7/5
Fr. Jeff & Brenda Hurst	7/15
Carl & Marci Turlin	7/22

Who needs donuts when DOK has a cake party 

Linda Gerding – reporting



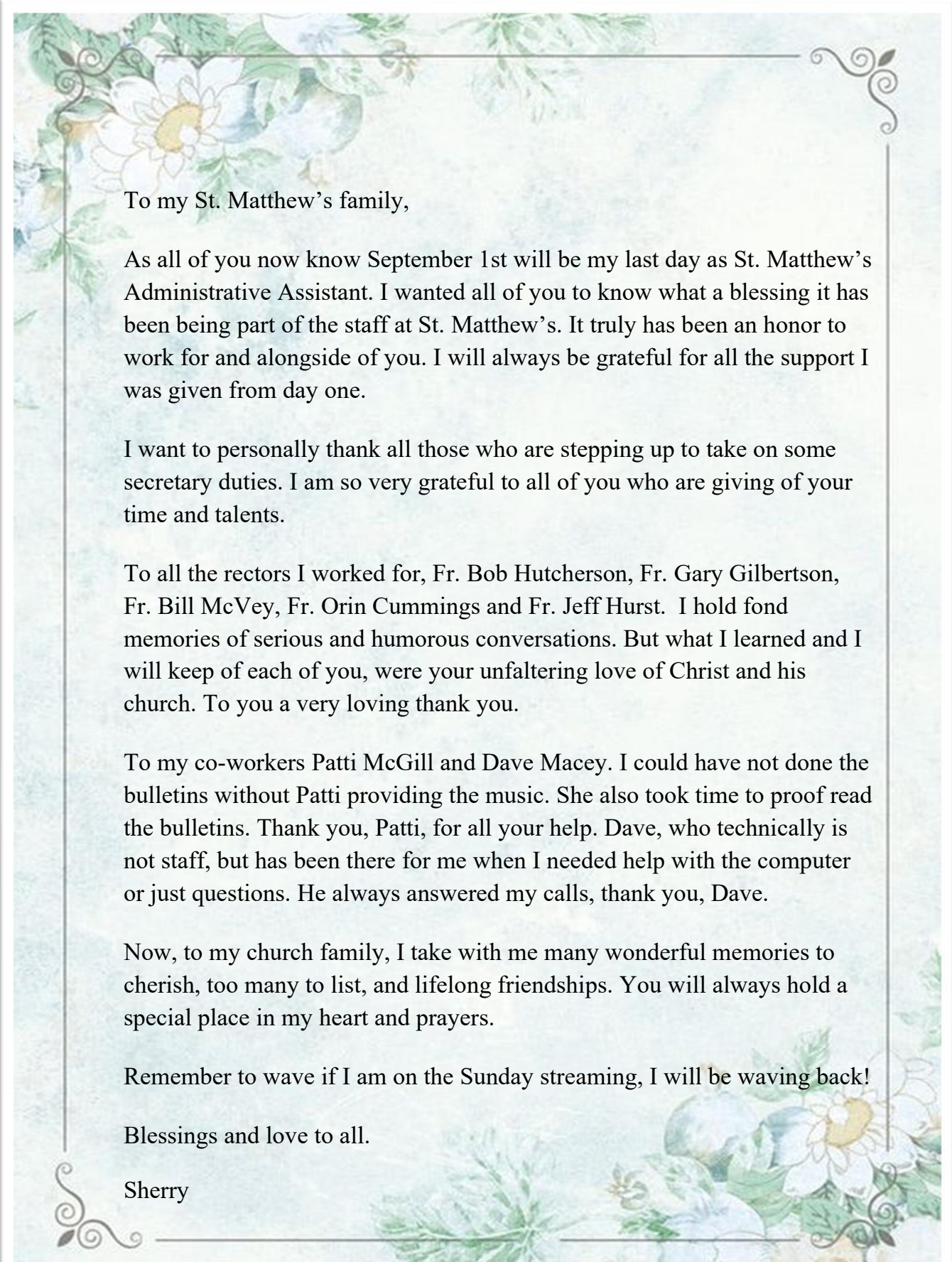


*Once the ground of mind is clarified,
There is no obstruction at all.
You shed views and interpretations
That are based on concepts such as
Victory and defeat, self and others,
Right and wrong.
Thus you pass through all that
And reach a realm of great rest and tranquility.*

Yuanwu

“Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change.”

Linda Batson, Daughters of the King



To my St. Matthew's family,

As all of you now know September 1st will be my last day as St. Matthew's Administrative Assistant. I wanted all of you to know what a blessing it has been being part of the staff at St. Matthew's. It truly has been an honor to work for and alongside of you. I will always be grateful for all the support I was given from day one.

I want to personally thank all those who are stepping up to take on some secretary duties. I am so very grateful to all of you who are giving of your time and talents.

To all the rectors I worked for, Fr. Bob Hutcherson, Fr. Gary Gilbertson, Fr. Bill McVey, Fr. Orin Cummings and Fr. Jeff Hurst. I hold fond memories of serious and humorous conversations. But what I learned and I will keep of each of you, were your unfaltering love of Christ and his church. To you a very loving thank you.

To my co-workers Patti McGill and Dave Macey. I could have not done the bulletins without Patti providing the music. She also took time to proof read the bulletins. Thank you, Patti, for all your help. Dave, who technically is not staff, but has been there for me when I needed help with the computer or just questions. He always answered my calls, thank you, Dave.

Now, to my church family, I take with me many wonderful memories to cherish, too many to list, and lifelong friendships. You will always hold a special place in my heart and prayers.

Remember to wave if I am on the Sunday streaming, I will be waving back!

Blessings and love to all.

Sherry

Online Links

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

Facebook:

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St. Matthew's Website:

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (stmatthewsraytown.org)

St. Matthew's YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.matthewschurchraytown2730>

August 21st

September Messenger & Calendar Deadline

