



FEBRUARY 2021

# THE MESSENGER

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Sr. Warden's Message

### ST. MATTHEW'S STAFF

**Sherry Minzey**  
Admin. Assistant

**Patti McGill**  
Music Director

**Jim Minzey**  
Sexton

### OFFICERS

**Judy Taylor**  
Senior Warden

**Carl Turlin**  
Junior Warden

**David Macey**  
Treasurer

**Linda Gerding**  
Secretary

### SERVICE TIMES

**10:00 a.m.**  
**Sunday Service**  
**ZOOM**

St. Matthew's kicked off 2021 with its annual parish meeting, held January 31, 2021 following a morning prayer service conducted by Barb Wegener with the assistance of lay reader James Laney. Thirty-five members attended the first annual meeting ever held on Zoom, necessitated, of course, by the pandemic. We were missing some of our regulars since not everyone is comfortable using Zoom and some members don't have internet, but all-in-all, a pretty good turnout under the circumstances. Senior Warden Bill Noone opened the meeting with a prayer and then called upon committee heads to give their reports. Two new Vestry members were elected to serve a two-year term. Welcome new Vestry members Beth Cook and Carl Turlin! Also elected for another term was Linda Gerding. Thank you, Linda, for agreeing to serve on Vestry for another term. The meeting ran pretty much like in years past, we just weren't physically together in the same room, eating and chatting before the meeting started. It was a great meeting under the circumstances, but we look forward to holding our next annual parish meeting in 2022 back in the parish hall at St. Matthew's!

As is tradition, the new Vestry met immediately following the annual meeting for a short organizational meeting to elect officers and select committee chairs. Unlike in past years where the parish priest would select a Senior Warden, this year's Vestry elected a new Senior Warden. Vestry members elected Judy Taylor as the new Senior Warden for the next two years. Carl Turlin was elected Junior Warden, Linda Gerding was elected Secretary, and Dave Macey was elected Treasurer. Christina Brooks agreed to serve as the Finance Committee chair, Carl Turlin as Properties Committee chair, Beth Cook as Evangelism Committee chair, and Linda Gerding as Service and Community Outreach chair. Tish Arroyo will become our new Stewardship chair and will continue to act as liaison to the Worship Commission.

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Barb Wegener has agreed to continue as head of the Worship Commission and Altar Guild. Carl Turlin will again serve as St. Matthew's Diocesan Convention and Deanery Delegate with Zella Forsythe elected to serve as the alternate delegate. Linda Gerding volunteered to ask Pat Whitmore to chair the Pastoral Care and Hospitality committees, and Pat agreed to serve. Thank you for everyone's willingness to serve St. Matthew's!

We have good news for our upcoming Lenten services. Mtr. Elisabeth Sinclair has agreed to assist with Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Easter services! She will be coming to St. Matthew's sometime in the next week or so to bless the ashes for the Ash Wednesday service to be held February 17<sup>th</sup>. Sherry will send out more details on how to pick up your ashes. We are truly grateful for Mtr. Elisabeth!

I truly believe that 2021 is going to be a spectacular year at St. Matthew's. Our search for a new priest continues, and we hope to have good news about a permanent part-time priest very soon. Please call me with any concerns or ideas that will help St. Matthew's innovate and thrive through the coming year.

Best wishes!

Judy Taylor  
Senior Warden

### Zoom Annual Parish Meeting Jan. 31, 2021





# Episcopal Relief & Development

Working Together for Lasting Change

## Sunday (February 21st)

Episcopal Relief & Development invites churches and supporters to observe **Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday** this year on **Sunday, February 21st**.

Lent was officially designated at the 2009 General Convention of The Episcopal Church as a time for dioceses, congregations and individuals to remember and support the work of Episcopal Relief & Development. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry commented. “As we follow in the footsteps of Jesus this Lent, we know that living out God’s love for the world is our ultimate goal, and I invite all congregations to devote a Sunday in Lent to reflect on the life-giving work of Episcopal Relief & Development.”

You are asked to reflect on your faith and how you might take action. The traditional Lenten practice of alms giving provides an opportunity to renew your commitment to people in need by supporting the work of ERD. Together, let’s create a lasting change for people worldwide!

You may mail your donation directly to Dave Macey, Treasurer-2200 NW Summerfield Dr, Lee’s Summit, MO 64081 with a note for “ERD” on the memo line, or click the “Donate” button on St. Matt’s website then click the dropdown arrow and select the Epis Relief Dev. Fund.

With much thanks for your support,

Linda Gerding  
Community Service & Outreach

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**ST. MATTHEW'S TEAM 2021**  
**AIDS WALK IS GOING VIRTUAL...AGAIN**  
**4-24-21**



This is an early reminder that the 33rd annual AIDS WALK-Kansas City will be held **virtually**, due to the ongoing COVID-19 virus, on Saturday April 24, 2021.

This year's tag line is again **"WALK 2 Stop HIV Stigma"**. Banish the stigma and arrest the spread of HIV.

This will be the fifteenth year St. Matthew's has registered as a Team. Registration is always FREE but if you are interested in participating as a supporter of the event with a donation, please go online to St. Matthew's Team and register as a virtual participant and donate ([Aidswalkkansascity.org](http://Aidswalkkansascity.org)); or you can also give your donation to Linda and she will register it for you. The Team will try to gather together somewhere outside and walk, distanced and with masks. Further info to follow.

Linda Gerding  
Service & Outreach Commission

**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/>



 <p><b>FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup></b> <b>MARCH</b> <b>Messenger/Calendar</b> <b>Deadline</b></p>
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## My Lenten Journey

*On Ash Wednesday, I give thanks for this Holy Season---a time of deep, prayerful contemplation. With faith, I commit to deepening my spiritual understanding and more fully expressing my divinity. I solemnly ask which habits or thought patterns are keeping me from being the person I want to be. I take time in the Silence to sit with this question, open to whatever wisdom comes to me.*

*As I consider what to give up, I also consider what I am giving to. I release old thoughts and patterns of behavior and welcome a new way of living. I release negative thinking to give myself the gift of positivity.*

*I make a sacred commitment to the process of allowing the pure expression of my Christ nature to shine brightly through and as me.*

**Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.---Psalm 37:5**

*Teresa*

*Linda Batson, Daughters of the King*



### ***Thank you***

*With gratefulness for our church family, we would like to share that 51 Birthday Bags and 9-cards were joyfully given in 2020.*

*Daughters of the King  
Prayer Group*



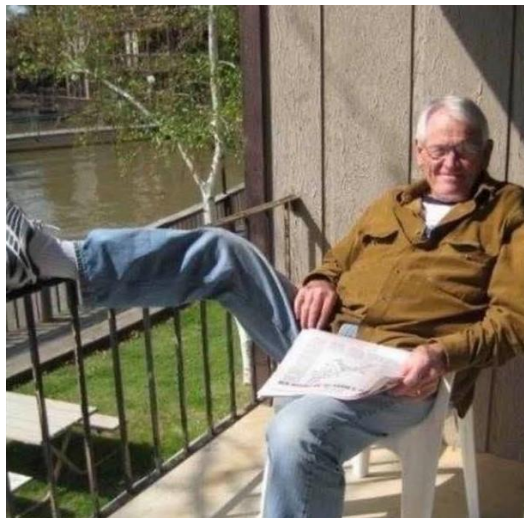
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# **ST. MATTHEW'S SHROVE TUESDAY "ZOOM" PANCAKE SUPPER**



**PLEASE JOIN US FEBRUARY 16TH AT 6:00 P.M.  
TO CELEBRATE TOGETHER SHROVE TUESDAY**

**BELOW IS CHARLIE MATSON'S FAMOUS SHROVE TUESDAY  
PANCAKE RECIPE**



**1 CUP OF FLOUR  
1 CUP OF BUTTERMILK  
1 EGG  
1 TSP BAKING SODA  
(2 SERVINGS)**

**AN INVITATION WILL BE SENT OUT WITH THE LINK TO THE ZOOM  
PANCAKE SUPPER.  
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE EVENT CAN BE SENT TO DAVE MACY**