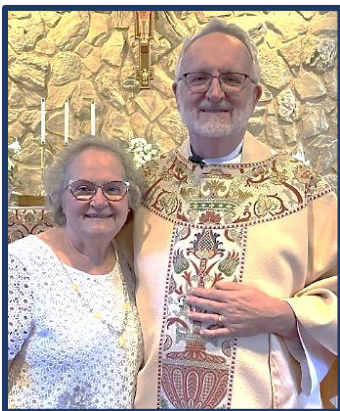


June 2024

The Messenger

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



Dear Church family,

We are still basking in the afterglow of a wonderful, joy filled service this past Sunday with the Wildwood boys and their Blue Grass gospel music. Many of us were uplifted and inspired in our journey of faith with Christ by this special service. We are so appreciative of Dave Batson and all the wonderful musicians in this talented band for their devotion to this ministry. Thanks again for sharing it with us and many people have asked for the band to come back soon.

Yes, summer has arrived and many of us will be busy with planned vacations, lawn and garden projects, or perhaps just taking it easy. Brenda and I have planned some time off this month. My mother who resides in Southern, Illinois, is rapidly failing in health and I am long overdue in my care for her with visits and support for my sister Cyndee who is her closest caretaker. We will be gone June 10-July 1 but will be in touch with those who have any special needs. On **Sunday June 16th**, our Senior Warden, Jason Brooks will lead us in Morning Prayer. On **Sunday June 23rd**, James Laney will lead us in Morning Prayer. On **Sunday, June 30th**, Rev. Barbara Wegener, who serves as deacon at the Cathedral, will be our guest celebrant and preacher, also distributing the reserve sacrament. While we are gone, please be supportive of the church and our speakers by your ever-faithful attendance and participation.

Blessings on all,
Fr Jeff and Brenda

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St. Matthew's Staff

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Service Times

Sunday Worship

Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:00 a.m.

Streamed on YouTube

Wildwood Boys Gospel Music





St. Matthew's Celebrates Pentecost

According to the Acts of the Apostles, "When the day of Pentecost had come, divided tongues, as of fire, rested on all who were gathered together, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit".

On Sunday May 19, 2024 "RED" was the color of the day to represent the "tongues of fire". There were RED vestments, RED Flowers on the altar, RED balloons, RED clothes, and RED food for the celebration meal after the service.

The congregation processed around the Sanctuary carrying their red balloons just before singing Hail Thee, Festival Day.

It was a special celebration for a very special day. Many thanks to Christina Brooks for organizing, Zella Forsythe for decorations (and her family for helping blow up balloons!) plus all the parishioners who brought their "red food" to share. Daughters of the King provided a cake to also celebrate May birthdays and anniversaries. We were all filled with the Holy Spirit on this celebration day!

Linda Gerding-reporting



A Special Article from Yael Abouhalkah & Beci Bosley



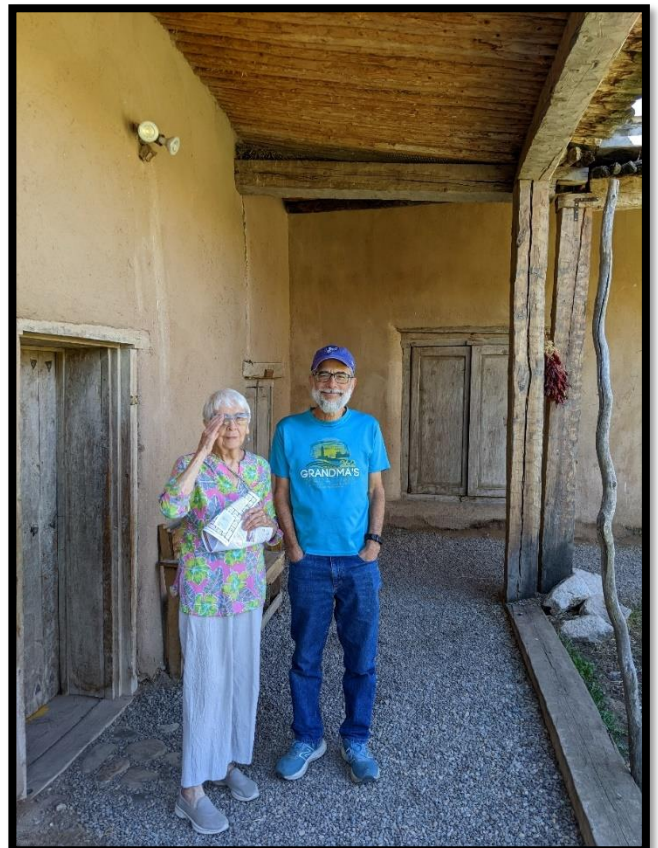
Yael and I spent some time in late April in Taos NM visiting Natalie Dake, former member of St. Matthews Parish. She is 96 years old and living in a lovely Adobe home built for her by her daughter Amy and son in law Rick. She gets around just fine and it was so great to see her. She attends St. James Episcopal Church in Taos.

The first picture with Natalie and Beci is the view from her home.

The second picture is Yael and Natalie at a Hacienda Museum.

She says hi to all of you back in Raytown

Beci and Yael





**If Just for a
Moment
in Time**

Peggy Green Ernst

*If just for a moment, brothers and sisters are we,
If just for a moment, family all are we.
And let Spirit within shine brightly our light
To instill in each day our love to new heights.*

*Our mission would unfold with greatness achieved,
As we send out much joy and our love was received.*

*We would open doors wide and welcome in
Those who seem different but are the same within.*

*If just for a moment, I could walk in your shoes
And you could walk in mine, we could see the truth.
As our compassion and love would increase every day,
Our interactions would manifest in more meaning ways.*

*If just for a moment, we are one, harmony.
If just for one moment, we are one song.
If just for one moment, we are one people.*



Linda Batson, Daughters of the King



2024 GRADUATION CELEBRATION



“MADDISON ARROYO”

May 12, 2024 was Graduation Sunday at St. Matthew’s Church for this year’s High School Senior: Madi Arroyo. Graduation themed decorations were all around and a special cake, fruit pizza, and fruits were served at coffee hour. Maddison graduated from Blue Valley North High School and had earned college credits as well. Fr. Jeff said a special blessing on Maddison as she continues to succeed. Tish and Carlos shared many photos graduation poses of Maddison for the congregation to take and invited everyone to her Graduation Open House.

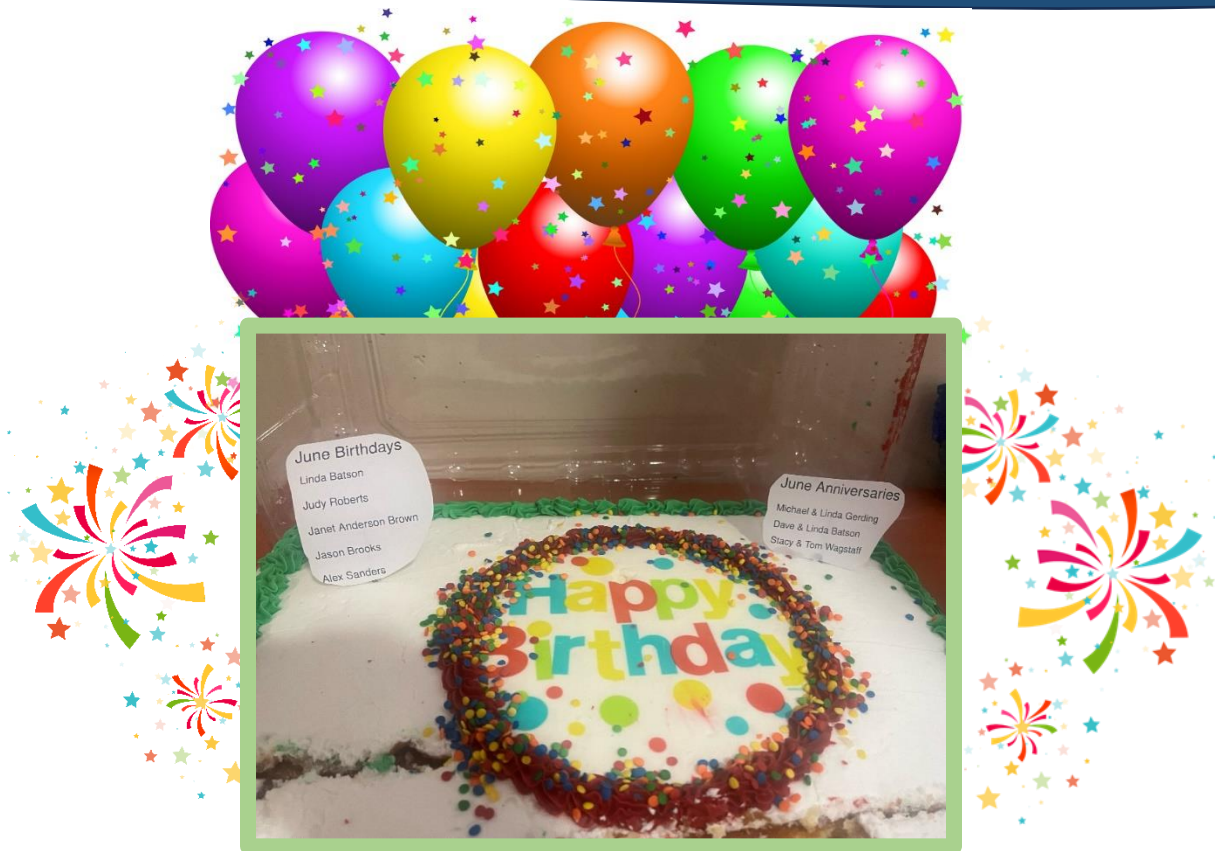
Flying Solo



On May 25th our movie was The Fall Guy, a movie written by a stunt man, about stunt men. It had the right mix of romance, comedy and action while beautifully highlighting the stunt work that go into the filmmaking process. Afterward we went to Longhorn Steakhouse where we all enjoyed our dinner and the company.

Mary





DAUGHTER'S OF THE KING CELEBRATION CAKE

June birthdays and anniversaries were celebrated with a delicious cake provided by the Daughter's of the King.



June 18th

July

Messenger & Calendar

Deadline



Online Links

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



Happy
Father's
Day

A decorative graphic for Father's Day. The text "Happy Father's Day" is written in a brown, cursive font. A black silhouette of a mustache is positioned below the word "Father's". The entire graphic is set against a light beige background.