

MARCH 2022

THE MESSENGER

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ST. MATTHEW'S STAFF

The Rev. William Jeff Hurst
Rector

Sherry Minzey
Admin. Assistant

Patti McGill
Music Director

OFFICERS

Judy Taylor
Senior Warden

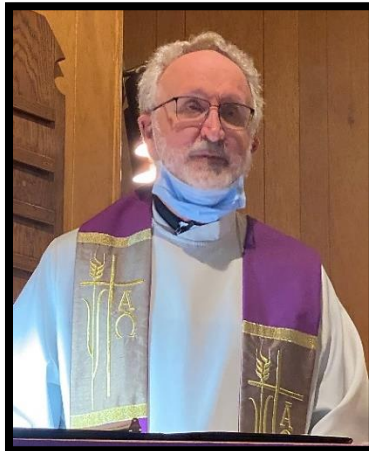
Carl Turlin
Junior Warden

David Macey
Treasurer

Linda Gerding
Secretary

SERVICE TIMES

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



Dear St. Matthew's church family,

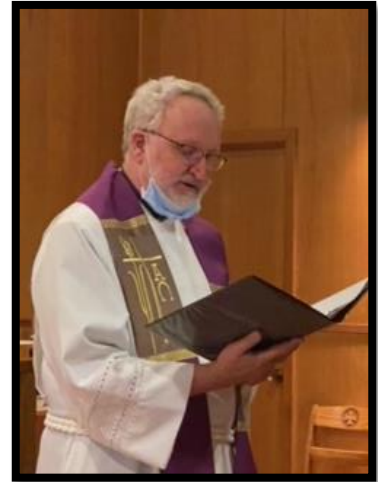
It has been my distinct pleasure to serve as your supply priest these last few months. After prayer and discernment from myself and your search committee and vestry, we have been able to complete an agreement to serve as your Priest.

My wife Brenda and I are embracing this new call with great joy and looking forward to developing connections and deepening relationships with the church family. We covet all your prayers for wisdom to lead the church to embrace a renewed vision for ministry.

As I reflect on the beginning of Lent with you, I pray we can begin an honest examination of what the church would like to become in the coming months and year. A part of our challenge is to reorient ourselves to a post Covid world. You have done well adapting and maintaining an online and in person church presence. Now we must step back into this new reality of life and church ministry with renewed faith and hope. I look forward to traveling with you and encouraging and leading as the Good Shepherd leads us all.

With love and affection.

Fr. Jeff



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 2, 2022

Thanks to our Worship Commission Chair, Barbara Wegener, the Altar Guild, and Fr. Jeff Hurst, parishioners from St. Matthew's were able to gather in-person to receive the placing of ashes, in the sign of the cross, on their foreheads. This service was not streamed on YouTube or Zoomed.

“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” And so begins the first day of Lent, the six weeks of penitence before Easter.

MANTRA: “God, be merciful to me a sinner.”

Linda Gerding



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The second annual Zoom Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was held on Tuesday, March 1st at 6:00 PM and in honor of Charlie Matson. Everyone served themselves their own pancakes, waffles, or other tasty item in the comfort of their own home. We had 13 people in attendance, including Jo Miller who tuned in from Tennessee. It was great to see everyone. Jo invited us all to come to Tennessee to help her unpack all the boxes now in her new home! Attendees included Patti McGill, Judy Taylor, Carl Turlin, Nicholas Turlin, Zella Forsythe, Charles and Mary Cease, Judy and Rick Roberts, Linda Gerding in Mardi Gras regalia, Jane Matson and guest Kathy Blount Robles, and Jo Miller. We went around the screen, so to speak, and asked everyone what their favorite pancake restaurant was. We had several votes for Waffle House and IHOP, one for Breakfast Lovers in Raytown, and a couple for places that now exist only as memories.

The event was free but everyone is welcome to make a donation to the Ushers Fund, either by putting it in the plate on Sunday with a notation "Ushers Fund" or donating online and designating it "Ushers Fund". We have great hopes that this event will be held in person next year! Thank you to everyone who attended and made this such a wonderful, fun event.

Rick Roberts
Usher



ST. MATTHEW'S 2022 NEW PARISH LEADERS

Commissioning of the newly elected Vestry members and appointed leaders of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church will be scheduled with the new Part-time Priest. For your information, the following are our new leaders and chairmen (many who have faithfully continued to volunteer in their position for many years):

Vestry Members:

Judy Taylor -Sr. Warden
Carl Turlin- Jr. Warden/Properties
Linda Gerding-Secretary/Clerk of the Vestry
Trish Arroyo- Stewardship/Worship Liaison
Beth Cook- Evangelism
Christina Brooks-Finance Committee
Dave Macey-Treasurer

Other Committee and Commission Chairs for 2022:

Finance Chair-Christina Brooks
Convention Delegates-Carl Turlin, Zella Forsythe
Alt. Convention Delegate- Vacant
Evangelism-Beth Cook
a. Flying Solo
Worship Commission- Barbara Wegener
a. Altar Guild, Acolytes, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers
Music Director- Patti McGill
a. Choir
Pastoral Care- Pat Whitmore
Telecare-Linda Gerding
Community of Chaplains- Linda Gerding, Carl Turlin, Marci Brown Turlin
Ushers- Rick Roberts
Service & Community Outreach-Linda Gerding
Hospitality- Pat Whitmore
Sunday School- Judy Taylor, Zella Forsythe
Happy Crafters-Beth Cook
Daughters of the King-Linda Batson
Women of St. Matthew's- Vacant
Men of St. Matthew's-Rick Roberts
Sexton/Clerk of the Works- Carl Turlin



As violence escalates in Ukraine, over one million people have already fled the country — and the borders are flooded with many more people desperate to leave.

Almost all of them are women and children who have had to seek safety on their own, leaving their husbands, fathers, brothers and sons behind.

As this crisis continues to evolve, we are working with Anglican agencies and our other partners to provide humanitarian assistance, and [urgently ask for your help.](#)

Your emergency gift today will support our immediate response, providing cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needs as this crisis unfolds.

Our faith networks are currently on the ground in the border areas of Poland, Hungary and Romania, and we will continue to coordinate with them in order to help those who have been displaced. Specifically, our partner ACT Alliance is helping families on the Hungarian border, and our Anglican partners are mobilizing both an immediate and long-term response in Poland, Romania and Hungary.

As you may know, helping families fleeing violence has been at the heart of our mission from the very beginning. In fact, we were established by The Episcopal Church to assist people fleeing Europe during World War II.

Today, we are counting on this faith community to join us in helping our Ukrainian brothers and sisters in need. [Please make an urgent donation to our Ukraine Crisis Response today.](#)

Thank you in advance for your compassion, and for praying for those affected by this conflict.



Yours faithfully,

Robert W. Radtke
President & CEO

Flying Solo



On February 19th, flying solo met via zoom. There were 6 people present. In honor of Valentine's Day, each person talked about the person (historical or current) whom they most admired. Our next get together will be to go to the Auschwitz's exhibit at Union station. Please contact Judy Taylor for details.



Anyone interested in learning cardio-pulmonary (CPR) please contact Beth at bcook301@yahoo.com or call 816-885-7021. I have someone who might be willing to teach the class, but need at least 20 participants for him to conduct the class. When I receive 20 participants then I will contact him and set a date. If you know others who is not a parishioner but would like to attend, please let me know.

Beth Cook
Evangelism



The Secret Recipe

When God created mothers, it was well into overtime on the 6th day.

An angel dropped by and commented, "Lord you are taking your time over this creature!" God replied, "You should see the requirements in the specification! She has one hundred and sixty moveable parts, and nerves of steel, with a lap big enough for ten children to sit on it, but she herself must be able to sit in a kiddie's chair. She has to have a back that can carry everything that is loaded on it. She has to be able to mend everything, from a grazed knee to a broken heart. And she's supposed to have 6 pairs of hands. The angel shook her head. "Six pairs of hands? No way!" "The hands are easy," God said, "But I'm still working on the 3 pairs of eyes she needs."

"Is this the standard model?" the angel asked.

God nodded, "Oh yes. One pair to look through closed doors, while she asks, "What are you doing? Even though she already knows the answer. A second pair at the back of her head, to see what's she not meant to see, but needs to know about. And, of course the pair at the front that can look at her child, let him know if he is behaving badly and had better change his ways, while st the same time letting him see how much she loves and understands him."

"I think you should go to bed now, Lord, and get some sleep," said the angel. "I can't do that," said God, "I'm almost there. I have nearly created a being who heals herself when she is ill, who can delight 30 children with a birthday cake, who can persuade a 3yr. old not to eat clay, a 6yr, old to wash hands before meals and a 9yr. old to walk, not kick."

The angel walked slowly around the prototype Mum. "It's too soft," she said. "But tough" God retorted. "You will never believe the wear and tear this Mum Will tolerate." "Can she think?" asked the angel. "Not only think, but reach wise judgments and compromises," said God, "And she can do more than that. She can forget!"

Finally, the angel ran her finger across the model's cheek, "There's a leek," she said. "I warned you were trying to get too much into her." "That's not a leek," said God. "That's a tear." "What's that for?" asked the angel. "It flows whenever she feels joy, grief, disappointment, pride, pain, loneliness, or the depths of love." "You're a genius," said the angel. God looked again at his work of art, with pride and pleasure. "The tear," he said, "is her overflow valve."

Submitted by,

Linda Batson, Daughters of the King



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/>



STATIONS of the CROSS

FRIDAY NIGHTS 6:00 P.M.

**MARCH 23rd
APRIL
Messenger/Calendar
Deadline**



**Happy Crafters
Thursdays
at 1:00 p.m.
Parish Hall
Beth Cook, Chair**

