



MAY 2020

THE MESSENGER

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Junior Warden

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Services
Cancelled due to
Coronavirus.

From the Sr. Warden



The year is moving right along despite the concerns of everyone about the Corona Virus. We are still awaiting word from the Diocese and governmental bodies on when we can regain some touch with normal behavior. In the absence of adequate testing and effective treatment being available it really presents a quandary for us. Our futures are on hold until these two issues are resolved or at least appear to be making progress toward resolution.

At this time we have the availability of a number of parishes who are providing us with live streaming services and I encourage everyone who has a computer to take advantage of these offerings. I personally have found them to be a method of attending services without the worry of infection.

We have made contact with a retired Priest who wants to still be active without the full responsibilities of full time parish work. We are fortunate and the Vestry and I will be making contact so that we will have a priest we can count on as a minimum of being a "go to" supply priest who will be committed to our parish or might be available for a "part time" position as our priest. We will have to work out the details and be ready when we can meet for regular services. We are hopeful that we can pull this together. This would be someone who would be available on a limited basis, but we would be afforded a regular person and not have to continually search for a supply priest. We will provide more details when we have them available.

We want to thank you for your patience during this period and for your support. It is a difficult time such as we have never experienced in our lives but we will get through it with God's help. Please remember that we are all in this together and will overcome this peril together. Please keep all those who have now lost loved ones in your prayer because the number has no surpassed the number of lives lost in Vietnam. That puts this in perspective.

I will close with one of my favorite verses: "Even youths will stumble and fall, but those who trust in the Lord will rise up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not be faint."

Bill Noone, Sr. Warden



Greetings from your Stewardship Committee. No, it's not time for the pledge drive. We have budget concerns and giving is a part of that. Because we are not meeting face to face, it makes giving somewhat more complicated. Checks which you might normally put into the offering plate can be mailed to Dave Macey at his home. This is simple, expedient and Dave is able to make the deposits from there into the Parish bank account and, he has a secure locking mail

box. We are concerned that items mailed to the Parish address might not be picked up. Jim Minzey does go by the church daily to check on mail, but mail delivery time from the post office can vary from day to day. Payments made through electronic bill pay at your bank are actually paid in the form of a check which would again be in the church mail box.

So, in these trying times, your gifts to the church are as important as ever because we do have ongoing expenses and we want to make sure that your payments get to the Church. Our treasurer Dave Macey has found another solution for us while we are at home. Last Friday Sherry sent out an email describing an online payment option which you might want to consider. You can access this method of payment on the Parish website by clicking on the "On Line Giving" tab and just following the directions. Dave had Sherry set this up, and then as a real challenge had Bill Noone use it. It actually worked well and did not stress out Bill's normal tech abilities too much.

We appreciate everything all of you do in your commitment to the Parish and look forward to seeing all of you in church again as soon as it is safe to do so. Thanks again.

Christina Brooks
Stewardship Committee

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

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

BENEFITS FOR YOU:

1. Give from anywhere using a computer, tablet, or smartphone.
2. No need to find a check or stop by the ATM.
3. Use your Checking / Savings Account or your Debit / Credit Card.
4. Schedule gifts to occur automatically.
5. Give to one or more funds at any time.

BENEFITS FOR YOUR CHURCH:

1. Reduces administrative work allowing more time to focus on the ministry.
2. Helps streamline receivables.
3. Increases stewardship by providing members and guests easier ways to give.
4. More regular and predictable giving makes planning easier.



Flying Solo

Flying solo met Saturday, April 25th for the first time since the shut down for the COVID-19 pandemic. As with all social gatherings now, we met by Zoom. There was a fair amount of clamor for the first ten minutes or so while we figured out how to get everyone on, eliminate feedback, and figure out how not to talk on top of each other, but we made it! In attendance in person by video was Bill Noone, Beci Bosley, Linda Gerding, Beth and Darrell Cook, Mary and Charles Cease, Jane Matson, Patti McGill, and Judy Taylor. Zella Forsythe also joined in by telephone. She is getting a WebCam with a microphone soon so she will be able to join us “in person” for the next gathering. We texted her a picture of us so she felt more like she was with us (the next best thing to being there, so to speak!) This Zoom Happy Hour gave us the opportunity to catch up on what each of us has been doing since the shut down and stay at home order went into place. We were together for about an hour and a half, and agreed it was a pretty fun experience. We plan to do it again if the stay-home order is still in place.

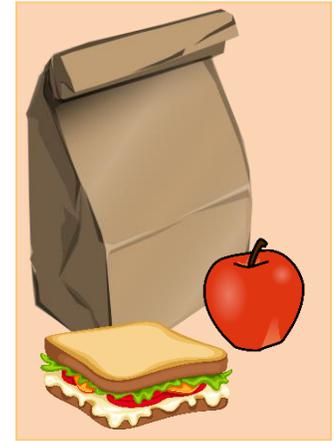


Flying Solo Happy Hour via Zoom. Pictured left to right: Charles and Mary Cease, Judy Taylor, Bill Noone, Linda Gerding, Patti McGill, Jane Matson, Beth and Darrell Cook. Not pictured: Beci Bosley who took a break, and Zella Forsythe who was on the phone.

R.E.A.P'S LOAVES AND FISHES SUNDAYS RAYTOWN SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM



As a Parish Family we have not been able to worship together since March 15, 2020. Sheltering in our homes and keeping our distance is making a huge negative impact on many non-profit organizations. For St. Matthew's, not being able to donate to REAP and The Summer Lunch Program when we attend church on Sunday's, is part of that negative impact.



Both organizations are continuing to help the needy in our community. Their programs may look a little different, but they still need OUR help to do what they need to do. The Summer Lunch Program, for instance, began handing out grocery bags of lunch type food when the schools closed. They will continue to do this, instead of making individual lunches to be delivered to neighborhoods, they will hand out grocery bags until school is open again. They won't be gathering in groups to sort and pack the lunches, therefore not needing the napkins, zip lock bags or paper lunch sacks that St. Matthew's has provided in the past.

REAP is handing out groceries as well, but needs to buy a lot more of their food than normal. Both Boy Scout Food drives have been cancelled which would usually fill their pantry for the summer months.

Since you will not be bringing donations to St. Matthew's, I offer the following information that will allow you to send them a monetary donation if you are able.

Raytown Summer Lunch

C/o Raytown Christian Church
6108 Blue Ridge Blvd.
Raytown, MO 64133
Memo line: Summer Lunch Program
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

REAP

9300 E. 75th St.
Raytown, MO 64138
Memo line: St. Matthew's
Episcopal Church

Blessings, and stay safe and well.

Linda Gerding

Community Service & Outreach



ten blessings for your home

peace

May there be peace within your walls.
Psalm 122:7 NIV

joy

May the God of hope fill you with all joy.
Romans 15:13 NIV

strength

May our Lord...encourage your hearts and strengthen you. II Thessalonians 2:16-17 NIV

success

May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.
Psalm 20:4 NIV

comfort

May Your unfailing love be my comfort. Psalm 119:76 NIV

grace

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ... be with you. II Corinthians 13:14 NIV

favor

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us.
Psalm 90:17 NIV

kindness

May the Lord now show you kindness.
II Samuel 2:6 NIV

protection

May Your love and Your truth always protect me. Psalm 40:11 NIV

love

May Your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in You.
Psalm 33:22 NIV

—Holley Gerth

Daughters of the King

Linda Batson

Thank You

Please except heartfelt thanks for the beautiful knitted gift. My family was pleasantly surprised and very grateful, and it will be a great addition to our new home. Gratitude to all the knitting/crafting ladies.

God Bless,
Fr. Orin



June Messenger & Calendar

Deadline

May 21st



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY