

MAY 2022

THE MESSENGER

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



ST. MATTHEW'S STAFF

The Rev. William Jeff Hurst
Priest-in-Charge

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

SUNDAY SERVICES ALSO
STREAMED ON YOUTUBE
AND
ZOOM



Dear St. Matthew's church family,

As I said last Sunday morning, it was a great adventure traveling with all of you during Lent, Holy Week and now this

Easter season. It was tiresome at times to get to all the meetings and be participants in those holy services, but we wouldn't have missed it for anything. Exhilarating is the word! Right now, I am relishing the sight of new tulips emerging from the ground, fresh flower buds in trees and the general sense of new life as we have entered Eastertide. I hope we all are paying attention to that newness emerging all around us and now can hear anew the words of Christ as we regroup and gather new strength on our life's journey, "Peace be with you." Shalom denotes a general sense of well-being, wholeness yes peace.

We might not be locked away behind closed doors like the apostles in last week's gospel lesson, but we have our own challenges to face perhaps regarding our health, family issues, and general uncertainty about the state of the larger world we live in. Our little church has a crew of avid workers that do so much so well! I am amazed at how so much gets done in such a short amount of time.

Considering that, I want us to consider also taking time to listen to each other, our spouses, children, grandchildren, etc. and catch all the precious moments like beautiful flowers

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we store away in our hearts. Busyness for its own sake might make us feel fulfilled for the moment, but as someone said, "Take time to smell the roses." Esteemed author, Fredrich Buechner just spoke to me in as I read "Listen to your life, see what God is trying to say to you." May we have ears to hear and hearts to understand. I hope it's a great chapter!

With Love and Affection,
Fr. Jeff

Palm Sunday

Blessing of the palms and the procession outside to the Sanctuary.



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 14, 2022

Fr. Jeff Hurst offered the ritual of foot washing as part of this year's Maundy Thursday service. For the past several years simply washing hands had been implemented. It was nice to have this option once again and a big "thank you" to the Altar Guild for their assistance.

We were also blessed to have extra singers to fill-in with our regular chorus. They sounded simply wonderful and added so much to the service: Patti McGill- Music Director, Jan Brown-Guest, Christy Brown-Guest, Carl Turlin, Marci Turlin, and Janet Anderson-Brown.

Linda Gerding-Reporting



THE "WATCH"

"Could you not watch with me one hour?" ...Jesus of Nazareth



This year the tradition of holding a vigil through the night, the "Watch", after the Maundy Thursday service, was able to be held in the Church. The Altar of Repose was serenely prepared by the Altar Guild and awaited the placing of the Monstrance, which displayed the host. The Watch was scheduled from 8:30pm to 7:30am on Good Friday.

Every time slot was filled for the Watch, with some people doing double shifts (Carl Turlin, Jim Laney, Linda Gerding). Dave and Linda Batson had good intentions to do a shift, but Dave took a fall in the parking lot after the Maundy Thursday service and they were unable to come. Prayers for them through the night were surely heard, as Dave was able to attend the Easter service on Sunday...a little banged up but doing okay.



Peace and gratitude to the following:

Fr. Jeff Hurst	Dave Batson
Janet Anderson-Brown	Linda Batson
Judy Taylor	Carl Turlin
Brenda Laney	Jim Laney
Carl Turlin	Marci Brown-Turlin
Mary Cease	Charles Cease
Linda Gerding	

Linda Gerding-Reporting

Good Friday to Easter

Good Friday's service, including the Veneration of the Cross, was held at noon this year. Some of the Congregation came forward one by one to stand or bow, then touch the cross, and offer respect for all that it represents. Stations of the Cross was held later that evening at 6:00 PM.



Good Friday Offering-Matching Grant

If you did not have an opportunity to turn in an offering on Good Friday...there is still time! Please donate online at St. Matthew's website, donate on Sunday in the plate, or mail a check to Dave Macey: 2200 NW Summerfield Dr., Lee's Summit, MO 64081. Please designate it as your "Good Friday Offering". I will be requesting a matching grant from the Diocese for donation to the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East. The Good Friday and ERD line item currently only has a balance of \$25.00. This is only one of two opportunities we have as a Parish to do "International Outreach"; let's make the most of it.

Blessings, Linda Gerding
Community Service & Outreach



“HALLELUJAH HE IS RISEN”

The Altar Guild did their magic and the church was decorated with flowers and candles and looked glorious! Flowers were provided for Parishioners to place into the holes of the wooden cross to decorate it. Zella Forsythe must have invited the Easter Bunny to the Undercroft as there were eggs and chocolate on the tables along with an Easter Basket made of frosted rolls to accompany the donuts and coffee. Other Parishioners also provided home-made muffins and fruit.

Linda Gerding-Reporting



ST. MATTHEW'S AIDS TEAM 20221

WALK 2 STOP HIV STIGMA

4-30-22

The 34th annual AIDS WALK-Kansas City was actually held in-person, after being virtual for the past two years due to COVID.

This year's tag line was **"WALK 2 Stop HIV Stigma**, and this was the sixteenth year St. Matthew's registered as a Team. Parishioners were given the information to go online to St. Matthew's Team and register and donate. Participating in the walk this year were Judy Roberts and Linda Gerding, who walked 3 miles from Volker Plaza and up through the UMKC campus.

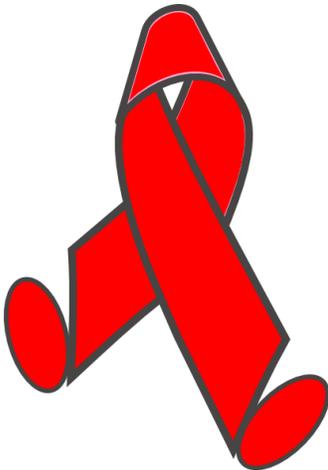
Donations totaled \$295.00 on Walk Day, with more pledged to come in.

A big "THANK YOU" to the following folks who donated:

**Janet Anderson
Jason & Christina Brooks
Darrel & Beth Cook
Jim & Brenda Laney
Rick & Judy Roberts
Carl & Marci Turlin**

**Yael & Beci Abouhalkah
Mary & Charles Cease
Linda Gerding
Jane Matson
Patti McGill
Judy Taylor**

Linda Gerding
Service & Outreach Commission





One hundred years from now
It will not matter what car I drove,
What kind of house I lived in,
How much money I had in my bank account,
Or what my clothes look like.

But one hundred years from now
The world maybe a little better,
Because I was important,
In the life of a *child*.

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"Happy Mother's Day"

Linda Batson, *Daughters of the King*

A BIG THANK YOU



A BIG “Thank You” is extended to Mike Gerding for getting the glue, tools, and doing the labor, to effectively repair the end of the first pew. It is really appreciated when the wife asks and her husband says “yes Dear”.

Submitted by Linda Gerding



Flying Solo

Flying Solo time! On May 21st, Flying Solo is planning a trip to the National Toy and Miniature Museum at 1:00 pm. Please buy your tickets online at the website below. (There is no guarantee at the door.) If you need help ordering tickets, let me know. Let me know if you plan to attend! Hope to see you there! Beth Cook

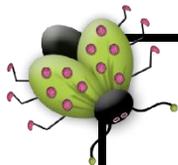
bcook301@yahoo.com. 816-885-7021

Order Tickets: <https://toyandminiaturemuseum.org/>



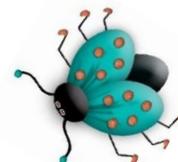
In Honor of Mother's Day

St. Matthew's will be collecting feminine hygiene product during the month of May for Micah. Please bring your donations and place them in the tub in the church narthex. Thank you for your donation! Questions? Contact Beth Cook.



**June
Messenger/Calendar Deadline**

May 20th



St. Matthew's Garage Sale

Tell your friends!

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, June 3rd
&
Saturday, June 4th



Lots of stuff!





A very special “Thank You” to St. Matthew’s wonderful Altar Guild and all the hard work they put in for Holy Week and Easter, and all the Sundays of the year. And, a thank you to those who volunteered their help.

Pictures taken by Fr. Jeff



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/>

