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THE MESSENGER

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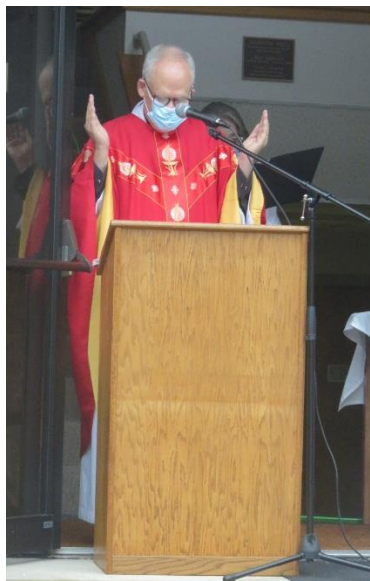
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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Services
Cancelled due to
Coronavirus.

St. Matthew's Day Outdoor Service



Fr. Mark McGuire

Hello St. Matthew's! If you were not able to attend our St. Matthew's Day service, it was God filled in so many ways! We tucked Fr. Mark under the roof and the rain stopped just in time for Communion-starting back up again during the last hymn. What was more wonderful was the congregation was able to stay dry and hear perfectly in their cars through their radios! Thank you, Judy Taylor, for your magic!! We'll have the same opportunity for the October service, which will be nice in case it is a little chilly!

We are going inside the building on November 1st! Watch for emails!



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Special Convection 2020

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD" Psalm 122:1

Special Convection 2020 - October 3rd. Unanimous vote to enable virtual annual conventions to be held if required in the future. Today at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, Missouri. Yours truly in there somewhere.....this very short convention gathering was held so that the annual convention on November 7th can be held virtually. Bishop Marty led a short Morning Prayer Service before the Special Convention came to order. Even with a mask and social distancing, it was glorious to be worshipping inside a church again.

Barbara Wegener, Delegate



November Messenger & Calendar Deadline
October 21st

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Celebrates August 30th Outdoor Service (at a Social Distance!)

This was the fourth Outdoor Service in which St. Matthew's Parish Family gathered together in the parking lot to pray and offer praise and thanksgiving to our Lord. It was Morning Prayer, and again led by our Worship Chair, Barbara Wegener. It was the 13th Sunday after Pentecost and Jim Laney delivered the Reflection. Jim focused on the Second Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome: **"Let love be genuine, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord, rejoice in hope, persevere in prayer, live in harmony with one another, and do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."** It was a good Sunday with 34 in attendance. Thanks be to God.



Jim Laney



Patti McGill Barbara Wegener



Judy Taylor



Patti McGill



Jane Matson

August 30th Outdoor Service



Pat Whitmore, Richard & Jo Miller



Jim & Brenda Laney



Grace Udeanor



Jane Matson, Rick Roberts, Beth Cook, Judy Roberts



Dave & Linda Batson

August 30th Outdoor Service



Tom & Stacy Wagstaff (Tary in back)



Virginia Sembower



Madison , Tish & Carlos Arroyo



Christina & Jason Brooks (Dominic in back)



Marci, Nicolas, and Carl Turlin



Brenda Laney & Linda Gerding



Rick and Judy Roberts

ST. MATTHEW'S COMMUNITY OF CHAPLAINS

The Laney's were hosts AGAIN, this time for the August meeting of Circle of Care, as the Community of Chaplains gathered in their quiet and beautiful backyard. We met at 8:00 am so we could be done in time to go to our homes and attend our Sunday services online. This was the second in-person gathering for the group and Brenda served coffee and Apple Fritters from Dough Boys. Chairs were again distanced and masks were worn. It was a delightful morning filled with fellowship, love, prayers for St. Matthew's Parish family, and each other.



Jim & Brenda Laney

Zella Forsythe & Linda Gerding



Patti McGill, Mary Cease, Marci & Carl Turlin

ST. MATTHEW'S COMMUNITY OF CHAPLAINS

The Community of Chaplains was able to meet “semi-outdoors” for their September 2020 Circle of Care meeting as they gathered on the screened-in porch of Linda Gerding. Chairs were again distanced and masks were worn. It was a beautiful Fall afternoon to share reports, eat some snacks, and read a chapter of Joan Chittister's Book “The Gift of Years-Growing Older Gracefully”.



L-R Patti McGill, Mary Cease, Zella Forsythe, Linda Gerding, Carl & Marci Turlin

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/>



NOW IS NEVER TOO LATE

*It's never too late to be what you might have been
It's never too late to begin again
For every moment's now, therefore it's not too late
Time's just an illusion---your mind decides your fate
Have you written your book or sung your song?
Or make the excuse---it might take too long?
Have you fallen in love or climbed that peak?
Or lie to yourself that you're just too weak?
What dreams of yours are drifting by?
The regrets you'll have before you die?
What adventures lie within your heart?
Since time is now---why don't you start?
For moments do not wait and time does surely fly
The only way to fail is if you do not try
Live the life you came to live, now's the time to start
Be present with intention---living from your heart
Dream big, dream often from the solemn vow
I'm my own fearless creator living in the now!*

By Darlene Parnell

Prayer for our Nation

"Lord, we need you! Please sweep thru this nation and heal this land, and our State. Restore our strength, renew our minds, and cast out anything that's not of You. In your Son, Jesus' name, We pray." Amen

Linda Batson, Daughters of the King



Flying Solo:

Flying Solo resumed our meetings starting in September. We kept it simple and met on church grounds. It was BYOF, bring your own food, and we all socially distanced as we ate our snacks and caught up after being away from each other for several months. October's meeting will also likely be on the Saint Matthews grounds. We are planning to have s'more's, so come along, wear your jacket and mask and plan to social distance. It's great seeing everyone again! (See photo below.)

Sunday Parking Lot Service

We had another Sunday parking lot service on Sunday, September 27. It was our first with the new FM transmitter that allows the church service to be heard in our own automobiles. It worked great and kept us all safe from the rain. Our last parking lot service before re-opening will be October 25th. Please consider joining us now that you'll be completely safe because you don't have to even get out of your car!



Front: Mary Cease

Back left to right: Linda Gerding, Judy Taylor, Janet Carney & Zella Forsythe



Bill Noone



Richard Miller (with Stacy Wagstaff)



Sherry Minzey

