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Fr. will return to ramble on
Tuesday, July 21st.

Service Schedule for the week of July 12, 2015

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
7:30 AM

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
10:00 AM

Other Services:

Morning Prayer

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, and Friday
mornings at 7 AM
Thursday morning at 7:30
AM (4th Thursday - Holy
Eucharist)

Intercessory Prayer

Monday at noon, and
Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the
Chapel

Ministry Links

The Good News

A weekly newsletter of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
July 10, 2015



Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer is offered at 7AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and at 730 AM on Thursday. The fourth Thursday at 7:30 AM is Holy Eucharist.

Did You Hear About the Change?

Our old domain name is gone so please do not send anything to Fr. Halt or to the old "info" email addresses. Make certain that you "allow" and save these new addresses:

Fr. Dave -- Rector@stmattsbldm.org

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Vacation Bible School - Starts Next Week!

Vacation Bible School will be done a bit differently this year. We want to have it as a build-up to our revamped Sunday School program, so instead of a single week, we will be holding it over a period of five Thursday Evenings beginning on July 16.

We will begin with a light potluck supper at 5:30 PM (St. Matthew's will provide the main and drink, please bring a side to share), followed by the VBS program from 6-7 PM. All ages are welcome to participate!

Our chosen curriculum is called "Praying All the Time" and uses popular children's books to teach the five forms of prayer.

If you wish to help, or register, please see Amy Halt.

Breakfast Fellowships

Will resume in August.

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM --studying The Acts of the Apostles. If you wish to eat while we fellowship and study please feel free to BYOD (Bring your own dinner).

Youth News

Join the youth group-this Sunday July 12 for a hiking trip at Merwin Nature Preserve! Enjoy a day of nature, located just outside of town! We will be meeting at the church at 12, we should be back around 4.

Good News Daily

Each week we are glad to offer a set of daily devotional readings from the Bible Reading Fellowship. These are short devotionals include references to the readings from the Daily Office Lectionary, and can be customized for each parish. Currently, we are adding the Anglican and Diocesan prayer cycles, and will be adding a parish prayer cycle in the future.

Copies may be picked up in one of the entrances or get this week's [here](#) or next [week's](#).

Rector' Vacation

Fr. Dave will be on vacation from 6-20 July. Supply clergy have been arranged. Fr. Geoffrey Scanlan, retired from Holy Trinity, Danville, will celebrate on the 12th, and Fr. Desmond Francis will celebrate on the 19th. Please contact the office or a warden in case of an emergency.

Evening Prayer

Due to Summer Schedules, Evensong will be on hiatus until the first of August.

Readings & Music for July 12, 2015

Hymns:#372, #686, #306, #490 (and others printed in bulletin)

Amos 7:7-15

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."
Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel,
saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the
house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus
Amos has said,
`Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land."

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of
Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again
prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of
the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son;
but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD
took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, `Go,
prophesy to my people Israel."

Psalm 85:8-13 Page 709, BCP Benedixisti, Domine

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has
blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly
places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world
to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for
adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good
pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely
bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through
his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of
his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has
made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good
pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to
gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In
Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined
according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according
to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope
on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when
you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had
believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;
this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own
people, to the praise of his glory.

Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of the demons cast out and the many who were anointed and cured, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Ministry Assignments for July 12 & 19

12-July

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Ann Nadakavukaren

Lector: E.M.: Diane Gardner

10:00

Greeters:

Lector: Sandy Kohlhasse

Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter, Christian Pitts, Alley Roberson

Crucifer: Alex Davingman

E.M.: Bob Kohlhasse & Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: Susan & Jeffrey Clark

19-July

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: David Hanck

Lector: E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Greeters:

Lector: Martha Carroll

Acolytes: Liam Halt, Jack and Nolan White

Crucifer: Brent Baughan

Shadow: Georgia

E.M.: Tim Leighton & Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Janet Hoffman & Dedee Champion

Birthdays & Anniversaries July 10 - 26

Conner Bennett

Linda & Craig Baughan

Elizabeth & Walter Clark

Tori Roberson

Doug Dyson

Julie Cooper

Tim Leighton

Marisa & Eric Owens

Collect for Sunday, July 12th

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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