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Last Saturday six of vestry joined with six members of the vestry of Christ the King to meet with the Bishop Daniel to discuss ministry in McLean County. Over the three hours the bishop talked about the long term Diocesan vision of being One Church made up of Geographic Parishes organized for mission in Eucharistic Communities with the goal of being concretely incarnate in the 60 counties of our Diocese. A truly lofty and worthy goal, but one with many unanswered and even unexpressed questions. The primary question is not "why", but "how"? This is followed by "what?" The bishop did not address these, but has left it to the vestries to determine. The only direction Bishop Daniel has explicitly given is for the vestries to appoint a team of 3 individuals from St. Matthew's and 2 from Christ the King under my guidance to begin discussions on a possible joint ministry in our community. This is not a merger of congregations, or vestries, or money, or buildings, but seeking a way to develop a cooperative ministry in this County. So, if you wish to be on the committee, please see a vestry member, if not, please do hold us in prayer as we seek to move forward. Finally, I think the question that we should all be asking is not even related to logistics and

The Good News

A weekly newsletter of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
September 18, 2015



Morning Prayer

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

Bible Study and Adult Sunday School

Wednesday Evening Bible Study will resume on September 23 at 6PM. We will be spending time in Genesis. Feel free to bring your dinner with you. If you wish to arrive early the Rosary is prayed at 5:30 in the Chapel, followed by silent meditation.

Children's Sunday School

For high school through nursery age are meeting downstairs. Kids begin at 9 am in the center room of the basement for a quick song and a prayer and then off to their classes - early years (roughly ages 4-7), middle years (roughly ages 8-11) and Jr./Sr. High (12-up). Teachers are eagerly awaiting your arrival!

Cooking Classes

Julaine Ingersoll will be offering a cooking class for 6 weeks starting Thursday, September 10th through Thursday October 15th in the church kitchen.

We will learn some knife skills, a healthier way to cook comfort dishes, one pot meals, and more. You will need to bring your cutting board and a good kitchen knife. There will be a small fee of \$3 to help with the food expenses. Be prepared to eat what we cook

PS - Scraps will be taken from your doll business for free and return them to you in

organization, but truly involves mission, and that is "would our community miss us if we (St. Matthew's, Christ the King, The Episcopal Church) disappeared tomorrow?"

Pray that as we discern together we will find a mutual ministry that should it ever end would be sorely missed.

Blessings,

Dave+

Service Schedule for the week of September 20, 2015

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
7:30 AM

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
10:00 AM

Evensong 5:30 PM

Other Services:

Morning Prayer

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

Rosary 5:30 PM Wednesdays.

Intercessory Prayer

Monday at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday
at 12:15 p.m., and Thursday at
10:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield
Rector's Blog

P.S. Scuncks will sharpen your dull knives for free and return them to you in 24 hours. Just ask them in the meat department to sharpen your knife.

Watch this Space!

The Rector and Vestry, in partnership with Bishop Daniel, are excited to be able to offer RenewalWorks beginning on 1 October. RenewalWorks is offered by Forward Movement and is focused on assessing and improving our Spiritual Vitality as a Eucharistic Community and as individuals. More details will follow in this space as we move toward launching this program.

Books, DVDs, Baked Goods, Oh My!

St. Matthew's next Book/DVD/Bake Sale will be Saturday, October 3rd, 8 AM - 12 noon. We welcome your donations of books, DVDs and other recordings, puzzles, games and toys. Please bring them to the parish hall and place them near the bookshelves. We welcome baked goods on the day before and morning of the sale. As always, sale proceeds go to outreach projects.

The Outreach Committee is in need of your help to set up the sale on Friday, October 2, 4-6 PM, as well as Saturday morning. To offer your help or if you need donations picked up, please call Debbie Leighton (H) 662-7478 or (W) 828-7600.

Breakfast Fellowships

Men's Breakfast will meet on September 19 from 8:00-10:00. We will meet at Kep's.

Youth Group

The Youth Group kickoff is a special event and time. Sunday, September 20th, Youth Group gathers in the Parish Hall from 1-3 PM for a cook-out - grilling, games and fun! Then, for the school year, meetings are at the usual time: 6-7:30 PM on most Sunday evenings.

Evening Prayer

Evensong is held each Sunday at 5PM.

Good News Daily

This Week's Good News Daily is [here](#).

Readings & Music for September 20, 2015

Hymns: #232, #328, #618, and as printed in the bulletin

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"
But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Psalm 54 Page 659, BCP Deus, in nomine

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

James 3:13-4:10

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, 'God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us'? But he gives all the more grace;

therefore it says,
'God opposes the proud,
but gives grace to the humble.'

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Ministry Assignments for September 20 & 27

20-Sept

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Martha Carroll

Lector: E.M.: Diane Gardner

10:00

Lector: Sandy Kohlhase

Acolytes: Liam Halt, Christian Pitts, Alley Roberson

Crucifer: Sarah Halt

Thurifer: John Stoffer

Boat: Devan

E.M.: Fr Bruce DeGooyer

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: Cris Embree & Gary Ploense

27-Sept

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Mona Johnstone

Lector: E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Lector: Dedee Champion

Acolytes: Liam Halt, Jack & Nolan White

Crucifer: Alex Davingman

Shadow: Sean

Shaw. Sean

E.M.: Fr. Bruce, assisting priest

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Janet Hoffman & Dedee Champion

Birthdays & Anniversaries September 18 - October 4

Ina Rehtmeyer
Devan Roberson
Linda Stawick
Thersa Garrison
Carol Genge
Geoffrey Kohlase
James LeBreton
Roberta Meihofer
Melinda & Daniel Laken
Karyn Smith
Robin Levine
Jane & Woodie Shadid
Roger Thomas
Reta Holderby
Charlene Wald
Julie Bennett
Gabriella Owens
Sue & Bill Jones
Jeffrey Clark
Nancy Roberts

Collect for Sunday, September 20th

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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