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## Rector's Ramblings

We have returned!

OK, that might have been a bit too MacArthurish.

It is good to be back in the old United States, although I do miss the new friends and family we have in St. Vincent.

The trip was not everything that had been planned, but it was the trip that needed to be.

We were able to do the primary work of building relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as, doing some masonry repair and rehabbing a building to serve as a chapel during construction of the roof.

It was quite fun to turn a building that had been designed and used as a restroom building into a temporary place of worship complete with altar, lectern, and seating.

Due to travel problems (Air Canada not having enough pilots) the group from Ohio was not able to get to St. Vincent, and so no labor was done on roof replacement. However, the total funds were delivered and a local contractor will remove and install the new roof. The Ministry of Housing also volunteered some materials for the project. In the end, it worked out the way God would have it.

Yours truly was kept quite busy as a Curate for two weeks as I celebrated and preached at Masses, did a funeral, some

## The Good News

July 15, 2016



### Breakfast Fellowships

Men's Breakfast will be held on July 16th at 8:00AM.

### Construction Update

By the time you read this, and if the weather cooperates, the last of the sidewalk and stairs will be poured and ready for use on Sunday. The exterior door is installed and is being painted as this is typed. We only await the install of the stained glass, some flooring to the loft, and a general clean-up. The end is in sight. We continue to be thankful that our Diocesan insurance plan is as good as it is!

### Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule

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.

### Intercessory Prayer - Summer Schedule

Intercessory Prayer is offered at 8 p.m. on Monday, and on Thursday at 10 a.m. There is no Wednesday session scheduled for the summer.

### Adult Study

When we resume we will be moving through the New Testament into the Apostolic period. We will be reading together the Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians as well as those of St. Clement to the Corinthians. Copies of St. Clement's work will be passed out on the 13th.

### Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

It's time to schedule hosts to serve from August 2016 through

visitation, led Bible study, and taught a class for lay leaders. I also learned much about parish ministry in that context and am processing how that can be applied here at St. Matthew's.

I am looking forward, however, to worshipping with you this Sunday.

See you soon.

Dave+

## Ministry Links

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

January 2017. We invite all you veterans to return to the roster, and we need some new folks, too. If you are currently scheduled as a host, we will ASSUME you'll continue UNLESS you let us know to the contrary. If you'd like to join this ministry, please do so by calling one of us or speaking with us in person. We'll be delighted to include you and will teach you. We supply beverages and ask you to bring snacks. You can keep it simple; we don't expect lunch. Thanks so much. Ann Sokan, 664-1639 and Linda Thomas, 242-7160

### **Outreach Opportunities**

Outreach Committee next meets on Sunday, July 31st, 8:30 a.m.

Our outreach committee has added another charity for the items of the month. It is The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This organization was founded in Paris, France in 1833 by a student who saw the needs of the poor going unanswered. It has grown to be international and has been in Bloomington for over 50 years. Its mission is "to seek and find the forgotten, the suffering, or the deprived." St. Vincent has a food pantry, clothing pantry, a garden for fresh vegetables, and offers emergency financial assistance. It is maintained by volunteers. They serve an average of over 8,000 families with 25,000 members each year. They are very grateful for any items we could give them.

Items requested are canned food such as tuna fish, peanut butter, green beans, corn, and lima beans. Boxed goods such as instant oatmeal, rice, macaroni and cheese, cereals, and baby diapers are always in demand.

The Outreach Committee has also decided to collect funds for St. Vincent. These funds will be sent with those traveling this summer and will be used in case of any additional expenses are incurred in the reconstruction work at St. John's, Owia. A bowl has been placed in the aisle of the Nave for this effort. As you come forward to communion, please consider placing donations in the bowl. Cash, Checks, and coins from the couch cushions will be eagerly accepted.

### **Parish Schedule for the week of July 17 - 23**

*Coffee Hour follows worship, in the Parish Hall*

Sunday-8:30a.m. - Guild of the Holy Rosary

Monday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Monday-8:00 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer

Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Wednesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Wednesday-5:30 p.m. - Guild of the Holy Rosary

Wednesday-6:00pm - Bible study

Thursday- 7:30 a.m.-Holy Eucharist

Thursday-10:00 a.m.-Intercessory Prayer

Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Office Hours: Monday - Friday: Mornings, 8:00 a.m.- noon

*If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.*

### **The Guild of the Holy Rosary**

Several of our members have formed a guild for the promotion and praying of the Rosary. The Guild has put together a devotional manual that they are eager to share with anyone who wishes. They meet at 8:30AM each Sunday and 5:30 PM on Wednesday to pray together, and invites all members of St. Matthew's to join them in prayer. Please join the Guild in prayer for our Church, our Parish, our clergy, and each other.

### **Good News Daily**

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

### **Readings & Music for July 17th, 2016**

Hymns:# 366, # 620, # 321, # 657

#### Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

#### Psalm 15

Domine, quis habitabit?

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.  
3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.  
4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the Lord.  
5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.  
6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.  
7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

#### The Epistle

Colossians 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

#### The Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

### **Ministry Assignments for July 17 & 24**

17-July

7:30

Greeters: Doug and Dede Dyson

Lector: Mona Johnstone

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter, Liam Halt, Christian Pitts

Crucifer: Sarah Halt

Lector: Alex Davingman

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis

Coffee Hour: Cooper Family

24-July

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolytes: Liam Halt, Jack & Nolan White

Crucifer: Alex Davingman

Lector: Amy Halt

E.M.: Bob Kohlhase

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Dedee Champion & Matt Matsuda

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries July 17th -23rd**

Birthdays

Doug Dyson

Julie Cooper

### **Collect for Sunday, July 17th, 2016**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have

compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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