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As a reminder, I will be leaving on August 27th for my two weeks at The Antiochian Orthodox Institute/House of Studies. We will be meeting at the Antiochian Village near Ligonier, Pennsylvania.

While I am gone we will have our regularly scheduled slate of services on Sunday. Please welcome our guest clergy to St. Matthew's by making yourself known to them and by your attendance.

Now for something completely different.

As you know the organ has been out of action during our reconstruction. As those repairs have been completed to the exterior and interior, we turned our attention to the next item of business, the organ. Recently, we had the repair techs in and it was determined that the blower motor and fan needed some additional repair. It has been removed and sent to a motor repair facility here in Bloomington. As they removed the fan assembly a large chunk of insulation fell out of the duct work. It seems this was sucked into the duct at the time of the accident.

We are preparing for the possibility of needing to have the pipes and ducts cleaned, but will know more after the motor and fan are reinstalled.

Until that time, since we are dependent upon the piano, the choir and musicians will remain

The Good News

August 19, 2016



More Reconstruction Updates

You are aware that on July 26 we had water and lighting damage at the church from a storm. We have been working to restore everything back to normal and are making good progress.

BUT... On Monday of this week (August 15) when we had another very heavy rain the water problem started again. We caught it early and were able to minimize any issues or damage.

In trying to prevent this from happening again we have run a temporary line from the sump pump out the door and disconnected the downspouts from the sewer system. To address the issue long term we are working with our plumbing contractor to identify any possible restrictions in the sewer discharge connections to the Bloomington drainage system. This will require some outside construction (digging) to gain full access to our drainage system.

Please be patient and understanding during this process.

Roy Laws
Parish Warden

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.

Christian Education

We are doing something new this Fall! Sunday School is moving to Wednesday evening, and while the adults are studying with Father Dave, children, ages 3 through age 12, will be in [Catechesis of the Good Shepherd](#) (click for more

"up front" where we have decent enough acoustics for the piano volume to carry throughout the Nave.

I will keep you up to date as progress is made.

Now, for good news the stained glass has been reinstalled and we no longer have to look at plywood! Instead we can gaze upon the parable of the sower.

Blessings,

Dave+

information). This wonderful program is a hands-on, developmentally appropriate way for them to discover Scripture, Liturgy, and Prayer. We have been working hard to create a special space for the children to meet God; we call it an "atrium"-the name used by the Early Church for the place where catechumens studied. For this year, children 3 through age 6 and 6 through 9 will be together, though working separately, and our 9 through 12 year-olds will be in another room, building, painting, and creating materials to help them discover their faith.

We are launching this program on Wednesday, September 14th, and we need your help to be ready! Please [click here](#) to view a list of donation items which you may no longer use at home or which may be found at thrift stores. PLEASE mark off items you are providing on the bulletin board so we know how complete our list is and to avoid getting too many of any certain thing.

Men's Breakfast

Will gather at 8AM on August 20th. We need a host for this event as Fr. Dave will be serving as the Chair for a Diocesan Council meeting.

Ministry Links

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

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

Wednesday at 6PM.

We are 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.

Outreach Opportunities

Many thanks for your fine generosity to our Items-of-the-Month program from The Outreach Committee! Unfortunately, our work is never done. August-September-October we will collect school supplies for Oakland School, items that will be needed throughout the school year. Here are some suggestions: Crayola crayons packs, baby wipes for hands after having peanuts, chalk, pencils, hard plastic pencil boxes, erasers (big pink ones and pencil-top erasers), markers, pens, Sharpies, highlighters. Also, soccer and playground balls, jump ropes, Lego's, puzzles, games for K--5 kids, such as Connect 4, chess boards, etc. And please continue to collect box top coupons for schools. Father Dave will be delivering supplies and coupons to Oakland School. If you want to donate funds instead, please designate "Outreach" on your envelope or

check.

Update: during this first week of classes, the first large supply was delivered to Oakland School.

Also, if you are interested in volunteering in any capacity at Oakland School, please let Fr. Dave know.

Parish Schedule for the week of August 21 - 27

Coffee Hour follows worship, in the Parish Hall

Sunday-8:30 a.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-6:00 p.m.-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 August 21, 2016

Hymns:# 364, #411, #685, # 567

Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you,

the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.
If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Psalm 103:1-8

Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.

3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not

endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Luke 13:10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Ministry Assignments for August 21 & 28

21-August

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolytes: Jack and Nolan White

Crucifer: Sarah Halt

Lector: Sandy Kohlase

E.M.: Bob Kohlase

Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis

Coffee Hour: Susan & Jeffrey Clark

28-August

7:30

Greeters: Doug and Dede Dyson

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolytes: Jack & Nolan White

Crucifer: Alex Davingman

Lector: Chrissy Stoffer

E.M.: Shelley Brenneman Carter

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Ann Sokan & Martha Carroll

Birthdays & Anniversaries August 21st - 27th

Birthdays

John Stoffer

Loren Dyson

Collect for Sunday, August 21st, 2016

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

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