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## Rector's Ramblings

I have been intrigued with the Organ cleaning being carried out this week. I knew that it is an incredibly complex instrument, but seeing the pipes laid out on the floor, or packed in crates, showed a complexity that I had only imagined. When I contemplate that that complex instrument is powered by a simple 2HP blower fan and that a trained musician can get all the complicated and different pipes to work together and make beautiful music that glorifies God I am amazed. I am also thankful that we are blessed to have such a fine instrument and musicians to help us worship.

And that is just it, the organ, the choir, the musicians are simply here to help us to worship. They are not here to worship for us, or to entertain, or to put on a concert, but to help us sing the praises of God in the midst of the great congregation (Ps. 22. 24).

In this we are like the large and complex organ, we have the trained musicians to help get the notes, yet we need a source of wind to make the music. That source is the Holy Spirit which we each receive at our baptism. May that Holy Spirit blow through us and help us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

So take a chance, sing out and let the Holy Spirit move through and in you.

Blessings,

Dave+

## The Good News

September 30, 2016



### A Challenge for the Congregation

We are pleased to report that the financial challenge has been fully addressed by the people of this parish. We just received the bill which was slightly more than the anticipated \$10,000, but the response to the challenge has been such that we will be fully able to pay this and some other related drainage/flooding expenses. Thanks be to God!

### Parish Education

We continue our Christian Formation program this Wednesday. We start with a soup and salad supper at 5:30 with classes for all ages at 6pm. There is no need to bring items to the supper, it will be provided this week. Adults will be studying Hebrews and Trinitarian Theology.

### Construction Update

The Organ has been cleaned and is in the process of being put back together. It will be tuned over the next week with a temporary blower motor. A new motor is on order and will be installed upon arrival.

### Ordination Applications

The vestry will meet this Sunday following the 10AM service to discuss the applications for ordination of The Rev. Matthew Dallman to the priesthood, and Mr. Timothy Leighton to the diaconate. If anyone wishes to have input regarding these applications you are welcome to attend the meeting until the vote is taken.

## Ministry Links

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

### Training for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Annual training will be held on October 30th at 8 & 11 AM.  
All current lectors/Eucharistic Ministers and anyone who  
wishes to serve in these ministries are invited to training.

### Diocesan News

The fall quarterly *Springfield Current* is available in news  
racks, please help yourself.

### Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule

Morning Prayer is offered at 7AM on Monday and Tuesday, 8:30 AM  
Wednesday and Friday, and at 7:30 AM on Thursday. The fourth Thursday at  
7:30 AM is Holy Eucharist.

### Intercessory Prayer - Fall Schedule

Intercessory Prayer is offered at 8 p.m. on Monday, and on  
Thursday at 12:15.

### Outreach Opportunities

August-September-October we will continue collecting 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.

The Outreach Committee will hold its **fall Book/DVD/Bake Sale**  
on Saturday, October 22, 8AM - 12PM. Please bring your  
donations of books, DVDs, VHS tapes and other recordings to the  
parish hall and place them near the bookshelves. If you need  
assistance getting your donations to the church please contact  
Debbie Leighton at 662-7478 (H) or 828-7600 (W).

### Parish Schedule for the week of October 2 - 8

*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  
Tuesday-10:00 a.m.-Quilters  
Wednesday-8:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer  
Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary  
Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Family potluck  
Wednesday-6:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study AND Catechesis of  
the Good Shepherd  
Thursday-12:15 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer  
Thursday- 7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer  
Friday-8:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer  
Friday-6:00 p.m.-Cub Scout pack meeting  
Saturday-8:30 a.m.-Women's Breakfast

Office Hours: Tuesday - 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 October 2, 2016**

Hymns: #671, #655, #541

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous--  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.  
Then the Lord answered me and said:  
Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.  
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.  
Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

Psalm 37:1-10

*Noli aemulari*

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.  
2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.  
3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.  
4 Take delight in the Lord, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.  
5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.  
6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.  
7 Be still before the Lord \*  
and wait patiently for him.  
8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.  
9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.  
10 For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake  
of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,  
To Timothy, my beloved child:  
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus  
our Lord.

I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience,  
as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my  
prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so  
that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere



faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

### **Ministry Assignments for October 2 & 9**

2-October

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: David Hanck

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolytes: Jack White & Nolan White

Crucifer: Sarah Halt

Lector: Ann Sokan

E.M.: Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Susan Clark  
Coffee Hour: Phyllis & Dave Halt

9-October

7:30

Greeters: Doug and Dede Dyson

Lector: Mona Johnstone

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter & Christian Pitts

Crucifer: Alex Davingman

Lector: Brad Bauman

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: Chrissy & John Stoffer

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries      October 2 - 8**

### Anniversary

Sue & William Jones

### Birthdays

Julie Bennett

Jeffrey Clark

Nancy Roberts

Andrew Dean

Charles Gordon

Steve Waldron

Kelly Gray

Caroline Leighton

## **Collect for October 2nd**

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth, with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Contact Information**

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