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Veterans' Day

Last Friday, I had the honor to serve as the keynote speaker for the Veterans' Day observances at both Tri-Valley High and Middle Schools. It was a privilege to address the young men and women of that community.

The focus of my address was simply on service, and placing ourselves second to others. This is effectively what our Veterans have done. Each of them, whether volunteers or draftees, stepped forward and signed on a dotted line for service before self. Each of those who served honorably deserve our respect and gratitude being willing to serve when this nation called. Whether or not we agree with the politicians and their maneuvering that brings or has brought this nation into conflict, the men and women who have served deserve our thanks.

So, what is the best way to thank a veteran? Parades, programs, and discounts are nice, but I believe I speak for most veterans when I say the best thank you is to be of service to your fellow citizens and pass on the respect and love of the freedoms so many have served to preserve.

Blessings,

Dave+

Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage
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Springfield

The Good News

November 11, 2016



Prayfully consider ...

In the time of plenty, think of the time of hunger; in days of wealth think of poverty and need. From morning to evening conditions change; all things move swiftly before the Lord. ~ Ecclesiasticus 18:25-26

It is at this time of year, that we are asked to think about the many talents God has provided us and how we can share those talents with others so that we are living witnesses to the Glory of Christ. On November 20th after the 9:30am service there will be a ministry fair. There will be tables setup in the hallway, leading to the parish hall. They will be staffed by representatives of the various ministry's here at St. Matthews. Stop by and learn discover how our parishioners our sharing their talents with others, what it means in their life and how you can volunteer to share your talents.

For further information, please contact Tim Leighton, Crissy Stoffer or Robin Levine

Thanksgiving Dinner

St. Matthew's will offer our annual Thanksgiving meal on 11/20. Sign up sheets are in the hallway by the office.

Remember on that day we will have one service at 930AM.

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.

Constitution and Canons

A new Diocesan Constitution and a new set of Canons will go into effect on 1 January 2017. Please watch this space for information on the changes made and how it impacts this Eucharistic Community.

These new Canons also effectively removed the name "Vestry" from those who are entrusted with leadership in a Eucharistic Community. This group of people is now known as the Mission Leadership Team (MLT). While still charged with maintaining the secular "business" functions of the congregation, they are additionally tasked with "...in conjunction with the Bishop and the Rector, define and carry out the mission of the Congregation in promoting the Gospel, and shall have the responsibility and authority, within the Congregation, of taking such action, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons, appropriate to carry out that mission." (Canon 37.1).

Once again the language is used to highlight that the mission of the Church is not simply keeping the doors open and worship occurring, but rather that worship is the life blood of the Church to promote the Gospel in the world around us. Evangelism is the root meaning of mission in this context.

As we transition to this new terminology, and frankly new outlook, we need to be looking for those new members of this MLT who will be elected at the next year's annual meeting. The qualifications under our canons are to be 18 years of age, confirmed, and a communicant in good standing (Canon 19.1.b).

Those who stand for election are elected from those who are entitled to vote at the annual meeting. Those entitled to vote are those who are communicants in good standing, not of the Diocese, but of the Eucharistic Community to which they have joined themselves. The qualifications for being a communicant in good standing are also dictated by the canons. Canon 35 makes it plain that the expectation of all of us is the due celebration of the Lord's Day, and attendance at Divine Services. Canon 36 states that to be a communicant in good standing means to have been "faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God...".

The Canons of our Diocese and Church, enacted by our elected delegates, continue to hold out for us high standards in our life

together. May we be simultaneously challenged and encouraged by them as we seek to fulfill the high calling given to us in baptism.

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.

Guild of the Holy Rosary

Is changing there meeting time on Sunday morning to immediately after the 10:00 service. Wednesdays continue at 5:30pm.

Silent/Secret Auction

The quilters are offering a quilt for a silent/secret auction, that Peggy Blackley pieced and the quilters have finished. ALL of the MONEY will go to THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE for their community activities. The reserve on the quilt is \$100.00. The quilt and the auction box are located in the Fellowship Hall.

- RULES:
1. Name, telephone number and \$\$\$\$\$ on bid paper
 2. Put bid in designated box
 3. All bids must be in by Nov. 25, 2016
 4. The bids will be opened and the winner notified by Nov. 26, 2016

Happy bidding, The Quilters

Outreach Opportunities

Help keep someone warm this coming winter by donating your discarded but gently used coat to the **Salvation Army's annual coat drive**. It's easy - just place the coat(s) and any used gloves, mittens and hats in decent condition into the big white box in the hallway across from Pat's office. The outreach committee will deliver them to the Army's west Washington St. headquarters. Thank you for helping those in need.

Outreach Committee meeting, Sunday, Nov. 13, 8:30, in the parish hall.

Parish Schedule for the week of November 13

Coffee Hour follows worship, in the Parish Hall

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

Sunday-8:30 a.m.-Outreach Committee meeting

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.-pot-luck supper

Wednesday-6:00 p.m.-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd & Adult
Bible Study

Thursday- 7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Thursday-12:15 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer

Thursday-6:00 p.m.-Cub Scouts

Friday-8:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Friday-6:00 p.m.-Brownie Troup

Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Men's Breakfast

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.

Good News Daily

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

Readings & Music for November 13, 2016

Hymns: #11, #672, #620, #665

Old Testament

Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Psalm 98

Cantate Domino

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the

nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *

shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *

the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *

and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *

and the peoples with equity.

The Epistle

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us.

For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise

against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Ministry Assignments for November 13 & 20

13-November

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolytes: Alley Roberson & Shelley Brenneman Carter

Crucifer: Alex Davingman

Lector: Amy Halt

E.M.: Bob Kohlhase

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: Janet Hoffman & Dedee Champion

20-November Thanksgiving

9:30

Acolytes: Jack White & Nolan White

Crucifer: Sarah Halt

Lector: Ann Sokan

E.M.: SB Carter

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: replaced by Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal

Birthdays & Anniversaries November 13 - 19

Anniversaries

Lorinda & Paul DeMeritt

Birthdays
Judy Thomson
Dedee Champion

Collect for November 13th

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them: that, by patience and comfort of the holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contact Information

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