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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

Volunteer Coordinator: Karyn Smith

Karyn has a passion for including people in ministry. She is married to Robin Levine, who is a past member of the Vestry and is currently a Lector and leads Morning Prayer on Tuesdays. She is the mother of Carlos, who lives in Colorado, and of Bella. Over the past year Karyn has been a key player in the successful launch of our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program.

Karyn's portfolio on the Mission Leadership Team is to discover and develop volunteers for our current and future non-liturgical ministries.

This fall she and Deacon Tim will be hosting a Time and Talent stewardship day highlighting our activities, describing the work of each, and the needs of each in terms of volunteers, time, and commitment.

Please see Karyn if you have a particular area of concern or a need for volunteers.

Remember this is a work in progress and please be patient as we all grow into this new structure.

In Christ,

Fr. Dave
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Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield

The Good News

August 11, 2017



Parish Education

Formal formation is on summer break. There will be informal gatherings on and off during the summer for youth and adults. Watch this space for information.

From the Mission Leadership Team

As we enjoy the new hardwood flooring around the altar, we also want to enjoy the kneelers that will protect our tender knees. The kneeler pads have been ordered and we expect delivery in mid-August. The kneelers were not included in the original cost estimate for the flooring. Wouldn't you like to participate? Include "kneelers" on your supporting check memo.

Fr. Halt's Summer Schedule

The next intensive for his PhD work will take place from 27 August to 9 September.

Fr. Scanlon will celebrate Holy Eucharist on 27 August.

Fr. Halt will be returning for the Labor Day weekend and will celebrate on 3 September.

This will conclude summer travel and absences.

Weekday Morning Prayer - Summer Schedule

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

The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

Intercessory Prayer

Intercessory Prayer is offered at 8 p.m. on Monday, and on

Guild of the Holy Rosary

Meets immediately after the 10:00 service on Sunday morning.

Serving Schedule

13-August

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Mark Gibson

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Christian Pitts

Lector: Sandy Kohlhase

E.M.: SB Carter

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Debbie & Roger Thomas

20-August

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Liz Gordon

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Alley Roberson

Lector: SB Halt

E.M.: Robin Levine

Monday Counter: SB Carter

Coffee Hour: White Family

Outreach Opportunities

ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH

Thank you for your past contributions to the Items-of-the-month program sponsored by the Outreach Committee. Our efforts continue this fall with donations to Oakland School. Items are needed for grades K-5 now and throughout the year. Some suggestions include: large washable Crayola markers, #2 pencils (sharpened), erasers, Elmer's glue sticks, regular sized crayons, boxes of facial tissues and back packs (no wheels). Many other items are needed. Please see the complete list of supplies posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. School supplies can be placed in the baskets in the main hallway.

In addition, we continue to collect "Boxtops for Education" labels found on packages of many food items. A long list of possible foods with Box top labels is posted on the bulletin board. The labels can be placed in boxes in the Narthex or on the bulletin

board. Many thanks for helping with these collections.

Parish Schedule for the week of August 13th

Coffee hour follows in the Parish hall

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I

Sunday-10:00 a.m.-Rite II

Sunday-11:00 a.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

Monday-8:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

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

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

Wednesday-8:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

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

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

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

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

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

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.

Readings & Music for August 13, 2017

Hymns: #636, #388, #398, #699, #608

Old Testament

1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave

seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Psalm 85:8-13

Benedixisti, Domine

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Epistle

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Birthdays & Anniversaries from August 13 - 20

Anniversaries

Susan & Jeff Clark

Birthdays

Bill Jones

Susan Long

Collect for Sunday August 13, 2017

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ 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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