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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

The group formerly known as "The Vestry" met last Monday and completed its transformation into the new canonically named Mission Leadership Team. The elected MLT continues to exercise responsibility and accountability for all secular operations of this Eucharistic Community. This, of course, makes them solely responsible for the financials and the physical property of the Eucharistic Community.

What is new is that the elected MLT is now directly charged with the missionary focus of the Eucharistic Community. That is with its work beyond the walls of the Nave and the Parish Hall. These members who have volunteered to serve in leadership are charged, in consultation with the Rector, to develop and implement a Mission Strategy Plan that includes both our normal weekly activities and a specific outwardly focused mission program.

In order to start the process of discerning what that outwardly focused ministry will be, as well as continuing its previous role, the MLT has reconfigured itself in terms of areas of focus for each member. Here are the areas of responsibility for each MLT member:

Sr. Warden: Shelley Brenneman
Carter

Jr. Warden: Roy Laws

Volunteers: Karyn Smith

Community Knowledge: Liz
Gordon

Planning/Operations: Matt
Matsuda

The Good News

August 4, 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

Fr. Halt will be gone the weekend of August 6th to attend the wedding of Liam's Godfather.

The next intensive for his PhD work will take place from 27 August to 9 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 Thursday at 12:15.

Finance: Jeff Clark
Building: Gary Ploense
Communications: Roger Hollis
Welcoming Ministries: Rose Adams

Remember this is a work in progress and the roles are being developed. If you have suggestions or concerns in these areas please speak with the MLT member responsible. However, please be patient as we all grow into this new structure. Further information on the specifics of each role will be published as the member responsible develops their own "job description" in consultation with the Rector and/or Wardens.

In Christ,

Fr. Dave
309-660-8515

Ministry Links

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

Guild of the Holy Rosary

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

Serving Schedule

6-August Morning Prayer

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Lector: Amy Halt

E.M.: Bob Kohlhasse

Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis

Coffee Hour: Sandy Kohlhasse & Danielle Ward

13-August

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Mark Gibson

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Christian Pitts

Lector: Sandy Kohlhasse

E.M.: SB Carter

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Debbie & Roger Thomas

Outreach Opportunities

ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH

In July we continue asking for donations for the Home Sweet Home Mission, a 100-year-old Christian organization which provides shelter and meals for the needy in our community.

Here are some suggestions: body wash, baby wipes, diapers sz. 4, razors, shaving cream, children's toothpaste, dish soap, paper towels; cooking oil, coffee, canned or jars of nuts, baked beans, fruit cups, pudding cups, dried fruit, dry milk.

Many thanks! The Outreach Committee

Parish Schedule for the week of August 6th

Coffee hour follows in the Parish hall

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

Sunday-9:00 a.m.-Outreach Committee meets

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

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-8:30 a.m.-Women'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 6, 2017

Hymns: #7, #129, #443, #542

First Reading

2 Peter 1:13-21

Second Reading

Luke 9:28-36

Birthdays & Anniversaries from August 6 - 12

Anniversaries

Debbie & Roger Thomas

Birthdays

Emily Lavikoff

Mary Kaufman

Jack Schaeffer

Dave Kaufman

Brent Davingman

Collect for Sunday August 6, 2017

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contact Information

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

