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Fourteen years ago today the unthinkable happened. I can still remember the disbelief, confusion, and anger that I felt on that day. As we remember today, let us offer prayers for our nation, our enemies, and those who suffer as a result of armed conflict.

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP 820)

O God, the Father of all, whose

The Good News

A weekly newsletter of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
September 11, 2015



Morning Prayer

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.

Bible Study and Adult Sunday School

Wednesday Evening Bible Study will not be held on September 9. We will resume on September 16 at 6PM. We will be spending time in Genesis. Feel free to bring your dinner with you. If you wish to arrive early the Rosary is prayed a 5:30 in the Chapel, followed by silent meditation.

Adult Sunday School begins this week at 9AM. We will begin by studying the Catechism in preparation for Confirmation and Reception of those 16 years old and up. This is an excellent time to learn or re-learn the teaching of the Episcopal Church.

Children's Sunday School

This week, September 13th, Sunday School begins. Adults will meet in the fellowship hall for class or choir loft for singing while high school through nursery age will meet downstairs. Kids will begin at 9 am in the center room of the basement for a quick song and a prayer and then off to their classes - early years (roughly ages 4-7), middle years (roughly ages 8-11) and Jr./Sr. High (12-up). Teachers are eagerly awaiting your arrival!

Cooking Classes Begin

Julaine Ingersoll will be offering a cooking class for 6 weeks starting Thursday, September 10th through Thursday October 15th in the church

Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP 816)

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP 823)

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [especially those for whom our prayers are desired]; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their

knives.

We will learn some knife skills, a healthier way to cook comfort dishes, one pot meals, and more. You will need to bring your cutting board and a good kitchen knife. There will be a small fee of \$3 to help with the food expenses. Be prepared to eat what we cook

P.S. Schuncks will sharpen your dull knives for free and return them to you in 24 hours. Just ask them in the meat department to sharpen your knife.

Watch this Space!

The Rector and Vestry, in partnership with Bishop Daniel, are excited to be able to offer RenewalWorks beginning on 1 October. RenewalWorks is offered by Forward Movement and is focused on assessing and improving our Spiritual Vitality as a Eucharistic Community and as individuals. More details will follow in this space as we move toward launching this program.

Books, DVDs, Baked Goods, Oh My!

St. Matthew's next Book/DVD/Bake Sale will be Saturday, October 3rd, 8 AM - 12 noon. We welcome your donations of books, DVDs and other recordings, puzzles, games and toys. Please bring them to the parish hall and place them near the bookshelves. We welcome baked goods on the day before and morning of the sale. As always, sale proceeds go to outreach projects.

The Outreach Committee is in need of your help to set up the sale on Friday, October 2, 4-6 PM, as well as Saturday morning. To offer your help or if you need donations picked up, please call Debbie Leighton (H) 662-7478 or (W) 828-7600.

Breakfast Fellowships

Fall Ladies Breakfast will be Saturday, September 12th from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Please sign up in the church hallway or email Amy Halt at adhalt@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Men's Breakfast will meet on September 19 from 8:00-10:00. We will need someone to step forward and take charge of the meal as Fr. Dave will be at a Diocesan event.

Acolyte Training

This Sunday, September 13th will be the annual Acolyte Training. We will begin immediately following the completion of the 10:00 services. We will meet in the Church Sanctuary. When we are done, there will be a pizza luncheon held in the parish hall. Participants and their parents are welcome to partake.

Youth Group

The Youth Group kickoff is a special event and time. Sunday, September 20th, Youth Group gathers in the Parish Hall from 1-3

afflictions. And this we beg for
Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. (BCP
814).

Blessings,

Dave+

 **Service Schedule**
for the week of
September 13, 
2015

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
7:30 AM

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
10:00 AM

Other Services:

Morning Prayer

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday mornings at 7 AM
Thursday morning at 7:30 AM
(4th Thursday - Holy Eucharist)

Rosary 5:30 PM Wednesdays.

Intercessory Prayer

Monday at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday
at 12:15 p.m., and Thursday at
10:30 a.m. in the Chapel

 **Ministry Links** 

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

PM for a cook-out - grilling, games and fun! Then, for the school
year, meetings are at the usual time: 6-7:30 PM on most Sunday
evenings.

Evening Prayer

Evensong will resume on September 13th at 5:30 PM.

Readings & Music for September 13, 2015

Hymns: #405, #448, #318, #675

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Psalms 116:1-8 Page 759, BCP

Dilexi, quoniam

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- 4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The LORD watches over the innocent: *

I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD *
in the land of the living.

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Ministry Assignments for September 13 & 20

13-Sept

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: David Hanck

Lector: E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Lector: Chrissy Stoffer

Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter, Jack & Nolan White

Crucifer: Alex Davingman

Shadow: Hally

E.M.: Fr. Bruce, assisting priest

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Pitts & Leightons

20-Sept

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Martha Carroll

Lector: E.M.: Diane Gardner

10:00

Lector: Sandy Kohlhase

Acolytes: Liam Halt, Christian Pitts, Alley Roberson

Crucifer: Sarah Halt

Thurifer: John Stoffer

Boat: Devan

E.M.: Fr Bruce DeGooyer

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: Cris Embree & Gary Ploense

Birthdays & Anniversaries September 11 - 27

Jim Cooper

Ray Durham

Stephanie Meihofner

Bella Levine

Kim Bray

Ina Rehtmeyer

Devan Roberson

Linda Stawick

Thersa Garrison

Carol Genge

Geoffrey Kohlhase

James LeBreton

Roberta Meihofner

Melinda & Daniel Laken

Collect for Sunday, September 13th

Collect for Sunday, September 15th

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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