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This has been a bit of a crazy week.

I came in on Monday morning after getting alarm fault calls to discover that we suffered some damage from the storm on Sunday night. There was water back-up in the addition and wet carpet in the elevator lobby in the basement.

The standing water was quickly dealt with and all the furniture put up on tiles to prevent damage. Carpets had the water extracted, drying units were deployed, and the floors were all sprayed with sanitizer.

We also took a lightning strike on our walnut tree that shorted out our thermostat and alarm system. These have been repaired and we are awaiting parts for the second compressor for the sanctuary. We do have AC in the sanctuary, but not at full power.

We are fully insured, and the damage will be repaired in a timely manner. (This is easier than the auto claim from October).

Unfortunately, due to the need to replace a module, the elevator will be inoperable this week.

I wish to thank Roger, Bob, Roy, Gary and Liam for their quick response and willingness to do whatever it took to get us in working order this week. It was a true team effort.

This week, when asked to give thanks, we should remember those who work hard for us to have a

The Good News

July 29, 2016



Construction Update

We are simply awaiting the arrival of the capstone for the new ledges, cork flooring for the stairs to the loft, hand rails for outside, and the installation of the stained glass window.

Thank you to Roger Thomas, Gayle Thomas, and Bob Kohlhasse for all their work.

Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule

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.

Intercessory Prayer - Summer Schedule

Intercessory Prayer is offered at 8 p.m. on Monday, and on Thursday at 10 a.m. There is no Wednesday session scheduled for the summer.

Adult Study

Wednesday at 6PM.

We are moving through the New Testament into the Apostolic period. We will be reading together the Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians as well as those of St. Clement to the Corinthians. Copies of St. Clement's work will be passed out.

Outreach Opportunities

Outreach Committee next meets on Sunday, July 31st, 8:30 a.m.

Many thanks for your fine generosity to our Items-of-the-Month program from The Outreach Committee! Unfortunately, our work

place in which to worship, and for the fact that we live in a society that has things like insurance. While we all have stories of difficulties with insurance companies, at least we have them. In so many places, what we experienced in this storm would leave church in a mess without the financial resources to repair/renew for perhaps years.

I think of Tabora and the fires last year at the secondary school, and Holy Name (Sandy Bay, St. Vincent) which sustained \$100,000 in damage during Hurricane Tomas in 2010 and is still worshipping in the basement due to the destruction of its sanctuary.

So, while we may not like to pay the premiums, let us give thanks for insurance, and let us remember those who lack.

Blessings,

Dave+

Ministry Links

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

is never done. In August we will collect 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 coupons for schools. Father Dave will be delivering supplies and coupons to Oakland School.

Parish Schedule for the week of July 31 - August 6

Coffee Hour follows worship, in the Parish Hall

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

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

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

Wednesday-6:00 p.m.-Bible study

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

Thursday-10:00 a.m.-Intercessory Prayer

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

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.

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 July 31st, 2016

Hymns:# 366, #705, # 314, # 594

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Psalm 49:1-11

Audite haec, omnes

1 Hear this, all you peoples;
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?

6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;

7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,

8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.

9 For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Ministry Assignments for July 31 & August 7

31-July

7:30

Greeters: Doug and Dede Dyson

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolytes: Chris Bennett, Shelley Brenneman Carter, Sarah Halt

Crucifer: Collin Bennett

Lector: Ann Sokan

E.M.: Shelley Brenneman Carter

Monday Counter: Roy Laws
Coffee Hour: Roger & Debbie Thomas

7-August

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: David Hanck

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter and Liam Halt

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Lector: Brad Bauman

E.M.: Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Kathryn Morris

Birthdays & Anniversaries July 31st -August 6th

Anniversaries

Julie & Jim Cooper

Debbie & Roger Thomas

Birthdays

Allan Horsman

Kiri Palm

Jenny Pitts

Zach Davingman

Collect for Sunday, July 31st, 2016

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.

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