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This Week's Readings

## Rector's Ramblings

We will return on July 9 and desire your prayers for our travel, and especially for our renewal in the work of Christ.

May God bless you all.

In Christ,

Fr. Dave  
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## Ministry Links

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

## The Good News

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### 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.

### Mission Leadership Team Meeting

The Mission Leadership Team met on Monday 6/5. Among the items for discussion were requests from Building and Grounds for a couple of maintenance items including replacing lighting in the parish hall with energy efficient fixtures and striping the parking lot. They also discussed finishing the sound system update and installing a new video projector in the parish hall. These items were approved.

Lay members of the MLT initiated a discussion of creating a cry room on the west side of the narthex for our younger members. It was decided to commence a research program to assess the feasibility, cost, and impact of this idea.

Finally, there was agreement on an organizational chart to guide the MLT in their work. Members of the MLT will choose an area of specialization for their work as a part of this body in keeping with the Bishop's mission vision. Once all positions are assigned, we will communicate who is responsible and what those responsibilities include.

### Breakfast Fellowships

Men's Breakfast will meet on July 15 at 8AM in the Parish Hall.

Women's Breakfast resumes in September.

## **Fr. Halt's Summer Schedule**

Fr. Dave will be in and out quite a bit during the Summer. He will be working with the St. Michael's Conference from the afternoon of the 11th-17th of June. He will also travel to Tabora with the Bishop and several from St. Matthew's from the 26th of June-10 July. Services on the 2nd of July will be lead by Fr. David Wells and Deacon Tim will lead on 9 July.

The next intensive for his PhD work will take place from 27 August to 9 September. He is working on arranging coverage at this time.

## **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.

## **Guild of the Holy Rosary**

Meets immediately after the 10:00 service on Sunday morning and Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

## **Serving Schedule**

9-July - Morning Prayer

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Liz Gordon

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Lector: Bob Kohlhase

Monday Counter: SB Carter

Coffee Hour: Leightons & Pitts

16-July

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Brent Baughan

Lector: Ann Soka

E.M.: Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Roy Laws  
Coffee Hour: Janet Hoffman & Dedee Champion

## **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

## **Coffee Hour Schedule**

It's time to update the Coffee Hour schedule for August 2017 through January 2018. Many, many thanks to our faithful hosts - may we count on you again?

We will assume current hosts will continue to serve UNLESS we hear from you to the contrary.

There's always room for new hosts on the schedule. Please consider joining this important ministry. We will train you.

Please know we don't ask for an elaborate spread of treats, though you're welcome to provide one. Simple snacks and a cold drink are sufficient. St. Matthew's provides coffee, tea, creamer & sugar, dishes, tableware, and napkins.

Please contact: Ann Sokan, 644-1639 or Linda Thomas, 242-7160.

## **Parish Schedule for the week of July 9th**

*Coffee hour follows worship in the Parish hall*

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

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

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

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

Tuesday-7:00 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 July 9, 2017**

Hymns: #11, #516, #692, #646

### **Zechariah 9:9-12**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

### **Psalm 145:8-15**

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*

he lifts up those who are bowed down.

Matthew 11:16-30

"But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'we played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries from July 9 - 15**

### *Anniversaries*

Linda & Craig Baughan

### *Birthdays*

Conner Bennett

## **Collect for Sunday July 9, 2017**

O God, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by

loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Contact Information**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

