

# *St. Matthew's Companion*



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## *Pastoral Ponderings*

The month of November begins and ends with celebrations of thanksgiving. On November 1, we give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us, both those known and those unknown. For many, November 2 is a time to give thanks and remembrance for family and friends who have died in the Lord on All Souls' Day, or All the Faithful Departed.

In these two days, we reflect on people who have been role models for us, those who have inspired our walk with God. For me, as well as many others, these role models begin with our parents. My father was a major influence in my life, both in family life and, now, as a priest. In addition to close family members, there are many others who have guided our lives, even when they were unaware of the impact they may have had on us. It may have been a teacher, a coach, or someone we knew in the community. There are also the great saints of the church who have been guiding lights for us. Whether it is one of the evangelists or one of the other followers of Jesus, their examples have guided us through our lives.

The other bookend of the month is the national holiday of Thanksgiving. This is another opportunity to remember people in our lives who have helped us attain all we have in our spiritual and national lives. When I was teaching a course on religion in the history of the United States, I drew the comparison of holidays like this to the holy days of the church. These can be sacred times for families, as we act out our rituals of gathering for meals and, perhaps, a little football. Each family has its own set of traditions surrounding this holiday which are grounded in our family cultures.

As we spend time this month remembering those who have been the guiding lights of our families, church, and nation, let us remember those who do not have these opportunities to share with friends and loved ones. Let us carve out a little time to give thanks for those who have made our lives special, especially those who never knew the impact they had on us. And then, as this month comes to an end and we turn our focus to a new year in the church calendar and the countdown to Christmas, let us give thanks to the One who truly made all of this possible - Jesus Christ.

Rev. Chandler Jackson  
Priest in Charge

***Please Note: Daylight Savings Time ends November 3***

## COMMUNITY DINNERS FOR NOVEMBER



November 6	Chili
November 13	Baked Potato Bar
November 20	Two Soups
November 27	Closed for Thanksgiving

### ***Election Night Prayer Service***

There will be a prayer vigil on election night, November 5, 6:30-7PM led by Pastor Becky. The church will be open during the day for anyone to come in and pray for our nation.



## *From the Computer of the Bishop's Warden*

So here we are in November and almost at the start of a new church year (The Advent season begins in December). Because we have Thanksgiving this month I wanted to share some ideas about what we should be thankful to God for. The list is not in any special order and I will not try to explain each idea as I am certain they will be different for each of us.

Be thankful to God for:

1. The free gift of salvation.
2. The fact that we are not alone.
3. The hope He gives us.
4. His unconditional love.
5. Every persecution is a blessing.
6. He is sovereign.
7. His goodness.
8. He is always with us.
9. For His provision.
10. A new citizenship in heaven.
11. His grace and mercy.
12. His word.
13. Prayer.
14. Sanctification.
15. His Protection.

Finally, when we were on vacation recently I liked this sign:

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR  
even if they don't:

LOOK LIKE YOU  
THINK LIKE YOU  
LOVE LIKE YOU

PRAY LIKE YOU  
SPEAK LIKE YOU  
VOTE LIKE YOU

In Christ's love,

Rob Barns  
Bishop's Warden

***IT'S HERE!!!***

***FALL BAZAAR - NOVEMBER 16TH***

Come be a part of the bazaar. Bake some cakes, cookies, pies or whatever your special recipe may be. Make a fall or Christmas decoration or an item for the home. We also ask that you price your items. There will be a list for baked goods and prices available.

So save the DATE, plan to COME, BUY a raffle ticket for the quilt (even if you don't need one it makes a great gift) have some lunch and a good time. Who knows you might WIN one of the door prizes given every half hour. Invite everyone you know and even those you don't know.

Set up will be on Friday, November 15 at 9:00am. Bring your ALREADY PRICED items then and help us prepare to welcome our friends and neighbors.

Thank you, Lisa Barns

***Reports from the Bishop's Committee for August.***

Bishop's Committee  
August 4, 2024  
Minutes

Present: Fr. Chandler Jackson, Rob Barns, Debbie Smith.

Fr. Jackson opened the meeting at 11:22 am with prayer and a devotion on the Collect for Proper 13.

Discussion - At a previous meeting, George asked: What would we do if we had \$50,000 in the bank? We came up with the following ideas:

- Purchase a van to provide rides for people who cannot get out to our location
- Have a table or food trailer on the square or in the park when there are events
- Participate in the Ozark Community Fair at the OC and at the similar event in Nixa to advertise our services and our ministries
- Look at the youth program in Lebanon to see if there is something there we could mirror
- Laundry Day - provide detergent and quarters for people at the laundromat once a month

Having had a month to think about these ideas, are there other ideas we might want to pursue? What might be our next steps?

Most of the discussion focused on Laundry Day. We could do this at the laundromat on the third or fourth Saturday of each month, providing laundry detergent, fabric softener, and quarters for the machines. We can write a grant to the Diocesan Central Granting Committee for funding. We would need a few volunteers each month to greet people and hand out supplies. Advertising - flyers could be placed at Least of These and Family

Services, as well as at the laundromat. Lisa offered to check with the laundromat to see if they were ok with us doing this.

Other discussion was on participating in the Ozark Community Expo on Sept. 7, 9am-3pm. We have flyers to hand out. Cookies could be offered. We need to check on cost to participate. **We will have a brief meeting after service next week (Aug. 11), to make any decisions on this.**

Rob suggested another idea - asking the school district if they had any projects a small group of volunteers could do. He will check with them.

#### Reports:

Secretary - June minutes - Debbie moved and Rob seconded motion to approve minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer - Debbie moved Rob seconded approval of the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Warden - "In awe that we, St. Matt's, keep going." He is eternally grateful to all.

Priest - On the road this week to Kansas City for various meetings and activities. I'll be back Wednesday evening. Deanery Council was held yesterday at Grace, Carthage where 15 of the 18 churches were represented. The Bishop Search Committee has completed their work and announced the slate of four candidates. Please read their biographies and other information on the diocesan website and plan to attend the Meet and Greet at Christ Church Springfield at 6:00 on September 17. Give your feedback and impressions to Lisa and/or Chandler as they are our voting delegates at convention.

Diocesan Convention will be November 8 and 9 with the business meeting on Friday and the voting for our next bishop on Saturday. Clergy and lay vote separately and the election requires a majority from both groups on the same ballot.

#### Old Business:

a. Audit - Ron Weil, the diocesan finance administrator met with us. He was very pleased that we had followed his suggestions from last year and had only one suggestion this year - that the Bishop's Committee pass a "Common Transactions" document authorizing the treasurer to pay OPC and Gary each month, even though we don't receive invoices from them.

New Business: None.

#### Calendar -

Least of These Food Bags collection will be begin on September 8 and wrap up on October 6. They will bring us the bags ahead of time so we can collect food and money to support them. They will come after Oct. 6 to pick everything up.

Our next meeting will be September 8 at approximately 11:15, after the potluck dinner. This is a week later than normal because of the Labor Day holiday. It will not be hybrid.

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Smith, Secretary

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD	BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	9986.04	9627.05	6973.67	7116.56	8915.19	8333.20	9716.70	9391.23						
<b>INCOME</b>														
Giving Estimates	3052.00	1980.00	3401.12	3252.00	4415.00	3220.00	3002.00	2105.00					24427.12	33400.20
Ministry	150.00	287.98	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00					1337.98	1800.00
Extras	32.50	860.00	253.01	381.63	36.73	17.00	0.00	0.00					1580.87	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	3234.50	3127.98	3804.13	3783.63	4601.73	3387.00	3152.00	2255.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27345.97	35200.20
<b>EXPENSES:</b>														
OPERATIONS:														
Diocese	375.99	375.99	751.98	0.00	751.99	0.00	375.00	375.99					3006.94	4511.88
Clergy	1312.50	1312.50	2625.00	0.00	2625.00	0.00	1312.50	1312.50					10500.00	15750.00
OPC	1500.00	3000.00	0.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00					12000.00	18000.00
Misc.	0.00	130.39	0.00	80.00	0.00	0.00	19.97	0.00					230.36	0.00
Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					0.00	0.00
Insurance	0.00	188.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	208.50	0.00	0.00					396.50	752.00
USPS #704	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					0.00	193.00
Total Operations	3188.49	5006.88	3376.98	1580.00	4876.99	1708.50	3207.47	3188.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26133.80	39206.88
MINISTRY:														
Altar Guild	0.00	17.98	253.01	0.00	36.73	0.00	0.00	83.54					391.26	600.00
Organist	405.00	472.50	0.00	405.00	270.00	270.00	270.00	270.00					2362.50	3900.00
Day by Day	0.00	0.00	31.25	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00					56.25	100.00
Continuing Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					0.00	300.00
Convention	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					0.00	200.00
Music License	0.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					120.00	120.00
Total Ministries	405.00	610.48	284.26	405.00	306.73	295.00	270.00	353.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2930.01	5401.13
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	3593.49	5617.36	3661.24	1985.00	5183.72	2003.50	3477.47	3542.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25521.78	44608.01
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	9627.05	6973.67	7116.56	8915.19	8333.20	9716.70	9391.23	5649.20						(9407.81)

# *St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*

November 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Online services are via the St Matthew's Facebook page. Wednesday evening meals and service are downstairs at the church.					<b>1</b> <i>All Saints' Day</i>	<b>2</b> 8A Men's Breakfast at OCC 9A Women's Breakfast Village Inn, Ozark
<b>3</b> <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i> 9A Holy Eucharist – IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Coffee Hour 10:30A Christian Education 11:15A Bishop's Committee	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 12:30P Quilters 6:30P Prayer Vigil	<b>6</b> 5-6:30P Dinner 6:45P Evening Prayer CHURCH & ONLINE	<b>7</b> <i>Loyal BD</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9A Holy Eucharist – IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Coffee Hour 10:30A Christian Education	<b>11</b> Noon Jubilee Group	<b>12</b> 12:30P Quilters	<b>13</b> <i>Smith AN</i> 5-6:30P Dinner 6:45P Evening Prayer CHURCH & ONLINE	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9A Bazaar Set-up	<b>16</b> 10-2 BAZAAR
<b>17</b> 9A Holy Eucharist – IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Coffee Hour 10:30A Christian Education	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 12:30P Quilters	<b>20</b> 5-6:30P Dinner 6:45P Evening Prayer CHURCH & ONLINE	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9A Holy Eucharist – IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Coffee Hour 10:30A Christian Education	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 12:30P Quilters	<b>27</b> 5-6:30P Dinner CANCELLED NO Evening Prayer	<b>28</b> <i>Thanksgiving</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <i>St. Andrew</i>

### *The Bishop's Committee:*

Rev. Chandler Jackson, Priest	Debbie Smith, Secretary
Robert Barns, Warden	George Keller, Member
Vacant, Treasurer	

### *Church Staff:*

Rev. Chandler Jackson, Priest in Charge  
Gary Bancroft, Organist