

St. Matthew's Companion



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Pastoral Ponderings

As May ended and June begins, we are entering a new era of livestreaming our services. Effective May 25th, our Sunday services moved to YouTube from Facebook. Why did we do this and what does that mean for you?

We (along with many other churches) have noticed problems with Facebook over the past few months. They have adopted a policy that videos are only stored for one month and then disappear. Beyond that, the stability of our connection, which may be more on our end than theirs, caused livestreams to end mid-service. YouTube is a more stable platform and, at least for now, doesn't have the issues we were experiencing with Facebook. We will continue livestreaming Wednesday evening services on Facebook for the foreseeable future.

What does that mean for you? Actually, we expect you will have a better experience viewing the services through YouTube. One advantage is that you can view it on your smart TV in most cases. You don't need to subscribe to YouTube - it is available free of charge when you click on the link from our webpage or you search for St. Matt's Ozark on YouTube.

This change was made possible through an agreement with Ozark Presbyterian Church as the two congregations worked together upgrading the AV equipment in the sanctuary. The sound in the sanctuary is much clearer and controllable from the back of the church. We are also sharing the video setup with the camera above the door entering the sanctuary. This camera can be focused on the altar, the lectern, or even on Gary at either the organ or the piano. Thanks to James Marbut, Rob's and Lisa's grandson, we have a well-qualified person operating this equipment.

Please let us know what you think of the new system, our livestreams, and how things work from your perspective. The quality of our livestreaming production can have a positive effect on reaching out to people who are unable to attend in person and their experience is important to us. We look forward to reaching new people with this service.

Rev. Chandler Jackson
Priest in Charge

COMMUNITY DINNERS FOR JUNE



June 4	Sloppy Joes
June 11	Baked Potato Bar
June 18	Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
June 25	Chicken Tetrazzini

Stewardship Notes

Occasionally, we will include articles on stewardship. The article offered here is the first of these.

Contemplating Stewardship - Love, Wisdom, & Courage

Three simple words: love, wisdom, & courage. Love is to lead with your heart, wisdom is to expand your vision, and courage is to be fully present.

Love, "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." [John 4:8]. Our hearts are wired for love and connection, it is our deepest need and our greatest power. Love is the lens through which we see great possibilities. To love unconditionally means to bring fearless

energy to challenges you face without judging them, loving unconditionally has no concern for self. Leading with your heart means leading with genuine integrity and sincerity. It's about having pure motives and acting in accordance with God's principles. It involves having compassion for those you lead, understanding their needs, and showing empathy for their struggles. This aligns with Jesus's example of servant leadership, which is about serving others, not seeking power or recognition. Leading with your heart means putting the needs of others before your own and approaching leadership with humility; a heart that is transformed by God's love and guided by His wisdom.

Wisdom, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." [Proverbs 4:7]. "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere." [James 3:17]. To see the most beauty (and possibilities in our lives), we must pursue wisdom. Wisdom is the deep truth about who you are, why you're here, and what's possible in your life. Wisdom and an expansive vision go together.

Courage is being fully present; "be still, and know that I am God." [Psalm 46:10]; recognizing and acknowledging that God is always present, having a heart that is turned toward God, in prayer, in thought, and in action. Highlighting the importance of setting aside distractions when interacting with others; focusing on the present moment, rather than dwelling on the past or worrying about the future. It is about living a life that is centered on God characterized by love for others and grounded in the present moment.

Someone once said, Stewardship is using the gifts God has given us to do the work He is calling us to do.

In Memory of Sue Walberg

The family suggests that memorial gifts for Sue be donated to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



*From the Computer of the
Bishop's Warden*

Love your neighbor
even if they don't:

LOOK LIKE YOU

PRAY LIKE YOU

THINK LIKE YOU

LOVE LIKE YOU

SPEAK LIKE YOU

VOTE LIKE YOU

Just some thoughts as we are almost through 2025. While the above sayings might not be strictly or solely religious, I believe they are values which can and should be shared by all. May we all strive to live by them each and every day.

In Christ's love,
Rob

Reports from the Bishop's Committee for April

Bishop's Committee
April 6, 2025
Minutes

Present: Fr. Chandler Jackson, Rob Barns, George Keller, Betty Gloyd.

Fr. Jackson opened the meeting at 10:57am with a reading from Matthew Kelly's "Holy Moments. Matthew is a native of Australia and has been writing and leading seminars since he was a teenager. In the reading, "Awakening: More to Offer", he speaks to our sense that we have more to give, but do not know what that might be.

Discussion - Fr. Chandler invited everyone to stay for this discussion. He summarized all that Loren Mead discussed in his book *The Once and Future Church*. Here, Mead lays out a little history of the church since the Apostolic Age and how change has impacted the people in the church as conditions change. The discussion was on how we are to react to the Post-Christendom paradigm we are in today. While we may not have come to any specific answers, we are a wide ranging discussion of things we can do, and information we may need to help us going forward.

Reports:

Secretary - March minutes - Rob moved and George seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion passed.

Treasurer - The March financial report was presented. Rob pointed out one correction that is needed - the organist pay should be \$337.50 for the month of March. That will change the totals. George moved and Betty seconded that the financial reports be accepted as revised. Motion passed.

Warden - Nothing

Priest - Vacation was wonderful. My trip to Boonville to research the history of that church was very fruitful. Still busy working on the Consecration service. Registrations are now over 600 for attendance in Kansas City. Also, please register for the reception in Springfield on May 10.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Calendar -

Holy Week schedule:

April 13 - Palm Sunday.

April 16 - Normal Wednesday evening schedule.

April 17 - Maundy Thursday service at 6:30.

April 18 - Good Friday Stations of the Cross and service at 6:30.

April 19 - Holy Saturday service at 9:00 am and Great Easter Vigil at 6:30.

April 20 - Easter Sunday with brunch between services with the Presbyterians.

May 3 - Consecration for Bishop-elect Amy at the Cathedral. Please register.

May 10 - Reception for Bishop Amy and her family at Christ Church, Springfield at 11:00.

Our next meeting will be postponed until May 11 due to the Consecration on May 3rd. It was suggested that, since this is Mother's Day, we might not want to have a brunch.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Chandler Jackson for
Debbie Smith, Secretary

Bishop's Committee Special Meeting
April 13, 2025
Minutes

Present: Fr. Chandler Jackson, Rob Barns, George Keller, Betty Gloyd, Debbie Smith.

Meeting opened at 10:04.

This meeting was called to approve funding for the audio/visual upgrades we are undertaking with OPC. The total cost of the project is \$4357, which will be divided evenly between the two churches. Fr. Chandler presented a proposal that we pay for our half of \$2178.50 in the following manner.

Apply for a grant from the Diocese for \$1500.00

Use \$303.00 from the Men's Breakfast Fund

Use \$349.00 from the Building Fund

The remaining \$26.50 would come from the General Fund

Betty moved and Debbie seconded a motion to do this and use these funds. The motion passed.

Rob will submit the grant application and arrange with OPC for the payment of funds to them for the project.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16.

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Chandler Jackson for
Debbie Smith, Secretary

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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

June 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Online services are via the St Matthew's YouTube channel and the Wednesday services are on the Facebook page. Wednesday evening meals and service are downstairs at the church.						
1 9A Holy Eucharist – IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Brunch 11:15A Bishop's Committee	2 <i>Luke BD</i>	3 12:30P Quilters	4 5-6:30P Dinner 6:45P Evening Prayer CHURCH & ONLINE	5	6	7 8A Men's Breakfast at St. Matt's
8 <i>Pentecost</i> 9A Holy Eucharist - IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Coffee Hour 10:30A Christian Education	9 <i>Carol BD</i>	10 <i>Betsy BD</i> 12:30P Quilters	11 <i>St. Barnabas</i> 5-6:30P Dinner 6:45P Evening Prayer CHURCH & ONLINE	12	13	14
15 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> <i>Father's Day</i> 9A Holy Eucharist – IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Coffee Hour 10:30A Christian Education	16	17 12:30P Quilters	18 5-6:30P Dinner 6:45P Evening Prayer CHURCH ONLY	19	20	21
22 <i>Raine AN</i> 9A Holy Eucharist – IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Coffee Hour 10:30A Christian Education	23	24 <i>Nativity of John the Baptist</i> 12:30P Quilters	25 5-6:30P Dinner 6:45P Evening Prayer CHURCH ONLY	26 <i>Ruth BD</i>	27	28
29 9A Holy Eucharist – IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Coffee Hour 10:30A Christian Education	30 <i>St. Peter and St. Paul</i>					

The Bishop's Committee:

Rev. Chandler Jackson, Priest
 Robert Barns, Warden
 Vacant, Treasurer
 Betty Gloyd, Member

Church Staff:

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