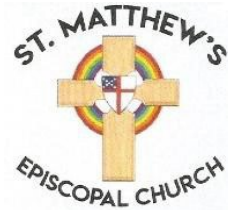


St. Matthew's Companion



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Pastoral Ponderings

Summer has arrived. Perhaps not according to the calendar, but with school out, people are thinking about their plans for the summer. Some might be considering a trip, though with gas prices where they are, that could cause second thoughts. Others might consider staying home and exploring their local events.

Here at St. Matt's, our summer will not be much different from the rest of the year. We will still have our services as usual, Wednesday evening dinners will continue, and we will have an exciting discussion focused on the Book of Revelation during the Adult Class planned. One of the highlights of the summer will be the annual visitation of Bishop Amy on July 12. This will be her first visit to us since she was elected as our bishop. Please mark your calendar to be here that day.

As Rob mentions in his column, we have a couple of patriotic holidays approaching. June 14th honors the work of Betsy Ross in creating our national flag. We all know the significance of July 4th, especially on this important anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Many of us served in the armed forces of our country, so this is especially meaningful to us.

Our primary focus, at least in my opinion, should be our continuing ministry to the people of Christian County. We constantly hear about the level of food insecurity in our region. Our Wednesday evening dinners help mitigate the problem for some. Even more important is our continued support for Least of These. The number of

families seeking assistance continues to grow and every little bit we can contribute helps.

Even when we are unable to be of financial assistance, we have an obligation to pray for people in need of physical, spiritual, and emotional support. It often seems insignificant to offer prayer for others, but as we have seen in our own congregation, prayers matter. God is still in the miracle working business – meeting the needs of those for whom we pray. Never slight the importance of this mighty work.

Whether you travel or stay home, there is much to do for the mission of St. Matt's. Prayer continues wherever you are. The needs of those around us never stops. Our work continues throughout the year in many forms. Please join us whenever you can as we enjoy our summertime ministries.

Happy Summertime!

Rev. Chandler Jackson Priest in Charge

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

By "John"

For twelve weeks we are going to study the book of Revelation, to try to understand what this beautiful book is trying to teach us. I've studied Revelation in the past and, as I'm reading it now, I feel a deeper understanding of what John is trying to share with us.

KEY THEMES:

God has a plan and a future for the world.
God will be ultimately victorious over evil.
There will be a final accounting for our faith and our lives.
There is a better world in store.

KEY VERSE:

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. (Revelation 21:4)

So before the time of the class read the scripture given in the weekly plan. Pray about it and your understanding of the readings

We start on June 14th.

Lisa and Roland

COMMUNITY DINNERS FOR JUNE



June 3
June 10
June 17
June 24

Sloppy Joes
Baked Potato Bar
Breakfast for Dinner
Chicken Tetrazzini



*From the Computer of the
Bishop's Warden*

By the time you read this we will be in June after just observing Memorial Day and looking forward to, among other things, flag day on June 14th. So, I thought I would share what our flag means to me whether you call it “our flag”, the “stars and

stripes”, “old glory”, the “national colors”, or the ”grand old flag” here is what it means to me.

The American Flag symbolizes unity among the diverse people we call the United States of America. It can also give us a sense of hope for the future – not only for us but for future generations. As I look at an American Flag, I can reflect on the importance of our faith and freedom and that we live in a country where we can enjoy both. The Flag also reminds me to be grateful for all the many blessings I have received. Sometimes, the Flag reminds me that it is often a symbol of peace and that I should seek harmony in the community and the United States. The Flag also reminds me to face challenges with courage and strength – whatever that challenge might be. For me, the American Flag serves as a symbol of leadership and integrity. It calls me to be the best I can be – day after day. It is so much more than just a piece of cloth!!

Finally, the American Flag for me represents my service to our nation and our common responsibility to uphold its values. The flag does not wave because the wind moves it – it waves because people believe in it, respect it and stand for it. I do.

In Christ’s Love,
Rob
Bishop’s Warden

Reports from the Bishop’s Committee for April

Bishop’s Committee
April 12, 2026
Minutes

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

Fr. Jackson opened the meeting at 11:31.

Devotion: Fr. Jackson read the collect for the Feast of St. Thomas.

Reports

Secretary - Rob moved and George seconded that the minutes of the March 1 meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Treasurer - The March financial report was presented. Rob moved that we

move \$800 from the Dinner Fund to the General Fund. George seconded. Motion passed. George moved and Rob seconded that the financial report be accepted. Motion passed.

Bishop's Warden: Reminder that we recycle printer cartridges and other items. There is no cost to us as the company pays for the shipping. We must have at least 10 cartridges for each shipment. We received the first invoice for the newspaper ad. This is covered by the grant we received from the diocese.

Priest: I will be taking a week of vacation April 27-May 3. Deacon Chris will officiate at Morning Prayer and preach on May 3. He will also offer a devotion for the Bishop's Committee meeting which Rob will lead.

I have been appointed to serve on a new committee on strategic planning for the diocese. At the Diocesan Council meeting yesterday, the role of that committee expanded to include discern how the money received for the sale of the church in Maryville should be used, as well as how the Expansion Fund should be utilized.

Old Business: None

New Business: Tami, the secretary for OPC, asked why we were paying for a post office box. She suggested that we have our mail sent to the church and she would pick it up for us. We would need to put a box in the work room for this. Jennifer moved and Rob seconded a motion to pursue this with the Presbyterians. Rob will contact Kevin to make this happen.

Calendar – Next meeting will be May 3 after the brunch.

Meeting adjourned at 11:54 with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev Chandler Jackson

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

June 2026						
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 Visitation of Mary	2 Luke BD 12:30P Quilters	3 5-6:30P Dinner 6:45P Evening Prayer CHURCH & ONLINE	4	5	6 8A Men's Breakfast at OPC
7 9A Morning Prayer - IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Brunch 10:30A Bishop's Committee	8	9 Carol BD 12:30P Quilters	10 Betsy BD 5-6:30P Dinner 6:45P Evening Prayer CHURCH & ONLINE	11 St. Barnabas	12	13
14 9A Holy Eucharist - IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Coffee Hour 10:30A Christian Education	15	16 12:30P Quilters	17 5-6:30P Dinner 6:45P Evening Prayer CHURCH & ONLINE	18	19	20
21 9A Holy Eucharist - IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Coffee Hour 10:30A Christian Education	22 Raine AN	23 12:30P Quilters	24 Nativity of John the Baptist 5-6:30P Dinner 6:45P Evening Prayer CHURCH & ONLINE	25	26 Ruth BD	27
28 Marbut AN 9A Holy Eucharist - IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Coffee Hour 10:30A Christian Education	29 St. Peter and St. Paul	30 12:30P Quilters				

The Bishop's Committee:

Rev. Chandler Jackson, Priest	Vacant, Secretary
Robert Barns, Warden	George Keller, Member
Jennifer Marbut, Treasurer	
Betty Gloyd, Member	

Church Staff:

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