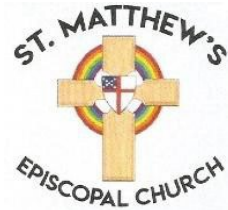


St. Matthew's Companion



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Pastoral Ponderings

We are in the midst of summer and you don't need me to tell you that. The heat and humidity testify to that fact. But, here at St. Matt's, we are still active in many pursuits. As you will read in other places in this newsletter, much is happening – our Wednesday dinners, a study on the Book of Revelation, a yard and pie sale, and preparations for our annual bazaar in October. All of this speaks to a vibrant community actively engaged in ministry.

During her visit to us in July, Bishop Amy commented on the Spirit she felt in our worship and the joy she experienced during the brunch which followed the service. She is excited about what we are doing, even as the diocese looks to this area for growth as the population increase in Christian and Greene Counties continues to outstrip the rest of the state.

How can we help in this effort to grow the church in our region? First and foremost, we need to be active in our ministries (which we are). Second, we need to tell our friends and neighbors about the Episcopal Church. Many have no idea what we believe or our history. Saying we are somewhat like the Roman Catholic Church or the Lutherans does not help. We are different from both of those denominations. We have our own unique place in the wider fellowship of Christianity. We are both very historical in our worship and progressive in our ministry to the marginalized.

We can also get involved with the ministries around us. Least of These is

always needing volunteers and financial support. Crosslines Community Outreach is another ministry we already support through the diocese, but we could do more. If there is some population or organization you think we need to support locally, let us know. The more people see us out in the community helping others, the more they will be intrigued to find out more about us.

Yes, as Rob says, we are tight financially, but we have an overabundance of energy and goodwill for helping others. Let us make the name of St. Matt's and the Episcopal Church be better known in Christian County through our efforts to serve our neighbors.

Rev. Chandler Jackson
Priest in Charge

COMMUNITY DINNERS FOR AUGUST



August 5
August 12
August 19
August 26

Breakfast for Dinner
Spaghetti & Meatballs
Baked Potato Bar
Chicken Pot Pie

A Revelation from our study:

One of the touchstones from our class for me has been - where is my zeal for God? Do I share with others that I really know the Love of God in my Life? Also, as a church, do we share with others the Love of God?

This week I've been tested on how to be a good witness for my God. I had to recognize that sometimes in loving God we can't always do or be what someone else wants or think they need from us.

In learning this very hard lesson I could see how I can answer the call from God to be present in others lives. I made two home visits that I'd placed on the to do list that doesn't always get done. I also made two phone calls to special people that are a part of the our greater church.

I don't want praise or thanks. What I hope we all gain from our walk with John in Revelation is that John is sharing how we are seen in God's eyes. Is St. Matthew's doing enough in our little corner of the world? How can we reach out to others and share God's Love for us all?

I ask for your prayers for me as I try to be a better friend to God's children in our corner of the world.

Lisa



*From the Computer of the
Bishop's Warden*

Most of you know that the church is in a bit of a bind financially. So, what can you do to help? Let me offer a few suggestions that some of us may not have thought would have any impact.

First, if it is at all possible please be certain that your pledges are up to date. If it is not possible at this time, please strive to bring them up to a current status as soon as possible. I am certain our treasurer, Jennifer Marbut, will appreciate it.

However, this article is not just about money. In August, on the 14th and 15th from 9-3, the two churches (St. Matthew's and OPC) are combining for a yard and pie sale. And in October on the 24th from 9-2, it's our annual bazaar (including the quilt

raffle). What can I do to help, you may ask? Well first, look through wherever you live and find all of your unwanted “stuff” to donate. Remember, your junk is somebody else’s treasure. Then, on those two days in August and the day in October come be a part of the experience! Come and enter into conversation with our Presbyterian brothers and sisters in Christ. Come for the fellowship. Come and be a part of community.

There will also be the need for people to work both events. You need not be at either one for the entire time – just a few hours would suffice. But remember, set-up is always the day before each event. If it is too hot outside for you to sit, there will be lots of items inside in the air conditioning.

So, please put the above dates on your calendar. Remember in August there will be pies to sell (only if people bring them) and in October there will be lots of food and many items. Come and help support the churches.!!

In Christ’s love,
Rob

Reports from the Bishop’s Committee for June

Bishop’s Committee
June 7, 2026
Minutes

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

Fr. Jackson opened the meeting at 10:59.

Devotion: Fr. Jackson read from Luke 17:6 on faith.

Reports

Secretary - George moved and Betty seconded that the minutes of the May 3rd meeting be approved. Motion passed.

Treasurer - The May financial report was presented. Fr. Chandler pointed out a minor error in the Dinner Fund, which Jennifer corrected. Rob moved and Betty

seconded that the financial report, as amended, be accepted. Motion passed.

Bishop's Warden: We no longer have a post office box. We are now getting our mail here at the church. Tami brings it in when she gets the mail for OPC. Rob brings it in on Wednesday and Sunday. Since the key for the box is very unusual, we need to be very careful as it costs \$12 to replace.

Priest: I would like us to consider trying to move away from using the individual cups for communion. My suggestion would be to try this for the month of July and then reevaluate it in August. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that I should meet with those who take from the individual cups and get their ideas and opinions before we make any change. I thanked the committee for their input and agreed to meet with those who use the cups before moving forward.

Old Business: None

New Business: Due to our financial situation, we have decided to have a garage sale/pie sale on August 14-15. Please bring items in and volunteer to assist those days. This will be a joint activity with OPC.

Calendar – Next meeting will be July 5 after the class

The bishop will be with us on July 12. We will have a potluck after the service.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev Chandler Jackson

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
BEGINNING BALANCE	4792.87	2695.27	1788.07	1511.17	1047.35	1422.25							
INCOME													
Giving Estimates	1636.75	2406.90	3414.95	2252.78	2505.50	2825.00							15041.88
Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	0.00	0.00							800.00
TOTAL INCOME	1636.75	2406.90	3414.95	3052.78	2505.50	2825.00							15841.88
EXPENSES:													
OPERATIONS:													
Diocese	366.60	366.60	366.60	366.60	366.60	366.60							2199.60
Clergy	1312.50	1312.50	1312.50	1312.50	0.00	0.00							5250.00
OPC	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1250.00	1250.00							8500.00
Misc.	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							0.00
Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							0.00
Insurance	217.75	0.00	217.75	0.00	219.00	0.00							654.50
USPS #704	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							0.00
Total Operations	3396.85	3179.10	3396.85	3179.10	3148.10	1616.60							16604.10
MINISTRY:													
Altar Guild													0.00
Organist	337.50	135.00	270.00	337.50	270.00	337.50							1687.50
Day by Day			25.00		25.00								50.00
Convention			0.00										0.00
Music License			0.00										0.00
Total Ministries	337.50	135.00	295.00	337.50	295.00	337.50							1737.50
TOTAL OPERATING EXP	3734.35	3314.10	3691.85	3516.60	3443.10	1954.10							18341.500
ENDING BALANCE	2630.83	1788.07	1511.17	1047.35	109.75	2293.15							
DONATED CHURCH EXPENSES													
Advertising Grant Available	2400.00	2400.00	2400.00	1390.42	1140.42	940.42							
Altar Guild	64.44	41.60	239.95	82.26	29.95	362.15							820.35
Dinner Fund					0.00	139.02							139.20
Music License		126.00			0.00	0.00							126.00
Snow Plowing		460.00			0.00	0.00							460.00
Total	64.44	627.60	239.95	82.26	29.95	501.17							1545.37

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

August 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 8:00 Men's Breakfast @OCC
2 Theresa BD 9A Holy Eucharist - IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Brunch 11A Bishop's Committee	3	4 12:30P Quilters	5 5-6:30P Dinner 6:45P Evening Prayer CHURCH & ONLINE	6 Feast of the Transfiguration	7	8
9 9A Holy Eucharist - IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Coffee Hour 10:30A Christian Education	10	11 12:30P Quilters	12 5-6:30P Dinner 6:45P Evening Prayer CHURCH & ONLINE	13	14 Bams AN 9A Yard/Pie Sale	15 St. Mary the Virgin 9A Yard/Pie Sale
16 9A Holy Eucharist - IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Coffee Hour 10:30A Christian Education	17	18 12:30P Quilters	9 5-6:30P Dinner 6:45P Evening Prayer CHURCH & ONLINE	20	21	22
23 Larsen AN 9A Holy Eucharist - IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Coffee Hour 10:30A Christian Education	24 St. Bartholomew	25 Gary BD 12:30P Quilters	26 5-6:30P Dinner 6:45P Evening Prayer CHURCH & ONLINE	27	28 Rob BD	29
30 9A Holy Eucharist - IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Coffee Hour 10:30A Christian Education	31					

The Bishop's Committee:

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Robert Barns, Warden	George Keller, Member
Jennifer Marbut, Treasurer	
Betty Gloyd, Member	

Church Staff:

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