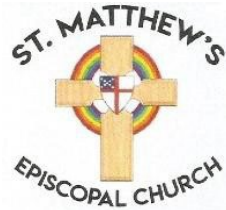


St. Matthew's Companion



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Pastoral Ponderings

In the Episcopal Church, we are very familiar with the liturgical seasons: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, etc. Everyone is familiar with the four seasons of Autumn, Winter, Spring, and Summer. We might even think of seasons like football season, hunting season, or any number of other seasons that come across our screens. I would like us to consider another type of season – one we seldom hear about – the season of prayer.

What, you may ask, is a season of prayer? According to “A Cyclopedia of Biblical Literature”, a season of prayer is a time dedicated to earnest supplication for divine direction and protection during a journey. It can also be a designated time or period for engaging in spiritual communication and supplication. In other words, it is a time specifically set aside for concerted prayer by a group of people.

I bring this up because we are in a time that needs prayer – for our church, for our country, for the world in which we live, and for our own direction and ministries. For me, the answer to the question, “When do we need to pray?” would be “always”. However, as I look around, I am more convinced than ever that we need to pray for ourselves, for the mission of St. Matt’s, and for one another.

Therefore, during this month of October 2026, I challenge each of us, myself included, to spend extra time in prayer for the work and mission of St. Matt’s. What is God calling us to do? How can we better serve the people of Ozark and the

surrounding area? How can I make a difference in this community? Who is God asking me to talk to? What new thing should I be doing?

I'm sure there are many more questions I could add to this list, but this might get you thinking of how YOU should be praying.

Please join me in this Season of Prayer for the month of October.

Rev. Chandler Jackson
Priest in Charge

COMMUNITY DINNERS FOR OCTOBER



October 7
October 14
October 21
October 28

Goulash
Shepherd's Pie
Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
Chili

BAZAAR BAZAAR BAZAAR BAZAAR

I wonder as I sit here facing the computer screen what to say that hasn't already been said, and to peek your interest.

Did you know that the Bazaar sales is one of the many ways we help to pay the bills at St. Matthew's? That's why we keep saying bake pies and goodies for the sale.

That's why it's so important to sell quilt raffle tickets. Most people that buy the tickets will come to see what else we have to offer.

We need traffic of people to come to the Bazaar. Let others know when the sale is going to happen. Come yourself, too. Who knows, you just might find something for that special person---Grandchild --Child--Hairdresser/barber--Good Friend—Neighbor.

We'll be setting up on Friday morning, October 23. Come to help or come to kibitz.

In short, raffle tickets-sell. Bake goods-bake. Come to the Bazaar.
Lisa



From the Computer of the Bishop's Warden

Here we are getting close to the end of not only the calendar year (December 31st) but also the church year (Advent starts on Nov. 29th) and so it is time to talk, think and pray about stewardship and what our role will be.

Somebody a long time ago said that it takes a village to raise a child. At least that is what I think was said. Anyway, the same can be said about St. Matthew's. It takes more than one or even just a few to make the church work and grow. And so I would like to focus on the big three: Time, Talent and Treasure and the ten percent rule.

Let me start with time. If we say that the average person at St. Matthew's is awake for 14 hours each day, that amounts to roughly 98 hours a week. Taking ten percent of that comes out to 9.8 hours weekly. The question is: how do we spend those hours each week? Here are just a few suggestions: Use the Forward Day by Day for daily devotions; Come to church a little bit before any service time and have some fellowship with others; Volunteer to help with one or more of the many opportunities we have to serve others. I am sure you can think of other ways to share your time.

Closely tied to time is talent. When we have fellowship with others, or volunteer to serve we are using our talent as well as our time. Nobody said that either one has to be perfect. The gift is to try.

The last of the three is treasure. It would be nice if the church, like most of us, had a credit card. However, we do not. Not only do we pay our own bills, but we also do an incredible amount of outreach. Just think of the Wednesday night dinners, giving to Least of These, and the Marion Medical Mission, which provides wells to have clean drinking water for villages in Africa. The Diocese will match whatever we raise up to \$1,000 dollars, which will increase the number of wells we can provide. Thanks be to God.

Looking ahead into 2027, we believe the anticipated budget will be roughly \$40,235.20. With 12 pledging units it will take all of us, working together to meet this budget, but I believe, with God's help it will be possible.

I am asking each and every one of us to pray about how and where we at St. Matthew's will spend our Time, Talent and Treasure in 2027.

In Christ's love, Rob

Reports from the Bishop's Committee for August

Bishop's Committee
August 2, 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 the Prayer for a Church Meeting and Matthew 14:16. It is for us to do the work, not rely on Jesus to do everything.

Reports

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

Treasurer - The July financial report was presented. Jennifer pointed out that the income listed under "Ministry was for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. It was pointed out that the corresponding payment to the diocese was not recorded. The

report was amended to show that expenditure in the Miscellaneous” expenses line. Rob moved and Betty seconded that the amended financial report be accepted. Motion passed.

Bishop’s Warden: Rob pointed out that the mailbox situation continues to work well. He checks it on Wednesdays and Sundays and Tami checks it the other days. Also, he reminded us of the yard sale and pie sale. He asks everyone to consider coming to work a couple of hours, or just greet people.

Priest: Updated the committee on his conversation with the bishop in her meeting with him prior to her visitation. On the topic of the individual cups at Eucharist, she agreed that the way we handle it, and for the reason we use them, is OK. We voted previously to apply for a LOC from the diocese. The bishop said no, that she did not want to see us incur the debt. Instead, she will discuss other sources within the diocesan budget to cover our shortfall, which is the clergy salary. This will get us through the end of the year and we can reevaluate as we build the 2027 budget. Also, I will be going to Kansas City on Friday to work in the archives.

Old Business: None

New Business: Ordination gift for Chris: In conversations with Shepherd of the Hills, it was thought that a joint gift from both churches would be appropriate. We discussed giving him a travel communion kit similar to what Christ Church gave Fr. Chandler. We can get one for approximately \$250. Shepherd of the Hills agreed that they would cover half. By vote of the committee we agreed.

A woman in Kimberling City has furniture she would like to donate for our yard sale. George volunteered his trailer and Rob and Chandler agreed to assist. Lisa will call the woman and find a time that works for all.

The Session of OPC has voted to share their August Outreach donation of \$75 to our Wednesday Dinner Fund.

Calendar

- a. Yard/Pie Sale, August 14-15
- b. Ordination of Chris to the priesthood, August 29
- c. Next meeting will be September 6 after potluck brunch.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 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	2293.15	2936.55					
INCOME													
Giving Estimates	1636.75	2406.90	3414.95	2252.78	2505.50	2825.00	2530.00	2385.00					19956.88
Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	2121.50					2981.50
TOTAL INCOME	1636.75	2406.90	3414.95	3052.78	2505.50	2825.00	2590.00	4506.50					22938.26
EXPENSES:													
OPERATIONS:													
Diocese	366.60	366.60	366.60	366.60	366.60	366.60	366.60	366.60					2932.80
Clergy	1312.50	1312.50	1312.50	1312.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					5250.00
OPC	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1250.00	1250.00	1250.00	1250.00					11000.00
Misc.	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	66.96					126.96
Advertising	0.00	0.00	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	0.00	0.00					654.50
USPS #704	0.00	0.00	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	1676.60	1683.56					19964.26
MINISTRY:													
Altar Guild													0.00
Organist	337.50	135.00	270.00	337.50	270.00	337.50	270.00	202.50					2160.00
Day by Day			25.00		25.00			25.00					75.00
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	270.00	227.50					2235.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXP	3734.35	3314.10	3691.85	3516.60	3443.10	1954.10	1946.60	1911.06					22199.26
ENDING BALANCE	2630.83	1788.07	1511.17	1047.35	109.75	2293.15	2936.55	5531.99					
DONATED CHURCH EXPENSES													
Advertising Grant Available	2400.00	2400.00	2400.00	1390.42	1140.42	940.42	740.42	490.42					
Altar Guild	64.44	41.60	239.95	82.26	29.95	362.15	42.70	27.96					891.46
Dinner Fund					0.00	139.02	0.00	0.00					139.02
Music License		126.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					126.00
Snow Plowing		460.00			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					460.00
Total	64.44	627.60	239.95	82.26	29.95	501.17	42.70	27.96					1616.03

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

October 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	2	3 8A Men's Breakfast at Village Inn
4 9A Holy Eucharist - IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Brunch 11:00A Bishop's Committee	5	6 9:00A Quilters	7 5-6:30P Dinner 6:45P Evening Prayer CHURCH & ONLINE	8	9	10
11 9A Holy Eucharist - IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Coffee Hour 10:30A Christian Education	12 Noon Jubilee	13 9:00A Quilters	14 5-6:30P Dinner 6:45P Evening Prayer CHURCH & ONLINE	15	16	17
18 9A Holy Eucharist - IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Coffee Hour 10:30A Christian Education	19 <i>St. Luke</i>	20 9:00A Quilters	21 5-6:30P Dinner 6:45P Evening Prayer CHURCH & ONLINE	22	23 <i>St. James</i>	24 9-1 Bazaar
25 9A Holy Eucharist - IN CHURCH & ONLINE 10A Coffee Hour 10:30A Christian Education	26 <i>George BD</i>	27 9:00A Quilters	28 <i>St. Simon and St. Jude</i> 5-6:30P Dinner 6:45P Evening Prayer CHURCH & ONLINE	29	30	31

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