# St. Matthew's Companion

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## Pastoral Ponderings

In place of my usual column, I offer this letter regarding our annual Stewardship Campaign.

Plenty Good Room

Dear Friends in Christ,

Jesus assures us, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." John 14:2, NRSV These words remind us that God's abundance is spacious and generous. There is plenty good room in God's household for each of us.

This year's stewardship theme, Plenty Good Room, invites us to recognize the abundance God has already entrusted to us. Even in uncertain times, we are called to trust that there is enough: enough for our families, enough for our church, enough for our neighbors.

One way we live into this truth is by sharing our resources – our money, our time, and our talents – for the mission and ministry of this congregation. These gifts support worship that lifts our hearts, teaching that shapes

disciples, fellowship that strengthens our bonds, and outreach that embodies Christ's love.

Today I simply ask you to begin praying with this theme, reflecting on the resources God has placed in your care, and considering how you might share them joyfully in the year ahead.

Together, let us rejoice that there is always plenty good room in God's house, and plenty good work for us to do.

Faithfully,

Rev Chandler Jackson
Priest-in-Charge

## COMMUNITY DINNERS FOR NOVEMBER




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| **November 4** | **Two Soup** |
| **November 11** | **Hamburgers** |
| **November 18** | **Turkey** |
| **November 25** | **CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING** |



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

Here we are in November and closing in on Thanksgiving. I am always amazed that most of the commercial enterprises seem to go right from Labor Day or

Halloween sales right to Christmas decorations and Christmas sales. Except for the Thanksgiving parades – and they even have Santa in them – what has happened to being thankful for what we have and what we do not have.

On a global scale, what we can be thankful for is really beyond our ability to have influence. While I am thankful that the earth continues to spin and that the sun rises and sets each day, I have no control over that. I am thankful for the beautiful sunrises and the gorgeous sunsets. I am thankful for the rain and yes, even the snow. I am thankful for the birds that come to the bird feeders and the rabbit that frequents our yard. I am thankful for the dog next door who always needs to be petted when she sees me. I am confident that each one of us can think of things to be thankful for which are really beyond our control.

Being thankful for certain things also means being thankful that certain things do not happen. Think of where we all live. We live in a country where we are free. We should be thankful. Other parts of the world are not free. We need to be thankful that, if we want to, we can travel wherever we want. A lot of the world cannot do that.

But, on a personal level, what am I thankful for? I am thankful for my family, my children and grandchildren and the choice Lisa and I made many years ago to marry. I am grateful that I live where we have excellent health care close by. I am thankful for my five senses; that I can get up each day and go to sleep each night. I am especially thankful for the church family we have at St. Matthew's.

And so, as we go through November, I am asking each of us to think about what we have to be thankful for. Let us not rush through this month without taking time to think about giving thanks.

In Christ's Love,
Rob

## *Reports from the Bishop's Committee for September*

Bishop's Committee
September 6, 2026
Minutes

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

Fr. Jackson opened the meeting at 10:55.

Devotion: Fr. Jackson read the Prayer for a Church Meeting and led a discussion on evangelism.

Reports

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

Treasurer - The August financial report was presented. Jennifer pointed out that the income listed under "Ministry was from the yard and pie sale. The money for the ad is going down as expected. We are getting results as people are mentioning the ad. Rob will check when the ad started and apply for a new grant. George moved and Betty seconded that the financial report be accepted. Motion passed.

Bishop's Warden: Reminded me that I still have three weeks' vacation. He suggested that the money in the "Men's Breakfast" be moved to the Building Fund as we will no longer be getting money into this line. That suggestion was accepted and Jennifer will make the change. It is time to begin collecting money for the Marion Medical Mission. Then, he can apply for an IOG grant. He has submitted a grant request for two AEDs, one for upstairs and one for downstairs. We just have to wait to see if the diocese funds it.

Priest: I will be going to Kansas City on Friday to work in the archives. Also, I will be taking September 14-20 for vacation. Chris will cover the service on the 20th.

Old Business: None

New Business: George suggested that we enter "Free Food Church Ozark" into our search on our phones to see what we get. Everyone got different results – some including us and some not. Can we do anything to increase the likelihood that people will get us?

Calendar

a. Next meeting will be October 4 after potluck brunch.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 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 | 5531.99 | | | | |
| **INCOME** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Giving Estimates | 1636.75 | 2406.90 | 3414.95 | 2252.78 | 2505.50 | 2825.00 | 2530.00 | 2385.00 | 2913.70 | | | | 22870.58 |
| Ministry | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 800.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 | 2121.50 | 112.50 | | | | 3244.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 1636.75 | 2406.90 | 3414.95 | 3052.78 | 2505.50 | 2825.00 | 2590.00 | 4506.50 | 3026.20 | | | | 26114.58 |
| **EXPENSES:** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OPERATIONS: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diocese | 366.60 | 366.60 | 366.60 | 366.60 | 366.60 | 366.60 | 366.60 | 366.60 | 366.60 | | | | 3299.40 |
| Clergy | 1312.50 | 1312.50 | 1312.50 | 1312.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | | | | 5400.00 |
| OPC | 1500.00 | 1500.00 | 1500.00 | 1500.00 | 1250.00 | 1250.00 | 1250.00 | 1250.00 | 1250.00 | | | | 12250.00 |
| Misc. | 0.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 | 66.96 | 112.50 | | | | 239.46 |
| Advertising | 0.00 | 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 | 217.00 | | | | 871.50 |
| USPS #704 | 0.00 | 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 | 2096.10 | | | | 22060.36 |
| MINISTRY: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Altar Guild | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Organist | 337.50 | 135.00 | 270.00 | 337.50 | 270.00 | 337.50 | 270.00 | 202.50 | 337.50 | | | | 2497.50 |
| 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 | 337.50 | | | | 2572.50 |
| **TOTAL OPERATING EXP** | 3734.35 | 3314.10 | 3691.85 | 3516.60 | 3443.10 | 1954.10 | 1946.60 | 1911.06 | 2433.60 | | | | 24631.86 |
| **ENDING BALANCE** | 2630.83 | 1788.07 | 1511.17 | 1047.35 | 109.75 | 2293.15 | 2936.55 | 5531.99 | 6012.09 | | | | |
| **DONATED CHURCH EXPENSES** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Advertising Grant Available | 2400.00 | 2400.00 | 2400.00 | 1390.42 | 1140.42 | 940.42 | 740.42 | 490.42 | 290.42 | | | | |
| Altar Guild | 64.44 | 41.60 | 239.95 | 82.26 | 29.95 | 362.15 | 42.70 | 27.96 | 115.97 | | | | 1006.98 |
| Dinner Fund | | | | | 0.00 | 139.02 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 186.63 | | | | 325.65 |
| Music License | | 126.00 | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | | 126.00 |
| Snow Plowing | | 460.00 | | | 0.00 | 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 | 302.60 | | | | 1918.63 |

# St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

## November 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Sunday Online services are via the St Matthew's YouTube channel and the Wednesday services are on the Facebook page.<br>Wednesday evening meals and service are downstairs at the church. | | | | | | |
| **1** All Saints' Day<br>9A Holy Eucharist - IN C6URCH & ONLINE<br>10A Brunch<br>11:00A Bishop's Committee | **2** | **3**<br>9:00A Quilters | **4**<br>5-6:30P Dinner<br>6:45P Evening Prayer<br>CHURCH & ONLINE | **5** | **6** | **7**<br>8A Men's Breakfast |
| **8**<br>9A Holy Eucharist – IN CHURCH & ONLINE<br>10A Coffee Hour<br>10:30A Christian Education | **9**<br>Noon Jubilee | **10**<br>9:00A Quilters | **11**<br>5-6:30P Dinner<br>6:45P Evening Prayer<br>CHURCH & ONLINE | **12** | **13** Smith AN | **14** |
| **15**<br>9A Holy Eucharist – IN CHURCH & ONLINE<br>10A Coffee Hour<br>10:30A Christian Education | **16** | **17**<br>9:00A Quilters | **18**<br>5-6:30P Dinner<br>6:45P Evening Prayer<br>CHURCH & ONLINE | **19** | **20** James BD | **21** |
| **22**<br>9A Holy Eucharist – IN CHURCH & ONLINE<br>10A Coffee Hour<br>10:30A Christian Education | **23** | **24**<br>9:00A Quilters | **25**<br>5-6:30P Dinner<br>6:45P Evening Prayer<br>CHURCH & ONLINE | **26** Thanksgiving | **27** | **28** |
| **29**<br>9A Holy Eucharist – IN CHURCH & ONLINE<br>10A Coffee Hour<br>10:30A Christian Education | **30** St. Andrew | | | | | |

### The Bishop's Committee:

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

### Church Staff:

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