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This Week's Readings

Rector's Ramblings

Annual Meeting

There is a cartoon on the office calendar that features a priest announcing the "1st Annual Surprise Annual Meeting" to the shocked faces of those attending service. In some ways, this seems to be a bit of a surprise year, as the Annual Meeting is earlier than normal. Since we are required to have our meeting by the end of January, we chose this date due to only having four Sundays, one of which is the MLK Holiday, and the last Sunday is too close to our Saturday event on 2/2.

I also want to note that Annual Meetings tend to be seen as a "miss church to avoid having to go to the meeting" Sunday.

While Annual Meetings may not be the most "fun" and "exciting" thing in the Church, they are necessary and we continually seek ways to make them more inviting.

This year, we will have our service early (8AM) and have the opportunity to bring both of our services together for worship and fellowship. We will also share a breakfast together before we get down to

The Good News

January 11, 2019



2019 Annual Meeting THIS SUNDAY

The Annual Meeting will be held on 1/13. We will have just one service this week at 8AM. The Annual Meeting will follow with a catered breakfast.

If the City of Bloomington publishes a Snow Emergency and it is still in effect at 7AM on Sunday, the meeting will be rescheduled to between services on 1/20. The service time will not change, regardless of snow.

Blessing of Homes during Epiphany

There is a custom of blessing homes during the Epiphany season. If you would like to schedule a Home Blessing please see Fr. Dave and he will ensure that it takes place.

2019 Liturgical Calendars

There are still several copies left on the glass case by the office. Please take one, and if needed we can print more.

Theology Uncorked

Meets this Sunday at 6PM. We will be setting our discussion topics for the next several months at this meeting.

Youth Group

Next Sunday, January 20th, at 6PM. We will meet for movie night. Pizza, popcorn and soda will be provided.

Breakfast Fellowships

business. As your Rector, it is a joy to see folks from "the other" service fellowship with one another.

This is the essential purpose of the Annual Meeting, to get together as one Body to fellowship and discuss our partnership in ministry to the Parish.

There is one responsibility, however, for each communicant in good standing: to elect your representatives to the Mission Leadership Team.

So, surprise, Sunday is the annual meeting. 8AM Worship. 9AM Meeting.

I hope to see you there.

Dave+

Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield
Rector's Blog

Due to a personal schedule conflict, Women's Breakfast Fellowship will not meet in January.

Men's Breakfast will meet off-site at Shannon's Five-Star on Saturday the 19th.

Mark Your Calendar

Our next fellowship event will be held on 2/2! Details will follow, but let's just say we are planning for some Super Chili weather.

Bible Study and Midweek Eucharist

The regularly scheduled Eucharist and Bible Study resumes this Wednesday. Eucharist at 5:30PM and Bible Study at 6PM. It is perfectly acceptable to bring your dinner with you to Bible Study.

Outreach Opportunities

Warm Clothing

As the weather cools, The Outreach Committee is again urging you to think about the need for warm coats, hats, gloves, and scarves in our community. Please bring your gently used coats, etc., to church and place them in the big white box in the hallway across from the office. The Committee will take them to The Salvation Army, which will distribute them to the needy through January 16, 2019. Thank you for helping us keep people warm.

The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

Worship Serving Schedule

13-January Annual Meeting

8:00 Please Note the Time!

Acolyte: Alley Roberson

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Mona Johnstone

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: Catered Breakfast

20-January 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Chris Bennett

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Thurifer: John Stoffer

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Martha Carroll

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Nona & Harlan Noel

St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of January 13th

Breakfast Served in conjunction with the Annual Meeting

Sunday-8:00 a.m.-Rite I for everyone

9:00 a.m.-Annual Meeting of the congregation

1:00 p.m.-Green Scouts

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

6:00 p.m.-Theology Uncorked

Monday-5:00 p.m.-WMFY classes

Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.--Quilters

6:00 p.m.-Zumba

Wednesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

5:30 p.m.-Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer & breakfast

Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Saturday-7:30 a.m.-Zumba

8:00 a.m.-Men's breakfast fellowship at Shannon's

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.

Readings for January 13, 2019

Hymns: *Rite I, no hymns*

Old Testament

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The New Testament

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Birthdays & Anniversaries January 13 - 19

Anniversaries

Birthdays

Brent Baughan

Harry Bray

Bradley Dyson

Dedications for this week:

Collect for the First Sunday after Epiphany, January 13th

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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