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This Week's Readings

### Rector's Ramblings

We had a great time last week at our inaugural "Soup-er Saturday" festivities.

I would like to thank all those who made the evening so much fun, especially the members of the Parish Mission Council: Justin Brooks, Emily Lavikoff, Rex Schaeffer, Gary Ploense, Jim Cooper, and Mark Gibson. A special thank you to Valerie Schaeffer who coordinated the decorations, and to Kathy Gibson for all her help in setting up.

Also congratulations to the winner of the cook-off, Dave Halt, for venison chili, and the "Rams" team for winning the trivia contest.

Debbie Leighton and the Pitts family were both winners in the lucky squares game.

We look forward to more of these great times in the future. Our next gathering will be Shrove Tuesday for a pancake supper. Details to follow in the next newsletter.

Blessings,

Dave+  
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## The Good News

February 8, 2019



### 2019 Officers and Leadership

The results are in and we are happy to announce those who are serving in elected leadership for 2019.

#### Mission Leadership Team

Sr. Warden: Jim Cooper

Jr. Warden: Gary Ploense

Treasurer: Rex Schaeffer

Elected 2019:

Shelley Brenneman-Carter

Roy Laws

Justin Brooks

Continuing:

Roger Hollis

Jeff Clark

Kathryn Morris

#### Delegates to Synod

Jim Cooper

Gary Ploense

Susan Long

### 2018 Contribution Statements

Your giving statements are printed and available for pick-up. If at all possible, please collect these from the glass-top cabinet in the main hallway. It saves the church 55 cents per envelope in postage, which goes a long way in effective stewardship.

### Bible Study and Midweek Eucharist

## Ministry Links

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

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.

### **Fellowship Breakfasts**

The February Women's Fellowship breakfast is Saturday, the 9th, at 8:30 a.m.

Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, the 16th, at 8:00 a.m.

All members and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend and enjoy the fellowship at these casual and friendly events.

### **Outreach Opportunities**

The January-February Outreach program is non-perishable foods for the Salvation Army. Please bring canned goods and nutritious boxed foods to share.

### **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:  
[Good News Daily](#)

### **Worship Serving Schedule**

10-February 2019

7:30

Greeter: Dede & Doug Dyson

Lector: Liz Gordon

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Sarah Halt

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Lector: Sandy Kohlhase

E.M.: Jack Pitts & Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Teresa Shorn

17-February 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Kathryn Morris

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Alley Roberson

Thurifer: John Stoffer

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Shelley Carter

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Shelley Carter

Coffee Hour: Chrissy & John Stoffer

### **St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of February 10th**

*Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall*

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

10:40 a.m.--Sunday School for Children

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

8:30 a.m.-Men's breakfast

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 February 10, 2019**

Hymns: #126, #661, #487, #535

Old Testament

Isaiah 6:1-13

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend;  
keep looking, but do not understand.'

Make the mind of this people dull,

and stop their ears,

and shut their eyes,

so that they may not look with their eyes,

and listen with their ears,

and comprehend with their minds,

and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said:

"Until cities lie waste

without inhabitant,

and houses without people,

and the land is utterly desolate;

until the Lord sends everyone far away,

and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

Even if a tenth part remain in it,

it will be burned again,

like a terebinth or an oak

whose stump remains standing

when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.

Psalm 138

*Confitebor tibi*

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*

because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \*

that great is the glory of the Lord.

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \*  
O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

### The New Testament

#### 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

### The Gospel

#### Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus'

knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries February 10 - 16**

### *Anniversaries*

### *Birthdays*

Donna Dyson

June Gault

Jarod Roberson

### **Dedications for this week:**

*The Sanctuary lamp and Altar Flowers honor the 80th  
Birthday of Donna Dyson by the Dyson Family  
and*

*The Memorial lamp is lit in loving memory of  
Martha Elizabeth Nelson Davies by Liz and Ron Gordon*

### **Collect for the 5th Sunday after Epiphany, February 10th**

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Contact Information**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

