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This Week's Readings

### Rector's Ramblings

*Repeating this column from last week while Fr. Dave is traveling & sharing work on his dissertation.*

See you soon

Not a long article today, as it was a short week.

I want to thank Deacon Tim, Emily, and Fr. Wells for holding down the liturgical and pastoral forts while I am out of town.

I also want to thank the Wardens, MLT, and all of you for the time off and opportunity to make this journey. Your love and prayers mean so much to Amy and me. We will remember you in our prayers at each pilgrimage location.

I leave you with the following short quote from one of my spiritual heroes:

"We, the faithful, should look upon all the faithful as one single being, and should consider that Christ dwells in each of them. We should have such love for each of them that we are willing to lay down our lives for him."

--St. Symeon the New Theologian

## The Good News

June 7, 2019



### Grubby Sunday

The Mission Leadership Team has authorized a "Grubby Sunday" on **June 23, two weeks from this weekend.**

Wear your grubby clothes to church for the 10AM service that day and help us do a bit of late spring cleaning during coffee hour.

Many hands make light work.

### Church Camp

Episcopal Church Camp dates for 2019: June 30-July 6 at East Bay, Lake Bloomington. Camp sessions are available for children finishing 1st grade through those finishing 11th grade. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board or [here](#).

### Travel Plans

Fr. Halt and Amy are in Greece for a Pilgrimage/Theological Conference. Fr. Halt is delivering his Dissertation Proposal as a part of the Conference. Updates, should you be interested, will be posted to Facebook.

Morning Prayer with Holy Communion will be celebrated on 2 June and Fr. David Wells will celebrate on 9 June.

### Outreach Opportunities

#### Items of the Month

During the months of May and June the Outreach Committee will be collecting items for St. Vincent dePaul food pantry. St. Vincent's provides assistance to the homeless and working poor of our communities. We at St. Matthew's can actively help by

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## Ministry Links

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

contributing items like those listed here:

canned vegetables  
peanut butter  
tuna fish, and other canned meats  
rice and cereals, especially cereals individually  
wrapped in packets  
beans, both dry and canned  
water and fruit juice  
baby diapers and baby wipes

Contributions may be placed in baskets in the narthex or the hall.

Thank you from volunteers at the pantry, as they are very grateful.

### **Junior Warden's Corner**

For your information we have changed cleaning services for St. Matthew's effective 1 June. We have contracted with Kia Griffin to provide these services for our Church from that date. If you have any questions, or concerns, please direct them to me.

Gary Ploense, Jr. Warden.

### **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

### **Worship Serving Schedule**

9-June 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Mark Gibson

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Thurifer: John Stoffer

Lector: Karyn Smith

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis

Coffee Hour: Debbie Leighton & Patty Pitts

16-June 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Christian Pitts

Crucifer: Shelley Carter

Thurifer: Emily Lavikoff

Lector: Chrissy Stoffer

E.M.: Bob Kohlhase

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Dedee Champion, Janet Hoffman, Martha Carroll

### **St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of June 9**

*Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall*

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

9:15 a.m.-Sunday School for Children

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

1:00 p.m.-Green Scouts

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-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons

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

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons

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

Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Zumba

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 June 9, 2019**

Hymns: #505, #511, #509, #516, #518

The First Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the

native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

*Benedic, anima mea*

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,



and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.

37 Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

### The New Testament

Romans 8:14-17

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

### The Gospel

John 14:8-17

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

**Birthdays & Anniversaries June 9 - 15**

*Anniversaries*

Deacon Tim & Debbie Leighton

*Birthdays*

Meghan Dyson

Alexis Roberson

**Dedications for this week:**

**Collect for Pentecost, June 9th**

Almighty God, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contact Information**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

