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This Week's Readings

### Rector's Ramblings

I want to thank everyone who participated in our Summer Fellowship last Sunday. While the weather was a bit too hot to carry the activities outside, the Parish Hall was a great place to enjoy such warm fellowship. St. Matthew's does know how to through a party. I was particularly pleased to see so many tables filled with good conversation, and indeed laughter. I believe a great time was had by all.

A special thanks to the PMC who put together the event, especially Mark and Kathy Gibson who smoked the pulled pork.

If you missed last weekend, there will be other fellowship opportunities announced.

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### Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage  
The Episcopal Diocese of  
Springfield

## The Good News

July 5, 2019



### Theology Uncorked

Our monthly discussion will resume on July 14th at 6PM. Weather permitting we will meet outside. Our topic will be to determine topics for the remainder of the year and whatever else bubbles up to discuss.

All are invited to come share and learn together.

### Evensong

Evensong resumes at 5:30 this Sunday.

### PMC

The PMC holds its regular meeting this Sunday at 4:30PM.

### Outreach Opportunities Items of the Month

During the months of May and June [AND CONTINUING IN THE MONTH OF JULY] 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 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.

### **Joyful Welcome**

The St. Matthew's family, along with Libby, Corey, and Theron Tutewiler welcome Ali Grove Tutewiler, who was born on June 20th.

### **Midweek Activities**

Midweek services and Bible study will resume on 3 July.

Fr. Dave needs help with a topic for the study. Share your thoughts with him.

### **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

### **Worship Serving Schedule**

7-July 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Shelley Carter

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Thurifer: John Stoffer

Lector: Brad Bauman

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff & Sarah Halt

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Phyllis & Dave Halt

14-July 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Mark Gibson

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Alley Roberson  
Crucifer: Christian Pitts  
Lector: Ann Sokan  
E.M.: Jack Pitts  
Monday Counter: Pam Laws  
Coffee Hour: Valerie & Shelley Carter

**St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of July 7**

*Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall*

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

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

Monday-

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

6:00 p.m.-Zumba

Wednesday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons

5:30 p.m.-Mid-week Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m.-Adult Study

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

2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons

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 July 7, 2019**

Hymns: #368, #711, #568, #325

Old Testament

Isaiah 66:10-14

Thus says the Lord:

"Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,

all you who mourn over her--

that you may nurse and be satisfied

from her consoling breast;

that you may drink deeply with delight

from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,

and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;

and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,  
and dandled on her knees.  
As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.  
You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;  
and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his  
servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies."

Psalm 66:1-8

*Jubilate Deo*

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
sing the glory of his Name;  
sing the glory of his praise.  
2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! \*  
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.  
3 All the earth bows down before you, \*  
sings to you, sings out your Name."  
4 Come now and see the works of God, \*  
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.  
5 He turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the water on foot, \*  
and there we rejoiced in him.  
6 In his might he rules for ever;  
his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
let no rebel rise up against him.  
7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;  
8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.

The Epistle

Galatians 6:7-16

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to

the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

### The Gospel

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.

Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you.

Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries July 7 - 13**

*Anniversaries*

*Birthdays*

Abigail Bray

Conner Bennett

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

### **Collect for 4th Sunday after Pentecost, July 7th**

O God, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reignth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Contact Information**

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