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This Week's Readings

### Rector's Ramblings

#### Help Needed

As you can tell from the links below this box, St. Matthew's now has Twitter and Instagram accounts. Whoever the ubiquitous "they" are tell us that we have to use these social media to get the word out and raise our profile. Having a website and Facebook account are no longer trendy, though still necessary.

Personally, I am not a big fan of social media, and do not even use Facebook much anymore. I don't like the silo-ing that occurs, or the need based search for "likes" and "reactions". With my natural propensity to be a luddite in terms of social media, I need your help to keep these accounts "fresh".

How?

1. Follow St. Matthew's and "Retweet" or "like" us.
2. If you are involved in a ministry group send me quotes, pics, articles that can be posted.
3. Email me articles or other things of interest that I can use to make Tweets and Instagram

## The Good News

August 9, 2019



### **Evensong**

Evensong will be held at 5:30 on Sunday, August 11.

### **Theology Uncorked**

Will without a doubt meet at 6PM on August 11th. Topic for discussion will be the Eucharistic Prayers.

### **Men's Breakfasts**

The next Men's Breakfast will take place on August 17th at 8AM in the Parish Hall. We will enjoy breakfast, fellowship, and a special work project (wear grubby clothes that day).

### **Free to a Good Home**

Or any home, really. Or even an office...

As we rearrange the lower level to accommodate our expanded Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, we have uncovered several items that are in excess of requirements. So you all have first pick before they are removed from the building.

We have available: a four-drawer letter sized file cabinet, a two-drawer legal sized file cabinet, a wall mirror, a large bulletin board, and a kind of wobbly bell table.

If you want one of these, just take it or reserve it with Fr. Dave, before the 11th of August.

messages. (I do have one rule--we do not do partisan politics as a Eucharistic Community).

Anything can be emailed to me at rector (at) stmattsblm.org.

Thanks for helping to keep us "fresh".

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## Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage  
The Episcopal Diocese of  
Springfield

[Rector's Blog \(new\)](#)

Find us on Instagram--stmattsblm  
Twitter--@BloomingtonSt

### **Midweek Enoch**

There will be no Midweek activities on 14 August as Fr. Halt will be attending a Basic Training Graduation for one of our young adults.

### **Outreach Opportunities**

#### **Items of the Month**

In August and September the Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies for Oakland School. The supply list includes items for individuals for grades Kindergarten through 5th grades. For example, the First grade list includes: Elmer's white glue, large box of facial tissues, large washable classic Crayola markers and backpack (no wheels). Please see the complete list for supplies for all grades. The supply lists will be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office and near the collection baskets (in August). Place your supplies in the baskets in the vestibule between the sanctuary and the parish hall. Thank you for helping the Outreach Committee with this important project.

### **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

### **Worship Serving Schedule**

11-August 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Chris Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Shelley Carter

E.M.: Sarah Halt

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: Linda Thomas & Ann Soka

18-August 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Mark Gibson

10:00

Acolyte: Alley Roberson

Crucifer: Brad Bauman  
Thurifer: Emily Lavikoff  
Lector: Cris Embree  
E.M.: Bob Kohlhasse  
Monday Counter: Gary Ploense  
Coffee Hour: Char Wald & Martha Lakin

### **St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of August 11**

*Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall*

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

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

1:00 p.m.-Sound of IL Chorus \*

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

6:00 p.m.-Theology Uncorked

Monday

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.-Men's Fellowship breakfast

10:00 a.m.-Zumba \*

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

*\* Authorized Group--St. Matthew's guests*

*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 August 11, 2019**

Hymns: #416, #343, LEVAS 77, #335

Old Testament

Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord;

and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Psalm 33:12-22

*Exultate, justi*

12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

13 The Lord looks down from heaven, \*  
and beholds all the people in the world.

14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
on all who dwell on the earth.

15 He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
and understands all their works.

16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
for all its strength it cannot save.

18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, \*  
on those who wait upon his love,

19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
and to feed them in time of famine.

20 Our soul waits for the Lord; \*  
he is our help and our shield.

21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.

22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, \*  
as we have put our trust in you.

The Epistle

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people



who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### The Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries August 11 - 17**

#### Anniversaries

Susan & Jeffrey Clark

#### Birthdays

Brent Davingman

William Jones

Susan Long

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

### **Collect for 9th Sunday after Pentecost, August 11th**

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may be thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reignth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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