

**Rector's
Ramblings**

Organist Update

There will be a permanent change on the Organ bench moving forward. The Mission Leadership Team has kept the position in an interim status until a determination could be made regarding a timeline for the potential return of Fr. Joe Dunlap to that position. Last week, Fr. Joe notified the Rector and the MLT that he has decided not to be a candidate for return. We thank him for his faithful service, and wish him well in his transition.

At our MLT meeting last Sunday it was decided to offer Heidi Brooks the position moving forward. We thank Heidi for her willingness to play during the interim period and accepting the permanent position.

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Midweek Activities

We will resume with reading the Didache (The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles) next week.

Breakfast Fellowship

Men's Breakfast will meet on the 26th at Shannon's 5 Star.

Adult Forum

An Adult Forum will be held at 9AM each Sunday during the time for Children's Catechesis. This is an informal gathering to answer questions and have discussion about the Church and its life in the world.

All Saints & All Souls

All Saints' Day will be celebrated on Sunday 11/3 at both services.

All Souls' will be commemorated on Wednesday, 11/6, with a Requiem Mass. Please let the office know of names you wish remembered this day.

Visitation Change

Bishop Daniel's annual visitation date has changed to 10

November.

Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield

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

Find us on Instagram--[stmattsbldm](#)

Twitter--[@BloomingtonSt](#)

Outreach Opportunities

Fall Book/DVD/Bake Sale

The Outreach Committee's fall Book/DVD/Bake Sale will be Saturday, October 26, 8AM to 1PM. Donations of books, DVDs and other recordings may be brought to the parish hall and placed near the bookshelves. Bake sale items may be brought during parish office hours on Thursday (Oct 24) and Friday (Oct 25), as well as during sale set-up on Oct. 25, 3-6PM or during the sale on Oct. 26. We welcome help with the set-up. For any further information please call Debbie Leighton, 826-7390.

ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH for October & November 2019.

MIDWEST FOOD BANK is asking for the following items for "The Big Give," its Thanksgiving meal giveaway for local residents in need:

Boxed stuffing mix, boxed mashed potatoes, pie crust mix; canned green beans, cranberry sauce, cream-of-mushroom soup, evaporated milk; envelopes of gravy (no jars, please); regular size cans of French fried onions; large cans of pumpkin pie mix, containing all sugar and spices.

Overall, 20 churches are collecting these items because so many are needed, for instance, 5,000 cans each of green beans and mushroom soup. Hy-Vee and Schnuck's are ready to assist people shopping for The Big Give. They also sell turkey cards.

Please help The Outreach Committee provide St. Matthew's response to this vital community need. **THANK YOU!**

If you can, please bring your non perishable donations early in October so that MFB volunteers will have plenty of time to pack individual and family boxes for distribution.

Thanks again! The Outreach Committee

Updated ways to assist Oakland School are found on their [PTO News](#)

Chime Choir Class & Performance

Thanks to the gracious hosting of our St. Matthews congregation, I'm pleased to announce the very first

performance of our new co-op's chime choir! We will perform November 10th at the 10:30 am mass along with guitarist Michael Hull, professor of guitar at Bradley University.

Our homeschool co-op, (called Bloomington-Normal Community Co-op) began this past September and meets every Monday at 9:30 am at St. Matthews. We have 40 kids registered between the ages of 4 years old and 6th grade! Our purpose is to provide courses for homeschooled children that are difficult to execute at home. This year we provide music (taught by myself) and science (taught by Amy Hertel).

The chimes come into play (pun intended!) with the older group (3rd through 6th graders) where we use the chimes of St. Matthews as a vehicle to teach music literacy and develop strong rhythmic skills. Due to the size of the group we are also fortunate to have an entire set of donated chimes from my husband Justin's home church, Maple Avenue Christian Church!

Some of these children have other music instruction, (choirs, individual lessons), some have none whatsoever! The strength of chime choir shows itself in that each child is essential to the whole piece of music. Chime playing requires a high concentration out of every single student as each is responsible for one to two essential notes to the piece! Out of this large group of 22 children, 13 have signed up for the performance of my arrangement of the hymn "Morning has Broken" on November 10th.

We are so grateful for this opportunity to provide good classroom experience, community and wonderful extremely low cost courses to the homeschooling community of Bloomington-Normal!

Heidi Brooks

Fall Cleaning at St. Matthew's

On Friday, November 8th and Friday, November 22nd the building will be closed so the main Hallway and Sanctuary floors can be professionally cleaned and sealed. Please plan NOT to enter the building on those days so that the surfaces can properly dry.

Naturally, the office must be closed for these workdays - so the Newsletter will go out 1 day early and if you want anything included it would be best to think ahead.

The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

Worship Serving Schedule

27-October 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Mark Gibson

10:00

Acolyte: Jack Pitts

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Lector: Sandy Kohlhasse

E.M.:

Monday Counter: Shelley Carter

Coffee Hour: Kia & Georgia Griffin

3-November 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Mark Gibson

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte:

Crucifer:

Thurifer:

Lector: Shelley Carter

E.M.:

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffee Hour: Susan Long & Shelley Carter

St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of October 27

Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall

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

9:00 a.m.-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (for Children)

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

Monday-9:00 a.m.-Home School Ed Classes *

11:00 a.m.-Private Music Lessons *

Tuesday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m.-Quilters

Wednesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer
5:30 p.m.-Mid-week Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m.-Adult Study

Thursday -7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer & breakfast
9:00 a.m.-Moms in Prayer *

Friday-

Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Book/DVD--Bag Sale

*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 October 27, 2019

Hymns: #7, #140, #552

The Reading

Sirach 35:12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.

For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.

Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;

for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.

He will not show partiality to the poor;

but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

Psalm 84:1-6

Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place
of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

The Epistle

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Birthdays & Anniversaries October 27 - November 2

Anniversaries

Birthdays

Mark Smith
Alley Roberson
Rex Schaeffer
Bob Kohlhas

Dedications for this week:

Collect for 20th Sunday after Pentecost, October 27th

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contact Information

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