



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, June 14:**

10:00 am: **Worship** via Zoom. Link will be sent out Saturday night.

**Sunday, June 21:**

10:00 am: **Worship** via Zoom. Link will be sent out Saturday night.

**Wednesday, June 24:**

7:00 pm: **Adult Book Discussion Group** via Zoom. We will be reading *This Is Happiness* by Niall Williams.

**Sunday, June 28:**

10:00 am: **Worship** via Zoom. Link will be sent out Saturday night.  
11:00 am: **Congregational Meeting** directly after Zoom service.

### Worship Survey

## Pandemic Planning and Prayer

by Leslie Klingensmith



**Greetings, dear friends!** As we move into our fourth month of pandemic living, there are several things I want to catch you up on. One, THANK YOU to all of you who participated in our worship survey (see the related article from Bill McBee for more detail about that). Your input is so helpful to the Session as we seek to find the best way forward. Thanks to your guidance, we will not be resuming in-person worship until it is safer. But, we are using this time to learn our options for

streaming worship from the sanctuary so that when we do gather again those who cannot be with us will be able to have access to the services. At some point we might try a small outdoor service, but our primary goal is to worship safely in the sanctuary. Until we can do that, our worship life will primarily be online.

**Secondly, we will be moving ahead** with the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) process. You might remember that in the May newsletter I wrote about the CAT, an online survey mechanism that will help us gauge where the energy and passion in the congregation are right now. We think this will be helpful information in general, but also specifically in our discernment process about the North Building. In her role as Planning Commission Chair, Elder Tana Ngwira will be our CAT point person, and you will soon be hearing from her about the logistics of the process, and how you can participate. I hope everyone will take part in the CAT - it's important that we get as much input as possible.







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## Give a SWEET THANK YOU to our Med-star Montgomery Hospital staffers!

by Konni Brantner

I have talked to the staff at Med Star and they have confirmed that they can now accept HOME MADE BAKED GOODS!

SO...let's shower them with gratitude! [Click on the picture above](#) for details.



## Request for Summer Clothing Donations

by Linda Rhoad

The Mission Commission kindly requests gently used summer clothing for the Afghan refugee family whom the church has been supporting since last August. Their needs are as follows:

- **For the mother**, blouses (no sleeveless) and pants, women's size Small, cotton preferred.
- **For the three daughters**, ages 13, 8 and 5, clothing from girl sizes 5

that, you may ask. It's the annual payment we make to support the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. We have already budgeted to pay it. However, if you pay your family's Per Capita it frees up dollars for other St. Matthew priorities such as Mission and improvements.



**We pay \$42.64 per capita** on each confirmed member. With 260 members that represents \$11,000 that we can potentially put to work. How to pay?

Click on Per Capita above for [St Matthew Online Giving](#) and indicate that the amount represents/includes your "per cap" amount. You can also send a check directly to Glenda DeJong. Thank you!

## Reminder: Pandemic Relief Fund

By Leslie Klingensmith in collaboration with the Session



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As we reported last month, the Session has set aside \$5,000 for a *Pandemic Relief Fund* in response to the coronavirus emergency. The goal is to help, in some small way, church members and friends who have lost their jobs or had work hours cut and are suffering economically. [Click here to learn](#) how the relief fund works or on the logo at left.

If you would like to contribute to the *Pandemic Relief Fund*, you may send a check to our Financial Secretary, Glenda DeJong. Please write "Pandemic Relief Fund" on the memo line of your check. If you have specific needs right now and need to make a request from the fund, please contact the Pastor in writing (an email is fine). Please also feel free to call the Pastor or a Session member if you have questions about the relief fund.

## Youth-spisation in a Time of Covid19

by Konni Brantner

As one of our caring for others projects this spring, our confirmation class mentors and several of our church school children created a thank you banner, wrote notes and sent gift cards to the residents at Harlem Family Health Center. The young people in the picture below work in the New York City hospital. Our own Kelsey Wilson Henjum is the soon to be chief resident! We wanted to show our support and to let Kelsey and her colleagues know that we care.

Here's a excerpt from a note and picture Kelsey sent:



to 12 would most likely work.

- **For the son**, age 11, boy size Medium or Large, which is usually a 10 or 12.

**The children have outgrown** a lot of their clothing and need a variety of things, including T-shirts, blouses and knitted tops; pants, dresses, skirts and shorts. Don't worry too much about sizes! In case you give something that doesn't fit, the family will be able to pass along the items to others.

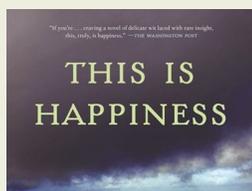
**Please drop off your donations** at the home of Dr. Jim Leong, 3597 South Leisure World Blvd., Silver Spring, MD 20906, Tel. 703-314-1277.



## St. Matthew Giving

by Glenda DeJong

**If you are financially able**, please contribute by clicking the offering plate above or by going to [St Matthew Online Giving](#). You can also send your check directly to Glenda DeJong. Thank you!



***Hey Konni!** Wanted to send this photo of some of the residents under the sign the kids made. Really brightens our work room and is very much appreciated by everyone! We wanted to let you know how much we appreciate the love and encouragement! Very needed.*

**Some of the Camp Joy crew** did a similar project for Chrissi, a radiologist technician at NOVA. Chrissi sends her thanks telling us that she could not believe a group that didn't even know her cared enough to reach out and thank her. She told her sister that when she opened the banner, notes and gift card, she sat down and cried! (Unfortunately the picture of this banner did not turn out-- But it looked great. :)

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## YOUTH NOTES

by Konni Brantner

### Congratulations to Our High School Seniors

**We know the celebration** is not what you planned, but please know that we are SOOOO proud of you and that we can't wait to see where your life leads you. We know that you will go far, you are all very special young ladies.



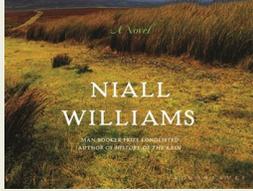
**Rochelle Nelson**

**Ashleigh Nelson**

**Doreen Maleta**

**If you have a senior in your life**, please let us know. E-mail [stmatkmb@hotmail.com](mailto:stmatkmb@hotmail.com).

**Big THANK YOU to Our 2019-2020 Church School Team!**



## Adult Book Discussion Group

by Leslie Klingensmith

**Our summer read** is the novel *This Is Happiness* by Niall Williams. We will meet on Zoom every other Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Leslie will send out the Zoom link on Wednesday morning.



**Pre-School:** Louise Boyle and Chad Whaley  
**1st-3rd-Grade:** Jody Hursh and Mary Beth Thompson

**4th-5th-Grade:** Esemé Koge and Sabrina Makula  
**Youth:** Janet Froom, Deeds Wells, Tana Ngwira, Kit Boyle, Joe Evans

**This group of volunteers** have accepted the challenge to help mentor and educate our children and youth. They work hard to provide meaningful, age appropriate, exciting classes for our church school participants. Our children and youth know that they will be met by a loving caring teacher! We are lucky to have such a committed, dedicated group of leaders.

## Surprise...Not! VBS and Camp Joy Cancelled for 2020

**I know this comes as no surprise...** but we have made the difficult decision to cancel our 2020 Vacation Bible School. Trust me when I tell you this was a painful and sad choice, one we tried to avoid. But with the continued uncertainty surrounding the Covid 19, we felt it was the best way to keep our VBS family safe.



## Important Contacts

**Due to the coronavirus pandemic,** St. Matthew's church office will be closed until further notice.

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**We are looking forward** to VBS 2021 when we will be sharing the story of Joseph. The dates for next summer are: June 28-July 2, 2021

**In addition, Camp Joy 2020** has been canceled. We are hoping to have a "mini" camp, at St. Matthew, where we can improve our skills and help the church. Of course we have to wait until being together is safe. Watch for more details!

## Reminder: A Request From Your Children's Church School



Click image for  
supply details

**As I mentioned last month,** the Bel Pre Day Care Center will be leaving the North Building in August. Since many of us are using this time to clean out and organize our homes, I thought you might run across some of the [supplies listed in last month's article](#) that you can set aside for our children's program.

**If you have any supplies** you think we could use, please let either Louise Boyle

lsboyle93@hotmail.com or Konni Brantner  
stmattkmb@hotmail.com know. Thank you!

## Help With the Records!!

**I am trying to update** the church school records. If you have a child. 1-18.

Clerk of Session  
(301) 461-2868

**Bill & Julia McBee,**  
Newsletter Editors  
301-603-0450

I am trying to update the church book of records. If you have a child, please,  
PLEASE send me their birthday (date and year), as well as good contact  
information! Just send it to [stmattkmb@hotmail.com](mailto:stmattkmb@hotmail.com). THANKS!