

# THE EVANGEL

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF  
ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*This edition of the Evangel is a mini mid-month update. A full January Evangel will be published the week of January 8th.*

*Merry Christmas Everyone!*

## Christmas 2017!

- Dec 21 Winter Solstice Walk 5 pm
- Dec 24 no morning services  
Quiet Christmas 3 pm  
Children's Play & Communion 5 pm  
Festive Eucharist 9 pm
- Dec 25 Monday, no services
- There will be nursery care available during the 5pm service Christmas Eve.



## Annual Meeting: January 28 11:15 AM

The vestry has set our annual meeting for **Sunday, January 28 following the 10:00 AM worship service**. As in prior years, we will open the annual meeting at the Saturday evening service for voting only, and voting will also take place during the Sunday 8 am service.

Bios for those currently running for vestry will follow in the January Evangel. We are open to nominations, but a request comes from Pastor Hollis that should we have more than three people running for the three openings, we have maybe six or more running. She doesn't want to see four people running for three places, as that has not worked well for us in the past.

Here is the Schedule for the January 2017 Annual Meeting:

Call to Order and Open for Voting: during the Jan. 27 5 pm service

Meeting in Recess

Meeting re-opened for voting: during the January 28 8 am service

Meeting in recess

Meeting Re-opened for full agenda: Following the January 28 10:00 am service

Potluck Brunch during pause for vote tabulation

## Letter from St. Matt's Missionary in the Dominican Republic



Dear Partners in mission,

This past hurricane season was a rough one throughout the Caribbean as I'm sure you've heard. Hurricane Maria is the one who inflicted the most damage to the Dominican Republic, but thankfully we didn't have the significant damage that many of the other islands suffered. Thankfully God moved hearts to make gifts to improve housing this past year and we've assisted 9 families so far to improve their living circumstances. The projects have ranged from minor repairs, to partial or complete new roofs and even a new home. Jan has a new home now, pictured here with before and after shots. He invited a neighboring family to shelter with him during the storms that hit this fall, as they await their turn for assistance. There are many families still living in leaky and insecure structures needing assistance. Should you feel drawn to help with this project, please send a check to SAMS with "Donahoe Project" in the memo line and 100% of your gift will go towards improving housing for people in need in my community. Please pray for discernment in which families to help and to what extent.



At the university this year, I have had a total of 9 classes with about 180 students. Most of the classes have been in the neurology tract and have been a mix of the old and new curriculum students. We are 3 years into the new curriculum and there are notable improvements with the students' understanding and abilities. God has continued to shape my teaching style, to which many students seem to respond well. Please pray for wisdom with my teaching. I am very grateful for your support and that God has given me the opportunity to be a part of these ministries. May you have a very Merry Christmas and may God fill your 2018 with amazing blessings!

In Christ,  
Cathy



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## Ministry Schedule - January 2018

	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28	February 4
8:00 Altar Minister Altar Minister Acolyte Lector OT/PS Lector NT/PP Usher Usher	Judy Schneider Jim Paronto Jan Smith Jim Paronto Ken Brownlee Carol Jones K. Roy Jones	Terry Farina K. Roy Jones Carol Jones Rene Neal Matthew McGraw Laura Mockler Marilyn Ruland	Jim Paronto Laurie Kadrich Jan Smith Peggy Pretti Virginia Settle George Dunham Lynn Dunham	Sherry Farny K. Roy Jones Carol Jones Laura Mockler K. Roy Jones Laura Mockler Deb McLaughlin	Terry Farina Judy Schneider Jan Smith Marilyn Ruland Terry Farina Don Schneider Lucia Webster
10:00 Altar Minister Altar Minister Acolyte Acolyte Acolyte Lector OT Lector NT Lector PP Usher Usher	Marjorie Suedekum Jeanette Benson Gustafsons  Youth Youth Becky Vroman Merrilyn Simpkins Youth	Barclay Jameson Cora Galbasini TBD  Linda Jameson Brian Turco Elise Forte Norm Fillinger Margery Fillinger	Allan Conrad Sharon Conrad TBD  Sarah Bouwhuis Justin Day Chris Parsons Barclay Jameson Linda Jameson	Tonya Wren Anna Driggs TBD  Casey Wren Sharon Conrad Allan Conrad Chip Newton Jim Campbell	Rebecka Plank Cade Bickham TBD  Youth Youth Becky Vroman Merrilyn Simpkins Youth
Coffee	M-Pa	Pe-Z	A-Fi	Fo-L	M-Pa
EVs Commons	Jim Campbell Deb Feeley	Sugar Rabel Rocco DeBona	Jeanette Benson Laura Mockler	Carol Jones K. Roy Jones	Barclay Jameson Linda Jameson
Evs Home	Kathy Morgan Rich Paul	Barclay Jameson Linda Jameson	Cynthia Mill Mary Mills	Anna Crickmer Deb Feeley	Rich Paul Kathy Morgan
Tellers	Jason Hughes Nancy Groenert	Don Schneider Barb Schaak	Sharon Conrad Con Litz	Sue Emerson Justin Day	<b>TBD</b>
Altar Guild	Deb McLaughlin Jeanette Benson Joan Karp Jean Koizumi Joan Wright	Marjorie Brown Margery Fillinger Joyce Grove Carol Jones Corine Hesslink Jill Turco	Merrilyn Simpkins Lynne Bird Peggy Pretti Sue Sidwell Marjorie Suedekum	Mary Mills Beve Farina Dorothy Stevenson M. K. Carlson Pat Noble	Deb McLaughlin Jeanette Benson Joan Karp Jean Koizumi Joan Wright
Saturday	<b>January 6</b>	<b>January 13</b>	<b>January 20</b>	<b>January 27</b>	<b>February 3</b>
Celebrant Officiant Acolyte Ps OT NT Gospel Meditation Usher Usher	Pastor Hollis  Barb Schaak Don Aust Pastor Hollis Pastor Hollis Don Aust Buzzie Aust	  Marjorie Suedekum Spike Howard   Spike Howard Lori Howard	Rev. Vern Hill  Barb Schaak Deb Feeley Rev. Vern Hill Rev. Vern Hill Rocco DeBona Sugar Rabel	Rev. Rich Paul  Marjorie Suedekum Clare DuPont Rev. Rich Paul Rev. Rich Paul Clare DuPont Deb Feeley	<b>TBD</b>

### Ministers

**If you have dates between February 1 and May 1, that you cannot serve, please let the church office know at 242-3293 or email [stmattsgj@gmail.com](mailto:stmattsgj@gmail.com).**

## Treasurer's Report November 2017

	November	YTD
Giving	30,666	350,442
Other Income	400	4,662
Expanded Ministry Giving	<u>7,597</u>	<u>64,293</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	38,663	419,397
Operating Expense	29,767	351,555
Expanded Ministry Expense	<u>2,206</u>	<u>54,875</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	31,973	406,430
<b>Net Income</b>	6,690	12,967



## January Birthdays

1/1	Joan Wright	1/21	Paul Quam
1/3	Nancy Hunter	1/21	CJ Levine
1/3	Lela Hunt	1/22	Linda Jacobson
1/6	Oliver Plank	1/22	Betty Emerson
1/7	Janet Smith	1/25	Bud Smock
1/7	Tammy Carei	1/28	Fred Stewart
1/7	Carl Koizumi	1/28	Ron Kupinski
1/13	Sandra Moore	1/28	Judy Schneider
1/14	Tonya Wren	1/29	Mary Mills
1/14	Diego Benavides	1/29	Jason Vroman
1/17	Grace DeHerrera	1/31	Peggy Pretti
1/19	Greg Holt		

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### VESTRY

Sr. Warden	Ann Hayes	Treasurer	Cody Moore
Jr. Wardens	Ron Kupinski	Clerk	Linda Morehouse
	Sue Emerson		

Sharon Conrad	Justin Day	Janette Deagle
Debra Feeley	Barb Schaak	Nancy Groenert
Jason Hughes	Con Litz	Don Schneider

### STAFF

Parish Administrators	Beth Fisher
	Desiree Bougeaux
Youth Minister	Justin Day
Special Projects Mgr. (temp)	Jill Turco
Director of Children's Ministry	Becky Vroman
Music Director	Richard Morgan
Contemporary Music	Shannon Castañeda
Nursery Supervisor	Jaymee Galbasini
The Evangel Editor	Desiree Bougeaux

## January Anniversaries



1/12	Chris & CJ Levine
1/26	George & Lynn Dunham

### Church Office Hours

**Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**, and meetings with staff are available by appointment.

### Finance Office Hours

Monday - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Tuesday - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Thursday - 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

**The church office will be closed  
12/25/17 - 1/1/2018**