



THE EVANGEL

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Dear Friends,

There is something about this time of year. The pause before the heat of summer, the potential of gardens, the rising of the Colorado River, and the new beginnings of many young people. I remember Summer Carei and Adele Hightower as ten year olds and Emma Holt as fourteen, but now Summer and Adele have graduated from high school and Emma has graduated from CSU. They are on the brinks of their futures! I guess Emma actually has several toes into her future now.

Congratulations to each of them! It takes perseverance and patience to make it through college, and even to make it through high school. There are so many things to distract us, it really is a win when a young person (or an older person) manages to put the pieces together to study, learn,, move forward and graduate.

I like to give God the credit when things work out in my life and yours. It often feels as if something extra, something beyond our understanding, has helped us and given us strength. Our perseverance matters, too. In the letter to the Romans we read that perseverance produces character and character produces hope.

It seems that in our 24/7 world we want everything to happen instantly. Instant answers via the internet, and instant shopping, too. Some things require time. It takes time to learn. It takes time to develop faith and it takes time to pray. It takes time to raise children or to make a relationship work. Things that take time require perseverance on our part.

Emma and Summer and Adele have indeed persevered, and so have you. You persevere on the days you get up and get going when sleeping in really seems like a good idea. You persevere when you start to pray and your mind drifts and you manage to call yourself back to pray. Your perseverance matters every Sunday.

There really are many things to distract us. When we persevere, and our pursuits are

virtuous, we add to the overall good of our community. Thank you for your perseverance. May it yield fruit in your life, in our church and in our community.

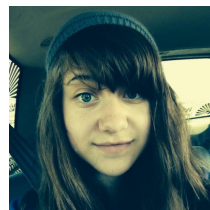
Faithfully,

Pastor Hollis

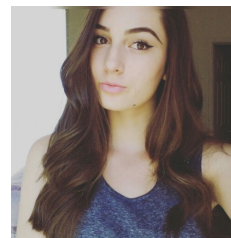
"let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith..." Hebrews 12



Emma Holt



Summer Carei



Adele Hightower

June 2017

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Youth and Family

The Sunday school classroom has been transformed from Legos into a rainforest! Our kids will be learning the parables from the animals and plants of the rainforest. They will be concentrating on these five parables: The Parable of the Sower, Parable of the Lost Sheep, Parable of the Good Samaritan, Parable of the Friend at Midnight. We will spend two to three weeks on each parable.

The nursery toddlers have begun a month long lesson on Noah's Arc. They are enjoying the nice weather and the opportunity to be back outside on our playground.



We are getting very excited for this year's VBS! **VBS is June 19th-23rd.** This year's theme is Maker Fun Factory. Our curious and talented kids will become hands-on inventors who discover they are lovingly crafted by God. Sunday school kids have begun painting parts of the set and games. They are curious to see what their work will be transformed into. Sign your kids up- they will not want to miss out!



Our kids did a wonderful job performing their Mother's Day song!

Pentecost Celebration June 4th!

Pentecost marks the birth of the church with the arrival of the Holy Spirit! Please plan to stay for hamburgers, hot dogs, birthday cake and kite flying (pray for wind!) **after the 9:30am service.**

Special Sanctuary decoration and baptisms at the 9:30AM service!



Vacation Bible School "Maker Fun Factory"!

Maker Fun Factory is a 5 day VBS experience where kids discover they are created by God and are built for a purpose. Kids learn: God made you; God is for you; God is always with you; God will always love you; and God made you for a reason

Maker Fun Factory Daily Bible Points

Day 1: God Made You (Ps. 139:14) - God lovingly creates people. (Genesis 1:26-2:4)

Day 2: God Is For You. (Rm. 8:31) - Rehab believes in God's almighty power. (Joshua 1-2)

Day 3: God Is Always With You. (Josh. 1:9) - God is with Gideon. (Judges 6:11-7:25)

Day 4: God Will Always Love You. Ps. 89:2) - Jesus dies and comes back to life. (Lk. 22:6-24:12)

Day 5: God Made You For A Reason Jer. 29:11) - Abigail brings peace. (1 Samuel 25)

Interested in Attending VBS, June 19-23, 2017?

Space is limited, so make sure to fill out the information below and drop it off or mail it in to:
Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church 3888 27 1/2 Road - Grand Junction, CO 81506

Youth's Name: _____

Age: _____ Male or Female (Circle One)

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Shirt Size: XS S M L XL (Circle One) Adult _____ Child _____ (Check One)

My Registration Fee of \$40 is: Enclosed _____ On Its Way _____ (Check One)

- Please return this form no later than **June 5th!!**
- Final registration forms and unpaid dues will be collected on Monday, June 19th on the first day of **VBS 2017!**
- Financial Scholarships available upon request.

ONE FORM PER CHILD PLEASE!



Ministry Schedule - June 2017

	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25	July 2
8:00 Altar Minister Altar Minister Acolyte Lector OT/PS Lector NT/PP Usher Usher	Jim Paronto Laurie Kadrich Jan Smith Jim Paronto Laurie Kadrich Terry Farina K. Roy Jones	K. Roy Jones Terry Farina Carol Jones Carol Jones Terry Farina George Dunham Lynn Dunham	Jim Paronto Dennis Pretti Jan Smith Laura Mockler Marilyn Ruland Peggy Pretti Bud Smock	K. Roy Jones Terry Farina Carol Jones Terry Farina Peggy Pretti Debbie McLaughlin Terry Farina	Jim Paronto Laurie Kadrich Jan Smith Laurie Kadrich Jim Paronto Laura Mockler Marilyn Ruland
9:30 Altar Minister Altar Minister Acolyte Acolyte Acolyte Lector OT/PS Lector NT Lector PP Usher Usher	Ann Hayes Rich Paul Rebecka Plank Jim Sidwell Cade, Payton Becky Vroman Youth Youth Merrilyn Simpkins Youth	Chris Spriggs Jeanette Benson Eli Paul Cade Bickham Andrew Gustafson Ann Hayes Jeanette Benson Brian Turco Gary Bird Lynne Bird	Allan Conrad Sharon Conrad Gustafsons Justin Day Linda Jameson Ann Hayes Chip Newton Jim Campbell	Ann Hayes Cora Galbasini Bickhams Casey Wren Elise Forte Ann Hayes Norm Fillinger Margery Fillinger	Tonya Wren Anna Driggs Rebecka Plank Becky Vroman Youth Youth Merrilyn Simpkins Youth
Coffee	Pe-Z—Ice Cream	A-Fi	Fo-L	M-Pa	Pe-Z—Ice Cream
EVs Commons	K. Roy Jones Carol Jones	Deb Feeley	Jeanette Benson Anna Crickmer	Barclay Jameson Linda Jameson	K. Roy Jones Carol Jones
Evs Home		Laura Mockler Jim Campbell	Mary Mills Cynthia Mill	Barclay Jameson Linda Jameson	
Tellers	Sharon Conrad Con Litz	Sue Emerson Justin Day	Jason Hughes Barb Schaak	Ron Kupinski Deb Feeley	Don Schneider Nancy Groenert
Altar Guild	Debbie McLaughlin Jeanette Benson Joan Karp Jean Koizumi Joan Wright	Marjorie Brown Margery Fillinger Joyce Grove Carol Jones	Merrilyn Simpkins Lynne Bird Peggy Pretti Sue Sidwell Marjorie Suedekum	Mary Mills Beve Farina Dorothy Stevenson M. K. Carlson	Debbie McLaughlin Jeanette Benson Joan Karp Jean Koizumi Joan Wright
Saturday	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24	July 1
Celebrant Officiant Acolyte Ps OT NT Gospel Meditation Usher Usher	Nancy Angle Barb Schaak Clare DuPont Nancy Angle Nany Angle Rocco DeBona Sugar Rabel	Bob Engels Barb Schaak Deb Feeley Bob Engels Deb Feeley	Pastor Ray Barb Schaak Lori Howard Pastor Ray Pastor Ray Spike Howard Lori Howard	Don Aust Barb Schaak Buzzie Aust Don Aust Buzzie Aust	Pastor Ray Barb Schaak Spike Howard Pastor Ray Pastor Ray Rocco DeBona Sugar Rabel

Sunday Ministers

If you have dates between June 1 and September 1, that you cannot serve, please let the church office know at 242-3293 or stmatsgj@gmail.com.

Rich Paul Ordination

Our deacon-to-be, Rich Paul, is completing his studies and will be ordained to the diaconate (order of deacons) on June 10th at St. John's Cathedral in Denver. All are invited to attend but if you prefer not to make the drive to Denver, the ordination will be streamed live at St. Matt's! Rich will preach on June 11th.



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



Dear Partners in Mission,

God seems to always be teaching me things I need to learn. One day I needed to get a fasting blood sugar test and wanted to do it at the Clinica Episcopal Esperanza y Caridad. I usually go there after attending Morning Prayer and I decided to not change my routine. Even so, I was hoping it might be a short one and that popping by the post office on my way in would be quick. Well, such was not the case. Distractedly in my mind I was urging the person to hurry up with their meditation because I hadn't eaten breakfast yet, but at the same time felt ridiculous, knowing that breakfast is not a given for so many people here. Pushing those selfish thoughts to the side, I tuned in to the person speaking. Someone also shared at length about a woman who had taken a turn for the worse in her health, for whom we prayed in our closing

prayer. At the post office, I helped one of the staff learn how to help her brother get the rehabilitation he needs following his amputation due to complications from his diabetes. Regardless of why I'm feeling rushed, stopping to listen to what others are really saying is the best way to show God's love. God keeps helping me learn to slow down and be present with the person I'm with at the moment. Please pray that those around me feel God's love coming through me in my words and actions.

In Christ,
Cathy

Cathy Donahoe is a missionary with SAMS, the Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders. She is serving in the Dominican Republic as a physical therapist in San Pedro de Macoris and Santo Domingo.

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Dear Friends,
Thank you for your prayers and support while Chris and I were in Los Angeles with our daughter and her husband. They were blessed with a beautiful baby boy, Carter Christopher Wolfson. He arrived a month early, and is doing very well. The parents are doing well also.

Faithfully,
Pastor Hollis



Emergency Shelter Program

The Way Home Committee of the Grand Valley Peace and Justice has suspended the Homeward Bound Emergency Shelter Program. Saint Matthew's either gave shelter and/or rides to the less fortunate for 8 years (2008-2016). Thank you to all the drivers/assistants for your untiring and selfless duty to the unsheltered in our community. You all made a difference for them every single day. Volunteers are still needed for other duties with the unsheltered. If you are interested, please contact Sherry Cole at [970-985-4253](tel:970-985-4253).



Mark your calendars for our summer family camp! We will be heading back to

Camp Cedaredge August 18-20th

for an all ages Church Family Camp Out. Join us in games, painting, archery, rope courses, campfire songs, s'mores, and more. Thanks to the youth car wash, the pancake supper, and Cinco de Mayo we were able to bring down the cost for families. Base costs per individual for camp & retreat (includes boarding, meals, and use of facilities and staff at Camp Cedaredge): \$80.00 ages 18 and up, \$30.00 ages 3-17, \$0 ages 0-2 . Additional boarding options are available for those looking for more privacy. You may also choose to stay in the lodge, cabin, or RV space for an additional cost.



Father's Day is
June 18!

At each service on Sunday, June 18th, St. Matt's will honor and celebrate all men with a special gift and a blessing.

MOSM Service Brigade - If you need help with a project, or maybe repairs and maintenance, the Men of St. Matt's are taking requests and are available Saturdays upon appointment. Contact Ron Kupinski at (303) 668-7453 or lonemavrick@yahoo.com, or fill out a form at the back of the gathering space and the guys will get back to you.

Study of the Bible

Fr. Nick Mayer's current Bible Study class of the Old Testament will wrap soon and then class will be taking a break for the summer, resuming on September 12th with a new study of Matthew. Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM. All are welcome, no need to sign up.



YOGA CLASS NEEDS PARTICIPANTS!

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM. Yoga helps with flexibility, balance and overall health. Open to men and women, a donation of \$2 - \$5 is recommended. Both floor and chair



St. Matthew's Shuttle

This ministry **still needs a few good men or women** to drive the bus. Please contact Linda Jameson (255-1679) about joining this community outreach ministry.

Mark Your Calendars....

June 18th - Father's Day

July 2nd - Independence Day picnic

August 18th-20th - Summer Camp at Camp Cedaredge

September 9th - Spirit of the Valley 5K

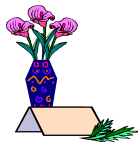
October 12th - 14th - Convention

Treasurer's Report April 2017

	April	YTD
Giving	36,897	136,988
Other Income	357	1,122
Expanded Ministry Giving	<u>5,162</u>	<u>22,431</u>
Total Income	42,416	160,541
Operating Expenses	31,701	122,365
Expanded Ministry Expense	<u>6,085</u>	<u>23,476</u>
Total Expense	37,786	145,841
Net Income	4,630	14,700

*June Birthdays*

	Margaret Palo	6/16	Allen Stevenson
6/1	Billie Taylor	6/20	Chris Levine
6/4	Sue Emerson	6/21	Sharon Conrad
6/5	Edna Cron	6/21	Luke Vroman
6/5	Jason Hughes	6/23	Johna Galbasini
6/6	Jacqueline Hansen	6/26	Emily Parker
6/7	Laura Mockler	6/27	Erich Cron
6/9	John Wright	6/27	Steve Patrick
6/12	Virginia Settle	6/29	Marti Klute
6/13	Paul Way	6/30	Camie Dewey
6/15	Rita Paronto	6/30	

June
Anniversaries


6/3	Carl & Jean Koizumi
6/3	Casey & Tonya Wren
6/3	Rich & Amy Paul
6/4	Chuck & Robbie Breaux
6/7	Melvin & Tanya Davis
6/8	Paul & Jo Quam
6/10	Barclay & Linda Jameson
6/10	Steve & Norma Patrick
6/12	Allen & Dorothy Stevenson
6/13	Jason & Becky Vroman
6/14	Darin & Tammy Carei
6/16	Fr. Bob & Carolyn Engels
6/17	Bill & Deb McLaughlin
6/28	Chip & Charlene Newton

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Nick Mayer & Lee Wyman

VESTRY

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Jason Hughes	Con Litz	Don Schneider

STAFF

Parish Administrators	Beth Fisher
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Youth Minister	Pastor Ray McKechnie
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Music Director	Richard Morgan
Contemporary Music	Shannon Castañeda
Nursery Supervisor	Jaymee Galbasini
Sexton	Kayla Bougeaux
<i>The Evangel</i> Editor	Desiree Bougeaux

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