

Christian Formation 6-28-26

Children's Formation resumes June 14. **From 10 am to Eucharist.**

Infants through 5K: The Nursery

1st - 5th Grade: The Large Classroom: Adults always welcome!

EYC! Episcopal Youth Community. Resumes August 9.

Bible, Bread & Wine 5:30 pm. in the Kelly Room with Fr. Paul. Lindsay Leaman is our new BB&W coordinator! As the summer continues, we will meet in the homes of our participants when possible. Lindsay will let you know each week where we will be meeting. If you are not getting texts from her about BB&W, text her at 303-870-2108 to be included.

Compline Every evening www.facebook.com/groups/stmattsc. Starts between 9:15 and 9:30 pm.

Parish Q&A Recap The Rev. Canon Rhoades spoke with compassion and clarity about the step-by-step process following our rector's retirement and the search for our next priest. St. Matthew's is in a good moment. The Bishop has decided to allow the parish to move forward without requiring an interim rector first. That reflects the healthy vitality and forward momentum of the Family of St. Matthew's, *you*, who are the hands and feet of Christ in this place. Canon Rhoades' presentation was emailed to the entire parish June 24 as a Grapevine eblast, and will continue to appear in the Grapevine going forward. You can also find a print version in the narthex/foyer. **Will Boyd, our Senior Warden, welcomes your questions: willboyd23@hotmail.com, or 864-327-6101.**

Full-Day Summer Camps for 5k - 2nd Grade, 8:30a - 4:30p. M - F.

Nine sessions of faith-based learning, arts, STEM, and fun!

Session 6: Travel Around The World, July 6-10

Session 7: The Show Goes On, July 13-17

Session 8: Let's Camp Out, July 20-24

Final Session: STEAM, July 27-31

Registration: stmatthewsepiscopal.org/preschool/summercamp

Wishlist: www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/Q3PLN6JMW5SV?ref_=wl_share

Independence Day Desserts and Lemonade, Sunday July 5th

Join us right after the service for lemonade and desserts in celebration of Independence Day. We scaled back from our earlier announcement, and we think you'll agree: sometimes the simplest gathering is the sweetest.

We hope to see you there!

→ **Labyrinth Prayer Program** July 5, from 7-8 pm

Come join us for a unique and meaningful prayer experience through our guided Prayer Labyrinth program. A prayer labyrinth is not a maze, but a sacred walking path designed to help you slow down, quiet your mind, and draw closer to God through prayer and reflection. During our time together, we will learn the history and purpose of prayer labyrinths; receive practical guidance for walking one; and have the opportunity to engage in this ancient spiritual practice with our community. **Whether you are new to contemplative prayer or looking for a fresh way to deepen your faith**, this program offers a peaceful space to listen, reflect, and encounter God in a new way. Reach out to Derek if you have any questions; hope to see y'all there!

True North: Following Jesus Through Every Season

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! July 13-17, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Join us this summer for an exciting five-day adventure for children to discover that Jesus is our True North; the One who guides us through every season of life. Through engaging Bible stories, fun games, creative crafts, worship, and hands-on activities, kids will learn how to follow Jesus when life is new; when life is hard; when they need direction; when others need help; and wherever He leads them. Each day will help children grow in their faith and learn practical ways to trust and follow Christ. **Registration is on the website** under the "Learn & Connect" tab. We are currently looking for adult volunteers as well as dinner angels; please reach out to Derek if you're interested!

The Brotherhood of St. Matthew is Calling all Men

As a fellowship and service organization, we want to welcome new men as we seek to serve our parish and the surrounding community. We meet the Second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 in the Library Conference Room.

The Parish Photo Album So much has happened in the last two months. Our photo album runneth over. Please send your parish life photos to Susan at sgengler@gmail.com so they can be added to our Pixieset collections (stmatthewsepiscopal.org/learn-connect/parishlife) and shared on social media!

Stewardship Strong Your giving also supports the way St. Matthew's offers hospitality for everything from planned celebrations to unexpected gatherings. The core Hospitality Team and a devoted crew of volunteers have ensured that every table at St. Matthew's is set with care. Your support makes it possible to welcome one another well, in joy and in grief alike.



Watch The Grapevine for more ways your generosity supports Christ's mission at St. Matthew's. **To learn more or give today, scan the code or visit stmatthewsepiscopal.org/giving.** Contact the church at (864) 576-0424 or jbird@stmatthewsepiscopal.org.