

Christian Formation 8-9-26



UPCOMING: September 6th we resume Two Sunday Services at 9 am and 11:15 am with Christian Formation between.

***Children's Formation* From 10 am to Eucharist.**

Infants through 5k: The Nursery

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

EYC!* Episcopal Youth Community. **Resumes TONIGHT August 9*

Bible, Bread & Wine this evening at 5:30 pm with Fr. Paul in the Kelly Room unless otherwise announced in church. Join us for light snacks, deep conversations, and Holy Eucharist. Please let Lindsay know if you can host in your home, or text her at 303-870-2108 with questions!

Compline Every evening www.facebook.com/groups/stmattsc. 9:15 pm.

***Service of Interment of Ashes* for Maxine Wood, Today, Aug. 9 right after church.** This brief service completes the resting of Maxine's ashes, following the fuller memorial service held earlier this year. All who wish to hold Maxine, and those who loved her, in prayer are warmly invited to attend.

Wanted Nursery Caregiver. St. Matthew's is seeking someone with a heart for children to assist with overseeing the nursery. This person would work with Melissa Pellin and serve about every third Sunday morning. This is a paid position: \$100 every Sunday served. Interview and background check required. Please contact Rob Rhoden at r_rhoden@hotmail.com, or Melissa Pellin at melissapellin@yahoo.com for more information.

***Blessing of the Backpacks* Today, August 9 during worship.** We invite students, teachers, administrators, classroom aides, office staff, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, custodians, librarians, counselors, and all who serve in education – from preschool through graduate school – to bring backpacks, book bags, and yourselves to the altar as we ask God's blessing on a new school year.

The Prayer for the Calling of Our New Rector

Gracious Father, whose Word declares there is a season for everything and a time for every matter under heaven, we humbly ask Your Holy Spirit to guide the minds and hearts of our family of Saint Matthew's as we seek and choose a new rector. We pray You will help us receive a faithful pastor who will care for Your people and equip us in our ministries, such that we may continue to preach, teach, heal, and make disciples with joy and thanksgiving for the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***The PreSchool is in session!* It's not too late to enroll.** Families join us throughout the fall for many reasons – they're new to the area, their plans have changed, or they're still looking for the right fit. If you're still searching, or if you have a friend looking for placement for their child, we'd be delighted to help. With low student-to-teacher ratios, a beautiful and convenient campus, and a nurturing environment where children grow socially, emotionally, spiritually, and academically, The Preschool at St. Matthew's is a wonderful place to begin the learning journey.
Learn more and register at: stmatthewsepiscopal.org/preschool/what-makes-us-special

Stewardship Pledge Packets Here Next Sunday as we kick off our 2026/27 stewardship campaign by handing out pledge packets in the narthex. You'll find options to pledge funds, time and talent, as well as insightful FAQs to help you better understand the church's operations and funding. Please prayerfully consider your commitments, then return your forms by Sunday, Sept. 20, St. Matthew's Day, when all pledges will be blessed by Father Paul.

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.

Women's Bible Study 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, in the Library.
Morning Edition, will resume in September. Kathy Ellis 864-587-7321 or Cathy Whitworth 864-590-3418.
Evening Edition, at 6:30 pm. Mary Paul at 864-504-5375.

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

Stewardship Strong Summer often brings travel, family visits, and a different pace of life. If you're away from St. Matthew's this season, recurring online giving is a simple way to keep your pledge on track – one less thing to remember while you're enjoying the summer. Simply visit stmatthewsepiscopal.org/giving, (you can use the QR code below) choose Recurring, and select the schedule that works best for you. It's secure, convenient, and easy to change at any time. If you have any questions or need assistance setting up recurring giving, please contact Jane Bird, Church Administrator, at (864) 576-0424.



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.