

Christian Formation 9-27-26



The Sunday Schedule

9:00 - 9:45 Christian Formation

Preschool: 6mo – 5K will go to the Nursery.

Elementary: 1st – 5th grade. Meet your teacher in the Narthex at 9 am.

Teens: EYC Room. Meet your teacher in the Narthex at 9 am.

Adults: Fr. Paul and Holy Grounds in the St. Matthew's Kitchen.
Andy Donnan leads "What Does It Mean to be The Church?", Kelly Rm.

10:00 One Sunday Service

Evening

EYC at 5:30 pm in the Youth Room.

Bible, Bread & Wine w/Father Paul at 5:30 pm in the Kelly Rm.

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

Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist with Healing

6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. A quietly moving service rich in prayers of adoration, thanksgiving, petition, intercession, praise, and faith.

Watch your email for the CAT Survey!

This past week, Rector Search Updates with information about the CAT survey (Congregational Assessment Tool) were sent to those of you who subscribe to the Grapevine. You will receive the survey by email later this week from Holy Cow Consultants. **This is a crucial step in our rector search, and we need everyone to complete the survey. Please see those earlier emails for the full story.**

Beginning Saturday, October 3, please use your unique link to complete the survey. **It is vital that you answer every question.** If you leave a question blank, no answers beyond that question will be counted, even if you complete the rest. Your responses are strictly anonymous, so please answer candidly. Please do not discuss the survey or your answers with others, as doing so may influence their responses.

If you need a paper copy or assistance with the online survey, contact Jane Bird at jbird@stmatthewsepiscopal.org, or come to one of our survey-help sessions:

Saturday, October 10: 10:00–11:30 AM, Library

Sunday, October 11: Following the 10:00 AM service, Library

Sunday, October 18: Following the 10:00 AM service, Library

Reach out if you did not receive the Rector Search Updates:
grapevine@stmatthewsepiscopal.org

Support our PreSchool Teachers & Students!

St. Matthew's Preschool greatly appreciates your support! One simple way to help our teachers and students is by donating some of the everyday supplies they use in the classroom. We would be grateful for donations of:

+Paper towels

+Baby wipes

+8.5 x 11 laminating sheets

+Tissues

PreSchool News: Our next staff meeting is Monday, October 19th, and we would be so grateful for another **Dinner Angel** to provide a donation or a light dinner for our hard-working teachers. And, mark your calendars for a **November Chili Cook-off!** We are moving our annual fundraiser to the fall and will announce the specific date very soon. Thank you all so much, for all your support and donations this school year. Every little bit helps and is always appreciated!

Congregational Service Project

Help us support our neighbors in need. We are collecting feminine hygiene products for clients of our Food Pantry and for people experiencing homelessness in Spartanburg. Walmart offers retail packages starting as low as \$6, and options for teens for about \$2. Donations collected through November. Cash donations are also welcome. Please place cash in the offering plate marked "Product Drive", or drop it off at the church office.
Questions? Please contact Don Davis at donaldsdavissr@aol.com.

Acolyte Training Sunday, Oct. 4 at 11:30 am

Each week you see our dedicated acolytes serving in many ways – lighting candles, carrying crosses, torches and chalices, bearing the chalice, reading Scripture, greeting people. We welcome people of all ages to take part in this important and meaningful ministry. Sign up on the sheet across from the kitchen to **attend our acolyte training session** – a light lunch will be served. For more information, contact Debbie Richardson through the church office.

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.

Stewardship: 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 or jbird@stmatthewsepiscopal.org.

