

Smatterings

Saint Matthew's
Episcopal Church

January 2016

Welcome Fr. Frank



Happy New Year!

I welcome 2016 feeling great joy and many blessings as I begin a new ministry with all of you at St. Matthew's! Susie, Clare, and I are excited about this opportunity and look forward to being with you all.

We begin this season of our time together in the shadow of history, celebrating 100 years as a parish church! This is no small feat. As we live into the future driven by 100 years of experience - of accomplishments and setbacks, of joys and sorrows, of hopes and failures, of dreams realized and yet to come - we find ourselves at the precipice of the next 100 years in the life and faith of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

One of the things that I believe is that God endows each parish with everything it needs in order to carry out its mission. Each parish is unique; each has its own strengths and limitations, and each has its own way of responding to the context and the neighborhood in which it is planted. I believe St. Matthew's already possesses everything it needs to carry out its mission, and I am looking forward to seeing all of the possibilities and potentials that will emerge during our ministry together!

As we continue to ring in the New Year, the season of Lent is not too far off on the horizon. The theme for Lent this year will be on healing and reconciliation. I realize that many of you have endured some experiences of hurt, sadness, anger, and broken dreams not only over the re-

cent past, but also perhaps from earlier history in St. Matthew's. To address this, I will be offering a variety of healing opportunities throughout Lent. As these are scheduled, I will make sure everyone has plenty of advanced notice. During Lent, we will also hold a reception for Fr. Mark and his family. It is important for Fr. Mark and for all of St. Matthew's to say goodbye and take-leave from one another.

I thank God for the opportunity that he has called us to be priest and people at this time in my life and in the life and ministry of St. Matthew's. Now, let's begin!

Fr. Frank

Schedule of celebrants for January

Rev. Steven Giovangelo will be the celebrant for the Wednesday services on **January 6, 13, and 20**. **Rev. Frank Impicciche** will celebrate on the **27th**.

Rev. Jackie Means will be the Sunday celebrant for **January 3**. **Rev. Giovangelo** will be the Sunday celebrant on **January 10 and 17**.

Barbara Kempf will be the Sunday celebrant for **January 24**. **Rev. Frank Impicciche** will celebrate on the **31st**.

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Reports

VESTRY

Vestry cancels December meeting

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

January has two centennial guests

In January we will continue the year long centennial celebration with the return of two former Saint Matthew's clergy. On **January 3** we welcome back **Rev. Jackie Means**. Jackie will be the celebrant at both the 8:00am and the 10:30am services.

On **January 24** our returning centennial guest will be **Rev. Barbara Kempf**. Barb will also be here for both services.

OUTREACH

Give unto others

by Linda Dernier

Members of St. Matthew's and Troop 161 merged together to make a Christmas dinner to be delivered to the homeless camp on Saturday, December 26. There were many homemade Christmas goodies donated along with personal items which included new warm socks, gloves, books and puzzle magazines. After three hours of cooking and preparing, we loaded up four cars with food and people and headed down to the camp with Buzz leading the caravan through the streets on the east side to a camp that we have been working with for the past few years. One car had an entire BSA family, who has two young men who are in the process of deciding on what their Eagle Scout projects could be.



With many to help carry in the hot food we only needed to make a couple of trips to the cars. The rain held off until the buffet was set up; then a steady drizzle continued during the time we ate and visited with the 12+ residents.

All were happy to have a "home" cooked meal and friends they could talk with. When asked if there were specific items that they could benefit from, the answer was thermal underwear sizes L and XL, batteries, sizes AA, C, and D, and taper candles. (Tapers actually give off more light than pillars and/or any other type of candle.)

While our normal monthly delivery is the first Saturday of the

VESTRY FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF 10/31/15

Actual vs Budget	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total income	146,584	166,416	-19,832
Total expenses	165,994	165,514	-480
Net operating income	-19,410	902	-20,312
Total in General Fund	\$1,519		

month, maybe we will try to coordinate another "HOT" meal delivery in the near future. Our thanks to the MANY who came and helped to "give unto others" and make this meal delivery a success.

Please continue to help our homeless brothers and sisters



The next Homeless Camp delivery date is Saturday, January 2. Non-perishable items may be brought to the church any time through the month, marked for the homeless, and placed in the basket in the entry way. Monetary gifts are needed and can be taken to the office. Cold weather is quickly approaching; so blankets are a non-perishable that can be placed on your list. In addition they need **thermal underwear sizes L and XL, batteries sizes AA, C, and D, and taper candles.**

Perishable items should be brought to the church on December 30—January 1. Mark the items for the homeless and place the perishable items in the refrigerator.

Help is needed. If you can assist with shopping in the next few months contact Carolyn Kirkendall or Buzz Hollett. Each month two people are needed to help shop the two days before the delivery date.

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Christmas 1 10:30 am Lessons And Carols 12p Handbells 3 pm Templo Gracia 8 pm AA	28	29	30 10 am Morning Prayer 7 pm Boy Scout mtg	31 9p Templo Gracia	1 8 pm Templo Gracia	2 Homeless Delivery 7:30 pm AA
3 Christmas 2 8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Centennial Guest - Means 12p Handbells 3 pm Templo Gracia 8pm AA	4	5	6 Epiphany 10 am Holy Eucharist 7p Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Templo Gracia 7 pm Boy Scouts	7 9a ISO SM	8 8 pm Templo Gracia	9 10a-3p ECW Mtg 7:30 pm AA
10 1 Epiphany 8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 12p Handbells 3 pm Templo Gracia 8pm AA	11	12 TD	13 10 am Holy Eucharist 7p Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Templo Gracia 7 pm Boy Scouts + Comm Mtg	14	15 8 pm Templo Gracia	16 7:30 pm AA
17 2 Epiphany 8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 12p PH-Rental - Cooper 12p Handbells 3 pm Templo Gracia 8pm AA	18	19	20 10 am Holy Eucharist 7p Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Templo Gracia 7 pm Boy Scouts	21	22 8 pm Templo Gracia	23 7:30 pm AA
24 3 Epiphany 8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Centennial Guest-Kempf 12p Handbells 31 4 Epiphany 8 & 10:30 am HE 3 pm Templo Gracia 5 pm Karst Recital -offsite 8pm AA	25 7p Vestry sMATTerings Deadline	26 TD	27 10 am Holy Eucharist 7p Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Templo Gracia 7 pm Boy Scouts	28	29 8 pm Templo Gracia	30 7:30 pm AA

Sunday Ministry Schedule January 2016

Ministry Schedule	January 3 10:30 AM Christmas 2	January 10 10:30 AM Epiphany 1	January 17 10:30 AM Epiphany 2	January 24 10:30 AM Epiphany 3	January 31 10:30 AM Epiphany 4	February 7 9:30 AM Last Epiphany
Preacher	Rev. Jackie Means	Rev. Steven Giovangelo	Rev. Steven Giovangelo	Rev. Barbara Kempf	Rev. Frank Impicciche	Rev. Frank Impicciche
Lectors	Andy Wilkinson	Joe Hauptmann	Suzanne Kissling	Denny Krauser	Mary Strange	Alice Moody
Lectors	Brenda Runyon	Don Runyon	Diane Bueche	Joan Porter	Joe Weaver	Andrew Lloyd-Jones
Intercessor	Joe Hauptmann	Jeff Higbie	Missy Ellis	Brenda Runyon	Don Runyon	Diane Bueche
Chalice	Bob Strange	Bill McMahon	Elaine Mattson	Joe Weaver	Andy Wilkinson	Jan Higbie
	Joan Porter	Suzanne Kissling	Don Runyon	Bonnie Godfrey	Joan Porter	Tom Higbie
Crucifer/Server	Joe Weaver	Diane Bueche	Emily Albrecht	Brayton Leswing	Bonnie Godfrey	Jon Robbins
Ushers	Jeff Weir	Natalie Palmer	Greg Staab	Diane Bueche	Kaye Palmer	Jeff Higbie
	Natalie Weir	Denyse Palmer	Missy Ellis	Bob Strange	Allison Albrecht	Joe Weaver
Greeters	Jennifer Albrecht	Jeff Higbie	Joe Weaver	Greg Staab	Jon Robbins	Zella Rosene
	Jon Robbins	Natalie Weir	Bob Strange	Missy Ellis	Jennifer Albrecht	Angie Wilkinson
Oblations	Andrew Lloyd-Jones	Albrecht Family	Suzanne Kissling	Natalie Weir	Missy Ellis	Palmer Family
	Amanda Lloyd-Jones		Diane Bueche	Jeff Weir	Greg Staab	
Counters	Mary Strange	Joe Hauptmann	Greg Staab	Jennifer Albrecht	Denyse Palmer	Missy Ellis
	Andy Wilkinson	Joe Weaver	Zella Rosene	Natalie Palmer	Natalie Weir	Mary Strange
Coffee	Centennial			Centennial		
	Committee			Committee		
Vestry Liason	Natalie Weir	Angie Wilkinson	Bob Strange	Don Runyon	Joe Weaver	Zella Rosene
Nursery Attendant						
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5	Team 1

4 If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute and advise the Parish Office. Thank you.


Shatterings

Announcements

You are invited to hear

GEORGE L. KARST


play samples from a millennium of music



in organ recital at
Sacred Heart Church

on January 31, 2016 at dusk (5 PM). The location is
1530 Union St, Indianapolis, IN 46225.

This is George's secondary doctoral recital. It includes works by Couperin with chant, Buxtehude, Bach, Reger, and Messiaen.




The next **meeting of Book, Yarn, and Prayer** will meet at St. Matthew's, **Monday, January 4 at 7:00pm**. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

For conversation, we will continue with C.S. Lewis's book *The Problem of Pain: How Human Suffering Raises Almost Intolerable Intellectual Problems* chapters 6 and 7, *Human Pain* parts 1 and 2. We have discovered that you do not need to read the book to join the conversation. C. S. Lewis quotes St. Augustine as having written somewhere, "God wants to give us something, but cannot, because our hands are full – there's nowhere for Him to put it." How do we learn to seek God in our times of happiness?

We will continue to knit/crochet/weave scarves for our military or maritime heroes. We will also decide on a new book to start in March. Bring your suggestions. We wrap our meetings with prayer. I'm looking forward to some lively discussion and busy hands.

Contact: Alice Moody, Jan Higbie, and Amanda Lloyd-Jones

The next **Wednesday Pitch-In** will be on **Wednesday, January 27**, following the 10am service. Come join the fun. Bring whatever; there's no set menu.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- January 2 Don Runyon
- January 6 Katherine Ellis
- January 7 Matt Wilkinson
- January 9 Phil Leswing
- January 9 Benjamin Robbins
- January 18 Lee Ervin
- January 20 Patty Hardwick
- January 23 Kelly Swain-Leswing
- January 25 Landon Leswing
- January 26 George Kirkendall
- January 27 Greg Staab



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- January 21 Jon and Robin Robbins



On Sunday afternoon, December 20, the Angel Tree Gifts were delivered to all 12 children. A big thank you to everyone who purchased gifts and delivered them.

Christmas at St. Matthew's



Attention There will **NOT** be a **blood pressure** clinic this **Sunday, January 3**. However, the clinic will return as usual on February 7, first Sunday in February.

Monday, January 25, 2016, is the **deadline** for sending in any calendar events, meeting dates and times, articles, and announcements for the February issue of **SMATTERings**.



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Services

- Sundays: Holy Eucharist Rite II
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesdays: Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

Nursery available on Sundays starting at 10:15 a.m.

Parish Office Hours: Mon., Wed. 9:30 a.m.—4:00

St. Matthew's Mission Statement

The mission of St. Matthew's is

"to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ."

We do this through worship of God,
education of ourselves and our children,
care for each other and outreach to others,
sharing faith stories with others,
and caring for all our resources (our time, treasure,
and talents).

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