

Smatterings

Saint Matthew's
Episcopal Church

November 2015



Dear friends in Christ,

October turned about to be another month of very good liturgy as we welcomed Barb Kempf to celebrate for our mid-week Eucharist services and Jean Denton joined us for Sunday mornings. Jean will be with us in early November, and Steven Giovangelo will join us mid-month.

We look forward to welcoming Grace Burton-Edwards as an ongoing part of our Centennial Celebration. Many of you have shared your curiosity about the outreach plans for our celebration. If you regularly receive electronic communications from St. Matt's, you should have received a "Survey Monkey" asking you to share your ideas for an appropriate outreach project. For those who prefer, there are also paper surveys available. Please do let us know your thoughts about how we might integrate outreach into our celebration.

Many of us participated in a cottage meeting in September. With the leadership of Greg Staab, Natalie Palmer and Bob Strange, we worked together on a "SWOT" analysis for the parish. At the October Vestry meeting, Greg reviewed a compilation of our thoughts of the internal strengths and weaknesses and external opportunities and threats of our faith community. Vestry members will spend the time before our November meeting considering the ways that our strengths can address the threats we face and how opportunities can counter our weaknesses so as to think strategically about our parish in the next century. We will have a "mini-retreat" facilitated by Greg at our November Vestry meeting to further develop those ideas. Stay tuned for more information.

On Saturday, November 21st, we will celebrate the life of our beloved Teddy Pfister. Cam Miller will preside at the service and we do hope that you will be able to join us to remember one of our matriarchs. As a result of that service, the Altar Guild planning date has been moved to November 28th. Bonnie and I

hope you can join us as we discuss leadership approaches for 2016.

While Jeff and I have been out of town this past month, I understand that many of you have enjoyed reading and discussing **Crazy Christians**. We are considering the next book to read together. The bishop has suggested, and it was discussed at diocesan convention, that **The New Jim Crow** would be good tool to continue discussions in the church about racial equality. And many thanks to Greg Staab and Missy Ellis for attending convention as our delegates; they will be sharing a report from convention between services one Sunday in November.

On Sunday, November 22nd, we will encourage you to prayerfully consider your financial support for St. Matthew's in 2016. I would remind you of one of the strengths we identified in our cottage meetings – we are a loving community, committed to caring for each other. This has not been a typical year – and we are not certain what next year holds. But we are a community of faith that welcomes the stranger and offers to walk together on the journey. And we do have the continued support of Bishop Waynick and Canon Gray as they care for St. Matthew's and for Mark and his family at this challenging time. Please join Jeff and me in pledging to continue to support St. Matt's as we begin our next chapter as the presence of Christ on the east side of Indianapolis.

For these and all the activities of the parish, I continue to bid your prayers and participation.

Shalom,

Natalie

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Reports

VESTRY

Vestry has October meeting

The Vestry had their October meeting on Monday, October 26.

Greg Staab gave an outline of the SWOT analysis. At the November meeting the Vestry will hold a mini retreat lead by Greg to discuss this document.

There was a discussion about having the American and the Episcopal Church flags in the sanctuary of the church. Natalie stated that there have been some changes in the traditions of the flags being in the worship space, and the current guidelines are that these flags should not be in the sanctuary. Perhaps a rector might allow the flags to be displayed in the sanctuary for special days like Memorial Day. This idea will be discussed with Canon Bruce Gray or some other member of the diocesan staff.

Greg Staab said that the Stewardship committee passed out a information sheet giving information about the current thinking about finances and the stewardship campaign. A discus-

VESTRY FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF 9-30-15			
Actual -vs- Budget	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Total income	134,386	149,828	-15,442
Total expenses	145,261	151,058	-5,797
Net operating income	-10,876	-1,230	-9,645
Total in General Fund	\$4,685		

sion about parish finances followed.

Greg also reported on the diocesan convention. He and Missy will make a report to the parish about the convention.

George Kirkendall passed out a paper about the ADA. He would like for the vestry to consider what actions should be taken to make St. Matthews be in compliance. There was a discussion of the legal issues about this topic.

CONVENTION

The diocese holds part two of the convention

by Missy Ellis

The 178th convention of the Diocese of Indianapolis, part two, was held October 23 and 24. Missy Ellis and Greg Staab served as delegates from St. Matthew's.

Numerous reports were presented to the gathering. College campus ministry, Waycross, diocesan youth, new church plans for Good Samaritan of Brownsburg, and other groups shared videos outlining their work in 2015. Other highlights included the delegates' acceptance of the 2016 budget, discussion and approval of seven resolutions, a holy conversation about the search for the eleventh bishop of the diocese, Bishop Cate Waynick's convention address, and a Friday evening banquet.

Many of the seven resolutions, born of topics under discussion at the General Convention last summer, contain goals and programming for individual parishes. Below is a brief summary of the resolutions:

- Parishes will be asked to weigh in with ideas for an alcohol use policy to be developed by the diocese.
- A parental/medical leave policy for clergy and employees will be created.

- Greater cooperation and shared programming among adjacent dioceses (e.g. Kentucky, Northern Indiana) will be sought.
- An anti-racism initiative will begin with book study in each parish about *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander.
- A study of marriage will be undertaken using the *Dearlly Beloved* toolkit.
- New Bible studies using *The Bible in the Life of the Church* will be encouraged.

Food security will remain a priority. All parishes are encouraged to continue and expand their food ministries and to make reports about those programs to the diocese.

Further information about the resolutions—as well as extensive convention coverage—can be found at indydio.org.

News with a special connection to St. Matthew's is the election of Natalie Palmer to the Commission on Ministry.

STEWARDSHIP

St. Matthew's begins the Annual Campaign

by Greg Staab, Stewardship Chairman

Dear brothers and sisters of St. Matthew's,

It is my honor and privilege to be the chair of our 2016 annual campaign. My first order of business is to recognize Jennifer Albrecht who has been the stewardship chair for the past three years. Her track record of excellent leadership leaves me with big shoes to fill.

As the stewardship committee and the vestry were planning the 2016 campaign, we all agreed we needed to be realistic about where we are as a congregation. We look at our current situation as not unlike that of the Israelites wandering through the desert looking for the promised land. Current uncertainties leave us wondering. We know what the promised land looks and feels like, and we yearn to be there. Just like the Israelites, we are challenged in many ways: to stay hopeful, to believe in God's promises for us, and to maintain a level of self-care that will prepare us for our arrival.

The annual campaign focuses us on the well-being of St. Matthew's by asking us to consider our time, talent and treasure. Let me expound on each of these.

Our Time – We find in our individual lives that time is often our most precious resource. So is the case within the life of the church. Whether it be as a coffee hour host, an usher or greeter, a lector or plate counter or nursery attendant, each of us can dedicate a little of our time. What time can you give?

Our Talent – I feel this is what makes St. Matthew's special. Collectively we have many highly talented people in our congregation. But are we giving all of our talents that we can? As we wander the desert, our shared talents will keep us tightly bound as a loving and caring community.

Our Treasure – Treasure is what the annual campaign usually emphasizes, as it is indisputably a critical component for our day to day well-being. We are blessed to be receiving support from the diocesan Mission Strategies ministry as well as reimbursements from the diocesan-sponsored short-term medical disability insurance, but that isn't enough for "our house" to operate day to day. Please carefully consider your annual pledge. If you can stay consistent with last year's amount – thank you. If you can increase your pledge – that's great!

I urge you to carefully consider your time, talent and treasure. The annual campaign period begins November 8 when pledge cards will be mailed. The parish In-gathering will be Sunday, November 22.

I will leave you with a line from 1 Chronicles, verse 29 – "For all things come from You, and from Your own hand we have given to You."

Respectfully,

Greg Staab

OUTREACH

Please continue to help our homeless



The next Homeless Camp delivery date is Friday, November 6.

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.

Perishable items should be brought to the church on November 4-5. Mark the items for the homeless and place the perishable items in the refrigerator.

Help is needed! Please sign up to go shopping the Wednesday or Thursday prior to the delivery date each month. Two people are needed each month. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or contact Carolyn Kirkendall or Buzz Hollett.

United Thank Offering is being collected

Sunday, November 8, is the second and last Sunday to turn in the little blue boxes



with your loose change. UTO serves both here locally and abroad. Just last year St. Albans was awarded a \$16,000 grant for a community garden ministry. UTO is also well known in the third world countries where UTO monies have built churches and schools.

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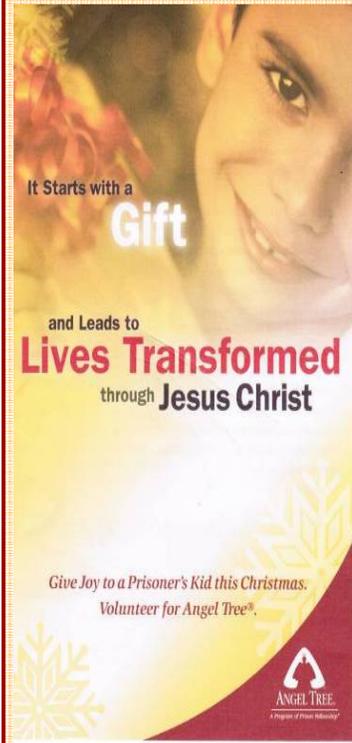
November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day 8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 9a Crazy Christians Study Gr 12p Handbells 3 pm Templo Gracia 8 pm AA	2	3 TD	4 10 am Holy Eucharist 7p Choir 7:30 pm Templo Gracia 7 pm Boy Scouts	5	6 Homeless Camp Deliveries 8 pm Templo	7 7:30 pm AA
8 Pentecost 24 8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rev. Grace-Cenn Visit 9a Adult Forum 3 pm Templo Gracia 8 pm AA	9 7p Book/Yarn & Prayer	10	11 10 am Holy Eucharist No Choir This WEEK 7:30 pm Templo Gracia 7 pm Boy Scouts	12	13 8 pm Templo	14 7:30 pm AA
15 Pentecost 25 8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 9a Crazy Christians Study Gr UTO In-Gathering 12p Handbells 3 pm Templo Gracia 8 pm AA	16	17 TD	18 10 am Holy Eucharist 7p Choir 7p BSA Adult Training 7:30 pm Templo Gracia 7 pm Boy Scouts	19	20 8 pm Templo	21 10a Pfister Service and Reception 11a District 30AA mtg in mtg in PH 7:30 pm AA
22 Christ the King 8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Pledge In-Gathering 12p Handbells 3 pm Templo Gracia 8 pm AA	23 6:30 pm Finance 7 pm Vestry	24	25 10 am Holy Eucharist 11:15a Pitch-in Lunch sMATTERing Deadline 7p Choir 7:30 pm Templo Gracia 7 pm Boy Scouts	26 Thanksgiving Day Parish Offices Closed	27 8 pm Templo	28 10a Altar Guild Meet and Clean 7:30 pm AA
29 Advent 1 8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 12p Handbells 3 pm Templo Gracia 8 pm AA	30	1 TD	2 10 am Holy Eucharist 7p Choir 7:30 pm Templo Gracia 7 pm Boy Scouts	3	4 Homeless Camp Deliveries 8 pm Templo	5 7:30 pm AA

Sunday Ministry Schedule November 2015

Ministry Schedule	November 1 10:30 AM All Saints Day	November 8 10:30 AM Pentecost 24	November 15 10:30 AM Pentecost 25	November 22 10:30 AM Christ the King	November 29 10:30 AM Advent 1	December 6 10:30 AM Advent 2
Preacher	Rev. Jean Denton	Rev. Grace Burton-Edwards	Rev. Steven Giovangelo	Very Rev. Robert Giannini	TBA	TBA
Lectors	Suzanne Kissling	Crystal Black	Diane Bueche	Joe Weaver	Andrew Lloyd-Jones	Jennifer Albrecht
Lectors	Jeff Higbie	Don Runyon	Denny Krauser	Alice Moody	Linda Sykes	Bob Strange
Intercessor	Elaine Mattson	Joan Porter	Linda Sykes	Natalie Weir	Joe Weaver	Crystal Black
Chalice	Andy Wilkinson	Bonnie Godfrey	Don Runyon	Joan Porter	Jan Higbie	Andy Wilkinson
	Joe Weaver	Elaine Mattson	Suzanne Kissling	Bob Strange	Tom Higbie	Joe Weaver
Crucifer/Server	Jacob Cooper	Devon Teague	Joe Weaver	Diane Bueche	Emily Albrecht	Brayton Leswing
Ushers	Jeff Weir	Andy Wilkinson	Missy Ellis	Natalie Palmer	Diane Bueche	Bonnie Godfrey
	Natalie Weir	Angie Wilkinson	Greg Staab	Kaye Palmer	Denyse Palmer	Jeff Higbie
Greeters	Missy Ellis	Kaye Palmer	Jeff Higbie	Joe Weaver	Natalie Weir	Missy Ellis
	Greg Staab	Denyse Palmer	Bob Strange	Jennifer Albrecht	Jon Robbins	Greg Staab
Vestry Liaison	Natalie Weir	Andrew Lloyd-Jones	Bob Strange	Angie Wilkinson	Joe Weaver	
Oblations	Bob Strange	Albrecht Family	Palmer Family	Natalie Weir	Bonnie Godfrey	Albrecht Family
	Mary Strange		Palmer Family	Jeff Weir	Suzanne Kissling	
Counters	Jon Robbins	Greg Staab	Natalie Palmer	Denyse Palmer	Andy Wilkinson	Joe Hauptmann
	Julie Hauptmann	Jennifer Albrecht	Natalie Weir	Mary Strange	Missy Ellis	Jon Robbins
Coffee		Elaine Mattson	Albrecht Family	Stewardship	A. Lloyd-Jones	Palmer
		Centennial Comm.	Higbie/ UTO Sunday	In-Gathering	Family	Family
Nursery Attendant	Sylvia Robles					Sylvia Robles
Altar Guild	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5	Team 1

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



Angel Tree comes again to St. Matthew's

Angel Tree: A Program of Prison Fellowship is the Christmas outreach that St. Matthew's is participating in again this year. It is a program for us that "expresses the love of Christ to children and families of prisoners. Angel Tree can bring a great blessing to you and to the prisoners' families to whom you minister."

Last year our Angel Tree program was very successful and rewarding. We applied for 14 names of children ranging in age from 2 to 15. Parishioners gladly, willingly, and quickly took the names of these children, and thankfully we were able to deliver the gifts to all of these children.

This year, our third year, we have requested

12 names. Each child is to receive a gift costing between \$15 and \$25, the gift having been suggested by the parent in prison. The parent has also written a note to the child that will accompany the gift.

Please see Esther Weaver to receive the name of a child and all of his/her information. We are asking that the wrapped gifts be brought to the church on Sunday, December 13, when a blessing will be given.

You, the giver, will not be responsible for delivering the gift. However, if anyone would like to volunteer to help deliver the gifts, please give your name to Esther or e-mail her at jjw3@hotmail.com.



CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Centennial Committee Update by Steve Albrecht, Centennial Committee Chairperson

We welcome back Reverend Grace Burton-Edwards as our celebrant on November 8 as we continue the year long centennial celebration with the return of past clergy to Saint Matthew's. Grace will be the celebrant at the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services and participate in a conversation between services sharing her experiences since moving to Georgia. The 10:30 service will be followed by a special coffee hour in honor of Grace and members of the parish are invited to bring a food item to share. Following Advent we will continue to welcome back former Saint Matthew's clergy. Information on which clergy and when will be posted once the dates have been confirmed.

Your input is being sought to help the Centennial Committee discern an outreach project that will serve as a focal point of the parish's celebration. The Centennial budget includes funds dedicated for an outreach project. An outreach survey to collect your ideas has been sent out via email and is also available in hard copy at the church. The Centennial Committee will collect the ideas and offer a recommendation to the Vestry. Please submit up to two suggestions by November 15 either via the email survey or by placing a completed form in the envelope marked "OUTREACH" on the Centennial bulletin board in the Narthex. Thank you!

Announcements

We would like to welcome back Grace in the St. Matt's style with lots of great finger foods at the Adult Forum and Coffee Hour. Please bring what you can to help out on Sunday November 8th.

The next **blood pressure clinic** is the first Sunday of the month, **December 6, 2015**. The St. Matthew's nurses will be available for the clinic starting at **9am**.

The **Celebration of Life service** for **Teddy Pfister** will be on Saturday, **November 21 at 10am**.

The next **Wednesday Pitch-in Luncheon** will be **Wednesday November 25**, following the 10am Eucharist. All are invited to join us.

As Saint Theresa wrote Christ has no body now on earth but yours. This is our challenge to see the different ways we are Christ's ears, eyes, arms and legs. **Please grab a blank scroll on Sundays and submit what you have done for someone each week.**

Attention: Date Change

The **Altar Guild work day** has been changed to **Saturday, November 28**. We will meet at 10am for a short meeting before we start getting the church ready for the advent season. I encourage all to try to come even if it is only for the meeting. We will have a pitch-in lunch around 12pm. Thank you.

Bonnie

Wednesday, November 25, 2015, is the **deadline** for sending in any calendar events, meeting dates and times, articles, and announcements for the December issue of **SMATTERings**.

Don't forget to **answer your Outreach Survey** via the email you received or to fill out a paper copy from the pew. We hope everyone will send in his/her suggestions.

Holy Conversations, in-person gatherings, for all to share their thoughts, ideas, and perspectives on what gifts, skills, and experiences we will need in a new Bishop. The next few in Indy will be **Sunday, November 8 at 4pm at St Timothy's** and **Tuesday, November 10 at 6pm at Nativity**.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 1 Dennis Palmer
November 2 Martha Cooper
November 2 Tom Miltner
November 3 Bonnie Godfrey
November 9 Nathaniel Trabel
November 11 Ashley Robbins
November 12 Cathy Krauser
November 12 Jenny Lloyd-Jones
November 14 Julia Bell
November 16 Ronald Cooper
November 16 Joyce Napariu
November 17 Devon Teague
November 20 Bob Booth
November 21 Zella Rosene
November 22 Missy Ellis
November 22 Amanda Lloyd-Jones
November 26 Frank Impicicche
November 26 Jeff Weir
November 28 Katie Bell
November 30 Phyllis Crooks



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

November 11 Trevor and Jenny Lloyd-Jones
November 13 Denny and Cathy Krauser



The church office will be closed on November 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

November 29 is the first Sunday of Advent.



Come and Join Us

The inaugural meeting of Book, Yarn, and Prayer will meet at St. Matthew's, Monday, November 9 at 7:00pm. We plan to continue on the second Monday of every month. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

For conversation, we will start with C.S. Lewis's book *The Problem of Pain*, chapters 1 and 2. This book is available in most libraries. I was able to get a copy

at Half Price Books for \$1.95. Because we love to multitask, we will also knit/crochet/weave scarves for our military or maritime heroes. Jan Higbie will provide the yarn. Just bring your favorite tool. Don't know how to crochet? I will be glad to get you started. Or you can just join in on the book discussion.

We will wrap up our meetings with prayer. I'm looking forward to some lively discussion and busy hands.

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

Annual Crop Walk is successful once again



Five walkers, Amanda and Andrew Lloyd-Jones, George Bueche, Jr., George Kirkendall, and Jenny Lloyd-Jones, and 35 sponsors from St. Matthew's have brought in

\$1300 so far. Thank you so much St. Matthew's!

The National Episcopal Church Board

invited women of Province V to meet with them at Waycross for their first board meeting since being elected at the ECW Triennial Meeting during General Convention June-July, 2015. We shared Eucharist followed by lunch and lots of lively conversation. The Board wanted to hear from us regarding our concerns, ideas, and suggestions. Women from St. David's Beanblossom, Trinity Indy, St. Matthew's Indy, St. Paul's Indy, and St. John's Lafayette enjoyed our time with the National ECW Board. We were reminded that if you are a woman in the Episcopal Church, then you are an Episcopal Church woman.



St. Matthew's attendees: Jan Higbie, Esther Weaver, Amanda Lloyd-Jones, and Alice Moody.





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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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