

# Smatterings

Saint Matthew's  
Episcopal Church  
September 2017



Fr. Frank

## Prayer intentions for September

That all people may responsibly care for the protection and preservation of the environment, which is God's handiwork.



## The Butterfly Effect: little things making biggest differences

Greg Staab, Rector's Warden

A couple of years ago I was at a conference for work and the speaker was talking about a phenomenon called "The Butterfly Effect." The speaker said the concept comes from the notion that the wind current created by the flapping wings of a butterfly could have an effect on the direction of the wind halfway across the world that could possibly cause a typhoon. It took a while for this to sink in and to understand how this could be possible, but as he explained how the chain of events that starts with something so little into something that made a big difference.

I have come to appreciate this concept of little things making a bigger difference – like the wings of a butterfly causing a typhoon. I have to hope that my simple little gestures toward someone might have a chain reaction to something bigger for them. Like the how the community of St. Matthew's had this affect on me and my family. When we moved from Broad Ripple to the near-Eastside 20+

years ago, one of our priorities was to find a church to call home. I was born and raised Catholic, but had no allegiance to the Roman Catholic Church and since was Missy a cradle Episcopalian, and we got married at her family's home church of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Columbus, IN (thank you Duff Green), we set off visiting nearby Episcopal churches. I won't name names, but the experiences were less than positive. The first three churches each had very different styles of celebrating the liturgy. However, a common theme of not being family friendly. They weren't totally unfriendly toward us, but when you are a visitor with two kids under 10 years old (and they were good kids), you can sense whether you are welcome or not – and we were not. Then came our visit to St. Matthew's. Talk about being welcomed! The sense of a family community was very refreshing. And I will never forget Dave Wilkinson coming up to me to shake my hand and treat me like a longtime friend. It was all about the little things that made a big difference to us, and that's why we stayed

and called St. Matt's home. Though it's been more than home for me – you were there after my traumatic fall off the side of my house and throughout my rehab. You shared your love, care, and support for me when I was diagnosed and then recovered from cancer. You were comforting and consoling when I suddenly lost my dad to a heart attack. And just recently, you made me feel not so alone when I lost my job. All these gestures were little things by you, but they made a big difference to me.

Look at the upcoming Community Day as our congregation coming together and doing little things for our outside community. I'm inspired by our vision for the future: *"As disciples of Jesus, we aspire to open our hearts to the community. With love for God and neighbor, we offer restoring, caring hands to send forth the Good News to all with passion and determination."* This statement doesn't say we are going to end world hunger, or drug addiction on the Eastside. But it does say we are going to "...open our hearts to the com-

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munity..." and that we are going to "...offer restoring, caring hands to send forth the Good News..." and we are going to do it with "...passion and determination" ...the little things, things we already know how to do.

Community Day will be our opportunity to open our doors and welcome our neighbors so that we can get to know them, and

they can get to know us. It's a day that we hope traffic on East 10<sup>th</sup> Street slows down and sees there is something exciting going on at 8320. It will show we are a home of vitality, love, and caring. We will be able to flap our little butterfly wings together and make a big difference in our community. I'm looking forward to it. I hope you are too!

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## Reports

### VESTRY

## Vestry has August meeting

**Vestry Members Present:** Natalie Palmer, Celeste Sheets-Eaton, Phil Sowders, Greg Staab, Jeff Weir, Angie Wilkinson. Priest-in-Charge Frank Impicciche and Vestry Clerk Dale Caldwell were also present.

**Vestry Members Absent:** None

#### Opening Reflections & Prayer

Question posed by Fr. Frank: *"If we were successful, how would we know that we were?"*

Responses

Goals are our measurement of our accomplishments.

If you cannot measure it, you cannot improve it. One would see increase in attendance, more interaction with children, enlarged spiritual lives

There is no end goal

Mission statement is modus operandi; the vision is our goal

Fr. Frank: We are trying to live out the mission to restore all people to God. He then read the Prayer for Effective Ministry.

#### Consent Agenda

Minutes from July Meeting

July Financial Statements

Motion to accept moved by Jeff Weir; seconded by Phil Sowders. Approved unanimously.

#### People's Warden Report

Same basic issues as last month with addition of organ rectifier that recently failed.

#### Feedback from Congregation

Excellent feedback from parish members who attended regarding "congregational" vestry meeting following worship.

**Old Business** – Community Day updates/details.

Pony ride lady looking forward to it

ARPO to bring 12 – 15 pets for possible adoption

Tour docents thinking that video of St. Matt's history might be interest

Food vendors: Toni Patterson & Anne Dickey

(commissary cooks) will participate; Alex & Cody to bring desserts. Food truck?

Other participating organizations: Red Cross, YMCA/ YWCA, CICOA, ICAN.

Parking available at Moorhead School.

Boy Scouts: toilet paper drive, hot dogs/hamburgers, info tent?

Fire Department to bring kid-friendly items.

Drum circle w/ Vicki Mansfield.

Promotional items: new logo (?).

Photography?

Wear Centennial t-shirts

#### New Business

St. Matthew's Welcome Center – a color printout with location and initial design thoughts was distributed. Memorial monies are available to make it possible. Location possibilities were discussed. Electricity should be available. Is this a project to pursue? Maintenance issues discussed.

Educational opportunities available for use from church in Seattle.

Starting a Bible study outside of church building.

Feast of St. Matthew, September 24; October 7 pet blessing; Altar Guild workday, September 30, relocation of AG storage closet.

In-Gathering

Nominations for Vestry

#### Closing Reflections & Prayer

## August Financials reported

Dear friends in Christ,

The financial results for August are very similar to those in July except that expenses for the month include a new stove for the rectory. Our deficit as of the end of August is \$23,398 as compared to the planned deficit of \$6,213. We end the month with \$36,799 in the checking account which is comprised of \$1,122 for the general fund and \$35,677 of designated funds. The designated funds include memorial funds of \$15,775, centennial funds of \$13,247, columbarium maintenance funds of \$4,176, and funds for children and youth of \$1,057. The value of the Founders' Fund is \$25,155 and the balance in the discretionary fund is an additional \$10,686.

As always, if you have any questions about the financial statements, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Natalie Weir*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Adult forums/Sunday school starts Sunday, September 10, 9am - 9:45am

This year, we will be doing a variety of adult forum series. We will gather with coffee, tea, or your favorite beverage in the Conference Room. All are welcome to join the conversation.



To kick off the season, Fr. Frank will lead a 9-week series (running from September 10 - November 5) on The Creeds. This series will make a good addition to those seeking continuing formation and for those interested in being confirmed or received in the church.

**Children's Sunday school** is coordinated by Angie Wilkinson and will meet in the Children's Room/Nursery

**Sept. 2** Stumbling Blocks - Jesus says - follow the leader

**Sept. 9** Conflict Resolution - Hi/Low - Love your neighbor

**Sept. 16** Forgiveness - weighted down, forgiveness bracelets

**Sept. 23** Order - to be first

**Sept. 30** Doing God's Work- helping others

## OUTREACH

### Help out ICAN ICAN requests for funds

It's time for the occasional call out for funds. Each year, ICAN and the Irvington Area churches call for special monetary offerings. St. Matthew's typically provides \$300 each fall. In addition, as you are able, please consider giving to ICAN. You can mail personal checks made out to ICAN c/o IAM and mailed to ICAN, c/o Emerson Ave. Baptist Church, 308 N. Emerson Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46219 or you can give on line at: <http://rally.org/ICAN>.

### St. Matt's ministers to local shelters

Thank you all, and please continue to help St. Matt's to help stock several neighborhood shelters and pantries on the far east side with toilet paper and other toiletries.



## Announcements

**Wednesday, September 27** is the **deadline** for sending in any calendar events, meeting dates and times, articles, and announcements for the October issue of *sMATTERings*.

The next **Wednesday Pitch-In** will be on **Wednesday, September 30** following the 10am service. Come join the fun. Bring whatever; there's no set menu.



### Remember:

Please sign up for Coffee Hour. Bring some of your favorite pastry and fix the coffee. Thank you.



### The Feast of St. Matthew's to be celebrated on September 24

We hope you all will join in this special day as we celebrate our patron saint and our 101st year as a parish church! As part of the celebration, at the end of the service of Holy Eucharist we will all process outside and dedicate the newly planted Centennial Tree given in honor of David Wilkinson. Please plan to attend.

### September Birthdays

- September 2 Angie Wilkinson
- September 8 Andy Wilkinson
- September 10 Celeste Sheets-Eaton
- September 13 Trevor Teague
- September 14 Carolyn Kirkendall
- September 15 Barb Steward
- September 17 Bill McMahan
- September 22 Brayton Leswing
- September 22 Philip Sowders
- September 26 Edna Mae Fisher
- September 29 Hadley Jean Bell

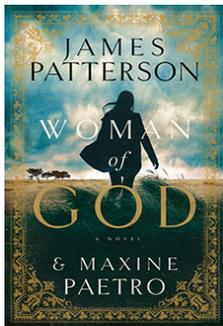


### September Anniversaries

- September 1 Joe and Julie Hauptmann
- September 22 Del and Lester Arbuckle/Burkeen



Book, Yarn, and Prayer will meet  
TUESDAY, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.



We will discuss the Prologue, and Parts One and Two. The chapters are James Patterson's usual 2 or 3 pages so this book is an easy pick up and read a bit and then put down. However, if you are like me and get engrossed by the story, you may have trouble with putting it down. I hope you find yourself asking questions like "What would I do in Brigid's place?" I found myself making different choices.

We will continue making hats and maybe (?) cut blankets...

Our October meeting will return to Monday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Contact: Alice Moody and Jan Higbie

### SAVE THESE DATES

September 29 — October 1, 2017

for the

Episcopal Women's Ministries Fall Retreat  
at the Waycross Conference Center  
with Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows  
as retreat leader



For more information and the registration form, please contact the church office.



### St. Matthew's Community Day

*Responding to the Call*

**Saturday, September 23**

**12 Noon - 4:00pm**

Come and celebrate the variety of ministries that St. Matthew's supports in reaching out to our neighbors and businesses! **Pony rides, Music, Food, community Leaders, St. Matt's Hospitality, boy Scout Troop 161 and much, much more!**  
*Come and be a part of the fun!*

We are hoping everyone will wear their **Centennial T-Shirt or any other St. Matthew attire you might own!!!** This will help visitors to recognize a member of the church if there are any questions or need for directions!

### Altar Guild work and moving day

On the Altar Guild Work Day, scheduled for Saturday, September 30th, we will switch the current coat closet with the current Altar Guild closet in the Nartex. This will provide the Altar Guild with much needed space and create a more convenient space for parishioners and guests to hang coats and hats without having a traffic jam during coffee hour.

We invite anyone who can, especially all Altar Guild members, to come and help!

# Sunday Ministry Schedule September 2017

Ministry Schedule	September	September	September	September	October
	3	10	17	24	1
	10:00 AM Pentecost 13	10:00 AM Pentecost 14	10:00 AM Pentecost 15	10:00 AM Pentecost 16	10:00 AM Pentecost 17
<b>Lectors</b>	Suzanne Kissling	Linda Sykes	Phil Sowders	Bonnie Godfrey	Steve Albrecht
	Joan Porter	Jennifer Albrecht	Missy Ellis	Crystal Black	Andy Wilkinson
<b>Intercessor</b>	Elaine Mattson	Joan Porter	Linda Sykes	Joe Weaver	Natalie Weir
<b>Chalice</b>	Bonnie Godfrey	Elaine Mattson	Suzanne Kissling	Joan Porter	Jan Higbie
<b>Crucifer/Server</b>	Joe Weaver	Brayton Leswing	Bonnie Godfrey	Devon Teague	Joe Weaver
<b>Ushers</b>	Jan Higbie	Joe Weaver	Andy Wilkinson	Jeff Weir	Greg Staab
	Tom Higbie	Bonnie Godfrey	Angie Wilkinson	Natalie Weir	Missy Ellis
<b>Oblations</b>	Natalie Weir	Suzanne Kissling	Missy Ellis	Palmer Family	Bonnie Godfrey
	Jeff Weir	Vicki Mansfield	Greg Staab		Celeste Sheets-Eaton
<b>Counters</b>	Greg Staab	Natalie Palmer	Missy Ellis	Angie Wilkinson	Zella Rosene
	Joe Hauptmann	Jennifer Albrecht	Jon Robbins	Julie Hauptmann	Andy Wilkinson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 1

Team 1, Alice Moody, Bonnie Godfrey, Barb Steward

Team 2, Zella Rosene, Joan Porter

Team 3, Jenny Lloyd-Jones, Esther Weaver, Celeste Sheets-Eaton

Team 4, Jenny Lloyd-Jones, Katy Ellis, Nancy McFarland, Linda Sykes

Team 5, Sylvia Robles, Janet Higbie, Samantha Fraser

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



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## Services

- Sundays: Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:00am
- Wednesdays : Holy Eucharist 10:00am

Nursery available on Sundays starting at 9:45  
Parish Office Hours: Mon. & Thurs. 8am-1pm, Wed. 8am-2pm

## 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 stores with others,  
and caring for all our resources (our time, treasure,  
and talents).

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