



Reaching out  
Reaching within  
Proclaiming God's Love

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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# The Messenger



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From the Interim Pastor—Fr. Richard Osborne

## With Good Grace

*With good grace* was a common expression in our home as I was growing up. But I wasn't sure of its meaning. At first I thought the phrase meant that you smiled – even if you had to fake it – when choicest play was interrupted by some errand or household chore.

Then, gradually, I learned that it was a certain way of doing things. *“If you won't do it with good grace, don't do it at all,”* my mother sometimes said.

I recall my eventual repentance, to which she responded, *“You were unwilling, so I've done it myself.”* This was punishment indeed, to be denied a second chance by seeing my *won't* become *can't*.

Today our Lord says *Go... Visit... Feed... Clothe*, and he seems to add *with good grace*. I know now what he means. Do it with a flare, with a little hop-skip-and-jump, with some heavenly class! Our Father gives us this day, but not forever, to do his will on earth. We commit ourselves to joy in service when we pray *Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven*.

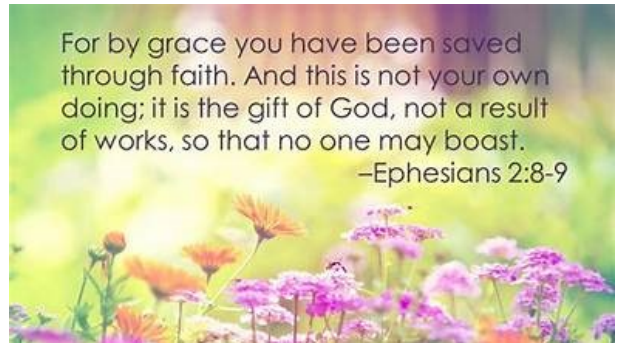
Grace is the gift of undeserved goodness in the form of forgiveness. It is God reaching down to us, the unworthy, the sinful, the little ones. This

forgiveness, once received, becomes a new energy for a new task, done in God's way.

*With good grace I have a favor to ask of you. Our Vestry has proposed that we update our parish directory. I have volunteered to take on that task by doing an every member canvas. I would like to contact every parish member and update our directory information as well as collect personal information concerning sacraments received and birthdays and anniversaries.*

I hope and pray that you will be receptive to my call and visit and allow me the opportunity of updating our parish records, which will be helpful to the new Rector, when one is called, by our newly formed search committee.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.  
—Ephesians 2:8-9





### St. Matthew's Vision Statement

*St. Matthew's Episcopal Church is living into God's vision for us as a beloved community and disciples of Christ. We are always growing in relationship with God, embracing our neighborhood and our world, and leading through acts of service as a beacon of God's justice and love.*

### St. Matthew's Mission Statement

*The Mission of St. Matthew's is to Welcome, Respect and Care for All People. We accomplish this by following Christ, the perfect example of God's reconciling love, as we promote justice, peace and healing for ourselves and our world.*

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#### St. Matthew's office hours:

- Monday-Thursday 9:00 am—2:00 pm
- Fr. Richard is in the office 10:00 am-2:00 pm Monday and Tuesday.

**Services:** Holy Eucharist 10:15 am every Sunday  
Evening Prayer 6:30 pm every Wednesday

\* The St. Matthew's Vestry's June meeting will be after church on Sunday, June 9

All over this magnificent world, God calls us to extend his kingdom of shalom-peace and wholeness — of justice, of goodness, of compassion, of caring, of sharing, of laughter, of joy, of reconciliation. God is transfiguring the world right this very moment through us because God believes in us and because God loves us.

What can separate us from the love of God? Nothing. Absolutely nothing. And as we share God's love with our brothers and sisters, God's other children, there is no tyrant who can resist us, no opposition that cannot be ended, no hunger that cannot be fed, no wound that cannot be healed, no hatred that cannot be turned into love, no dream that cannot be fulfilled.

—Desmond Tutu, *God Has a Dream*



### LET'S FILL UP THE ST. MATTHEW'S FOOD PANTRY.

The Pantry has been a little bare lately! Let's fill it up and help our neighbors. Some good items to include are easy open cans of vegetables, fruit, sauces, etc. Also microwave soups, mac & cheese and single meals. Please take into account the

weather when leaving items. It has been suggested to put items in the pantry on the weekends when city organizations are closed. Also, books are wanted for the top shelf. Thank you!

### Summer Music



Do you have a favorite Hymn (or two)? Is there a song that you would love to sing in church that maybe hasn't been sang in awhile? Tell us your favorites and they will be worked into the services during the summer.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church that you can list the Hymns you would like to sing. Please include the page # in the Hymnal if you know it.

Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord!!



Birthdays, Baptisms, and  
Confirmations

*Remember to pray for each of these persons  
on their special day*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**June Birthdays**

- June 1 - James Lawrence Upton
- June 11 - Jenna Teichler
- June 13 - Chris Snow
- June 24 - Sarah Teichler
- June 26 - Barbara Gibson
- June 29 - Margie Knupp, Brennan Parker Wald

**June Baptisms**

- June 3 - William Christopher Beck, Charles Joseph Collier, Mollie (Collier) Partridge
- June 4 - Brandon Ashcraft
- June 7 - Ryan Simmonds

**June Confirmations**

- June 3 - William Christopher Beck

*If you know of other birthday, confirmation, or baptism dates that are not listed, or any corrections, please contact the office so they can be included. Thank you.*

*June 2024  
Coffee Hour  
Hosts*



- June 2– Steve and Darla Stonehouse
- June 9– Mary Upton and Elizabeth Hill
- June 16 - Father's Day....OPEN
- June 23- OPEN
- June 30 - OPEN

Please sign up to host coffee hour...  
We are not picky! Surprise us!

*St. Matthew's Outreach*

**Food Cart**

13 non-perishable food items were delivered to the Salvation Army Harvest of Love food bank in May. Please remember those who do not have enough to eat.

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The United Thank Offering total was \$360.09  
Thanks be to God!

**Upcoming Outreach**

Back to School in July  
(More info to come)

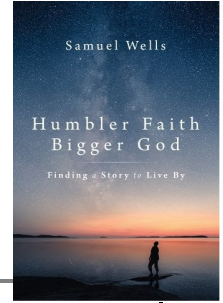
**Episcopal Summer Mega Camp at Camp Wood YMCA**

Please pray for all the kids and counselors at Camp Wood June 2-8, 2024. May they have lots of fun, learn about God and His Love for them, and find new friends and reconnect with old friends.



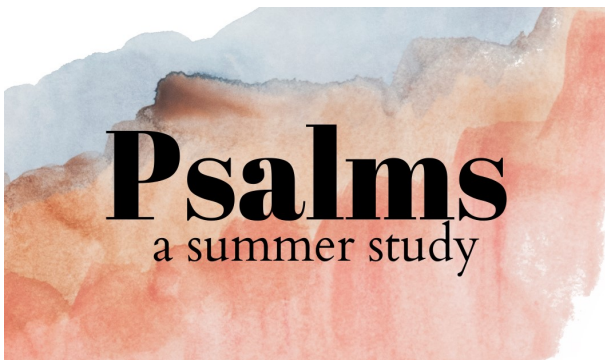


Join us in the Parish Hall as we finish up discussing the book *Humbler Faith, Bigger God*, Sunday at 9:00 am. Even if you have not read the book, you can still participate in the discussion. Everyone is welcome.



**Humbler Faith, Bigger God: Finding a Story to Live By.  
Reading and Discussion Schedule**



<b>Sunday 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Chapter(s)</b>	<b>Criticism or Topic</b>	<b>Pages (Count)</b>
<b>6/2/2024</b>	8. One Path among Many?	All religions are equal OR All religions are wrong	165-183 (19)
<b>6/9/2024</b>	9. Arrogant Narcissism?	Science disproved religion"	184-205 (22)
<b>6/16/2024</b>	10. Cruel Fantasy?	Mental belief vs. faithful trust	206-227 (22)
<b>6/23/2024</b>	Wrap-Up Discussion	A Faith to Live By	229-230 (2)



**Psalms for Liturgy**

A ten-week study on the Psalms, lead by Jeremy Kitto, will begin June 30<sup>th</sup>. The study will meet at 9:00 am on Sunday morning. We will study the psalm designated for our liturgical reading during the church service following the class.

This study is designed to introduce biblical poetry as something deeper than intellect and emotion, reaching into our soul, touching our very being – existence.

<p>St. Matthew's is hosting this free NAMI Family-to-Family education program every Monday for 8 weeks from June 17--August 5, 2024, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.</p> <p>Register using the following link or scan the QR Code: <a href="https://forms.gle/yPu5NnfPxaVncGAA9">https://forms.gle/yPu5NnfPxaVncGAA9</a></p> <p>NAMI information: <a href="http://www.nami.org/Find-Support/NAMI-Programs/NAMI-Family-to-Family">http://www.nami.org/Find-Support/NAMI-Programs/NAMI-Family-to-Family</a></p>	  <p><b>Family to Family</b></p> <p><b>Free Education Program in Newton for Family Members and Friends</b></p> <p>F2F is a series of 8 weekly classes structured to help loved ones and caregivers understand and support individuals with serious mental disorders while maintaining their own well-being.</p>
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**Altar Guild Team for  
June 2024:**  
Margie Knupp, Chris Simmonds,  
Katie Reese, Elizabeth Hill



**Altar Flowers for  
June 2024**

**June 2—Charlie and Nancy Craig and  
Mary and Rick Beck**

*"In loving memory of Dr. Richard and Betty  
Glover, Margaret Hollingsworth,  
Marguerite and Dr, Harold Glover"*

**June 9 - Ruth Cooper**

*"In gratitude of the people of St. Matthew's"*

**June 16 - Mary Werner**

*"For Blessings of children"*

**June 23 - Margie Knupp**

*"In loving memory of Hal and Patty Knupp"*

**June 30 - Stephanie and Katherine Lindgren**

*"In celebration of life"*



Please join  
Deacon Barbara Gibson  
and company  
for Evening Prayer  
every Wednesday  
at 6:30 pm in the  
St. Matthew's Covey Chapel.  
Or join us on Facebook.  
Everyone is welcome.  
Come take  
a few minutes to end your  
day with prayer.

**The value of solid relationship**

"Most of life's great moments — the ones that resonate in our hearts and minds — involve other people," writes John C. Maxwell in *Today Matters*. "Rarely do we experience these times alone. And even when we do, our first inclination is to share them with others."

Maxwell then poses this challenge: "Think back to the most important experiences of your life, the highest highs, the greatest victories, the most daunting obstacles overcome. How many happened to you alone? I bet there are very few. When you understand that being connected to others is one of life's greatest joys, you realize that life's best comes when you initiate and invest in solid relationships."





Maggie Snow received her certificate of completion from The University of the South -School of Theology on Sunday, May 19. Maggie completed the 4-year program of EfM (Education for Ministry) at St. Matthew's. Congratulations, Maggie, on your hard work and dedication.

EfM at St. Matthew's is now on a summer break. If you are interested in attending this class in the fall or would just like more information please contact our EfM Mentor, Deacon Barbara Gibson. Or talk with Maggie or any of the other EfM graduates or current students here at St. Matthew's.

### St. Matthew's Prayer Chain

If you have a request for prayers for yourself or others, contact Mary Upton at **316-841-1736**. The information you share will then be passed on to the chain leaders who will pass the information on to their team. The members of the chain will add your request to their prayers. The information you give me is confidential and will not be shared with others outside the prayer chain without your permission.



**RAILWAY CLUBHOUSE**

**OPEN HOUSE & TOURS**  
TUESDAY, JUNE 4  
11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

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### Bible Quiz

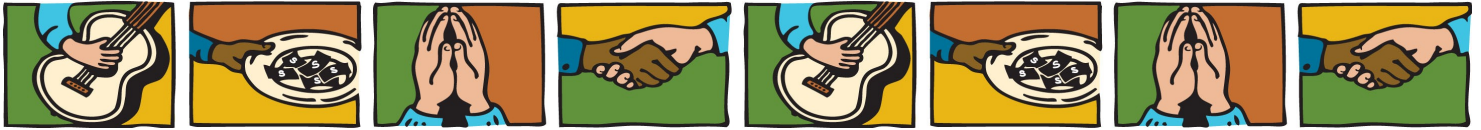
What does God compare to rain "watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater"?

- A. The justice of the nations
- B. The work of God's people
- C. The message of Isaiah the prophet
- D. God's word

Answer: D (See Isaiah 55:10-11, NIV.)

The St. Matthew's Card Ministry is making changes and getting revamped! Details of these changes will be made available soon!

Card Ministry



Here is the worship schedule for June Please let the office know if you would like to sign up to read, usher and/or count. We can always use more hands! ***If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please find a substitute.*** Thanks for your service!

	June 2	June 9	June 17	June 24	June 30
<b>Season</b>	2nd Sunday after Pentecost	3rd Sunday after Pentecost	4th Sunday after Pentecost	5th Sunday after Pentecost	6th Sunday after Pentecost
<b>Service</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>Communion in the absence of a Priest (ComAP)</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>
<b>Leaders</b>	Fr. Richard Osborne	Fr. Richard Osborne	Deacon Barbara Gibson Maggie Snow	Fr. Richard Osborne	Fr. Richard Osborne
<b>Lector—Lessons</b>	Elizabeth Hill	Fred Schroeder	Jeremy Kitto	Bonnie Jones	Rick Glover
<b>Lector—Psalm</b>	Bonnie Jones	Kayla Whiteside	Darlene Hall	Mary Upton	Elizabeth Hill
<b>Counters (2)</b>	Twila Lockaby	Mary Upton	Margie Knupp	Twila Lockaby	Mary Upton
	Margie Knupp	David Simmonds	Fred Schroeder	David Simmonds	Fred Schroeder
<b>Ushers (2)</b>	Melissa Keenan	Elizabeth Hill	Rick Glover	Kala Whiteside	Melissa Keenan
	Mary Upton	Bonnie Jones	Mary Werner	George Whiteside	Elizabeth Hill
<b>Hosts</b>	Darla and Steve Stonehouse	Mary Upton and Elizabeth Hill	Father's Day Open	Open	Open
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	<b>Charlie and Nancy Craig and Mary and Rick Beck</b> <i>"In loving memory of Dr. Richard and Betty Glover, Margaret Hollingsworth, Marguerite and Dr. Harold Glover"</i>	<b>Ruth Cooper</b> <i>"In gratitude of the people of St. Matthew's"</i>	<b>Mary Werner</b> <i>"For Blessings of children"</i>	<b>Margie Knupp</b> <i>"In loving memory of Hal and Patty Knupp"</i>	<b>Stephanie and Katherine Lindgren</b> <i>"In celebration of life"</i>
<b>Acolyte &amp; LEM</b>	Ruth Cooper	Karen Wall	ComAP	Fred Schroeder	Karen Wall
<b>Organist</b>	Chris Teichler	Chris Teichler	Chris Teichler	Kelli Glann	Chris Teichler

**Evening Prayer:** every Wednesday night at 6:30 pm in the St. Matthew's Covey Chapel