



Reaching out
Reaching within
Proclaiming God's Love

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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From the Interim Pastor—Fr. Richard Osborne

Some Thoughts on our Heartland Minster

“Life can only be understood backwards but it must be lived forwards” these words of the 19th century Danish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard continue to be wise and welcome companions in my journey of faith.

When I look back at over 56 years of pastoral leadership my heart is filled with gratitude for the vocational calling God has entrusted me to steward.

I am also reminded of the rugged invigorating and changing terrain I have traversed in my pastoral calling, often to my great surprise.

Like, surprise, I am now a Minster Shepherd. I feel more comfortable being the Sheep dog working with the Shepherd!

My friend Tom Nelson has done research in the lab of real-life ministry. God has used him to show many pastors how the gospel gives us power for work and worship for Sundays as well as Mondays.

Ultimately the apostle Paul was right, **“his strength is made perfect in our weakness”** (2 Corinthians 12: 9).

This means we can take off the mask and stop measuring ourselves by attendance numbers, offering totals, and the amount of likes on our social media posts.

In my life, Tom Nelson has been a wise sage whose humble wisdom comes from allowing the Lord to be truly his Shepherd. So, I will take my clue from him.

So, grounded in love and faith in our true Good Shepherd, we will move forward embracing the Minster concept entrusted to us.

We are not superheroes, but we can do our best if we let the Lord guide us in our ministry. Pastors after all are not superheroes so, we will take off our Capes and put on God's grace. So, let the journey begin! The Lord will lead us in his own

way, in his own time, to a ministry that will bring blessings for others and glory to him in his Kingdom.

I ask for your prayers and for your help for our Heartland Minster as we **together** discern where the Spirit will lead us?

Jesus sends us out to be shepherds, and Jesus promises a life in which we increasingly must stretch out our hands and be led to places we would rather not go. He asked us to move from a concern for relevance to a life of prayer, from worries about popularity to communal and mutual ministry and from a leadership built on power to a leadership in which we critically discern where God is leading us and our people.

With God's grace and your help, all things are possible! We can do this. Amen.

The Kansas Minster Project proposes a collaborative way of organizing ourselves for God's mission in the Diocese of Kansas in the 21st century — it is a vision of our “branching pattern” for the Jesus Movement, a way of structuring to bear the Way of Love with new vigor.

Minsters are small groups of churches designed for mutual support and sharing of resources, so they can reach out to serve their neighborhoods and communities. They also ensure that every congregation is sacramentally cared for by the priests and deacons within each minster.

There are 12 minsters in the diocese. St. Matthew's is a part of the Heartland Minster which also includes Trinity, El Dorado and St. Andrew's, Emporia

The current Heartland Minster Shepherd is The Rev. Richard Osborne



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 July meeting will be after church on Sunday, July 14
- * The St. Matthew's Parish Council will meet on Saturday, July 20 at 10:00 am
- * The PEF committee will meet on Sunday, July 21, after church

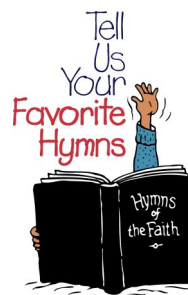
God's gift of music

What helps you sort out what you're feeling, or experience an emotion more deeply? What allows you to let loose and cry, or fully celebrate when you're joyful? Nature helps some of us get in touch with our feelings, perhaps because it removes us from screens and other distractions.

But when getting out isn't possible — no mountain lake is nearby, or the weather isn't tranquil — consider the gift of music. Often instrumental or vocal music helps us access the depths of our soul like nothing else can. God may even speak to us through music — whether in song lyrics, our own inner thoughts or wordless stirrings of the heart.

Albert Schweitzer, a pastor, musicologist, physician and more, said, "Joy, sorrow, tears, lamentation, laughter — to all these music gives voice, but in such a way that we are transported from the world of unrest to a world of peace, and see reality in a new way, as if we were sitting by a mountain lake and contemplating hills and woods and clouds in the tranquil and fathomless water."

Make some playlists for various emotions: joy, grief, anxiety, hope. Then imagine yourself relaxing in nature, and experience God's love.



Summer Music

We are still taking your favorite hymn requests! 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

July Birthdays

- July 9—Juliana Loyd
- July 15—Mary Beck
- July 19—Lennon Tyner
- July 22—Bill Swendson
- July 26—Jessica Keenan
- July 27—Fred Schroeder
- July 29—Sean Hall

July Baptisms

- July 9—Jordan Brinkley Orr
- July 25—Ashley Lundblom

July Confirmations

- July 14—Haley Sage Southern, Juliana Mae Loyd, Katherine Grace Lindgren, Maddie Stonehouse, Logan Bradley Moulds, Ethan William Moulds, Ellen Elizabeth Moulds, Bradley William Moulds, Elizabeth Ann Moulds



*July 2024
Coffee Hour
Hosts*



- July 7 - Margie Knupp
- July 14 - OPEN
- July 21 - Elizabeth Hill
- July 28 - Fred Schroeder

There are plenty of opportunities to host coffee hour! Friends can buddy up to host, a committee or group, or if you like to go it alone.... It can be fruit, cookies, crackers, or a signature dish or dessert....don't break the bank!!

St. Matthew's Outreach

Food Cart

15 non-perishable food items were delivered to the Salvation Army "Harvest of Love" food bank in June. Please remember those who don't have enough to eat. Thank you.

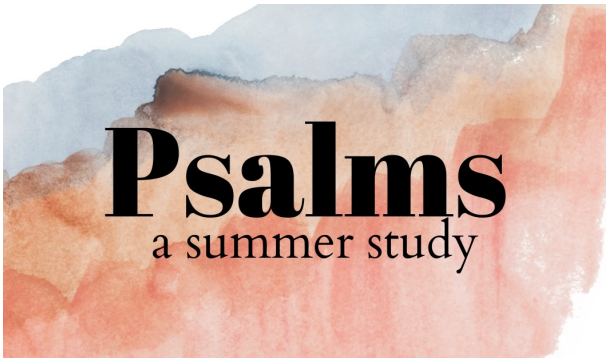
Back to School in July

Throughout the entire month of July, we will be collecting school supplies to donate to Northridge Elementary across the street. There will be a display in the front hall, and lists of needed supplies will be available.

Soldiers & Shut Ins

Our shut in board is pretty empty. At this time Jerry Collier is the only one we have on the board. She is at Kansas Christian Home located at: 1135 S.E.3rd. RM. 410 Newton KS 67114

If you have a loved one you would like to receive cards and visits, please add them to the board. We would appreciate a picture also. Thanks.



Psalms for Liturgy

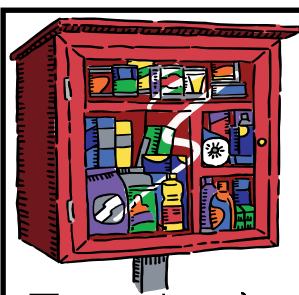
A ten-week study on the Psalms, lead by Jeremy Kitto, will begin June 30th. The study will meet at 9:00 am on Sunday morning. We will study the psalm designated for our liturgical reading during the church service following the class.

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

St. Matthew's Painting Party

Get ready to have an enjoyable and creative time on Saturday, July 27th. Mary Werner will be leading us in painting a fun and colorful painting. All supplies will be provided and refreshments will be served. The cost will be \$30 per person. This will help cover the cost of the paint supplies. Any remaining money will be donated to a local charity.

Please call the office at 316-283-3310 to put your name on the list. Or call Elizabeth at 316-371-0846 with any questions. There will be a limit of 10-15 people so sign up early!



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

Let's fill up The Pantry and help our neighbors. Some 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!

Bible Quiz

In the final poem of Psalms, what musical instrument is mentioned as a means to praise the Lord?

- A. brass
- B. percussion
- C. strings
- D. woodwinds
- E. all of the above



Answer: E (See Psalm 150:3-5)



We have so much to be thankful for here at St. Matthew's. And we have had so much to celebrate. Recently a wedding and another Baptism! Hallelujah!



Daniel Teichler and Irene Tong
were married on
May 21, 2024
at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
with The Reverend Richard Osborne
officiating.

Daniel is the son of
Chris and Sarah Teichler.
Irene is the daughter of
Sang Thong and Moc Sin.
The couple resides in Newton.

It was a beautiful ceremony. Congratulations!
We are very happy for you and your family.

Brooke Elizabeth Glover was Baptized into the family of God at St. Matthew's on Sunday, June 2. Brianne and Zach Whitley are her Godparents. Brooke is the daughter of Dr. Richard and Rochelle Glover. Congratulations Brooke. It was a wonderful day!





**Altar Guild Team for
July 2024:**

Twila Lockaby, Scott McCloud, Ruth Cooper,
Maggie Snow

**Altar Flowers for
July 2024**

July 7 - The Rev. Scott Hankins

"In loving memory of Sam and Vera Hankins"

July 14 - Oliver J and Carol Geiger

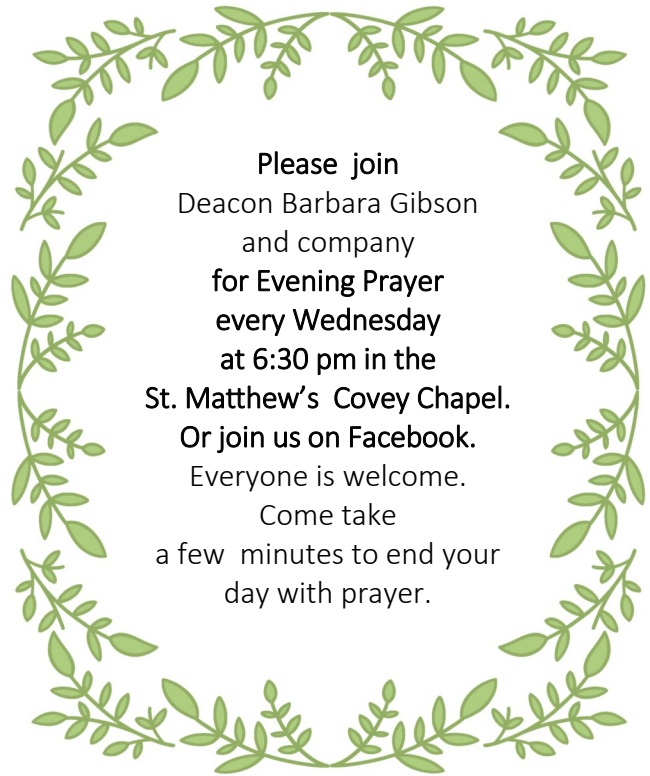
"In memory of Inez and Watt Geiger by their children
and grandchildren"

July 21 - Jim and Katie Reese

"In memory of Nomi and Royston Reese and Agnes
Lundstrom"

July 28 - Ginger and Steve King

"For Blessings Received"



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.

From Mary Anne McCloud—

We have been praying for my friend Janet, and she
sent us a thank you note.

Dear Prayer Warriors,
Thank you so much for your prayers on my behalf. I
really do appreciate each one of you so very much!

I look forward to the day that I can meet the prayer
warriors and shake your hand thanking you in person.

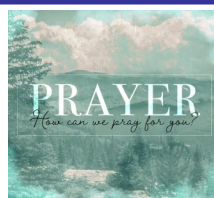
Please continue your prayer as I still have a way to go--
but hopefully soon that will change.

Love,
Janet Vaughn Glider

Unfortunately, Janet passed away on Friday, June 21

Janet Vaughn Glider
July 27, 1945—June 21, 2024
May She rest in Peace

**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.



New Presiding Bishop elected

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, a 49 year-old bishop of Northwest Pennsylvania and bishop provisional of Western New York, was elected and confirmed June 26 at the 81st General Convention to serve as the 28th presiding bishop. His nine-year term as presiding bishop, the face and voice of The Episcopal Church and its chief pastor, begins Nov. 1. He is the youngest person ever elected as leader of the Episcopal Church. The House of Bishops elected Rowe on their first ballot in a closed session at Christ Episcopal Church in downtown Louisville. The result later was announced publicly in the afternoon session of the House of Deputies, which greeted the news with cheers. The deputies proceeded to confirm him with a nearly unanimous majority, 95% in favor, and the standing-room-only crowd erupted in applause across the hall at the Kentucky International Convention Center.

After the election, current Presiding Bishop Curry praised his successor in a news conference. He credited Rowe with both “a vision and a sense of the mechanics that will help us get there.”

Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe, together with the planning committees for his transition and installation, announced that they will forego the traditional installation service in Washington National Cathedral in favor of a smaller, simpler ceremony in the chapel at the church’s New York headquarters.

This service will be livestreamed, and simultaneous interpretation will be available in multiple languages to ensure church-wide access.

“With gratitude to all involved, I have decided to begin this ministry in a new way,” Rowe said. “With a simple service at the Church Center that will include everyone via livestream, we can care for God’s creation by reducing our collective carbon footprint. I have great respect and admiration for the ministry of Washington National Cathedral. My seating will take place in the following months, and I am grateful to Dean Hollerith and the cathedral staff as we plan for that event.”

“God is calling The Episcopal Church into a new future, and this service will mark the beginning of that journey,” Rowe said.

Choppy Waves

In the darkness and chaos of our times
God universal source of energy of space
and time waits for us smiling just as
centuries ago Jesus peacefully slept on a
cushion in a rocking boat after his day of
healing and teaching unaware of the storm
is awakened by his fear-driven friends
Jesus commanding the wind “Peace, be still!”
even as his words even now quiet the
choppy waves of our hearts and all planetary
creation “Peace, be still!” bringing calm
trust and acceptance as medieval mystic
Julian of Norwich experienced
“all is well all is well and all shall be well”

Joan Breit
Summer 2024



Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Saturday, July 20 at 10:00 am at the church. We will be talking about and planning the next few months of events here at St. Matthew’s.

Looking ahead there is Back to School and St. Matthew’s Day. What else would you like to see planned? All your ideas and suggestions are welcome. So bring your calendars and your ideas. Hope to see you here!

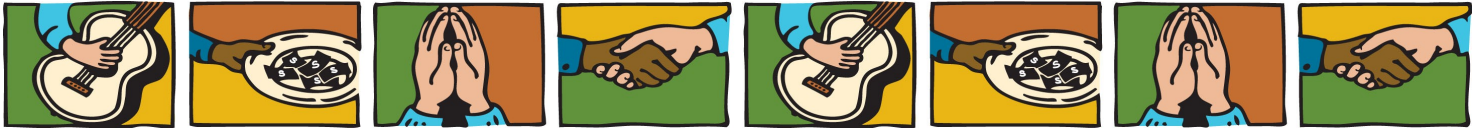


Card Ministry

Starting in July, we will try something new. The Card Guild will be held each quarter on the second Saturday of the month. We will begin at 10:00, stop for lunch about 12:00, and continue crafting cards until 2:00. This first time, please bring your lunch. We can decide what we want to do for future sessions.

Next Card Guild: Saturday, July 13
10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Church parish hall

All card materials are supplied. You need never to have made cards before to enjoy the experience. Please join us for creative fun and great fellowship.



Here is the worship schedule for July. 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!

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 24
Season	7th Sunday after Pentecost	8th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Vestry Meeting</i>	9th Sunday after Pentecost <i>PEF Meeting</i>	10th Sunday after Pentecost
Service	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Communion in the absence of a Priest (ComAP)	Holy Eucharist
Leaders	Fr. Richard Osborne	Fr. Richard Osborne	Deacon Barbara Gibson Mary Anne McCloud	Fr. Richard Osborne
Lector—Lessons	Mary Upton	Jeremy Kitto	Elizabeth Hill	Fred Schroeder
Lector—Psalm	Bonnie Jones		Darlene Hall	Kayla Whiteside
Counters (2)	Twila Lockaby	Fred Schroeder	Margie Knupp	Mary Upton
	Margie Knupp	David Simmonds	Fred Schroeder	Twila Lockaby
Ushers (2)	Bonnie Jones	Mary Werner	Rick Glover	Kayla Whiteside
	Mary Upton	Melissa Keenan	Elizabeth Hill	George Whiteside
Hosts	Margie Knupp	Open	Elizabeth Hill	Fred Schroeder
Altar Flowers	The Rev. Scott Hankins "In loving memory of Sam and Vera Hankins"	Oliver J and Carol Geiger "In memory of Inez and Watt Geiger by their children and grandchildren"	Jim and Katie Reese "In memory of Nomi and Royston Reese and Agnes Lundstrom"	Ginger and Steve King "For Blessings Received"
LEM&Acolyte	Ruth Cooper Asa Garner and Micah Garner	Karen Wall Asa Garner and Micah Garner	ComAP	Fred Schroeder Asa Garner and Micah Garner
Organist	Chris Teichler	Chris Teichler	Chris Teichler	Kelli Glann

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