



Reaching out
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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

Spotlight on the Interim Pastor

And he said to him **"Follow me."** Matthew 9:9
Whether you're 8 or 80, the call is still **Follow me.** Jesus calls us to a challenge continually new. To follow him is to participate, not just to observe; to get involved in new meanings and concerns, new experiences and responsibilities.

Well, here I am at 82.

I tried to retire in 2006 after twenty-three years with the Good Samaritan Society. They kept calling me back to serve on a temporary basis to shepherd some troubled nursing homes. This went on for two years. At the same time the Bishop in New Mexico made me Vicar of two parishes, St. Mary's in Lovington and St Christopher's in Hobbs. I finally retired in 2013 and moved to Pottsboro, Texas, to be near the grandkids. Once there, the Bishop of Dallas had me doing supply work every week for a few years, and finally, Trinity Church in Bonham, Texas wanted me every week for three years. Then I was assigned to St. Luke's in Denison Texas as an associate priest. This also was the last parish I retired from prior to moving to North Newton. No one is ever **"over the hill."** That expression suggests that life is downhill the rest of the way. It implies that one's future is somehow in the past.

Some folks seem to confuse **retired** with **retarded.** They talk down, look down, and think down to older people. They urge them to avoid challenge and confine themselves to busy work and hobbies for the rest of their lives. But when there is nothing to stretch us, we shrink. When our initiative and courage aren't tested, we grow flabby and fearful. When we start thinking less of ourselves, we become less than ourselves.

Recreation is fine, but it's not a career, nor does it give life enough meaning. It can lead to an artificial and trivial existence and make retirement the hardest work of all. No one has ever **"had it"** when it comes to doing good or leading a worthwhile life.

The Lord is always on the move. In order to keep up with him, we need to keep our spirits active and be willing to move beyond the known into the unknown and untried. We must reach deep within ourselves to find the trusting child who still lives there, the one who isn't afraid to take risks.

The call is still **Follow me;** the speaker is the ever-contemporary Jesus.

Well, off my preachy soapbox!

My active hobbies right now are playing chess and other board games like backgammon and travelling with Connie, especially on cruises.

While in Texas, I was an active member of the Texas Astronomical Society of Dallas. I owned a Meade 10-inch LX 200 with GPS, a Schmidt Cassegrain telescope. I attended numerous Star Parties at the McDonald Observatory in Fort Davis, Texas, and helped introduce children to total eclipses when and where they occur. I am also a Life member of the Soaring Society of America. I am a licensed glider pilot and owned an Alexander Schleicher sailplane, an ASW 19 all fiberglass glider with a fifty-foot wingspan and retractable landing gear. I have achieved earning a gold badge and a diamond goal out and return flight. I proudly wear this badge on my black suit jacket.

Finally, I heard someone say that **"old age wrinkles the body, but lack of enthusiasm wrinkles the soul."** If so, I don't think that has happened to me yet. I have a ton of enthusiasm for what is happening in our parish and in the direction, we are going. I can't wait to see what the Lord will bring about in the time I have with you, until I retire yet again!

St. Matthew's Member Spotlight

We hope to be spotlighting Members of St. Matthew's each month here in the Messenger. This is a way to get to know each other just a little better. Every month, we hope to spotlight 2-3 people who will write a few words to tell us a little about themselves. Things like where they were born, their family, how they came to be at St. Matthew's or what keeps them busy every day. Really, just whatever they want to share. It will be fun to hear more about each other.

Fr. Richard has included a bit about himself in the article above on this page. Check out some other Member Spotlights on page 5 of this month's newsletter.



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 August meeting will be after church on Sunday, August 11
- * The St. Matthew's Search Committee will meet on Sunday, August 25 after church.

Prayer for the Search of our Next Rector

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Matthew's.
Be with us and lead us as we seek the next rector for our church.

We ask your direction and guidance for those who shall choose our new spiritual leader, that we may receive an upright and faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

Grant us perception, faithfulness and joy, so that we may hear your voice in all our deliberations.

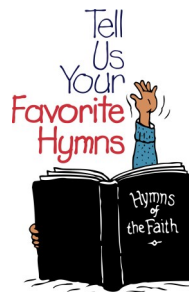
Grant us also the desire and the ability to truly hear each other and those who have entrusted us with this process.

Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us.

Come Holy Spirit.

We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Thank you to everyone that submitted their favorite songs to be sung during summer Sunday Worship services. Hopefully, you have enjoyed hearing your songs along with some of the favorites of others at St. Matthew's. And thank you to Jerry and all the musicians that enabled us to sing and enjoy these songs throughout the summer. If you have other songs that you would like to hear throughout the year, let Jerry Wall know and he will be able to include them as he can within the liturgy.

Have a great August. Cooler weather will soon be here!



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

August Birthdays

- August 7 - Charles Craig
- August 8 - Daniel Teichler
- August 9 - Darlene Hall
- August 10 - Elizabeth Hill
- August 11 - Benjamin Teichler
- August 12 - Alison Loyd
- August 14 - Clay Hedrick, Jr., Vince Collier
- August 22 - Creed Ekerberg
- August 23 - Connie Osborne, Maggie Tynner
- August 29 - Joe Robb, Taten Penner

August Baptisms

- August 6 - Lance Taylor Woodward, Scott McCloud
- August 24 - Caleb Woodward
- August 29—Mariah Dove, Valerie McCutcheon

August Confirmations

- August 18 - Nyla Friesen

August 2024
Coffee Hour
Hosts



- August 4—Mary Anne and Scott McCloud
- August 11—Chris and Sarah Teichler
- August 18—Maggie Snow
- August 25—Melissa Keenan

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

21 non- perishable food items were delivered to the Salvation Army Harvest of Love food bank in July. Hunger never takes a vacation.

Back to School

It's not too late to bring school supplies!! You can always drop them off in the office during the week.

The supplies will be delivered to Northridge school across the street a few days before school starts on August 14th. Thanks.

Soldier & Shut Ins boards

If anyone has a relative or loved one they would like to add to either the Soldier or Shut in board, please let Melissa know. A picture would be appreciated!

Upcoming Outreach

New Hope Shelter in September



Senior Warden Report:

Hope the start of August finds everyone doing well.

We have started the process of the Rector Search. We had our meeting last week. We will start with a Church Questionnaire, which will be sent to everyone on a Google form. If you are computer shy, we will have hard copies available. Once we get enough information, we'll compile a Ministry Profile of our church, which will be sent to the Office of Transition ministry and then posted.

I hope if anyone has an opinion about the process, that you would talk with me or anyone on the search committee. We are an inclusive congregation and not exclusive, so everyone matters and every opinion is important. We need to know what direction, we as a church want to proceed and how to find a priest that will lead the way.

We as a search committee will meet every fourth Sunday in the coming future, until we get things set up and then it will be a waiting game.

I can't say enough about Father Richard, how lucky we were that he walked into our church just when we needed him and how he has done such a fantastic job leading our congregation.

I am still working on the process of fixing our Playground Equipment and will keep you posted on the plan.

This fall is Research Time at AMR, the research group I work with, we have a lot of vaccine studies and they should start enrolling in September. For everyone who signs up and is selected for a study, and saying they are with St Matthews and Dr Glover, I'll donate \$250 to the church fund. All these studies have a very important part in future of vaccine treatment and healthcare in the future.

Rick Glover



The Bishop Kemper School for Ministry Board of Directors invites you to a festive reception to honor our seminary's second dean, the Very Rev. Dr. Don H. Compier, and to celebrate his retirement after 10 years of faithful ministry. This is also a wonderful opportunity for the wider BKSM community to come together for fellowship and connection.

The reception will take place on Friday, September 6th, from 7:00-9:00 pm at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, MO. If you plan to attend, please [RSVP here](#) by Friday, August 30th. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Very Rev. Casey Rohleder ('16) at (785) 259-4672 (text/call) or bksmoutreach@gmail.com.

Bible Quiz

What kind of birds does God use to supply Elijah with food at the Kerith Ravine?

- A. quails
- B. ravens
- C. eagles
- D. doves

Answer: B (See 1 Kings 17:2-6.)



member spotlight

Meet the Glover family!

Rick Glover

I was born in Axtell Hospital, Newton, Kansas by Dr Hawkey. I went to Northridge Grade School and St. Matthew's Church. I sang offkey in the children's choir and served as an acolyte through High School. Graduated from Newton High School in 1974, went to KU in Lawrence where I was in the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. I got my BS in Biology and then went onto Kansas University Medical Center. I did my residency in Family Medicine at KUMC in KC. Rochelle and I met on a blind date and rest is history. We were married in Lindsborg at the Messiah Lutheran Church. During vows, Rochelle's uncles wanted me say "Ya Yabetcha" instead of "I do" but the look in her eyes convinced me to say "I do". After residency, we moved to Newton and lived at 1st and Pine for 10 years before building our current home. Brianne and Brooke came along and kept us very busy. I have spent my entire career with Axtell Clinic doing Family Medicine, Obstetrics, Sports Medicine and finally Clinical Medical Research over 30 years. I had the pleasure to practice with my dad for about 5 years before he retired.

I grew up in a very close family, we did most everything together and still try to do that today with our families. Growing up, we played a lot of board games, cards, hunted, fished and then sports were a big part of my life. Currently, I love to fly fish, tie fly fishing flies, golf and watch the Food Channel with Brooke. Brianne had our first grandchild, Sutton, and now she is a big part of our lives even though they live in Charlotte, NC.

I came back to St Matthews about 6 years ago and really feel at home and love the ability to be more involved and get to know other people within the church. I love to make people smile and I'm known for bad jokes and puns.

Rochelle Glover

I was born in McPherson, KS and grew up in Lindsborg, KS. I am thankful to my parents as I had an idyllic childhood and so enjoyed playing, friends, school and family. After graduating from Lindsborg High School, I went to

Kansas State University and received a B.S. in Elementary Education. I continued my education at KSU and received my Masters in Special Education. For most of my career, I taught Special Education working in Kansas City, Junction City, Shawnee Mission, Valley Center, and Newton.

I met Rick Glover in Kansas City and we were married in 1987. We eventually moved to Newton after Rick completed his residency in Family Practice at KU School of Medicine. We settled into life in Newton, KS and started our family. Brianne was born in 1991 and Brooke was born in 1995. We enjoyed raising our girls in Newton surrounded by family. We loved to travel and have gone on many vacations with family and friends. I've always enjoyed designing and decorating the homes we've lived in.

Towards the end of my career in education, I changed my focus and became involved with Assistive Technology for students in special education. I then became a mentor for new teachers and helped with mentor training for the Newton district. I took early retirement in 2017 and have been savoring time with family, friends, and having "the life of Riley!"

Being retired has given me the opportunity to serve on several boards and committees in Newton. Rick grew up going to St. Matthews, so that is how I came to this church. As Rick gets closer to retiring, we hope to be able to spend more time in the Colorado mountains!

Brooke Glover

Brooke has lived her entire life in Newton. Growing up, she was such a sweet, happy girl who loved to give hugs to people. She loved going to school with recess and lunch being her favorite things! She also loved her teachers and classmates. She learned to swim in PE and swimming kept her busy in the summers. Brooke graduated from Newton High School and participated in a job training program called Project Search. She now volunteer's at Axtell Clinic one afternoon a week and takes care of the recycling of papers. She would rather go to work and see her friends and eat lunch than go on a vacation!

Brooke adores her mom, dad, sister, brother-in-law, and now her niece. She loves to watch the Food Channel, do puzzles, write on papers, and play Barbies!



**Altar Guild Team for
August 2024:**

Melissa Keenan, Karen Wall, Ginger King,
Kayla Whiteside and George Whiteside

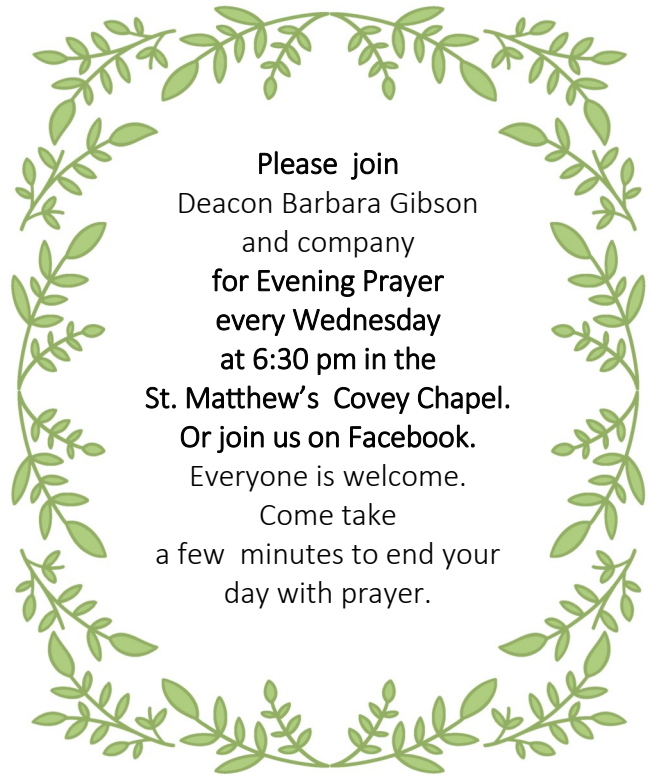
**Altar Flowers for
August 2024**

August 4 - Mary Anne and Scott McCloud
"For Blessings Received"

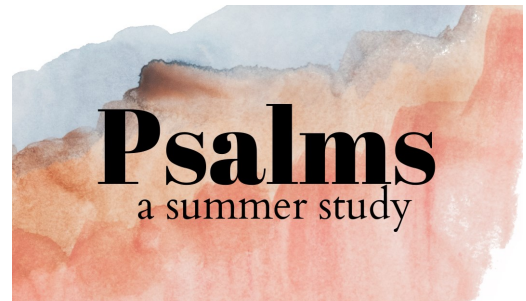
August 11 - Ruth Cooper
"Thank God for healing"

August 18 - Elizabeth Hill
"In loving memory of Mary and Elmer Weyand"

August 25 - Rich Stinnett and Charlie Robinson
"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.



**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.

Psalms for Liturgy

A ten-week study on the Psalms, lead by Jeremy Kitto, began on June 30th and goes until September 1. 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.

Please join us each Sunday at 9:00 am.



Announcing the marriage of
Conner and Rebecca (Alfaro) Ekerberg

July 13, 2024

St. James Episcopal Church

The Reverend Dillon Green, officiating

Conner is the son of Mark & Amy Ekerberg

And the grandson of Jim and Katie Reese

Rebecca is the daughter of Joe & Cathy Alfaro

Both Conner and Rebecca are First Lieutenants in the Army.

Conner is stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas and Rebecca is
stationed at Fort Cavazos, Texas. They will eventually be
stationed together at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Congratulations Conner and Rebecca!

We had a great time at the St. Matthew's Painting Party! There were eight of us all together that painted. Mary Werner was a patient teacher! We all had fun and were pretty amazed at how our art turned out! We hope to have more of these types of events in the future and hope you can join us next time!



The LORD your God...

will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love.

ZEPHANIAH 3:17, ESV

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
KICK-OFF POTLUCK**
Sunday September 22, 2024,
after church
join us for food and fellowship
plus more information on
campaign goals



Two In-Person Safe Church, Safe Communities training opportunities


The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas is committed to providing a safe place for all people to share in God's love and celebrate the joy of following in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Thousands of people participate annually in the programs and activities of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas. In this diocese, we have zero tolerance for abuse, harassment, or exploitation. We are fully committed to reporting all alleged incidents immediately. Safe Church, Safe Communities training courses are intended to help clergy, staff, and volunteers understand, identify, and deter abuse in its varied forms. The Council of Trustees charges everyone who works with children and youth, as well as those who are engaged in pastoral ministries, to participate in this important educational program. May God continue to help us keep all God's people safe from harm when involved in the ministries of the church. What could be more important?



Epiphany, Sedan, Saturday, August 24, 10 am – 4:30 pm, Sign-up here: <https://onrealm.org/EpiscopalKansas/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=OTViZWU5OWMtYWUzOS00NzUyLTljY2EtYjFiYzAxNjMxMTUw>

Trinity, El Dorado, Saturday, October 5, 10 am – 4:30 pm, Sign-up here: <https://onrealm.org/EpiscopalKansas/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NDk1ZTYxNGMtMTRINC00ZTcwLWI3MWItYjFiYzAxNjQwMTIx>

Questions? Contact Teresa Ryther at teresaryther@gmail.com.



LET'S FILL UP THE ST. MATTHEW'S FOOD PANTRY/ BLESSING BOX

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!

Remember, its not a blessing to our neighbors if the Blessing Box is empty!

**SAVE THE DATE—
TELL YOUR FRIENDS**

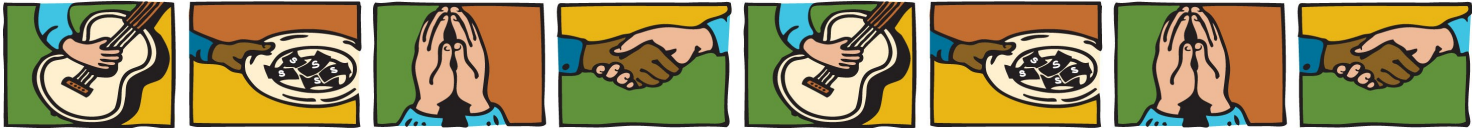
The Philadelphia Eleven
Province 7 Fall Gathering
September 27-29, 2024
St. Thomas Episcopal
Overland Park, KS

Make plans to attend this exciting opportunity to learn about the first eleven women ordained in the Episcopal Church via viewing the film (philadelphiaelevenfilm.com), followed by discussions.

There will be Fellowship and Sharing, Information and Discussion, and more.

More information will be available on the Province 7 ECW website (provinceviicw.wordpress.com) as details are finalized! Sponsored by Prov. 7 ECW.





Here is the worship schedule for August. 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!

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Season	11th Sunday after Pentecost	12th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Vestry Meeting</i>	13th Sunday after Pentecost	14th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Search Committee Meeting</i>
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 Maggie Snow	Fr. Richard Osborne
Lector—Lessons	Elizabeth Hill	Fred Schroeder	Jeremy Kitto	Fred Schroeder
Lector—Psalm	Bonnie Jones	Kayla Whiteside	Darlene Hall	Mary Upton
Counters (2)	Twila Lockaby	Fred Schroeder	David Simmonds	Mary Upton
	Margie Knupp	Margie Knupp	Fred Schroeder	Twila Lockaby
Ushers (2)	Elizabeth Hill	Mary Werner	Mary Upton	Kayla Whiteside
	Rick Glover	Melissa Keenan	Bonnie Jones	George Whiteside
Hosts	Mary Anne and Scott McCloud	Chris and Sarah Teichler	Maggie Snow	Melissa Keenan
Altar Flowers	Mary Anne and Scott McCloud “For Blessings Received”	Ruth Cooper “Thank God for healing”	Elizabeth Hill “In loving memory of Mary and Elmer Weyand”	Rich Stinnett and Charlie Robinson “For Blessings Received”
LEM&Acolyte	Ruth Cooper	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