



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

“When I Run,
I Feel His Pleasure.”

Type Eric Liddell into your search bar and pretty quick you'll encounter his most famous quote: “God made me fast. And when I run, I feel his pleasure.”

Sure enough it's a great statement, only Liddell never said it.

The famous line comes from the Liddell character in the film *Chariots of Fire* (1981), the biopic about the Scottish missionary to China who at the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris won a gold medal for the 400-meter run. You may know the 400 was a new event for him, since he refused to run in his typical 100 because the race was held on a Sunday. Thankfully, the real Liddell said some real words worth remembering, too. Here are three.

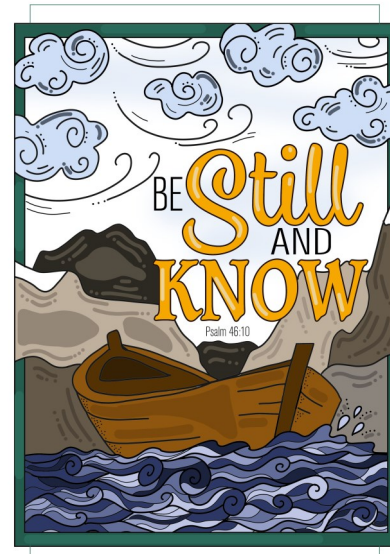
“No man who really is a man ever cared for the easy task. There is no enjoyment in



the game that is easily won. It is that in which you have to strain every muscle and sinew to achieve victory that provides real joy.”

“It has been a wonderful experience to compete in the Olympic Games and to bring home a gold medal. But since I have been a young lad, I have had my eyes on a different prize. You see, each one of us is in the greater race than any I have run in Paris, and this race ends when God gives out the medals.”

“You will know as much of God, and only as much of God, as you are willing to put into practice.”





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 6:00 pm every Wednesday

- * The St. Matthew's Vestry's September meeting will be after church on Sunday, September 15
- * Fr. Richard will be gone the first two Sundays in September so Deacon Barbara will lead CoMap. He will be back on September 15.

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



Reminder: Please remember to fill out the survey that was emailed to all St. Matthew's members. There are also hard copies at the church. This is an important part of preparing our profile to search for a new Rector. Thanks for your help!

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



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

September Birthdays

- September 2—Adam Simmonds
- September 14—Jennifer Beck, Toby Tyner
- September 17—Mariah Dove
- September 22—Jill Loyd
- September 24—Brier McCloud
- September 26—Jill Jantz
- September 28—Jane Orr
- September 29—Taten Penner

September Baptisms

- September 9—Bonnie Tandoc



*September 2024
Coffee Hour
Hosts*

- September 1 - Chris and Dave Simmonds
- September 8 - OPEN
- September 15 - OPEN
- September 22 - St. Matthews Day/
Capital Campaign Kickoff
- September 29 - OPEN

There are plenty on opportunities to bring your favorite dessert or snacks when you sign up to host coffee hour! Don't delay, sign up today!!

St. Matthew's Outreach

Food Cart

13 non - perishable food items were delivered to the Salvation Army "Harvest of Love" food bank in August. Hunger never takes a vacation....The need is great

UTO

The spring United Thank Offering totals are: \$358.25

Back to School

298 items were collected and delivered to Northridge Elementary School. The school supplies will help to give students at Northridge tools to help them learn! Thanks to everyone for helping in this wonderful outreach opportunity!

September outreach

New Hope Shelter

Each September, we collect much needed items for New Hope Shelter here in Newton. There will be lists of items in the front hall. When we help others, we are serving God. Thank you.

Bible Quiz

Who helped Samuel understand that it was the Lord calling him in the night?

- A. his mother, Hannah
- B. Moses
- C. his father, Elkanah
- D. Eli



Answer: D (See 1 Samuel 3:1-10)





member spotlight

Chris Simmonds

I have fond memories of growing up in Ellsworth, Ks, rural America. In high school I was involved in drama and forensics. After graduation I went to Fort Hays State where I majored in speech and drama. A good friend introduced me to a guy named David Simmonds and that changed my plan. We got married in 1968 and moved to Columbia, MO where he was attending graduate school. In Columbia I worked at a Montessori school while I finished my degree at Stephens College. After graduation I taught middle school speech, drama, and English for two years in Mexico, MO. Then we went to Galveston, TX, for a year while Dave did an internship and I worked at the Shriners Burn Hospital for children.

A job opportunity for Dave brought us back to Kansas and changes in our lives. We became Newtonians and parents in the same year. Our son Ryan was born in 1973 and I had the joy of being a stay at home Mom while I raised Ryan and our other son Adam who joined us in 1976.

As they became more independent I went back to work and school. I worked as a children's counselor at Wichita Women's Crisis Center for abused women as I got my Master's degree at Wichita State. Then I became a school counselor at Newton High School. I had 22 wonderful years in this career and sincerely enjoyed my time with teenagers.

As a retired person I still enjoy spending time with my sons, although Adam lives on the east coast and we see him less. I have two delightful grandsons who are close enough that I have gotten to watch them grow. They are now 15 and 17 so they have grown a lot. Dave and I also enjoy playing bridge together and we love to travel. We have been to beautiful and interesting places and learned about history and other cultures. Along the way I have gotten to snorkel in some of the most gorgeous waters. I realized I love to look underwater.

We were introduced to St. Matthew's through our son Ryan. He attended with his friend Jeremy Luginbill and wanted to go to Camp Wood. We had become one of the unchurched so we decided it was time to return. When we were still new Episcopalians I saw a poster hanging in the Parish Hall. With a picture of Jesus praying it read "Jesus had his questions (or may have said doubts) and so can you" With this message I decided this was the place for me—and it still is.

Chris

Dave Simmonds

When I was little and living in Compton, California, my three imaginary friends were Hoopup, Hydrocle, and Clade. I'd been born in Wichita, but my parents and I moved to the LA area for my dad to pursue graduate studies at USC. We lived in a travel trailer in some folks' backyard. The marriage didn't survive and my mother and I returned to Wichita to share a duplex with her parents.

My grandmother got cancer and I got rheumatic fever and since my mother needed her fulltime job at Boeing, we were cared for some of the time by Corrine Bosin. She was the sister of a friend of my mother's at Boeing. My grandparents were prejudiced and the relationship between my mother and Blackbear Bosin went slowly, but after my grandmother died, mom and Blackbear married and he moved into our duplex in Riverside. His two older daughters soon moved in with us and attended North High. We all played board games, Blackbear painted his art in the basement, and we watched tv. I graduated from North High in 1962 and went to K State with three friends. I ended up with a social science major and moved to Emporia for my master's degree. During that time, I met Chris O'Donnell and after a time she moved to Emporia as well. We married and moved to Columbia, Missouri where I studied for my doctorate and Chris finished her degree at Stephens College. We moved to Galveston for my post-doc year and got pregnant. I had a

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chance to stay on the med school faculty, but it seemed important to get back to Kansas and our

parents. I took a position at Prairie View in Newton and remained there for ten years while our sons Ryan and Adam were born. After they entered school, Chris re-entered the job market, completed her Masters at WSU and became a counselor at Newton High.

We raised our boys in Newton and Ryan still lives here. Adam is in Maryland. We've been blessed with a number of good friends over the years. In addition to my career as a clinical psychologist, I took over the process of protecting the copyrighted art of the now famous Kiowa- Comanche artist, Blackbear Bosin. I authored a book about him in 2012. This Spring, I was among the speakers at the 50th anniversary celebration of Blackbear's Keeper of the Plains sculpture.

We were confirmed at St. Matthew's in 1986. Chris and I have both served as Senior Wardens. I've spent more than a decade on PEF . I served as parish treasurer for six years. St. Matthew's is our second family.

I've been retired for a few years and have enjoyed spending a decade on the Newton Public Library Board. I play pingpong every week with friends. Chris and I have travelled a good bit. We play some bridge. I read a lot. My two best friends for many years have both died: one in early 2023 and the other earlier this month. We see our grandsons, both now in high school, with some regularity. Both are now taller than me...they keep growing and I keep shrinking.

It's been good.

Dave

Deacon Barbara Gibson

I was born in Newton at Bethel Hospital in 1945. Both parents and both sets of grandparents lived and died in Newton. While the aircraft industry was booming, the family moved to Wichita after living in Columbus KS with a futile three-year attempt to become a farm family.

In 6th grade we moved from Wichita to Valley Center, and I graduated there in 1963 as did my husband Craig Gibson. I continued my education and graduated from Wichita State University in 1967. with a BS degree in medical technology and began working at St. Francis in the clinical lab. Stephanie was born and Craig continued his education. As long planned, when Stephanie was 3, we began the adoption process for a child considered "difficult to place." Four-year-old Brian came to us from Canada when Stephanie was 5. I became pregnant with baby Jeff not long after. Craig and I divorced in 1978 when Jeff was four years old.

I retired from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in 2008 as a public health administrator with over 30 years' experience in the health care field including public health education, health planning, consumer advocacy, hospital marketing, physician recruitment and rural health system development. I found purpose in working with access to health care for underserved populations, persons living in poverty and for those with mental health conditions.

While working in state government, I discerned my call to the diaconate and completed my academic preparation and formation as a deacon in the Kansas School for Ministry (now Bishop Kemper School for Ministry) in June 2010. After served a diaconal internship at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Manhattan, I was ordained in Topeka in January 2011. I moved from Topeka to Newton and served for five years at St. John's in Wichita, a year with St. Stephen's and as volunteer chaplain at Breakthrough/ESS before beginning my service at St Matthew's January 2018.

I enjoy coffee, yard work, crocheting rugs, abstract painting, discussions with EfM participants and reading mysteries.

Barbara



**Altar Guild Team for
September 2024:**

Margie Knupp, Chris Simmonds,
Katie Reese, Elizabeth Hill

**Altar Flowers for
September 2024**

September 1
Darlene Hall

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Please join
Deacon Barbara Gibson
and company
for Evening Prayer
every Wednesday
at 6:00 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.

****Please note time change.
Now at 6:00 pm****



**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 (provincevii.ecw.wordpress.com) as details are finalized! Sponsored by Prov. 7 ECW.





The 165th Convention of the Diocese of Kansas is scheduled for October 18-19, 2024 at the Wichita Airport DoubleTree Hotel, 2098 S. Airport Rd, Wichita, KS.

"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow."
— Anthony J. D'Angelo

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.



From the Treasurer—

Can you believe it's almost the end of summer already? We would like to thank you all for your continued faithful giving to St. Matthews in support of the Church and our Mission. As we approach the end of Q3, we would like to remind you that there are several ways to ensure your pledged donations stay up to date.

Paying by check continues to be the dominant method of giving for the St. Matthew's congregation, and we thank you for your faithfulness in this. If you ever have questions about your specific pledge amounts and whether you may be behind, let Maggie Snow or Charlie Gibson know that you would like to receive a Giving Statement. We can produce these for you at any time and send them to you via standard mail or email.

We would also like to remind you that you can give to St. Matthews on a regular recurring basis by using Tithely on our website. Using Tithely you can set up automatic deductions from either a bank account or a credit card or debit card so you ensure your donations are always up to date. You can use Tithely to give one-time donations or set recurring donations, and you can even opt to cover the transaction fees in your donation to ensure that your full intended amount is received by St. Matthews. If you have questions about Tithely or would like assistance setting up your donations via the platform, et Maggie Snow know and she can walk you through it.

As we approach the end of the year, St. Matthew's is looking to automate our bill pay functions as much as possible to cut down on the number of checks needing to be produced and mailed. In order to ensure this can happen, we need to ensure our cash flow can support the automatic deductions so we do not incur overdraft fees. Taking a moment to ensure your pledges are up to date is a great way to help us support this project.

Have a Great Day!
Maggie Snow



Who was Matthew in the Bible?

Virtually everything we really know about Matthew comes directly from the gospels. He's mentioned in all three Synoptic Gospels ([Matthew](#), [Mark](#), and [Luke](#)), and listed among the disciples in [Acts](#). But that's it. Including parallel passages, there are just seven mentions of him in the entire Bible. Only one (and its parallels) gives us any substantial details about him.

Also known as Levi

Matthew, Mark, and Luke have parallel accounts of Jesus calling a tax collector to become a disciple. Interestingly, Matthew calls this person Matthew, and Mark and Luke call him Levi:

“As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. ‘Follow me,’ he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.” —[Matthew 9:9](#)

“As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. ‘Follow me,’ Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.” —[Mark 2:14](#)

“After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. ‘Follow me,’ Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.” —[Luke 5:27–28](#)

These accounts so closely parallel each other it's hard to imagine they aren't speaking of the same person.

There are several possible explanations for this difference. Some argue that Levi was this person's tribal name—meaning he belonged to the tribe of Levi—and that Matthew was a more personal name. Others suggest this person was originally named Levi, but that Jesus called him Matthew (similar to Simon, who Jesus named Peter). And it's also possible that it's simply a matter of him having a Greek name (Matthew) and a Hebrew name (Levi), like how the [Apostle Paul](#) was also known by Saul.

Since this person was a Jew who worked for the Ro-

mans, it wouldn't be surprising to learn that he was known by both names.

A tax collector (or publican)

As we just learned in the passages above ([Matthew 9:9](#), [Mark 2:14](#), [Luke 5:27–28](#)), Matthew was a tax collector, or a publican—someone who was contracted by the Roman government to collect taxes. As a Jew, stepping into this profession was essentially an act of betrayal to his people.

Tax collectors had very little accountability. They'd be told to collect a specified amount of money, but they could tell people they owed a different amount, and they had no power to dispute it. Tax collectors earned a reputation for telling people they owed more than they did and pocketing the difference. To the Jews, tax collectors were the embodiment of sin.

When tax collectors came to be baptized by John the Baptist, they said, “Teacher, what shall we do?” and he told them: “Collect no more than you are authorized to do” ([Luke 3:12–13](#)).

Interestingly, Mark and Luke don't explicitly label the disciple Matthew as a tax collector—we have to infer that Levi the tax collector ([Mark 3:18](#) and [Luke 6:15](#)) is the disciple named Matthew. The Gospel of Matthew leaves little room for confusion though: he's called “the tax collector” in the list of disciples:

“These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.” —[Matthew 10:2–4](#)

[Who Was Matthew the Apostle? The Beginner's Guide - OverviewBible](#)

Celebrate St. Matthew's Day with us on Sunday, September 22, 2024.



In-Person Safe Church, Safe Communities training opportunity

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?



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!



Please don't forget your pledge through the end of the year. We will also be starting our stewardship campaign for 2025. Information will be available soon,

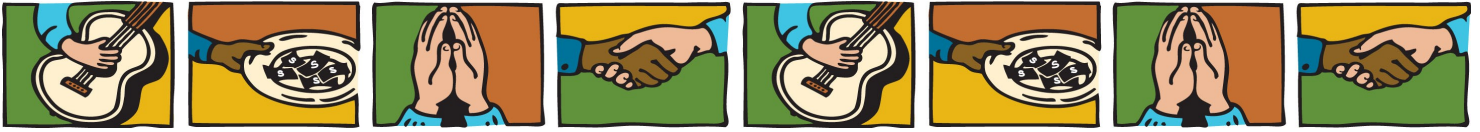
Also, this is a reminder that on the first Sunday of each month any loose money in the collection plate goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. This gives the Rector resources to give anyone that asks for help with a utility bill, rent, food or anything else that is presented to Fr. Richard. Please be generous.

Shiny Keys

We humans
wearing our heavy chains
keep building cages
for everyone even ourselves
of limitation and judgment

Yet moon light angels
keep dropping shiny keys for
sleeping prisoners waking
slowly from their wild dreams
of freedom

Joan Breit
Summer 2024



Here is the worship schedule for September. 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!

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Season	15th Sunday after Pentecost	16th Sunday after Pentecost	17th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Vestry Meeting</i>	18th Sunday after Pentecost <i>Search Committee Meeting</i>	19th Sunday after Pentecost
Service	Communion in the absence of a Priest (ComAP)	Communion in the absence of a Priest (ComAP)	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
Leaders	Deacon Barbara Gibson	Deacon Barbara Gibson	Fr. Richard Osborne	Fr. Richard Osborne	Fr. Richard Osborne
Lector—Lessons	Elizabeth Hill	Fred Schroeder	Jeremy Kitto	Bonnie Jones	Rick Glover
Lector—Psalm	Bonnie Jones	Kayla Whiteside	Darlene Hall	Mary Upton	Elizabeth Hill
Counters (2)	Twila Lockaby	Fred Schroeder	David Simmonds	Mary Upton	David Simmonds
	Margie Knupp	Mary Upton	Margie Knupp	Fred Schroeder	Twila Lockaby
Ushers (2)	Melissa Keenan	Elizabeth Hill	Rick Glover	Kayla Whiteside	Melissa Keenan
	Mary Upton	Bonnie Jones	Mary Werner	George Whiteside	Elizabeth Hill
Hosts	Chris and Dave Simmonds	Open	Open	St. Matthew's Day	Open
Altar Flowers	<i>Darlene Hall</i> <i>"In memory of Charles and Dorothy Elliot"</i>	<i>Joe and Joy Robb</i> <i>"for blessings received"</i>	<i>Stephanie and Katherine Lindgren</i> <i>"for blessings received"</i>	<i>Rich Stinnett and Charlie Robinson</i> <i>"for blessings received"</i>	<i>Chris and Dave Simmonds</i> <i>"for blessings received"</i>
LEM&Acolyte	Mary Anne McCloud Elizabeth Hill	Maggie Snow Ruth Cooper	Ruth Cooper Asa Garner and Micah Garner	Karen Wall Ruth Cooper	Fred Schroeder Asa Garner and Micah Garner
Organist	Chris Teichler	Chris Teichler	Chris Teichler	Kelli Glann	Chris Teichler

Evening Prayer: every Wednesday night at 6:00 pm in the St. Matthew's Covey Chapel