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From Senior Warden Tim Adams

The Annual Meeting of St. Matthias Episcopal Church will be held on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 11:30AM. I urge all of you to attend and participate in the importance process of our parish corporation. You will have an opportunity to meet and vote upon our incoming Vestry Class, review and vote upon the 2023 St. Matthias Operational Budget, meet our newly elected Treasurer, Mary Jean Christian, and most importantly receive an overview of where we are as a congregation. It is a very important Sunday in our church calendar, and I do hope you will attend.

As I begin this year, I like so many of us have hopes to be more resolute about a bevy of things. At the top of my list, what I want to focus on is being resolutely thankful & prayerful for the community we are at St. Matthias. We have many gifts to share and we are encouraged by your willingness to respond when approached. Now, perhaps more than we have in recent past, we may very likely reach out to you, again, for your continued support. I pray that St. Matthias will continue to thrive and to grow. I urge all of you to take this opportunity that is provided us during Transition to let your thoughts be known.

We will continue to seek out ways in which to breathe new life into our now dormant Soup Hour. We are awaiting response from Seeds of Hope, our diocesan ministry to Cultivate Wellness in communities. They suggested meeting with us to explore the potential for ministering to our community on multiple platforms. This will be an opportunity to begin the thought process of how to resurrect our Soup Hour.

Join us for our Lenten Potluck Series. Dust off your best casserole recipes and join us beginning Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 6:30PM, and each of the following Thursdays throughout Lent, for an opportunity to share some great

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dishes, but you'll have an opportunity to share a bit of curriculum from the College for Congregational Development. Fr. Lander is quite familiar with the CCD and he and some of his fellow priests will share their insights and provide us with some opportunity for some congregational introspection. Please plan on being part of this growth experience.

There are important issues for us to consider as we navigate through 2023. Please be part of what takes place at St. Matthias. Be present, pray with us and participate in your Parish.



THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. MATTHIAS



The Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 12, 2023 following the 10AM worship service. Everyone is encouraged to mark their calendar for this date and to make every effort to attend. We will submit a slate of new Vestry members, approve our budget for 2023, and report on the state of the corporation at St. Matthias. We look forward to seeing you there!



VANCO CHANGES

As you should know by now the Soup Hour Corporation is now dormant, however some services continue to be provided. If you are a Vanco user and donate thru your Vanco Account it is necessary that you log into your account and change your Soup Hour account from "Soup Hour" to "The Loving Thing". If you run into problems making this change please let me know and I will gladly make the change for you. Contact me at stan@stmatthiaswhittier.org for assistance.

For those of you who are not currently donating to the soup hour and would like to begin doing so I have set up a new donating tile entitled "The Loving Thing". Just go to the St. Matthias web site and follow the directions. It is fairly simple to do so.

If you don't want to donate through Vanco you can make a check out to St. Matthias Episcopal Church and notate "The Loving Thing" in the memo line.

Just remember I am here to help in any way I can.

Stan Jamieson

VANCO PROBLEMS?

If you are experiencing any challenges with your Vanco account such as changing your pledge percentage or your donation amount, please reach out to Stan Jamieson, our resident Vanco expert. He may be reached via email at stan@stmatthiaswhittier.org. and will be happy to assist you.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY HAS RESUMED ON ITS NEW TUESDAY MEETING DAY AT 10.00 AM

Join Bible Study in person in the Chase Room or on Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89288884823?pwd=Mll1czJKNnA4ZFplc21RV2psNXpidz09>
Meeting ID: 892 8888 4823 Passcode: 523038



PASTORAL COMMITTEE

The Pastoral committee is available to assist with the needs of our congregation. The committee is here to send flowers or cards to those who are ill or in need of encouragement. The committee can also assist with meals, transportation to medical appointments or a friendly visit. Please let Dottie, JR or our wardens (Tim and Janice) know if there are any parishioners in need.



OUR TIME

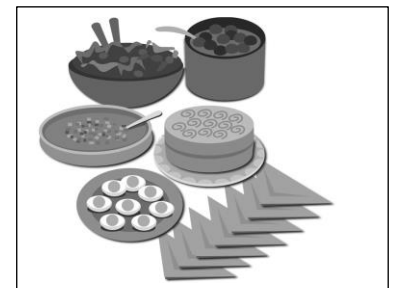


The February meeting
is Tuesday, February 14 (yes Valentine's Day!!) 2:30pm in the Chase Room.
Join us for a lively discussion and celebration of St. Valentine's Day!
Please contact Mary Jean Christian for more information.



ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD

St. Elizabeth's Guild meets on Thursday, February 16, at noon in the Chapel for their monthly potluck luncheon. Please contact Diana Jimenez for more information.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN NEWS

Hello, ladies!

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Yes, it is the start of a new year already. The time is ripe for us to build on the great things we have done in the past. We are open to suggestions as to new activities and increased involvement. We don't want to become stagnant and run the risk of people thinking "Oh, that same old thing again!"

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Some events have been put on hold because of the pandemic. There is no way of knowing when or if things will return to more predictable times so we are open to ways to adapt and adjust. Please come share your thoughts and energy.

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Our meetings are on the fourth Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Chase Room. If you would like to be placed on the email list to receive updates, you can contact me at ktouch52@gmail.com or 562-221-1700 (cell phone so can send texts to that number).

Kathy Adams



MEN'S BOOK CLUB



A book is chosen to read, but you don't have to have read the book. It's just a great opportunity to share insights about topics around the book we've read. We hope you will join us! See Charles Carrillo.



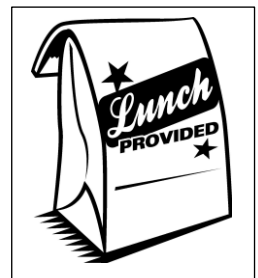
MEN EATING BADLY

This is our monthly men's indulgence in eating more than we should, meets the first Saturday of each month. We will gather on **Saturday, February 4, 2023, at the Greenleaf Café, at 8AM**, for some great conversation, good food, and fellowship. It's a great way to start the weekend and we look forward to seeing you then! We had a fantastic turnout for our first gathering in January. We hope you will join us in February!



SOUP HOUR

While the Soup Hour corporation is dormant, some services continue to be provided. Besides lunches and hygiene items, we continue to receive mail, make referrals, etc. In the interim, if you wish to make a donation, please make checks payable to St. Matthias Episcopal Church. Be sure to notate "**THE LOVING THING**" in the memo line on your check. Thank you!



?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Fill in the blanks for three qualities Paul, in 1 Corinthians 13, attributes to love: "Love is _____; love is _____ ... it keeps no record of _____."

- A. challenging, important, the past
- B. childlike, innocent, injustice
- C. self-sacrificing, generous, finances
- D. patient, kind, wrongs



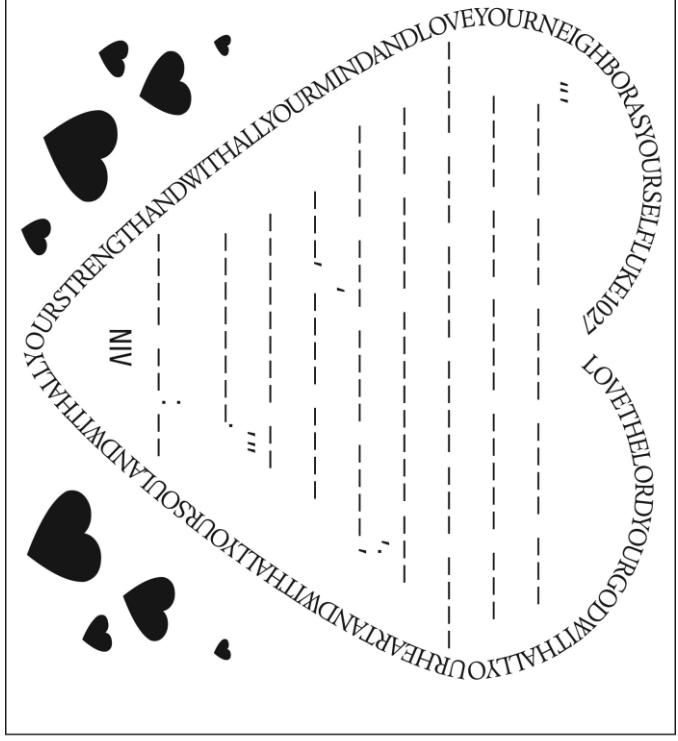
Answer: D (See 1 Corinthians 13:4-5, NIV.)



"And with prayer, you can contact God 24 hours everyday, including weekends ... and there are NO roaming charges!"

Puzzle!

Draw lines to separate the words in the heart outline. Then, starting with "Love," write the words in order inside the heart to complete the two greatest commandments.



Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27, NIV

Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their



whole heart.

PSALM 119:2, NRSV

FEBRUARY SERVICES, EVENTS, AND SMALL GROUPS

HOLY EUCHARIST

Sundays at 8:00 a.m. (in-person only)
and
10:00 a.m. (in-person and streaming live at
[facebook.com/stmatthiaswhittier](https://www.facebook.com/stmatthiaswhittier))

MEN EATING BADLY

Saturday, February 4, 8:00 a.m. Greenleaf Café. Contact Tim Adams.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 12, after 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. Contact Tim Adams.

VESTRY MEETING

Tuesday, February 14, 7:00 p.m. Chapel. Contact Tim Adams.

BIBLE STUDY/HOLY EUCHARIST

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. Chase Room.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Sunday, February 19, 1:00 p.m. Chapel.

PRESIDENTS' DAY

Monday, February 20, Office and Soup Hour closed.

ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD

Thursday, February 16, Noon. Chapel. Contact Diana Jimenez.

MEN'S BOOK CLUB

Thursday, February 16, 6:30 p.m. See Chuck Carrillo for details.

STITCHERY GROUP

Saturday, February 18, 9:00 a.m. Contact Ellen Mykkanen.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Saturday, February 25, 10:00 a.m. Chase Room. Contact Kathy Adams.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22

12:00 PM *and* 7:00 PM

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Looking for a Part-Time Tax/Admin. Assistant for a small Local Accounting firm. Should have good customer service skills, be comfortable using Microsoft Office, answering phones and playing with numbers. Flexible schedule – about 20 hrs. per week, with heavier hours during tax season. Email resumes to mwa.acctg@yahoo.com. Thank you!!

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Food for Thought

A word on Love

"Jesus paints out to me the only way which leads to Love's furnace. That way is self surrender.

It is the confidence of the little child who sleeps without fear in its parent's arms."

*from "The Story of a Soul"
St. Therese de Liseaux*

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Sunday Worship at St. Matthias: January 2023

January 1 Christmas II

Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21

January 8 The First Sunday after the Epiphany: Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

January 15 The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-12; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

January 22 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 5-13; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

January 29 The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; Acts 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 5:1-12

We look forward to offering our worship services on more than one platform for streaming in the near future. We are awaiting new equipment that will allow us to do so. So please be patient and stay with us till that happens.

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