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8:00^{AM} - Morning Prayer with Eucharist
10:00^{AM} - Holy Eucharist Rite II

Saturday Worship Service
The First Saturday of the Month
5:00pm - Healing Service

Wednesday Bible Study
10:00^{AM}
Wednesday Eucharist
11:00^{AM} - Holy Eucharist



Our Mission Field

If someone asked you to describe God to them, or asked you why you are a Christian, or asked you what being a believer does for you, what would you say? Could you answer in such a way that they understood what being in partnership with God meant to you? Could you help them move from their unbelief to understanding the reality of God and all God brings to this life and to the next? Here are a couple of examples from scripture of folks who were facing that exact problem.

From Exodus: But Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past not even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." Then the Lord said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I the Lord? Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak."

From Luke: "When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say."

The Moses quote is particularly poignant because Moses wasn't satisfied by God's promise to tell him what to say. He needed more, and God being the unbelievable God that God is, gave him even another gift by letting Aaron speak for him, someone who did not have the speech problem to which Moses referred.

I once had the opportunity to speak with a Muslim woman from Iran who had fallen away from her faith and knew nothing about Jesus Christ. We were having coffee with three other people. This was before I had entered seminary or thought the possibility of priesthood even existed for me. It was an unbelievably enlightening experience for both of us. She was introduced to Jesus, and I was astounded by God's gift of eloquence to me on the subject.

Ladies and gentlemen our mission field is right outside our doors. We need not spend a lot of money going to Africa or El Salvador or anywhere else for that matter to find those in spiritual and physical need. The opportunities are everywhere.

Come on by our St. Francis Courtyard any Monday through Friday at 3PM. The hungry will be gathered there enjoying a hot meal prepared and served by those who recognize the countenance of Jesus in their faces and respond.

Even more importantly, all of us are surrounded by a hurting and confused world, a world in need of the knowledge of Jesus Christ. A third of the people around us under the age of thirty-five have never been inside a church. Many



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more only have a rudimentary knowledge of the meaning Christ brings to their lives. Even more have no idea why church attendance is a good thing.

This is our mission field. God has promised to supply us with the words needed to solve these massive problems as we encounter them, one opportunity at a time. Next time you get a chance, trust God, and reach out to someone in need. Talk to them about God. Talk about the difference Jesus makes in your life. Talk about the benefits of church attendance. These are the greatest gifts we have to give.

Fr. Bill+

From the Senior Warden's Desk

Greetings!

Our recently ended Lenten season provided valuable opportunities to reflect and to seek clarity in our spiritual life. From Desert Spirituality to Wellness Circle's focus on Forgiveness gave us an opportunity to take quality time for meaningful introspection. We look forward to the future direction of these activities.

Beginning May 20, Fr. Bill will take a brief leave to rest and re-charge. He will return late August. During his time away, Rev. Carole- Horton-Howe will provide the spiritual leadership and she will be supported by the Junior Warden and myself. And, don't be surprised by the occasional Fr. Bill sighting. He says he may check in on us from time to time!

Summer will soon be upon us and we need to plan our Summer Breakfast lineup. This year the Vestry will kick off the Breakfast program on June 16 and the Vestry will close out the program on August 11. That means we need volunteers/organizations to sponsor breakfasts on the following dates: June 23, June 30, July 7, July 14, July 21, July 28, and August 4. Breakfast will be served each of these Sundays following the 8AM service. Please sign up for one of the available dates on the clipboard in the Narthex.

The Sour Hour Fundraiser will be held on September 28, 2019. Plans are underway to make this another great event providing an opportunity to support the ongoing efforts of our Soup Hour. Mark the date on your calendar and make it a point to attend this sure-to-be fun event.

Episcopal Church Women at St. Matthias has a full slate of activities planned throughout the year. The next ECW meeting will be held on May 27 in the Chase Room. All St. Matthias women are encouraged and invited to participate.

John H. Taylor, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles will be our guest on Sunday, October 13, 2019. More information on his visit will be forthcoming. Please plan to join us for worship at the 10AM service.

Keep an eye out for a refreshed and refreshing way to learn about happenings at St. Matthias. Our Director of Communications, Andrea Schmid, has brightened up the

bulletin boards around the Parish. They provide up-to-date information on activities that are taking place and they provide vivid images of so many of the happenings here. Take a moment to visit the various boards to gather information about upcoming events and to see great pictures of what's going on at St. Matthias.

In His Service

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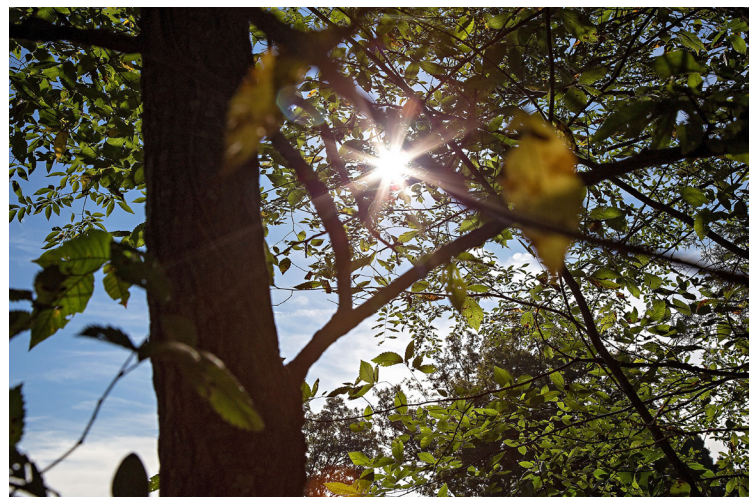
Come! Stand here and look

Come! Stand here and look to where
The snow caps the mountain there.
See how the sun glistens the leaves of the trees
And the wind teases the spray of the fountain

Watch the red-tailed hawk glide
Or the current of the summer air,
And butterflies flit along flowers they share
With the hummingbirds and bees.

Ahh! It is here for us!
Free to all that smell or feel or see!
We need but be open to that outside
And most gratefully care for gifts given thus!

By Mildred Morse August 20, 2006



Worship at Saint Matthias May 2019

- + 8:00^{AM} - Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- + 9:00^{AM} - Adult Christian Education
- + 10:00^{AM} - Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- + 10:00^{AM} - "The Works" - Children's Education



May 5 **The Third Sunday of Easter**
Scripture: Acts 9:1-6, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19, Psalm 30

May 12 **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Scripture: Acts 9:36-43, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30, Psalm 23

May 19 **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Scripture: Acts 11:1-18, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35, Psalm 148

May 26 **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Scripture: Acts 16:9-15, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29, Psalm 67

A Carrot, an Egg and a Coffee Bean

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil; without saying a word.

In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl.

Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what you see." "Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied.

Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg.

Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma, the daughter then asked, "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity: boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its insides became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?"



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Stephen Ministry

People commonly need follow-up care in recovering from a major life crisis. Recovery will often include a number of additional crisis flareups. Failing to deal with these subsequent crises can leave the person even more broken or trying to cope in unhealthy and unhappy ways.

Often when people go through a crisis they receive a lot of attention and support. The church family, neighbors and others will be there to help. But what about a couple of months later? Typically the level of attention, support and care drops off, but the persons need for care may very well grow.

This Is Where Stephen Ministry Is So Important And Helpful.

The need for follow up care can be easy to miss. Care receivers may be reluctant to admit that they need to deal with these additional issues and thus do not reach out for help, even from friends and family members. That's why the follow-up care that Stephen Ministers provide is so valuable. They focus on one care receiver, so their attention cannot be drawn away by another need for care. They also continue the caring relationship for as long as the care receiver needs it.

So please, if you or someone you know is facing a crisis and is in need of a listening and caring person, reach out to Father Bill or Rev. Carole and they will take the necessary steps to see that you or someone you know receive the care that is needed with a Stephen Minister.

Stan Jamieson - Stephen Leader

FUTURES FUND

In the previous messenger we discussed the various ways in which you can invest in the future of St. Matthias. Now lets look at some short "One Liners" pertaining to wills.

- How important is a will? How does it bless your family? St. Matthias?
- Who will write your will? If you don't write it, the state will, and the state won't include a bequest for St. Matthias.
- When you write your will, consider naming St. Matthias as your final beneficiary.
- Is God's will reflected in your will?
- Your Aunt or Uncle did not have a will. What happens? It can take up to three years to settle the estate. Your will can help your family and your church and save unnecessary expenses when you die.
- Finally: Jesus had a will. Not the conventional kind, but in the scriptures he left explicit instructions for the distribution of his love. It is spelled out in the New Testament. How about your will? Is your love for god spelled out through the gifts you make?

So, be a WILLing Christian and remember St. Matthias. Your futures fund committee consists of Larry Christian, Stan Jamieson, Doug Halliday, Mike Taylor and Father Bill Garrison. Please contact any one of them if your have questions.

Stan Jamieson - Member





A blessed woman

The last chapter of Proverbs describes a woman who loves God and strives to be a good wife and mother.

Directions: Use the picture clues to complete Proverbs 31:15, 28.

She gets _____ while it is still _____ ;



she provides _____ for her _____



Her _____ rise _____ and



_____ her blessed.



PROVERBS 31:15, 28 (NIV)

Answers: up, night, food, family, children, up, call

We Need To Know

Please let the clergy know of any members of the parish that are unable to come to church and would like to receive communion. The Office now schedules the Lay Eucharistic Visitors and wants to include all who need a visit. Please contact Dottie or Father Bill in the Parish Office to schedule a visit.

If you know of someone who has been admitted to a hospital, remember to inform the clergy. With the new privacy laws, the clergy can no longer check the roster for parishioners that may be hospitalized. It is "Better We Know Twice Than Not At All!"

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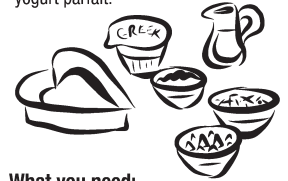
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HEART-SHAPED breakfast



Treat Mom with this yummy, beautiful yogurt parfait.



What you need:

- Large heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Greek yogurt (any flavor)
- Toppings (mini chocolate chips, granola, shredded coconut, chia seeds, oats, slivered almonds, blueberries, sliced strawberries, raspberries, bananas)
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup

What you do:

1. Place cookie cutter on a plate. Spoon in yogurt, spreading it to the edges of the cookie cutter.
2. Add toppings, making a nice design. Remove cookie cutter.
3. Drizzle syrup around the edge of the plate.
4. Serve to your mom on Mother's Day!

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Special Dates in May

- * Mother's Day, May 12
- * Armed Forces Day, May 18
- * Victoria Day (Canada), May 20
- * Memorial Day, May 27
- * Ascension, May 30



Campbell.

"Can you say 'try the patience of a saint' in a public school?"

Soup Hour

The Soup Hour planning committee met on March 13th to begin the planning stage of the next fund raiser. Mary Ellen De La Vega is chairing this committee and she provided a very nice detailed blueprint of the fund raiser.

- Date of fund raiser has tentatively been set for September 28, 2019
- Theme of the event will be Western Casino Night
- Pricing will be established at a later date
- There will be gaming tables and wheel of fortune
- There will be a silent auction for larger items

More details will be forthcoming after our next meeting on May 1st.

Please Mark Your Calendars And Make Plans For A Fun Night With Your Friends And Family.

Stan Jamieson - Committee Member



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