

## **Announcements**

**Thanks to Connie Gibbs for leading our Town Hall Meeting this past Sunday. Please let the Vestry members know if you have any questions. Don't forget to turn in your questionnaire on hospitality and fundraising ideas.**

### **Readers Needed for Palm Sunday**

We need people to read parts of the Passion Gospel during the 10 am service on Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the kiosk or contact Micky Miller if you can help. Each person will get a copy of the reading in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Micky or Rev. Laura. Thank you for helping!

### **Easter Flowers**

Donations for St. Matthias Easter flowers are being accepted through Palm Sunday. Flowers may be given in remembrance or in thanksgiving for a loved one, and contributors will be listed in our Easter bulletin. The suggested donation is \$15. Please use the Easter Flower request insert in the bulletin or contact Micky.

### **Preparing for Holy Week**

We will be making Palm Crosses in the Parish Hall on Thursday, 4-10-25, at 1:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us as we make the crosses for Palm Sunday's celebration.

### **Easter Preparations**

We need helpers to assist with decorating our beautiful church for Easter. We will be meeting on Holy Saturday, 4-19-25, at 10am to set up the flowers, put out the butterflies, and decorate downstairs. We will also need bunny helpers (to help with the Easter Egg hunt) on Easter morning. Please let Rev. Laura know if you can help.

### **Baptism**

The celebration of baptism is one of the most joyous times of the year, as we welcome new members into Christ's Church. The next feast day set for baptisms is on Easter Day (4-20-25). If you or a family member have not been baptized, but would like to have this done, please contact Rev. Laura about scheduling this.

### **Lenten Anglican Rosary**

We are offering a prayer service using Anglican Prayer Beads each Monday night at 7pm on Zoom during Lent and Holy Week. There is a handout available at church with the Lenten Rosary prayers. If you need prayer beads, please contact Rev. Laura. Please speak with Susei Goguen or Rev. Laura if you have questions.

### **Stations of the Cross**

The 14 Stations of the Cross are hanging on the walls around the church. The first station is nearest the American Flag continuing counterclockwise to the opposite wall. The Stations of the Cross were created by the Youth Group in 2002. If you are interested in the devotions for each station, there is a booklet on the table in the entranceway. We plan to do an in-person reading of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, but you are welcome to do this anytime in Lent. If you have questions, then please speak with Rev. Laura.

### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Absolution is available for all who desire it. Please see Rev. Laura if you are interested in this rite during Lent (BCP p. 446-452).

### **Wednesday Night Christian Formation via Zoom**

We welcome everyone to join us for our online Wednesday night class at 7pm as we continue the lecture series from The Great Courses on: "The History and Archaeology of the Bible." This series offers an overview of the most important archaeological discoveries related to stories in the Bible. Our class on 4-9-25 will cover "Jesus and John and Baptist."

### **Tuesday In-person Book Club**

We are currently reading N.T. Wright's book, *The Challenge of Acts: Rediscovering What the Church Was and Is*. Please read Chapter 9 prior to class on 4-8-25. All are welcome to bring a lunch and join us at 12:15pm in the Parish Hall. Starting on April 15<sup>th</sup>, we will be reading the new book by Richard Rohr called *The Tears of Things*. This book offers a wholehearted and hope-filled model for the hurting world today, grounded in the wisdom of the Hebrew prophets. This book can be purchased at a local bookseller or online.



### **April's Spotlight is on the Church Staff**

We appreciate our staff at St. Matthias: Micky Miller, our Church Administrator; Tracie Parks, our Church Organist; and Kala Walden, our Church Cleaner. Please thank them for all the work they put into the day-to-day operations of the church, including preparing for Sunday services and handling special services and events. They are awesome!

### **Coffee Hour**

The April calendar is filled, and the new May calendar is up in the Parish Hall. Thanks to everyone who signed up to participate in this Ministry of Hospitality. Please contact Rev. Laura if you need help. We will also be doing a Potluck after the 10am service on Easter Sunday. There is a signup sheet on the kiosk for those who want to help at Easter.

### **Grocery Cards**

We encourage you to use your King Soopers grocery card while shopping. By signing up (if you haven't already done so) with their Community Rewards programs, St. Matthias will receive 5% of your purchase as money designated for Outreach. Grocery Card income can generate almost half of the money we use for Outreach. Examples of programs we support through Outreach are Tri-Lakes Cares, The Salvation Army, the Springs Rescue Mission, and Episcopal Relief and Development. Thank you.

### **Food Donations for TLC**

We are continuing to accept food, household, and personal hygiene items for Tri-Lakes Cares. Donations can be brought to the church on Sunday mornings and left in the wicker basket at the back of the nave. Pantry needs include:

**Current Food Needs:** Canned Peaches; Canned Pineapple; Apple Sauce; Pasta Sauce; Tomato Sauce; White Rice; Canned Carrots; Canned Peas; Boxed Cereal; Canned Chili; Canned Beef Broth

**Household Items:** Small Multi-Purpose Cleaners; Paper Towels; Body Wash; Shampoo; Conditioner

**Youth Snacks/Lunch (Individual/Nut-free snacks):** Currently fully stocked

**Pet Food:** Dog food; Cat food

Thank you for your continued support of this much needed ministry in our community!

**Fraudulent requests for assistance (through scams & phishing)**

Please be aware of unscrupulous people trying to get members of our congregations to give money or gift cards. If you ever receive a text or email requesting either money or a gift card that says it is from a clergy member, please call Rev. Laura. We do not request monetary assistance from members of the congregation this way. These people usually use a GMAIL address, and Rev. Laura's email is an AOL address. Thanks!

**A Lenten Season of Meditation**

Fifth Sunday in Lent: Cross and Sacrament

"The Christian Church and Christian life ... are a continuation of the Incarnation. It reminds us that the Spirit of Christ is now living and truly present with and in His Church, His Family, His Mystic Body, and, because of His one eternal sacrifice ever giving us His life, and that we are utterly and entirely dependent on that life as branches on the Vine."

From G.P. Mellick Belshaw (ed.), *Lent with Evelyn Underhill* (Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse, 1990):

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St. Matthias Calendar	
April 6	8am Morning Prayer on Zoom; 10am in-person Holy Eucharist
April 13	Palm Sunday service, 10am (in-person & online)
April 17	Maundy Thursday service at 6pm (in-person)
April 18	Stations of the Cross at 11am (in-person) Good Friday Liturgy at 12pm (in-person & online)
April 20	Easter service at 10am (in-person & online) Followed by the Easter Egg hunt and Parish Potluck
Mondays in Lent & Holy Week	Anglican Rosary at 7pm via Zoom
Tuesdays	Book Club, 12:15pm, in-person at church
Wednesdays	Adult Formation, 7pm, via Zoom
Fridays	Compline, 7pm, via Zoom