



THE KEY

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July-August

To know Christ and to make Him known

2009

Don't Forget to Tend the Vineyard

Dear Friends,

We're off and running in the direction of summertime and the wonderful variety this season holds for most of us. My advice: have fun! Make the most of it! Get the R & R we all need as an antidote to our very busy lives.

I have another bit of advice. As you make your way through the summertime activities, remember to tend your own personal vineyard. By that I mean take a page from Jesus' teaching on the vine and the branches and adapt it to your life. Remember the metaphor Jesus used? He said God the Father is the vine grower. He planted the vine. Jesus is the actual vine planted by God on earth. You and I and all the other Christians around the globe are the branches.

Some branches bear fruit for the purposes of God. They flourish; they do God's work; they are a witness and a testimony to the love of God Jesus showed and taught us.

And happily for the branches that stick close to their vine, Jesus, they not only do the Lord's work, they also FEEL GREAT! You can't live lives hooked up to the Lord and nestled next to Him without experiencing the satisfaction, fulfillment and joy that comes from His presence and from carrying out His mission.

So off we go on each of our individual summertime programs. But remember to stick close to Him. Acknowledge His presence with you. (Jesus loves a good time!) Be kind. Extend yourself a little to somebody who seems sad or down or somehow beaten up by the world. Smile. Remind yourself to be grateful for the blessings you enjoy. Thank God for the good things He's given you. Tend the vineyard! Happy summer!

Faithfully,

Summer.... A Quiet Peaceful Time In Our Parish

Summer has come and while the normally hectic pace of St. Matthew's quiets down dramatically, it is still a wonderful, wonderful time to be a member of our parish. No question, there is a different feel for St. Matthew's in July and August — a quieter, slower, more peaceful pace. It is a magnificent time to enjoy our beautiful grounds, to walk in the woods or maybe even use the Andrew Dwyer picnic area for a barbecue.

And don't miss, whatever you do, the delightful Chapel-in-the-Woods 8 a.m. services in July and early September — where you can feel the presence of God around you, with the sun shining through the trees, the birds chirping and the sound of Beaver Dam stream babbling in the distance.

Our clergy will take this time to replenish their energy and spend time with family.

Terry, who is due a sabbatical, will be away from mid-July until Labor Day. Susan will be vacationing from mid-July to mid-August.

And, our new Assistant Minister, Danny Lennox? Well, he starts on June 15, so he'll be with us all summer long. What a great time for all of us to get to know him better!

The summer, of course, is the perfect time to read a few good books, so look on page 2 for a suggested reading list, with titles recommended by Terry, Susan and Danny. (Don't forget if you order books with Amazon to go through the St. Matthew's website!).

The church calendar is very relaxed. In July, there will be 8 a.m. services — in Chapel-in-the-Woods — and 10 a.m. services. In August, there is one single service, at 9 a.m., in the church. The midweek Eucharist service will not be held during the summer, but will resume in September.

St. Matthew's will get back into full swing in the fall — 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services resume Sept. 13 and Church School starts on Sept. 20 — our usual variety of programs, speakers, concerts and more. So enjoy the peaceful summer and rest up for an activity-filled, vibrant fall season.



What a Glorious Picnic

It was a wonderful Annual Parish Picnic on June 7, with good attendance, including our friends from our sister parish, the Church of the Ascension in Mount Vernon, superb food, games for the kids and great fellowship. Many thanks to the Men and Women of St. Matthew's and all who made this day fantastic!



Teachers Wanted

Rewards are large! Full of benefits!
The pay(back) — tremendous

All grades are still available. Don't wait too long; you may miss your opportunity. Our children are the most diligent, conscientious, happy, and hardworking students. It is a joy to work with these darlings. Your shared learning is contagious. Bonding with your other teachers starts you on life-long friendships. The respect from other parishioners knows no bounds. Terry will bless each of you! Please call Linda de Menocal at 234-0084 or email at demenocal@aol.com for more information or to sign up.

Summer Reading List

Here are some books, recommended by our clergy, as good summer reading:

Terry Elsberry's:

Same Kind of Different as Me, By Ron Hall & Denver Moore with Lynn Vincent. - If you were fortunate to hear the co-author of this book, Ron Hall, speak at our 8 and 10 a.m. worship services on June 14 you'll know why reading this book is a must. It is one of the most compelling Christian stories of our time. As the book jacket says, "A modern-day slave, an international art dealer, and the unlikely woman who bound them together."

Ireland: A Novel, By Frank Delaney. - When Nancy and I were preparing for our trip to Ireland last summer, I bought this book as one of my introductions to this storied land. I was not disappointed. Frank Delaney weaves the history of Ireland with a contemporary saga to create a masterpiece of the storyteller's art. And guess what? The theme, beyond Ireland, is just that: the power of story!

Psalms for Contemplation, By Carlos G. Valles. - As many of you have heard me say through the years, no part of the Bible speaks to me with such power and relevance to daily life as the Psalms. This book, by a Spanish Jesuit, brings the psalms to life in a new and profound way. Excellent for your private devotional times.

Susan Wyper's:

Here if You Need Me, By Kate Braestrup -The true story of a young widow who takes up her husband's dream to become a minister and ends up a chaplain on search-and-rescue missions with the Maine Warden Service. Written in an honest and graceful voice, this is a recent favorite that stays on my bedside table.

Someone Knows My Name, by Lawrence Hill - A fictional account of a South Carolina slave in Revolutionary America who dreams of returning to her African home. You will be captured by the life and struggle of Aminita Diallo. I listened to this on tape - wonderful accents and lilt - hated to get to the last disc.

All Over But the Shoutin', by Rick Bragg - New York Times correspondent recounts growing up in the Alabama hills with a remarkable mom.

Street of a Thousand Blossoms, by Gail Tsukiyama - Fictional story of two brothers, one a rising sumo wrestler, the other a Noh

mask maker. A little long/rambling, but an easy way into the Japan of 1939, a time I had never considered.

Jesus Wept: When Faith & Depression Meet, by Barbara C. Crafton - For fans of Barbara's Geranium Farm and her Almost-Daily eMo, here is her newly published book on faith and depression. If you don't know Episcopal priest Barbara Crafton, check out <http://www.geraniumfarm.org>

Danny Lennox's:

The Library at Night, by Alberto Mangué - This book unfolds a delicate history of the library and the books contained therein. While this book, at first glance, deals with books and the four walls that contain them, it is also a story about life, friendship and many of the great literary characters that we have met over the years such as Huck Finn, Joseph K, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. A must read for the summer. It will take you to many idyllic places across space and time.

The Angle of Repose, by Wallace Stegner - This beautiful book received a Pulitzer Prize. It is the story of Lyman Ward, a retired professor, who after watching his marriage fall apart decides to write a history of his grandparents long and enduring marriage that lasted through a journey to the American Frontier. The story is filled with beautiful images and ideas. It contains much about life, love and everything in between. A peaceful summer read that takes it time for all the right reasons.

Dreams and Shadows: The Future of the Middle East, by Robin Wright - This is a fantastic piece of journalism by Robin Wright. It is perhaps the finest piece of contemporary scholarship on life in the complex Middle East. For anyone looking to acquire more knowledge about the Holy Land, or just get a foothold onto a much talked about region, this book is ideal.

Netherland, by Joseph O'Neill - According to NPR, this is the first "fun" book that President Obama read after being installed in the White House. It is a fascinating book about friendship, cricket, New York and contemporary America. If you liked the existential stories of Kafka and Camus, or if you liked the stories of friendship by Steinbeck and Hemingway, this is a great opportunity to hit those literary marks in modern times. Sure to become a cult classic. Great summer reading, too!

Celebrating Confirmation



June 7 was a joyous day, as the Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher came to St. Matthew's to confirm the 19 youths and two adults in our 2009 confirmation group. It was a wonderful celebration, as family and friends gathered to mark this important day when these individuals reconfirmed their faith and baptismal vows. Many thanks to Susan Wyper, Nancy Elsberry and Sally Farrell for the outstanding work they did with the class this year.

A group of parishioners gathered on June 6, not only for our annual Trail Walk but also to celebrate the work of Tommy Farrell, an Eagle Scout candidate and son of Chris and Sally Farrell. Tommy worked with the Woodlands Commission and a tree specialist to identify and mark 33 tree species on our trails. The Woodlands Commission backed him on this project to create a topographic map that will be available to all trailwalkers.



On May 30, members of this year's Confirmation class set up shop outside Scott's Corner Market to collect food for the Community Center of Northern Westchester. Shown here five members of the class deliver the fruits of their labor - over 500 lbs. of food - to the Center. From left to right Hannah Swift, Place Wilson, Erik Long, Peter Reimer, Gracie Tenney. Thanks go to Kerry Wilson for spearheading this effort!

Attendance Awards 2008-2009

Congratulations to those students, missing fewer than 8 of 30 Church School Sundays, who received "Faithful Attendance Medals" on Sunday, May 17. Particular honors go to Cliff Belknap for "Perfect Attendance" for the entire year.

Pre-Kindergarten 3's & 4's

††Cliff Belknap (3rd year pin)
Dearing Fife (1st year pin)
Christian Kim (1st year pin)
Emma Soderberg (1st year pin)
Henry Weigel (1st year pin)

Kindergarten

Brady Johnston (3rd year pin)
Sam Pakman (1st year pin)

1st Grade

Stewart Fife (2nd year pin)
Carter Henshaw (3rd year pin)
Max Weigel (3rd year pin)

2nd Grade

Katherine Cunniff (4th yr pin)
Marshall Henshaw (4th yr pin)
Luke Terry (6th year. pin)
Sofia Soderberg (4th year pin)

3rd Grade

Jack Altman (2nd year pin)
Jack Fife (2nd year pin)

4th Grade

John Cunniff (5th year pin)
Mary-Ward Freyberg (2nd yr pin)
Brian Gourd (2nd year pin)
Caroline Johnston (6th year pin)
Hadley Talty (6th year pin)

5th Grade

Meghan Moran (2nd year pin)

6th Grade

Tucker Johnston (6th year pin)
Brendan McCree (2nd year pin)

7th Grade

Alex Bae (1st year pin)
William Bae (1st year pin)
Victoria Lange(10th year pin)
Evi Robinson (10th yr pin)
Max Schiro (7th year pin)

8th Grade

Philip Stanwood Bowers
Natalie June Bryt
Colby O'Neil Burdick
Bowen Harrison Clymer
Tora Hallstrom
Xiaoling Niles Keller
Eugenia Frances Kronenberg
Erik Nelson Long
Christian Waters Magnan
Paul Taylor Matthews, Jr.
Colin Brackett McCree
Peter Webster Reimer
Sayre Elizabeth Reimer
Eleanor Hale Sednaoui
Hannah Hathaway Swift
McKinley Joseph Talty
Grace Madison Tenney
Allison Place Wilson

The Evolution of Our Long Range Plan

The process necessary to complete our Long Range Plan for St. Matthew's was interrupted last fall by the onset of one of the most difficult economic crises in our nation's history. The crisis has had and continues to have serious consequences regionally and nationwide, but also right here at home at St. Matthew's Church. Appropriately, the Wardens, the Vestry, the Clergy and the staff have had to focus considerable energy on the current and immediate future financial situation of our church. With wonderful contributions of time and treasure, our parishioners also have demonstrated a truly determined commitment to our church. With all this effort and input, St. Matthew's sails on, a somewhat tighter ship than previously, but with all of the energy to continue to move ahead, on course to "Know Christ and make Him known".

It is now time to restart the long term planning process. Before being interrupted last fall, an outline of a plan had been presented to the Vestry who gave it their support, subject to filling it out with more specifics after review with all commissions and committees and, ultimately, after receiving thoughts and comments by parishioners. One or more members of the Long Range Planning Committee met with all commissions and committees last fall, and we are now ready to go out to parishioners. The Long Range Planning Committee, ably advised by Jeff Freeman as both a member and a facilitator, will be drafting a questionnaire/survey seeking input regarding current and possibly new or modified church activities and offerings. It is expected that the questionnaire/survey will go out to all parishioners in early September.

Over the summer, please take time to dream a bit about St. Matthew's. What do you want our church to "look" like in 10 or 20 years? How will our parishioners live in the future? Indeed, how are we living now as compared with twenty years ago – and is our church today "up with the times?" St. Matthew's is a very special place, unique to most of us. So while we must always try to appeal to young families, many new to our area, we will work hard to maintain that something special that has been St. Matthew's for almost 200 years.

Had Talbot

Frederick Marquand Godwin

The May Key featured a story about the magnificent plaque honoring the life of Mildred Rives Godwin. Her husband is also memorialized, albeit not as grandly. Mr. Godwin's memorial stone rests at seat level in the pew directly below the memorial to his wife. It reads: In Memory of Frederick Marquand Godwin (1889-1961) Parishioner of this Church And Redesigner of the Church Building, 1924.

Francis Marquand Godwin was an architect. He was a descendant of both William Cullen Bryant and Henry Gurund Marquand. Like his wife he was a person of status and privilege. For the ten years before Mildred's untimely death in 1927, the Godwin's lived at Brook Hollow Farm, their beautiful estate, which still stands on Mt. Holly Road.

In 1924, Mr. Godwin was called upon to redesign and lighten up

the interior of St. Matthew's. When Arthur Ketchum had begun his ministry a year earlier he had inherited a church whose interior was as stated in the Sesquicentennial History of St. Matthew's, "dark and severe, with brown walls and off-white ceiling, all woodwork painted to simulate dark oak, a gothic arched communion rail, and a plain communion table... The windows were stained glass." At the suggestion of the Vestry, Frederick Godwin was called on to lighten up the interior, and to use as a model the interior of one of Mr. Ketchum's favorite churches, that of St. James' Church in Goose Creek, South Carolina. The result was as we see it today.



Interior of the Church in 1924

John Stockbridge

First Bingo Night Big Success – 2nd Planned for September!

Following on the success of our first ever Bingo Night, we will hold two fun-filled nights in the coming months. The first will be on Sun., Sept. 20. The second will be on Sun., Jan. 10. We think the adults may have had even more fun than the kids!

The Stewardship Commission



Summer Church Calendar

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 5

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
Altar Guild: Kimberly Morella and Ginger Getz
Ushers: Messrs. Bowers and Foster
Lay Reader: Kimberly Morella
Lector: Mrs. Ehrlich

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz
Ushers: Messrs. Montross, Moody, Proctor, Schimmel
Lay Reader: Mr. Banks
Lector: Mr. Gale

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 12

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I*
Altar Guild: Mesdames Mankiewicz and Whitman
Ushers: Mr. and Mrs. Fagan
Lay Reader: Mr. Stockbridge
Lector: Mrs. Finn

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon
Ushers: Messrs. Baldwin, Harrison, Keller, LaMotte
Lay Reader: Jane Wood

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 19

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
Altar Guild: Mesdames Ehrlich and Keesee
Ushers: Messrs. MacDonald and Marcotte
Lay Reader: Mr. Windsor
Lector: Mr. Freeman

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Blacker
Ushers: Messrs. Lange, Loving, Proctor, Thompson
Lay Reader: Jane Wood
Lector: Mrs. Banks

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 26

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I*
Altar Guild: Mesdames Meyer and Scott
Ushers: Messrs. Bernson and Claude
Lay Reader: Mr. Banks
Lector: Mr. Heath

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon
Ushers: Messrs. Boyd, Moody, Swift, Taylor
Lay Reader: Mrs. Allen

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 2

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Altar Guild: Kimberly Morella and Ginger Getz
Ushers: Messrs. Markowski, McCree, Needham, Schimmel
Lay Reader: Mr. Claude
Lector: Mrs. Mankiewicz

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 9

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon
Ushers: Messrs. Farrell, Loving, Reynders, Talty
Lay Reader: Mr. Claude

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 16

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz
Ushers: Messrs. Brown, Cummings, Keller, Mockridge
Lay Reader: Mrs. Farrell
Lector: Mrs. Banks

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 23

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon
Ushers: Messrs. Freyberg, Montross, Talbot, Rob Vincent
Lay Reader: Mrs. Foster

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 30

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon
Ushers: Messrs. Blacker, Boyd, Swift, Tingué
Lay Reader: Kimberly Morella

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 6

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Altar Guild: Kimberly Morella and Ginger Getz

Ushers: Messrs. Proctor and Thompson; Mr. and Mrs. Burdick
Lay Reader: Mr. Seaman
Lector: Mrs. Finn

* 8 AM service at Chapel-in-the-Woods, weather permitting

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, September 13 Return to 8 and 10 a.m. services

Sunday, September 20 10:00 a.m.
 Church School begins

Comings & Goings

Please Update Your Parish Directory

New or Returning Parishioners
 Mr. & Mrs. Chris Pachios
 355 Pine Brook Road
 Bedford NY 10506

Holy Baptism
Received into Christ's Holy Church
 Saylor Haskell Pachios, June 6, 2009

Holy Matrimony
May they grow in love and peace with our Lord and one another
 Peter Armistead Knipp & Alison Mylander Gregory

Mite Box Success!

Once again, our wonderful children and generous adult parishioners have surpassed our annual goal to support The Carpenter's Kids Tanzanian program. Through our support, 100 children receive tuition, books, supplies, uniforms, shoes and breakfast for one year. These children are orphans in Tanzania and have little hope without our support. Additionally, we were able to provide additional support for soap and socks for each child for the year.

We would like thank all those students who worked so hard to fill their mite boxes. So many of our children are so very generous and we know that each donation was, heartfelt. Fourth-grader Caroline Johnston was most diligent in carrying out her own bake sale in the Village to raise enough to support three orphans in Tanzania. Thank you, Caroline, and thanks to each and every supporter. In the tradition of the widow's mite, it all adds up to make a very important impact on the lives of children in Tanzania.

Linda de Menocal

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