



THE KEY

ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH

BEDFORD N.Y.

September

To know Christ and to make Him known

2011

Dear Friends,

I'm sure when most of us considered this summer and its usual fun and joys and opportunities for R & R, we didn't anticipate the depth of trouble we'd be facing. But with the awful tragedy of our lost troops in Afghanistan, the frustrating governmental dealing with the debt ceiling, and now the stock market gyrations, it has become the summer of our discontent.

In times like this, I am reminded of what an old man who survived the worst of the Great Depression once told me. When I said, "If things were so bad, how did you get through?" His answer: "On my knees."

I am not being facetious or Pollyanna when I say now is the time for all of us to pray as we have never prayed before for our nation. For our world. For ourselves and each other. For our church. We are all in this together. The problems facing us today are not Theirs, they are Ours. Together, with God's help, we can overcome problems, anxieties and even disaster. We can overcome and survive, as my old friend of long ago survived, by spending time in prayer.

The Lord has the answers. His wisdom will shine a light on the path that will carry us through to victory. But we must seek His help and guidance. We must look up unto the hills, whence our help comes, and find there not only the help but also the hope that is the centerpiece of our faith.

Our hope is in Him and, as members of our beloved St. Matthew's, in the strong, caring community we have built together in this place.

See you in September—and may the Lord bless you and all you love.

Ever faithfully,

Our Church Family

We have been on vacation. Our routines relaxed. But now it is September. And we come back to work, school and everyday life, refreshed and ready to take on old and new challenges. Best of all, we return to an active, vibrant church – a home for our soul, a community of friends, and a place of peace and comfort.

On Sept. 11, St. Matthew's returns to its regular schedule of two Sunday services: 8 a.m. (Chapel-in-the-Woods, weather permitting) and 10 a.m. On Sept. 18, the schedule is in full swing with the opening of Church School and the commissioning of confirmands for those 8th graders entering the 2012 Confirmation Class. This day is also Welcome Sunday, and following the 10 a.m. service at Coffee Hour, we will don our nametags and greet each other and new members joining St. Matthew's. On Sat., Sept. 17, the Men of St. Matthew's kicks off its monthly breakfast meetings. The Bedford Chamber Concerts also begins its expanded offerings now including a lecture/demonstration series, the first of which on the Baroque period will be on Wed., Sept. 21.

Another new happening and fundraiser at St. Matthew's will be "Treats and Treasures" on Sat., Sept. 24 – an old-fashioned tag sale, boutique and farmers market. So come, sell, bring friends, and BUY. This will be a fun day for all ages.

Treats and Treasures

Saturday, September 24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Boutique, Tag Sale and Farmers Market • Fun for All Ages

September Key Dates

Sat., Sept. 17	7:30 a.m.	Men of St. Matthew's Breakfast Meeting
Sun., Sept. 18	10 a.m.	Opening of Church School Coffee Hour Welcome Sunday
Wed., Sept. 21	8 p.m.	Anthony Newman Lecture/Demonstrations: Baroque Period
Sat., Sept. 24	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Treats and Treasures

October Key Dates

Sat., Oct. 1	9:30 a.m. 12-2 p.m. 4-6:30 p.m.	Fall Trail Walk All-Parish Jamboree Picnic St. Matthew's College Jamboree
Sun., Oct. 2	2 p.m.	Blessing of the Pets
Wed., Oct. 5	8 p.m.	Bedford Chamber Concert
Wed., Oct. 12	7:30 p.m.	Distinguished Speakers Series: Russell Reynolds
Wed., Oct. 26	8 p.m.	Anthony Newman Lecture/Demonstration: Classical Period
Sun., Oct. 30	5 p.m.	Haunted Hike & Spaghetti Supper

St. Matthew's College Jamboree

Princeton, Trinity, Vassar, Williams and Yale
Saturday, October 1

All Parish Family Picnic
12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Concert
4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Welcome Sunday

On Sept. 18, the Welcome Commission kicks off its outreach to newcomers to St. Matthew's. At Coffee Hour, please look for our table in the Fellowship Room and bring your friends and neighbors to introduce them. Remember to wear your nametag and look for someone whom you don't know to greet. We'll see you then!

Janet Schloat

Treats and Treasures

On Sat., Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., we are having a tag sale, farmers market and boutique. We have contacted vendors and local markets. If you have designed something, this is a your chance to share your talent – anything and everything is welcome!!!! The fee is \$50 per table and checks should be made out to St. Matthew's Church by Sept. 15. And don't forget to circle the date, bring friends and come and BUY, BUY, BUY! For questions or to volunteer, contact Didi Woodhull: (914) 787-0484 or didigw@aol.com.



Bedford Chamber Concerts

The 2011-2012 Bedford Chamber Concert season is about to begin – not with a concert, but a guided tour of the Baroque Era led by Tony Newman joined by Mary Jane Newman. This Sept. 21 event is the first of three lecture/demonstrations that will explore the lives and compositions of the great composers in the context of the ethos of the Baroque, Classical and Romantic periods.



Contemporary history and politics, the burdens of patronage, and the peculiar circumstances that shaped the music these masters created will all be covered in these sessions. The Classical era will be explored on Oct. 26, and the Romantic era on Nov. 30. The lecture/demonstration series began last year and attracted a rapidly expanding audience. Terry notes: "Tony Newman can make music history come alive in both his descriptions of the genius and eccentricities of the major composers and his performance of musical examples."

Three concerts are also scheduled for the fall in a season that celebrates Tony's 20 years at St. Matthew's. The first, on Oct. 5, features an eclectic set of works for keyboard and string quartet. Tony will be the soloist in Bach's Concerto for Harpsichord and Strings in E, and in Brahms' f minor Quintet for Piano and Strings. His own Chaconne and Fugue for Piano Quintet will round out the program.

The second concert on Nov. 9 will be entirely devoted to Bach – his three sonatas for viola da gamba and harpsichord, played by cellist Dane Johansen, and his Italian Concerto – really an extended work for solo harpsichord.

The festive Dec. 14 concert will feature Mendelssohn's beloved Violin Concerto in e minor, as well as the world premier of Tony's own Violin Concerto, and some seasonal surprises. Two violin soloists will be featured – Sean Lee and Yoon Kwon, both favorites from prior years.

The spring will bring some significant departures for the Bedford Chamber Concerts, along with an evening of Beethoven violin sonatas (Mar. 21). Two concerts will be devoted to major choral works – a concert version of Handel's Julius Caesar (Apr. 18) – the first time the series has ventured into opera – and an evening featuring Tony's Angel Oratorio and a Mass by Mozart (May 16).

Reserve your seats online at www.bedfordchamberconcerts.org or call: (914) 522-5150.

New Church School Director

This fall, Linda de Menocal hands over the reins of St. Matthew's Church School to Marian Fife. Three and a half years ago, Linda stepped in for the second time to lead the Church School and the religious education of our children. With her friendly, enthusiastic style, she has infused in our children an understanding and appreciation of what it means to be a Christian and a member of the St. Matthew's family. Thank you, Linda!



Mariam Fife

Welcome, Marian! Marian Fife moved to the Bedford area in 2007, with her husband David and three children: Jack (now 11 years old), Stewart (9) and Dearing (6). Marian is a graduate of Middlebury College and later went on to receive her M.A. in French from NYU. Born and raised in Charlottesville, VA, she has long been an active member of the Episcopal Church, and at St. Matthew's, has taught kindergarten and first grade in Church School. When Linda looked around for a new Director, "Mariam was the perfect choice. The children love to be with her. She is approachable, has a wonderful sense of fun, yet is professional and dedicated to her job of teaching children about God." Marian looks forward to continuing the "fantastic work" of Linda and hopes to get more and more families involved in Church School and life at St. Matthew's.

Church School

Students: Church School begins Sept. 18. Remember to return the registration forms for Church School mailed to you in August. We look forward to seeing your children then.

Teachers: Please consider being a Church School teacher. This is an easy, fun commitment that gives you the opportunity to work with others around the important focus of teaching our children about a Christian life. If you have any questions about either Church School for your children or teaching Sunday School, please e-mail: marianfife@gmail.com.

Men's Breakfast Meetings

What started out as an idea seven years ago has now become a fixture: men talking together from 7:30-8:45 sharp in the Parish House on the third Saturday morning of each month (generally weekly during Lent).

Come and spend a shade over an early morning hour with other men of St. Matthew's. Have a cup of coffee and a light breakfast. Listen to a brief presentation. (Or add your name to the more than two-dozen men who've given short talks.) Engage in some lively conversation. Listen. Say what's on your mind. Dig a little. Laugh a little. Maybe walk away saying, "I see that guy in church sometimes; I like the way he thinks." Or "Damn. It's good to be able to talk with other men about something besides sports and work."

Sometimes the talk turns to churchy things—the history of the Nicene Creed, for example. But the mix has been very, very broad. From why animals engage in springtime behaviors to what it was like to pilot the Concorde between New York and London. Please join us.

Breakfast Dates: Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Apr. 21, May 19, June 16.

Kevin Lahart

St. Matthew's Welcomes Singers from Princeton, Trinity, Vassar, Williams and Yale, Oct. 1

Among the St. Matthew's bicentennial events in the fall of 2010 was a very popular college à cappella jamboree—so popular, in fact, that we are starting a new tradition and on Oct. 1, will hold the Second Annual St. Matthew's College Jamboree.

The day starts with a catered all-parish picnic from noon to 2 p.m. with entertainment from many of the groups that will be performing later that day. The early evening concert for ticketholders will take place from 4 to 6:30



p.m. A light supper will be served during intermission, along with a very special "college-themed" dessert created by La Tulipe Desserts in Mount Kisco.

Many schools were invited to participate, but the groups that responded first happen to be some of our favorites—the Princeton Tigertones, the Trinity Pipes, the Vassar Night Owls, the Williams Ephlats, and the Yale Whiffenpoofs. CDs from each of the groups will be available at the concert with proceeds benefiting St. Matthew's.

Tickets are \$30 and, since space is limited and we expect to sell every available seat, we encourage you to purchase tickets as soon as possible. Payment should be sent directly to St. Matthew's and should indicate "2011 Jamboree" in the memo. Please make sure to include your name and a way for us to contact you (e-mail or phone number) to acknowledge receipt of your payment.

If you have any questions at all, please contact CollegeJamboree@gmail.com

Confirmation Kicks Off Sept. 18!

This year's Confirmation program, open to all eighth graders, begins Sun., Sept. 18 with commissioning during the 10 a.m. service, and acolyte training and orientation immediately following. If you haven't heard from us and are interested in being part of this year's class, please contact Susan or Danny. Confirmation is an important step in the journey of faith. It is the moment when our young adults say, "Okay, I've thought hard about all this, about God, about the Church, about what my parents and Godparents promised when I was baptized and I'm ready to make those same promises myself." In order to prepare to do this our year includes opportunity for study, worship and fellowship. Regular attendance on Sunday morning at St. Matthew's is expected.

Following are the important dates from now through October:
Sun., Sept. 18: Commissioning during the 10 a.m. service, orientation with acolyte training immediately following (pick up time 12 pm).

Sat., Sept. 24: Community service as part of STM Treats and Treasures

Fri. - Sat., Oct. 21-22: Confirmation Retreat at Camp Washington, Lakeside, CT

Sun., Oct. 23: Service at Antioch Baptist Church 10:45 a.m.

Sun., Oct. 30: Haunted Hike & Spaghetti Supper

Russell Reynolds to Speak, Oct. 12

The Distinguished Speaker Series will open on Wednesday evening, Oct. 12, with one of America's leading experts on executive career success: Russell Reynolds. Considered one of the pioneers of today's executive search profession, Mr. Reynolds has counseled the chairmen, presidents and CEOs of a wide range of companies. A notable public speaker, he's been featured on the Today Show, The CBS Evening News and the BBC.



Mr. Reynolds founded Russell Reynolds Associates, Inc., which soon became one of the world's leading international executive recruiting firms. He sold his interest in the firm in 1993, and today he is Chairman and CEO of RSR Partners, consultants in executive search, succession planning and corporate governance. A Yale graduate who was a First Lieutenant and Navigator-Bombardier in the Air Force Strategic Air Command, he is also a committed civic leader with extensive board memberships and non-profit affiliations.

"Challenging times like these call for creativity and passion when it comes to building a career. Russ Reynolds has demonstrated, as both a builder of two great companies and a trusted advisor to many outstanding leaders, that personal integrity can be a driver of business success. We're honored that he'll join us for what promises to be an inspiring and useful discussion," said Terry Elsberry.

The evening will begin with a reception at 7:30 p.m., followed by the speaking program at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Refreshments will be served. For information, call (914) 234-9636.

Blessing of the Pets, Oct. 2

On Sun., Oct 2 at 2 p.m., St. Matthew's will hold our annual Blessing of the Pets on the back lawn. Envelopes are included in this issue of the Key for parishioners to make contributions to remember their beloved furry, feathered and scaly friends. Please return the envelopes to the Parish Office no later than Sept. 28. Donations received will be given to Canine Companions for Independence which trains dogs to assist handicapped people to live on their own.

Wednesday Worship and Bible Study, Sept. 14

Need a mid-week pick-me-up? Come to Wednesday Worship and Bible Study!

Just before 10 a.m. on Wednesday mornings, St. Matthew's sanctuary starts to hum. Bibles - some new, some dog-eared - appear on the Vestry Room table; coffee perks in the kitchen and homemade goodies materialize out of thin air; candles are lit and the altar readied; the sound of happy greetings sing through the air. Wednesday morning at St. Matthew's is a special time as we gather to collectively enjoy worship and study that lightens the heart and feeds the soul. The intimate worship service allows quiet for prayer and an experience of new liturgies. The Bible Study is free-form and fun, a joint exploration and search for revelation as we read Holy Scripture together. Newcomers are always welcome and no previous experience is required.



Our weekday service of Eucharist followed by Bible Study resumes Sept. 14. Come for either or stay for both. Once you've tried it, you'll be hooked! For questions, contact Susan Wyper.

Midweek Holy Eucharist on
Wednesday at 10 a.m. Bible
study begins Sept. 14

September Church Calendar



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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, September 4

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Altar Guild: Kimberly Morella
Ushers: Messrs. de Menocal, Belknap, Maybank, Thompson
Lay Reader: Andrew Heath
Lector: Mrs. Finn

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 11

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
Altar Guild: Mesdames Mankiewicz and Whitman
Ushers: Mr. MacDonald and Roger Vincent
Lay Reader: Kimberly Morella
Lector: A.J. Heath

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon
Ushers: Messrs. Sturz, Moody, Gaynor; Lee Brown
Lay Reader: Mr. Jackson
Acolytes: Cooper Talty and Mac Talty

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 18

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I*
Altar Guild: Mrs. Keese
Ushers: Mr. and Mrs. Fagan
Lay Reader: Mr. Stockbridge
Lector: Mr. Bogert

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I, and Church School Opening
Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz
Ushers: Messrs. Borner, McCree, Haskell, Fife
Lay Reader: Mr. Seaman
Lector: Will Keiser
Acolytes: Camillo Santomero and Hailey Schimmel
***Lay Minister:*

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 25

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*
Altar Guild: Mesdames Meyer and Scott
Ushers: Messrs. Bowers and Boe
Lay Reader: Jane Wood
Lector: Mr. Freeman
Acolytes: William Bae and Amelia Bermingham

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Church School, and Sermon
Ushers: Messrs. de Menocal, Talbot, LaMotte, Lovering
Lay Reader: Mrs. Thompson
Acolytes: Frances Kronenberg and Lily Edwards
***Lay Minister:*

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 2

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Altar Guild: Kimberly Morella
Ushers: Mr. and Mrs. Fagan
Lay Reader: Mr. Claude
Lector: Mrs. Mankiewicz
Acolytes: Gus Carlson and Charlie Carpenter

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Altar Guild: Mesdames Blacker and Borner
Ushers: Messrs. Moody, Gaynor, Sturz; Lee Brown
Lay Reader: Mrs. Allen
Lector: Mrs. Ehrlich
Acolytes: Georgia Morley and Sophie Boyd

2:00 p.m. Blessing of the Pets

* 8 AM service at Chapel-in-the-Woods, weather permitting
** Children's Service

Comings & Goings

Holy Matrimony

May they grow in love and peace with our Lord and one another
Parker Conrad & Alexandra MacRae, June 25, 2011

St. Mary's Church Schedule

Our sister church in the woods, St. Mary's, has a strong series of services for the balance of the year, starting on Sept. 18, at 5:30 p.m., with the Rev. William Weisenbach, Senior Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Katonah. Weisenbach is widely recognized as a leading theologian and educator, having spent 24 years on the faculty and administration of the New York Theological Seminary.

The next service will be on Oct. 16, with Donald Gregg, Former U.S. Ambassador & Chairman Emeritus of the Korea Society; followed by the annual Thanksgiving Eve service on Nov. 23 with Daniel Martin, President of Cross River Connections. The traditional Christmas Service will be on Dec. 23, with the Rev. Dr. Paul S. Briggs, Pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church.

Located at 197 Hickory Kingdom Road, Bedford, Saint Mary's Church was founded by local farmers in the mid-nineteenth century. It is a place where friends and strangers, neighbors and visitors gather six times a year for evening services.

Fall Trail Walk

Please join us for the annual Fall Trail Walk on Sat., Oct. 1, from 9:30 to approximately 11:30 a.m. We begin our walk at the trailhead at the end of the St. Matthew's parking lot.

For those who have not been on one our trail walks, we urge you to do so to experience the wonders and beauty of the Woodlands. There are a tremendous variety of ecological systems, from forested woodland (what first comes to mind) to marshy lower areas filled with songbirds and butterflies. Our trails crisscross with those of the BRLA, so you may see a rider on horseback as well.

You should wear good walking shoes as the trail is rocky in spots, and it is also a good idea to bring a bottle of water. Please RSVP by email: chrisburdick@gmail.com so we can contact you in case of bad weather or change of plans.

Chris Burdick and Fred John



Woodlands Reflections

The Woodlands represent a unique aspect of the St. Matthew's environment. We're interested in hearing your thoughts or musings on what this natural preserve means to you, or specific experiences you've had while treading the trails. Photos or drawings would be appreciated as well. Please forward to cfred.john@verizon.net.

The Woodlands Committee