



THE KEY

ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH

BEDFORD N.Y.

July/August

To know Christ and to make Him known

2017

As I sit here during the hot middle days of June looking out over our stunningly beautiful campus, and with our celebrations for Terry just concluded, I bring to mind the words of the poet and wisdom teacher Ecclesiastes, who in his third chapter writes, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted...a time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn, and a time to dance...a time to seek, and a time to lose."

We are in the midst of change here at St. Matthew's. Our beloved past Rector has sent us on our way with joy and happiness in our hearts, even if the month of June for all of us was bitter-sweet; and many a tear has been shed as we have said our goodbyes to the Elsberry family who have given so much to this parish over the past 23 years. What a legacy they have left to us all.

There is much work ahead, and come September we will all return for a new parish year that will see us actively search for a new Rector.

I would suggest this summer, in these slower months of July and August, those who remain in Bedford come worship with us whenever they can and help us move the cycle of continual seasonal worship forward. Together we can give thanks for where we have been, give thanks for where we now find ourselves – and we can all pray that the new season ahead will be a fruitful one for this wonderfully venerable parish.

Please do come join us when you can this summer – it will be a joy to see you.

Rik+

Summer Service Schedule

July

8 a.m. Chapel-In-the Woods (weather permitting) through July 30

10 a.m. In the Children's Chapel

August (& Labor Day weekend)

9 a.m. In the Children's Chapel

September

10th 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services resume in the Fellowship Room

17th Welcome Back Sunday, Church School starts for the year and 5 p.m. service resumes

Over a glorious two weeks, St. Matthew's said farewell to our dear friend and leader Terry. It started with a wonderful dinner party on Sat., June 3, then the following day, we had Susan Wyper preaching at both services, with Terry being presented the St. Matthew's Key. At the 5 p.m. service, Terry led an uplifting gospel service in the Children's Chapel with Mark Weigel, David Cameron, David Pakman and the band, joined by two singers from Antioch Baptist Church, providing rousing spiritual music. Sunday, June 11, was a busy day with Terry preaching his last sermons at the 8 and 10, and a coffee hour where Terry was honored and then our Church picnic provided a grand finale. (See insert).

And, this was not just a few people saying "Thank You" to Terry but the entire parish. Every seat in the church was filled for his last service, the Chapel-in-the-Woods was packed and the turnout for his last coffee hour and the picnic was outstanding. We all wanted to let Terry know how much we love him; how much we appreciate everything he has done for our parish in the last 23 years; and now, how much we will miss him!

Dear St. Matthew's friends,

Thank you all for making our farewell so meaningful, memorable, moving and beautiful.

The five special worship services--on June fourth and eleventh--were each wonderful in their own way. Thanks to Susan Wyper for coming back to preach; thanks to Mark Weigel, David Cameron, David Pakman and their musical friends, some from Antioch, for setting the Children's Chapel and adjoining tent aflame with Pentecost fire despite the rain.

Thanks to everyone who planned, organized and produced what is already becoming known as The Party of the Year (though the year's only half over)--the dinner dance on June third. Wish it had lasted all night!

Thanks to those of you who put on the June fourth and sheep-themed June eleventh Coffee Hours. Special thanks to Diana Saunders and her team of detail-oriented, sheep-inspired helpers and to everyone who made presentations on the eleventh.

Thanks to everyone who came to the All-Parish Picnic--who brought food, grilled, gathered around and made it the best picnic in 23 years.

Thanks to every one of you who attended one or more services or other fun event in these past weekends.

Thanks to all of you for being our dear friends through the years, and for helping make St. Matthew's the best church in the world.

And thanks, most of all to the Lord, who brought us together and who will keep us bound together forever in the cords of His love.

Nancy and Terry

Search Committee Update

With all of the glorious celebrations of Terry's ministry behind us, your Search Committee is moving forward in the process leading to our next rector. We are very fortunate to have a group of dedicated parishioners who represent the breadth of St. Matthew's and who are committed to securing a rector who will build on Terry's foundation and lead us to continuing growth as a Christian community. We are all aware of the importance of this task and embark with the realization that a successful search is one directed by the Holy Spirit. For further process details, please see the "Rector Transition Process" which can be found under the "communications" tab on the Church's website:

<http://www.stmatthewsbedford.org/article444793.htm>.

On May 16 the Vestry delivered its formal charge to the Search Committee.

We had an initial meeting of the Committee on May 25th to discuss the process, the roles of members of the Committee and the importance of confidentiality throughout our efforts. We are working on formulating a budget and a timetable for the various stages of the process. We have established two work streams: one to prepare the parish survey questionnaire and the other to commence work on the narrative portion of the Parish Profile.

The two work streams will move forward in parallel over the summer with the goal of having the questionnaire out to the parish in early September as we start the new church year. We will be asking every parishioner for your thoughtful and prayerful attention to the questionnaire. The Parish Profile, which will be informed by the questionnaire responses, is vitally important in that it will serve as the introduction of St. Matthew's to potential candidates. Your views are critical to create a profile that fully reflects who we are as a parish and what we are looking for in our next rector. When completed in the fall, the results of the survey and the Parish Profile will be shared with the parish.

On June 22 the Search Committee met with Rev. Canon Deborah Tammearu, Canon for Transition Ministry, to discuss the support resources available from the Diocesan Deployment Office.

The committee will be active throughout the process and we will provide regular updates through the Key and on the Church website. We welcome your comments and suggestions - including candidate suggestions. We do however ask for your understanding that the necessary confidentiality of the search process will very strictly constrain each of us serving on the committee from discussing anything beyond the information in these process updates.

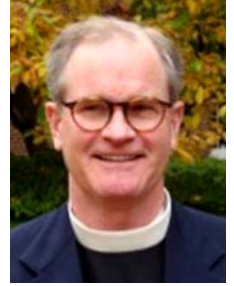
Peter Keller & Roger Vincent, Co-Chairs Search Committee

During the coffee hour on the 11th, Michael and Alexandria Altman donated two precious John LaFarge watercolors to St. Matthews Church to honor Nancy and Terry and their twenty-three years of service to their friends, their neighbors, and to their Church. In Altman's words, "I have had wonderful experiences with Terry in viewing art and I know how enriching it has been to his life, and therefore how meaningful the gift will be to him." In addition to donating the actual works of art to the church, the Altmans had replicas made for Terry and Nancy to keep.



Transition Update from your Wardens - July 2017

The weekends of June 3rd and June 10th provided us all many wonderful opportunities to thank Terry for his ministry over the past 23 years and to wish Terry and Nancy well as they begin their next chapter. We extend a special thanks to the many parishioners who played a valuable role in making Terry and Nancy's farewell both fun and memorable for us all.



As we begin our next chapter in the life of St. Matthew's, the Vestry is excited to announce that the Reverend Pierce M. Klemmt has accepted our invitation to serve as our Interim Pastor beginning in September. Pierce has just completed an interim assistant position at Grace Church in Alexandria, Virginia. Prior to his interim work, Pierce was the Rector of Christ Church in Alexandria for twenty years. There are some interesting ties between Pierce, Christ Church and St. Matthew's: Terry interned at Christ Church while in seminary; our former Associate Rector Danny Lennox was a Lilly Scholar interning under Pierce; and Pierce's name was suggested by our own Janet Schloat who had heard of him from a good friend of hers in Alexandria. We think you will find Pierce to be a warm and engaging man with great energy and enthusiasm.

During July, Rik will lead our 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services and beginning August 1st will take a well-deserved vacation with his family. In August through Labor Day, our 9 a.m. services will be led by visiting clergy including the following priests:

August 13- Rev. David Rider, Executive Director of Seamen's Church Institute
August 20- Rev. Canon Deborah Tammearu, Canon for Transition Ministry
September 3- Rev. Lynn Harrington

Dan deMenocal & Suzanne Bowers

By tradition, after the last church school of the year, the children "stomp" in the river



We Started The Goodbyes With A Great Party



The sweet Terry farewell activities kicked off with a wonderful dinner dance on Saturday, June 3... a night filled with many hugs, a few tears and a lot of laughter... with a great, great video produced by Jamie Edgar and Linda deMenocal, including wonderful tributes by long time parishioner Polly Finn and others....followed by fun music provided by Mark Weigel and a gang of joiners, then dancing into the night...



Then on Sunday, our wonderful Susan Wyper returned to preach at both services and at the 10 a.m. service, Terry was presented the St. Matthew's Key by Missy Renwick.



Also on that Sunday, Tina Foster was honored with a St. Matthew's Key for her work as Verger. During the Chapel in the Woods that morning, the new bell, beautifully built by Sam Godoi, was dedicated to Bob Blacker and the altar to Joe DiMicco – both men who devoted so much of their lives to St. Matthew's.



The 5 p.m. Service that night was a rollicking and rolling Gospel Eucharist, with Mark Weigel, David Cameron, David Pakman and his merry band, accompanied by two great ladies from the Antioch Baptist Church, Beverly Blount and Earlina Thevenin. No question, it was a very spirited evening!



Terry's Last Sunday, June 11



Terry preached his last sermons at the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., but couldn't leave us without returning to his popular role as the Rapping Rector. During the coffee hour that followed, Terry was honored with thoughtful reflections and gifts - including a special song composed by the choir, a Town of Bedford proclamation, a gift from the Altar Guild and finally, a book of personal letters from parishioners.



What better way for St. Matthew's to say farewell to our beloved Rector than a friendly, fun-filled picnic on a glorious June day.





A Strong Finish to a Church School Year

The June finale for Church School was exuberant and brought high attendance. Our last lesson was The Book of Common Prayer and the two June services were led by Jane Wood and Bonnie Tisi. During Terry's final service on June 11th, the students sang his favorite children's song, The Church in the Wildwood. Terry then proceeded to tell the story of a gnome trapped in the church that may be released during church construction. The mysterious foretelling of an appearance leaves children and parishioners guessing. During the children's service, Attendance Awards were distributed. As we collected our final service sheets for the year, students ran down the path for the annual Stream Stomp and returned for a spectacular coffee hour hosted by Diana Saunders' team.

We had ideal weather for the church picnic, warm and sunny. The children tossed bean bags made by the MacLean family, and filled water balloons that served as a respite from the heat. A framed multi-media depiction of the Children's Chapel was



presented to Terry, a gift from the Church School students. During class time in May, the children colored in an 18" x 24" sketch and pasted pebbles, leaves, pressed flowers and bark from the church grounds to create a lively depiction.

Thank you to the numerous parents who helped in preparing lessons and leading class discussions throughout the year. The lay ministers this year, Scott Brown, Doug Kim, Lorraine Reeder, Bonnie Tisi and Jane Wood, were reliable and gave thoughtful homilies. The Christian Education Commission, led by Noriko Akinla, offered valuable support and advice. Thank you, Julie Bacon, for creating the weekly videos to enhance lessons. Mark Weigel led the children in music nearly every Sunday with enthusiasm, creating joyful services.

Church School will begin again in the Children's Chapel on September 17th. The nursery will be made available during the July and August weeks for children under six if the Director is notified beforehand: skernan@stmatthewsbedford.org.

Sophie Kernan

Students missing fewer than 8 Church School Sundays received "Faithful Attendance Medals" indicated by "†" symbol. "††" denotes "Perfect Attendance."

Pre-Kindergarten, 3's & 4's

Georgina Bays
 Roberta Becker
 Port Cameron
 Gaby Citrin
 William Doramus
 William Eshoo
 Giff Foley
 Juliette Fox
 † Pip Garten (2nd year)
 Beatrice Kennedy
 † Brodie Kent (2nd year)
 † Mackenzie Kent (2nd year)
 James Ketchum
 Poppy Mitchell
 Georgia Murray
 Alice Pike
 Milly Pike
 Amanda Raezer
 Serena Sasso
 Auden Struble
 Easton Struble

Kindergarten

Ella Bandolillo
 Pippa Bays
 William Citrin
 Myra Colvin
 Frankie Gentzel
 Lulu Gentzel
 Lumi Haas
 Belle Lanier
 Phoebe Miller
 Sophia Sasso

1st Grade

Digby Becker
 Millie Brown
 † Ruby Garten (4th year)

James Gaynor
 Teddy Harris
 Ellie Inglis
 Charlie Jackman
 Peter Swanson

2nd Grade

Elizabeth Eshoo



Hope Fooshee
 Ciel Haas
 Lulu Harris

†† Jake Kernan McWilliams
 (4th year)

Harrison Mitchell
 Thompson Murray

† Cassidy O'Neil (1st year)

3rd Grade

Wilson Crowell
 Sophia Deeks
 Cora Moore
 James Murray
 Jack Scully
 Addie Whitman

4th Grade

Henry Brown
 Joe Citrin
 Amelia Deeks
 May Frelinghuysen
 † Amanda Griffin (5th year)
 Lyon Hancock
 Andrew Lewis
 Peter Lewis
 Lachlan MacLean
 Eloise Pakman
 Erica Swanson

5th Grade

Kingsley Brown
 Burke Cameron
 Belle Crowell
 Lindsey Gaynor
 Emma Grace Jorgensen
 Janiah Keller
 Sophia Miller
 Lily Moore
 † Natasha Neeck (5th year)
 Ellie O'Brien

†† Lucas Peacock (5th year)

6th Grade

† Rachel Akinla (8th year)
 † Sebastian Akinla (8th year)
 †† Eva Dwyer (8th year)
 † Christian Kim (9th year)
 Alexander Raezer

7th Grade

Luke Breiteneker
 Hale Brown
 Charlie Gaynor
 † Alexandra Griffin (5th year)
 James Hancock
 Ella Miller
 Evan O'Brien
 Will O'Brien
 Emma Soderberg
 Georgia Swanson
 Henry Weigel

2016 – 2017 Teachers

Noriko Akinla
 Julie Bacon
 Tina Barrett
 Christina Bresani
 Pam Cameron
 Anne Citrin
 Beth Crowell
 Tara Deeks

Catherine Eshoo
 Thomas Eshoo
 Margot Fooshee
 Sandy Frank
 Leigh Garten
 Traci Toll Griffin
 Paul Haas
 Suzette Haas

Inness Hancock
 Meredith Kent
 Sim Ketchum
 Alexandra Kotur
 Sheila Kotur
 Dorothy Lanier
 Terry Long
 Alyse Moore

Payson Murray
 Lynn Neeck
 Tracy Pike
 Melissa Raezer
 Christie Sasso
 Hadley Scully
 Susannah Swanson

Christian Education Commission, 2016-2017

Noriko Akinla, Chair
 Michael Citro
 Beth Crowell
 Elizabeth Foote

Suzette Haas
 Terry Long
 Camillo Santomero
 Mark Weigel

Sophie Kernan, church school
 Terry Elsberry, minister
 Rik Pike, minister

July/August Church Calendar



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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, July 2

8:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Altar Guild: Ms. Morella and Ms. Getz
Ushers: Mr. & Mrs. Fagan
Lay Reader: Mr. Stockbridge
Lector: Mrs. Talty

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Brenner
Ushers: Messrs. L. Brown and S. Brown Jr.
Lay Reader: Mrs. Tisi
Lector: Mr. Gale

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 9

8:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Altar Guild: Mesdames Reed and Whitman
Ushers: Messrs. Reed and MacDonald
Lay Reader: Mrs. Reeder
Lector: Mrs. Tilt

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Ushers: Messrs. Burdick and Cummings
Lay Reader: Ms. Wood

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 16

8:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Altar Guild: Mesdames Fagan and Tilt
Ushers: Mr. and Mrs. Reeder
Lay Reader: Mrs. Fagan
Lector: Mrs. Tilt

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz
Ushers: Messrs. Gaynor and Hancock
Lay Reader: Mr. Jackson
Lector: Mrs. Finn

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 23

8:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Altar Guild: Mesdames Meyer and Scott
Ushers: Messrs. Foster and Vincent
Lay Reader: Mrs. Foster
Lector: Mr. Vincent

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Ushers: Messrs. Keller and Ketchum
Lay Reader: Mrs. Thompson

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 30

8:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Altar Guild: Mrs. Boe
Ushers: Messrs. Bowers and Fagan
Lay Reader: Mr. Brown
Lector: Mr. Freeman

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Brenner
Ushers: Messrs. Kim and LaMotte
Lay Reader: Mr. Kim
Lector: Mason Santomero

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, The Transfiguration of our Lord,

August 6

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Altar Guild: Ms. Morella and Ms. Getz
Ushers: Messrs. Lange and Mockridge
Lay Reader: Ms. Getz
Lector: Mrs. Ehrlich

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 13

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Ushers: Messrs. Lovering and Markowski
Lay Reader: Mrs. Reeder

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 20

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz
Ushers: Messrs. Maybank and Miller
Lay Reader: Mrs. Tisi
Lector: Mrs. Talty

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 27

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Ushers: Messrs. Sturz and Robinson
Lay Reader: Ms. Wood

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 3

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Altar Guild: Mrs. Brenner
Ushers: Messrs. Akinla and Kent
Lay Reader: Mrs. Fagan
Lector: Mrs. Tilt

*Weather permitting, the 8:00 a.m. service will take place in the Chapel-in-the-Woods

Comings & Goings

New or Returning Parishioners:

Mr. Jay Spencer Biddle Millius
46 Ebenezer Lane
Pound Ridge, NY 10576

Holy Baptism

Received into Christ's Holy Church
Cynthia Perry Rice – June 10, 2017

In Memoriam

In sure and certain hope
Alice Mary Reilly – May 28, 2017



Terry and his staff (missing Sam) on Maud's last day.

THE KEY

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