



# THE KEY

## ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH

### BEDFORD N.Y.

July/August

To know Christ and to make Him known

2018

### There is no place like home.

“Home is where” has been searched for and found by the brightest of our playwrights, composers, painters, musicians and philosophers. For me, what the word “home” brings to mind, before anything else, is a place. Not just the place where you may be living at the moment, with its unique attributes of comfort, challenge and belonging. Home is more a place you harbor rich and complex feelings about. Home is a place where an emotional gravity keeps you tethered, because it belongs to you and composes the desirable conditions for homes lost and homes yet to come. It is a place you sense is somehow ultimately well, even if things are not going all that well at any given moment. You may move from address to address, but you carry these requirements for home within you by dreams and memories and by the enchantments of each new place for home to become your new home. Without this, we become homesick.

You can kiss your family and friends goodbye and put miles between you, yet at the same time, you carry them with you in your heart, your mind, your churning stomach and the lump in your throat, because you do not just live in a world, but a world lives in you.

Now as I depart as your Interim Rector, I will cherish this “interim” home in all the addresses God sends me. Your gifts of hospitality, insight, revelation and friendship will be requirements for what is next. As for you, a remarkable young man and his family are about to discover the joys, comforts and challenges of their new home in Bedford. Guard that new beginning with patience and anticipation – and start sewing your new wineskins together to welcome John.

As we enter the summer months, St. Matthew’s will be enjoying a little quiet time before entering into an exciting time of transition. When we all come back in September, we will have a new Rector, finished construction on the church building, a new church school director, a new St. Matthew’s pre-school head and more. The Fall will certainly be a busy, fun time for our parish... so enjoy our quiet July and August and be ready to join the wonderful energy and activity of the Fall.

### Welcoming Our New Rector

John Zahl’s first day with us will be Sept. 9 and he will be preaching at the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. Make sure you plan on being there that day to welcome him to our Parish.



### St. Matthew’s Summer Calendar

June	8:00 a.m. Chapel-in-the-Woods, weather permitting
	10:00 a.m. in the Children’s Chapel
July	8:00 a.m. Chapel-in-the-Woods, weather permitting
	10:00 a.m. in the Children’s Chapel
Aug.	9:00 a.m. in the Children’s Chapel
Sept. 2	9:00 a.m. in the Children’s Chapel

### The Vestry awards The Bedford Cross to Rev. Pierce W. Klemmt

On Sun., June 10, Wardens Dan de Menocal and Suzanne Bowers presented The Bedford Cross to Pierce in recognition for his extraordinary leadership as Interim Rector at St. Matthew’s. Since September 2017, Pierce has preached the Word with earnestness, thoughtfulness and humor (remember Easter?). He has engaged the parish during our transition period and opened himself, and the Rectory, for all. Pierce also engaged the Vestry to think about where we are and where we want to go in our next chapter for St. Matthew’s. In all, the Vestry felt that this honor was fitting for Pierce.



The text of the award reads as follows:

The Bedford Cross  
Awarded to  
The Reverend Pierce W. Klemmt

Who, in the judgment of the Wardens and Vestry of St. Matthew’s Church, Bedford, New York, has rendered selfless, sustained and extraordinary service as Interim Rector to the benefit of the parish, thereby demonstrating unwavering adherence to the tenets of Christian faith.

## Church School

Church School ended with a strong turnout for the Attendance Awards on June 10th, followed by the Annual Stream Stomp. The children returned to a festive coffee hour, superbly decorated and prepared by Team 1 (the wonderful Saunders family and friends). This team always opens and closes the school year, as well as the Halloween and Pageant coffee hours. Thank you, Team 1, for making the children feel appreciated and special.



Church School will resume on Sept. 16 covering the story of Genesis, with Tara Deeks serving as the new Director of Church School. In the meantime, the nursery will be open in July and by request in August, and open to children six and under. Please contact [skernan@stmatthewsbeford.org](mailto:skernan@stmatthewsbeford.org) as soon as you know you will attend service, and we should be able to find coverage. If you have a high school or college student interested in working in the nursery, please contact the same email and we will add his/her name to the caregiver list.

It has been a pleasure serving as the Church School Director for three years. I enjoyed greeting new families, having a more dynamic relationship with with parents and students, and working with Mark Weigel's enthusiasm in the Children's Chapel. I cherish the numerous works of art and warm cards I received from students over the years. I look forward to attending 10:00 services again as well as continuing to stay involved as a teacher and member of the Christian Education Commission. I am grateful for the support of parents, teachers, lay ministers, nursery caregivers and all the staff of St. Matthew's for making our Church School a vibrant program. There really are a lot of moving parts! Even during a year of transition, it's impressive to know our weekly student numbers remained virtually the same as the past several years.

Happy summer, see you on campus in September!

*Sophie Kernan*

*Thank you, Sophie, for your energy, enthusiasm and dedication to one of our most important missions at St. Matthew's.*

## What better way to end the school year than a STOMP in the river?



## Picnic

Our church picnic is much more than just a picnic, it is a celebration of the warmth and togetherness of our parish. We gather together, share food and drink, listen to Mark Weigel, and are happy to spend a warm early summer evening with friends.



## Saying goodbye to SOPHIE

At the picnic a group – representing a cross section of the church school – presented Sophie with a “Thank You” card with a wonderful message and signed by many of the church school attendees.



## A Better Way to Communicate: Realm

We're moving into the age of technology. Over the summer months, the Church will be rolling out a new platform called “Realm” for communicating with one another and accessing and updating of our own personal data. And of course, it will be password-protected. You'll be able to log in and register for events and see who is coming; you can track your contributions and pledges and update your contact information. See a new person in Church and want to call them? You'll now be able to find them in the on-line directory. Committees will be able to send out notices to members and keep committee files online (only accessible to members).



In moving to Realm, parishioners will now have better and easier ways to communicate with one another as well as doing their church jobs. There will be plenty of support and training as we roll out Realm. And there will be no “stupid” questions, as we will all be learning together.

Converting our existing database to Realm, currently accessible only to the office staff, will be a gradual process, one that will require testing and refining throughout the summer. We'll ask the Vestry to participate first, then committee chairs, then committee members and parishioners to join. When we are ready for your participation, you will receive an email with information on setting up your log in. Realm will be our new, improved database going forward -- but we all need to take part in order for it to be strong and useful.

## Confirmation Sunday



It was a glorious Sunday on June 3, when the Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool, Assistant Bishop of our Diocese, confirmed our sixteen candidates as they became adult members of the Episcopal Church. Congratulations, confirmands.

## The latest news from St. Matthew's Preschool:

We are delighted to welcome Susan deBrigard as the new Director of St. Matthew's Preschool. Susan's depth of experience in early childhood education is impressive. She has been in the education field for over 35 years and holds both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Early Childhood Education. Susan was a preschool teacher and a kindergarten teacher before becoming the Director of the Tower Hill Preschool in Red Bank, New Jersey, a position she held for 16 years.

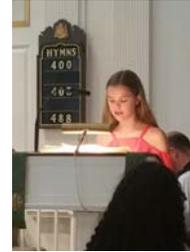
As you may be aware, our founding director, Stephanie Scanlon, accepted a position as the Early Childhood and Lower School Head at Heathwood Hall in South Carolina beginning July 1. For eight years, Stephanie worked tirelessly to create our vibrant and thriving school. We will miss her commitment and guiding hand, and wish her all the best as she and her family embark on their exciting new adventure.

deBrigard joined us in May and has worked closely with Stephanie and our teachers to ensure that the leadership transition is seamless. With an exceptional background in developmentally appropriate teaching methods, she strongly supports modeling the values of respect, kindness, and acceptance of all. She is warm, kind, and compassionate and is very excited to join the community here at St. Matthew's Preschool and to work closely with our nurturing and dedicated staff.

At St. Matthew's Preschool, we provide a rich educational environment, engaging curriculum, inspiring teachers and endless learning opportunities for 2, 3, and 4-year olds. Our students are fortunate to take advantage of the beautiful St. Matthew's property and facilities for yoga, gardening, outdoor play, and nature hikes and exploration. We have a few spaces available for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year, beginning in September. Please contact Susan deBrigard ([sdebrigard@stmatthewsschool.org](mailto:sdebrigard@stmatthewsschool.org)) or visit our website ([www.stmatthewsschool.org](http://www.stmatthewsschool.org)) for more information or to schedule a tour.

## Running The Service

The next Sunday, June 10, the confirmands were the celebrants at the 10 a.m. service and preached at all services - 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. - and everyone did a spectacular job.



## Thank You, Coffee Crews!

Throughout the year, our coffee hours have been spectacular - with themes and decorations for special occasions - and always delicious food. Thank you everyone who participated.



## Summer Quiz

For a little summer fun, here's a short multiple choice quiz. Answers on page 4.

- 1) When was the Chapel in the Woods created, and who was the Rector at that time?
  - a) 1969; Rector Arthur Hargate;
  - b) 1938; Rector Arthur Ketchum;
  - c) 1958; Rector John Harper
- 2) How many acres are there in the Glebe? How about in the Ketchum Preserve
  - a) 16 and 20
  - b) 40 and 25
  - c) 25 and 15
- 3) When was the first woman member of the Vestry elected, and who was it?
  - a) 1979, Aimee Whitman
  - b) 1978, Marilen Tilt
  - c) 1970, Emily Tucker
- 4) What is the date of the oldest gravestone in the Churchyard, and whose stone is it.
  - a) 1814, David Olmsted
  - b) 1796; Daniel Smith
  - c) 1818; Nicholas Haight
- 5) When did the Women of St. Matthew's start? And when was the first Art Show?
  - a) 1942 and 1984;
  - b) 1956 and 1978;
  - c) 1926 and 1972.
- 6) How many needlepoint kneeler cushions are in the main sanctuary of the church? Does not include seven altar kneelers.
  - a) 270;
  - b) 148;
  - c) 367.

*Thank you, John Stockbridge*

# July/August Church Calendar



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## Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 1

8:00 a.m. **\*Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Altar Guild: Ms. Morella and Mrs. Reeder  
Ushers: Mr. & Mrs. Fagan  
Lay Reader: Mr. Stickney  
Lector: Philip Bolen

10:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Brenner  
Ushers: Messrs. Eshoo and Kent  
Lay Reader: Mr. Stickney  
Lector: Mrs. Finn

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 8

8:00 a.m. **\*Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Reed and MacDonald  
Ushers: Messrs. Bowers and MacDonald  
Lay Reader: Mr. Stockbridge  
Lector: Mr. Peacock

10:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
Ushers: Messrs. Mockridge and Robinson  
Lay Reader: Mrs. Thompson

## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 15

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

10:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz  
Ushers: Messrs. Gaynor and Hancock  
Lay Reader: Mr. Brown  
Lector: Mason Santomero

## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, July 22

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

10:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
Ushers: Messrs. Keller and Ketchum  
Lay Reader: Mr. Heath

## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, July 29

8:00 a.m. **\*Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Altar Guild: Mrs. Boe  
Ushers: Mr. & Mrs. Reeder  
Lay Reader: Ms. Getz  
Lector: Mr. Soderberg

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

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 5

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

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 12

9:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**  
Ushers: Messrs. Cummings and Lovering  
Lay Reader: Mr. Jackson

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 19

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

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 26

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

## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 2

9:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
Altar Guild: Mrs. Brenner  
Ushers: Messrs. Akinla and LaMotte  
Lay Reader: Mrs. Foster  
Lector: Mr. Peacock

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

## Comings & Goings

### Holy Baptism

Received into Christ's Holy Church  
Charles Lincoln Morse – June 9, 2018

### In Memoriam

In sure and certain hope  
Elizabeth Long Lang – May 23, 2018

## Summer Quiz Answers

- 1) The Chapel in the Woods was created in 1938, and Arthur Ketchum was the Rector.
- 2) There are 40 acres in the Glebe and 25 acres in the Ketchum Preserve.
- 3) The first woman elected to the Vestry was Mrs. Carl Tucker (Emily), and she was elected in January of 1970.
- 4) Although the church was built in 1809, the oldest gravestone is of Daniel Smith, who died in 1796.
- 5) The Women of St. Matthew's began in 1926, and the first Art Show took place in 1972.
- 6) There are 270 needlepoint kneelers in the Church...check it out!

## Help Wanted!!!

Many St. Matthew's committees and commissions need help. Can you help out?

ART SHOW -- Calling all Women of St. Matthew's! The Art Show:Bedford" committee urgently needs new members. The Art Show has been going on for 45 years and benefits many local charities. It is a wonderful thing to work on... so contact Jenny Convery if you can help out.

THE KEY – Our monthly publication has several needs: 1) Photographers to take pictures at events, which are not only used in the Key but on the website and The Blast; 2) Editor – No previous skill need. Help organize and publish our monthly newsletter. Not a huge workload and fun... Contact Herb Foster.