



# THE KEY

## ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH

### BEDFORD N.Y.

September

To know Christ and to make Him known

2017

Dear Friends,

Time flies! I can't quite believe we're already approaching the fall and the football season is already beginning. The truth is that this is certainly one of the Pike family's favorite times of the year, and we hope and pray you have all had peaceful, restful and recuperative summers.

Time, as we know, waits for no one, and we as a parish find ourselves coming back to the start of a new church year and we hope very much to see you all on Sun. Sept. 17 for Welcome Back Sunday, with three services across the day, Church School beginning and our full music program returning after its summer recess.

And at the start of this particular new parish year, we welcome with open hearts and open minds our new Interim, the Rev. Pierce Klemmt. A former 20-year Rector of Christ Church, Alexandria, we are delighted he has agreed to lead us in this season of transition for our beloved parish – and I urge you to come to church this early September, especially on the 17th, to meet Pierce and to show him the warmest of St. Matthew's welcomes.

See you in church!

September is a time for many to start anew. People come back from vacations and lazy summers to the busy tempo of the fall. Schools and colleges start for the year and the business world resumes its normal hectic pace. This is especially true for St. Matthew's this year. The new interim Rector, Pierce Klemmt, has his first service on Sept. 10, and Church School and 5 p.m. services resume the following week, Sun., Sept. 17. Make sure you come to the Coffee hour on the 17th – it is Welcome Sunday and we will officially celebrate Pierce's arrival that day.

## Thoughts from our Interim Rector

When your vestry interviewed me as a candidate to become the Interim Rector, one thoughtful question stood out: "What can we expect to happen during your tenure?" This is how I responded: "Well, if you think about a congregation composing a symphony, then the Interim Period is the adagio movement. It is a time when the meter of the symphony gracefully slows to allow a more reflective score. This cultivates an environment fertile for clarification and assessment." Laying the foundation for the future is too important to idle a congregation with merely a placeholder minister and expectant parishioners. Rather, it is the time to build energy toward a crescendo of momentum and vision. Then there is readiness to greet your new rector when he/she arrives. This time of transition provides focus and assessment for identity and capacity building, while setting the table for a new pastor to be welcomed with a running start.

Watching our daughter attend the Washington School of Ballet, I learned the nomenclature of dance. While adagio is played slowly and

## Welcome Our New Interim Rector!

St. Matthew's parishioners, let's all come out in force to welcome our new Interim Pastor, Pierce Klemmt. His first Sunday will be Sept. 10 and then he will be officially welcomed during the Coffee Hour on Sept. 17.

Pierce comes to us from down south, specifically Alexandria, Virginia, where most recently he was Interim Assistant, Grace Episcopal Church and before that as Interim Chaplain,

Goodwin House, Alexandria. Prior to that he served for twenty years as Rector of the Christ Church in Alexandria, famous for being the primary church of many Presidents (both George Washington and Robert E. Lee, were members). There are some interesting ties between Pierce, Christ Church and St. Matthew's: Terry interned at Christ Church while in seminary and Danny Lennox was a Lilly Scholar interning under Pierce.

Prior to Alexandria, he was Rector, Christ Church in Springfield, Missouri from 1985 to 1993 and Rector, Trinity Church, in Troy, Ohio, from 1980 to 1985. A graduate of Yale Divinity School, he is on the Advisory Council for Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, among other board positions.

Pierce will move into the Rectory in September and his wife, Mary "Tuke" Gates, who works at the Department of Defense, will come up on long weekends. They have two grown daughters, Leah and Hillary, and one grandson.

Originally from Ohio, one reason that Pierce is excited about coming to Bedford is because the church he grew up with, the Indian Hill Episcopal Church in the countryside outside of Cincinnati, is virtually identical to St. Matthew's – in terms of type of services, church interior and the grounds.



The Klemmt family, from left, Leah, Pierce, Tuke, Hillary

gracefully, almost leisurely, it is not to be considered a recessive refrain. On the contrary, think of the purpose of adagio in a ballet. In a section of a pas de deux, the ballerina and her partner perform steps requiring lyricism and great skill in lifting, balancing, and turning. It is a technically demanding movement. Therefore, all the energy and forward thrust of the adagio serves the radiance of the finale. Such is the orchestration of a finely tuned interim.

The assessment instruments and conversations to explore capacity building can be contained in one searching question: "What gifts does Saint Matthew's possess to accomplish what God is calling you to become as a community of faith?" My role is to coach the leaders in the art of adagio for the next chapter of your congregation's life, while pastoring to the people and community. I am immensely excited about this opportunity and pledge the best of my experience and skills to this effort.

This September, are you ready to strap up your best dancing shoes?

Pierce Klemmt

## Church Restoration Update- August 2017

After a lengthy process of reviewing contractor proposals for the restoration work on our Church building, we have received the final recommendation and proposal from WJE, the architect/engineer for the project, and we are currently negotiating a final contract. The complexity of this project resulted in the bidding contractors' difficulty in rendering a detailed bid that satisfied all of WJE's project specifications, particularly the mechanical, electrical and plumbing aspects. After a thorough vetting of the several elements of the project, WJE has now presented their recommendation and, once we have finalized the contract terms and get a more formalized construction timeline, we will formally engage the contractor. We expect to have this completed by Labor Day. The timing of the commencement of the work is expected to be mid-September when the staging will begin.

I fully understand the concern on the part of the parish this summer about getting this project underway, and please know that that concern has been shared by the Vestry. The delay has been due to our need to be sure we "get it right" for contractor competency and cost. We do not want to make a hasty choice that might result in major problems later.

Separately, the Rectory kitchen has been renovated. Many thanks to Suzanne Bowers and her band of merry women who have handled the appointing of the Rectory and to those who have graciously donated the needed furniture and other items that will give Pierce a sense of home. And thanks also to Sam Godoi and all of the manpower that was needed to empty the Church and the Fellowship Room.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

*Dan de Menocal*

## Book Discussion to Mark 500th Anniversary of Protestant Reformation

Are you predestined to learn about the origins of our denomination? On Oct 31, 2017, it will be exactly 500 years since Martin Luther published his "95 Theses," an invitation to scholarly debate that surprisingly created a sensation among ordinary laity and clergy, thus launching the Protestant Reformation. Our own Anglican Communion is one of several new branches of Christianity forged in this period of revolutionary transformation.

To commemorate this anniversary, St. Matthew's will be offering a five-Sunday course in the Protestant Reformation. It will be led by one of our parishioners, Bill Fagan, who holds a Master's in Divinity and a Ph.D. in History. Bill says, "Modern European history begins with the Reformation. We all—even Catholics and non-Christians—owe an enormous debt to Luther and his fellow reformers. There were also, however, negative impacts, and these will not be overlooked."

Sessions will be organized as a book discussion. The book to read is "Michael Reeves, *The Unquenchable Flame*": Discovering the Heart of the Reformation." It is available through Amazon, including a Kindle edition. A limited number of paperback copies will be available for purchase at the start of the course.

Classes will meet from 11:15 a.m. to noon, following the 10 a.m. service. The schedule is as follows:

- October 15: The pre-Reformation church
- October 22: Luther and Lutheranism
- October 29: Zwingli, Calvin, and Calvinism
- November 5: The Tudors and the Church of England
- November 12: Puritans and other English dissenters

## Church School Starts for the Year

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| 17-Sep | Lesson 1 | God Made the World and Loves It  |
| 24-Sep | Lesson 2 | God Begins a New World with Noah |

Church School starts up again on Sept. 17 in the Children's Chapel with Jane Wood leading our first service. Children ages three years through 3rd grade are invited to attend the 10 a.m. service in the Chapel before continuing to class in the Parish House with parent teachers. Grades four through seven begin service with their families in the regular church before departing mid-service for youth classes. Adults interested in teaching are encouraged to reach out to the school director, and all families are asked to please return sign up forms, even if you have done so in past years:

[skernan@stmatthewsbedford.org](mailto:skernan@stmatthewsbedford.org).

St. Matthew's Church School uses the "Weaving God's Promises" curriculum, and it can be accessed online by parents and teachers. This is the third year of a three-year rotation and the lessons are based on the Gospel of Luke. Twenty-seven lessons are scheduled, plus the Christmas Pageant on December 17th for all parish children regardless of prior class participation. Perfect Attendance awards will be celebrated on the final Sunday, June 10th, and Faithful Attendance Awards will also be given to students missing fewer than eight classes. If a child attends service at another church or time (8 a.m. or 5 p.m.) on a Church School Sunday, credit is given if the director is notified. The calendar and sign up forms will be emailed to families, and printed copies can be picked up outside the director's office.

I look forward to welcoming returning families, meeting new faces and greeting all children at the Children's Chapel and Parish House this month. The Coffee Hour on Sept. 17 will be a grand celebration of the start of the new school year.

*Sophie Kernan, Director of Christian Education*

## Back to School Peanut Butter Food Drive Sept. 17, 2017



**Let's Take a Bite  
Out of Hunger!**

As we start a new year, St. Matthew's Church School is hosting a food drive to support our community partner, The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry (MKIFP). During a special September campaign, TAKE A BITE OUT OF HUNGER, MKIFP is joining forces with members of the Mount Kisco Chamber of Commerce to raise awareness, funds, and food to fight hunger in our backyard.

St. Matthew's Church School is supporting TAKE A BITE OUT OF HUNGER by hosting a Back to School Food Drive. During Sundays in September we will be collecting jars of peanut butter, which are in high demand at the Pantry. Children are encouraged to bring a jar on Welcome Back Sunday, Sept. 17, to place in baskets in front of the church and the chapel. We will be collecting throughout the month and any donations will be welcomed in a box outside the Director's office.

Please help hungry neighbors and support the MKIFP campaign. Thank you! For questions, please contact Missy Renwick: [missy.renwick@renwicksothebysrealty.com](mailto:missy.renwick@renwicksothebysrealty.com) 914-325-9473

### A Last Call for Confirmands for the Class of 2017/18

We will be finalizing, in the first two weeks of September, the class list for 8th-grade confirmands for this coming parish year. All eighth-graders are welcome to join. Our activities, beginning with acolyte training, will begin on Sun. Sept. 17. Please do call or email Rik to get signed up, and we look forward to another great confirmation year as we prepare our next group of mid-teens to take an important and significant step forward in their spiritual lives.

# Bedford Chamber Concerts, 2017–18

Celebrating its seventeenth season, the Bedford Chamber Concert series, under the inspiring leadership of Anthony Newman, offers a wide range of musical experiences, from intimate recitals to chamber arrangements of orchestral masterpieces. This season, four concerts will focus on the music of single composers—Schubert, Mozart, Bach, and Beethoven—while the other three are return performances of the world-renowned pianist Vladimir Feltsman and four-hand pianists Misha and Cipa Dichter, and an evening of symphonic pieces written for small ensembles.



## October 18: All Schubert.

“Trout” Piano Quintet in A major, D. 667  
Piano Trio No. 1 in B-flat major, D. 898  
“Unfinished” Symphony No. 8 in B minor, D.759

## November 15: All Mozart

The sonata K.376, originally written for violin and piano and the “Jupiter” (No. 41), which was Mozart’s final symphony, demonstrates his mastery of the form and of orchestration.

## December 13: Gala Holiday Concert: All Bach

Start the Christmas season with the complete Brandenburg Concertos, among the most popular and well known of Bach’s compositions and rarely heard together.

## February 14: Misha and Cipa Dichter, four-handed piano

Schubert Fantasie in F minor for piano four-hands, D.940

## March 21: Vladimir Feltsman, piano

The world-renowned pianist Vladimir Feltsman, in a return visit to the Bedford Chamber Concerts,

## April 18: Symphonic Music for Small Ensembles

Anthony Newman’s Trumpet Concerto and Brahms’ Piano Quintet, initially written as a string quintet with two cellos, emerged as a two-piano sonata.

## May 9 — All Beethoven

Tickets can be reserved by phone at 914-522-5150 and paid for at the door, or ordered online at [www.bedfordchamberconcerts.org](http://www.bedfordchamberconcerts.org) or as part of a series subscription. Student tickets, which can only be purchased at the door, cost \$10. Families with younger children can attend rehearsals—starting at 6 p.m.—for free. The concert starts at 8 pm in the Fellowship Room. Delicious treats are provided by the Music Committee at intermission.

The Woodlands Commission will hold its Fall Trail Maintenance on Sat., Oct. 7. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot adjacent to the trail head leading to the Glebe.



## Save The Date!

### THE BEDFORD HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Wednesday, November 29, 2016

From 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Happy Hour and Babysitting offered from 4 pm to 7 pm

Bedford Golf and Tennis Club

535 Cantitoe Street, Bedford

#### Calling all Shoppers!

More than 20 vendors, many new and some of our former favorites, will offer a fabulous array of holiday gift items, clothing, accessories, children’s gifts and much more!

*15% of all sales will benefit St. Matthew’s Church*

## Rector Search Committee Update

We are pleased to report that the Committee has had a very active and productive summer.

Three weeks ago we sent out the Parish Survey. This is a critical step leading to the preparation of the Parish Profile which will introduce to prospective candidates who we are as a parish and what we seek in our next Rector. We thank all who have completed the Survey. If you have not as yet, the deadline is September 10th. Please set aside some time to express your views; your input is vitally important to us. If you have questions, have not received the Survey or need assistance, please contact any member of the Committee.

Coming up on Sept. 24, the Rev. Canon Deborah Tammearu will preach at the 10 a.m. service and be with us for Coffee Hour. Deb is the Diocesan Canon for Transition Ministry and will be assisting the Committee and the Vestry throughout the search process. She will be able to answer questions and speak to the support of Bishop Dietsche and the Diocese of New York.

All of us on the Committee welcome your comments and suggestions - including candidate suggestions. If you wish to bring a name to our attention, please communicate with any of the undersigned, or either you or interested candidates can contact the Committee at [searchcommittee@stmatthewsbedford.org](mailto:searchcommittee@stmatthewsbedford.org).

Members: Dale Akinla, Tina Foster, Greg Gaynor, Alison Gregory, Meredith Kent, Sophie Kernan, Sally Ketchum, Jack Lange, Robyn McCree, Michael Struble, Caroline Walker  
Co-Chairs: Peter Keller & Roger Vincent

## Join the Women of St. Matthew’s

The upcoming year promises to be one of change and challenges for St. Matthew’s and the Women of St. Matthew’s seeks to provide continuity and reinforce what makes St. Matthew’s so special to all of us as we live through this period of adjustment.

The Women of St. Matthew’s purpose is to advance the work and community of the church through fund raising, fellowship and various services to the congregation. Last year we raised \$30,000, which was awarded to various charities in the community. The premier fund raising effort is Art Show: Bedford. We also make and sell Christmas wreaths, host the Christmas Brunch and other events throughout the year.

If you are wondering if there is a job for you, there is! There will be a planning meeting on Tues., Sept. 19th at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. We will think about the upcoming year, and talk about how we can keep St. Matthew’s “feeling like home” during the months ahead. We would really welcome your input. If you are interested in attending, please email Jenny Convery at [convery.jenny@gmail.com](mailto:convery.jenny@gmail.com).

# September Church Calendar



## 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

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 10

8:00 a.m. **\*Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Reed and Whitman  
Ushers: Messrs. Bolen and Reed  
Lay Reader: Ms. Getz  
Lector: Mr. Freeman

10:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**  
Ushers: Messrs. de Menocal, Garten, Keller and Lange  
Lay Reader: Mr. Brown

## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 17

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

10:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Welcome Sunday and First Day of Church School**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Pinckney and Sturz  
Ushers: Messrs. Fooshee, LaMotte, Ryan and Mockridge  
Lay Reader: Mrs. Foster  
Lector: Mrs. Ehrlich

5:00 p.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Children's Chapel**

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 24

8:00 a.m. **\*Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Meyer and Scott  
Ushers: Mr. & Mrs. Reeder  
Lay Reader: Mr. Stockbridge  
Lector: Mr. Firth

10:00 a.m. **Morning Prayer**  
Ushers: Messrs. Burdick, Gaynor, Inglis and Maybank  
Lay Reader: Mr. Kim

5:00 p.m. **Holy Eucharist and Celtic Evensong, Children's Chapel**

## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 1

8:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
Altar Guild: Ms. Morella and Ms. Getz  
Ushers: Messrs. Boe and Foster  
Lay Reader: Andrew Heath  
Lector: Philip Bolen

10:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite I**  
Altar Guild: Mesdames Borner and Brenner  
Ushers: Messrs. Akinla, Belknap, Borner and Brown  
Lay Reader: Mrs. Thompson  
Lector: Ms. Swanson

5:00 p.m. **Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Children's Chapel**

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

\*\*Children's Service

## Backgammon Anyone?

On Mon., July 24, a hardy group gathered in the Fellowship Room for a night of backgammon – lessons and general play. It was so successful and fun that a second backgammon night will be held Tues., Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. Open to anyone – come join and roll the dice.



## Comings & Goings

### Change of Address:

Mrs. Laurie Moran  
604 Ridgetop Lane  
Brewster, NY 10509

Mrs. Kenneth (Pat) Snow  
604 Ridgetop Lane  
Brewster, NY 10509

### New or Returning Parishioners:

Ms. Tania Reyes Hiller  
330 Croton Lake Road  
Bedford Corners, NY 10549

### Holy Baptism

Received into Christ's Holy Church

Frederic Draper Allatt, Jr. – July 30, 2017

### Holy Matrimony

May they grow in love and peace with our Lord and one another  
Shannon Charles Sturz and Eleanor Winter Halmi – August 12, 2017

### In Memoriam

In sure and certain hope

Richard T. Henshaw, III – July 3, 2017

Danné Brokaw Munford – July 22, 2017

Cassandra (Candy) Sweeney – August 5, 2017

John Snowden Chatfield – August 6, 2017

## St. Matthew's Mission Trip, June 27-29

After a successful Mission Trip in June 2016 working with A-Home in Scotts Corners, St. Matthew's once again ventured out in late June 2017 in search of good work. This year we decided to partner with Habitat Newburgh for three days, and we managed to corral six teenagers and young adults together, along with three adult parishioners: Roger Vincent, Bonnie Tisi and Rik Pike. Our work consisted of painting, setting up scaffolding, cleaning houses in mid-build and even involved some carpentry. We had a wonderful time together, beginning each day with Morning Prayer in the Children's Chapel and enjoying lunch each day on the banks of the Hudson before we headed back home. And, we must thank Roger for our team t-shirts (see accompanying photo!). Newburgh is the most violent city in the state, and one of the most violent in the country, and while this seemed quite evident as we worked in and around the city, the attempts by many to rejuvenate and revive this historic city encouraged us all. And we played our part – if only for three days! With a little luck we'll set out once again in June 2018 for another round of parish Mission Trip work, so watch this space for more information in due course.

