To our next Rector,

Welcome! As members of the Rector Search Committee, we will have the first opportunity to meet you and to introduce you to St. Matthew’s Church. We believe that you and we have been brought together by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Our recently completed Parish Survey as well as additional input from parishioners have helped us prepare this Parish Profile to inform you about our Church, ourselves and our aspirations for the future.

In the following pages in words, charts and photographs you will discover this special place of worship in Bedford, NY where Episcopalians have gathered for 215 years. Each of the twelve rectors who have preceded you has contributed to our spiritual growth and our valued traditions. Today, the faith, vibrancy and generosity of our Parish are as strong as when the first foundation stone of the Church was laid. Together with a dedicated professional staff, engaged parishioner volunteers actively participate in every phase of life at St. Matthew’s from the care of our property to hands-on outreach to assisting with liturgy.

St. Matthew’s has not been immune from the membership and attendance challenges affecting Episcopal churches across the country. We look for your leadership to help us better reach the younger families critical to our future growth. We also look to you for inspiration and guidance for our individual spiritual needs and for your help to us collectively as a community of faith committed to fulfill the words of our mission statement, To know Christ and to make Him known.

We value inspirational preaching that reaches our hearts and our intellect. We seek practical guidance to better live our lives in an increasingly secular world where change is the constant. We believe that a strong community of faith has never been more important to those of us at St. Matthew’s and in the wider world.

We offer you a welcoming community of faithful, energetic Christians ready to return your love and eager to be inspired by you to build an even stronger, more vibrant Church.

With your leadership, vision and your love of Christ and each of us, we aspire to a future surpassing our ability to discern.

Rector Search Committee Co-chairs
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WHO WE ARE

St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church is a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York and is located in Westchester County, in the scenic and historic Town of Bedford. St. Matthew’s is a beautiful and vibrant church that serves as a beacon for many who want to know Christ and to make Him known. Its many committed parishioners and remarkable Clergy and administrative staff make St. Matthew’s a positive place overflowing with energy, optimism, and warmth. Its atmosphere can be both a refuge offering calm, peace, simplicity and love in today’s stressful modern world, while it can also be a center of activity offering a wide range of events and outreach opportunities for its parishioners, the local community, and the world beyond. During Coffee Hour and at Parish picnics and other social events, the atmosphere is friendly, warm and inviting.

St. Matthew’s has a large congregation with roughly 425 families, approximately two-thirds of whom are active. Currently, there are approximately 650 adult members. Despite growth in our total number of families, weekly Sunday attendance has been on a downward trend in the past three years, posing a challenge that we hope our next Rector can address.

St. Matthew’s communicates with these members frequently. With its monthly newsletter, The KEY, Parish website, weekly email blasts, a Facebook page, and a range of other types of ad hoc or periodic communications, St. Matthew’s communication avenues are both frequent and accessible, whether by traditional or more modern means.

Our parishioners enjoy thought-provoking and intelligent sermons, especially if they incorporate humor and are delivered with significant heart and evangelical warmth. As with its range of communication styles, St. Matthew’s Church service options are also offered with a varied approach to meet different members’ needs and preferences.

“Our mission is: ‘To know Christ and make Him known.’ Easy to remember, simple to say, difficult to follow to the full extent, but worthy of the effort.”

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Worship

On Sundays, St. Matthew’s holds three services. At 8:00 a.m., we begin with a celebration of Holy Eucharist, alternating between Rite I and Rite II, either in the main sanctuary or, weather permitting, in the Chapel-in-the-Woods. During the church school year, this service has a soloist who sings during the offertory and communion, creating a sense of peace and spirituality that pervades the Church. This is a small, contemplative service usually attended by the same forty or so stalwarts.

At 10:00 a.m., we celebrate Holy Eucharist on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month and Morning Prayer on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. At the 10:00 a.m. service, during the church school year, our renowned organist, Anthony Newman, performs music to accompany the Church choir and soloists. This is a more robust and lively service than the 8:00 a.m. service. Church School for children age 3 – grade 7 takes place simultaneously in the Children’s Chapel and classrooms, and babysitting is provided in the nursery. Children in grades 4 – 7 remain in the main service until the second hymn when two young crucifers lead them out to classes. There is an all-children communion service the first Sunday of the month in the Children’s Chapel. The 10:00 a.m. service is followed by Coffee Hour in the Parish House hosted by rotating teams of welcoming volunteers.

At 5:00 p.m., we offer a “Come as You Are Eucharist” in the Children’s Chapel where the service is more informal and intimate, the confirmation class assists with the liturgy, and talented parishioners or Anthony Newman perform

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contemporary or classical music. This service varies in style and tone, allowing our Associate Minister to create diverse programs such as Celtic Evensong, All Hallow’s Eve, Pentecost, special Advent and Lenten liturgies and Gospel Singing in conjunction with our friends from neighboring Antioch Baptist Church. On Wednesdays, we offer a 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Bible Study. This past year, St. Matthew’s also initiated another Bible Study held between the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services on Sunday. In addition, Clergy are available to provide Holy Communion in private homes or hospitals to accommodate those who are unable to attend the regular Church services.

An amazing cadre of volunteers participate in these services. The Flower Committee receives contributions in memory of loved ones, then buys and arranges flowers for the altar, the side window, the vestibule and the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. The Altar Guild polishes the brass and the silver, then readies everything for communion or baptisms. The ushers are trained in first aid and ably help parishioners to their seats and assist where needed. Two ushers preside at the 8:00 a.m. service and four preside at the 10:00 a.m. service during the church school year. Lectors from the congregation read the first lessons. Licensed Lay Ministers assist the priests in each morning service and assist in serving the chalice at the Eucharist services, as well as conduct the children’s services. Acolytes from the current confirmation class assist at the 8:00 a.m. service, while older high school students serve as acolytes at the 10:00 a.m. service. In all, we have a very lively, involved parish engaged in all aspects of worship.
Music

Music is a core element of St. Matthew’s worship services. Indeed, at our Church, music is a ministry of its own. Music enlivens our religious experience and provides an important spiritual dimension to the liturgy.

We are most fortunate to have Anthony Newman as our Music Director. He is a world-renowned organist, harpsichord player and composer. Our choir is comprised largely of professional singers, supplemented by talented volunteer members. Dr. Newman accompanies the choir and plays additional organ pieces, including preludes and postludes. At each of our Sunday services, music is an integral part of the service, with offerings reflective of the different styles of the services.

The choir’s repertoire includes works by Bach, Beethoven, Gounod, Handel, Mozart, Purcell and works composed by Dr. Newman himself. The professional quality of the music and depth of the repertoire are widely praised by parishioners and attract many new people to our Church. Two services (before Christmas and Easter) are almost entirely musical, with the choir singing key sections of Handel’s Messiah.

In addition, St. Matthew’s parishioner and Treasurer Mark Weigel, a talented singer, songwriter and guitarist, often performs contemporary music at some of our services.

In 2000, St. Matthew’s Church initiated Bedford Chamber Concerts, a chamber concert series to bring “Lincoln Center quality music” to the local community. Under the direction of Anthony Newman, this series presents great music of the baroque, classical and romantic eras, occasionally supplemented by music of the twentieth century, including compositions by Dr. Newman.

Since Bedford Chamber Concerts’ inaugural season, performances have been held several times a year in the Fellowship Room, a venue with superior acoustics. Highly qualified guest artists and ensembles are showcased, performing in the intimate setting the composers intended. Bedford Chamber Concerts are open to the general public and are an excellent means of drawing the wider Bedford community into the Parish.

“Music is a ministry and an important one.”
The St. Matthew’s mission statement, “To Know Christ and to Make Him Known” is the focus of our Christian Formation. Recognizing that we may be at different stages in our knowledge of Christ, St. Matthew’s strives to provide a broad array of educational opportunities for every seeker. We draw heavily from the talent within our Parish to accomplish this goal.

Christian Formation begins with our younger worshippers, pre-kindergarteners through third graders, who attend their own service at 10:00 a.m. in the Children’s Chapel during school-year Sundays. A Lay Minister leads the children in a condensed service that includes prayers, two child-friendly songs and a homily to support the day’s Bible story lesson. The children participate in the service by lighting and extinguishing the candles, collecting the offering, and serving as crucifers. After the service, our youngest parishioners proceed to their classrooms to discuss the day’s lesson and participate in a related activity with a team of dedicated volunteer teachers.

Fourth through seventh graders attend the regular Church service with their family, and then are led by a junior crucifer to their classrooms during the Church School recessional hymn. The older children discuss that Sunday’s Bible story with a more mature curriculum. Two years ago, we adopted *Weaving God’s Promises* as our curriculum. This lesson plan can be accessed online by teachers and offers the re-telling of a Bible story each week in two age-appropriate levels. It also provides an array of activities for each volunteer teacher to individualize for the class.

“I would like to see some thoughtful consideration given to how we solve the problem of getting more young families involved.”

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The Church School Director is a parishioner and a member of the staff who organizes the Lay Minister and teacher schedules and directs the Christian Education programs with assistance from the Christian Education Commission. To entice younger families, we added a popular video series to support understanding of the context of the weekly Bible story. We also continually explore new ideas to engage adults, such as the recently added Sunday morning Bible Study.

Confirmation classes are led by the Associate Minister. Confirmands meet several times throughout the year with members of the Clergy, attend classes before the 5:00 p.m. “Come As You Are” service and participate as acolytes in our 8:00 a.m. service. They are encouraged to join in teen-oriented outreach projects. Confirmation occurs in May or early June led by a Diocesan Bishop and generally includes about 15-20 8th grade children.

Adult Christian Formation includes Sunday morning Bible Study, led by members of the Christian Education Commission as well as Wednesday morning Bible Study, led by the Minister, following a 10:00 a.m. service frequented by a regular group of 20 or so parishioners. Past events have included adult confirmation classes, Advent retreats, quiet days, and book discussions as well as meditation and yoga classes.

“We hope you will be able to connect with the young families in the community and create an atmosphere at St. Matthew’s where parents and children want to be involved.”
Pastoral Care

Clergy, well-trained staff and volunteers provide a broad network of pastoral care to parishioners, as well as those in need in our greater community. Together they strive to discreetly deliver a support system with grace, respect and humility. The Clergy are vigilant to the needs of the Parish and frequently rely on parishioners to relay needs and help deliver care that often extends beyond our Parish members. Visits to private homes and healthcare facilities throughout the area are a significant part of pastoral care. A prayer list is read at all Sunday services and individual healing prayers are offered as part of the 5:00 p.m. Sunday service as well as the Wednesday morning service. Parishioners volunteer to run errands, deliver meals or visit with those in need through the coordinated efforts of our “Neighbors Helping Neighbors” team. A dedicated group also delivers flowers from Sunday’s services along with an encouraging note to those in need.

“St. Matthew’s provides a safe haven and a spiritual home where one can feel the strength of God and the solace of His message while being embraced in the warmth of fellowship and friendship.”

“Our next Rector should be a gifted spiritual shepherd, able to meet the pastoral needs of individuals in the congregation.”
Stewardship

Stewardship is a key component of St. Matthew’s worshipping community. Stewardship encompasses donating time, talent and financial resources to maintain the facilities, support the Clergy and staff, and enhance the life of the Parish. Our Annual Fundraising Drive raises approximately 70% of the Church’s operating budget. Each fall during our Annual Fund Drive, parishioners are encouraged to make an annual pledge so that the Church can plan its budget for the next calendar year. While pledge amounts vary, the average pledge is around $3,200 and we currently have 250 pledging units. To encourage pledge support, we have a tradition of inviting parishioners to give homilies that bear witness to the difference St. Matthew’s has made in their lives. Also, St. Matthews launched the Ketchum Society in 2000 to recognize those who remember the Church in their wills with planned gifts. Currently 85 members of St. Matthew’s have made such bequests. In addition to pledged income, the Church earns investment income, rental income, and receives non-pledged contributions in the Sunday plate and income from a variety of other parish fundraising events and activities, especially our Bedford Spring Antiques Show. As a result, St. Matthew’s is in sound financial condition, despite a troubling downturn in the number of families pledging. Our total revenue from all sources in 2016 was $1,275,382 and our total expenses that year were the same amount, resulting in a balanced budget. The charts below indicate our income and expenses by category.

![2016 Income by Category](image1)

![2016 Expenses by Category](image2)

*Reimbursements from Bedell and Churchyard
OUTREACH

St. Matthew’s provides assistance to many local civic organizations, both by providing funding and by coordinating parishioner volunteers. We have an Outreach Commission whose purpose is to extend the reach of St. Matthew’s into the wider community and touch the lives of others. The Outreach Commission is funded by our annual budget and is also supported by various Parish fundraising activities. In addition, the Women of St. Matthew’s organize the annual Art Show: Bedford whose entire net profit goes towards outreach. Children’s activities include raising funds for an organization to benefit needy children through mite box collection and a bake sale.

Our volunteers support over a dozen Christian and charitable projects in the local community. These projects include mentoring children, helping the aged, providing clothing for the homeless, assisting victims of domestic abuse, feeding the sick and poor and supporting children of incarcerated mothers.

Among many other organizations, we regularly assist the following:

- Abbott House, a home for abused and abandoned children;
- A-HOME, an organization that provides affordable housing;

“We have an energy that is palpable and we hope to find a new Rector who can harness that energy and lead us to write another great chapter.”

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OUTREACH

• Hour Children: a center at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility that assists inmates and their children;
• The Community Center of Northern Westchester, a local charity providing food, clothing, counselling and training;
• The Emergency Shelter Partnership, an ecumenical coalition providing shelter to the homeless;
• Hope’s Door, an organization to help victims and prevent domestic abuse;
• Midnight Run, a group that delivers food, fellowship and goods to the homeless of NYC;
• Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry;
• Neighbor’s Link, a community center for Latino immigrants;
• Open Arms Men’s Shelter, a shelter and social service center for men; and
• Open Door Family Medical Centers, medical clinics for low income patients.
The Bedell Fund

The Bedell Fund is an endowment established by a bequest from our late parishioner, Hope Bedell, that is dedicated to strengthening the Episcopal Church through the funding of capital projects and clergy support. Upon receiving this bequest, the Vestry formed a Committee consisting of eight parishioners, the Rector and one Vestry member, to administer the fund. Each year the Vestry sets the level of funding to be made available for grants that year and asks the Committee to solicit, evaluate, and recommend worthy projects for such funding.

Grants generally must meet the following guidelines:

• Grants should aid and promote Episcopal churches and their programs and clergy in the Diocese of New York, with priority for those in Region II (Westchester, Rockland & Putnam Counties).

• Grants should be for one-time capital projects and/or seed money for programs and should not be used for general operating costs.

• Grants to local (non-Episcopal) charitable organizations are also possible where there is a particular “Christian” aspect to their purpose.

Since 1996, the Bedell Fund has provided substantial support to parishes across the Diocese, and beyond, for a myriad of capital projects such as replacing roofs, restoring stained glass windows, and other structural repairs. In addition, the Bedell Fund created a continuing education fund to benefit clergy in our Diocese. Over the period from 1996-2017, the Bedell Fund has disbursed over $4,000,000 in grants.
FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship is woven into parish life at St. Matthew’s. Every occasion to worship, serve on a committee, commission or outreach project is an opportunity for fellowship.

Each Sunday, worshippers are greeted by ushers, and Clergy open the service with a special welcoming message to visitors. Announcements printed in the bulletin and heralded by Clergy highlight many of the opportunities to serve and engage in fellowship in the upcoming weeks. Hospitality is offered during the weekly Coffee Hour, hosted by the Women of St. Matthew’s, which follows each 10:00 a.m. service.

Signature events are held to celebrate seasonal events of the church year, including the New Member Cocktail Party, Welcome Sunday, the Blessing of the Pets, the Haunted Hike and Spaghetti Supper, the Christmas Brunch, the Mardi Gras Celebration, Maundy Thursday Supper, the Easter Egg Hunt, the All Parish Picnic and Family Bingo afternoons. The Women of St. Matthew’s and the Men of St. Matthew’s share in hosting many of these parish-wide events.

The Men of St. Matthew’s host monthly breakfasts (weekly during Lent) open to all men in the Parish. Participant-led discussion focuses on topics of interest. An informal men’s lunch group also meets throughout the year.

The Distinguished Speakers Series hosts lectures by local experts, some of whom are parishioners, to discuss various topics of interest.

Preview parties for two of our biggest yearly fundraising events, the Bedford Spring Antiques Show and Art Show: Bedford, as well as a Holiday Boutique, also provide ample opportunities for fellowship within the Parish and our local community.

In 2016, St. Matthew’s initiated Fellowship dinners to provide an occasion for small groups of seven to nine parishioners to gather in each other’s homes.

“We hope for a Rector with lots of energy who loves people.”
Originally built in 1810, the double-aisled Federal style Church can seat between 325-350 people. The narthex faces south, while the apse and altar face north, all within the natural beauty of the Glebe Land.

Behind the altar is the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. To the East is the Vestry Room, and the remainder of the building houses the kitchen and flower arranging room and classrooms on the lower level.

Located across the circular driveway is the Parish House, enlarged in 1960 and 1999. It houses the Fellowship Room, St. Matthew’s School, classrooms and offices. It was dedicated on November 30, 1946 as a memorial to those who died in WW II and in honor of all who served.
The Rectory was built in 1811 and expanded in 1822, with recent renovations including the addition of a two-car garage.

Also on the property is the Sexton’s house and another utility building.

On Jefferson Lane, just outside Bedford Village, is the Assistant Rector’s house.

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BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Our Glebe Land consists of 65 acres, most of which is wooded with a well-marked trail system known as the Ketchum Preserve. Through the Glebe Land runs the Beaver Dam River, crossed by several rustic wooden bridges. Trailways are furnished with memorial benches.

Within this spectacular setting is our Churchyard (cemetery) with a Columbarium and the Chapel-in-the-Woods.
Bedford was purchased from Native Americans in 1680, but it wasn’t until 1704 that residents banded together to organize what would later become the Parish of St. Matthew’s.

In 1759, St. George Talbot made a bequest of six hundred pounds for the purpose of “promoting true religion in North Castle and Bedford.” A church was built in North Castle in 1761, and named St. George’s Church. It was here that our parishioners of the late 1700’s worshipped.

After the Revolutionary War, it was discovered that the Bedford share of the St. George Talbot bequest had not been received, so the Bedford people hired a lawyer, assisted by Alexander Hamilton, and were able to recover the bequest. Two months later, Hamilton died following his duel with Aaron Burr. Additional funds were raised from parishioners and from Trinity Church in New York and in 1807 the parishioners purchased 40 acres and began construction on the brick church that would lead to the consecration of St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in 1810.

The Rectory was built the following year. The pulpit Bible was donated by John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and other members of the Jay family donated a silver communion service. In 1812, a burial ground was established, which has since been extended several times.

After the Civil War, the Parish was led for 53 years by the Reverend Lea Luquer. During his years, running water and electricity were added to the Parish buildings. He also introduced the Christmas tree into the Christmas service and established many of the traditions of St. Matthew’s that are followed today. The present Parish House was constructed in 1946 and enlarged in 1960 and in 1999. It houses the Church offices, library, Fellowship Room and Church School classrooms. In 2004, a Columbarium surrounded by a memorial garden was built and consecrated in the Churchyard. The Chapel-in-the-Woods, which is used for summer services, weddings, baptisms and special events, was the vision of Arthur Ketchum, who also initiated the Church School and restored the interior of the Church.

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In more recent years, the Parish has been well-served by Rectors John C. Harper, Arthur W. Hargate, Daniel F. Miner, and William E. Foley. Our recently retired Rector, Terence L. Elsberry, was one of our longest serving Rectors, having served from 1994 to 2017, and is largely responsible for maintaining and growing the Parish to the healthy position it enjoys today. During Rev. Elsberry’s tenure, St. Matthew’s celebrated its bicentennial, and in 2010 St. Matthew’s School, a pre-school open to the community began operations. In 2012, a Children’s Chapel was built for use by the Church School and for small services, and in 2016 a capital campaign to restore the old church building was concluded and renovation work is expected to start in 2017.
WHAT WE SEEK IN A RECTOR

We are a very active, involved and educated Parish, filled with individuals each of whom has a unique story and personal needs. We hope our new Minister will strive to bring the word of God to us in an informed, and insightful way, helping us apply the scripture to our lives. We seek a priest who can not only engage with the Parish community socially in order to meet and understand each of us, but also participate in the wider community through interfaith interaction.

We are a Church on the cusp; the main body of the Parish is aging and will soon be less able to remain actively involved. There is not yet a sufficient cadre of younger members willing to fill the myriad of volunteer needs that are required to run a church of our size. A primary goal is to attract new young families.

We have been fortunate to have had a Rector for the past 23 years who exhibited boundless enthusiasm, supported our numerous commissions, encouraged community outreach and revitalized our membership by increasing our numbers, donations and a local sense of good will. We hope our new Rector will continue carrying us to new heights. We would expect that he or she will enjoy parish social events and communal fun while also celebrating the gifts of God and teachings of Jesus. Spiritual enlightenment, intellectual stimulation and a sense of humor are always appreciated by our congregation.

Our Church community encompasses a wide range of viewpoints on political and social matters currently receiving wide media coverage. It is important to us that our new leader embrace all of us in a manner that unites us in our Christian faith. We hope he or she will be open-minded and tolerant. It is important to us that our new Minister help us understand the messages of the Bible and encourage our community to maintain wholesome values in an age of growing materialism.

A major task for our next Rector will be to expand the Church School, which faces multiple challenges. Sunday mornings compete with youth sports events and parents find they must juggle more tasks than in past years with dual working households now common. Increased travel and various extracurricular activities leave families with little weekly downtime, dampening Church School attendance.

“We seek a Rector who can connect the Gospel to our daily lives and engage the Parish to be present in the world. “

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What We Seek in a Rector

We look for a Rector who will enjoy connecting with our long-term members, but is also capable of connecting with younger families. He or she should possess the ability to retain our long-term regulars as well as attract the next generation, particularly people in their 30s and 40s. We are looking for an energetic minister who can deliver thoughtful, stimulating, and sophisticated sermons that will entice less active members as well as new members to dedicate more time to worship and Church volunteering.

We are a lively, welcoming, spiritual community of doers, and are looking for the Minister for whom the opportunities and challenges we offer represent the perfect fit.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Blessings,

The St. Matthew’s Church Congregation
Appendices

Church Leadership

Clergy
Reverend Pierce W. Klemmt, Interim Pastor
Reverend Richard S. J. Pike, Associate Rector

Staff
Dr. Anthony Newman, Director of Music
Sophie Kernan, Church School Director
Kelly Napolitano, Parish Administrator
Barbara Murphy, Parish Secretary
George Fernandez, Sexton
Samuel Godoi, Buildings and Grounds

Vestry
Daniel C. de Menocal, Jr., Senior Warden
Suzanne Bowers, Junior Warden
Alison Gregory, Clerk
Mark Weigel, Treasurer
Jeremiah Bogert
Lorraine Reeder
Paul Sturz
Patrick Brennan
Camillo Santomero
Bonnie Tisi
Douglas Kim
Michael Struble
John Walker

Parish Organizations
Bedell Committee
Christian Education Commission
Communications Committee
Environmental Committee
Men of St. Matthew’s
Outreach Commission
Personnel Committee
Insurance Committee
Receptionists Committee
Ketchum Society
Welcome Commission
Art Show: Bedford
Hospitality Committee
Woodlands Commission
Acolytes
Flower Committee
Lectors
Bedford Spring Antiques Show
Churchyard Committee
Distinguished Speakers Committee
Investment Committee
Music Committee
Neighbors Helping Neighbors
Property Commission
Project SMILE
Stewardship Committee
The KEY, monthly newsletter
Women of St. Matthew’s
Coffee Hour Committee
Library
Worship Commission
Altar Guild
Lay Readers
Ushers
We recently conducted a parish-wide survey that elicited over 160 responses from a broad cross-section of parishioners.

**AGE**

- Over 65: 43%
- Age 51-65: 40%
- Age 35-50: 17%

**TENURE AT ST. MATTHEW’S**

- Over 30 Years: 52%
- 16-30 Years: 31%
- 6-15 Years: 22%
- 1-5 Years: 15%

**CHILDREN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- Yes: 22%
- No: 78%

**LEVEL OF ENGAGEMENT**

- Very Engaged: 36%
- Somewhat Engaged: 41%
- Neutral: 16%
- Not Engaged: 7%

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2017 Parish Survey Highlights

Initial Draw To St. Matthew’s

Aggregated Score of Responses

Reasons Continue Attending St. Matthew’s

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Important Qualities of New Rector

Higher Score = More Important

Preacher
Energize Parish
Pastoral Care
Spiritual Guide
Theologian
Spiritual Leader
Outreach
Youth Leader
Community Leader
Christian Education
Liturgy Leader
Stewardship Leader
Administrative Leader
Ecumenical Leader