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2017 Fall Edition

Sunday Worship 8 & 10am



From the Interim Rector:

To all of you who ARE St. Matthew's—past, present, and future!

I hope you will come to the celebration of St. Matthew's 150th anniversary—a special service of Evensong on September 29th—because you are the guests of honor. You are the guests of honor because this is a celebration of this wonderful church, and the church is *you*! The message on your red 150th anniversary buttons: “I am St. Matthew's” is the theme for this event.

And since, as Jesus said, “You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14), light will be an important feature of the service. As we begin in a darkened church, leaders and staff from the past who *are* and ever will *be* St. Matthew's, will join current leaders and staff to light candles representing their prayers for this outpost of the Body of Christ.

Bishop Rob Hirschfeld will lead the service and greet us with a message that celebrates your past, your present and your future. There will be music for both the congregation and the choir.

Following the service, you can meet old friends and make new ones at a dessert reception in the Parish Hall. Come and let your light shine!

Your sister in Christ,

Celeste+

P.S. Please note that 8am & 10am Sunday worship resumes on September 10.



150th Anniversary Evensong

St. Matthew's Church

Friday, September 29, at 7:00 PM

Dessert Reception to follow in the Parish House



Welcome to the Episcopal Juggle

Reaching out in welcome

Several new families have been worshipping with us in the last few months, and you can expect to see more visitors, especially when your new rector comes. Finding one's way into a new church is difficult even for so-called "cradle Episcopalians." I know! One of the reasons I walked away from the church in college was because no one at the local church reached out to draw me into the life of that congregation.

- An effective welcoming ministry involves more than just greeting people at the door with a friendly smile. Perhaps more important, are these functions:
 - Finding out if a visitor needs help with the prayer book, hymnal, or liturgy.
 - Writing down their contact information.
 - Making sure they know there is a coffee hour after the service.
 - Introducing them to members of the congregation who live near them, or have similar interests, such as Sunday school aged children.
 - Introducing them to the rector.

Welcoming ministry involves *subsequent* outreach to visitors, such as:

- Remembering them when they are in church again on future Sundays, and making sure they have people to talk to.
- Inviting them to join weekday activities that seem appropriate. For example, if they seem to enjoy singing, inviting them to join the choir.
- Participating with the vestry and rector in a newcomer's event, where they can learn more about St. Matthew's church and the Episcopal Church.

Personal qualifications needed for this ministry are:

- Knowledge of St. Matthew's and an ability to recognize a new face.
- Assertiveness
- Curiosity

I envision a welcoming team whose members will serve according to a schedule, just as ushers are assigned now. If you would like to help with this important ministry, please join me after church on October 1st for an informational meeting.

Celeste+

YOUTH GROUP— Starting on September 10th St. Matthew's is offering a new program for high school teens—*Theology Under Wraps*. This will be a monthly roundtable discussion led by Shea Sennett and me at **Nadeau's Subs Salads and Wraps** at 776 Mast Rd in Manchester.

Since I joined you as Interim Rector a year ago, I've noticed how thoughtful and curious the young people at St. Matthew's are. I've been looking for a way to honor that curiosity. Adolescence is a time when many people begin to have questions about religion and its relevance to the lives they are discovering. And I know from personal experience that God loves questions. I'm hoping *Theology Under Wraps* will provide a safe opportunity to explore those questions.

Theology Under Wraps will be different from the usual youth group in that it won't be "fun and games." (Well, fun, maybe, but not games!) There will be wraps and subs to feed our bodies as well as our souls. If you know a youth who would be interested in a challenging discussion, I hope you'll encourage him or her to join us.

Our conversations will take place from 4:00 to 6:00 on these second Sundays of each month: September 10, October 8, November 12, and December 10th. Continuing dates in 2018 will be determined after we've had some experience with this program. At the first meeting the group will be asked to suggest questions for future conversations.
Celeste+

Social Justice is what's growing on St. Matthew's Vine

St. Matthew's Church in Goffstown has long held Outreach as a ministry of conviction and action. We raise funds annually by hosting two yard sales on the dates of Goffstown's Pumpkinfest weekend in October and Homecoming in June. Since we are located at one end of Main Street, our events are well attended and provide us with approximately \$8,000 annually with additional donations. These monies allow us to fill local, national and international needs. Locally we help with rent, fuel, utilities, car repairs and more. Nationally and internationally we donate to vetted charities that provide food and water, clothing, shelter, health care and education.

This past spring we began a foray into social justice with 15+ parishioners and community members joining in. Where Outreach looks at filling needs Social Justice seeks to address the root cause of those needs. We began by defining social justice and providing this sub-committee of Outreach with readings to help inform our discussions. Then we began having conversations with community leaders to ascertain what they saw as needs in our community and how systems of injustice might be rectified right here right now.

We developed mission and vision statements: Mission – To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation between peoples and with the environment in the Goffstown area and beyond. Vision – Institutions, groups and individuals in Goffstown and surrounding towns support and uphold the dignity of every human being and creation. We also developed Guiding Principles to keep us focused.

At our next meeting we will begin to set Goals based on our findings and then flesh them out with an Action Plan that includes Action Steps for each goal along with responsible party, target date, cost and status of each step. In addition to the local findings, we are using Becoming Beloved Community as a focus. Categories thus far include unfair labor practices, creation care, human dignity and discrimination in the criminal justice system including prisons. Race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation etc. are overarching focuses for inclusion.

We are already seeing progress. For example, our Welfare Office is hard for people to find by phone, computer and even physically and that is in the process of being changed thanks to our early conversations with our local government. We are working with our interim rector, Celeste Hemingson, to educate our parishioners about this new ministry through preaching and lifelong spiritual formation.

We are anxious to hear what other parishes are doing and hope that we can meet to share and grow with and in faith together to make this world a little bit better.

Submitted by James McKim and Joan Alayne Stevens, acting co-chairs

Both **Social Justice and Outreach** have been informed about the crisis situation with immigrants as they report monthly to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement office. In order to discourage vigils or individuals walking in with immigrants, they are threatening to change check-ins from one day a month to several days. This would make it difficult to plan vigils outside of their office. Granite State Organizing Project (GSOP) is working on how we can provide our support on each day they are called in. We just want to make sure that either an individual can walk in with an immigrant or that we could gather clergy and others to stand in solidarity. We want to continue our support if it helps and does not hinder the immigrants' visits to ICE. GSOP is hoping to get help from member churches.

Sue Chretien, Social Justice & Outreach, Vestry Liaison

Outreach

Community Clothing Center (CCC) – we are waiting for news on the status of the repairs for the garage. We received \$9,829 from clothing, \$821.10 from housewares, \$226.45 from toys during the months of January- July. There is a need for more volunteers especially on Wednesday evening from 6-8pm. Please prayerfully consider if this is something you might be able to do. Also, the CCC is looking for two volunteers on Pumpkinfest Saturday, Oct 14th to help from 9-1 pm. No experience necessary. Try it you'll like it! Please contact the office, Joan Alayne or Sharon.



The Senior Health Inventory Network Endeavor, otherwise known as SHINE, will resume its weekly meetings on Wednesday, September 13 in the Parish House at 7 North Mast St. We begin at 10:30 am and conclude each meeting at 11:45 am. Sue Jepson, the parish nurse, will be on hand to take your blood pressure and to discuss any other health concern you may have. The SHINE program offers seniors the opportunity to socialize, exercise your brains and your body, enjoy tasty and nutritious food, plus the opportunity to learn new and interesting information from a guest speaker once a month. Many monthly presenters come from the Goffstown Community and are eager to share their knowledge and experiences in a given field. Come and see just how much fun SHINE can be. There is a need to assist Barbara Carbonneau (SHINE Coordinator) with food – please call Barbara if you can help 603-497-3295.

Chris Haines, Outreach, Vestry Liaison

Food For Thought, or...Let's Get Walking! September 24 at 12 Noon

The CROP Community Hunger Walk, sponsored by Crispin's House, will be held on September 24th in Goffstown. GHS VolunTEENS and other local student/youth groups will join with community members of all ages to raise hunger awareness. Registration begins at St. Lawrence Church at noon, and participants will depart at 12:30pm for a beautiful 3 mile walk through Goffstown, to help the hungry both locally and abroad. Walker forms are on the church entry table. All groups and individuals are welcome to walk with us or donate to a walker's fund drive to help this worthy cause.



CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. The Goffstown community joins well over 2,000 communities across the U.S. join in more than 1,600 CROP Hunger Walks each year. More than five million CROP Hunger Walkers have participated in more than 36,000 CROP Hunger Walks in the last two decades alone. A portion of funds raised will go to the Goffstown Network Food Pantry to fight hunger here at home.

To register or make a contribution online, go to www.crophungerwalk.org Look under the CROP Hunger Walk tab along the top of the page, then navigate to New Hampshire. On that page you'll find our walk. **Registration starts at noon at St. Lawrence Church** in Goffstown, with the walk starting off at 12:30pm. We hope to see you there!

FALL OUTREACH YARD/BAKE SALE IS ON FOR SATURDAY OCTOBER 14 FROM 8AM – 1PM.

Be on the lookout for the trailer in the Church parking area sometime in late September. It will be available 24/7 to receive your good 'stuff' for the Yard Sale. (Please no tires, electronics, mattresses or stuffed furniture.) Bring on the good items and volunteer your help for an hour or two. Set up helpers needed 6 – 8 am, table helpers any hours from 8 to 1. Clean- up crew needed from noon to 2 pm. Sign Up at Coffee Hour.



Note: St. Matthew's Outreach Ministry responds to local crisis needs throughout the week, every week. Emergency housing, food, clothing, referrals to partner agencies, pastoral care, help with utilities, transportation, health matters and more, our network for helping neighbors in need values your help and support. ***"You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater..." Jesus Christ***

Buildings & Grounds

St Matthew's is blessed with the burden of a thriving Parish Community and the challenges of operating a campus of three buildings that are very important to the success of our various ministries.

As you may already be aware, we had submitted an application for a grant through the National Fund for Sacred Places earlier this year. This Grant was to assist us chiefly with replacement of our stained glass windows. While we were not awarded this grant funding, the process has provided us with valuable lessons. The primary one being that we need to have a structured plan for long-term repairs and improvements to our buildings.

In order to develop this plan (commonly referred to as a Capital Improvement or Needs Plan) a/k/a "CIP" we must take a close look at our buildings and facilities. The Vestry is hoping to have a CIP in place by the time a new Rector is chosen.

While long term planning is a critical part of the overall Capital Improvement Plan, addressing short term concerns is still necessary.

A few of the projects that are due to be performed include:

- Completion of repairs to the Undercroft - this work is related to the flooding that occurred earlier this year and is covered by our insurance policy.
- repairs to the Community Clothing Center or "CCC" - to include moisture damage discovered while investigating exterior damage by the garage door area.
- roof repairs to both the Church and the CCC: these repairs are expected to be completed by the end of August.

Eric Battey, Buildings and Grounds, Vestry Liaison

Pastoral Care

You have heard Rev. Celeste and the members of the vestry talk about the fact that it takes two kinds of treasure to make St. Matthew's work. First, there are financial resources that are used to pay salaries and bills. Secondly, and equally important, is the vast amount of time and talent that our volunteers give to St. Matthews.

Pastoral Care is one of those ministries that requires very little financial support; but, would be impossible without all of the volunteers that make it possible. Recently, nine of those volunteers completed a training program that prepared them to be pastoral visitors. Another set of volunteers has been providing meals for a few parish families that are in need of support. This represents an increase over the usual amount of meals support that might be provided. Due to this increase, a call for additional meals volunteers was placed in the parish news. Thank you to all of the new volunteers that responded. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Any other people that are interested in providing an occasional meal are encouraged to contact the parish office via phone or email. Additional help is always welcome.

Leo Steffens, Pastoral Care, Vestry Liaison

Stewardship

Our goal is that the Ministry of Stewardship encourages and equips young and old to identify and share the gifts and resources God has given them for the good of the parish that serves its members and community. We do this through many ways.

Environmental Stewardship: Join us on October 22 following the 10am service for either the Roadside clean-up or the Yard clean-up. Contact Bob Jones, Sharon Benard or Happy Beale if interested in helping with the Roadside Clean up or Eric Battey if interested in the Yard clean up. The yard clean up is a great activity for the whole family, young and old.

Financial Stewardship: Your investment in St. Matthew's with your time, talent and treasure helps the Vestry put together a realistic budget for the following year. The Stewardship pledge campaign will begin on October 8th with a progressive coffee hour and ministry fair. We look forward to sharing some "Kingdom Dough" with you. Our pledge ingathering will be on Sunday November 12th. We will give thanks and blessings for all that is offered.

First Fruits Giving

“When you come into the land which the Lord your God gives you for an inheritance, ... you shall take some of the first of all the fruit which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God gives you, ... and you shall ... set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. Deuteronomy 26:1-4

First Fruits Giving is a sacrament—an outward and visible sign of thanksgiving for all the Lord has given to you.

Our annual pledge drive is upon us. Next month every member and friend of St. Matthew's Church will be receiving a request to offer your best estimate of your First Fruits Giving. Your financial support will help St. Matthew's continue in its ministries and mission. The vestry is working hard to put together a budget for 2018 that supports our buildings, people and the community.

We do give thanks for all that the Lord has given us.

Note from Lauren Tennett, Treasurer: Overall St. Matthew's is on target for budgeted income and expenses. I am pleased to report that we have received 98.46% of the amount pledged through July 31st. The vestry's ability to effectively manage our operating budget, as well as plan for the future is hugely dependent upon the accuracy and timeliness of pledge income. Thank you so much to those of you who have continued to make your pledges a priority throughout the year! We sincerely appreciate your commitment to St. Matthew's financial wellbeing.

Much work has been done this year to reorganize our balance sheet in way that more accurately reflects our financial position. We have also completed the transfer of our investments from E*TRADE to the Diocese. The assets are now held in five funds at the Diocese: the Rev. William & Jane Bluhm Exner Fund, the Capital Reserve Fund, the General Purpose Fund, the Lockwood Music Fund, and the Permanent Endowment Fund. Each fund has been carefully researched and documented to facilitate long-term management of these funds.

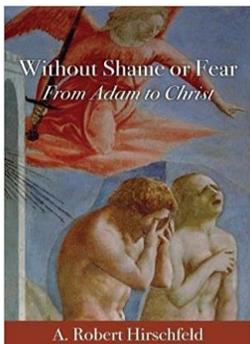
Lifelong spiritual Formation

+ **Sunday School Registration & Teacher Meeting September 10** – Sunday School registration is open for parish kids and friends during coffee hour September 10 and in classrooms the weeks thereafter. It is a rolling admission. All children and their friends ages 3 years through 9th grade are welcome. Older teens and adults are encouraged to join a teaching team as helpers or teachers. (You will learn from the curriculum as you teach). The teaching teams and those interested in becoming helpers will meet in the Parish House on September 10 from 11:30-1pm for orientation and scheduling. Child care will be provided if you have young ones. Bring your calendars. A great season of Sunday School lies just ahead. We would LOVE the opportunity to add more teachers to our teaching team, and can easily accommodate new members mid-year/mid-curriculum. If you would like to support and help educate the children of our church and encourage them in their faith journeys, please contact myself (mksherwood@comcast.net) or Jenn (jennifertetreault@comcast.net)

Sunday School: Will begin on September 17. The Sunday School program ideally has 4 classrooms – Prek/K, Primary (1-2nd grade), Intermediate (3-5th grade), and Young Teens (6-9th grade). Sometimes due to not having enough teachers, we divide 1 – 9th grade into 2 classrooms. There are between 11 – 20 kids in Sunday School on any given week. Lessons are geared to the age and stage of spiritual/psychological development of children. At baptism parents and Godparents vow to bring up their children ‘in the knowledge and love of the Lord.’ Likewise the church itself promises to offer opportunities and resources like Sunday School to help fulfill those vows. The Pre-K/K class meets in the Church, all others in the Parish House next door. A greeter will guide parents and children to the class of their choice. Teachers escort the kids back to their parents for Holy Communion and closing prayers at worship. Give your child the gift of spiritual formation at St. Matt's Sunday School. It is a gift that lasts a lifetime.

Adult Lifelong Spiritual Formation Offerings:

Lifelong Spiritual Formation at St. Matthew's is just that: Lifelong. It's not just Sunday School for our young people. It's about providing opportunities for learning and growing spiritually for all who seek to go deeper in their spiritual journey and to be more open to the power of the Spirit.



October: Book group

Need a late summer read? St. Matthew's book group will be meeting on Thursday Oct. 12 at 7pm in the Parish House, 7 N. Mast Rd. We will kick off the year reading Bishop Hirschfeld's new book, Without Shame or Fear: From Adam to Christ. A copy of the book will be available to borrow on the book table in the undercroft. Looking forward to seeing you there. The Winter meeting will be on January 11, 2018 at 7pm. We will be reading Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear by Scott Bader-Saye

Weekly Tuesday Insight Meditation practice 7-8:30pm, in Parish House upstairs.

Weekly Wednesday Bible Chat: Throughout the Bible the concept of God's coming Kingdom appears and reappears. This year in Bible Chat we will be exploring the different ways that the coming of God's Kingdom is imagined. Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesdays at Noon in the Parish house beginning on Sept. 13th. The Bible Chats this year will be led by Paul & Linnae Peterson.

Daily Offerings: Daily Meditation / St. Matthew's Daily Reflection e-source – See website: www.stmattsepiscopal.org, friend us on Facebook, pick up a Forward Movement publication from the back table in the church. Episcopal Café website: www.episcopalcafe.com and The Daily Office – www.dailyoffice.org for daily readings of the greater Church and news.

If you have ideas for programs for winter and spring, please let us know. Is there something you might like to lead? Please spread the word and attend as many programs as you can. Invite a friend. It is a wonderful way to get to know others in our wonderful parish and best of all, it's a way to grow spiritually.

Search Team

We have finished training our members on using the video conferencing software we'll be using in our initial interviews with candidates and have scheduled a test session with a local priest for August 15th. After that we'll be ready to start talking to real candidates!

Search Team: Karyn Battey, David Betz, Bonnie Calhoun, Barbara Carbonneau, Michael Domingue, Bob Jones, Roger Macon, Laeny McKahan, and Shea Sennett.

Worship

Altar Guild: The Altar Guild prepares and maintains the Altar for Sunday worship services and other special occasions, such as weddings and memorial services. In addition to preparing the Altar by setting out the altar hangings, linens, and other articles that are part of the service of Holy Communion, the Guild cleans the linens used, ensures that flowers are in place for most services, and maintains the supplies used throughout the year. It also hosts two 'clean up' days prior to Easter and Advent where everyone in the parish is welcome to lend a hand. The Altar Guild is a peaceful, rewarding, "behind the scenes" ministry. We are always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining us, please feel free to contact either myself, David Greiner (dgreiner3115@comcast.net) or the Parish Office to find out more.

Acolytes: Faithful service at the Lord's Table is an essential part of Episcopal worship and liturgy. St. Matthew's acolytes are scheduled for our weekly Sunday celebrations, an occasional wedding and burial rite on weekdays, plus special week night liturgies during Holy Week. The acolytes are ready and prepared to assist the clergy and help lead the congregation. We are in need of a few more volunteers to help during Sunday worship. Serving the Lord's table on Sunday is a great honor. **If you are interested in learning to be an acolyte (grade 4-adult) please let the office know and plan to attend the Acolyte Refresher & Training on Sunday** to brush up on skills, learn new things and reconnect after summer, **September 10 after worship noon-1:30pm**. Lunch will be served. Come and learn how with Mr. McKahan and Rev. Celeste Hemingson.

Readers - speak with Celeste if you are interested

Chalice Bearers (Eucharistic Ministers) - speak with Celeste if you are interested

Ushers - speak with Kelly Kennerson if you are interested

Senior Choir Welcomes All Music Lovers: The Sr. Choir is gearing up to return to weekly services beginning on Sunday September 10 at the 10am service. We sing most Sundays at the 10am service, leading hymns and offering anthems. The choir is open to all music lovers high-school age and beyond. Our rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm. Our first rehearsal of the program year will be on Wednesday September 6. This will be an "**Open House**" rehearsal - we invite you to come see how much fun we have while getting music ready for services. We'll pull out some old favorite anthems as well as preview a few new ones that are programmed for later in the fall. Please don't hesitate to e-mail Josh Desrochers with any questions at: joshua.desrochers@me.com

Calling all music lovers in grades 1 – 8! Junior choir will get started again this year on September 10 after worship. There will be a short meeting and brief rehearsal for interested kids in the choir pews after you get a chance to have a snack downstairs. All children from Grade 1 through Grade 8 are welcome to participate. We rehearse from 11:30 to Noon most Sundays - a rehearsal schedule will be available on September 10. We sing for the worship service on the 2nd Sunday of each month (beginning October 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10 & Christmas Eve 7pm worship). Any older teens or adults who wish to help are welcome. Please contact joshua.desrochers@me.com if you are interested!

Fellowship: Our fall coffee hour assignments have been sent out. We are always looking for additional hosts. Would you like to host a simple coffee hour or make a meal for one of our potluck events? Thank you for the ministry of food and fellowship. Contact Angie Battey or Rick Simons with any questions.

St. Matthew's exists by the grace of God to seek and serve the sacred in all people, loving our neighbor as ourselves. To that end, our clergy, elected leaders and staff are available to you for the asking. Please feel free to contact us for help, advice, guidance or to offer your assistance. Office hours Tu/Wed/Thurs mornings by appointment call: 497-2003 or email: office@stmattsepiscopal.org

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September Happenings:

Sunday Sept. 3 – Worship at 9am. Bring a symbol of your weekday ministry for a Labor Day blessing.

Wednesday Sept. 6 - Sr. Choir rehearsals begin for the fall season. All adults and young people grades 8 and up are welcome to join in Wednesday evenings weekly from 7 - 8:30 pm.

Sunday September 10 - Fall worship at 8 am and 10 am for all who seek God and wholeness.

Sunday School registration during coffee hour for parents;

Jr. Choir children grades 1-8 interested in Jr. Choir meet upstairs after a quick snack

Sunday School Teachers/Helpers orientation 11:30-1pm in the Parish House.

Acolyte training Noon-1:30pm (lunch provided)

Theology Under Wraps for high school teens from 4-6pm at Nadeau's Subs 776 Mast Rd, Pinardville.

Wednesday September 13 – SHINE Program resumes 10:30-11:45am All seniors in the community are welcome to fellowship and hospitality. The Parish Nurse is also available during this time.

Bible Chats resume Noon-1pm

Thursday September 21, 7pm- St. Matthew's Vestry meeting. All are welcome.

Sunday September 17 – St. Matthew's Day Worship 8 & 10am

& SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN AT 9:55 AM for ages 3 - 9th grade. All children and friends are welcome. There is no cost, the pledges of our members and friends support our Sunday School program.

Sunday September 24 – 8 & 10am worship

Jr. Choir rehearsals begin 11:30-noon.

CROP Walk. Registration begins at noon at St. Lawrence Church

Friday, September 29 Evensong Celebration with The Bishop, 7pm. Dessert reception to follow in the parish house.



+**Be on the lookout for the Outreach Trailer** for your good 'stuff' to support the fall Outreach Yard/Bake Food Sale on Saturday October 14

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS: Worship at 8 & 10am, Sunday School at 10am

Sunday October 1 – Worship 8 & 10am

Welcoming Ministry meeting (see previous article) 11:30am

Sunday October 8 – Worship 8am & Family Worship 10am & Pledge Campaign KickOff

Lay Readers Meeting 11:15 for all those currently scheduled and those interested

Theology Under Wraps 4-6pm for high school age, at Nadeau's Subs Pinardville.

Thursday October 12 – Book Group discussion 7pm in the Parish House

Saturday October 14 - OUTREACH YARD/BAKED GOODS SALE- 8AM - 1 PM (volunteers needed from 6am-2pm)

Sunday October 15 – Worship 8 & 10am with Parish Family & Friends Breakfast 8:45-9:30am (every third Sunday)

Thursday October 19 – Vestry Meeting 7pm

Saturday October 21 – Outreach Social Justice retreat at Stark Hall, Goffstown Congregational Church 10-noon.

Sunday October 22 – Worship 8 & 10am. Following worship, odd jobs day and roadside clean up. Volunteers wanted to paint, scrub, haul and pick up. 11:30am. Lunch provided.

Sunday October 29 – Worship 8 & 10am

NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS: Worship at 8 & 10am, Sunday School at 10am

November 4 – Diocesan Convention

November 5 -All Saints Sunday worship 8 & 10am

November 12 – Worship 8am & Family Sunday Worship 10am & Pledge Ingathering
Theology Under Wraps 4-6pm for high school age, at Nadeau's Subs Pinardville.

November 16 – Vestry Meeting 7pm

November 19 - Parish Breakfast 8:45-9:30am (every third Sunday)
Community Thanksgiving Service 7pm; location to be determined

November 23 – Simple, spoken Thanksgiving Service of Holy Communion 10am

November 26 – Worship 8 & 10am Christ the King Sunday! Last Sunday after Pentecost.



OUTREACH

Network Community Food Pantry – Wednesday 6-8pm & Saturday 10am-Noon

Community Clothing Center – Tuesday 11am-2pm, Wednesday 6-8pm, Thursday 3-5pm, Saturday 10am-Noon

Outreach Committee – meets quarterly. Check future parish notes for dates

Pastoral Support Needs – contact Rev. Celeste Hemingson at clergy@stmattsepiscopal.org

Fall Office Hours: Tuesday 9:30-12:30, Wednesday 9:30-1:30 & Thursday 9:30-12:30

Do you receive the weekly **PARISH NEWS** by email? Parish News updates you on everything going around the parish each week. If you do not receive it please contact office@stmattsepiscopal.org and request it. Be sure to read it both for important dates and for spiritual nourishment.

+Photo Update Time: Have you noticed or admired the wonderful photos of many members and friends of St. Matthew's on the Undercroft bulletin board? It is time for an update!!! We want everyone to send in, drop off, or bring in a current or favorite photo image of you and/or your household to put on the wall display for Program Year. It doesn't need to be a formal picture. In fact, a relaxed image of the real you will serve just fine. You may send your photo electronically or just walk it in. P.S. We would like to use digital photos to update our Parish Directory too.

Leadership at St. Matthew's Church

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| Bishop of New Hampshire | Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld |
| Interim Rector of St. Matthew's The Rev. Celeste Hemingson – Joshua Desrochers, Musical Director | 496-8160 |
| Angela Battey, Sr. Warden – Pastoral Care, Stewardship, Youth | 486-9151 |
| Rick Simons, Jr. Warden-Buildings & Grounds, Outreach, Fellowship | 533-6009 |
| Morgan Pierce – Clerk | 497-2592 |
| Lauren Tennett – Treasurer, Stewardship | 384-1623 |
| Leo Steffens, Vestry – Pastoral Care, Fellowship, Stewardship | 732-2488 |
| Nancy Clark, Vestry – Worship, Youth, Fellowship | 487-3861 |
| David Betz, Vestry - Worship, Outreach, Search Team | 674-4864 |
| Chris Haines, Vestry – Buildings & Grounds, Outreach | 325-0674 |
| Eric Battey, Vestry – Buildings & Grounds, Administration | 674-2110 |
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