



The Kingdom Came at Walmart

A few weeks ago I was doing some quick shopping at Walmart while Corinne enjoyed a ballet lesson. When I approached the check out, I found myself in the line of a cashier who I found off-putting, perhaps scary.

She had long black glossy fingernails and disheveled black hair. She had scored her eyes thickly with violet and black makeup. She had a number of piercings, and tattoos that, far from representing anything, were random scribbling over her arms; she emanated gloom.

This is when God's Kingdom Came. As I stood there, I had a prompting in my heart that said: what if I treated her as if she were a charming, intelligent, and interesting person that she very well might be? How would I treat her if her appearance was more appealing?

At first the conversation was hard going. She barely responded to my small talk. Things picked up when we commiserated over never having the right battery sizes in the house. Her trust opened to me in the course of those few minutes, and that felt great. At the end she handed me the receipt with the words, "Oh, and you have a plethora of coupons too!" I lit up at her use of "plethora," told her how much I loved the word, and went my way.

In Jesus' community, the Kingdom where God is known and shared and loved, everyone has equal dignity. Everyone has equal footing. Each of us is there only because Jesus wants us there. (Thank God, literally, that he wants all of us!) And his wanting of us is actually enough.

Once we get a deep sense, a visceral sense, a feeling for this way of being in the world, once we pick this up from Jesus as apprentices learning from our Master, we can practice it in our world. Jesus moved through his world with anarchic mercy, with acute sensitivity and tenderness, with courageous truthful presence, and with the justice of God that welcomed all into his family on equal footing. This way of being and relating becomes ever so gradually ours as we grow in our discipleship.

Relating to others in this way is so much more than just "doing good" or being radical, or trying to be more nice. When we live Jesus' way, moving as he moves, it's as if all of prayer, all worship, all inspiration, contemplation all human feeling, is gathered up in that one moment. The Spirit flames out in the present and makes the situation new. For a moment, in time and out of time, an atom of humanity and history is redeemed. We see who we truly are and who we will be. God's Kingdom comes.

Robert Truchew

The 1%
Prayer Challenge
Continues:
14.4 minutes a day



The Annual Giving Campaign

The Annual Campaign Season is upon us!! Our Annual Stewardship Campaign begins this year on October 6 and concludes on November 3. Your personal pledge packets will be *available for pick-up after services on October 6 in the Ruffin House...*complete with a new design look courtesy of Robert! Included in your packet is your Pledge Form and detailed information about the campaign, finances, and programs here at St. Matthew's. Your responses are vital to financial planning for the many church programs, staffing needs, and outreach that enable the gifts St. Matthew's brings to us and to the community around us.

The annual campaign reflects the financial aspects of holistic stewardship only, but it is a vital part of the whole. The wider mission of stewardship reflects how we care for all the gifts of our lives: our faith, our relationships, our physical being and the earth that nourishes us, and how we use all our talents, time and treasures to deepen and enrich our spiritual foundation.

Our Pledge Goal for the upcoming year is \$425,000. Pledge forms are due by November 3 and can be returned in the offering plate, mailed, filled out on line, or dropped off to the church office. If you have questions, please reach out to *Vera Shanley, Jeff Thompson*, or any member of the Vestry.

Three October Sunday Forums will explore different aspects of Holistic Stewardship:

- **October 13th**: Robert Fruehwirth, "*Grounded in Gratitude and Rooted in Love: Receiving and Giving in the Body of Christ*"
- **October 20th**: Dorothy Wood, "*Financial Statement of Mission 2020*"
- **October 27th**: Health & Wholeness Committee, "*Inward Stewardship as a Foundation for Outward Stewardship*"

Please join us as we begin this new season of intentional and heartfelt gratitude for all the gifts of our life and our parish.

-Vera Shanley, Vestry Liaison for Stewardship, and

-Jeff Thompson, 2020 Annual Giving Chair

Embodying Stewardship Farm to Table Potluck & Health Fair

As part of Stewardship month, the Health & Wholeness Ministry invites you on October 27th at the Sunday Forum at 9:15 a.m. to a conversation about how strengthening stewardship to our own selves allows for stronger stewardship to our families, church and communities.

Then all are invited after the 10:30 a.m. service to enjoy a Farm to Table potluck and hour-long Holistic Health Fair. Please bring a healthy, simple vegetable dish to share. The Fair will have practitioners offering short sessions and info on Children's Yoga, Shiatsu massage, T'ai chi for Balance, Animal Frolics, Health Coaching, and Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, a therapy approach based in Western contemplative and Eastern meditative practice. There will also be info on Community Based Agriculture (CSAs) and the Feldenkrais method of movement. Please be on the look-out for a SignUp Genius email to sign up for specific time slots or use the Sign-up Sheet in the Ruffin House.

We look forward to seeing you there!

-Anne Kenyon and Heidi Moore

Christian Formation

Family Faith Formation October 6 Blessing of the Animals



On Sunday, October 6, at 9:15 a.m., we will hold a Blessing of the Animals Service in recognition of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. This is a special day when we celebrate "all creatures great and small" and recognize that they, like us, are beloved by God. Parishioners of all ages are welcome to bring their well-mannered furry (or scaly) friends to be blessed. If you have a pet that might not respond well to this situation, or if you don't have a pet but want to participate, we also welcome stuffed animals. In years past, we've bestowed blessings on all kinds of animals, from cats and dogs, to horses and lizards.

Weather permitting, we'll gather in the Memorial Garden towards the back of the churchyard. Please join us as we celebrate the wondrous diversity of creatures in God's creation.

Children

This month in Godly Play, the children will experience the stories of the Exodus, the Ten Commandments, and the Ark of the Covenant. The Growing in Christ Class will continue working on their green basket lessons. Parents should keep an eye out for weekly emails about what's happening and how to support the learning that happens in the classroom. If you aren't receiving these emails and would like to, please contact *Sonja Tilley* (sonja.tilley@gmail.com).

The children will present a musical offering during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, October 13. *Angela Jones* will work with the children to prepare the music during Sunday School on September 29. Many thanks to Angela for sharing her love of music with the children of St. Matthew's. And thanks to the children for leading the congregation in praise and worship of God through song!

Youth

Corn Maze Outing: On Saturday, October 5, all youth are invited on an outing to McKee's Farm in Rougemont for a night of fun in their 2.5 mile Corn Maze...in the dark! We will carpool from the church at 5:30 p.m. returning around 8:30 p.m. Bring along a flashlight and \$12 for the entrance fee. Please RSVP to Kim by Sunday, September 29th.

Fall Mountain Retreat: The Youth Group is headed to the mountains for a weekend of growing closer to God and one another. We'll be staying at the Valle Crucis Conference Center in Banner Elk, NC, departing from the church at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 25, and returning at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 27. \$180 covers lodging, meals, transportation and a canopy zip lining in the mountains on Saturday morning! The RSVP and deposit of \$50 were due by September 25th; final payment and waivers are due by October 6th. Please do not let funding prohibit you from coming - ask me about a full or partial scholarship.

Our October Calendar:

- October 6: Join us at 9:15 a.m. for Family Faith Formation and the St. Francis Animal Blessing Service. Youth Group will meet in the evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- October 13: Join us in the Youth Room at 9:15 a.m. for Sunday School. Come back for Youth Group in the evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m. !
- October 21: Join us in the Youth Room at 9:15am for Sunday School as we continue our study of Old Testament figures and learn about Jacob. Youth Group will meet in the evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- October 28: Since youth will be away in the mountains, there will be no Sunday School or Youth Group.

-Kim Powell, Interim Youth Minister

The Adult Bible Study begins October 6

The Adult Bible Study will begin its study of the book of James, an oft quoted book of the New Testament. James was a leader in the early Church and the book of James offers guidance as to how to be a Follower of The Way.

The Bible Study is open to all and meets at 9:15 on Sunday morning in the Graebner Room of the Ruffin House. This is a round-table open discussion and everyone is encouraged to participate.

Becoming Christian: An Invitation to Live our Faith

Four Sundays, October 20-November 10, following the 10:30 service until 1:30pm.

How does faith become authentic? How does being Christian connect with and organize our lives? What practices will nourish a strong and genuine faith? What is the meaning of the customs particular to Episcopalians: our Bishops, our Book of Common Prayer, our worship, and how are these relevant to today?

Drawing on three decades of specialized ministry in Christian formation, *the Rev. Robert Fruehwirth*, is going to lead a 4-week adult seminar that explores these questions in conversation with the saints of our Anglican tradition. Each seminar will begin with a bag lunch and a presentation; ample room will be provided for discussion and fellowship.

THE SEMINAR SERIES IS OPEN TO ALL. Everyone is welcome: those new to the faith, old in the faith, and unsure about the faith. Attendance at all four seminar is not required. Participants will have the opportunity to be confirmed or received, or to renew their baptismal vows, when *Bishop Sam Rodman* visits St. Matthew's on November 17.

Attendance is limited to 20 so please sign up at the parish office or online: <https://tinyurl.com/SMHFallSeminar>.

(This used to be called the Inquirer's Class for Adult Confirmation.)

A Couple New Worship Offerings: Laying Down Our Burdens and Morning Silence

Laying Our Burdens Down

As a priest, one of the things you become acutely aware of are the difficulties people face. Health, relationships, loss, change, loneliness.....all of us face challenges at different times and in different ways. And we need the prayers and support of one another to move through them.

On the second Sunday of October, November, December, immediately following the 10:30 service (12:00- 12:45), we will be offering a quiet circle of brief sharing and prayer, where anyone can come and "lay their burden down," whatever it might be. We'll follow a simple format: we'll gather in the Cameron Room, light a candle, have an opening prayer, and then each person will be invited to share briefly. After everyone who wants to has shared, we'll "hold" what's been shared in silent prayer. We'll conclude with a said prayer, and everyone will then go on their way, hopefully refreshed and strengthened for the week ahead. This is offered as a time of listening and of quiet prayer for one another and all are welcome.

-Lisa Frost-Phillips

Morning Silence

On Tuesday, October 8, St. Matthew's will begin offering a weekly opportunity to gather in silence. You are invited to come to the church at 7:30 a.m. for 40 minutes of silent prayer. Our facilitators and type of prayer will vary, week to week, and may include Centering Prayer, Ignation Prayer, Lectio Divina, or Mantra Meditation. You do not need to be experienced in any of these types of meditation. Please consider joining us for time of silent meditation.

If you are interested in becoming a facilitator for Morning Silence, you are invited to come to an orientation following the 10:30 service on Sunday, October 6, in the Graebner Room. Please contact *Susan Bauer* by October 3 if you plan to attend (bauer.susan@gmail.com).

Music Notes: And while in Dallas this past summer...

I spent part of my vacation in Dallas visiting my niece, Jennifer, who I discovered is fashioning an amazing career in voice and opera. While there, I arranged time to stop by two churches and try out their sanctuary pipe organs. Dallas is a city rich with organs, a bit like the *Orgelstadt* Boston I wrote about last year. The National Convention of the American Guild of Organists was held there in 1994, and during it I competed in the semifinal and final rounds of the National Competition in Organ Improvisation (NCOI), held at the Episcopal Church St. Michael's and All Angels. On this visit Robin and I attended Sunday Eucharist there; among the gallery of clergy portraits is a striking picture of Robert Estill, beloved former bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina.

A strong pedagogical culture, courtesy of Southern Methodist University and North Texas State in Denton helps keep Dallas' organ diet healthy, and it's no surprise that this is reflected in its collection of organs. The two instruments I examined closely were the Alfred Kern organ at University Park United Methodist Church and the Richards-Fowkes at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. Both were of equal size and featured mechanical key action (as does our Hook & Hastings at St. Matthew's). But the similarities end there. University Park's Kern enjoys a prominent position in the front of the church; Transfiguration's organ is encased in the rear gallery. The latter's casework features outstanding classical detailing, while the former's case is simpler and less playful. Neither case exactly matches the room but rather harmonizes in the purest sense of the word, with creative tension between the organ design and the church architecture. The organs also differed considerably in their sound, between the bold, Classical-French-inspired chorus of the Kern and the Richards-Fowkes' brilliant and warm ensemble. I brought along music appropriate for both instruments, having read about them and examined their specifications prior to travel. The experience at each place was breathtaking – indeed a real treat for me.

Visits like these serve important purposes. It is a form of outreach for churches when they extend their invitation for visiting organists to the organ bench. Each instrument is different in sometimes subtle and not-so-subtle ways. Each "invites" the visiting organist to figure out the best stop-selection or the most appropriate literature, or to determine how the organ most effectively supports worship in that space. It's the same whenever visiting organists come to see and play "Miss Lizzie," our 1883 organ by Hook & Hastings. Many comment on its compact and straight-forward design, and experience first-hand the challenges of playing on a much smaller organ than they might customarily preside over. And I have learned still more about its history and significance in the process of applying for a historic organ award from the Organ Historical Society. We all learn something valuable from experiencing different pipe organs. This is yet one more in the many ways St. Matthew's offers something special to the community. *-David Arcus*



OCIM Ingathering : Sunday, October 6



Social Ministries Committee News

The Social Ministries Committee had its annual retreat at the home of Eileen Camp & Frank Casadonte. Following a brunch, the group reviewed expenditures for the first part of the year and passed planned expenditures for this time of the year.

The Committee voted to match the plate offering for the church from last Sunday to be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development for the residents of the Bahamas in wake of the devastating hurricane that recently destroyed much property and many lives. The plate offering was \$1,040.25.

A calendar of meetings was established for our Program Year 2019/2020: October 3, December 5; February 6, April 2, & June 4. We meet at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoons usually in the Graebner Room.

If you are interested in belonging to an outreach organization that connects to the community, largely in Northern Orange County, won't you join us?

-Becki Horne, Co-chair

Racial Equity Institute Workshop

The workshop presented by the Racial Equity Institute on October 25 and 26 is filling up. If you are interested in registering, please do so as soon as possible. Invite your friends, especially people of color. Scholarships are available as needed.

The Racial Justice and Reconciliation Task Force is proud that St. Matthew's is hosting this educational experience, which sheds light on the history of institutional racism in the US. If you weren't able to attend the book discussion held on September 24th, you might still find that reading *White Fragility* is an excellent introduction. See below for registration: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eggw98h8122dd545&oseq=&c=&ch=>

Altar Guild News

Hello St Matthew's!

We are excited to tell you that we have openings for men, women, and youth in the Altar Guild. It is one of the most meaningful services that I have ever performed. We work in teams, meeting on Saturday morning to set up and assigning Sunday duties around the service you attend. We switch after 8 o'clock service, and then clean up after 10:30.

It is so meaningful to set the table for our Eucharist, setting the silver, unfolding linens and preparing our Lord's Table. Many years ago, I heard The Very Reverend John Spong share his thoughts on women setting the table for Eucharist. He spoke of women that had not had the opportunity to be acolytes as youth, or priests as we live into our church now. He spoke of seeing one's reflection in the cross, or oiling the candles to fuel the light of Christ and his words have always remained with me. It was a moving and affirming sermon.

St. Matthew's is also blessed with four of our members working as linen mavens. We each commit to this service for three months of the year. I wash and iron the altar linens from August-October each year. Cleaning and ironing the linens for our church services is a wonderful, quiet activity that only feeds the soul and channels positive feelings for me. These linens are a few lovely pieces of cloth that transport us through time and space to the beginnings of our holy Eucharist.

We also invite men to join the Altar Guild. Whether preparing the song boards, or setting up for special services, your presence would be welcomed. Youth are welcome as the work gives you a brief time to interact with our guild members and training is quick. Working in teams allows for learning. The peaceful space of our church feeds the soul for another week of service. No power or charging plug is needed. Recharging occurs by simply serving God and our parish. For history lovers, the items we set on our altar are aged and lovely.

Please consider joining us for this service to God. I can guarantee that the gift will be to your spirit as well as our parish.

May the peace of the Lord be always with you, *Kathy von St Paul* and *Mary Ann Plambeck*, Altar Guild Co-Chairs

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL.

People News

Thanks from Lisa:

- I want to offer my heartfelt thanks for the grand celebration honoring my ministry at St. Matthew's in September. The prayers, the flowers, the generous gifts, the cards, the home made "group" card crafted by Mary- every single gesture means the world to me. I count it an ongoing joy and privilege to serve as a priest at St. Matthew's. Thank you!

Thanks to:

- Susan Bauer, Carolyn Carlson, Cindy Cook, Mimi Games, Ali Givens, Elizabeth Matheson, Sandy McBride, Mary Ann Peter, Yvonne Petitmaire, Sunny Poffenbarger, Mary Rocap, The Search Committee, The Shawl Ministry, Mary Lou Warren, Kayla Zaragoza, and Molly Zaragoza for submitting art work for the Faith & Arts "Envisioning St. Matthew's" Art Exhibit; to Holden Richards, Elizabeth Matheson, and Susan Bauer for helping to hang it and prepare signage; and to Bartow Culp for loaning us his quilt rack.
- Dorothy Wood for working on a new letterhead for the church
- the Welcoming Committee, Parish Life, and Jane Fruehwirth for organizing Robert's 50th Birthday Celebration and to all who helped
- Sonja Tilley, Jeff & Blythe Thompson, and the NewComer Committee for organizing our Program Year Kickoff and Ministry Fair

Congratulations to:

- Kathy & Jim von St. Paul at the birth of granddaughter Caroline Leigh Carter on September 16

Transfers in:

- Mike & Leslie Carmichael (Meighan's parents) have transferred their membership from Christ Lutheran in Charlotte
- Rodney & Shirley LaBreque have transferred their membership for St. Peter's by-the-Sea, Rhode Island

Recent Deaths:

- We extend our sympathy to Dee Yoe at the death of her sister, Marlee Stuart, to
- Robin Arcus at the death of her aunt, Mary Jane Bender Starr, and to
- Para Drake at the death of her mother, Doris Taylor Rodenhizer

†Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord:
And let light perpetual shine upon them.†

**Greetings from the
NewComers Committee!**

Great thanks to everyone for participating, attending, and making the Ministries Fair such a great success! It was a perfect time to do this as our church program year and Sunday School were introduced as well. Several visitors and newcomers attended, learned more about the St. Matthew's community, and signed up to volunteer and become involved in various ways. We love it when everyone comes together!!

Please continue to wear your buttons as a way to connect with each other and visitors. If you need a button, simply sign up on the sheet in Ruffin House. Recently we put magnets on all the buttons that were in the storage compartments. These magnets allow you to attach the button to your clothing as an alternative to the pin back. If you wish to have a magnet, please let us know or leave your button in its place in the hanging bag and we will periodically check and add magnets to them.

Our thanks to all parishioners for being open and welcoming and for greeting your neighbor on Sunday morning!

-Blythe & Jeff Thompson

Parish Work Day

Saturday

October 19th

9:00 a.m.—Noon



Please join us for a Parish Work Day to prepare our property for winter. We will be mulching various areas of the churchyard and cleaning head stones by applying a liquid cleanser. We'll meet in front of the church at 9:00 a.m. Please bring work gloves, rakes, shovels, and wheel-barrels if you have them. Our rain date will be Saturday, the 26th.

-Jim Charton, Junior Warden

Parish Operating Budget Status as of the end of August 2019 (67%)			
Budget Expenses:	2019 Budget	Total Spent	%
Work Outside the Parish	\$62,716	\$35,962	57%
Maintenance & Improvements	\$67,604	\$43,012	64%
Clergy-related	\$179,881	\$103,514	58%
Administrative	\$87,942	\$52,868	60%
Christian Education Program	\$45,365	\$26,483	58%
Worship-related	\$46,536	\$29,739	64%
Expenses Total:	\$490,044	\$291,577	60%
Budget Income:	2019 Budget	Total Received	%
Plate/Gift Offerings Received	\$50,000	\$28,912	58%
Pledge Payments	\$427,617	\$275,282	64%
Other	\$23,100	\$21,946	95%
Income Total:	\$500,717	\$326,140	65%



OCTOBER 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Clergy Conference	2 Clergy Conference 10a Property Meeting Noon Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 7p Adult Choir	3 5:30p Social Ministries 5:30p Society of Jr Wardens	4	5 9:30a Shawl Ministry 11a Voice for Life 5:30p Youth Corn Maze
6 Pentecost 17 / OCIM Stewardship Kick-off 8 & 10:30a Holy Eucharist 9:15 Education Hour: FFF Noon Morning Silence Mtg. 5p Youth Group	7 9:30a Archives & History 6:30p Education for Ministry	8 7:30a Morning Silence 7p Ladies Night Out	9 9:30a Staff Meeting 10a OCRA Noon Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 4p Brookshire Service 7p Adult Choir	10 9:30a Staff Meeting 10a OCRA Noon Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 4p Brookshire Service 7p Adult Choir	11 9a Parish Life 11a Voice for Life Noon F&A Rehearsal	12 9a Parish Life 11a Voice for Life Noon F&A Rehearsal
13 Pentecost 18 Stewardship 8 & 10:30a Holy Eucharist 9:15 Education Hour 3p Faith & Arts: AJ Mayhew 5p Youth Group	14 9:30a Archives & History 6:30p Education for Ministry	15 7:30a Morning Silence 5p Newsletter deadline 5:30p Food for All Hugh Tilson's Team 7p Vestry	16 Noon Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 7p Adult Choir	17 8a Men's Fellowship Breakfast	18 St Luke the Evangelist	19 8a Parish Work Day 11a Voice for Life 11a Companions of the Holy Cross
20 Pentecost 19 Stewardship 8 & 10:30a Holy Eucharist 9:15 Education Hour Noon Inquirers' Class 5p Youth Group	21 9a Communications Mtg. 9:30a Archives & History 6:30p Education for Ministry	22 7:30a Morning Silence	23 St James of Jerusalem Noon Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 7p Adult Choir	24	25 8a REI Workshop 4p Youth Mountain Retreat Through 10/27	26 8a REI Workshop 11a Voice for Life
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Ladies' Night Out on October 8

Hello women of St. Matthew's, and please mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 8, our autumn Ladies' Night Out. We will be gathering at 7:00 p.m. at *Suzanne Maupin's* home, 5107 Murphy School Road, Durham, 27705. Our theme will be "Soup is like a family; each ingredient enhances the others and each batch has its own characteristics." As a church family, St. Matthew's parishioners are a varied group, so how can we use our different "ingredients" to actually enhance our lives and ensure we are a welcoming congregation? To support that theme, please bring your favorite soup or stew to share. Don't have a recipe you love? No worries-you are welcome to bring bread or a dessert. Beverages will be provided. If you have any questions, please call *Carolyn Carlson* (919-732-3927) or *Karen Ireland* (919-732-7538).



The Men's Fellowship Breakfast Thursday, October 17

The October program for the Monthly Fellowship Group will be provided by *David Arcus*, our parish organist extraordinaire. Come for breakfast (\$7.00) at 8:00 a.m. and then enjoy a program of music as only David can provide it. *-John Druessedow*

Faith & Arts

Anna Jean Mayhew Book Reading: *Tomorrow's Bread*
Sunday, October 13, 2019, 3:00 p.m.

Faith & Arts is pleased to host a reading by *Anna Jean Mayhew*. Her second novel, *Tomorrow's Bread*, is set in 1961 Charlotte, NC, when urban renewal threatens to demolish an historic black community.

Tomorrow's Bread was selected to be a part of TRIO 2019 which develops collaboration between writers, musicians and visual artists. We are delighted that *Melissa Summersell*, a songwriter from Alabama who composed the song "Brooklyn Was Here" for this collaboration, will be present at this reading and will sing her song. And, the painting by *Anna Jensen* based on the novel will also be displayed.

Joining A. J. will be the combined ensembles of the St. Matthew's Women's Singing Circle and the Songburds, from the Universalist Unitarian Congregation of Hillsborough singing the hymns, spirituals, and popular songs that are mentioned in her book. A reception and book signing will follow the reading. Tickets are \$10 and available at the church office during business hours and at Purple Crow Books.