



St. Matthew's Church

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Pastoral Care: Your pastoral needs will be addressed promptly and are a priority. You can contact the parish office at (609) 737-0985, or call The Rev. Barbara Briggs on her cell: (860) 560-6992.

HYMN BOARD	
	Processional HYMN
7	"Christ whose glory fills the skies"
	Offertory Hymn
423	"Immortal, invisible"
	Communion HYMN
137	"O wondrous type!"
	Recessional YMN
542	"Christ is the world's true light"

TODAY'S LESSONS
CAN BE FOUND IN YOUR BULLETIN INSERT.

Response for the Prayers of the People:
Hear our prayer

Calendar of Events

Sunday, Aug 13	8:00am, Holy Eucharist
	9:30am, Holy Eucharist in Belmont Hall
Sunday, Aug 20	8:00am, Holy Eucharist
	9:30am, Holy Eucharist in Belmont Hall

Rev Barbara will be on vacation July 30 – August 7
Please contact Rev John Goerss in the event of a pastoral emergency (609) 737-6320.

JOIN OUR ONLINE PARISH DIRECTORY!

St. Matthew's new administrative software program is Fellowship One. If you receive our church Newsletter or other church related emails, then you are registered in our church database. By signing up for online access, you can update your personal info, e.g. add another email address, phone number, etc.



You can also **opt-in to the parish/church directory**. This feature allows parishioners to find each other in our Fellowship One database. The info which others will see is: your name, city, state, and any info you decide to mark *Everyone during setup*.

In order to view/update your information, please visit the Parishioner Portal on our website at <http://stmatthewspennington.org/parishioner-portal> to establish an online account using the steps provided. Each member of a household can establish their own account.

ARM IN ARM PARTNERSHIP: Our partnership with Arm in Arm is growing! The St. Matthew's Pantry Team has been regularly working the **3rd Monday of the month** and we are looking to add another day soon. Please bring non-perishable foods to St. Matthew's and drop them off at the shelves across from Pam's office, built by our own

Matthew Watterson. Holly Weise is recruiting gardeners to tend Arm in Arm's Urban garden. Contact Joe Lawver (jlawver@yahoo.com) or Holly Weise (holly.weise@gmail.com) if you would like to get involved.

SHARE YOUR SHARE? FRESH PRODUCE FOR ARM IN ARM: Nothing beats fresh, local produce in the summer, but for some people accessing fresh produce can be difficult or impossible. If you are interested in sharing vegetables this summer from your garden or from a portion of your CSA, text or call Holly Weise, at 609-610-3213, and she will arrange delivery to Arm in Arm. You can also contact Holly Weise to join the gardeners tending Arm in Arm's Urban garden.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Congratulations St. Matthew's on a strong first four months of meeting your pledge obligations! For the first third of the year, January through April, total pledge receipts were \$108,000 against pledge commitments of \$290,238 for the full year 2017 or 37% of the amount pledged! Therefore, overall, we are ahead of our pledge budget for the first third of the year. Pledge revenue is 76% of our total budgeted revenue and 89% of our contributions budget. Our Recording Clerk reports that some folks are ahead, some are up to date and some are behind in their payment schedules. Our hope is that those who are behind would catch up in the next month and that everyone would stay on their plan through the summer and the rest of the year.

As always if you have any questions about St. Matthew's finances don't hesitate to ask Bruce Weise, Vestry Member/Finance Chair (finance@stmatthewspennington.org) 609-737-1064, or Kevin Margiatto, Treasurer (kmargiatto@withum.com) or if you have any questions about your pledge payments ask Bruce Weise or John Eckel, Recording Clerk (amyeckel1@verizon.net) 609-737-8591.

DID YOU KNOW? Instead of writing a check for your pledge payment or your regular offering which is not a pledge many banks offer the service of mailing a check for a recurring amount on the frequency that you request to St. Matthew's. No check writing!

YOUR WISDOM: Making a wise and meaningful choice about the ultimate disposition of a portion of your estate lets your money work towards what you love. Planned giving encompasses a variety of ways to create a gift to your church using accumulated assets. It is not reserved for the wealthy. Planned giving is for anyone interested in leaving a legacy for the future (remembering you and what you love, and resourcing future generations). Please remember St. Matthew's Church in your will. Call John Krisulewicz for more information (609-356-3692) email kris5969@mindspring.com or . <http://www.stmatthewspennington.org/planned-giving>

KAIROS: The Kairos program is now on break for summer, returning on Sunday, September 10th with blessing of the backpacks. Classes will resume on Sunday, **September 17th**.

Upcoming Events

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| September 10 | Blessing of the back-packs and commissioning of Church School Teachers
Services at 8 + 10 in the Sanctuary
11:30 Meeting for parents of 7th, 8th and 9th grades for Confirmation Registration |
| September 17 | Acolyte Training at 11:30 for all new and current acolytes
Commissioning of music ministers (vocalists, director, instrumentalists)
Church School begins |
| September 21 | Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue @ 7:00 pm in the church library |
| September 24 | Commissioning of acolytes |

TASK VOLUNTEERS: The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen always needs volunteers. Anyone interested in joining the St. Matthew's effort at TASK should call Bob Holmes at 609-730-8354 for more information and to sign up.

EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT assesses local needs and provides timely assistance to victims of disaster. We support ERD on an ongoing basis. Please consider making a donation to help them do God's works of mercy.

PRAYER CHAIN--SUDDENLY, if you are in need of prayers, or maybe a Special Thanksgiving, call the Prayer Chain. This quiet ministry at St. Matthew's complimenting the bulletin listing and the Sunday Prayer Partners, is ready to offer immediate and confidential prayers for your intention. If this is something you ever need, please contact The Rev. Barbara Briggs, (609) 737-0985, Pam Worthington (609) 737-0985 or Sally Burkman at (609) 737-9495.

Prayers of the Parish, Aug 6 – Aug 12

Prayers of the Parish: *Listed below: Person(s) in need of prayer-Contact parishioner*

In Need of Continual Prayer: Amanda Buchanan, Bill Comiski, Liam, John, Cannon, Bob & Sylvia Hunt, Shirley Swanson, Emily Flanders, Flo and Jim Cunningham, Jeff Winegar, Ruby Clarke, Jean, John Elliott, Juanita Gibbs, Valerie Kozak

Prayer Requests

Don France (husband of Virginia France) Parkinson's and dementia, **Kelly** (friend)-- disabled, homeless

Steven Ferguson –Hill's nephew

Phil Boone - father of Phyllis Jones

Abi (healing), **Jane** (healing) – Sara Ritchie

Gerry Hansen (healing) – friend of Coopers

Emily & Kimberly (infectious disease) – **Julianna** (toddler-healing) - Cheryl

Barbara Beaulieu – (rapid onset dementia) Joan

Doc (cancer) - friend of Kinnamon's

Pam Inman – (recovery from surgery)

Lady, (healing) – Sara Ritchie

Lou Mervis (ALS) and family – Joe Lawver

Michael (healing & safe travel) – Gai Bower Grandson

Bruce Ashforth Jr. – healing

Sally Burkman – healing (hip replacement)

Larry Colfer – friend of Bob & Chris Kales (terminal cancer)

Sue Nelson (continued recovery from hip surgery)

Mary Jo Calamai – (pancreatic cancer) Bob Buns

Ann Scott – (healing) – Joan Verplanck

Reid – (bone infection) – friend Tom Pearse-Drance

Alex (seizure disorder) – Godfrey

Brother of John Krisulewicz

Billie Bowden Sanderson

Joyce Harbourt – recovery from surgery

Edna Ashforth – healing

Please help us: Update the Church Office staff about your prayer requests. In an effort to stay current, names will be removed after 90 days, unless there has been a request for them to remain. Thank you.

Reposed of the Soul of Claire Cannon.

Birthdays this week: Lionel Upson, Brent West, Mark Lederer, David Seitz, Mary Aubato.

Anniversaries this week:

PLEASE NOTE: If any of your birthday or anniversary dates are incorrect please contact the Parish Office at admin@stmatthewspennington.org.

OUR MISSION

We are a community centered in Jesus Christ

Being led by the Holy Spirit

Learning and spreading the good news

Living and sharing the love of God

OUR STAFF

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