

St. Matthew's Church

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GOD'S MISSION and ST. MATTHEW'S

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

October 8, 2017

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.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, Oct 8	8:00am, Holy Eucharist 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Special Coffee Hour and budget presentation after the 10:00 am service Kairos Old Testament Tent 10am-1pm
Sunday, Oct 15	8:00am, Holy Eucharist 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Teacher & Mick Appreciation Coffee Hour after the 10 am service Confirmation Experience, Belmont Hall, 4:30-6:00

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.

NAME-TAGS: Wear it every Sunday and make new friends! Don't have one? Sign up on the clip-board on the name-tag cart of drawers and look for it next Sunday right on top!

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. Contact Joe Lawver (jlawver@yahoo.com) if you would like to get involved.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Our pledge payments slowed down drastically down July and August and this is a reminder for you to check your records to see if your payments are up to date. If you are behind we would appreciate you catching up during the month of October. Pledge statements will be sent out in the first weeks of October but if you have any questions about the status of your pledge payments don't hesitate to ask John Eckel, Recording Clerk (amyeckel1@verizon.net) 609-737-8591 or Bruce Weise, Vestry Member/Finance Chair (finance@stmatthewspennington.org) 609-737-1064. Also, if you have any questions about St. Matthew's finances contact Kevin Margiatto, Treasurer (kmargiatto@withum.com) or Bruce Weise.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Instead of writing a check for your pledge payment or regular offering which is not a pledge many banks offer the service of mailing a check to St. Matthew's for a recurring amount on the frequency that you request. No check writing and you won't forget your pledge payment or regular offering!
- Our Parish Life Guild is providing \$20,000 to our Operating Fund budget for 2017 and the primary source of their fund raising are the Spring and Fall Rummage Sales and the Christmas Bazaar. Please be generous in your support of Time, Treasure and Talent to these events.

Estate Planning: What do you love? 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 (Youth Education for ages 4yrs through 8th grade)

Kairos classes have resumed! ALL GRADES gather in their classrooms beginning at 9:45am for Welcoming Time. Lessons begin at 10am and end at 10:45am when the children join their families for the service during the Peace.

Registration is simple:

1. Go to www.stmatthewspennington.org
2. Click on the banner link at the top of the home page.

You will receive informative parent emails from time to time. Please add kairos@stmatthewspennington.org to your contact list to avoid any email issues. You will also find information, announcements and sign-up sheets for special events on our **Kairos bulletin board** in the hallway that leads to the first-floor classrooms.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may always contact Lori directly at kairos@stmatthewspennington.org

Looking forward to a wonderful year with the children of St. Matthews!

TEACHER (AND MICK!) APPRECIATION COFFEE HOUR

On **October 15th**, we will host a Kairos Teacher Appreciation (and Mick Jones our photographer) Coffee Hour. Everyone is invited to come together in Belmont Hall following the 10am service to enjoy each other's company and celebrate our children's ministry program. If you would like to bring a dish to share, please sign up on the sheet posted on the Kairos bulletin board in the hallway leading to the classrooms **or sign-up online!** Just go to our St Matthew's website: www.stmatthewspennington.org and click on the link at the top of the home page. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE for the **St. Matthew's Trivia Night** on Saturday, October 21st, 5pm. Dust off your Trivial Pursuit decks, fire up your synapses, and let loose your inner trivia nado. Bring the whole family to answer questions like which country surrounds the microstate of San Marino, or what is the name of the policeman in the pre-school children's television series Balamory. Look for more details in the October Newsletter and coming bulletins.

FALL 2017 PROPERTY WORK DAY

Saturday Morning – October 14th, Starting at 9:00am

There are many small jobs that are not covered by our outside contractors that could use our helping hands. This is where we, as parishioners, can share our time and talents to maintain our building and grounds.

HELP for an hour or more, but come and enjoy the fun and fellowship of working together. A list of planned projects and the signup sheet will be located in Belmont Hall after the Sunday services. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Al Krokowski at (609) 204-8412.

HEALTH

The Daniel Plan is a Healthy and Godly way through our faith to take care of our bodies with focus in each of the following areas: faith, food, fitness, focus and friends (each other). Started by Pastor Rick Warren and Dr.'s Amen and Hymen, this program has helped people take charge of their bodies and mind through simple measures. Please join me for our opening meeting to explore the areas and support one another in this journey.

The meeting dates in October will be the 12th and the 26th at 7 pm in the Library. I wish to begin my journey together with YOU. If you have any questions about the sessions please feel free to call me at 609-847-1512 (Ginny Buchanan).

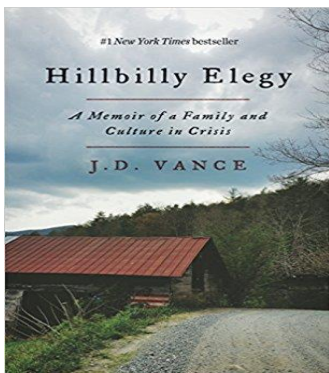
LOOKING FOR LECTORS AND SUB-DEACONS

St. Matthews is in need of parishioners to serve as lectors and sub-deacons, especially at the 8 a.m. service. Lectors read the First Lesson and the Prayers of the People; sub deacons read the Psalm and the Epistle, and assist with Communion. If you have any interest in participating in this important ministry, please contact Rev. Barbara Briggs at rector@StMatthewsPennington.org or Tom Bruhl at tbruhl@embarqmail.com.

OPEN HOUSE

Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, an all-girls JK-12 school with a co-ed Early Childhood Program, will be hosting Open Houses on Tuesday, October 24, 6-8 pm and Thursday, November 9, 9am-2pm. Nestled on 55 wooded acres in Princeton, Stuart empowers girls to think critically and lead confidently. Our expert teachers know the girls—and know each girl well, and are able to tailor instruction to each girl's needs. As a Sacred Heart School, Stuart is committed to educate to the building of community as a Christian value. Stuart has just the right mix, just the right space for each girl to listen, reflect, find her voice and make some noise. To learn more about the peaceful place for girls to make some noise, please contact the Admissions Office at: (609) 921-2330. www.stuartschool.org

BOOK CLUB



***Hillbilly Elegy* by J.B. Vance**
October 19 7:00 pm Library

Hillbilly Elegy is a beautiful memoir but it is equally a work of cultural criticism about white working-class America. Vance offers a compelling explanation for why it's so hard for someone who grew up the way he did to make it... a riveting book." *Wall Street Journal*

Upcoming Events

October 8	Special Coffee Hour and budget presentation after the 10:00 am service
October 12	The Daniel Plan @ 7pm in Library
October 14	Property Work Day
October 15	Teacher & Mick Appreciation Coffee Hour
	Confirmation Experience, Belmont Hall, 4:30-6:00
October 19	Hillbilly Elegy by J.B. Vance @ 7:00 pm Library

October 21 Chorister Festival @ Westminster Choir College 9:30am
 Trivia Night-Fun for the entire parish! 5pm
October 22 Good Shepherd, Camaroon Coffee Hour hosted by Christina Kales
October 26 The Daniel Plan @ 7pm in Library
October 29 Confirmation Experience, Belmont Hall, 4:30-6:00
November 5 All Saints' Sunday and Grateful Giving Sunday with home-made "thanksgiving" parish-wide meal
 Confirmation Experience 4:30-6pm

November 12 Remembrance Sunday (formerly All Souls')

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 donating 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: *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, Pam Inman

Prayer Requests

Don France (husband of Virginia France) Parkinson's and dementia,	Doc (cancer) - friend of Kinnamon's
Kelly (friend)-- disabled, homeless	Lady (peace) – Sara Ritchie
Steven Ferguson –Hill's nephew	Lou Mervis (ALS) and family – Joe Lawver
Phil Boone - father of Phyllis Jones	Reid – (bone infection) – friend Tom Pearse-Drance
Abi (healing) – Sara Ritchie	Alex (seizure disorder) – Godfrey
Emily & Kimberly (infectious disease)	Brother of John Krisulewicz
Julianna (toddler-healing) - Cheryl	Billie Bowden Sanderson
Barbara Beauliew – (rapid onset dementia) Joan	Joyce Harbourt – recovery from surgery
Bruce Ashforth Jr. – healing	Edna Ashforth – healing
Sally Burkman – Thanksgiving for healing	Ann Scott – (healing) – Joan Verplanck
Larry Colfer (terminal cancer) - friend of Bob & Chris Kales	Susan - (healing) – Cheryl Ludwig
	Rosenthal Family – Jim Douglas

Birthdays this week: Edna Ashforth, Richard Bailey, Rev. Canon Jack Belmont, James Benton, Gary Drake, David Gerber, Robert Hunt, Rowland Lawver, Mary Ellen Lederer, Trevor McCloughan, Joseph McNeil, Susan Rabel, Kimberly Sherman, Lauren Swords, Emily West.

Anniversaries this week: Elizabeth and William Compton, Sylvia & Bob Hunt (60th).

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.

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

