

St. Matthew's Good News

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Outreach Committee's Message

(Elaine Dippel Baetz, Jane Deratnay, Norma Ruhl, Derek Ashton, Fay Hill, Sue Seifert, Sandy Fyfe)

We hope you enjoy the inaugural issue of the St. Matthew's Good News! The Outreach Committee is working hard to keep you informed of everything that has been happening in our church home.

We intend to bring the newsletter to you via email on a bimonthly basis. If you have something to include in the newsletter please email Sandy Fyfe (cedarhillgallery@gmail.com)

If you are not a computer user we still want you to be able to receive a copy. Please contact the office to request a hard copy.



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St. Matthew's 150th Anniversary

Did you know that this year is the 150th Anniversary of St. Matthew's?

On Sunday, September 24, 2023 St. Matthews will hold an anniversary service with Bishop Michael Pryse officiating. Former Sons and Daughters and previous Pastors of the congregation will also be invited.

A special signature quilt will be on display. Everyone is asked to sign the quilt and commemorate the day.

The catered luncheon ticket are \$10. Children under 10 years are free. Watch for ticket sales since you will need to have a ticket prior to the luncheon. No tickets will be available on the day of the event.

We will also be displaying historical photos. If you have some you could loan us it would be greatly appreciated! We are looking for photos of weddings, baptisms and any historical events in the congregation. Please forward these to Al Morrow.

To memorialize the event, a congregational photo will be taken in the courtyard with the help of a drone. Everyone is encouraged to take part in this special occasion. **SAVE THE DATE!**



Church Council News

Submitted by Elaine Dippel Baetz

At the Sunday Service on March 26, 2023, members of St. Matthew's Church Council were installed for the upcoming year by Pastor Fred Ludolph.

Council Members include: Chair, Kathy McBride,
Vice-Chair, Carla Peppler
Secretaries, Yvonne Magwood and Elaine Dippel Baetz,
Derek Ashton, Ed Fyfe, Ron Davis, Barb Fleming, Stacey Al and Nancy Van Sickle.
Please keep them in your prayers as they strive to lead St. Matthew's forward into this very important year for our church family.



Submitted by Lorraine Morrow (Call Committee Chair)

The Call Committee continues to work at the search for a Pastor for St. Matthew's. We are beginning to schedule interviews for May.

Members of the committee include, Derek Ashton, Bob Farrow, Heidi Leggo, Susan Weigel, Ronin Remers, Elaine Dippel Baetz and myself, Lorraine Morrow.

Please keep the Committee and the search, in your prayers. In the meantime, we are very thankful for Pastor Fred and his care of our congregation.

Welcome New Members!



On Sunday, February 5, 2023 we welcomed 5 new members!

Front (left to right) - Karin McCallum and Holly Fyfe
Back (left to right) - Randy McCallum, Jeremy Fyfe and Tristan Fyfe.

May the Lord bless you in your faith journey with us!

Palm Sunday Brunch

Submitted by Sue Seifert

Our Palm Sunday brunch was well attended. The menu included baked eggs, hash brown casserole, ham, sausage, hot cross buns, fruit cocktail and homemade cookies. We weren't able to host the brunch for the past three years due to Covid restrictions so it was great to enjoy this time of food and fellowship this year!

Proceeds from the free will offering and a Serenia Life Action Team grant will be used to purchase Companion cats for our local nursing homes.

Companion Cats are designed to deliver a soothing, joyful experience that inspires smiles, laughter and fond memories for individuals with dementia. The cats feel and sound like a real cat. They respond to petting, hugging and motion much like a real one. The Outreach committee has spoken to administrators at both nursing homes in Hanover. They would welcome the idea of receiving some of these cats for their residents. The goal of the Outreach committee is to purchase five cats.



Sunday School on Easter Sunday

Submitted by Elaine Dippel Baetz

St. Matthew's was thrilled to see all the children in attendance for Sunday School on Easter Sunday. Thanks to Sara Breig and Scott Peiman for their advance organization with the Easter Egg hunt and also to Shirley Breig for assisting in telling the Easter story.

