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# The Journey At St. Matthew's

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"We are called to share God's love as we welcome and care for our community"



## A Message from Our Rector "Hospitality 101"

Fleming Rutledge, the preacher, teacher, and now-retired priest of the Episcopal Church (USA), tells the rather sad story of a lack of hospitality in many North American churches. Rutledge has written about this, and she comments on the irony of it all, given that most churches regard themselves as "warm and welcoming". This is not always the case. She tells about being a repeat visitor for Sunday morning worship at a certain church, where only about 20 others were in attendance. She notes the usual pleasantries that were exchanged during these visits, but adds this: "Did anyone ever make an effort to get to know me? No." Rutledge contrasts this with another church, where her experience – from the very first day – was to be "drawn in" to a certain couple's circle. This second memory has been firmly fixed into Rutledge's consciousness as one of being received, included and **valued!**

Before the summer break, our parish council considered the importance of Christian hospitality, and we've spent time reflecting on our practices at St. Matthew's. Earlier this year, I shared a quote attributed to the prolific American poet, Maya Angelou: "At the end of the day people won't remember what you said or did, they will remember how you made them feel." We discussed how we ourselves were made to feel as newcomers to St. Matthew's, and it was clear that those who felt warmly welcomed were now intentional about ensuring that others would have similar experiences.

My summer reading included a small book titled *The Art of Hospitality: A Practical Guide for a Ministry of Radical Welcome*. Among the helpful advice given was this: "The 3-minute rule. Encourage each person to spend just 3 minutes before and after a worship service or event, greeting those they do not know. People, even in a friendly congregation, naturally gravitate to visit with those they know. The result is that when visitors come, their experience too often is that no one speaks to them. So, the 3-minute rule reminds people to be intentional about greeting and getting to know others they don't know."

We have all been impacted by the ongoing pandemic. For some people, remaining at home on Sunday morning has become somewhat of "a thing". Not everyone is ready to return to in-person worship. But when they are ready, perhaps their return will be made that much more pleasant and memorable by being welcomed by others who demonstrate in their time of greeting a genuine desire to "get to know them".

As we consider the implications of welcoming and hospitality, we can take a cue from the Apostle Paul, who, in his Letter to the Romans, includes this important reminder...

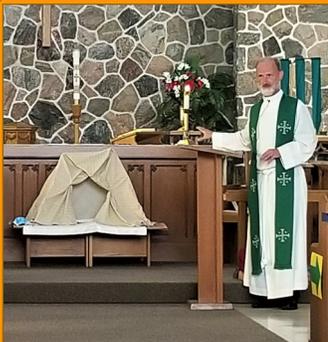
the *raison d'être* of hospitality: **"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."** (Romans 15:7).

**May God's glory be found in our times together. And may it be found as we draw others into the St. Matthew's circle. Blessings,**

*Andreas†*

### Radical Hospitality The Season of Creation 2021

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**Note:** For Fleming Rutledge's complete article visit:  
<https://generousorthodoxy.org/rumination/another-church-is-closed-why/>

# From Our Parish Council

Notes from our  
Parish Council:  
Sept. 18, 2021.

Greetings from your Wardens, Ann Hucal and Gordon Drake. Hope you were able to cope with our second COVID summer! At least we can be thankful that our Sunday morning services at St. Matthew's have resumed, as of June 20. We are pleased to present the following summary of recent events, as recorded by the Parish Council.

**Attendance and Finances:** Immediately following the June 20 resumption of services, attendance at the 10:00 service has remained steady at about 30 to 35 people. This is not bad considering the circumstances, and we have even welcomed a couple of new families. Nevertheless, our expenses continue unabated, and so your continued support is needed. **Our deficit has slowly grown over the past year and now stands at (\$11,589) since Jan. 1 2021.** For comparison, last year at this time we had a surplus of \$9568. The difference is substantial, but we still have ample funds in the bank to carry us through for the next several months. Thanks to Beth Felet for her very able work as envelope secretary, and to Jane Patterson for her dedication and accounting skills.

**Property:** Repairs to the potholes in the parking lot have now been completed, thanks to Onorio Felet. Also, thanks to Jennifer McAlpine, and many others for their work throughout the summer in maintaining the grounds around St. Matthew's, spreading mulch, and pulling the ever-persistent weeds. Richard Hucal's work to renovate the bathrooms is now complete. Many thanks!

**Outreach:** Our deacon Rev'd Cathy continues with her highly valued Marlborough Breakfast Program for the school children. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, they now provide individually wrapped servings of healthy snacks and muffins. Our other deacon, Rev'd Glenda, continues to provide a pastoral presence to "Feeding Windsor," and to the LGBTQ community.

Our Priest, Rev'd Andreas, has the honour of being appointed by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada to the Advisory Council of the Canadian Companions of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The Diocese of Jerusalem oversees Anglican parishes, schools and hospitals in Jerusalem, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan. Rev'd Andreas says: "It is an honour to be serving with others who have a passion for justice, peace and reconciliation throughout the Holy Land. Our aim is to foster and strengthen relationships and to raise awareness here in Canada of the needs of the Christian community in that region; they face many challenges." Please keep his work in your prayers as he assumes his responsibilities on the Advisory Council. For further information, see the link:

<https://mailchi.mp/national/companions-of-jerusalem-2021-summer-news-letter?e=280118d193>

We have now suffered through nearly two years of the COVID-19 pandemic. Let's hope that we are nearing the end, but in the mean time let us remember what Jesus said to his disciples:  
*"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."* (Matthew 19:26)

Your Wardens, Ann Hucal and Gordon Drake.

Our Parish Council meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month, starting at 7:30 PM, currently in a virtual conference format due to the pandemic.  
For more information, please contact our rector or our wardens.

**Auto-deduction giving** – Please consider this option, which helps us meet our monthly financial obligations. To learn more about it, change amount (a small increase can make a big difference!) or switch from credit card to bank account, please contact Beth Felet, our envelope secretary, at (519) 969-3035.

# The Season of Creation Sept. 1– Oct. 4

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical time to renew our relationship with God and all in the world through prayer, celebration, and commitment together. Originally, Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I proclaimed the first day of September as a day of prayer for creation for the Orthodox in 1989, and The World Council of Churches (WCC) extended the celebration until October 4. Since then, Christians around the world have embraced the month-long celebration as a season to take time to care for creation. The Anglican Church of Canada decided to adopt The Season of Creation as an annual time of prayer, education, and action, at General Synod in 2019, with these premises:

1. Encourage dioceses to engage with the Season of Creation, and to develop initiatives, resources and suitably authorized liturgies for use during the season; and
2. Direct the Creation Matters Working Group to monitor, network and share Season of Creation initiatives through the General Synod website and in other ways.

The theme for the 2021 Season of Creation is “A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos (household) of God,” based on Psalm 24:1: “*The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it*”. The logo represents Abraham’s tent, “a home for all”:



In *Genesis 18*, Abraham and Sarah opened their tent to receive three strangers, who turned out to be God’s angels. Their hospitality and symbolic creation of a **home for all**, then became a source of great blessings.

“Abraham’s tent is a symbol of our ecumenical call to practice creation care as an act of radical hospitality, safeguarding a place for all creatures, human and more human, in our common home, the household (oikos) of God.” Picture and quote from:

<https://seasonofcreation.org/2021/08/17/christians-abraham-tent/>

At St. Matthew’s, hospitality has always been important; throughout this Season of Creation, it has been acknowledged and emphasized with special messages during services, including the presentation of parishioner Mary Grace Weir’s 3-D depiction of Abraham’s (and Sarah’s) tent (photo below, left), displayed in the Sanctuary afterwards (photo below, right):



Photo left, by Irene Savva; photo right, by Gordon Drake

**Are we preserving God’s Creation?** Did you know that cigarette butts can leach toxic chemicals, such as lead and arsenic, into the environment, contaminating water and harming animals? This and more information available at <https://shorelinecleanup.org/>

# St. Matthew's News

Following a hiatus of several months due to the COVID19 pandemic, our in-person services resumed on June 20, 2021.

## Photos during and after our 8:30 am service:

**Left-** Rev'd Andreas addressing the congregation, with blue tape seen in the foreground, marking areas for proper social distancing.



**Right-** Rev'd Andreas and a group of fully vaccinated parishioners, safely gathering outdoors.



Safety Procedures for Sunday Services – Please note that for our Sunday worship services at 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM, all of the following health protocols will be in place: Physical distancing (6ft.) is maintained between people of different "household bubbles". In the photo, right, Rev'd Andreas and John Rossi demonstrate with a measuring tape.



You will be asked to sign in (name and phone number) upon arrival. We will maintain our practices of frequent hand washing/use of sanitizer, and mask wearing (except for children under age 2, or for people who have health conditions that prevent them from wearing face coverings).



A shorter liturgy (no longer than 45 min.). Doors and windows will be open. The ceiling fans and air conditioning will not be in use during services. At this time, there will be no congregational singing, only one cantor at the 10 am service.



**Veggie Garden** - This year, some of our planters housed edible crops, such as tomatoes, peppers and basil, along with some beautiful flowers.

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... Cont. St. Matthew's News

Many thanks to the Rev'd Hilton Gomes, and his wife Sandy, for their ministry among us over the past few years. In September, 2021, Hilton was asked to provide supply ministry to the congregation of Trinity Church in Cottam. We will miss their warm presence, and we look forward to welcoming Sandy and Hilton back at St. Matthew's sometime soon. **Godspeed!**

**Photo: The Rev'd Hilton Gomes, presiding one of our 10:00 am services.**



**PWRDF**

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

On Saturday, September 11, a Bible Reading Marathon took place using the Zoom platform. Enthusiastic volunteers read the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John) along with Acts of the Apostles, for a total of 12+ uninterrupted hours. Many thanks to all who donated to this fundraiser, in support of the PWRDF's project to create safer births in rural Mozambique, with the purchase of Solar Suitcases. As of Sept. 30, the total raised was \$3,300.00!

For more information, visit: <https://pwrdf.org/solarsuitcases2021/>

## St. Matthew's Day September 19, 2021

Just like last year, there was no celebratory BBQ due to the pandemic, but we could at least participate in an in-person Eucharistic service on the feast day of St. Matthew. Rev'd Cathy delivered a well-rounded homily, sharing some facts about Matthew, the tax collector who followed Jesus, and exhorted the congregation to answer Jesus' call, just like Matthew did.



On September 20, the church hall at St. Matthew's served as a voting station for the Federal Elections.

Photography by Gordon Drake and Irene Savva

**What's buzzing in the religious blogosphere?** In this section, we will share links to websites and blogs with diverse points of view about religion, and everything related to it. In this issue, resources during the COVID-19 pandemic from our Diocese of Huron and the Anglican Church of Canada websites:

<https://diohuron.org/covid-19-resource-hub/>

<https://www.anglican.ca/about/departments/cir/digital-resources/>

# Territorial Acknowledgement - A Matter of Identity

By The Rev'd Andreas Thiel

After many months of pandemic restrictions, we resumed in-person worship at St. Matthew's on June 20, 2021. Our reopening coincided with the national news of mass graves being found at the site of former residential institutions for Indigenous children. My homily on that Sunday began with a reflection on the idea of *identity*: first of all, the identity of Jesus, and how difficult it must have been for the earliest followers of Jesus to come to some understanding of his true identity. We then considered how questions of identity relate to the traumas inflicted upon Indigenous communities. Here in Canada we have come to learn how in the past, there was a concerted effort to eradicate the cultural identity of First Nations people. Native languages were forbidden in residential "schools". Children were forcibly separated from their family homes and communities. The message in all this was: native identity is bad; white identity is good. Although the residential "schools" no longer exist, their legacy continues as survivors and their descendants continue to process the abuse inflicted upon them.

We have witnessed a growing movement to understand and atone for this systemic violence, and to assist Indigenous communities in regaining core aspects of their traditional identities. Here at St. Matthew's we have taken a step towards participating in the ongoing work of reconciliation with First Nations peoples, by including a Territorial Acknowledgment in our Gathering Rite. In times past, when First Nations held ceremonial meetings, they would begin by declaring their identity, and by acknowledging the identities of others who had gathered with them.

**Our public territorial acknowledgment is a small, yet significant way for us to affirm the identity, existence, and importance of Indigenous peoples, past and present, and we acknowledge that the history of this land is far richer and broader than we might have been taught in the past. A similar acknowledgment may be found on our St. Matthew's website:**

*"With gratitude for all who came before us, we acknowledge that the St. Matthew's community gathers on the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, which includes the Ojibwa – keepers of the faith; the Odawa – keepers of trade; and the Potawatomie – keepers of the fire."*

**Thursday, Sept. 30, 2021 marked the adoption of a new national holiday, The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.** Our friends at Glenwood United Church (1825 Grand Marais Rd W, Windsor, ON N9E 1E9), held a short outdoor commemoration on that day, at 10 am, welcoming everyone to attend this service.



"Ontario is covered by 46 treaties and other agreements, such as land purchases by the Crown signed between 1781 and 1930 ... Acknowledging territory shows recognition of, and respect for, First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples. It is recognition of their presence both in the past and the present. Recognition and respect are essential elements of establishing healthy, reciprocal relations." Image and text from the Ontario Federation of Labour: <https://ofl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019.11.13-OFL-FNMI-Traditional-Territory-Acknowledgement-in->

**Indigenous Ministries, The Anglican Church of Canada** "... supports the Indigenous Peoples of Canada (First Nations, Inuit, and Métis) spiritually, socially, economically and politically. We recognize that the purity of the land base provides for all our needs. As active participants in the life of the church, we strive for reconciliation with the Anglican Communion and work towards Indigenous self-determination." From: <https://www.anglican.ca/im/>

## A Note from Rev'd Glenda



### Zooming Right Along

On the evening of Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, our Saint Matthew's Parish Council met via 'Zoom'. During the new business part of the meeting, Rev'd Andreas indicated that he had been approached by a member of an Al-Anon group, who inquired as to the possibility of utilizing our parish hall for their weekly meeting. I want to say that the immediate support from our Parish Council was most heartwarming. I watched and heard the affirmative responses of members of council. As one of our members warmly proclaimed, "Our parish family ought to welcome such groups." I like to think of our welcoming of groups such as Al-Anon, as 'our' fellowship welcoming 'their' fellowship.

For those of you who may not be familiar, Al-Anon is a spiritual fellowship which welcomes members of all faiths, or of no faith; Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help the family and friends of alcoholics. It started in 1951 as an outgrowth of AA, which was founded in 1935. The founding members of Al-Anon were Ann B. and Lois W., the latter being the spouse of Bill W. (Wilson), co-founder of AA, along with Dr. Bob S. (Smith). It is a world-wide fellowship that offers recovery to the alcoholic's family and friends who are significantly affected by their excessive and compulsive use of alcohol; members of Al-Anon have often been impacted physically, emotionally, spiritually and psychologically. This program is a benefit to its members, whether or not the alcoholic in their lives recognizes the existence of a drinking problem or seeks help.

As implied above, according to Al-Anon, an alcoholic's drinking problem is not only 'their' problem.....it impacts the lives of their significant others.....family members and friends. Through Al-Anon, the family or friendship situation has the possibility of improving greatly as Al-Anon ideas are applied. Without such spiritual help, living with an alcoholic is simply too much for most people. Their thinking becomes distorted by trying to force solutions, and they become irritable and unreasonable without even knowing it. This is accomplished by practicing a *12-step program* (as the AA program does), by welcoming and giving comfort to families and friends of alcoholics, and by giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic. Al-Anon teaches a "loving detachment" from the alcoholic. To 'detach with love' is the idea of the family or friend letting go of someone else's problem. It gives the Al-Anon member permission to allow the alcoholic in their life to experience any consequences associated with their drinking. This loving detachment serves to make room for the Al-anon member to engage in their own recovery and healing from hurt, while at the same time offering encouragement to the alcoholic.

Getting back to our Parish Council's welcoming expression to the possibility of an Al-Anon group utilizing our church hall, please recall my earlier comment: ***"I like to think of our welcoming of groups such as Al-Anon, as our fellowship welcoming their fellowship."***

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... Cont. A Note from Rev'd Glenda

You know, in both my personal life, and in my professional career as a Clinical Social Worker, I have journeyed with a number of members of AA and Al-Anon. In doing so, I have experienced first-hand the *significance* of what 'fellowship' means to these groups.....and here, at St. Matthew's, as one of your deacons, I have experienced first-hand the *significance* of what 'fellowship' means to you *and* to us. 'Fellowship' is as key to Al-Anon as it is to us. It is a community of similar interest, activity, feeling, and experience. For us, here at St. Matthew's, we, also, are a community of similar interest, activity, feeling and experience. In short, **fellowship** simply means that we come together with folks who are like-minded in terms of *spiritual* matters .... matters of the *heart* and of the *soul*.

We come together in hope and we support each other on our spiritual journey and in our desire to be of service to others. Al-Anon members also come together in hope, supporting each other on *their* spiritual journey and they, too, strive to be of service to others. When you think of it, we are not all that different in our spiritual goals. The bottom line is, we need each other in order to be the kind of fellowship that is so often mentioned in our scriptures.....we welcome *them* and *they* welcome *us*..... and a spiritually meaningful, synergistic relationship is created. I am so very proud to be part of such a welcoming community.

Let us join together in fellowship with the prayer most rendered at all Al-Anon and AA meetings:



*God, grant me the Serenity  
To accept the things I cannot change...  
the Courage to change the things I can,  
And the Wisdom to know the difference.*

*(The AA & Al-Anon Acceptance Prayer)*

## Hiatus House Update by Sue Bernard

Hiatus House is very grateful for our interest regarding their needs. A note of importance though, **they do not accept any used items, nor any travel-size hygiene products.** Gift cards are very welcome, especially the following: gas, groceries, Walmart, Tim Horton's, Shopper's Drug Mart, and Dollarama. Bus tickets are also useful, as well as women's and children's slippers and pajamas, all sizes; women's socks, and small-size women's underwear. Body wash and lotion are needed. Phone chargers and headphones are also part of the requested items list. **I am sure we at St Matthew's can fulfill some of these requirements, and continue supporting this community.**

**Please remember Hiatus House. Thank you!**

## Rev'd Cathy's Corner

As we are now well into our second year of Covid19 restrictions, things are beginning to look eerily normal. But they are not our normal. I am delighted that we are able to gather for worship and willing, as church, to continue to do outreach to our community.

**Marlborough School:** We continue to provide individual snack choices to the classes in the form of muffins, cheese strings, individual bars, cheese snacks, and fruit snacks. The hot breakfast is still suspended, and we will restart that when the health restrictions are lifted. At the present time, we have bakers for the muffins, but can always use more, so that everyone would do it less often. We have four folks doing deliveries, two folks doing purchasing, and about 15 bakers. The granola bars we give are "more interesting" than the ones that the school can purchase, the "muffins are a big hit", and the cheese strings are "always welcome". **Such good feedback!**

**Southwest Detention Centre Backpacks:** We have been working away at getting these together for the fall. Thanks to Mary Grace for organizing this process with the help of Sabrina, Wendy, Glenda, and Louise. **Please see note below.**

**Food for the Hungry Cupboard:** In recent years, we have been supporting four centres, on a seasonal rotation: Welcome Centre for Human Potential, for the summer; Windsor Homes coalition, in the fall; Street Help Homeless Centre, in winter; and the Downtown Mission, every spring. We have been doing some research about the various food banks in the city; many are funded by the various agencies and government departments, some are not. **Welcome Centre for Human Potential**, in west Windsor, for women and children, has a food bank that they told me is not funded, while both Downtown Mission and Windsor Homes Coalition are part of the Unemployed Group of Food Banks. On the other hand, church programs, such as the St. Mary's Anglican Church food bank, are not listed in that group. It has been my personal experience with clients that often the monthly allowed visits to funded food banks run short by the end of the month, and families often go to non-funded food banks to fill their needs until the beginning of the next month. Given these issues, I would welcome discussion about where our donations should go.



**Here are some ideas for the next few years, that we should discuss, and make some consensus as a congregation:** Cases of bottled water, as well as individually wrapped items, such as puddings, fruit cups, cheese (or PB) and crackers, fruit snacks, instant oatmeal, and granola bars could be for the Homeless Centre (Street Help), on Wyandotte Street, and the Welcome Centre, on Bridge Street, either throughout the year, or in a six month cycle. Other food items, like peanut butter, canned goods, etc. could be given to **St Mary's**, as the congregation wishes, either on a full year basis, or on a six-month cycle, sharing with another church food bank.

**Clothing, toiletries and Other Hygiene Products:** Items for **Hiatus House** and **Welcome Centre**, such as underwear, socks, toiletries, diapers, etc., could be sorted as to their needs, and delivered throughout the year. See p. 8 for more information on **Hiatus House**, and details for donations; thanks to Louise and Sue B. for working on this ministry on our behalf.

**Please give your feedback soon, so that we can direct your donations to the places you would like St. Matthew's to support. Contact Cathy by phone at: 966-5729, or send her an email to: mackena5729@gmail.com.**

We are preparing backpacks for detention centre inmates being "released to the street" (i.e. homeless), filled with toiletries, towel and washcloth, underwear and socks, and in the winter, also gloves, hat and scarf. We currently have enough toiletries, but we could use more backpacks, men's underwear (medium and large), winter hats, gloves (both thin "stretchy", and thicker ones), and small packets of tissues. As always, if you wish to make a cash donation instead, you may give it to the church marked as "Backpack Ministry." **Thank you! Mary Grace Weir.**

# Celebrating this Season:

## October

- 3 – Ryan Ritchie
- 4 – Virginia Schofield
- 7 – Paul Allsop
- 8 – John Rossi
- 10 – Frank Geml
- 11 – Meaghan Felet
- 11 – Joan Mallender
- 12 – Gabriela Savva
- 12 – Mark Donlon
- 14 – Brayden Ritchie
- 16 – Ginny McAdam
- 17 – Margaret Kissau
- 19 – Donn Bayne
- 21 – Dennis Bernard
- 26 – Mary Grace Weir

## Birthdays

### November

- 2 – Patti Weir
- 6 – Beth Felet
- 10 – Ladd Ritchie
- 12 – Susan Trenhaile
- 15 – Audrey Goldspink
- 16 – Robert Weir
- 16 – Jacqui Rene
- 20 – Bob Kissau
- 28 – Julia Rossi

### December

- 11 – Iris Marie Donlon
- 13 – Maddie Hancock
- 14 – Carol Bulley
- 14 – Patty Paraschak
- 16 – Andy Hahn
- 21 – Linda Boyd
- 22 – Sarah Henderson
- 22 – Irene Paraschak
- 25 – Mike Herrington
- 27 – Helen Cahill
- 28 – Cory Yednoroz

## October

- 9 – Paul & Gwen Allsop
- 13 – Ladd & Florence Ritchie
- 17 – Mark & Dora Donlon
- 27 – Steve & Kim Sussens

## Anniversaries

### December

- 21 – Scott & Laurie Ritchie

### November

- 19 – Frank & Joan Geml
- 30 – Bob & Cora Braidford

**Special prayers go to our clergy, staff, volunteers, and parishioners who continue, or are resuming, activities at their work places, and to all students and teachers, as they return to the classrooms.**

For other prayer requests, please call the church: (519)969-1510,  
 or our rector: (226)345-5085,  
 or send an e-mail message to: [stmatthewswindsor@diohuron.org](mailto:stmatthewswindsor@diohuron.org)

# News from the Pews:

We hope to hear from you soon!

## Margaret Jemison's 90th birthday, June 2021



Photography by Jennifer McAlpine

## Stan Goldspink's 92nd birthday, September 2021



Happy Birthday!

**TNT (Theology 'n' Tap)** - Normally, we would meet on the first Friday of the month, for dinner, or a drink, or just for fellowship, but due to the COVID19 pandemic, our meetings became virtual and moved to the Zoom platform last spring. As much as we would like to see you all in person, it is still too soon to predict how safe that would be, so, after a summer break, **our virtual TNT meetings will resume on Friday, November 5, 2021, starting at 6:00 pm. Watch for the Zoom link closer to the date. Feel free to "drop in", even for a few minutes, to say hello, and join us; it's been a while, so we are looking forward to seeing everyone!**

**Ann & Richard.**

**Photos on front page:** St. Matthew's Banner and Cross and Flowers by Gordon Drake. Season of Creation 2021 by Irene Savva.

Please send your articles, feedback and other contributions to Sue Bernard and Irene Savva to [irene.savva3691@gmail.com](mailto:irene.savva3691@gmail.com)

Are you celebrating a milestone anniversary soon? Submit your wedding picture for publication! Also let us know of any updates needed in the birthday and anniversary announcements; **we apologize for any mistakes or omissions.**

# Thanksgiving - Offering the First Fruits

“And you shall rejoice in every good thing which the Lord your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who is among you.”

Deuteronomy 26:11



Let's be grateful!

Photos from St. Matthew's archives

## Services (with safety measures)

Also visit our website to stay connected

### Sunday Services:

8:30 am & 10:00 am

- Mandatory registration and masks
- Limited capacity to allow 2m distancing
- No congregational singing

### A Mid-Week Reflection:

Offered by our clergy, posted on our website, every Wednesday at noon.

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