

Children's Program

Members of the **Baptismal Preparation Committee** organize and participate in Baptismal Preparation classes, and are guides for baptismal families 4-5 times a year.

Contact: Ashley Parker

The **Children's Church School Program** uses more volunteers than any other program! Adults are needed to teach, work with children in activity rooms, and serve as nursery "rockers".

Contact: Debbi Rodahaffer

The **Children's Program Committee** oversees everything that involves children and their families. The committee meets every 4-6 weeks, with various subcommittees working weekly.

Contact: Mary Lou Fitzer

Parents Night Out is a parent cooperative group that provides child care at church on one Saturday night a month during the programming year.

Contact: Reneé Thompson

Vacation Bible School is a week-long Bible School for children held each summer. St. Matthew's is in partnership with five other Louisville Episcopal churches which rotate the school's location. There are many opportunities to participate.

Contact: Allison Hall

Youth Program

Our **Youth Program** is an inclusive, faith-based, and fun community for the youth of the church. All 6th-12th graders are invited for weekly activities on Sunday evenings. We split activities into: "field trips" (e.g. bowling, laser tag, dinners out, more), service projects, and time in the youth suite/outside (games, movies, pizza, pool, kickball). Ideas and input for events are always welcome. Opportunities for parents to work with the youth include serving as drivers, chaperones, and cooks.

We welcome parents of youth and/or others in the parish who would like to join the fun one time or more often.

Contacts: Lynn Miller, Youth Coordinator
Brandon Brones, Youth Assistant

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Parish Mission Statement

*Our mission is to be a caring, inclusive community,
centered in the Eucharist and grounded in the Gospel,
so that we can reach out as Christ's hands to the world.*



*St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
Welcomes You!*

Ministry Opportunities

Our many ministries are vital to the life of our parish. Parishioners contribute their gifts and talents, build relationships with each other, and deepen their spiritual lives through ministry participation.

Everyone is welcome. Contact anyone listed, or the clergy and staff, for more information about joining a particular ministry. The person at the Visitor Information desk (895-3485) has specific contact information; or email **Karen Hill**, Coordinator of Volunteers, at khill@stmatt-ky.org.

Worship

Acolytes assist the clergy at the altar during the worship service. All 7th through 12th graders are invited to participate. Training is provided. The acolytes serve every 3-4 weeks.

Contact: The Rev. Moray Peoples

Altar Guild members prepare for the celebration of the Eucharist, work in teams of 4, and serve every 4-6 weeks. Set up is on Saturday morning, and clearing is on Sunday after services. Duties sometimes include weddings, funerals and other special services. Guidelines are provided. There is currently a need for additional members.

Contact: Ann Hines

Bread and Wine Presenters bring forward the elements for the Eucharist during the service.

Contact: Becky Donovan

Children's worship:

- **Children's Chapel** is a worship service for our 3s through 1st graders which takes place downstairs during the 10 a.m. service. Adults are often needed to assist.

Contact: The Rev. Moray Peoples

- **Bridge Worship** is a lay-led service for 2nd through 5th graders who participate as acolytes, lectors, ushers, and altar guild. It is held in Clingman Chapel during the first part of the 10 a.m. service (children come into the Church for the Eucharist).

Contact: John Krantz

Evening Prayer is offered Monday through Friday at 5:30 p.m. in Myll Chapel, led by lay volunteers, on a rotating basis.

Contact: Sarah Causey

Flower Guild members are responsible for the floral arrangements on Sundays and other times.

Contact: Linda Collins

Greeters welcome people to services and help to orient newcomers and visitors.

Contacts: Richard Rodahaffer, 8 a.m. service

Russ Weis, 10 a.m. service

Ellen Robertson, 5 p.m. service

Lay Eucharistic Ministers take the Eucharist after the service (8 or 10 a.m.) to parishioners who are homebound or in the hospital.

Chalice Bearers assist the clergy in the administration of Communion.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Chalice Bearers are appointed by the Rector.

Social Concerns

Kenya Kids at Rongo: Fifty orphans in Kenya are supported by St. Matthew's. The Kenya Kids at Rongo committee raises money for them, and also collects various items to send.

Contact: Cathy Sutton

Kentucky Refugee Ministries and St. Matthew's have partnered to sponsor several refugee families who have moved to Louisville.

Contact: Sharon Nesmith

The **New Orleans Response Team** has collected disaster relief money and supplies since Hurricane Katrina struck in 2005. The team has sent work crews and supported a mobile medical unit, working with St. Anna's Episcopal Church, and the Louisiana Office of Disaster Relief.

Contact: Nan Lang

The **Social Concerns Committee** plans and implements a variety of outreach and volunteer opportunities:

- Monthly opportunities include volunteering to work with **Habitat for Humanity**, serving lunch at **Wayside Christian Mission Soup Kitchen**, babysitting or fixing meals for **Cornerstone** (a program for young mothers organized by the Home of the Innocents at the Cathedral), and bringing food on the first Sunday of the month to be delivered to **Calvary** and **St. George's food pantries**. Dates each month are published in the newsletter, service bulletin and website: www.stmatt-ky.org. Sign-up sheets (when needed) can be found on the bulletin board.
- Ongoing opportunities include collection for the **Clothes Closet**, and the **Healing Place** (bed and bath linens), as well as the **Seaman's Ministry** (knitting scarves, collecting hard candy for Christmas, and donating books and DVDs throughout the year).
- Special events where volunteers are also needed are **Relay for Life**, **the Hunger Walk**, **Advent Tree**, and **St. MAM (St. Matthew's Area Ministries) Red Cross Blood Drive**, held at St. Matthew's.

Detailed information about each program is listed in the Social Concerns and Outreach Opportunities brochure in the Narthex by the reception desk.

Contact: Jody Fletcher

- The **Kitchen Committee** organizes and makes sure the kitchen is ready for groups to use.

Contact: Sharon Nesmith

St. Matthew's has a number of **small groups** that provide opportunities for service and fellowship - check out the bulletin board, website or service bulletin for information. Volunteers or members are currently needed for the following:

- The **Covenant Committee** meets with members of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church for fellowship and outreach projects such as **Every1Reads**. This fall both churches will "Raise the Roof" for a Habitat for a Humanity family on September 25-26. Many volunteers will be needed.
Contacts: Greg Kuhns, Covenant Committee
Bob Clark and Harry Tidwell, Habitat for Humanity
- **Cursillo**, a "short course" on the Christian faith, offers spiritual growth and increased theological understanding in the context of a loving and caring community. Cursillo is open to all adult members of the parish and begins with a weekend retreat. The next Cursillo is September 17-20 at All Saints Center.
Contact: Faith Huff
- The **Daughters of the King** is a lay order of women devoted to prayer and service. DOK members meet on the 1st Thursday of the month.
Contact: Ann Hines
- The **Green Team** provides education and opportunities for the parish to be good stewards of the earth.
Contacts: Louise Shawkat and Rhody Streeter
- **SMATS (The St. Matthew's Adult Travel Society)** takes occasional day trips exploring our area for fun and fellowship. This group is looking for someone to plan one activity this fall.
Contact: Karen Hill

Outreach

Grants are reviewed and awarded by this committee.

Contact: Bob Huffman

Lectors read the lessons (Scripture) and the Prayers of the People at the Eucharist. Lectors serve for a three-year term, reading once every 4 or 5 weeks. Lectors, obviously, must read well, which includes doing preparatory work to understand what is being read. Training provided.

Contact: Steve Ellis

Music is an extremely important part of our worship. Parishioners serve in the Adult Choir, which includes interested high schoolers (rehearsals Wednesday at 7:45 p.m.); two handbell groups (Wednesday Evening group rehearses Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., and the Golden Bells rehearse on Friday mornings at 9 a.m.); and the children's Treble Choir. Each group practices from September to May.

Contact: Barbara Ellis

Ushers prepare the church for worship, distribute bulletins, help with seating, pass and present the offering plates, assist with the flow of communicants, count attendance and secure the church after services. Training is provided. Ushers serve every 4-6 weeks.

Contacts: John Thomas, 8 a.m. service
Kitten Lawless, 10 a.m. service
Greg Kuhns, 5 p.m. service

Adult Education

A wide variety of classes are offered on Sundays and throughout the week. Details can be found in the newsletter, service bulletin and on the St. Matthew's website, www.stmatt-ky.org. Volunteers are needed for:

The **Adult Education Committee** plans and organizes the Sunday morning Adult Education offerings.

Contact: Judith Peoples

The **Dimensions of Faith Committee** brings nationally recognized speakers to St. Matthew's. Volunteers will be needed to help for the next speaker, Sara Miles, on November 15.

Contact: Bob Nesmith

The **St. Matthew's Library** is a multi-media resource for study and reflection by St. Matthew's parishioners, specifically in the areas of religious education, spiritual inspiration and personal nurture and growth. It is enjoyed by both adults and children, and also holds the church archives. Volunteers are welcomed.

Contacts: Lee Fletcher and Kathy Bowling

Via Media is an 8-week program that meets weekly with a simple supper to explore Christian Faith and the Episcopal Church. Volunteers are needed to prepare supper and lead small groups.

Contacts: Robin Garr and Mary Johnson

Stewardship

Vestry members work in cooperation with the rector to oversee the life and ministry of the parish. They are elected by the members of the parish and serve for three years. The Vestry meets at least once a month for prayer, business, and conversation. There are 15 adult members, 5 of whom are elected each year at the Annual Meeting. There is also one youth representative, serving a one-year term.

Contact: Greg Petrites

The **Finance Committee** develops the annual operating budget. The Committee reports to the vestry monthly, and to the entire parish at the Annual Meeting.

Contact: David Brooks

The **Every Member Canvass** is held each fall. It is a pledge drive for the coming year, as well as an opportunity to make a yearly connection with every parishioner. Volunteers are trained in September and work in October and early November.

Contact: Pat Mulloy

The **Monday Counters** count and prepare the deposit from the Sunday offerings.

Contact: Ruth Kempf

Property Maintenance volunteers ensure that the building, grounds and Memorial Garden are well cared for and maintained. Committees plan and oversee what needs to be done. Work days are announced when help is needed.

Contacts: Chris Bartholemew, Facilities;
Joel Latto, Grounds;
Ellen Robertson, Memorial Garden

Administrative Volunteers support the Parish Administrator at the reception desk, answer the telephone, assemble the bulletin, and help with other projects as needed.

Contact: Mardi Galvin

Publicity/Public Relations make sure that St. Matthew's is in the news. Ideas are welcome.

Contact: Robin Garr

Parish Life

Parish Life at St. Matthew's is rich and full. Whether we are welcoming newcomers, caring for members in the parish, or gathering in fellowship to celebrate the many blessings of life, there are many ways to get involved.

Parish Nurture groups serve the needs of our church family during times of illness, death, etc.

- The **Bereavement Ministry** sends a condolence card on the 3 month and 1 year anniversaries of deaths of family members.

Contact: Joan Day

- The **Bread Ministry** bakes/delivers a loaf of bread to first time visitors.

Contact: Ellyn Hamilton

- **Driving Assistance** provides transportation to medical appointments for those unable to drive.

Contact: Bill McKinney

- **Flower Deliveries** are made from Sunday's flowers on Monday morning to those sick or in the hospital, and for special occasions and anniversaries.

Contact: Mary Stites

- The **Funeral Visitation Committee** assists families who choose to have visitation at the church.

Contacts: Ann Hines, Lynn Reese, Sarah Weston

- The **Grief Recovery Group** provides support and community for parishioners seeking help through this process.

Contact: Joan Kincade

- The **Ministry for the Homebound** keeps regular contact with members who are homebound or living in a nursing home.

Contact: Joe Paul Pruett

Hospitality opportunities are numerous. We join together to host receptions celebrating members of the parish, and for major events such as the St. Matthew's Day Picnic in September, and the Summer Band Concert.

- The **Cooks and Bottlewashers** support events such as the Annual Luncheon, the Agape Dinner during Holy Week, the Parish Breakfast, and our Thanksgiving Dinner. There is always a need for people who enjoy working in this area. Ask to have your name added to the e-mail list to learn when help is needed.

Contact: Bill Stodghill