

THE VOICE OF

St. Matthew

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October 2015

Come Together Right Now

As a child I looked forward to Saturday evenings when my father would hand over my weekly allowance. Seems to me that it was rather meager. I think it was 75 cents, eventually went up to a dollar, and stayed there until at age 11 when I started to work at his retail store and made some “real money” at minimum wage.

At that time it was enough for me to have coins in my pocket and the ability to walk down to the Five and Dime store for more bubble gum than I could chew in a week. Sometimes I’d save up and spurge on an apple fried pie or a Twinkie or maybe a cheap toy.

But always, on Sunday morning I would watch the offering plate being passed down the aisle and my dad would put in several bills of money and once a month his monthly pledge. I was taught to give ten percent. So I’d place after him my small coins in the plate, often a collection of pennies. One time I asked him why it was so important for me to give my little bit of money. What difference did it make? He looked at me astonished like I had just been swearing in front of him. He said, “Son, what you put in that plate is as important as what everyone else puts in that plate.” I had a puzzled look of disbelief on my face and so he continued, “When you give you say you are a member of God’s family and you are committed to the good of the rest of the family.”

We rarely appreciate how important we are to one another. We have a way of underestimating our value to the rest of our faith family and to God. Our giving of self or wealth is our way of remembering that each of us is of immeasurable value. Our giving is our way of doing our part for the good of the rest of the family.

I invite you in this time of stewardship to reflect on your importance to the whole of God’s family at St. Matthew. Our theme this year is “Come Together, Right Now, Over Me.” May this be such a time for doing just that.

Stewardship Schedule

We begin a worship series, “Come Together, Right Now, Over Me.” Be sure to look and add your groove to the graffiti board!

Sunday, October 18

Theme: “Come Together”

Galatians 2:11-16 / Ephesians 4:1-5

The youth will lead us in making Tie-Dye t-Shirts during the fellowship time.

Sunday, October 25

Theme: “Don’t Worry, Be Happy”

Matthew 6:26-34

Sunday, November 1

Theme: “Embracing Wealth”

1 John 3:16-18

Sunday, November 8 - Commitment Sunday

Theme: “Giving the Blessing”

Genesis 1

We come together as the family of God at St. Matthew by bringing our pledge card and saying “we are in,” that we are going to do our part for the good of the whole.

Food on the First

Thanks to all who donated during the summer. It was very much appreciated. Here is what's needed in October:

- Canned chicken
- Canned pineapple slices
- Canned corn & creamed corn
- Canned carrots
- Cake & frosting
- Birthday Candles
- Honey
- Tampons & pads
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Razors

As always, please make sure the food is not expired and packages are not opened. If you have any questions, please call Betty Greer at 630.682.4084.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Kevin Bute
9	Torie Spitzer
11	Jimmy McKean
13	Jackie Keuck
14	Bill Beaton
	Megan Ogorzalek
15	Kerin Sancken
16	Kristen Henrickson
	Lynn Thornton
17	Rocio Chumas
	Lou Holland
18	Cameron Rosenthal
19	Sadie Roberts
20	Leah Hendrickson
21	Julie Mategrano
22g	Cheryl Heck
23	Sarah Muntz
25	John Umbeck
26	Amy Barnshaw
	Abby Jung
28	John Kouns
	Monte Schroer
30	Carol Young

Pennies From Heaven



If you are like some of us who have a limited income, this is the fundraiser for you. The retailers donate to the church, so it's a way to make your dollars stretch to include a little extra for St. Matthew.

No need to buy things you really don't want. **THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU SHOP EVERY WEEK, EVEN IF IT'S ONLY FOR YOUR GROCERIES AND GAS, AND BUY THOSE MANNA CARDS!**

If you are a Manna participant, thank you for your continuing support. If you have not tried it yet, stop by the Manna table in Dobstaff Hall on Sunday for more information on this no-cost fundraiser!

Administrative Assistant

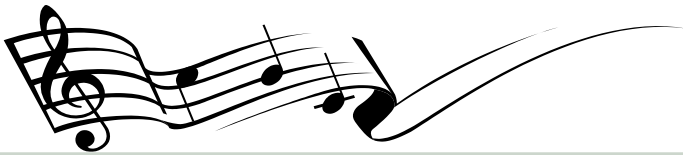
St. Matthew is looking for an administrative assistant. As you may know, St. Matthew's policy is to initially look outside of the congregation for staff openings. We are advertising on local websites. If you know of someone interested, please send an email to human.resources@stmatthewucc.org or contact anyone on the staff relations committee: Hi Baird, Dave Boyd, Brian English, Joe Hall, or Dawn Schubert.

Recent Baptisms

*Our church has been honored to take part in the baptism and blessing
of these two children this summer:*

Michael Raymond Henderson, son of Mary and Greg Henderson, was born June 19, 2015 and baptized August 23. Sponsors were Kevin and Andrea O'Shea. Michael is the little brother of Evelyn and Olivia. Grandparents are Barbara and John Amidei, Laureen and Guy Henderson.

Benjamin Adam Jung, son of Abby and Adam Jung, was born May 25, 2015 and baptized August 30. Sponsors were Tracy Danis and Laura Jung. Benjamin is the little brother of William Logan (age 2) and grandson of Ronald and Deborah Jung, Leslie Ortman and Richard Ortman.



Notes from the Music Room.....

The year has gotten off to a good start. Rehearsals are going well, and the fellowship, after a summer away, is great to experience. Laughter and hard work go well together, but we need some additional people for both the Sanctuary Choir and the Praise Band, vocalists and instrumentalists.

Speaking of additional people, Cantata rehearsals will start Wednesday, October 7. Cantata rehearsal will be from 7:30 to 8:30 pm with choir rehearsal starting at 8:30. Please join us.

We are still in the process of looking for someone to lead the Children's Choir. I will let you know as more details arise. If you or anyone you know is interested, please see me or Pastor Allen.

Yours in Christ through music,

Jamie Craig
Director of Music
630-202-6788
Lanni1@comcast.net

Children's Ministry

October 2015

School and Sunday School year Blessing/Rally Day



We are off to a good start this Sunday School year. Rally Day was a fun day for all. Thank you to all the committees for having games and prizes for the children's enjoyment. During worship, to celebrate the new school year, the children gathered together for a Backpack Blessing. The teachers in our congregation were also invited to receive a blessing for the new school year. A dedication litany was said for our Sunday School teachers and shepherds, asking God to be with them as they lead the St. Matthew children on their faith journey. In Sunday School the children made "About Me" banners that are hanging in Dobstaff Hall. Take a look at them so you can get to know our Sunday

School children a little better. You might find that you have something in common with some of them. I learned that Callista Roser and I both have the same favorite food, ICE CREAM!

Bozo Buckets



Snow Cone Break



Dunk the Pastor



Zap! Slay the Giant

David was just a boy when King Saul invited him to play the harp for him. So impressed by the soothing effect of David's music, King Saul demanded David remain at the Castle to play whenever King Saul needed to be soothed by his music. **Karen Banaszewski brought her harp, similar to the one David would have used, and she played beautiful soothing music for the children.** They were thrilled to have an opportunity to play the harp themselves.



Zap, Slay the Giant continued...

In Workshop Rotation and Preschool Sunday School the children will continue to learn how young David was chosen to slay Goliath, who was over 9 feet tall. Drama, story, games and art workshops will teach this lesson of faith and bravery.

Stewardship Tie-Dye event

On October 18th following worship, the children will be dismissed to attend a Stewardship all-church tie-dye event in Dobstaff Hall. Each family member will receive a St. Matthew shirt to tie-dye. Please make sure to dress your child appropriately, as their clothes might get a little messy!!



"Goliath, you don't scare me!"



Trunk-or-Treat

It's time to start thinking about costumes and trunk decorating for our Annual Community Trunk or Treat event, **October 25th from 3-5pm**. After trick or treating from car to car, families can enjoy food and games inside. Mark your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors to this fun, safe Halloween celebration. **If you're interested in decorating your car trunk or donating candy, please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex.**

After Halloween, if you are looking for a place to donate all that leftover candy, consider donating it to Children's Ministry for our care package mission project. Care packages are sent out to St. Matthew military men and women and college students. After Halloween we will have a basket in the narthex for candy donations.



We say a sad goodbye to our nursery caregiver, Jessica Gue. Jessica has been a loving presence in our nursery for almost four years and we will miss her. Our new nursery caregiver, Kelsey Jones, will begin on October 4th. If you have a chance, stop by the nursery to welcome her.



Sunday, October 25th
3-5pm

hosted by St. Matthew UCC
www.stmatthewucc.org

① St. Matthew UCC
1420 S. Gables Blvd. in Wheaton

Bring your little ones to trick-or-treat from trunk to trunk.
A hotdog lunch, dessert, crafts and games will follow indoors.
This event is FREE and open to the entire community!

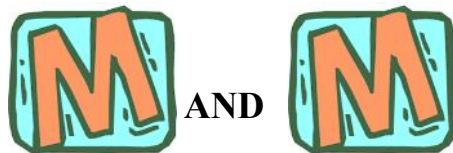


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We need volunteers to decorate their trunk for this fun event. Sign-up is in the narthex. If you have any questions contact Susan Wold.



Moments Together and Memories Forever

M & M is an ongoing program intended to give adults and children of St. Matthew an opportunity of get to know one another better. Those who sign up will be randomly paired together for an opportunity to become better acquainted over the next twelve months.

During the year events will be planned by the M&M coordinator. These events include lunch, games, mission projects, crafts, and more.

Sign-up for this fun program will be in the narthex. It is a great way to make new friends within our church family. Children (Preschool-6th grade) and adults of all ages are welcome. Sign-up will continue throughout the early fall, and pairings will take place later this month.



If you have any questions, please contact Krista Caprini 630-665-1128, caprini2323@gmail.com



Upcoming Events!

Red: Adult/Parent Meetings | Black: Crazies Special Events |
Green: Crazies Regular Events | Blue: All-Church Events

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St. Matthew UCC

Crazies Fellowship and Study	Sunday, October 4 th	6-8pm
Crazies Fellowship and Study	Sunday, October 11 th	6-8pm
Crazies Fall Overnight	Sat., Oct. 17 th - Sun., Oct. 18 th	8pm-11:30am
Help Tie-Dye T-shirts after worship!	Sunday, October 18 th	10:30-11:30am
NO Fellowship and Study	Sunday, October 18 th	OFF
Trunk-Or-Treat	Sunday, October 25 th	3-5pm
Crazies Halloween Party	Sunday, October 25 th	5:30-8pm
Crazies Fellowship and Study	Sunday, November 1 st	6-8pm
Sleep Out Saturday	Sat., Nov. 7 th - Sun., Nov. 8 th	TBD
NO Crazies	Sunday, November 8 th	OFF
Mission Trip Info Meeting	Sunday, November 15 th	5:30-6pm
Special Gathering with FCCGE	Sunday, November 15 th	6-8:30 pm
Crazies Fellowship and Study	Sunday, November 15 th	6-8pm
Crazies Christmas Shopping	Sunday, November 22 nd	TBD
Turkey Bowl Football Game	Thursday, November 26 th	8-10am
NO Crazies	Sunday, November 29 th	OFF

Sign up to provide meals and a loving presence!

We need YOUR help, adults, to make Crazies happen every Sunday. Please use the sign-up sheet outside of our sanctuary or email Emily Davis at youth.ministry@stmatthewucc.org to sign up to help out on Sunday evenings by providing a meal for 12 or giving 2 hours of your time to hanging out with some awesome kids.

FREE STUFF for Crazies & Parents!

All Crazies who get their Registration Forms turned in will receive a surprise gift from the infamous Trunk 'o Junk! Don't have your Registration Form--complete with **FREE TOTE BAG**--yet? Pick 'em up any time from Emmy at the church office.



A Special Thank You

In 2001, while on a mission trip to Honduras, a group from St. Matthew met the Guzman family. Catalina Guzman, a single mother, was raising her 3 children – Claudeth, Cinthia and Daniel – in a mountain shack (photos 1,2). A group returned in 2004 to build the Guzman family home (photo 3). That same year, with the help of sponsors and the congregation via the mission fund, we began sending Claudeth and Daniel to a private bilingual school. Six years later, in 2010, we attended Daniel's 6th grade graduation (photo 4).

In 2011 we returned to build a safety wall around the Guzman home (photo 5). In the winter of 2014 Daniel came to visit us at St. Matthew while on a class trip (photo 6). This year, it is our hope that Claudeth will be able to visit while on her class trip. This past June, because of the generosity of St. Matthew, Daniel graduated from the Albert Einstein International School of San Pedro Sula Honduras (photo 7). We are so proud of Daniel, who already has a job and is hoping to attend college in the future. Claudeth began the 10th grade this year. Below is the email Daniel sent on behalf of his family. (Photo 8 was taken at Daniel's graduation dinner.) These photos show the transformation that was made as a result of St. Matthew's generosity. If you are interested in being a Guzman sponsor, contact Susan Wold!

Dear St. Matthew friends,

Well this message is for the big friends that we have got at St. Matthew and for the friends who came a long time ago, the angels that came to be in our heart and help us with a lot of problems and to be with us always. You saw our need and have always been the best friends for us. WE THE GUZMAN FAMILY GIVE THANKS TO ALL OUR BIG FRIENDS THAT GOD GAVE US that day in 2001 when we met you. You came to our little town to help another family but we talk to you and you saw that we could be friends too and have a BIG relationship. You have helped us in good ways always because you always help us with the things that we need and helped my mother to take us forward. My thanks to all our FRIENDS OF THE ST. MATTHEW CHURCH, because without you none of this would be true and our life would be very poor. We the Guzman family THANK GOD EVERY DAY because He sent all of you that week in 2001 to help us and be our friend FOREVER.

For my part I thank you for all the things that you have given me during almost half of my life. You helped me with my education and have made me a better person. Because of the opportunity you have given me I will be able to take it forward, help my family and be the best person ever. I receive a job at Tracfone as an agent helping people. I get this job because I learn English. That is because of the big opportunity you give me.

Thank you to all our friends who we have known many years because you come 6 times to visit us. We remember every time and hold it in our heart!! And thank you to the many people who are sponsored to us: Susan, Jeannine, Pastor Neil, Bob, Kurt, Michael, David, Diane, Lesley Ann, Leslie Ortman, Joe, Glen, Sue, Lee, Bill, Jan, Bill, Julie, Bob, June, Wendy, Jim, Christine, Julie, Rocio, Haley, Diana, Pastor Allen and all the other friends that came to visit us; also all the people that I missed. I remember all of your faces but forget some of the names, like the woman who brought me to the church to be with fellow students (she has black sports car) and the woman who is in control of the students and went with to the Great America. Thank you also to our many friends who I met when I visit St. Matthew. You helped our family when you did not know us and for that we give thanks.

My family and I give thanks to God for all of you and for all the things and LOVE that you give us and have for us. We are always going to have all of you in OUR HEART FOREVER!! YOU ARE THE BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO US!

Thanks for all, Tito DANIEL and Guzman family

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Sixth Grade 2009-2010

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Newcomers Welcome

If you have been visiting St. Matthew and would like to learn more about the Congregation, there will be a brief meeting on Sunday, November 1 after worship. Pastor Allen will meet in the parlor to talk about mission opportunities, Christian Education and Congregational Life events here at St. Matthew. Babysitting will be available. Please call the office at 630.665.1236 or email office@stmatthewucc.org if you'd like to attend or if you have any questions.

Want to Become a Member of St. Matthew?

We are welcoming new members into the St. Matthew family on November 15th. Please contact the Church Office at office@stmatthewucc.org if you are interested in joining.



Stewardship Corner: Leveraging Your Passion

Hello, St. Matthew! We are always in need of help to carry out the mission of St. Matthew. We typically use a Time and Talent (T&T) sheet as part of our annual Stewardship Campaign to identify how members and friends of St. Matthew can use their time to make our Christian community stronger. This year we are planning to change it up a bit. We are considering replacing the T&T sheet with a quarterly call for help, where we can focus on those areas in which we are in most need of help. This write-up provides a very brief overview of each of our major committees.

- **Worship Committee:** All things related to worship, from service planning to music to special services to electronic production
- **Christian Education Committee:** Growing in faith through Sunday School, Bible School, etc.
- **Membership Committee:** Welcoming our existing members and helping to get the St. Matthew message out to Wheaton and surrounding communities
- **Congregational Life Committee:** Planning events and parties for our members and friends
- **Mission Committee:** Helping to organize and administer our fantastic outreach programs to those in need
- **Building Committee:** Keeping our grounds beautiful and our facility functioning

Do you want to share your passion with St. Matthew but find yourself a bit reluctant because of concerns about the time commitment? Are you a bit unsure of how to bring your passion to life? A quick conversation with anyone in church leadership can help you gain a better understanding of how to leverage your passion while working alongside fellow Christians to make a difference in people's lives.

Please take a moment to consider what gifts you have that you can lend to St. Matthew, and we ask that you please engage us in conversation. Thank you in advance!

The Stewardship Committee

Opening and Affirming Update

As mentioned in the September edition of The Voice, at the direction of the church council we have begun a process of exploring whether to recommend that St. Matthew officially become an Open and Affirming church. “Open and Affirming” is a formal designation for a congregation that has adopted a specific statement of openness and affirmation towards those who have in the past been hurt and excluded by the Christian church.

The committee consists of Lee Staton (committee chair), Alex Alavi, Jennifer Buhmann, Carol Honeywell, Diane Mook, Leslie Ortman, and Dorothy Peterson, with Pastor Allen overseeing our efforts. We have begun discussions on some of the questions that have been raised so far, such as “Why do we need to go through the formal process?” There are several possible answers, such as reassuring those who may feel excluded from the Christian community that we welcome and accept them as they are, and a desire to publicly offer an alternative voice to long-held prejudices within the religious world. We are eager to share our discussions with you and to continue receiving input, so we encourage you to talk to Pastor Allen or to anyone on the exploration committee regarding questions or feedback you may have.

Mark your calendars to attend a discussion forum after the worship service on November 1st. As the exploration continues, the congregation will have the final decision on how to proceed, so your input is a valuable part of this process.

The Bible: Encountering Scripture in New Ways

This fall we are holding a series of engaging studies to invigorate and deepen understanding of the Bible as we learn how to make it relevant for our lives. We are engaging in a video-based study of the Bible at the church on Thursday evenings at 7pm. The sessions are thoughtful, edgy, and present interesting ideas. Dawn Schubert, Emmy Davis, and Pastor Allen are leading the sessions.

Oct. 8	Testaments: Dealing with Old and New	Rachel Held-Evans
Oct. 15	Gospels: Why 4 Gospels & Differences?	Nadia Bolz-Weber
Oct. 22	Genre: Rhythm of the Text	Jose Morales
Oct. 29	Interpretation: Making Sense of the Bible	Will Willimon
Nov. 5	Grace: Love is the Bottom Line	Jay Bakker

ESSE—Thanks and Pancakes!

Many thanks to the following individuals who helped with ESSE this month: Tracey Blake, Wendy Fanning, Marilyn Giese, Betty Greer, Marla Mothershed (and their dog Shelby), Linda Raymond, and Monnie Stoller. The clients and staff SO appreciate your treats and gift of time!

Speaking of ESSE: as many of you know, I (Dawn Schubert) recently became President of the ESSE Board of Directors. St. Matthew has been a supporter of ESSE since its inception in 1983. I succeeded Diane Mook, who had served on the board for many years. I would like to invite all of you to come out and support our largest fundraiser of the year. It's the annual Pancake Breakfast, and this year marks the 19th year. The breakfast will be on Saturday, November 7th from 7:30-11 am at St. Paul Lutheran Church (515 S. Wheaton Ave.), and tickets are **\$5.00**. There will be raffle and door prizes as well as a silent auction. I will have tickets at church, but you can also buy them at the door. **PLEASE** help me sell my quota of tickets and support a WONDERFUL organization! I hope to see many of you there. The pancakes ARE great!



Some of the congregation may be aware that Sam Kouns has been dealing with kidney problems for several years. The progression of her disease means that she is now receiving kidney dialysis three times a week. She has been told that now is the time to explore the possibility of a kidney transplant. Her best chance of doing this will be if someone with her blood type is willing to donate a kidney. Her blood type is O negative. We realized this would be a big decision for anyone, but we invite those who have the possibility to prayerfully consider it. For more information, talk to Sam.

Pig Roast—Thank you!

The second annual Pig Roast is but a memory, but a fond memory at that. More than 60 folks enjoyed a wonderful dinner on Saturday, Sept. 26th, with a 110-pound pig and many delicious sides. We thank the VERY generous couple who, once again, donated this wonderful dinner. Also, special thanks to Lee and Bill Staton for all of their efforts with set-up, take-down, and LOTS in between.

*Thank
you*



P.A.D.S. ALERT

Our next time slot for serving at P.A.D.S. is October 14-15, which is during the same week as the mission trip to Biloxi. A lot of our regular workers and food preparers will be away, so we ESPECIALLY need your help this month to fill all the time and food slots. Also, as always, cash donations are appreciated to purchase food items that may not have been donated.

Many thanks!!

Your PADS Committee

Coffee Potluck Reminder

St. Matthew needs your help with Fellowship Hour. Please bring donuts, fruit, cheese, crackers, or other goodies to share with the congregation after worship service. We are thrilled to have so many new visitors and members, but we need to make sure that the amount of treats and volunteers can keep up with our growing numbers. Please help in providing goodies for this important time of community and fellowship. Here is a reminder of our suggested schedule: Those with last name beginning with A, B, C: 1st Sunday of the month; D, E, F, G: 2nd Sunday; H, I, J, K: 3rd Sunday; L - Z: 4th Sunday; anyone: 5th Sunday. Thank you!

Driver Job for Marian Park

Marian Park has purchased a 14-passenger handicapped-accessible bus and will be sharing it with two other entities. Its main focus will be transporting seniors to shopping and food pantries, but may also include pre-school moms and kids' field trips and after-school trips. They are in need of a competent driver (experience driving a bus or larger vehicle would be great) with strong social and problem-solving skills (basic mechanical skills a plus). It's a full-time position with benefits, 30-40 hours a week. If you know and can recommend anyone, please contact Julie Schubert at 630-936-6118 or tijjr7@att.net.

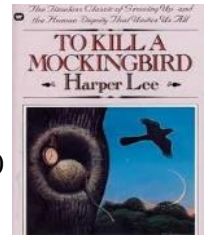


2016 Costa Rica Mission Trip Meeting

There will be a meeting on October 18th after worship for anyone who may be interested in going to Costa Rica next summer. We will be looking at dates and the cost. Please contact Julie Schubert at 630-936-6118 or tijjr7@att.net with questions.

Upcoming Events

NOVEL APPROACHES The novel to be approached in October is “To Kill a Mockingbird” by Harper Lee. Martyred civil rights activist Jonathan Daniels wrote of this classic novel: “To Kill a Mockingbird is an authentic and nostalgic story which in rare fashion at once puts together the tenderness and tragedy of the South. They are the inseparable ingredients of a region much reported but seldom so well understood.” The date: Friday, October 23 at 7:30 pm. The place: the Mooks, 1523 Surrey Drive, Wheaton. All are welcome! Please join us for lively discussion, food and fellowship. LOOKING AHEAD: In November we will read “Go Set a Watchman,” the recently released “prequel” also written by Harper Lee.



HANDBELL CONCERTS Tickets NOW on sale for The Agape Ringers' *Sounds of the Season* show with guest artists Joel Raney & Jane Holstein. Several NEW releases will be debuted. **Sat 12/12 4pm Elmhurst CRC** Tickets can be purchased at www.agaperingers.org ~~~~~Bells in Motion, directed by KC Congdon along with ringer Kirsten Hendrickson, will perform *A Ringing Christmas*. More information can be found at www.bellsinmotion.org.

SLEEP OUT SATURDAY Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 7th. Not only is it Euchre night at St. Matthew, it is also Sleep Out Saturday (SOS). This annual event, sponsored by Bridge Communities, has had a St. Matthew youth presence for several years. We sleep out to raise much-needed funds for the Transitional Housing Program as well as to raise awareness about the plight of the homeless right here in our midst in DuPage County. We will again participate this year, and we ask for your financial support. Any and ALL are also welcome to sleep out on the church grounds that night. We will have a link through the Bridge page to make an online donation (details to follow in the Happenings), or you can write a check to St. Matthew with SOS in the memo line. For details on this event, please contact Emmy Davis or Dawn Schubert. Thanks in advance for your support!



DONATE BLOOD IN OCTOBER Just call the Heartland Blood Center and make an appointment with St. Matthew's code 101157. You can go to any Heartland Blood Center; the number for the one in Winfield is 630-690-3222. Any questions, contact Julie Schubert at 630-936-6118.



EUCHRE NIGHT Saturday, November 7th at 7pm in Dobstaff Hall, come join friends at St. Matthew for a friendly Euchre tournament. Euchre is a card game played in pairs. Singles and couples are welcome, as you will be rotating throughout the evening with different partners. Feel free to bring friends who may want to get to know St. Matthew better. Not sure that you remember how to play? Come at 6 pm for a refresher course. Bring a snack or drink. Sign up at church or email Roseanne King at kingz@me.com.

MARIAN PARK THANKSGIVING DINNER St. Matthew is planning a Thanksgiving dinner for about 50 Marian Park senior citizens on Tuesday, November 24th. The dinner will be served at 6:30PM at the Marian Park facility in the Senior Citizen community room. We need 3-4 people to help serve and celebrate this day with the seniors. Please contact Alex Alavi at alex.alavi@sbcglobal.net or (630) 772-4449 if you can help.

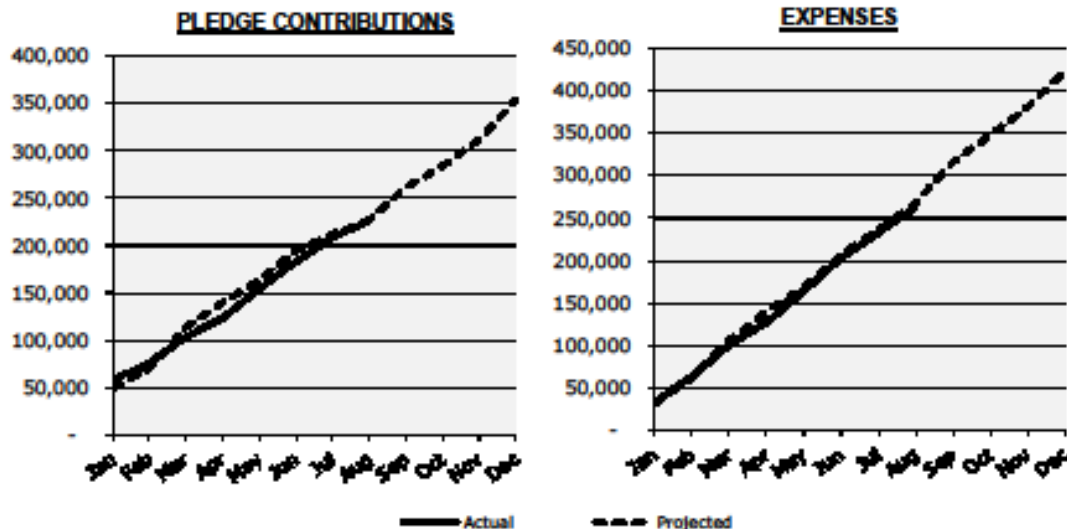


**ST. MATTHEW UCC GENERAL OPERATING FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES**

For the Period Ended August 31, 2015

	ACTUAL CURRENT MONTH	ACTUAL YEAR-TO- DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET
RECEIPTS:			
Pledge Contributions	17,762	226,309	354,327
Loose Offerings	543	4,333	10,000
Rental Income	520	2,280	5,000
Fund Raising	462	2,562	8,000
Investment Income	53	1,136	-
More Property	-	16,500	46,000
More Property (special projects)	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	19,340	253,121	423,327
EXPENDITURES:			
Ministry	16,516	146,861	229,129
Building	7,544	72,545	116,028
Mortgages & Notes	2,229	17,833	26,750
Mission / OCWM	700	13,736	29,000
Committees:			
Christian Education	1,048	6,289	10,270
Membership	35	1,012	2,750
Music	1,347	2,922	4,500
Worship	72	1,135	1,500
Endowment	-	-	-
Congregational Life	-	363	800
Memorial	-	-	100
Stewardship	-	-	500
Misc. & Contingency	-	-	2,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (before Special Projects)	29,491	262,697	423,327
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$ (10,151)	\$ (9,576)	\$ -

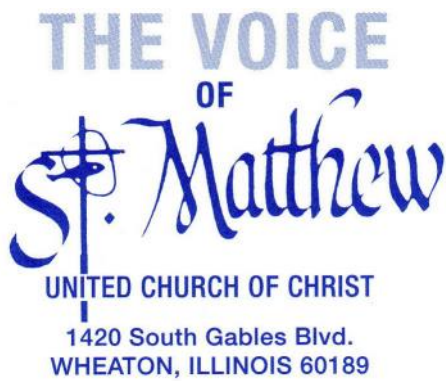
2015 Activity - Actual vs. Projected



Please contact John Adams if you have questions or need additional information.

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Tuesdays <i>6p IntergeneRingers</i> <i>7:30p Chancel Ringers</i>	Wednesday <i>6:30p Praise Band</i> <i>7:30p Sanctuary Choir</i>	<i>1</i> <i>7p Adult Ed</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> <i>-9a Confirmation Trip</i>
<i>4</i> <i>-9:30a Worship Service</i> <i>-6p crazies</i>	<i>5</i> <i>7p Christian Ed</i>	<i>6</i> <i>1p Digital Ministry</i>	<i>7</i> <i>2:15p Prayer Group</i>	<i>8</i> <i>-6:30p Confirmation</i> <i>-7p Adult Ed</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i> <i>-9:30a Worship Service</i> <i>-Back Bay Mission Trip</i> <i>-6p crazies</i>	<i>12</i> <i>7p Worship Committee</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> <i>2:15p Prayer Group</i>	<i>15</i> <i>-6p SRC</i> <i>-7p Adult Ed</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i> <i>-9:30a Worship Service</i> <i>-6p crazies</i>	<i>19</i> <i>7p Building Committee</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> <i>2:15p Prayer Group</i>	<i>22</i> <i>-7p Adult Ed</i> <i>-7p Council</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i> <i>-9:30a Worship Service</i> <i>-3p Trunk-or-Treat</i> <i>-Voice Articles Due</i> <i>-6p crazies</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> <i>2:15p Prayer Group</i>	<i>29</i> <i>-7p Adult Ed</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>



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Our Purpose:

Become, Live, and Serve as Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our Identity:

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome and accepted here at St. Matthew United Church of Christ.

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