

THE VOICE OF

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JUNE/JULY 2016

NOT PERFECT

Pastoral Message

Rev. Allen Mothershed

Do you ever have a morning when you wake up anxious about your day? Maybe you have spent the night tossing and turning and worrying about things. Perhaps you even give up and get out of bed in the middle of the night and write out a plan of what you are going to do the next day to alleviate your anxious concerns.

I recently read an article by Anthony B. Robinson that helped me. He pointed out something I had noticed before in the Bible, but never gave much thought to its significance. He notes how in the Bible a day begins with one evening and ends the next evening. A day is not from morning to evening. A night and a day make “a day.” This means that a day begins before we wake up. It does not depend on us to get going. The day does not start the moment we get out of bed, as if the world were dependent on us. This may bruise our egos, but it does a lot to put us in a more healthy place. Maybe it is not all up to us.

Then there is another point he makes. When God created the heavens and the earth, God said, “It’s very good.” Very good is wonderful, but it is not perfect. God creates a world that is not quite completely perfect, and that means maybe there is still room for each of us to contribute something. Besides, God created us as God’s helpers. We are “co-creators” and we have an opportunity to make our mark on the world.

You just need to remember that your contribution will not need to be perfect, especially if God’s part was limited to “very good!” The other gift of this lesson is to never forget that the world goes on without you before you wake up and after you go to sleep. So enjoy this day and all it brings to you. There will never be another one quite like it.

Blessings,

Pastor Allen

MISSION NEWS

Food on the First

Thank you to all who donated in May. It is really appreciated more than you know. Here's what is needed for June:

- Canned pineapple
- Canned peaches
- Cold cereal
- Hamburger, Tuna, and Chicken Helper
- Juice
- White rice
- Diapers- all sizes
- Baby wipes
- Disposable razors
- Feminine pads
- Deodorant

As always, please make sure items have not expired and packages are unopened. Any questions, please call Betty Greer at 630.682.4084.

Blessings to all.

St. Matthew is once again sponsoring acreage in Forrest, Illinois, which will be planted, harvested and 100% of the proceeds used to help poor areas in the world learn how to grow crops to sustain themselves. This is not a handout but a hand-up. Please stop by the table in the narthex and see for yourself how your contribution can multiply and help stop the hunger in less fortunate areas around the world. We need your help. Sponsorships are accepted for as little as 1/8 acre or \$31.00. Full acres can be sponsored for \$250 each, and you have until the end of September to pay. Please contact Terry Young or Gwen Johnson with questions or for more information.

Please consider how you can help the hungry people in the world.



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Please join me in thanking everyone that participated in music in 2015-2016. You greatly added to our worship experience.

With that, it is time for summer music. Please help give the music groups a break and share your musical talents. Solos, duets, trios, small groups, instrumental, vocals or any combination are welcome. Please sign up in the narthex.

Peace,
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music.director@stmatthewucc.org.
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CHILDREN & YOUTH

Vacation Bible School

June 20th-24th, 9am -Noon

"Those who look to Him are radiant..." Psalm 34:5

Five days of songs, stories, snacks, games and crafts.

June 24th, 7pm – Family Ice Cream Social and performance.

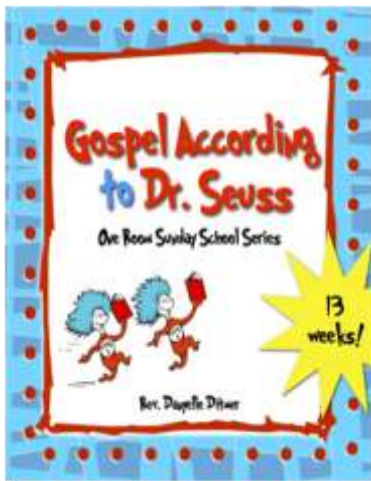
Registration forms are available in the narthex and the church office.

Share them with neighbors, family, and friends.



*We are in need of volunteers to lead groups for Vacation Bible School and leaders for the Summer Sunday School lesson described below. If you are able to help, please contact

susan.wold@stmatthewucc.org



Summer Sunday School June 5th through September 11th, dismissal time 10:30am.

Rev. Ditmer studied some of the greatest theologians of the Christian faith. But when he started to reread beloved books from his childhood like *Horton Hears a Who* and *Green Eggs and Ham* to his children, he discovered another great theologian-

Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss! He created this study for children to help them see this beloved children's author as a teacher of faith, too. Over the summer the children will learn about following the way of Jesus through Dr. Seuss' books. If you have any of the books listed that you could loan us for this summer lesson, please contact

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Horton Hears a Who
What Was I Scared Of?
Oh, the Things You Can Think
The Cat in the Hat
How the Grinch Stole Christmas

My Book About Me, By ME, Myself
Green Eggs and Ham
The Zax
Bartholomew and the Oolbleck
The Butter Battle Book

Thank you again to all the volunteers who helped with Christian Education this past Sunday School year: nursery, Sunday School, events and crazies. If you were not at Volunteer Sunday on May 15th, please pick up your DVD gift in the narthex. It is a special video made for you by the St. Matthew children and youth.



June/July Birthdays:

Sean Walsh 6/13, Annabel Sturm 6/14, Michael Henderson 6/19
Tyler Bute 7/2

SUMMER SCHEDULE

School may be done, but our youth ministry programs are not! Join us on Sundays and Tuesdays this summer for some serious fun. Dates are below-contact Emmy for details.



crazies on Sundays

Join us from 6:30-8pm

crazies will meet on Sundays all summer. Our only date off is July 3rd (for Independence Day weekend). Eat dinner at home, then come join us for fellowship and faith! Parents and adults, please contact Emmy to sign up as a chaperone to help us fulfill our Safe Sanctuary code this summer.

Hang Out Tuesdays

That's right! Hang Out Tuesdays are back! Every other Tuesday this summer, plan to join Emmy at the church for some serious fun with your crazies pals.

HOT Dates: June 7 - June 21 - July 5 - July 19 - August 2 - August 16
(Times to be determined)

Father's Day Car Wash

The crazies Car Wash will be Sunday, June 19th - yes, that's Father's Day! Come raise money for the Youth Fund (and come give your blessings to all the dads in worship!). We will meet at 9am to get ready to wash some cars.

Get on Our Mailing Lists

Have a kid who's entering 6th-12th grade? Want to get involved with the crazies? Wish you knew more about what the St. Matthew youth are up to? Send your e-mail and snail-mail addresses to Youth Ministry Director, Emmy Davis, at youth.ministry@stmatthewucc.org to receive the most up-to-date information about everything our program has to offer.

Plant Sale Thank You

Thank you to all who purchased and sold flowers and vegetables in our annual plant sale - and a special thanks to Judi Gonzalez! You all helped make this year another great success.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



Come help us kick off Summer!
The All-Church Picnic will be held on June 5th imme-

diately after the worship service. Please bring a side dish or dessert. We are planning a number of games to engage families of all ages. The picnic will be held inside if it is raining, so please plan to come rain or shine.



Our return to the Kane County Cougars is set for June 30th and we have sold over 30 tickets. Many thanks to Sheila Spinner for setting up shop in Dob-

staff Hall each Sunday

after church to sell tickets. We will have a drawing for an original Longaberger basket filled with baseball - themed items – one entry per ticket for those that were sold by the end of May.

The in-game entertainment will be provided by the ZOOperstars, a traveling inflatable entertainment act utilizing comedy, acrobatics, tricks and maneuvers accompanied by synchronized dancing. The ZOOper stars are sure to draw many smiles.

A fireworks show will begin immediately following the game.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Aimee McGrath
- 3 Noah Baird
Al Franz
- 6 Bob Armstrong
- 8 Jim Mathieson
- 9 Wendy Fanning
Randy King
- 12 Daniel Gonzalez
- 14 Andrea DiOrio
- 15 Kenna Anderson
- 16 Bill SooHoo
- 17 Lesley Ebel
- 18 June Adams
Aimee Legatzke
Will Matthei
- 19 Jan More
- 20 Justin Ciner
Ellen Ribe
- 23 Kurt Madsen
Kelly Chapple
Tim Raymond
- 25 Roseanne King
- 26 Andrew Craig
- 28 Dennis Luehring
- 30 Julie Schubert
Elizabeth Trout

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Derek Breese
Martin Breese
Mikaela Breese
Alison McGrath
David Uhrig
- 3 Diane Breese
- 5 Brooke Stubbe
- 8 Glenn Sapa
- 9 Nancy Lewis
Becca Staton
- 11 Krista Caprini
- 15 Patti Woods
- 16 Marla Mothershed
- 17 Priscilla Barnett
- 19 Cindy Bute
- 22 Karen Banaszewski
- 27 Lindsay Blake
Michele Kirincich
- 29 Carol Honeywell
Jack Schlenker
Dan Miller
- 31 Marge Brooks



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



All graduating **high school and college students** are invited to be honored in worship on **Sunday, June 5th**. Join us to receive a special blessing and gift from your church family.

Visitation and Memorial Service for Suzanne "Sam" Kouns

Visitation for Sam will be held Friday, June 3rd from 3-8pm at Hultgren Funeral Home in Wheaton, 304 N. Main St., [630.668.0027](tel:630.668.0027).

A Memorial Service celebrating Sam's life will be held Saturday, June 11th at 10:30am at St. Matthew, followed by a reception and interment at the church.



On **Monday, June 6th at 9am** we will get back into action to get the landscape of St. Matthew Church ready for spring and summer. Bring tools for gardening (rakes, clippers, shovels, tarps, etc.). We will also do some painting, and cleaning out of the storm sewers. Many hands make light work, so please come and help. Contact Dave Mook for more information.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

We will again be marching in the 4th of July parade to collect food and cash for two local food pantries. We need marchers for the approximate time period of 9am to noon. Please sign up in the narthex or contact Gwen Johnson, gwenjohnson24@yahoo.com or **630.665.7577** so we know how many carts to obtain. Also, please consider donating items for the People's Resource Center to stock the carts. It is a great way to help someone else and have a great time doing it.

See you on the 4th!





St. Matthew UCC

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016

June 20th-24th
9am-12pm

Music-Games-Snacks-Stories-Crafts

Family Ice Cream Social & Performance
Friday 6/24
7pm

EUCHRE CLUB NIGHT

Tuesday, July 19th

7pm - Dobstaff Hall

Come join us on Tuesday, July 19th for our next tournament. We have moved the date to mid-week for the summer. College and high school students welcome! Please bring a snack or drink to share.

Sign up at church or email Roseanne King, kingz@me.com.



PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Summer is here, time for games and picnics! Check out some of our Manna retailers - American Eagle, Finish Line, Footlocker, Lands' End, and Nike. Get your picnic supplies at Sam's Club, Gordon Food Service, Whole Foods, or Mariano's Fresh Market.



Father's Day is June 19. Treat Dad to a gift card!

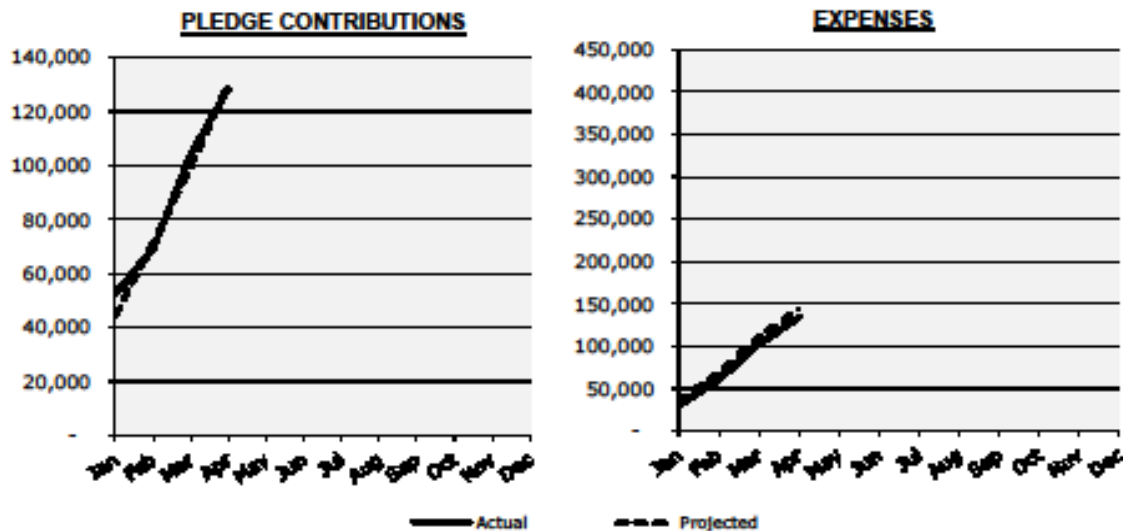
By the end of June, we'll be halfway through the year. We have an \$8,000 budget line for fundraising and if we expect the Manna Program to do that for us, our target is \$2,000 per quarter. Through mid-May we've made only \$1,406, 35% of our mid-year goal. School may be out, but Manna is still running and we need your help. Keep participating throughout the summer. **Remember, you get full value for the cards you buy. There are no fees!**

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

For the Period Ended April 30, 2016

	ACTUAL CURRENT MONTH	ACTUAL YEAR-TO- DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET
RECEIPTS:			
Pledge Contributions	24,487	128,389	353,000
Loose Offerings	227	1,260	10,000
Rental Income	200	840	5,000
Fund Raising	288	1,276	8,000
Investment Income	2	9	-
More Property	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	25,204	131,775	376,000
EXPENDITURES:			
Ministry	17,594	76,066	234,195
Building	9,614	37,573	118,253
Mortgages & Notes	2,229	8,917	26,750
Mission / OCWM	1,550	6,750	29,200
Committees:			
Christian Education	390	2,517	9,970
Membership	10	134	2,750
Music	20	1,110	4,700
Worship	-	410	1,500
Congregational Life	-	199	800
Memorial	-	45	100
Stewardship	-	-	500
Misc. & Contingency	-	100	1,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	31,407	133,821	429,718
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$ (6,203)	\$ (2,046)	\$ (53,718)

2016 Activity - Actual vs. Projected



Please contact Howard Peterson if you have questions or need additional information.

June 2016

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

			1 7pm - Bible Study	2	3	4
5 9:30am - Worship Service Graduation Sunday 11am - All-Church picnic 6:30pm – crazies	6 9am – Church grounds clean-up 7pm - Christian Education	7 crazies-Hang Out Tuesday	8 7pm - Bible Study	9	10	11
12 9:30am -Worship Service 6:30pm - crazies	13	14 7pm - Membership	15	16 7pm - Council	17	18
19 9:30am -Worship Service 6:30pm - crazies	20 9AM-12PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	21 9AM-12PM VBS crazies-Hang Out Tuesday	22 9AM-12PM VBS	23 9AM-12PM VBS	24 9AM-12PM VBS 7PM –VBS Family Ice Cream Social & Open House	25
26 9:30am -Worship Service 6:30pm - crazies	27	28	29	30 Kane County Cougars		

July 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 9:30am - Worship Service No crazies	4 4th of July CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5 1pm - Digital Committee crazies-Hang Out Tuesday	6	7	8	9
10 9:30am - Worship Service 6:30pm - crazies	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 9:30am - Worship Service 6:30pm – crazies	18 7pm - Building Committee	19 crazies-Hang Out Tuesday 7pm - Euchre Club	20	21 7pm - Council	22	23
24 9:30am - Worship Service VOICE ARTI- CLES DUE 6:30pm - crazies Family Camp	25 Family Camp	26 Family Camp	27 Family Camp	28 Family Camp	29 Family Camp	30 Family Camp
31 9:30am - Worship Service 6:30pm-crazies						



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Monday-Thursday: 9am-4pm
Friday: 9am-1pm

Sunday Worship: 9:30am
Sunday Church School: 10am

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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