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PASTORAL MESSAGE

Rev. Allen Mothershed

IS ANYONE LISTENING?

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Five Dallas police officers dead and many more wounded. Two more African American men shot by police and one of them shown dying as his girlfriend screams in awareness of what has happened in her presence and with her child in the car. The news media and politicians have rushed to express opinions. They feel they cannot remain silent. The violence in our nation seems out of hand, with gun violence in Chicago alone taking hundreds of lives. Is anyone listening?

I believe we know the answer. No one is listening very well. One study shows that over 91% of us who are white do not include in our circle African Americans with whom we converse and share our thoughts. And 70% have no acquaintances who are African American. I suspect few of us have spent much time listening to the police women and men who protect and serve us at great risk and cost to themselves and their families. There is too much shouting and accusation for much reflection.

Angry expression has its place, but nothing changes until there is a reflective silence between people. Quakers have a practice of sitting with one another in silence and with a commitment not to speak unless the Spirit leads them to speak. Others are there to listen, and only when the Spirit guides them do they speak. Long periods of what would be for most of us an awkward silence gives time for hearts to open, to listen, and to care. This is the practice of peacemaking for which the Quakers are known and beloved.

We will not move beyond this painful, terrible time in our national community until we can sit down with each other, hold our mouths shut, our hearts open, and hear what each one has to say. That will mean listening to those with whom we have so many judgments. May we practice listening to one another and let the Spirit of God create compassion and understanding.



BACK BAY MISSION

This year St. Matthew will be providing volunteers to Back Bay Mission (BBM) in Biloxi, Mississippi for the week of October 9–15. BBM serves the underprivileged in the Biloxi area through a number of programs in which our volunteers can participate. These include the BBM Housing Restoration program, Emergency Services Food Pantry and the Micah Day Center, as well as work at the local Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen.

As in the past most participants will depart on Saturday, October 8th and arrive at BBM on Sunday the 9th, with an overnight stay in the Memphis area. We plan to return to Wheaton on Saturday, October 15th. Other travel arrangements can be made. The cost for those participating is \$125, which includes money for housing in the BBM volunteer quarters. Please see the sign-up board in the narthex or call or email John Adams at [630-235-3698](tel:630-235-3698) or jadams1958@gmail.com if you are interested in participating. You can also visit the BBM website at <https://thebackbaymission.org>. Sign-up deadline is August 8th.



FOOD ON THE FIRST

Thank you very much for your donation in June and July. As always, it is greatly appreciated. Here's what is needed for August:

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

Please make sure items have not expired and packages are unopened. If you have any questions please call Betty Greer, 630.682.4084. *Blessings to all.*

CHILDREN & YOUTH

September 11th - Blessing of the Backpacks

During morning worship, every child can bring up their backpack or book bag to receive a blessing. Also during this time teachers in the congregation will be asked to come forward to receive a blessing for the upcoming school year.

September 11th - Rally Day

Following worship we will kick off the Sunday School year with a fun fair that includes games, prizes, lunch, snow cones, popcorn, information tables, and more!

September 18th (during Sunday School hour) - Dr. Seuss end of summer party
(First day of the 11:00 dismissal time.)

We will end our Summer Sunday School lesson "Gospel According to Dr. Seuss" with a fun Dr. Seuss party. Dr. Seuss wrote many of his books with his strong faith in mind. Over the summer we read and explored how the books and Scripture came together. Each week a new book was read and fun activities taught the important meaning that Dr. Seuss had in mind when writing the book.

September 25th - **Children's Ministry teacher/shepherd Dedication**

During worship, Sunday School teachers and shepherds will receive a blessing as they begin leading our St. Matthew children on their faith journey.

2016/2017 Sunday School Year

On September 25th the children will come upstairs after the Children's Sermon (during the worship service) for Children's church (offering, blessing and bummers, songs). They will then go to their workshop rotation class (K-5) or Preschool Pals (preschoolers). Sunday School will dismiss at 11am. Older children (2nd-5th grades) will be dismissed to go downstairs to find their parents, and younger children (preschool through 1st grade) will wait for their parent to pick them up.



August Birthdays:
Kira Mothershed 8/13, Emily Sancken 8/15,
Ashley Caprini 8/15, Abby Trinkl 8/17



MANY THANKS AND BLESSINGS TO EMMY DAVIS

We are fortunate to have had the love and the wisdom of Emmy Davis over the past two years. Emmy stepped into the role of Youth Minister at a difficult time and made a connection with our youth and the members of our church. She gained our trust and our love. She did this while completing an internship and being a full-time student at Chicago Theological Seminary. She has been an amazing teacher, preacher, planner, counselor, and just tons of fun. We knew from the start that this day of departure would likely come, and we celebrate with Emmy the completion of her seminary training, her approval for ordination, and her upcoming call (candidating sermon yet to be completed!). I hope everyone will join us in worship Sunday, August 7th for her final day with us and one of her gifted sermons. A reception will follow.

Pastor Allen

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday, August 7th - Farewell to Emmy

Wednesday, August 10th - Six Flags!

Sunday, August 14th - crazies 6:30-8pm

Sunday, August 21st - crazies 6:30-8pm

Sunday, August 28th - crazies 6:30-8pm

Sunday, September 4th - No crazies - Happy Labor Day Weekend!

Sunday, September 11th - Regular crazies begins

Parent meetings for crazies and confirmation - 6pm

GREAT AMERICA TRIP



The crazies trip to Great America will take place on Wednesday, August 10th. Check the crazies Facebook page and the Happenings for details regarding the trip or contact Dawn Schubert for more information.



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

It's time to dust off your pipes (aka vocal cords). We have entered August and choir rehearsals start soon. Our kick-off rehearsal on Wednesday, August 24th starts with a potluck supper at 6:15pm, followed by an abbreviated rehearsal (to knock off more dust).

On Tuesday, August 23rd the bell choirs start rehearsals. The IntergeneRingers rehearse at 6pm on Tuesdays and we need a few more hands to ring. The beginning of rehearsals in August is an excellent time to come and try it out, as KC always reviews ringing tips and techniques at the beginning of the year. Chancel Ringers will start rehearsing on the 23rd at 7:30pm.

Praise Band rehearsals start, with the first rehearsal scheduled on August 31st at 6:30pm prior to choir rehearsal. Instrumentalists and singers are always welcome.

As mentioned on Music Appreciation Sunday, starting on September 25th we will have once-a-month open choir Sunday. Anyone who likes to sing will meet around 8:15am in the Sanctuary to rehearse an anthem for that day. Other dates this fall are October 30th and November 27th. Please mark your calendars now!

Participating in one of the musical groups is not only fun, but it is rewarding too. We hope to see you in at least one of our musical ensembles. Enjoy the remainder of the summer!

Peace,

Jamie Craig

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1	Laura Schlenker
2	Quinn Rosenthal Susan Wold
3	Miegan Bresingham Reid Stubbe
4	Amy Achammer
6	Nancy Baird Mark Christensen Marge Hall
7	Emily Cortez Sandy Uhrig
10	Sue Lellbach
11	Sue Erickson
12	Dorothy McGowen Sandy Sapa
13	Phil Spicer
15	Tammy Cetina
16	Tina Ciner Rob Neufelder
18	Matthew Gonzalez
19	Kyle Roggenbuck
20	John Barnett
22	Terry Young
23	Haley Wold
25	Brad Stoller
26	Joanne Papp
27	Barbara Evans
28	Joe Fanning

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

DINNER AT ARROWHEAD GOLF CLUB RESTAURANT - MONDAY, AUGUST 15th

The Congregational Life Committee invites everyone for \$6 hamburgers and to visit with other church members on Monday, August 15th. There are no reservations/sign-ups, just come to Arrowhead Golf Club Restaurant around 6pm. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The evening will enable us to catch up with our church family during this busy summer. Hope to see you there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW STAFF WELCOME

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Alicia Drabik as our new Business Manager. Alicia is a long-time Wheaton resident and has a number of years of experience working in this capacity with other organizations. Her regular days in the office will be Tuesday and Thursday. Please stop by the office sometime and welcome her to St. Matthew.

SUMMER EVENTS FOR DADS & KIDS AND PARENTS

Pastor Allen and several dads have met and planned a dads and kids event and a parents' dinner. Please add these dates to your calendar; we hope you can join us. RSVP by e-mail to Kathy at the church office, office@stmatthew.ucc.org if you plan to attend either or both events.

- Sunday, August 7th, 12:30pm

Pool Party and Outdoor Games with Madison gym teacher, Joe Cortesi.

Location - **Mary and Greg Henderson's home**

1522 Orchard Road, Wheaton

- Friday, August 12th, 6:30pm

Parents' Catfish dinner (with other choices as well)

Location - **Allen and Marla Mothershed's home**

1011 Arbor Avenue, Wheaton



LIFE LINE SCREENING

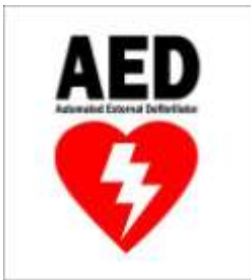
Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build-up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening event on September 8th at St. Matthew. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call [1-888-653-6441](tel:1-888-653-6441) or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN



It may be the “dog days” of summer, but throw some of those dawgs on the grill. Don’t have a grill? Check out Home Depot, Ace Hardware, Lowe’s Home Improvement, Target, or Walmart, and don’t forget Gordon Food Service for crowd-sized packages of food and drinks.

Thinking about travel before school starts again? American Airlines, Delta Airlines, Avis, Budget, Hyatt Hotels, Universal Orlando, Disney Cruises and Disney Resorts are all Manna retailers.

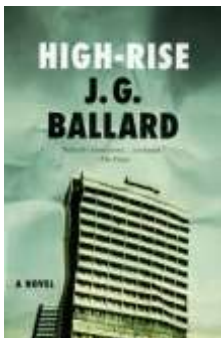


AED-TRAINED VOLUNTEERS

St. Matthew has an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) used to administer CPR. The AED is stored in the narthex by the coat racks. We need to update the list of people who are qualified and able to use that unit in the event of a medical emergency. If you have been trained in the use of an AED and would be able to use it, please contact Kathy in the church office and let her know if you are willing to be added to the list.

TELEVISIONS TO GIVE AWAY

With the addition of a new television in the parlor, we find ourselves with two older televisions that need a new home. These are older sets that have DVD/VHS capabilities and might be great for kids. If you are interested, please take one or both of them! Contact Dawn Schubert, [630.542.0160](tel:630.542.0160) with questions.



NOVEL APPROACHES

Novel Approaches will begin meeting in September. Watch for the upcoming **date and location to be announced in the Sunday bulletins and “Happenings”**.

The novel to be approached in September is **“High-Rise”** by J.G. Ballard. This story depicts a luxury high-rise building as its affluent residents gradually descend into violent chaos.





Are you curious about the three colorful icons that are in the upper right-hand corner of the St. Matthew website (www.stmatthewucc.org)? They are links to Facebook, YouTube and Pinterest. Click on them and you'll find new ways to connect to your St. Matthew family.



The white "f" with a blue background, is an icon for Facebook. We have two St. Matthew locations on Facebook. The one you click on from the St. Matthew website will lead you to "St. Matthew United Church of Christ." This is a public Facebook page. We use this page to publicize church events to you, your friends, and the community. If a community Facebook user "likes" this page, whatever information we post will be passed along to that user. Please "like" this page. You can create posts, check in and write a review about St. Matthew. As an example, we would use the page to invite the community to join us on Rally Day.



We also have a St. Matthew group on Facebook. The group is called "St. Matthew UCC." You can find our group on Facebook or click on the Facebook group logo in the middle of our sermon/resources page on our website to go there directly. We use the group as a very quick way to pass along information to church members and friends. You can invite friends and family to join this group. If you're a Facebook user, please join our group. All group members using Facebook can chat with each other. We would use the group to remind you to bring a treat for the bake sale on Rally Day, for example.



The red and white symbol with an arrow takes you to YouTube. St. Matthew has a YouTube channel and we are listed as St. Matthew United Church of Christ – Wheaton, IL. Each week Pastor Allen's sermon is uploaded to YouTube. Many musical performances can also be found there. We can upload videos to YouTube because of the audio visual upgrades in the sanctuary. You do not need a YouTube account to watch the videos we've posted.



The icon with the white "P" inside the red circle is for Pinterest. If you have a Pinterest account, please follow us. We are listed on Pinterest as St. Matthew UCC. You'll notice our St. Matthew cross on our account. Pinterest is an online bulletin board that shares ideas, recipes, crafts, and activities through pictures. We have posted PADS recipes, activities for kids and Scripture. We'll be adding boards that we hope you'll enjoy. You will need a Pinterest account to follow us.

Please help us spread the word about St. Matthew on social media. Follow us and tell your friends how they can learn more about St. Matthew online.

AUGUST 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7pm Building Committee 7pm Christian Education	2 Hang Out Tues- days- crazies 7pm Membership Committee 7:30pm Mission Com- mittee	3	4	5	6
7 9:30am Worship Ser- vice -Reception for Emmy Davis after worship 12:30pm Dads w/Kids Pool Party	8	9	10 crazies Great America trip	11 7pm Finance Com- mittee	12 6:30pm Parents' cat- fish dinner	13
14 9:30am Worship Ser- vice 11am Worship Com- mittee 6:30-8pm crazies	15	16 7pm Council	17	18 6pm SRC	19	20
21 9:30am Worship Ser- vice 6:30-8pm crazies	22 7pm Ministry Chairs meet- ing	23 6pm IntergeneRingers rehearsal 7:30pm - Chan- cel Ringers re- hearsal	24 6:15pm Choir potluck & rehearsal	25	26	27
28 9:30am Worship Ser- vice 6:30-8pm crazies	29	30 6pm IntergeneRingers rehearsal 7:30pm Chancel Ringers rehearsal	31 6:30pm Praise band rehearsal 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir			

DuPage Convalescent Center's
49th Annual

Fall Festival

Saturday, September 17th
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

 **Spectacular Raffle** 

Our Famous Homemade Apple Slices
Resident Crafts • Flea Market & Crafters
Huge Garage Sale • Kids Games & Prizes
Food & Entertainment • Used Book Sale
Car Show & Silent Auction • Bake Sale

Animal Care &
Control Open House &
Pet Expo

 **Free
Admission
& Parking** 

Proceeds benefit the DuPage Convalescent Center
Foundation and Recreation Fund which provide quality
of life programs and services to the residents!

DuPage Convalescent Center

400 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton

For additional information contact us at 630-784-4495
fallfestival@dupageco.org www.dupageco.org/convo

DuPage Convalescent Center Foundation's

Benefit Concert in the Park



Join us at Cantigny Park on
Thursday, August 11th, 2016

Tickets Now Available

at the Reception Desk, online at www.dpccfoundation.org or
(630) 784-4267 \$12.00 in advance & \$15.00 at the gate.

Tickets are non-refundable. Concert begins at 7 pm.
Bring your lawn chairs and a Picnic supper.
Children under 12 free.

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All proceeds benefit the residents of the DuPage
Convalescent Center



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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
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