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Active Acolytes

Alex Bean

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Miranda Lewis

Ian Griffith

Ethan Griffith

Jacob Hurst

Jessie Hurst

YTD Budget Balance

\$200 Budget

\$702.36 Restricted

What is the purpose of this Ministry?

Provide worship support for the service.

What were your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year?

A return to service after COVID. We held two training meetings for returning and new acolytes

What have been your biggest challenges?

Not enough acolytes. We typically only have 2 acolytes per service.

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2023?

- Acolyte meeting and training scheduled for February.
- A more regular cadence for meetings
- Getting everyone belts and updating their years of service.

Who will be the Chair for 2023?

Crystal Furman

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?

Looking forward to the collaborative support of Fr. Tim.

Please list specific prayers for your Ministry throughout the year.

Growth of this ministry.

Vestry Liaison / Committee Chair

Joan Kengla / jk2ridge@comcast.net

Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning wrote a forward for a working manual for Altar Guilds. I would like to share a portion of that forward...

" Ministries manifest itself in many ways within the life of the church. The ministry of the Altar Guild is one which is sometimes forgotten because of the dedication of its membership. It is assumed that either the members need no nurturing or no new members are needed. But this ministry like all ministries of the Body of Christ needs to be nurtured and empowered."

The Altar Guild is the priest's partner in making the worship life of the parish run smoothly. Here at St. Matthew's, we have 3 teams each rotating every week. Our responsibility is to set the Altar for each celebration of the Eucharist. This includes Sunday's services, Wednesday healing service, funerals, weddings and special services requested by parishioners. We also care for the communion vessels, metalware, linens, vestments and maintain our Home Communion Service Kits.

Special attentions also include Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Palm Sunday, Easter, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday.

I feel honored to serve with the following ladies.

Diane Croft Doane
Muttu Dixon
Vicky Conway
Mary Vore
Susan Savage

Cheryl Wheeler
Jan Nabors
Nancy New
Judith Kimsey
Wilhelmina Wilson

Ava Kay Champion
Susan Adkins
Martha Mills

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about our Altar Guild, please contact me, Joan Kengla, at 770 - 978 - 2537 or jk2ridge@comcast.net. We will gladly train you!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Vestry Liaison

John Eberhart / john.eberhart@comcast.net

Committee Chair

Steve Charron / scharron@comcast.net

Completed Projects

- Renovated and waterproofed the Undercroft
- Renovated the kitchen in the undercroft with new cabinet and microwave
- Repaired exterior doors upstairs and downstairs
- Repaired and repainted ceiling in Parish Hall from roof leak and repaired roof.
- Cleaned kitchen floor
- Cleaned and repaired drainpipes around exterior of building
- Solved vandalism issues by the pavilion and installed camera
- Still working on resolving issues with fire alarm system. Some resolved, some not
- Changed out multiple light bulbs in parish hall and exterior door lighting
- Changed light fixtures in multiple locations
- Kitchen oven repaired and cleaned
- Installed handicap feature in bathrooms
- Painted hallway and sanctuary
- Replaced coffee pots in kitchen
- Erected flagpole and memorial plaque
- Repaired sunken cement in courtyard
- Carpets cleaned in sanctuary and Undercroft and Kyle's old office
- Purchased new vacuum cleaner for sexton/cleaning person
- Established security team and are developing a security protocol to keep our campus safe
- Changed service to Wall Heating and Air and updated to monitored thermostats

Future and Ongoing Projects

- Continue to work with All Star Fire to improve monitoring our campus and reporting ability in case of emergencies
- Working to improve our door lock system, potential installation of security cameras throughout the campus and install new door lock systems
- Repaint sanctuary and surrounding areas
- Resurface parking lot

Building and Grounds committee wants to reach out and say thank you to all those people who have helped with various projects throughout the year A very special thank you to Steve Charron and Phil Morgan whose help and advice have been invaluable. Without their help, many of these projects would not have been accomplished.

BREAD MINISTRY

Vestry Liaison

Joan Kengla / jk2ridge@comcast.net

Committee Chair

Sylvia Campbell / soupab@comcast.net

The members of this ministry are

Michael Chapman,
Nancy Charron
Muttu Dixon
Frieda Marsh

Eric Prichard
Terri Hurst
Jessie Hurst
Vicki Conway

Oscar DeLeon
Sylvia Campbell

The Eucharistic Bread Ministry completed its thirteenth year with ten members and Joan Kengla as our Vestry Liaison and Worship Chair.

This ministry does not require budget funds from the church as each member is responsible for obtaining the required ingredients of whole wheat flour, yeast, salt, clover honey, oil, and water for making the Bread during their appointed month.

Our Interim Rector made the decision to use wafers for both services instead of the home-made Communion Bread made by the Bread Ministry members. Each member of this ministry stayed faithful and hoped and prayed that our new Rector would utilize the gifts and talents of the Bread Ministry.

This Ministry is open to men and women of St. Matthews. Training is provided to all new members. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a member of the Bread Ministry.

BREAKFAST MINISTRY

Vestry Liaison

Clay Olbon / olbonc@yahoo.com

Committee Chair

Trisha Voiles / tvoiles@att.net

THANK YOU! I would like to thank those who have hosted and those who have participated in the between services ministry of feeding our people and providing a space to make relationships with other members.

The Breakfast Fellowship began approximately 30 years ago to provide for those two missions of feeding and fellowship. We still talk today how Nicole Hallmark, the Fellowship Liaison at the time, convinced my mom, Nancy Piechowiak, to continue what was begun. Then after almost 20 years, the torch was passed to the Drury's and the Fellowship committee.

When the doors opened back up after the Covid shutdown, I knew we needed to open up this Fellowship time to bring people back together. We have moved from Fall 2021/Winter 2022 with everything individually pre-packaged to Spring 2022 when we were given the go ahead to offer our delicious casseroles, meats, fruits, baked goods, and the coffee back to the normal buffet style.

The Love donations have provided the Kitchen with new one touch coffee pots like the ones we rented preCovid. Another change has been the name change in the designated funds from Breakfast Fund to Kitchen Fund. These funds help purchase the coffee, paper goods, etc in the kitchen not just for breakfast, but for all kitchen use. We have returned to using the "real" kitchenware as well.

We welcome you to join in the Breakfast Fellowship every Sunday between services, approx 9-9:30. If you are interested in hosting as a family or a group you can sign up on the monthly sign up genius in the newsletter or contact me, Trisha Voiles. If you have never hosted and would like to shadow someone just let me know. "What Sunday is Best For You?"

Sincerely Submitted,

Trisha Voiles

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

Vestry Liaison

Clay Olbon / olbonc@yahoo.com

Committee Chair

Gregory Andrew / ctigregory@aol.com

Number of Active Participants: 20

YTD Budget Balance: Not receiving funds from the church – Current balance: \$700+

What is the purpose of this Ministry?

Bible Study, Service and Prayer are the focus of the Oren W. Morris Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Meeting every other Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m., men and youth of the parish enjoy fellowship, wonderful food, and an informal Bible study. Conversation is likely, practical, personal, and often hilarious! The Brotherhood enjoys fellowship gained through service projects within the Parish, frequently centering on our well-deserved reputation for good cooking! If you are looking for close friendships, warm fellowship a wide-ranging discussion of the Bible and an opportunity to serve St. Matthew, come and be a part of the Brotherhood.

What are your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year?

Our major accomplishments for the year have been the following:

- Provided fish dinners for the Annual Meeting in January
- Contributed \$1200 to the flagpole fund
- Assisted in the removal of old playground equipment for the Preschool
- Contributed to the farewell gift for Mother Pat
- Continue to support the many ongoing projects at the church

What have been your biggest challenges?

Dealing with the ongoing issues of the Covid Pandemic, this has reduced our attendance on Saturdays.

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2023?

We hope to have our Annual Fish Fry and continue to provide a sound foundation for the men of the church.

Is a leadership succession plan needed for this Ministry?

Greg will continue to serve the Brotherhood until removed by the members.

Vestry Liaison

Carolyn Coil / ccoil@comcast.net

Committee Chairs

Vicki Conway / vgconway@comcast.net

Cheryl Johnson / cheryljohnson46@bellsouth.net

Number of Active Participants

7-10 members

The purpose of Cafe Theology is continuing Christian Education in a relaxed group setting where all questions and ideas are respected. We learn about our faith by reading and discussing books by a variety of authors such as N.T. Wright, Brian D. McLaren , James Martin SJ, Barbara Brown Taylor.

Our group meets every other Saturday morning from 10:00 to 11:30 AM in the church library. All are welcome to join.

CENTERING PRAYER

Vestry Liaison

Joan Kengla / jk2ridge@comcast.net

Committee Chairs

Vicki Conway / vgconway@comcast.net

Cheryl Johnson / cheryljohnson46@bellsouth.net

Number of Active Participants

9-12 members

The purpose of this ministry is to study and participate in Christian Meditation and to explore the spiritual lives of others through their publish works.

We meet via Zoom every Tuesday night from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We pray, meditate, and study together. In the process of meeting, we have developed into a caring group of prayerful folks.

All are welcome to join and learn the practice of Christian meditation.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Vestry Liaison

Carolyn Coil / ccoil@comcast.net

Committee Chair

Mona Livermont / monalivermont@gmail.com

Active Participants on this Committee

Mona Livermont

Elizabeth Livermont

Ashley Taylor

Diane Eberhart

Karen Whitehead

Carol Maneol

Clay Olbon

Sarah Koraith

What is the purpose of this Ministry?

To provide quality Christian Education opportunities for all ages

What were your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year?

We provided education for all children PreK-High school and three offerings for adults between services, from 9:30-10:15am.

What have been your biggest challenges?

- Having enough children and teachers for the younger classes
- Sporadic attendance in high school mostly due to activities
- Need more teachers for back up

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2023?

- Rite of Passage ceremony for High School Students who missed it because of COVID Jan 29
- Bury Alleluias Feb 19
- Easter Celebration (egg hunt) April 9
- Graduation Recognition/Youth Sunday May 21
- VBS July 10-14
- Christian Ed sign-up event (backpack blessing) July 30
- Rite of Passage for 8th graders Oct 1
- Advent wreath event Dec 3
- St Nicholas Dec 10

Who will be the Chair for 2023?

Mona Livermont

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?

It has been a challenge building up the Christian Education program for School Children since 2020, but we feel we have made a start.

Please list specific prayers for your Ministry throughout the year. Please pray that we can find ways to reach all the members of St Matthews with Christian growth opportunities.

COMMUNICATIONS

Vestry Liaison

Mindy Barringer / mindybarringer@gmail.com

Committee Chair

Amanda Livermont / alivermont81@gmail.com

Active Participants on this Committee

Jim Stallings

Jay Jones

Peggy Issacs

Lindsay Issacs

Chris Koriath

What is the purpose of this Ministry?

To spread the love of Jesus through purposeful communication practices both internally and externally. We use current technology and trending media outlets to communicate the messages of St. Matthews' worship services, current events, messages from the Rector and other ministry liaisons.

What were your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year?

We're very proud of the AV booth build and being able to consistently broadcast the 10:30 service. We've trained 7 adults who are in a regular rotation to serve on Sundays, special events, and funerals. We have several youth who are also trained.

What have been your biggest challenges?

Our initial challenge this year was technical. We've worked hard to replace faulty equipment, troubleshoot connection issues, and streamline the way we go online each week. We continue to improve our processes and be consistent.

Our focus this year has been on building out the booth and broadcast capabilities. Our goal for the year is Purposeful Communication. We're working on streamlining communication across all channels. This includes the website, newsletter, Realm, Facebook, Instagram, and the Sunday broadcasts. We're working together and with Long Range Planning to create workflows and best practices in the internal and external areas of communication.

Goals for 2023

- Finish hiding wires in the Sanctuary- the wires from the cameras and microphones are showing on the sides of the Sanctuary. We didn't hide them until we knew we like the locations. Since they are good, we are ready to properly hide/cover them.
- Put finishing touches on the AV booth- there are wires that need to be trimmed and hidden.
- Install TVs in the parish hall and eliminate the projector.- We submitted a proposal for the Vestry that included removing the projector and replacing it with 2-3 large TV's that will be more user friendly, more reliable in terms of connectivity, and easier for more people to see. We might be raising a bit of funds to cover this project, so stay tuned.
- Repair switcher that goes to YouTube and restore YouTube stream- we have a faulty switcher that is not communicating with the main switcher. Once we repair, we'll be able to restore the YouTube stream.

Chair for 2023

Amanda Livermont

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Vestry Liaison

Joan Kengla / jk2ridge@comcast.net

Committee Chair

Cecilia Billingsley / cebill58@gmail.com

Number of Active Participants on this Committee

Approximately 30 active members

What is the purpose of this Ministry?

The Ruth Chapter of the Daughters of the King pray for our St. Matthew's community each week as prayer requests are filled out each Sunday. We also choose a service at St. Matthews to actively participate in as part of our Rule of Life. We also pray and support our Priest in whatever way needed.

What were your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year?

We held our Study during Lent and reinstalled Barbara Wilson and welcomed Sybil Johns into our Ruth Chapter from the Junior Daughters group. We also assisted Mother Pat in the celebration of Life for 3 daughters that passed this year: Gail Woodruff, Lynne Kiker, and Nancy Drury.

What have been your biggest challenges?

We have a big challenge getting a large group of Daughters together at our monthly meetings. We have chosen to hold our monthly meeting at 9:30 at church, on the last Sunday of the month, hoping 8:00 and 10:30 worshipers could get together at that time. We are still open to suggestions for a better time, but for now we will continue to meet at this time.

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2023?

We plan to have our study again during Lent. The purpose of this study is to come closer to Christ and reflect upon a Rule of Life which all Daughters are called to develop for themselves. We encourage all women who are interested in looking into becoming a Daughter of the King to join us at this time. You don't have to commit until you have gone through the study. Also during our monthly meetings, we have begun a study of prayer, sponsored by the National Chapter.

Who will be the Chair for 2023?

Cecilia Billingsley – President

Gail Sawyer – Secretary

Peggy Isaacs - Treasurer

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?

We serve breakfast throughout the year as one of the things we do to support our St. Matthews Community. Each daughter chooses their own ministry to participate in at St. Matthews, so the congregation sees the Daughters Cross in many places at St. Matthews.

Please list specific prayers for your Ministry throughout the year.

To be able to reach out and serve our St. Matthews family in an even bigger way that will serve this Christian community that we all live in.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

Vestry Liaison

Clay Olbon / olbonc@yahoo.com

Committee Chair

Rebecca Bowen / ribowen@yahoo.com

Number of Active Participants on this Committee

12-15

YTD Budget Balance: \$507

What is the purpose of this Ministry?

To provide opportunities for spiritual growth through fellowship, service, and education to all women in the Diocese of Atlanta and Middle Georgia.

What were your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year?

- We served soup, salad, and bread at the Lenten suppers.
- Halloween Bingo – This has been a popular event every year. We gather to share a meal and play bingo.
- Advent/Christmas event – We had a meal together, made several crafts and did a collection of Birthday plates/napkins for the Northeast Coop for the Birthday packages at the Coop.

What have been your biggest challenges?

Scheduling events at a time that will work for most of the ladies. Planning events that will entice people to come and fellowship together.

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2023? We are in the process of putting a schedule together. We are looking to add some new events that will allow more ladies to participate.

Who will be the Chair for 2023?

Rebecca Bowen

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?

We hope to have more programs and events in 2023.

Please list specific prayers for your Ministry throughout the year.

We would like to have more events during the year with more participants. If the Women's Retreat is scheduled for Camp Mikell in the spring, we would like to see at least 5 participants go for the weekend.

Vestry Liaison

Clay Olbon / olbonc@yahoo.com

Committee Chair

Warren Drury / wnc@comcast.net

Number of Active Participants: 10

Meeting Schedule: First Sunday of every month after the 10:30 service in the Parish Hall

YTD Budget Balance: -\$85.00

What did we do in 2022?

2022 was especially rough as we experienced the loss of Nancy Drury, who was both a visionary and a leader for our committee. She helped to plan the amazing events that we had this year and continues to guide us and support us in spirit through her “book”, her Pinterest, and of course, the “Nancy Store”.

This past year we continued to push out of the pandemic and journey towards a normal schedule. As you can see below, the committee with the help of others planned and executed an amazing schedule of both regularly recurring activities as well as special planned events.

We have had great participation in the recurring activities that are attended by a diverse group of parishioners.

- Foyers (Rebecca Bowen / Warren): We meet monthly on a Friday night to share dinner and to support local businesses in Gwinnett County such as The Diner, Food Truck Tuesday in Lilburn, Poblanos, Los Hermanos, Universal Joint, Nagano’s, and others. We typically have between 10-20 attendees.
- Lunch Bunch (Becky Olbon): Meets monthly on the third Thursday to share lunch, again supporting many local businesses such as 1910 Public House, Main Street Café, Great harvest, El Jinete. Typically has 14-18 attendees.
- Men’s Trivia (Ward Furman): Monthly every third Wednesday night to play Trivia at McCray’s in Lawrenceville. This isn’t just for the men though! Typically, has around 5-10, and when we have more, we have a better shot at winning!

We also had many planned events for the whole parish, and attendance was amazing this year!

- Attended “Beauty and the Beast” at Parkview High School in April
- Our 4th of July Picnic at the St. Matthew’s Pavilion was an amazing event sponsored by Fellowship but supported by many other groups. We even had a DJ this year!
- We had 40 parishioners attend a Gwinnett Stripers game as a group in September.
- St. Matthew’s Day Luncheon / Ministry fair was a huge success as we shared food and discussed opportunities to get involved at St. Matts.
- Had a Parish Sing-a-Long in October
- Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner was another great success, with lots of good food shared.
- To wrap up the year, we had Wassail (and other refreshments) after Lessons and Carols

We were challenged this past year by a limited budget of \$1000 to cover all the events that you see. It truly has been a year of “feeding the five thousand” where that small start multiplied through the generous donations of so many in the parish of their time, their talent (especially cooking amazing food and creating wonderfully appropriate decorations), and of course their donations for these events. Without all of these, what we accomplished would not have been possible.

What is coming in 2023?

Warren will remain the chair for the committee, and we will be planning another outstanding set of events. A few key highlights that we know of today:

- Reception following the installation of Fr. Tim on February 2nd will be a great opportunity for fellowship and celebration!
- We are planning a St. Matthew’s Gala! Dress up and have a wonderful evening with us. Many more details to follow – and of course we will be asking for volunteers to help!

If there are activities that you would like to see, please come to our committee meetings, or send an email! We are always open to new inspirations and opportunities to gather.

Vestry Liaison

Joan Kengla / jk2ridge@comcast.net

Committee Chair

Janis Williams / jhw16@comcast.net

Flower Guild, "A Blooming Ministry"

We currently have 10 participating members, welcoming 4 new members this year!

Our **year-to-date budget balance** is \$1998.65.

Our **goal** is to provide altar flowers and other seasonal appointments, as a symbol of New Life In Christ. Our arrangements are a gift of our creative talents, as an expression of the beauty of God's world. In addition to weekly arrangements, we have made floral displays for several significant Celebrations of Life, when we lost some beloved church family members.

Over the past several years, some of us have worked with the **Garden Guild** adding shrubs, flowers, and trees to enhance our church campus and to have a variety of materials to use in our arrangements.

We are **sometimes challenged** when scheduling volunteers to arrange for the weekends or special events, due to busy schedules. We invite new members and will train you in some easy mechanics to make beautiful arrangements. Everyone can make beautiful arrangements out of beautiful flowers!

Vestry Liaison

Sharon Hanson / ed1claudia@yahoo.com

Committee Chair

Mother Pat Miller

Number of Active Participants on Committee

The number varies around 8-10

Purpose of this Ministry

To provide care to our members when they experience illness, become housebound, grief or other life altering events

Biggest Challenges

Covid has caused many members to move outside of our locale and others have moved and left no address or method to contact. We are challenged with trying to help our members but realize when they are out of our geographical area it is not always possible to provide assistance. We also have challenges with a church population that has become more skewed towards an older population as some younger members have moved to other congregations or discontinued church attendance. Our committee has members who have professional and life experience with many of the issues our members are facing and have provided guidance and knowledge as we work to assist our congregants.

What programs does your ministry have planned for 2023?

We will continue to meet monthly to update the full committee on our efforts but are always ready to assist in between monthly meetings. We provide in-home communion, meals, visits, prayers and cards, prayer shawls and prayer squares and occasionally cleaning out a storage unit or two.

Chair for 2023

Fr Tim with contacts for Pastoral Care ministries

KNIT, CROCHET, AND PRAY

Vestry Liaison:

Karen Wilson / kwilsonfit4life@gmail.com

Committee Chair

Beth DiGiovanni / bethdigiovanni@comcast.net

Number of Active Participants on this Committee: Around 16

YTD Budget Balance: \$250

What is the purpose of this Ministry?

We try to help people in need, i.e.,

- Prayer shawls/squares to comfort/support people dealing with some crisis
- Chemo caps for Winship Cancer Institute
- Birthday place mats for Delmar Gardens Nursing Home
- Hats, Scarves, Gloves for Rosebud Episcopal Mission in SD with over 4,000 needy children ages 4-18 years
- Episcopal Rosaries for those needing them
- Premie hats/blankets for Northside Gwinnett Hospital

What were your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year?

Rosebud Episcopal Mission West received from us:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 40 hat/scarf/glove sets• 165 hat/scarf sets• Winship Cancer Institute received: 168+ chemo caps• Delmar Gardens Nursing Home received: 46+ birthday place mats | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 27 pairs of gloves• 7 pairs of socks• Prayer shawls sent out: At least 75 Prayer squares given out: Over 100• Episcopal Rosaries made/given out: At least 40 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13 hats• 1 headband• Premie Hats/Blankets for Northside Gwinnett: 5 Blankets, and at least 20 Hats |
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What have been your biggest challenges?

- Having enough time to get things made
- Mailing expenses to Rosebud

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2023?

- All of the above projects continued/expanded.
- Scarves for the local homeless: This year we sent these to Rosebud, for they were without wood to burn as their primary source of heat. Also, the Rosebud temperatures were much lower than the local ones, and we have warming stations here.

Who will be the Chair for 2023? Beth DiGiovanni

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?

We have an amazing group who invest much time and energy in trying to help those people in need.

Please list specific prayers for your Ministry throughout the year.

Please pray that we can continue to help those who need added warmth, support, and comfort.

LOAVES & FISHES

Vestry Liaison:

Sharon Hanson / ed1claudia@yahoo.com

Committee Chair

Vicki Conway / vgconway@comcast.net

I am the only 'real' member because it is an as needed ministry. Therefore, each time I send out a request for food to be taken to a family, different members of the parish respond. I have regulars, of course but this isn't really a membership ministry.

The purpose of the Loaves and Fishes ministry is to supply short time food needs to families disrupted by illness or accident.

We have supplied food to five (5) St. Matt's families this year. Most of these families received food for several weeks.

We hope to have more reminders from the pulpit when meals are needed. Using Realm is not an effective way to reach the whole congregation.

Respectfully,

Vicki Conway

LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Vestry Liaison:

Judith Kimsey / judith.kimsey@yahoo.com

Committee Chair

Katherine Reynolds / kfreynolds7@gmail.com

Number of Active Participants on this Committee: 2

YTD Budget Balance: \$0

What is the purpose of this Ministry?

Long Range Planning's mission is to provide a strategic map to guide St. Matthews into the future, based on data and input from Clergy, Vestry, Committee Heads, parishioners, and other resources. Our goal is to help ensure a home for spiritual growth, the economic health of our religious community, and to maintain a loving relationship and be of service to the community at large.

What were your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year?

- Completed a yearly review based on interviews with committee/ministry heads to determine future needs and ideas they would like to see brought to fruition that may require help beyond the immediate committee. Based on interviews, recommended establishment of a PR Committee, Talent Bank, ongoing outreach & parishioner involvement efforts.
- Redefined purpose of Long-Range Planning (see above)

What have been your biggest challenges?

Membership. We need more people! LRP requires a variety of skills. Primary requirement: An interest in planning for the future of St. Matthew.

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2023?

- Working with B&G to develop long range maintenance calendar.
- Interviews/Vestry recommendations
- Assuming we get more members, develop 3- & 5 -year plans.

Who will be the Chair for 2023?

Katherine Reynolds

Please list specific prayers for your Ministry throughout the year.

Guidance in taking St. Matthew in the right direction. More members!

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?

LRP does God's business. Please join and help us!

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Vestry Liaison

Joan Kengla / jk2ridge@comcast.net

Committee Chair

Matthew Edwards / music@stmatthewssnellville.org

Music Ministries includes the sanctuary choir, handbell choir, youth musicians, and other musical talents.

Active participants: ~22 (sanctuary choir: 14)

YTD Budget Balance (end of 2022): -\$229

What is the purpose of this ministry?

To support and uplift the congregation's and worshippers' prayer and praise through music, nurture participants' musical gifts, and explore and expand the church's musical identity.

What were your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year?

We held our first Lessons and Carols since 2019 after the pandemic caused a 2-year pause and an extra year's delay. With this Lessons and Carols, we partnered with the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour's choir. Warren began leading the handbell choir and started writing musical arrangements for the group. We ordered new choir robes that are lightweight and stoles in colors that can be changed to match the liturgical season. We're waiting on one last final shipment of robes before all the new robes will get blessed and ready for regular use.

In the sanctuary choir, we have made significant improvements in our ensemble sound, including greater consistency of vowels and attention to diction and expression.

What have been your biggest challenges?

Our biggest challenge was securing the funds for new choir robes, which we managed through the existing music budget, music restricted funds, a love offering at the Lessons and Carols, and additional generous donations.

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2023?

Once the last shipment of choir robes arrives, we'll bless the robes and begin using them regularly. We'll plan to do a Lessons and Carols again in December and perhaps partner with Church of Our Saviour again or another area church.

Any other information you would like to share about your work and Ministry?

At the 2022 ministry fair and in conversations with a few people, there's some interest in restarting a "folk choir." This can be accomplished this year if there's interest from anyone in the congregation in leading that ensemble, perhaps in collaboration with the sanctuary choir. While the youth are frequently serving as acolytes, some of them occasionally bring their instruments to play in the service. Anyone who is interested in singing or playing their instrument in worship is invited to get in touch with Matthew Edwards, and anyone interested in playing handbells is invited to get in touch with Warren Drury or Matthew.

NEWCOMERS & GREETERS

Vestry Liaison

Sharon Hansen / ed1claudia@yahoo.com

Committee Chair

Diane Eberhart / music@stmatthewssnellville.org

Number of Active Participants on this Committee: 18

YTD Budget Balance: \$121

What is the purpose of this Ministry?

Give a friendly greeting to members and visitors to the church. Follow up visitors who fill out visitor cards with a note of welcome. Watch for return visits of new people to give them assistance in getting involved with St. Matthew's. We also try to coordinate with the priest and Sunday school people when visitors have arrived.

What were your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year?

We were successful in writing welcome notes to all who visited and filled out visitor cards. To date we have mailed 22 visitor welcome notes resulting in 10 of those becoming regular attendees and some who have joined the church. (I don't know exact numbers of those who joined)

What have been your biggest challenges?

Our biggest challenge is always making sure we have greeters at the doors. People forget, get sick, etc. The other challenge we often encounter is getting the visitor to fill out and turn in the visitor card.

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2023?

We would like to have quarterly breakfasts/luncheons to welcome our newest regular attendees and let them get to know each other. We have done this in previous years with good success in retaining the new people.

Who will be the Chair for 2023?

Diane Eberhart

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?

We feel that the greeter ministry is very important for us to continue to be a welcoming, friendly church! Follow up phone calls from the priest is a very important element in welcoming and retaining visitors.

Please list specific prayers for your Ministry throughout the year.

Pray that we can continue our ministry with cheerful faces.

Vestry Liaison

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Committee Chair

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Goal/Major Projects for 2022:

- In 2022, as we had a better handle on the disruption from the pandemic, the Outreach committee evolved the commitment to the community and ministry by continuing the criteria of “availability to have hands on” involving more parishioners as well as having donation opportunities throughout the year.
- We have slowly been successful involving more parishioners in facets of the SE Gwinnett Co-op. It was also exciting to extend a hand to Ukrainian Refugees.
- Our biggest volunteer opportunity for 2022 was hosting a week for Family Promise at Promise Haven.
- We contracted in 2022 to participate in the Gwinnett Habitat Faith Build which is slotted for Saturday April 15, 2023.

2022 Involvement

- The SE Gwinnett Co-op, one of the biggest ministries we support, we served almost 700 meals which required volunteers to prepare, package and serve meals. Our semiannual food drives continue to be successful but there were also continuous donations in the barrels to be delivered. We participated in the annual Christmas Light program which was very different than previous years. With the state of the economy, they decided to reach all families, whether they had children or not, that regularly utilized the co-op. This year’s Christmas was \$300 towards utility bills and the people of St. Matthew’s were so generous we were able to send a check to help 7 families. The Co-op was also the conduit for our opportunity to help incoming Ukrainian Refugees and once again there was plenty of support from our church family in the form cash donations dispersed where needed most, donations of various household items and furniture to set the families up in their new homes, and the volunteers to deliver these items to the families.
- We only participated in the annual FODAC Run Walk n Roll held in May by sending \$1,000. We are hoping to have a team to participate on location for 2023.
- Participation in the annual Hunger Walk could be in person or virtually for 2022 and it was a virtual year for St. Matthew’s with minimal participation. There was approximately \$500 in donations that directly supports the SE Gwinnett Co-op. The intention is to be in person for 2023.
- A dedicated team started back in 2022 with their sing-alongs and celebrating senior’s birthdays at Delmar Gardens Seniors Home periodically throughout the year with old time Christian music, not only putting smiles on the faces of the residence when served cake and punch but putting the spirit in their bodies as they sang many memorable tunes along with musicians.
- Our Lenten project was a collection of socks, electrolyte drink packets, cocoa mix, sugar and snack items for the Church of Common Ground of which we collected over 1,300 items.
- We continued our support of Mending the Gap, a program for seniors, by collecting much needed household items such as paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish detergent and cleaning supplies. We contributed over 100 items that were put into the senior boxes that are hand delivered to them.
- In 2022 we had 10 volunteers help host a week for Family Promise, something we haven’t done in several years, which included being hospitality hosts, overnight coverage and serving dinner each day for the week and having food available for them to make breakfast and lunches.

The Outreach committee works hard to be good stewards of the cash and items we are entrusted with and used as designated. When you look at the financial standing for the Outreach Restricted funds you will see a sizable amount of funding available to spend. Please know that with the retirement of Reading Camp Outreach inherited almost \$3,800 at the end of the year; research/conversations are being had to find the best way to utilize it. There were also year-end donations that are in the process of being spent or donated.

And finally, there have been items purchased based on donations made but some reimbursements have not taken place yet. Although St Matthew’s Outreach is very busy trying to serve the community and seems to always have a volunteer or donation opportunity, know that your participation is always welcomed but please feel free to participate in what calls to your heart and as you are able.

We look forward to 2023 with new opportunities and seeing even more St. Matthew’s Parishioners having an opportunity to be involved where their heart leads them. Watch for these opportunities in the Bulletin, the Newsletter and on the Outreach Bulletin Board which is near the parish hall.

PRESCHOOL

Vestry Liaison

Carolyn Coil / ccoil@comcast.net

Co-Directors

Juanita Little and Dalex Sullivan

Enrollment: 92 students

Spots filled: 90

Spots available: 2

YTD Budget Balance: \$107K

Ministry Purpose: Educating our communities' children.

Ministry Accomplishments:

- 2022-23 SY Brought on a Co-Director
- 2022-23 SY – Began the school year at full enrollment (with 8 classes)
- All other programs: Music, Technology and Chapel continued as usual.
- Resumed holding Summer Camp (June/July 2022)
- Stopped mandatory carpool allowing the parents back into the building for morning drop and afternoon pick up. This has allowed parents to have a better in person connection with teachers and administration and to see what is going on in the classroom.
- In-house field trips: Magic show, Firefighters and Police Officer with his K9 Officer.
- Held Scholastic book fair in the Fall.
- Art Fair (Spring fundraiser) was a successful fundraiser. Church parishioners donated many auction items as well as participated in the auction.
- Thanksgiving Feast: These musical experiences were held a few classes at a time that allowed parents to enter the church to see their child perform and then join in the movement activities.
- Breakfast with Santa: We were able to bring this exciting event back this year. Students enjoyed breakfast with their families, gave Santa their Christmas lists and took pictures with him.
- Christmas Festivities: These festivities replaced the Christmas program so we could invite parents to this in person event. Students performed, then utilized set up photo backdrops.
- -22 SY Graduations were held outside in the gardens. It was such a beautiful space on the church grounds to use and provided space between families that we plan to do so again for the 2022-23 SY.
- The smaller playground's wooden climbing structure was replaced with long life equipment. New pour in place rubber was also installed to make the space safer for the toddlers and two-year-olds.

Ministry Challenges:

- Retaining and hiring excellent, nurturing staff members as budgeted.
- Continued rising costs of paper supplies in multi-use spaces.
- Regular cleaning of the hallway and restrooms in the preschool wing

Family Involved Programs planned for 2023:

- Donuts with Dad: Scheduled for the week March 13
- Sundaes with Mom: Scheduled for the week of April 17
- Luau: Scheduled for the week of May 2
- Ballet Recital: May 12
- Kindergarten Graduation: May 15
- Four-year-olds Preschool Graduation: May 16
- Summer camps: June 5-9, 2023; July 17-21
- Puppet Show In-house Field Trip: currently scheduled for January 20
- In-house Field Trip: 8 legged Scales (New reptile show): March 3

Technologies Currently Used:

- Televisions are utilized for educational purposes in the classrooms.
- Tablets are used by the children (each child once a week for a maximum time limit of 15 minutes).
- Staff use their personal cell phones to take pictures to upload for parents to Shutterfly sites and Class Dojo. This allows parents to see photos of their children active in class and at school.

Prayers Needed:

- That the preschool continues to be surrounded by God's hedge of protection.
- That this outreach ministry touches many lives in the community.
- For continued good health for all staff, the children and their families.
- That we continue to retain and hire excellent, nurturing staff members as one school year comes to a close and we plan for the next.



STEWARDSHIP

Vestry Liaison

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Committee Chair

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Number of Active Participants on this Committee: 4

What is the purpose of this Ministry?

To encourage parishioners to contribute to St. Matthew's their spiritual gifts, time, talent, and treasure both prayerfully and joyfully.

What were your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year?

Hosting vestry and parish forums about Spiritual Gifts – educating parish leaders and members about Spiritual Gifts. What are they, how can we each identify our individual gifts and how can we use them to serve God here at St. Matthew's? With Fellowship Committee, Co-hosting a Ministry Fair to increase engagement and involvement.

What have been your biggest challenges?

Reduced attendance in person has resulted in decreased engagement. The challenge is to shift the general perception of Stewardship as being "just about money."

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2023?

Stewardship campaign, hopefully some more events to increase awareness of and engagement with the various ministry opportunities within St. Matt's. Continued education about Spiritual Gifts.

Who will be the Chair for 2023?

Terri Hurst

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?

Stewardship is not about balancing the parish budget. Rather, it's using the gifts that God has given us, to do the work to which God has called us. We give out of gratitude for all the blessings we receive.

Please list specific prayers for your Ministry throughout the year.

Please pray that people will view Stewardship as a spiritual exercise and be encouraged to generously share the gifts God has given them.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vestry Liaison

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Committee Chair

Terri Hurst / hurst10@bellsouth.net

Number of Active Participants on this Committee: 5

What is the purpose of this Ministry?

To share the love of God and the joy of the gospel with the children of St. Matthew's and the community at large through a week-long VBS program.

What were your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year?

Returning to a full week program during July for the first time since 2019!

What have been your biggest challenges?

Reaching out to families who have not returned to in-person worship since the pandemic, recruiting volunteers.

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2023?

VBS in July, specific program TBD.

Who will be the Chair for 2023?

Terri Hurst

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?

Although it can be an exhausting week, VBS is one of our greatest evangelism opportunities every year. Being able to share the gospel with children in a fun, energetic and joyful environment is a blessing for all involved. There are many ways to serve, even if only for one day.

Please list specific prayers for your Ministry throughout the year.

Please pray that people will be led by the Holy Spirit to serve through VBS; that families in the community will be drawn to God through our VBS program, and that all involved will feel the love of Jesus through this ministry. Pray that St. Matthew's as a community will shine the light of Christ into the community and that we will experience God's perfect provision.

Vestry Liaison

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Committee Chair

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Number of Active Participants on this Committee: 5 (three members, two staff interns)

YTD Budget Balance: \$2,345.20

What is the purpose of this Ministry?

The youth ministry is where our middle school and high school students can connect, have fun, and build their faith in Jesus. We value fellowship along with service to our church and community.

What were your Ministry's most significant accomplishments this year?

- Adding Caroline Bowen and Jessie Hurst to the team as interns to assist in developing and providing programs for the Sunday youth meetings.
- Participating in New Beginnings and Happenings for the first time since the pandemic.
- Holding our annual youth retreat in August at Camp Mikell.

What have been your biggest challenges?

- Developing more parent/guardian involvement with the ministry.
- Coordination with diocesan EYC events

What programs or events does your Ministry have planned for 2023?

- New Beginnings (diocesan retreat for middle school youth)
- Happening (diocesan retreat for high school youth)
- Youth retreat (annually in August)
- Mothers' Day recognition
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (youth fundraising event)
- Youth Sunday (worship service organized by the youth)

Who will be the Chair for 2023?

Holly Bond and Amanda Livermont

Any other information you would like to share about your work and your Ministry?

We average about 12-15 young people attending the Sunday dinner and youth group. We are always looking for more to join us.