
Letter to the Parish



September 17, 2026

Dear Parish Family,

As you may know, we are hosting our first ever Community Pumpkin Patch here at St. Matthew's from October 9th through November 1st. This is more than a fundraising event. It is a chance to live out our call to serve, welcome newcomers and share God's love with our neighbors throughout the community.

In recent weeks, Fr. Tim's sermons have reminded us that faith is not meant to stay inside our comfort zones. Service to the community is how we become the hands and feet of Christ. The Pumpkin Patch is a beautiful opportunity to do exactly that—to step outside what feels familiar, to greet people we may not yet know, and to create a warm, joyful space where newcomers and longtime members alike can feel they belong.

Our Youth were the first to offer up support — volunteering for set-up and creating the magic with a photo opportunity, as well as breakdown — before the signup was even posted! Their example inspires us all. Please sign up, feel free to reach beyond your usual circle—invite someone who isn't yet involved or ask a friend or neighbor to serve with you.

This is a parish-wide effort rooted in hospitality and shared purpose. Let's do it together and show once again "It's The People".

With gratitude,
Fr. Tim and Sr. Warden Dave Lott

Link to information about the Patch, and to sign up:

[**Pumpkin Patch - St. Matthew's Episcopal Church**](#)

Questions or in need of signup assistance? Please email:

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