

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church



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Sweet Summertime

"It was Spring, and the brook was full to the brim with its water. And the water moved in a hurry, as all things move in a hurry when it is Spring." --Scuffy the Tugboat

It is certainly true that life seems to speed up in the Spring. Many of us have been moving at a frenetic pace trying to keep up with it all. But now, at last, summer has arrived and I for one look forward to a bit slower pace. Not everything slows down in summer. The grass sure doesn't grow any slower! But some things certainly should slow a bit.

Our liturgical tradition invites us to consider the importance of times and seasons in our Christian living. This is symbolized by the colors you see in church. Festive high energy seasons like Easter and Christmas are decked out in white. More penitential and introspective seasons use purple or blue. But the longest season of all is the season after Pentecost which runs from June through the end of November. Its color is green, which is symbolic I think of the growing season. It takes a long time and lots of patience to grow things. It takes time and patience and space to grow spiritually too!

I think on the whole our society has lost a sense of the importance of rhythm. Too many expect themselves to be "on" all the time. Too many expect others to be "on" all the time. I've noticed many people seem to want every thing to happen instantly as if human life can and should move at the speed of e-mail and cell phone radio signals.

I've begun to wonder, too, if perhaps our children are a bit over-programmed. I remember as a child spending hours doing nothing in particular. A bike, a football, and my friend next door could fill an afternoon. But I suspect that nowadays many kids are conditioned to believe that unless they are achieving something "24-7" then they don't measure up. They're so busy doing they have no time just to be.

Maybe we no longer know how to slow down. Many find it hard to do even while on vacation! How was Disney? "Great, but I'm just exhausted—what a marathon--so glad to be home." I'm reminded of family vacations when we'd load into the car early in the morning and Dad—much more awake than we—would grip the steering wheel and declare with resolve, "We're going to get a good eight hours under our belts today!" And from the backseat there'd be a chorus of groans.

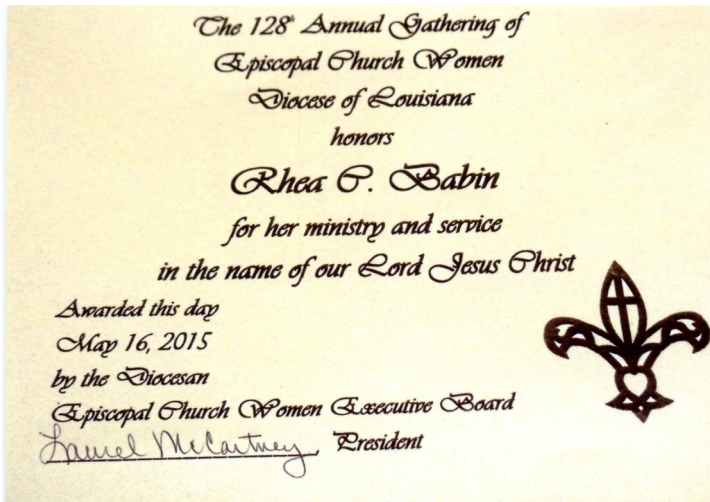
Soon, we'll blink, and the summer will be gone. (Have you noticed the summer is shrinking?!) Until then, slow down. Read something good for your soul. Take some time for quiet and prayer. Listen to the cicadas. Heck, watch the grass grow! And don't forget to get yourself to church on Sunday! If we do this, we might all be amazed just how much we'll grow in our awareness: awareness of ourselves, of others, and most important of all--our awareness of the presence of God.

See you in Church,

Fr. Craig

Announcements:

Sermon: [Pentecost](#)



St. Matthew's Episcopal School's Back to School Fishing Rodeo!

Links to more information:

[Fishing Rodeo Sponsor Form](#)
[Fishing Rodeo Save the Date Flyer](#)
[Fishing Rodeo Ticket Info](#)

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Come Join the Fun and Support SMES!

AUGUST 14-15, 2015
@ CoCo Marina in Cocodrie!

(See page 7 for more details)

Links & Documents

SMEC Website:

www.stmatthewshouma.org

Partners in Faith:

www.rebuildstmatts.com

Morning and Evening Prayer

www.missionstclare.com/english/

Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana

www.edola.org

SMES Website:

www.stmattsschool.com

SMES Dolphin Diaries Blog:

<http://smes.edublogs.org/>

Prayers & Thanksgivings

Barbara & Alex S., Kathy, Margaret, Frances, Eula, Calvin & Rhea, Wilma, Ingree, Andr  e, Sharon, Sybil, Marian, Johanna, Angelle & Taylor, Emily, Rocelle, Warren, Harold, Gordon, Phil and Shirleen, Pete & Paula, Russell, Jennifer, Hunter, Tilley, Penny, Drew, George, Jim, Briana, De-lores, Kellie, Anna Belle, Barney, Helen, Flo, Ray and our Partner-In-Mission sister parish, San Jose in Honduras. We give thanks and pray for St. Matthew's Episcopal School, Larke Leonard, Head of School, members of the Board, faculty, staff and students, our Parish Vestry and Building Committee.

Happy Birthday!

4-Betty Bergeron

7-Olivia Blair

12- Penny Jefcoats

20-Helen Domingos

21-Kaitlyn McNelis

22-Laura Pellegrin

23-Dal Dalferes

25-Miranda Himel

25-Randy Knight

25-Grace Blair

29- Irvin Pellegrin

Happy Anniversary!

2-Jim and Penny Jefcoats

13-David and Duane Ring

28-Mike and Charleen Westbrook

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Watch over your child, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SMEC Schedule

Wednesday, June 3, 2015, 5:30PM – NO SERVICE

June 7, 2015

Team 2

Eucharistic Ministers	Sharon Pontiff, Donna Knight
Lector	EM
Acolyte	Kalli Willet
Eucharistic Visitors (EV)	Debby Fortier
Ushers	Julio and Rina Medina, Karen Kelly
Vestry Member on Duty	Debby Fortier
Altar Guild	Sharon Pontiff, Suzanne Alexander
Hospitality	Debby Fortier
Homes Visited Today:	Eula McElroy, Calvin Babin

Wednesday, June 10, 2015, 5:30PM – NO SERVICE

June 14, 2015

TEAM 3

Eucharistic Ministers	Alex Ostheimer, Sandra Deroche
Lector	Dana Davis
Acolyte	Grace Blair
Eucharistic Visitors (EV)	Emilie Daye
Ushers	George Drury, Karen Chauvin
Vestry Member on Duty	Karen Kelly
Altar Guild	Sandy Ostheimer, Karen Kelly
Hospitality	Jay Theriot
Homes Visited Today:	Kathy Ryan, Wilma Belviy

Wednesday, June 17, 2015, 5:30PM – NO SERVICE

June 21, 2015

TEAM 4

Eucharistic Ministers	Kathy Theriot, Jay Theriot
Lector	Sybil Webb
Acolyte	Charles Dalferes
Eucharistic Visitor	Beulah Rodrigue
Ushers	Sharon Pontiff, Randy Knight
Vestry Member on Duty	Randy Knight
Altar Guild	Shanna Himel, Gail Duhe'
Hospitality	Hildegard Blanchard
Homes Visited Today:	Ingree Guedry, Margaret Shaffer

Wednesday, June 24, 2015, 5:30PM – NO SERVICE

June 28, 2015

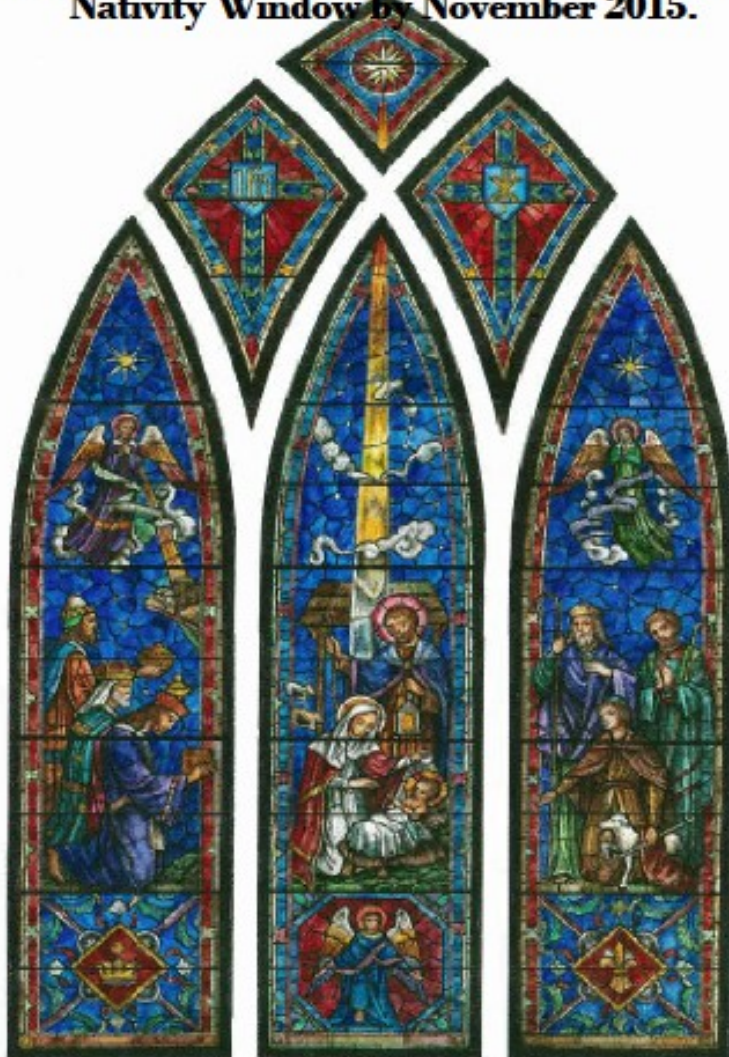
Team 1

Eucharistic Ministers	Hildegard Blanchard, Beulah Rodrigue
Lector	Becky Becnel
Acolyte	Kayleigh McNelis
Ushers	Helen Domingos, Brendon and Wendy McNelis
Vestry Member on Duty	Lee Stiel
Altar Guild	Sharon Pontiff, Suzanne Alexander
Hospitality	Debby Fortier
Homes Visited Today:	No homes visited today



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Nativity Community Window Fund

Become a part of history and help us restore the community's
Nativity Window by November 2015.



NATIVITY WINDOW

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH · HOUMA, LA.



Donations will be gratefully accepted at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, PO Box 568, Houma, LA 70361.

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Given in honor of: _____



The Hope Extreme Golf Tournament is a highly-visible and unique marketing opportunity for you and your business. We are looking for sponsors and teams to play Monday, June 15th. Please contact the staff today in order to secure your spot—(985) 873-3145.

Golf Tournament Registration:

Team Name _____ Contact Number _____

Player 1 _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

Fax form back to 985.873.3145 or scan and email to hopeextreme@yahoo.com

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Golf Towel Sponsor

\$2500

Business name on all Golf Towels and one Team Registration

Exclusive Hole Sponsor

\$1000

Business name represented at one Food Tent and one Team Registration

Tandem Hole Sponsor

\$300

Business name represented exclusively at one hole

Hole Sponsor

\$100

Business name represented on one sign at the course

Player Information

Date and Location:

Monday June 15th@
Ellendale Golf Club
3319 Highway 311 Houma

Fees and Details:

\$125 per person
\$500 per team

Registration must be paid in advance. Teams will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Format/Tee Times:

Four person scramble;
Morning Flight@8:00
Shotgun Start

Gift Bags and Prizes
Beverages and Food Provided
Prizes Awarded
Mulligan packages available



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Hope Extreme is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a mission to bring radical change to East Houma's urban youth.

(985) 873-3145

Save the date : August 14 & 15, 2015
Back to School
Fishing Rodeo in Cocodrie at Coco Marina



FUNDRAISER

Details, online registration and Tshirt orders are available at
fishforsmes.eventbrite.com

Inshore & Offshore divisions

Adults \$35 Youth \$15 FAMILY FUN

Snowballs & Hermit Crab races for the kids
CAJUN FOOD & LIVE MUSIC by
Bandit Saturday night

ST. MATTHEW'S PARENT ASSOCIATION EVENT

Contact Aimee Legendre at 985-790-3094 or
fishforsmes@gmail.com for more information

