



Created monthly by the Parish Life Committee to foster communication within the congregation

TO BEAT THE SUMMER HEAT:

We're often refreshed by a cold drink but check out what Jesus offers us when we thirst:

- ❖ Revelations 22:17
- ❖ John 4:13-14
- ❖ John 6:35



Upcoming Dates:

- June 7 Trinity Sunday
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 14 Last day of Sunday School
- June 21 Father's Day
- June 21 First day of summer



Did you know that:

- Rex Jones was our Sunday School Superintendent in the 1950's and in a 1955 report it was stated that "Rex Jones has had a vision of what a church school could become and with a devotion of unusual depths has sought to raise the vision of the staff (teachers) higher each year".
- The first St. Matthew's adult choir was organized in 1951 with 12 members and a junior choir was organized the following year with 10 boys and 4 girls. Several parishioners made their robes. In 1956, some of those junior choirs members included the Creedle triplets (Betsy Rollison & Carol Barbee are still at St. Matthew's), Jay Hereford, Corrine Langhorne, Judy & Linda Leard, Jeri Lewis and John Wilkerson.
- In May of 1951, a St. Matthew's cub scout troop was started to meet the needs of boys 8-11 years old and by 1952, the scouts had 6 dens with a total of about 50 boys. Soon after, in 1953, a Brownie troop was formed for the girls in the area.
- Andy & Charlotte McCutcheon were YPSL (Young People's Service League) sponsors in 1955-56.
- Trinity Sunday is the Sunday after Pentecost and it focuses on the Triune God-the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. God has been revealed to mankind in three ways. He is our creator who then came to earth as our Savior in the person of Jesus and then is ever present with us as the Holy Spirit.
- The Parish Life Committee will be organizing the Supper Club this summer; therefore, please turn in your yellow sheets as soon as possible.
- This will be the last St. Matt's Chat!!



Book Group reminder:

- The group will be meeting on July 1 to discuss The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society which is a novel set on the English Channel island of Guernsey during WWII while the island was under German occupation.
- Join the Book Group in reading and discussing this great book!!



History of Fathers' Day

- ❖ The idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Having been raised by her father, Henry Jackson Smart, after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910.
- ❖ In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Roses are the Fathers Day flowers: red to be worn for a living father and white if the father has died.




Congratulations to all of our high school and college graduates:

- ❖ **Colin Custer & Elizabeth Houser** – Douglas Freeman High School
- ❖ **Elizabeth Foreman** – Trinity Episcopal High School
- ❖ **Marielle Silva** – Deep Run High School
- ❖ **Will Bruch** – Wake Forest University
- ❖ **David Holland** – James Madison University
- ❖ **Erica Nichols** – James Madison University
- ❖ **Brandon Ray** – Bridgewater College
- ❖ **Katherine Roach** – Virginia Tech
- ❖ **Lindsey Silva** – Liberty University



****Jill Rich would like to thank all the people (more that 50 individuals!!) who have taken part in running the Sunday School program.**

As this is the final issue of the St. Matt's Chat, we have included 3 months of birthdays and anniversaries. Find your friends and parish family members in the lists below and wish them well.

Summer Birthdays			Summer Anniversaries		
June	July	August	June	July	August
7 Greg Foreman	2 Elva Wilson	2 Elizabeth Foreman	1 Chris & Kaki	3 John & Kate	4 Sam & Kaki Vint
8 Carol Farley & Sandra Holland	3 Kathryn Bailey, Wanda Pace & Bonnie Wilkins	& Ruby Watts	Singelton ('91)	Hillestad ('98)	('51)
11 Emily Goodykoontz	12 Margaret Vachet	3 Denny Alcorn	5 Southall & JoLynn Stone ('65)	9 Terry & Nancy Lentz ('95)	7 Clint & Jean Ray ('76)
12 Jean Ray	13 Trent Singleton	6 Mary Beth Spadea	14 Vernon & Gay Plack ('85)	26 Denny & Betty Alcorn ('52)	12 Gene & Robbie Rilee
13 Carol Grainger	19 Gloria Morris	8 Ann Brown, Cathy Hendrickson & Mark Hopkins	17 Tom & Kathy Hendrickson	28 George & Barbara Weich ('67)	17 Josh & Lynn Watts ('96)
14 Parker Archibald	29 Jane McDonald	10 Mario Gonzalez	17 Kenneth & Mary Meade Lee ('67)		19 Jim & Janet Cocke ('72)
15 Jill Rich	30 Keira Korsun	12 Matthew Ciszek	18 Lee & Sarah Pemberton ('66)		24 Sam & Spring Kirby ('74)
16 Brandon Ray & Janet Rinehart		14 Jacob Rich	21 Mark & Shirley Hopkins ('70)		
18 Todd Rich		17 Robin Kelley	24 Parker & Trig Archibald ('49)		
19 Rex Jones		18 Anna McKenney	24 Bob & Lee Tavenner ('50)		
22 Robbie Rilee		19 Hank Rich	27 Patrick & Lissa Power-deFur ('93)		
25 Augusta Cole		20 Shirley Hopkins & Terry Lentz	28 Todd & Jill Rich		
26 Lee Pemberton		24 Ryan Lloyd & Taylor Schreck			
28 Anne Foreman		25 Barbara Gonzalez & Katherine Witmer			
29 Frank McDonald		27 Charles Duncan			
		29 Joan Deming & Bruce Langhorne			
		30 Grace Hagerty			
		31 Helen Jennings			



The Parish Life Committee hopes that you have enjoyed the Chat during this anniversary year of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. The Committee will continue to develop programs that bring the church family together. Please look for these opportunities in the weekly newsletter insert on Sundays and on the web site.