



The Ivy Leaf

May 24, 2020

Welcome...

to St. Matthew's as we continue our celebration of Easter. This season of new life lasts for fifty days, until the feast of Pentecost, which falls this year on May 31st. We sing Easter hymns, use white flowers and hangings in the church, and shout alleluias throughout Easter season to mark the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Whether you are a first-time guest of this parish or a longtime member, we are delighted that you found us online. Wherever you are on your faith journey, we hope you find something in this community that feeds your soul. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Memorial Day Honors Those Who Died

Anticipating Memorial Day, we are assembling a list with a view to honoring those who died while serving in the U.S. Military. Please let us know the names of parishioners or people associated with St. Matthew's who should be included by emailing or telephoning the church office: office@episcopalstmatthew.org or 650-342-1481.

Pentecostal Goody Bags

Next Sunday, May 31, will be fifty days after Easter Sunday. We call that the Day of Pentecost. This Christian holiday of Pentecost, (from a Greek word for fiftieth) commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks—as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1–31). To help the Sunday School children celebrate Pentecost during shelter-in-place, we will distribute Pentecost kits with information and crafts early next Sunday morning. If you'd like to receive a pentecostal bag of goodies for your household, please contact the church office or Janine Gerzanics (650-346-3026 or j9gerz@gmail.com).

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Need Continues For Second Harvest Food Bank

As the COVID-19 crisis continues, the Food Bank expects "to see an increase in need as community *members are furloughed, losing hourly wages and forced to deplete savings while still providing for their family.*" If you are able to provide financial support, **donations can be made online** here:

<https://give.shfb.org/donatenow>.

Contributions and Pledges

Your generous support helps St. Matthew fulfill its mission: to live God's love, to share the Gospel, and to grow spiritually.

Thank you for continuing your giving during these times. Contributions and pledges can be mailed to the church or made online at <https://episcopalstmatthew.org/giving/donate-now/>.

Blessings and Prayer List Additions

Names for blessings and prayers can be submitted by emailing or calling the church office: office@episcopalstmatthew.org or 650-274-0795.