



The Ivy Leaf

June 14, 2020

Welcome...

to St. Matthew's. We're delighted to worship with you this morning, whether this is your first time here or your thousandth. The Episcopal tradition values all parts of the human person—heart, mind, and soul. We believe that all three are gifts from God, and God both sustains them and invites us to use them in God's service. Our passionate emotions, our questions and searching, our yearning for something deeper—God values them all, because God values all of us. Wherever you are on your journey in life, we hope you find something in this community that feeds your soul and strengthens you to share in God's work in the world.

Christianity and Race—An Opportunity to Join a Public Lecture

Next week our parish will have the opportunity to hear a panel of interesting voices from the Episcopal Church engage in a conversation about race and social justice. The public lecture is sponsored by Sewanee (The University of the South) which is an Episcopal University. The panelists include: The Right Reverend Carlye Hughes, bishop of the Diocese of Newark; Dr. Woody Register, Francis S. Houghteling Professor of American History at the University of the South; Dr. Jody Lynn Allen, assistant professor of history at William and Mary University; and The Reverend Doctor Ben King, associate professor of Church History at the School of Theology. Note: Dr. Ben King was one of several very talented professors with whom I was privileged to study in my Doctor of Ministry Program.

Our parish will either be able to connect to the lecture via a ZOOM call on Monday 15 June at 5:00 pm or we will be able to listen to a recording of the event at a later date. We are currently working on the technical details—so stay tuned for further information. Fr. Eric+

St. Matthew's Bells Will Ring On Juneteenth -- Freedom Day

11:00 a.m. sharp, Friday, June 19

Drive over, park in the parking lot or along Baldwin Avenue, and enjoy a five or six minute bell concert in celebration of Juneteenth. Known also as Freedom Day and Jubilee Day, this annual commemoration on June 19 marks the final end of legal slavery in the U. S. -- more than two years after the formal Emancipation Proclamation -- when federal orders were read in Galveston, Texas.

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.

Contributions and Pledges

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/>.

Second Harvest Food Bank

As the disruption caused by the COVID-19 crisis continues, Second Harvest continues to provide support to community members in need. If you are able, please consider a financial donation to help. **Donations can be made online** here: <https://give.shfb.org/donatenow>.