



# The Ivy Leaf

September 13, 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.

## St. Matthew's Day Scavenger Hunt

An all Parish Scavenger Hunt celebrating the Feast of St. Matthew will take place on **September 20, beginning at noon**. We're asking families to stay together as a pod and for everyone to wear a mask while on this fun, walking adventure in San Mateo.

There will be two ways to obtain your Scavenger Hunt List and instructions, which will both be available at **noon on September 20**. One way will be to download the list from our website and the other will be to pick up the list at St. Matthew's Courtyard by the Magnolia Tree.

Many Blessings,

Fr. Eric, Fr. Jay and Deacon Lauren

## UTO Ingathering in Pandemic Time

Our traditional Fall United Thank Offering ingathering won't be in person on a Sunday morning this year, but contributions to the good work UTO grants enable can be made via mail and online, by **Sunday, October 25**.

You can donate by using this link: <https://unitedthankoffering.org/give/> (in the "Diocese" box, put California, and in the "Parish" box, St. Matthew's); or, by mailing a check to St. Matthew's, made payable to the League for Service, with the memo line labeled "UTO". For more about UTO, see this month's *Tau Cross* newsletter: [The Tau Cross](#).

## **Day School Visitor Policy**

Day School students recently began the 2020/2021 school year, with pre-kindergarten kids on campus and kindergarten to 8th graders distance learning from home. Though many faculty and staff are working on campus, non-essential visitors should stay away. If you need access to Day School spaces—including those areas shared with the church—please call or email the church office.

## **Book Group: *Little Fires Everywhere* for October**

The St. Matthew's Book group will read Celeste Ng's novel *Little Fires Everywhere* and meet via Zoom on **Wednesday, October 28, at 7:00 pm** to talk about it. All are invited to join. Contact: [office@episcopalstmatthew.org](mailto:office@episcopalstmatthew.org).

## **Blessings and Prayer List Additions**

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

## **Contributions and Pledges**

Your generous financial support helps St. Matthew's 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: [episcopalstmatthew.org/giving/donate-now/](https://episcopalstmatthew.org/giving/donate-now/).

## **Second Harvest Food Bank**

In recent months, many in our community have been forced to ask for food assistance for the first time. Second Harvest reports it is now providing food to more than 500,000 people every month, double the number of people served before the pandemic. To learn more about Second Harvest, go to <https://www.shfb.org/>. To donate: <https://give.shfb.org/donatenow?appeal=3075>.