

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church



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A Message from our Youth Christian Formation Director

Our Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) is making plans in preparation for our Mission Trip this summer. As we have the past three summers, we will again utilize Team Effort, based out of Florida, which is a non-profit, Christian mission organization for guidance. They have camps all over the United States and other countries that provide organization and guidance on the mission site that is chosen by our youth. Our typical mission week consists of work Monday through Thursday morning with enjoyment of local activities in the afternoon and on Friday. Our youth and chaperones alike participate in worship, music, and small group discussions nightly. Previous missions have brought us to Copperhill, Tennessee; Tahlequah, Oklahoma; and Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

The youth have decided on Georgia this summer and narrowed down Golden Isles as our mission site. We will travel nine and a half hours during the Fourth of July week, which is our usual week of choice. The Golden Isles are a group of four barrier islands and the mainland port city of Brunswick on the 100-mile-long coast of Georgia on the Atlantic Ocean. It is located between Savannah and Jacksonville, Florida.

We will have six youth and five or six adults on our trip as we have youth who are 18 or over and wish to still participate. We will work in a community just west of the islands in Brunswick where there are impoverished neighborhoods. We will minister to the children and adults through service projects. We will work to repair homes and bring them back to livable conditions. We hope to show the love of Christ to the families that live in this community by assisting with their needs.

On Jekyll Island, one of the barrier islands of the Golden Isles, we will enjoy a visit to the Georgia Sea Turtle Center. The center is operated by the Jekyll Island Authority as a primary conservation program dedicated to increasing awareness through sea turtle education, rehabilitation, and research programs. A visit to the water park on the island was also voted on by our youth and will end our week before heading back home.

Of course, funds are required to help make this trip and local activities happen. We couldn't do it without the support of our church family, the school, and the greater community who participate in our fundraisers. We will host EYC Sunday this coming Sunday in church, April 24, where our youth will participate in the entire mass by playing musical instruments, singing, reading the lessons, and much more. The sermon will even be delivered by one of our youth. In today's world, we are blessed to have youth in our church that want to be involved in helping others. We thank you for your support of our youth ministry.

Becky Becnel

Youth Christian Formation Director

Announcements:



Our tree ducks have returned!



This was submitted to the Diocese by Jay Theriot, and it won "Photo of the Month." It shows the beginning of the procession into the church during the Easter Vigil service.



Les Amis Performance and Reception

April 24th from 5 pm until 7 pm at St. Matthew's Church Les Amis de la Chanson will perform a musical celebration of St. Matthew's home-coming!

The concert choir began performing in 1987. Les Amis' repertoire includes sacred and secular music of all styles and all periods.

The spring program at St. Matthew's on April 24th at 5 pm includes selections from the 20th century, but nevertheless includes "How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place" (Brahms - 19th century) in a musical celebration of St. Matthew's home-coming.

We welcome all that can attend. There will be a reception following the performance in the Parish Hall.

SMEC Website:

www.stmatthewshouma.org

Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana

www.edola.org

SMES Website:

www.stmattsschool.com



**St. Matthew's
Episcopal Church**

Sunday Service 10:00am

Nursery & Youth Programs

Prayers & Thanksgivings

Barbara & Alex S., Kathy, Margaret, Frances, Wilma, Ingrid, Andr  e, Sharon, Sybil, Marian, Johanna, Angelle & Taylor, Emily, Rocelle, Warren, Harold, Gordon, Phil and Shirleen, Pete & Paula, Russell, Jennifer, Hunter, Penny, George, Delores, Kellie, Barney, Flo, Ray, Louise, Kimble, Gerard, David, Gina, Jeanie, Steven, Chris, Genevieve, Connie, Fannie, Frank, Ed, Ben, Herman, Barbara, Grady & Teresa, Kim & baby, Janet, Cher, Ray, Flavia & Charlie, Charles, Annabelle, Mick, Hannah, Steven, Samantha, Roger, Colby, Shawn, and our Partner-In-Mission sister parish, San Jose in Honduras. We give thanks and pray for St. Matthew's Episcopal School, S. Myers McAllister, Head of School, members of the Board, faculty, staff and students, our Parish Vestry.

Happy Birthday!

1-Ryan Kilgo	25-Charleen Westbrook
3-Bob Davis	26-Bill Fortier,
4-Lyle Lirette	26-Sandra Deroche
8-Charles Dalferes	29-Laura Kern
14-Shanna Himel	29-Mike Niette
15-Abby Ricker	29-Erica Polk
15-Lilie Ricker	30-Shirley Lirette
19-, Louise Dupont	
20-Rachel Boquet	
24-Corey Pellegrin	
25-Dixon Lewis	

Happy Anniversary!

4-Harold and Lydicia Belanger
11-Chris and Bonnie Siegrist
29-Lane and Anne Bates

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.

Schedule

Wednesday, April 20, 5:30PM – Healing Service – Hildegard Blanchard

April 24, 2016

TEAM 4

Eucharistic Ministers	Kathy Theriot, Jay Theriot
Lector	Becky Becnel
Acolyte	Charles Dalferes
Eucharistic Visitor	Beulah Rodrigue
Ushers	Glenn and Jessica Blair, Jack Shutts
Vestry Member on Duty	Glenn Blair
Altar Guild	Sharon Pontiff, Suzanne Alexander
Flower Guild	Duane Ring
Hospitality	Debby Fortier
Homes Visited Today:	Ingree Guedry, Margaret Shaffer

Wednesday, April 27, 5:30PM – Healing Service – Hildegard Blanchard

Dear SMES & SMEC Families,

Art Under the Oaks is just around the corner on April 28! Don't forget to invite friends, neighbors, and family members to this fun, community celebration of the arts! You can purchase tickets by contacting Kelly Phillips at kelly.phillips@stmattshouma.org or at the door! Each ticket purchased also gives you a chance to win a door prize!

Here are some things to look forward to:

- unique art pieces designed by each SMES student
- silent auction featuring faculty artwork, gift baskets, specialty items, music lessons and performances, art classes, & more
- live auction with special projects made by each class and VIP Experiences including Head of School for the Day
- art demonstrations by local artists: Stacey Fabre, Sea Gem Studios, Connie Ebeyer, & Wendy's Whimsical Angels
- artwork donated by Nadjah Bergeron, Denise Cuartas, Karen McGowan, Hans Geist, Helen Domingos, & more
- entertainment by David West and the SMES Choristers
- Teacher Treasure sign-up events including Student vs. Faculty/Parent Kickball
- VIP Opportunities like reserved seating & parking for SMES events
- VIP Experiences such as HTV News Anchor, Chick-fil-A Manager, Mix-It-Up party, & more
- NEW! Creative U will paint special requests just for you during the event!
- red beans and rice, hot dogs, & cold drinks
- childcare available during the art show; pre-registration is required <http://goo.gl/forms/WKuvPru8IH>

This special evening will also feature a Patron Party from 5 – 6 PM. This festive hour includes:

- hors d'oeuvres courtesy of Cristiano's, Castalano's, Copeland's, & Coley's
- signature cocktails served by Ray Cheramie of Main St. Lounge
- early bidding and early entry into art show
- entertainment by David West
- complimentary childcare during the party; pre-registration is required <http://goo.gl/forms/WKuvPru8IH>

Thank you to our wonderful **Art Under the Oaks sponsors!** You can help us show appreciation by thanking these donors and supporting their businesses.

Level 3



Level 2



Level 1



Tickets on Sale Now!

Call 985-872-5573

or email Kelly Phillips at
kelly.phillips@stmattshouma.org



Come enjoy an evening of amazing works of art from the students, faculty, and staff at SMES, along with works of art from community leaders, families, and friends. These masterpieces will be on exhibit for silent and live auction. Guests are invited to bid on VIP Experiences, reserved parking and seating for school events, Teacher Treasures, and more!

Thursday, April 28, 2016 6 – 8 PM

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church & School Parish Hall

243 Barrow Street | (985) 872-5573

www.StMattsSchool.com/art-under-the-oaks

Tickets : \$5 (entry & door prize chance included)

Current SMES students admitted at no charge!

Patron Party 5 – 6 PM

signature cocktails • hors d'oeuvres • early bidding • complimentary childcare during party • \$25 ticket also includes entrance into art show and door prize chance

For details on the event, to
donate art or services, or become
a sponsor, contact Kelly Phillips.
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Silent Auction 6 - 7:15 PM
Chorister Performance 6:30 – 6:45 PM
NEW! Live Auction 7:15 – 7:30 PM
Checkout 7:30 PM
Event Ends 8 PM
Live Music, Food, & Fun all night!

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE SMES ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN.