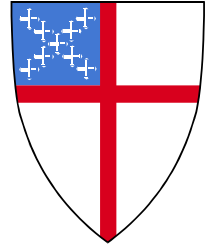


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FROM THE YOUTH MINISTER

TREVOR BLACK



Hello, everyone!

Somehow, summer manages to be an even busier time than the school year, but it sure is fun. Even though I'm no longer in school, I can feel the excitement in my neighborhood and in our church as students stay fired up to spend their days outside. Then again, maybe their energy feels so high because the mornings are spent sleeping in. Either way, there are a few things that are making me really excited for the summer.

First up is Mission Possible, which is shaping up to be even more thrilling than any of its excellent past years. We'll be camping, serving, and growing in fellowship over the course of the week.

However, sometimes program directors are hesitant to invite a group of elementary and middle-schoolers to volunteer at sites that need help. I'm happy to say that Mission Possible has a long history of proving that our young campers are just as capable as adult volunteers! The fun begins on July 6th! (Mission Possible ends on the 10th, but the fun doesn't.)

The very next week (July 12th-18th), high schoolers will set off for Philadelphia for the Youth Mission Trip. It's been too long since I've been able to travel and serve a community in need, and I've been aching for another fantastic experience like I've had on missions in the past. Some of the most positively formative, emotionally rich, and spiritually maturing moments in my life have been the time I've spent joining Saint Matthew's students on youth missions. These times are some of the memories I hold most dear.

From July 24th-31st, Saint Matthew's will again host Vacation Bible School; Bible Blast to the Past! This fun and formational evening camp is a great way to get your kids involved in the Church, learn more about their faith, and to have a little time to relax! VBS is another St. Matt's tradition that I love; I know I'm not alone in this, because those too old to be campers are often seen having just as much fun volunteering as group leaders, band members, actors, and teachers. Register today at www.stmmts.org.

I can't wait to see even more of everyone this summer. It can be busy. It can be exhausting. But it's always a way to have a blast, always a way to grow, and always a way to become closer with the community of people here at St. Matt's that I love so much.

See you out there!

-Trevor

HAVE A HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!



There will be no church service on Saturday, July 4th.
Enjoy your celebration! We look forward to seeing you on
Sunday, July 5th at 8am, 9:30am, or 11am.

Join us for a Night at the Ballpark!! Saturday, August 22nd



It's Saint Matthew's Family Day at the Frederick Keys game, August 22. We will meet at the field at 4pm to have a potluck dinner and let the kids play in the game area (moon bounce, carnival games and rides). The game starts at 6pm with fireworks at the end of the game and then all kids get to run the bases!! Tickets for reserved seating are \$9/adults, \$6 for youth ages 3-12, under 3 are free, \$6 Seniors over 60. Carnival ride & games tickets are \$1 each or buy an unlimited pass for \$7. Sign up is on the bulletin board in the hallway or contact Maureen Albrethson at maureen_pgh@yahoo.com

Saturday, July 11th at Noon

Mark your calendar for our next free Community Lunch. Come out and join in the fun. We need volunteers to set-up, serve and most importantly interact and get to know our neighbors. Food donations are also appreciated. Please contact Sandra Gentry at sandra.gentry1@verizon.net to find out how to get involved.



Vacation Bible School July 27—31



Get ready for Saint Matthew's Vacation Bible School this summer — where kids discover God's love! We're going to travel on a life-changing adventure that leads kids in search of a love that lasts forever! At Bible Blast to the Past, kids will participate in the large-group excitement of Blast to the Past Bash, experience God's Word at Timeless Truth Tent, learn ways to serve others at Mission Quest Cave, and discover ancient arts and play games at Discovery Ruins! Register now for the best week of summer! July 27-31, 5:30pm-8:30pm. \$40 for registration includes dinner, t-shirt, games, projects, live music and more! Invite your friends!

Register Now
www.stmmts.org

This is only a small selection of our upcoming events. Read the weekly bulletin for the most up to date information. Can't make it to church, read the announcements online at www.stmmts.org. Look under "For Parishioners" in the left hand column.