



# MATTHIAS MIDWEEK

Inspired by the life and compassion of Jesus Christ,  
We are a church of action in our community, engaging in  
Hospitality by offering bread for body and soul

## REFLECTION FROM ANN+

- \* Why is your church here NOW?
- \* What is its purpose?
- \* If conditions remain as they are now in terms of membership, pledges, and budget shortfalls, how long can you keep the doors open?
- \* How would you describe your ideal spiritual experience?
- \* Looking carefully at all facets and activities of your church's life, what do you need to KEEP doing?
- \* Looking carefully at all facets and activities of your church's life, what do you need to STOP doing?
- \* How would you describe the culture of your church? Where is the greatest emphasis? Community? Flexibility? Structure?
- \* Now, looking carefully at all facets and activities of your church's life, what do you need to START doing?

These are the kinds of questions your team at St. Matthias has been pondering for the past nine months as a part of the planning effort called Blue Horizons. The culmination of our efforts, of course, has been a response to the final question: "What do we need to start doing?" To that end, our last assignment was to write a letter to the future. Addressed to the parish in February, 2018, it would begin, "Over the past year we have...."

Having prayed, met frequently, and done our homework all year, we decided we needed to begin creating more structure to better guarantee long-term sustainability. In particular, we focused on our mission of hospitality as exemplified by our primary outreach to the neighborhood -- Loaves & Fishes.

In order to develop this ministry, we hope to add at least two more churches to those who work with us now. In addition, to increase our leadership pool, we propose establishing a volunteer board with representatives from St. Matthias, the neighborhood and the participating churches. Its charge would be to address the challenges of Loaves & Fishes and decide upon any new initiatives. Finally, in order to recruit more volunteers and add to our support base, we discussed the merits of adding a part-time manager of volunteers to our staff. A lot to take in. To be continued.....

## ANN+

### HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17: 7:00-8:30 PM  
Renewed Minds Bible Study - Parish Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18:  
9:00 AM: Book Club, Lois Berk's house

11:30 AM: Noonday Prayer - Sanctuary  
11:00AM- 2:00 PM: Loaves & Fishes - Parish Hall

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19: 9:30 AM  
7TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
Readings:  
Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18  
Psalm 119: 33-40  
1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23  
Matthew 5: 38-48

10:45 AM Coffee & Conversation - Parish Hall  
11:00 AM: SOS - Scripture on Sunday

11:30 AM: Rebirth Ministries Worship  
1:30 PM: Renewed Minds Worship

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22:  
10:00 AM: Morning Prayer, Sanctuary  
10:30 AM - Noon: Wandering with the Word

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28: 5:00-7:00 PM  
SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1: ASH WEDNESDAY  
7:00 - 9:00 AM Ashes To Go  
Noon: Ash Wednesday Service

### OUR PRAYERS

Fern Grumbine

Mel Berk

Chris Brown

Sylvia Hooper

Carlton Moore, pastor of Renewed Minds

Otis Cutler, pastor of Rebirth

Sally

Those living with Parkinson's Disease

Wisdom for our country and our president

### YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS:

SATURDAY, MARCH 11: 4:00-6:00 PM  
ONE WOMAN SHOW:

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT;

"ACROSS A BARRIER OF FEAR"

Q & A and Reception to follow performance

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 17 &  
SATURDAY, MARCH 18

### WORKSHOP:

"SEEING GOD IN THE FACE OF OTHERS"