



# 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+

On Being Hot ...

First it was a bit stuffy in church. That was last Wednesday -- a week ago, when we gathered in the sanctuary for Morning Prayer. No problem; we opened the windows (I'd never seen stained glass windows that opened!) and the front door, so the half hour passed without incident. That evening, as Renewed Minds (one of the congregations that rents our space) arrived for their usual Wednesday night gathering in the sanctuary, they too noticed the stuffiness. Pastor Barbara Moore notified Senior Warden Paul Pittelli, who upon investigating the problem, discovered a severed connection on the Parish Hall roof. Conclusion: thieves had helped themselves to the copper piping essential to our air conditioning system.

That's the narrative in layman' terms. As an HVAC company assessed the situation, the problem became more complex. Something about the advanced age of the system (it still uses freon!), coupled with the advanced age of our old furnace (we replaced the other old unit last winter), makes a simple pipe repair not so simple. Now, Mary Ross, our beleaguered Building and Grounds chair, is securing two bids for the cost of replacing St. Matthias' glorious cool, which we no longer take for granted.

Now I know many of you reading this have some questions: will insurance cover this or a part of it? Do we really have to replace as much as one HVAC company suggests? If we put more copper up there, how do we protect it? Do we have to use copper? At this point, I don't know the answers to those questions. At no point will I ever be the one to explain the finer points of the problem. That, as a friend of mine used to say, is 'above my pay scale'.

What I can comment on is our response to this apparent 'crisis'. First of all, it NOT a crisis, it's a challenge. And I have noticed that we do well with challenge. For example, last Sunday we fairly seamlessly moved our worship down to the Undercroft, which being semi-subterranean, provided a more bearable climate. We were cosy, but the service proceeded 'decently and in good order' as Episcopal decorum requires. Further and more importantly, the Spirit hovered.

Next, this situation requires trust: trust that there will be enough to pay for what we need; trust in those who are charged with making the decisions that need to be made. Trust in our vestry. Trust in your rector. Trust in God's guidance and protection. All will be well. And all is well as we gather in the Undercroft once again this coming Sunday to thank the Lord for all our blessings.

To be continued,

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## THIS WEEK

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 6:30 PM:  
AA Meeting, Parish Hall

FRIDAY, JULY 7: 10:00 AM: Orientation for new Vestry members, Undercroft

SATURDAY, JULY 8  
9:00 AM: Vestry Meeting, Undercroft  
11:00AM - 2:00PM: Loaves & Fishes, Parish Hall

SUNDAY, JULY 9: 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
9:30 AM: St. Matthias Worship  
11:30 AM: Rebirth Worship  
1:30 PM: Renewed Minds Worship

MONDAY, JULY 10: 6:30 PM  
Movie - "Hidden Figures" - Undercroft

TUESDAY, JULY 11: 7:00 PM:  
Renewed Minds, Healthy Exchange

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12: No Morning Prayer/Wonder Group - to return July 19

### COMING UP

BLUEGRASS ON THE FRONT LAWN  
EDGAR ALLAN AND THE POE BOYS  
TIME TBA

There will be a meeting after the Service on Sunday, July 9 to plan for this event. Please come and help us make this concert a success again this year!

MONDAY NIGHT MOVIES  
AT MATTHIAS!!  
6:30 - 9:00 PM  
UNDERCROFT  
PLEASE BE PROMPT!

July 10 - "Hidden Figures"  
July 17 - "42" - the story of Jackie Robinson  
July 24- "Sully"  
July 31- "The Black Stallion"

## OUR PRAYERS

Otis Cutler - pastor of Rebirth, undergoing radiation

Cindy Humphrey - continued healing of her knee

Linda and Geoff Boyd - safe travel

Sally Morton - strength and hope in her struggle with breast cancer

Pat Prescott - safe travel & guidance and she visits her mother

Ann Morton - for strength

Our President - for wisdom in his talks with leaders of other nations this week.