



GOOD NEWS LETTER

... In the Age of Coronavirus ...
Abbreviated Version

While the cat's away . . .



Matt takes the reins . . .



Matt Rossi has started "office hours" as a time to chat virtually over zoom with any who are interested. He would love to get the chance to get to know everyone better. Each Thursday from 3-4 p.m., Matt will be on an open zoom meeting for whoever is interested in dropping in. He is happy to just chat, answer questions, or talk about concerns and provide pastoral care as well. Feel free to hop on and talk? Here's the zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89605951125?pwd=dmVpM2w2bTQzTEZVWnNpc1V5SmN5dz09>

Matt will also be leading the Brown Bag Bible Study at noon on Thursdays!

For the next 7 weeks of the summer we'll be discussing what it means to read the Bible as Christian Scripture in our **Brown Bag Bible Study**. Each week we will look at an Old Testament or New Testament text (sometimes together) and discuss the ways that reading all of Scripture together helps to illuminate our understanding of God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ. You won't need to do any reading in advance, just come with your Bible and join in the discussion!"



**TENTATIVE REGATHERING DATE FOR ST. MARK'S IS
JULY 26th!**

Be on the lookout for more information as the date gets closer.

We Care Team

Who is the We Care Team? Each time Y O U perform an act of kindness or say a prayer, whether fleeting or lengthy, Y O U fulfill your role as a member of our churchwide/communitywide We Care Team. If you would like to receive the periodic blind-copy email notices from coordinator Carole Geiger, please contact her at geiger.caroleb@gmail.com (also, see your Parish Directory).



Want to know more about how to stitch in fellowship with us? Contact Gret Kidd, Carole Geiger, or Sally Field. (See your Parish Directory.)

REMINDER:

Here are the Zoom code numbers/ links for our weekly services. This information remains the same week after week.

Service of Morning Prayer at 10:30am Sunday:

<https://zoom.us/j/529751141>

Call-in Use # 1 301 715 8592 // then enter meeting code 529 751 141

Service of Evening Prayer at 7:30pm Wednesday:

<https://zoom.us/j/515775059>

Call-in Use # 1 301 715 8592 // then enter meeting code 515 775 059

Brown Bag Bible Study at noon Thursday:

<https://zoom.us/j/357687400>

Call-in Use # 1 301 715 8592 // then enter meeting code 357 687 400

The Botetourt Food Pantry is operating at normal hours each

Saturday, 9:30-12:00. The food distribution is done as a drive through process.

Clients will be asked to stay in their cars and volunteers will bring the food out to you. Food will be already boxed up. **We ask clients and volunteers to please stay home if you have any symptoms.** We appreciate your patience. We want to keep our volunteers and clients safe. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Rodgers at 540-597-0025.



The Botetourt Food Pantry has a facebook page. You can find information about hours, ways to donate food, and also other ways to receive food if in need. Go to their page here: <https://www.facebook.com/Botetourt-Food-Pantry-103556037971358/>



June 28 Morning Prayer Service on Zoom
Ryan Cecil preaching

Photo Credit — Ann Layman

We were blessed to have Ryan Cecil preach for St. Mark's on Sunday, June 28. He will be leaving for Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pennsylvania for the fall. Ryan's sermon is available to listen to online on the St Mark's website, along with many other past sermons.

**you
SHALL
go**
to all to whom
I send you, and
**you
SHALL
speak**
whatever
I command you...

JEREMIAH 1:7, NRSV

It's hard to believe my time at St Mark's is already halfway over, it seems as if I just zoomed in for my first service last week! Of the many things that have changed since COVID-19 came on the scene, I think our warped experience of time and space is among the strangest. I have been serving at St Mark's for over a month now, but have yet to set foot in Fincastle. In my month of service, I've probably spent only 60 hours actually interacting with folks from the parish (maybe less than that!). And of course, none of these hours have been typical human interaction, but mediated through the phone and the computer. It is difficult to build relationships this way, but I have truly felt welcomed by the parish and have loved getting to chat with some of you all at greater length.

As Haley, Mila, and I sojourn in the Midwest, I feel deeply blessed to feel tethered to the body of Christ in southwest Virginia. Please let me know of any ways that I can further serve you individually or as a community for the remainder of the summer, and I'd love a chance to get to know each of you better at some point! You are in my prayers! (P.S. - enjoy the picture of Mila, who just turned 6 months this last week).



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Groaners

Because Gina likes puns . . .

The shoemaker did not deny his apprentice anything he needed. He gave his awl.

So what if I don't know what apocalypse means!? It's not the end of the world!

Claustrophobic people are more productive thinking outside the box.

I once got into so much debt that I couldn't even afford my electricity bills, they were the darkest times of my life.

July Birthdays

- 2 Meredith Bowman Shelton, Jason Bayer
- 3 Beth Field
- 5 John Guillote
- 9 Kaleb Cahoon
- 11 David Palmer
- 15 Reddie Waid, Mary Stone Garland
- 18 Zachary Moore, Amie Uotinen
- 26 Karen Beasley
- 27 Madison Palmer