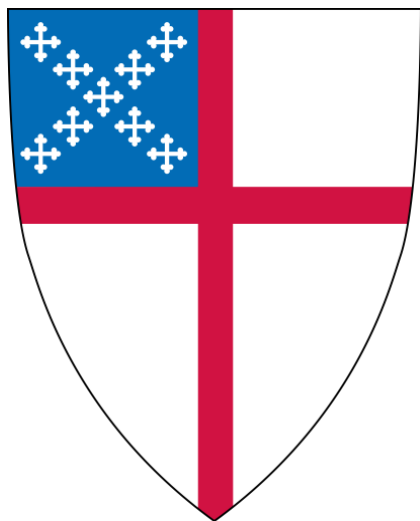


St Matthew's Episcopal Church

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Our History *Founded Aug 18, 1862*

A group of faithful Episcopalians living in Horseheads decided to worship our Lord and build him a church in their own midst. In August 1862, St Matthew's was incorporated and its first Vestry was formed. A missionary priest served the parish and the congregation met at different locations. By 1866, the cornerstone for their new building was set and our beautiful sanctuary was consecrated. Rev. Henry M. Brown was the first rector, taking charge in October, 1862. By 1964, the church had experienced sufficient growth to warrant building the parish hall. It's a 6,000 sq foot facility built to accommodate not only parish needs but the community as well. Today it continues to be used by the parish and several community organizations. We are justly proud of our history and pray our new rector will help us to fully live our motto "to grow in Christ, Sharing his love" now when unprecedented challenges of these times call for our deepest Christian commitment.

Who we are today

We seek a part-time Rector for St Matthew's to lead our small but active congregation.

We have an average attendance of 35 for each of our two services in person and via Zoom and Facebook. We employ an administrative assistant, sexton and organist. We also have an active prayer chain, schedule of layreaders and Eucharistic ministers for each service. The parish hall doubles as a community center. Among the groups using it are:

Homeschool group

Girl Scouts

Boy Scouts

Elmira Kennel Club

Alcoholics Anonymous

Browse and Buy Thrift Store

Lay ministry is important to us. Participation whether on a committee basis or as a part of the liturgy, benefits not only the Church but each of us as individuals.

Our liturgy is centered on Eucharist offering two services weekly; a spoken service on Saturday at 5:30pm and a service with organ music on Sunday at 9:30 am.



Where we live

St Matthew's is located in the village of Horseheads, NY. The village acquired its unique name from a battle that took place in September 1779. Major General John Sullivan and his troops fought a campaign against the Six Nations of the Iroquois. The severity of the fighting and the weather conditions took an enormous toll on the army's horses. After the fighting ended, the Iroquois arranged the skulls of dead horses in rows. Eventually the settlers built their homes in the immediate area of the horses' heads, hence the name. Horseheads is the first and only town in the US dedicated to the service of the American Military horse.

Located in the rolling, green hills of the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York, Horseheads is home to about 6500 people and forms a part of the Southern Tier with a total population of about 230,000. Located along Interstate 86, we are within a few hours drive of major cities including Toronto and New York City, yet we are spared the traffic congestion and high cost of living of large cities.





Area attractions

Our area offers activities for all seasons. Cross-country and downhill skiing, ice skating and snowmobiling are popular winter attractions. In the summer you may hike the “Glen” at Watkins Glen State Park. Picnic at Buttermilk Falls in Ithaca

or camp and swim at Park Station’s 500 acres. The Finger Lakes boast some of the most beautiful scenery in the country. Their excellent wineries attract thousands of visitors every year. Take a sailplane ride at Harris Hill or take a dinner ride on Captain Bill’s boat on Seneca Lake in the summer.

Other Major Attractions

- The Corning Museum of Glass, the foremost museum in the world dedicated to the art, science and history of glass. www.cmog.org
- The National Soaring Museum
www.soaringmuseum.org
- The Rockwell Museum of Western Art. “The Best of the West in the East”, the only public collection of western art east of the Mississippi.
www.rockwellmuseum.org
- The National Warplane Museum
www.wingsofeagles.com
- The Clemens Center for Performing Arts which attracts major names and theatrical performance including a yearly Broadway Series
www.clemenscenter.org
- 171 Cedar Arts Center in Corning offers a rich variety of professional instruction and exhibitions.
www.171cedararts.org



Our Community Activities

- **Browse and Buy* is our thrift shop where we take in donations from the community that are then turned around and sold. The proceeds are donated to many area groups including Horseheads Food Pantry, Horseheads Community Animal Shelter and the SPCA.
- **Community meals* are held several times a year in which the community is invited to come in and share a free meal with us. Most popular are the barbeque in the summer and the Christmas meal in December.
- **ECW* is a small group of the women of the parish who annually hold a Christmas Cookie sale for the public. This year our proceeds went to benefit a program for women living in a shelter.
- **Teal Park Pie Sale* is held each Thursday during the summer months in conjunction with the Horseheads Parks and Recreation Dept Concerts in the Park series. We gather behind the church building to sell desserts to our neighbors and concert attendees.
- **Horseheads Food Pantry* - Two of our parishioners serve on the board of the local food Pantry and we dedicate one weekend each month to donations to the pantry from all members.
- * *Shared services with the Episcopal Churches of Chemung County.* Over the last few years we have worked together with the other churches in the county (Emmanuel Church, Elmira; Grace Church, Elmira) to have Sunday services jointly a few times a year, along with joint vestry meetings yearly.
In addition, the wardens and clergy of all three churches meet on a regular basis.

This year, for example, Emmanuel Church is hosting Shrove Tuesday Burning of Ashes and Pancake Supper, St Matthew's has a morning Ash Wednesday service and Grace Church has an evening Ash Wednesday service.

*We are a spiritual community within the Episcopal tradition
committed to God by loving others.*

Diocese of Central New York

We belong to the Diocese of Central New York. It is led by
Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe
The Diocese is a community of 11,000 faithful Episcopalians
in 83 congregations, working together for a world healed by
love.
We are glad you found us and we hope to have a chance to
welcome you.

<https://cnyepiscopal.org>

A world healed by love

Pray We are in constant
conversation with God

Listen We listen and learn,
especially to the voices of silenced
and marginalized people

Connect We build relationships within
and beyond our congregations

Speak We tell the truth with
courage and integrity

Share We boldly share the
stories of our lives of faith

Respond We steward all we have and
all we are for the kingdom of God

**Learning to love God, one
another, and all God's creation**



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Vision...

1. Collaborate with other churches in the community to increase ministry, mission, and presence Episcopal Ministry.
2. Identify needs in the community that we have the capacities to address.
3. Develop a strategy for nurturing our relationship with God with assistance of a spiritual leader.

Job Description...

We seek 1/4 time Rector, and are looking at possibilities and collaborative partnerships to possibly increase this amount of time

Compensation and other benefits are according to diocesan policies and guidelines, which may be found here:

<https://cnyepiscopal.org/resources/financial-matters/compensation-benefits/>

Who our next Rector will be....

A Pastor who is willing and able to...

- * personally respond at those critical moments in our lives such as sickness, childbirth, death, success or trauma.
- * personally help people work their way through problems.
- * personally care for us so we are nurtured and challenged to grow within the community of faith.
- * participate in ecumenical collaboration with area churches.

A Leader who is willing and able to ...

- * use the resources of the parish to attract and retain new members

A Preacher who is willing and able to...

- * plan and carry out effective, liturgically sound services of worship
- * present the sense of Gospel as applied to contemporary life.

A Teacher who is willing and able to...

- * work with lay leadership to increase knowledge of the faith among all members.
- * work with people who wish to deepen their spiritual life.

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2019--2022 Actuals and 2022, 2023 Budgets

	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2022 Budget	2023 Budget
INCOME						
Pledges	\$ 40,588.00	47,153.00	53,325.00	60,037.79	\$ 61,800.00	54,000.00
Prior Yr Pledges	4,202.00	-		425.00		-
Regular Givers	4,020.00	8,830.00	12,024.00	5,221.00	4,000.00	4,800.00
Loose Offering	1,917.60	766.27	1,107.35	1,094.31	700.00	600.00
Building Use						
Browse & Buy	5,500.00	6,600.00	5,500.00	4,950.00	4,000.00	6,600.00
Other Bldg	-	1,170.00	700.00	1,795.00	500.00	300.00
Diocesan Grants	-	-	-			
Teal Park	1,017.00	-	1,418.00	1,238.26	1,200.00	1,200.00
Misc Fundraising	1,014.48	-		-	500.00	
Blessing Box	522.00	257.00	174.00	577.66	150.00	300.00
Misc Income	-	10,900.00	-			
Rectory Proceeds	15,000.00		-			
Reserve Fund	10,000.00	20,000.00	41,011.70	31,949.54	38,685.78	
Special Services	462.00	1,072.00	1,070.00	1,332.00	800.00	775.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 84,243.08	\$ 96,748.27	\$ 115,780.05	108,620.56	\$112,335.78	\$68,575.00

Our 2023 budget reflects that we did not budget for a Rector
We are starting our 2024 Stewardship campaign in September 2023