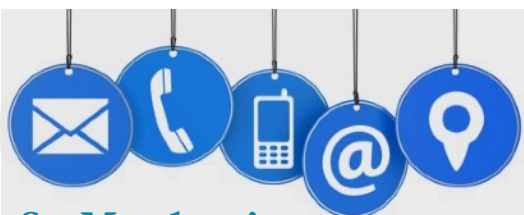


# CONNECTIONS

LOVING GOD, LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR, CHANGING THE WORLD

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*Devil: "So, I've got this idea: let's start a plague and see if we can shut down the world."*

*2020: "What about the churches?"*

*Devil: "Oh! We definitely want to shut them down!"*

*2020: "Might be difficult with some of those modern churches, but the old liturgical churches... piece of cake. They think of 'contemporary' music as anything written after the year 1800."*

*Episcopalians: "Hey, you two: we're live on Facebook and YouTube (we even have our own channel), we've got an app for our church, digital bulletins, an Instagram account (that we're getting better at using), 4K digital recorder, digital shotgun microphone (the brand is 'Deity' so that ought to tell you something!), Zoom account, emailing service, and more... and we almost know how to use it all."*

I joke that they never taught us ANY of this in seminary, but that hasn't stopped us from working out what the devil and 2020 threw our way. So the question for you is: can you find your church in this digital age? We're here to help.

Seven days a week at 10 a.m. you will find us on **YouTube**. Monday through Saturday is Morning Prayer and Sunday is our weekly service. In most cases, the Morning Prayer and Sunday service are live. You'll know because it will have this **LIVE NOW** showing. Simply 'click' the image and the video will begin. You will also be able to view these videos after the live program has ended. You can visit our YouTube channel and just look for the date on the video. We also send out an **email** with a link for each of the services. If you have not signed up for our email, you can do so by visiting [stmattthewsenid.org](http://stmattthewsenid.org). Our YouTube channel ID is a



long string of numbers and letters, but you can easily find it by going to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and in the YouTube search bar type "Matthew Episcopal Enid". You will see our channel at the top of the search results. If you want to make comments on the video or during the live show, you will need to create an account (if you already have a Google account, then you can sign in with it). Please contact the office for assistance. We'd be happy to get you started.

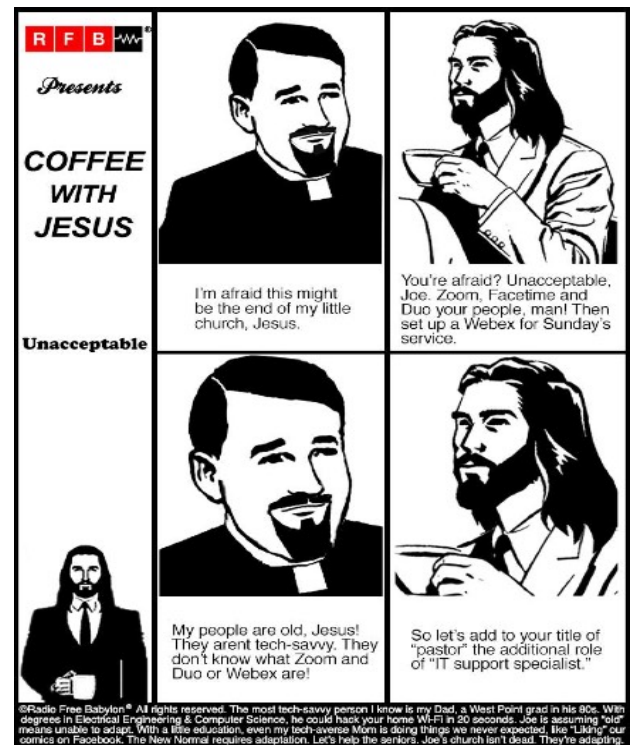
Using **Zoom** is very simple and we now use it for Holy Happy Hour, vestry meetings, and CIC. In the fall, unless things change, we will be using it for Bible and other studies. Zoom is interactive, so you can see all the participants and talk to one another (your screen looks a bit like the opening credits of the *Partridge Family*). You'll need to watch your email for the Zoom access code for each event. By 'clicking' the code, you will be redirected to the correct place. When prompted, allow access to your camera and microphone, the software will do the rest. You can access Zoom through your desktop / laptop and there is also an app (*Zoom Cloud Meetings*) that can be downloaded for your mobile devices.

Did you know that Fr. John has a **blog**? It has more than just sermons on it (including the occasional late night poem). You can find it at [www.johnftoles.com](http://www.johnftoles.com). Do you have a blog that we could feature? We'd love to be able to spotlight all of our writers.

In September, we will be rolling out **Realm Connect**. This is an application that we hope every member of the parish will utilize. Through it you will be able to stay connected with members,

the groups you are a part of (choir, CIC, altar guild, etc.), receive all announcements through the calendar, give, and much more. Once everything is set up, we'll be sending out all the details. We're also going to put together teams that will come to you to help you set it up.

There's a lot to learn, but your IT support person and members of the church are here to help you stay connected. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Fr. John's view of a YouTube Live Morning Prayer session.



# RSVP

of Enid  
and North Central Oklahoma, Inc.

\$1,000 in support of the Meals for Seniors program.

## WE'VE BEEN DOING SOME GREAT WORK WITH OUR COMMUNITY TITHE

**THE COMMUNITY TITHE IS OUR WAY OF GIVING BACK TO ENID AND SHARING OUR BLESSINGS. 10% OF ALL ORDINARY INCOME IS DISTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**



\$1,000 in support of the work at Bennie's Barn

## -CDSA- DIAPER BANK

\$1,200 was given to the CDSA to assist them in purchasing baby formula during these difficult times.

## FOSTER FEET

\$1,000 in support of the work at Foster Feet



\$1,650 to Emerson Middle School to pay off student lunch debt.



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