



Office for
Transition
Ministry

Ministry Portfolio

Full Portfolio (last updated Feb 26, 2026)

St. Matthew's, Unadilla, Albany

240 Main Street, Unadilla, NY 13849, United States

Contact:

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge (Part-time) | Receiving Names until 06/30/26.

otm@albanydiocese.org

Weekly Average Sunday
Attendance (ASA)

13

Number of Weekend
Worship Services

1

Number of Weekday
Worship Services

Number of Other per Month
Worship Services

Current Annual
Compensation

\$24500

Cash Stipend

\$18000

Housing / Rectory Detail

Utilities

\$6500

SECA reimbursement

Compensation Available for
New Position

\$21500

Housing Available for

5

Pension Plan

Healthcare Options

Dental

No

Housing Equity Allowance in
budget

Annual Equity Amount

Vacation Weeks

**One month, including 5
Sundays (standard)**

Vacation Weeks Details

Continuing Education Weeks

2 (standard)

Continuing Education Weeks
Details

Continuing Education
Funding in budget

Sabbatical Provision

No

Travel/Auto Account

No

Other Professional Account

No

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Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry which you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

St. Matthew's maintains a close relationship with our ecumenical community. There are two other churches in our village, and we all struggle with low attendance and leadership. We have come together to share Christmas Eve services, Holy Week services, and a yearly Harvest service at a local farm. We celebrate our unity in our Christian beliefs. It is a reminder that Jesus founded one church, and we are all brothers and sisters in Christ.

How are you preparing yourselves for the Church of the future?

To prepare for the Church of the future, we must remain faithful to the Word of God. God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We must remain accessible.

Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leaders of your worshipping community.

preaching, pastoral care, leadership, timely organizer

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Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship services provided by your community.

Although we always follow the Book of Common Prayer, St. Matthew's liturgical style is somewhat low-church, or a less formal style. Through most of the year, we follow the Rite II format. We are accustomed to following Rite I during services in Lent. We value a wide variety of worship music, from traditional style to more contemporary praise songs.

How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

St. Matthew's regularly incorporates members in many church ministries. Our members wear many hats, and almost all of us get involved with the worship service as lay readers, Lay Eucharistic ministers, acolytes, greeters, organist, and altar guild. We have a Vestry of 6 people, who meet monthly. Our men's group meets monthly for breakfast and fellowship.

As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well-being?

St. Matthew's community is a big loving family. We support and care for one another first and foremost by praying for a need. We also support and care with visitations, phone calls, or providing meals. If a member needs a ride to church, or to an appointment, our family will help. We will have healing prayer for a member at church, when needed.

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How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?

Within the past year, a young man in our village died suddenly of a heart attack. The family did not have a church but needed a place to hold an informal service for their loved one. They used our fellowship hall for the service, and our Deacon was present to provide pastoral care. We also provided financial help for the care of the man's young children.

Describe your worshipping community's involvement in either the wider Church or geographical region.

For several years, our church has supported two students through Compassion International. We have more recently sent money to the Bishop's Relief Fund for Ukraine. Locally, we sent donations to two churches in a neighboring community, whose buildings had suffered from flood damage and fallen tree damage. We also donated to another local church to pay expenses for an organist for Christmas Eve.

Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past five years. Who can be contacted about this?

We were approached by Narcotics Anonymous, looking for a place to hold their weekly meetings. The state does not provide an adequate location for their meetings. They had met at another church in the village prior to COVID, but afterwards required the attendees to sign in. We agreed to let them use our building once a week, and they can maintain their anonymity. Bonnie Barr can be contacted at the church office. 607-369- 3081.

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What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?

We have dedicated faithful givers, of time, talent, and treasures. When needs arise, such as a problem with our building and grounds, members will do the work to save money. Recently, two of our church men installed insulation in the church attic and secured a porch that had pulled away from the main building. Our church organ needed upgrades, and our generous community helped to meet the financial need.

What is your worshipping community's experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?

We employed a groundskeeper for several years. As he aged, and had physical restrictions, it became apparent he was unable to do the tasks. He had become undependable, and the appearance of the grounds was suffering. He did not accept constructive advice, which created a conflict. We knew he needed to look after himself. Our priest and warden were firm, but loving, in explaining that we could no longer employ him.

What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?

The COVID epidemic brought big changes. Our church was closed from March until late June. Our priest livestreamed the service, or we could watch other online services. It was difficult not to be with our church community to worship together. Once back in the church, we used careful protocols to avoid any possible spread of the virus. We did not have any outbreaks. We learned even more the importance of our corporate worship. Isolation is not healthy for the soul.



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Prior Incumbents

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Dale Van Wormer	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2019-08	2022-07

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Scott Garno	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2006-06	2017-05

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
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Church School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Children School	Number of Students for Children School
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Number of Teachers/Leaders for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Students for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Adults School	Number of Students for Adults School
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Day School	Number of Students for Day School	Number of Teachers for Day School	Number of Total Staff for Day School
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Worshipping Community Web site: <https://www.suep.org/>

Media Links:

Online References:

> <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=st%20matthew%27s%20unadilla>

Languages Significantly Represented:

English

Provide Worship or Classes in:

References

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