

# the st. matthew's word

## Lent, Holy Week and Easter Triumph, Easter Joy

### Crises of Trust and Respect

At the time this is being written, the combined military might of the United States and Great Britain is poised to attack Iraq. I hope and pray that hostilities and bloodshed will be avoided. Please pray for peace with justice and security. Pray for our President, George Bush, for the leaders of all the nations, and for all the men and women in the military who might serve in harms way.

We are in the season of Lent and the crises of trust and respect throughout the world deepen a sense of wilderness and desolation. We live in a divided world — divided by language, governance, borders, religion, and culture. It seems that the 19-20th Century expectation that we will progressively grow more civil and mature as a human race has reached a new and complete state of discredit.

### Our Primary Task

What are we to do? Read our Baptismal Covenant in the *Book of Common Prayer* on page 304. These are our marching orders. Practice living by them day by day. When we fail, and we always fail, we simply begin again. We can't fix the world.

- + But we *can* place our heart and trust in God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son of God and God the Holy Spirit. God will help us with our un-belief!
- + We *can* believe in the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.
- + We *can* continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread and in the prayers, with God's help.

- + We *can* persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever we fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord, with God's ever present help.
- + We *can* proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ, which is God's alternative to hostility and division, powerful enough to at least change one of us, ourselves, with God's ever present help.
- + We *can* seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves, with God's daily help.
- + We *can* strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being, with Jesus as our leader and helper.

### Do Your Part

We can't fix the world by ourselves. But we can offer ourselves in service to the world. We can pray. We can allow our imagination to see, hear and feel Jesus' Kingdom on earth and then do our part in praying and working to make it a reality!

### Spirituality and the Life of Faith

In response to the overwhelming desire for spiritual growth in this parish, we have been offering a series of opportunities to learn and grow in the faith and life of prayer. I want to thank Susan Barnes for her leadership in the last several months as she and I, together with the Vestry and other leaders, discern new ways to grow in the Spirit together. Several of us from St. Matthew's, including Susan, Eric Liles and myself, will be attending the Spiritual Formation Conference at Camp Allen the week of April 7-12. Please

pray for us, and pray that God will continue to form and shape the unique spirit of St. Matthew's into a vessel of grace for this divided and hurting world. I urge you to read through this newsletter and to take note of the classes, retreats and other offerings to grow and learn, including the Pilgrimage to Iona, our spiritual retreat to Laity Lodge, Summer Camp for children, the Diocesan Conference on Stewardship and others. All are opportunities to deepen our faith!

### Lenten Wednesday Nights Continue

I certainly want to commend to you our Lenten Speakers on Wednesday, April 2 and April 9. Our theme is Confession and my dear friend David Johnson will speak on April 2 and his is a message about sexual misconduct and the health of the church that you will not want to miss. We will be graced by the magnificent music and voice and spirituality of Craig Hella Johnson on April 9. Craig has a way of speaking directly to our souls and his Music of Confession will probably point us in the direction of redemption.

### Holy Week Services: A Few Brief Explanations

#### *Palm Sunday - April 13*

On Palm Sunday morning we will gather in Huffman Hall to begin our Liturgy of the Palms and procession to the church. We are going to be supported in our singing of *All Glory, Laud and Honor* by the children of the parish who will be playing instruments of all types as we process from Huffman Hall to the steps of the church. Elsewhere in this issue of *The Word* you will find an article for the parents of the children to better understand our plans. We will make a stop, or station, at the front steps of the church and pray the

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collect at the Procession. From that point the children's instruments will be gathered up and the congregation will enter the church, accompanied by instrumental music appropriate for the day. The Passion According to St. Mark will be read in parts by the congregation as is customary.

#### *Maundy Thursday - April 17*

We will celebrate the Maundy Thursday Liturgy as is our custom, including the Footwashing and the Stripping of the Altar. At the conclusion of the liturgy we will hear a solemn reading of the account of Jesus' Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and we will respond to the question, "Could you not watch with me even one hour?" At that time the all night prayer vigil in the Bell Tower Chapel will commence. We will provide security all night for those who come to pray. You are encouraged to use the Mesa parking lot and walk directly to the Cauley Bell Tower. We will place a sign-up sheet in the Commons in the coming weeks to make sure that we have adequate persons signed up to pray through the night.

#### *Good Friday - April 18*

The most solemn service in the Christian Church. See the Prayer Book at page 276. We will gather at Noon in the church and hear the lessons read and the clergy will read the Passion of Jesus Christ according to John. After the sermon, the Solemn Collects will be prayed. The focus of this service is Jesus' death on the cross and its meaning for humanity and God. Those who desire to participate will venerate our large cross as a sign of our humility and gratitude before God. Our method of veneration will be to come forward and touch the cross with our hand, silently giving thanks for Jesus and his self-giving love. After the Veneration of the Cross, we will take Holy Communion from the Sacrament reserved from the Maundy Thursday service.

#### *Easter Vigil - April 19*

The church gathers to ring in the Easter Triumph and Easter Joy as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. At 7:00 p.m. we will gather with candle light in Vigil prayer, chanting ancient melodies recalling God's saving actions in history. We will celebrate Holy Baptism and the first Eucharist of Easter. This is a wonderful service which makes deep connections between Baptism, Death and Resurrection, and the Holy Communion.

#### *Easter Sunday - April 20*

This is the Day of Resurrection. Our services will reflect the joy and grandeur of this Queen of Feasts!

Don't forget, the classes in Huffman Hall on April 6 and April 13 will be focused on the liturgical theology of these services.

#### **Our Parish-Wide Lenten Discipline**

We continue to gather in the Bell Tower Chapel evening by evening at 6:00 p.m. for Evening Prayer and Intercessions for the Church and the World. Please continue to make an effort to attend at least one service of Evening Prayer each week. It is very important that we gather to pray together. The service begins at 6:00 p.m. sharp and concludes no later than 6:15 p.m. each evening.

Finally, I commend to you the Ark Project of Heifer Project, International. I am so proud and happy that our parish continues to reach out in this sensible and important way.

God bless you all as we journey through Lent and Holy Week to Easter Triumph, Easter Joy!

Faithfully,

Merrill Wade

## **St. Matthew's Hosts Ecumenical Luncheons and Holy Week Services**

The combined churches of the Northwest Austin area will present a series of three mid-day services on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14, 15, and 16. The services will be at St. Matthew's this year beginning each day with a luncheon (\$5) in Huffman Hall prepared and served by the Episcopal Church Women at 11:30 a.m. A musical concert follows at 12:15 in the Sanctuary and worship services will begin at 12:30 p.m. The program will conclude by 1:00 p.m.

Joining with First Presbyterian Church, St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Ascension Lutheran Church, Northwest Hills United Methodist Church and Highland Park Baptist Church, St. Matthew's is pleased to be the host church this year.

The musical program will be presented by the talented music directors of the participating churches (including our own Suzanne Daniel and Cary Michaels); and the worship will be led by the outstanding lay members and preachers. Plan to attend these times of worship with the community as we prepare for the joyous celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord.

## ***Spiritual Gifts - Who God Created You to Be!***

The time is now! This five session course starts Sunday, April 6 at 4 p.m. and concludes Sunday May 18 with a break for Easter Sunday and Mother's Day Sunday. Who God Created You to Be is a course designed to discern your spiritual gifts. Knowing your Spiritual Gifts is to know the full extent of your ministry within the church. If you have not already enrolled it is not too late. Call the Office today to reserve your space in the class. The time for the class is 4 p.m to 6:30 p.m. Child care will be available. Meet in Huffman Hall. See you there!!

## Warden's Corner

by David Price, People's Warden

The Vestry of St. Matthew's attended a Vestry Workshop at Camp Allen, February 21 and 22 at Camp Allen. The *Vestry Resource Guide* was used as a guideline for discussion. Topics discussed included St. Matthew's Vision, Governing Rules of the Vestry, Vestry as Servant Leaders, Conflict Management, and Stewardship.

The Vestry also went over, and is in the process of developing, new procedural guidelines to help the meetings be more efficient, in terms of items. This may include hearing Commission Reports and Board Reports on a rotating basis, with monthly reports being submitted ahead of time to the Vestry, rather than detailed presentations being given at each Vestry Meeting.

One of the new things that came out of the Vestry Retreat was the use of a "prayer cross." This is a cross that is passed around at the Vestry meeting. Each person that gets it may either keep it, or pass it on. The purpose is for that person to use it for a moment to pray, and ask for God's discernment for themselves, and the group. It was agreed by the members that the Vestry wants to make use of the prayer cross during each meeting.

## Inquirer's Class

The Inquirer's Class, taught by The Rev. Merrill Wade began on March 30 but there is still an opportunity for you to attend. The class is from 4:00-5:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. It will continue on April 6, 13, 16, 27, May 4 & 18. Childcare will be provided. Please call Dedee Norman at 345-8314 to sign up. If you have never been confirmed or received by an Episcopal bishop or if you just want to know more about the Episcopal Church this is the class for you.

### Pass Your Appreciation on to Our Children

This year we want to help our children enter into a new appreciation for the Passion of Jesus Christ through age appropriate liturgy and related activities. Therefore, on Good Friday, 10:00-11:30 a.m., we need the help of many parishioners who do not have children in the home, to help with the liturgy and activities that support the children's meditation on, and understanding of, Jesus' death on the cross and its meaning for humanity and for God. Parents are being asked to remain with their children, so we need YOU!

For more information, please see the article on page 8, and then contact Barbara Pitts at 345-8314, ext. 221, or [bdpitts@texas.net](mailto:bdpitts@texas.net)

We are, after all, God's servants, and servants of the members of St. Matthew's, and we want to be faithful to that call, and actively asking for God's help during our meetings.

The Vestry is also going to start having meals together. These shared meals will be held one hour prior to the regular meeting, and will give Vestry members a time to share a meal, pray, and share the Eucharist.

As your People's Warden, I want to encourage each of you to attend a Vestry Meeting, to see your servants at work (and play). The next meeting is Tuesday, April 22. (Visitors, please do not arrive before 7:00 p.m.) In the coming months, a brief synopsis of each meeting will appear in the pages of *The Word*. If anyone has any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at 698-7676 (w), 371-0248 (h), e-mail [Dpaustex@aol.com](mailto:Dpaustex@aol.com) or visit with me during social time in Huffman Hall, or after the 10:30 service. On behalf of the members of the Vestry, we are here to serve you. We are also here in the *joy of serving* our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

## Adult Education: Sunday Morning Huffman Hall Classes in April

*Sunday, April 6 - 9:00 a.m.* - Susan Barnes will lead a class comparing the four gospel accounts of the Palm Sunday story of the Triumphal Entry of Jesus. Then, she will lead us through the Palm Sunday service from the *Book of Common Prayer* in preparation of Palm Sunday the following week.

*Sunday, April 13 - 9:00 a.m.* - Merrill Wade will lead a class studying Holy Week with a special emphasis on the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday services from the Book of Common Prayer.

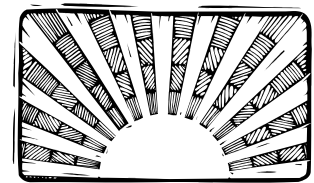
*Sunday, April 20* - No Sunday School, Easter Sunday

*Sunday, April 27 - 9:00 a.m.* - Merrill Wade will lead a class comparing the four gospel accounts of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. As a part of this study we will discuss the truths associated with the Resurrection and its meanings for our lives.

### Prime Time Adult Class

In addition to these classes, the Prime Time Adult Education Class meets each Sunday morning in Room B-18. Reading books by Anthony de Mello, Parker Palmer and others, group discussions are rewarding to all. All adults are invited to join this fun and enlightened group.

**Daylight  
Savings  
Time  
begins  
April 6<sup>th</sup>**



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## Honduras Medical Mission

by Tony Hatheway

Six members of Saint Matthew's participated on a week-long medical missionary team to Honduras from February 21 to February 28, 2003. They are The Rev. Susan Barnes, Dr. Bill Brooke, triage nurse Kathy Howard, retired nurse Mary Nell Frucella who served on the pharmacy staff, administrative coordinator Margaret Carpenter, who served as one of the team captains, and interpreter Tony Hatheway. The team, under the sponsorship of St. Francis Episcopal Church, in Temple, Texas, consisted of dedicated doctors, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, LVNs, ably assisted by translators, logistical personnel, administrative personnel and prayer partners. The participants covered a wide scope of faiths, from all Christian bodies, as well as others who either were not affiliated with a church or were looking to find meaning in their lives.

Project Managers were Dr. Don Hopkins, St. Francis Episcopal Church in Temple and his wife Bobbi, a registered nurse. Team coordinators were our own Margaret Carpenter and Carolyn Sterling, a nurse at Fort Hood hospital. Clergy members were Fr. Paul Moore, and our own Susan Barnes. The team had representatives from Temple, Killeen, Belton, Austin, Pflugerville, Waco, Round Rock, Houston, San Antonio, Cedar Park, Nolanville, Hewitt, Desoto, and Raleigh, N.C.

There were 48 team members who cared for an average of 450 people a day in one week. Medical care came from doctors, physicians' assistants, and nurse practitioners; prescriptions delivered by nurses; translators for all areas, healing prayer by the clergy and lay persons and Christian singing by a song leader, as well as a children's entertainer, who distributed candy, balloons and showed Christian videos to all. There were many lay persons working on the logistical and administrative support of the team. The team was assisted by a number of Honduran members of the church, who ably directed the team to each village, drove busses, and who assisted in the in processing of patients at each location.

There was daily morning prayer and compline, with time for prayer and sharing by the Team. Holy Communion was observed on Sunday at a local Episcopal church, concurrent with the baptism of members of the congregation. One of our missionaries was a godparent to one of the children. On the night we finished our work we also participated in an outdoor candle-light Holy Communion service.

The team members donated their time, costs of transportation, lodging and meals. Most of the medications were donated. The recipients of the care were poverty-stricken Hondurans. This team represented an excellent example of caring in the Name of Christ!

## A Cookout to Beat All Cookouts: Men's Fellowship on April 23

All Men of St. Matthew's are urged to circle this important date on your calendars – Wednesday, April 23. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Clubhouse – located on Lakewood Drive, just off Loop 360 between Spicewood Springs Road and 2222. Bring your sports equipment to enjoy, basketball, baseball and glove, horseshoes, tennis racquet, etc.

The food will be prepared by the Holy Smokers and the menu sounds terrific: Appetizer - jalapeno cheese poppers. Main course - pollo asada and beef fajitas con lima gently wrapped in thin flour cake garnished with garden fresh lettuce, tomato, avocado, and pico de gallo con queso. This will be served with charro frijoles con cerveza fria y iced tea. Dessert will be sorbet de arco iris con pralines. Ayi!

All this for the nominal fee of only \$8 per man. As the date approaches, watch for the announcement in the Weekly Word and sign up in the Commons or call the Church Office to make your reservation. Men's Fellowship rocks!

## St. Matthew's Laity Lodge Weekend

by Jim Myers

The reservation list for St. Matthew's annual weekend adult retreat to Laity Lodge is getting filled. Early next month about 68 parishioners will head towards this inspirational place on the scenic Frio River a few miles north of Leakey, Texas. (185 miles from Austin via Fredericksburg)

Activities begin at 6:00 p.m. Friday May 2, and end with lunch Sunday May 4, 2003. The featured speaker this year is The Rev. Jim Adams, Rector, St. Albans's Episcopal Church, Cape Elizabeth, Maine. He is the author of *The Prince Mammoth Pumpkin-A Parable* published by Paulist Press. He serves on the faculty of the Episcopal Preaching Foundation and his sermons have been widely published in books and magazines. He graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary and was ordained in 1997. He lives in Maine with his wife and three daughters.

Reservation request sign-up sheets and personal information data cards will be available in the Commons area and/or parish office through Sunday, April 13. Laity Lodge will be able to accommodate a maximum of 68 persons this year or less depending on the mix of couples and unaccompanied attendees.

Due to the limited accommodations at Laity Lodge, the popularity this event has with members of St. Matthew's parish, and in the interest of fairness to all; attendees will, as last year be selected on the basis of "least recent attendance at a previous St. Matthew's Laity Lodge Retreat". A reservations status list will be compiled and posted each Sunday prior to April 20, when the final list of confirmed attendees will be published. A deposit of \$50, preferably by check payable to St. Matthew's, per couple or individual attendee is required no later than Friday, April 11, to guarantee a confirmed reservation. For the cost per person for accommodations please read the information in the Commons. Non-members of St. Matthew's may apply but will be placed on a waiting list and will be selected to attend only if all accommodations cannot be filled by St. Matthew's members.

For further information regarding the weekend please contact: Jim Myers at 608-6836.

With these article on the St. Matthew's Lay Wedding Guild, Funeral Guild and Tape Ministry, we continue a series that profiles various ministries within our parish. Each month, members of the selected groups will be recognized and thanked publicly in a Sunday morning service and also featured on the St. Matthew's website ([www.StMattsAustin.org](http://www.StMattsAustin.org)). In May, we will highlight the Ushers.

## The St. Matthew's Wedding Guild

by Betty Mitchell

Weddings are special. The larger weddings take months to plan and years to pay for. The Bride and Groom and their parents make many decisions all leading up to the wedding day. They want it to be picture perfect. This feeling is shared by the volunteers of the St. Matthew's Wedding Guild who (unlike many other churches) charge nothing for their services. Guild members strive to be helpful and low key, working behind the scenes and remembering that the bride is the star of the show. New members to the Wedding Guild always begin by serving with experienced partners.

In this parish, there is but one Wedding Coordinator – and that is our Rector, Merrill Wade. Before each wedding, at least two members of the Wedding Guild are assigned to meet with the bride to ascertain what her wishes are and to review the rules and policies

of the church. The Wedding Guild ladies serve as intermediary contacts with members of the Altar Guild and Flower Guild. They collect fees that are due; they attend the rehearsal, carefully listening to the Rector's instructions and taking notes for the wedding the next day.

On the Wedding Day, the assigned Wedding Guild members come to the church at least two hours ahead of time. Just before the service is scheduled to begin, one guild member queues up the gents while the other one goes to the Bride's Room to fetch the bride. Coordinating with the organist's musical cues, the grandparents and parents are seated; the priest, the groom and his attendants enter the sanctuary; the bridesmaids are lined up in order and sent down the aisle and then, ta da, congregation rises and the bride and her dad enter.

Once the ceremony is over, the Wedding Guild ladies stay while wedding photos are taken (usually no more than 30 minutes.) When the wedding party leaves to go to the reception, the WG ladies tidy up, turn off the lights, set the thermostats, lock the doors and leave with the wonderful feeling that once again, another St. Matthew's wedding is successfully in the books.

Wouldn't you like to be included in the ministry of the Wedding Guild? To join, or just to ask questions, please give Edith Price a call at 343-0427.

Edith Price, Chair  
Jill Bacon ♡ Doris Dixon  
Maly Hatheway ♡ Mary Lou Henshaw  
Nancy Johnson ♡ Betty Mitchell  
Margaret Parker ♡ Heather Walter

**Wedding Guild**

## Serving a Special Purpose: The St. Matthew's Funeral Guild

by Betty Mitchell

"You are on the *what?*"

At first glance, service on the Funeral Guild sounds pretty weird. And honestly, there is not a long waiting list of folks offering to serve. It is, however, one of the most appreciated ministries St. Matthew's has to offer.

If there is a death in one's family and a funeral or memorial service is planned at St. Matthew's parish, the members of the Funeral Guild prepare a basic coffee, punch and cookies reception in Huffman Hall. Unlike the Wedding Guild which has weeks to plan their activities, Funeral Receptions come up quite unexpectedly and require immediate action. With no out of pocket expense, the family can greet their friends without having to bear the extra burden of arranging such a party in their own home. (If the family wants a more elaborate menu, it is at their expense.)

Funeral Guild members are divided into three teams, directed by Chairman Barbara Cauley. Table linens and basic punch supplies are stored in Huffman Hall for easy access when needed. Cookies and sandwiches are provided by Funeral Guild members and also by those church groups with which the deceased (or the family) are affiliated.

Assisted by a couple of helpful husbands, the ladies set up and drape the refreshments table, provide a floral centerpiece, lay out the food, make the punch and coffee, refresh the tables, clear the trash and stay to wash up the dishes. They lovingly provide the reception as a service ministry of this parish and no fee is charged for their service.

This special ministry is truly a labor of love and if you feel so moved, please call Barbara Cauley at 261-5310 to volunteer.

Barbara Cauley, Chair  
Lucy Boyea ♡ JoAnn Cage  
Dab Cauley ♡ Babs Clendenin  
Doris Donnell ♡ Elaine Goessling  
Jo Ann Grandjean ♡ Sue Gregerson  
Barbara Hilliard ♡ Marjorie Hooper  
Leslie Kjellstrand ♡ Cornelia LeMond  
Sophie Matthews ♡ Doris Norton  
Carol Stolz ♡ Marilyn Wenzel  
Bill Wenzel ♡ Sara Williams

**Funeral Guild**

## The St. Matthew's Tape Ministry

Chaired by Tony Hatheway, the Tape Ministry is responsible for making audio tapes of Sunday sermons and sometimes, of other special programs in the sanctuary. The tapes are duplicated and placed in the Communion kits which are carried to the ill and homebound by our Lay Eucharistic Visitors. Those who are unable to attend church receive communion at home and a tape recording of the morning's sermon.

It is also possible for parishioners to purchase sermon tapes for the nominal fee of \$3. To order a tape just fill out a form which may be found on the table by the staircase and elevator near the West door to the Sanctuary. When you are finished with tapes, you are urged to return them so that they may be erased and recycled.

If you have any questions or would like to help out in this low-profile but much appreciated ministry, please give Tony Hatheway a call at 453-6284.

Tony Hatheway, Chair  
Jim Gaines ♡ Jennifer Jeter  
Shirley Meyer

**Tape Ministry**

## Reflections on the ECW Lenten Retreat

*Susan Barnes and other women of St. Matthew's*

Seventy-eight women attended the ECW Lenten retreat on March 7-9 at Camp Allen. Posy Jackson (Director of the William Temple Center, Galveston) and Cynthia Clawson joined me in organizing it and each of them played a unique part in the success of the weekend. Called "A Journey to the Center," the retreat was intended to help us begin Lent well, practicing the presence of God in solitude and in fellowship with one another. Three sessions offered different paths to the Center, that place where each of us can encounter the God who loves us and walks with us through life. First was walking the Labyrinth. Second, the ancient practice of *lectio divina*, a means of approaching God through meditation on scripture. Finally, the powerful experience of God's presence in the world around us that Cynthia Clawson conveys through music.

It was deeply moving to see so many friends feeling and sharing the love of God. We shared our stories, too, of brokenness and God's healing grace. Many of us were renewed, transformed, including me; my own daily discipline has been revitalized through *lectio divina*. Several participants have shared their experiences of the weekend here below.

"The ECW retreat was truly a blessed, spiritually meaningful time for me. I had never walked the labyrinth before and was a little skeptical that anything would happen when I did. Something happened! With Posy Jackson and *lectio divina*, I gained several insights from really listening to and reading the passage in Luke about the woman with a '12-year bleeding problem who was instantly healed when she touched Jesus' garment. Cynthia Clawson shared her tremendous gift of music and ministry with us and, of course, our own Susan Barnes brought the whole thing together so skillfully that one could surely feel the presence of the Lord's Spirit in our midst. Thanks be to God!" - *Louise Waddill*

"A Journey to the Center was just that – a special opportunity to offer up the anxieties, hurts, fears and frustrations of your life in a beautiful and peaceful place. The labyrinth, the wonderful meditations and the extraordinary music made this one of the most memorable retreats of my life." - *Sophie Mathews*

"The Lenten Retreat was moving with God...  
in speaking  
in listening  
in storytelling  
in song  
in dance  
in community  
in solitude  
in fire  
in spirituality." - *Amy Tuwell*

"The Women's Lenten Retreat was a rich, spiritually fulfilling event. Each day's discussions, music and assignments provided a path for deeper insight, personal introspection and spiritual growth. The retreat gave me personally a gift of forgiveness and blessing through the exercises of the labyrinth, scripture, prayer and glorious music. There are times when you know you are in the midst of the Lord's power. The combination of the gifts of these three women was awesome, individually and together, in providing a moving experience for those who attended this special weekend." - *Leslie Kjellstrand*

"As I walk with a friend as part of this Lenten season, I see the signs of spring. This is where I am today, but before the retreat I wondered if the winter would ever end. A great gift was given to me, one that will continue long after this Spring passes. It was the gift of new life, or maybe finding the life lost many years ago. In walking to the center of the labyrinth I found myself struggling, it was painful and I had no energy or desire to move forward. I saw others walking with such confidence and I was stopping at each turn, wondering, praying I could make it to the next. The first time I failed, I walked away defeated. I returned the second day for another try. It was quiet in the afternoon and with fewer distractions of others walking. I began again with a new determination to complete the journey. I still moved slowly, still stopping at each turn. Sometimes glancing up to the Cross and then looking back to the path. As I entered the center, I felt a peace, a comfortable feeling, like reuniting with an old friend who I hadn't seen in years, or never saw, who can say. I stood for a short time in the center grateful to be here. I then began the journey out. This time my heart soared, my step was lighter and sometimes I even wanted to run. Just before I reached the end I raised my hands and said a quiet Alleluia and a dear friend stopped on her journey and reached out and gave me a high five (low five during Lent)." - *Barbara Haynes*

"Oh, my! What a special weekend, sharing the healing presence of the Lord with old and new friends. At no time was that presence stronger for me than the Saturday evening worship service, which was exclusively the music of Cynthia Clawson. Her voice is beautiful, and her years of training and dedication to her art is obvious; but many have beautiful voices and spend time and developing their talent. What I believe sets Cynthia apart is her ability to give her gifts back to God and let Him use them, flowing from her and covering us with His grace and love." - *Nan Harrison*

"The Lenten Retreat was a God-sent blessing for me, a gloriously blessed weekend of meditations and music. I moved to California in January 2000, when I was invited to work in a

Christ-filled atmosphere at the famous Grace Cathedral. I believed this was an answer to all my prayers for peace, joy, and improved financial security. I pray continually for God's will in my life, but in this experience I found that I more often than not was praying for MY will. Thinking back over that experience this past weekend, I had the mental image of me hanging on the edge of a cliff by my fingertips and God telling me to let go and he'd catch me. But I just keep hanging on, too afraid to let go, and Him sending an angel with a 2' X 4' to bang on my fingers until I let go. And THEN HE CATCHES ME! I have already been blessed at St. Matthew's by the spirituality and God's presence among the people here, the peace and joy, and helping me to let go of the need for known financial security. Now I know that I'll have all the financial security I need—I don't have to define that for God." - *Inez Scott*

"The weekend was filled with fellowship, teaching, tears and love. I was in awe of God's blessings as He brought nearly 80 women from eighty to sixteen years of age to this retreat. Susan led us into a introspective silent retreat beginning Friday night. Throughout the weekend we were blessed with Cynthia Clawson's songs from the heart. Blessed be the name of the Lord!" - *Jo Ann Grandjean*

"This retreat was the single-most powerful spiritual experience of my life. For the first time ever, I understand what it feels like to be cradled in God's arms. I feel Him holding me. And I realize that He was always holding me and never intends to let me go. I just needed to allow myself to feel His arms surrounding me. The climb to the top of this, for me, first spiritual mountain was long and difficult, but the view from the top was worth every tortured step. Now that I understand the glories of the trek, my new favorite "hobby" will be mountain climbing! I know that we cannot live on the mountaintop, we must come down to continue our daily lives. But just knowing the beautiful mountains are now there for me is enough to make each day's journey a delight. I cry the tears of happiness. And I heal." - *Carol Mynes*

"To a girl in her very early twenties, the idea of a women's retreat did not sound too appealing at first. However, I was talked into going, and ended up loving it! The beauty of the whole weekend was that women of different ages, races, and backgrounds were together sharing a wonderful experience. We not only worshipped and grew closer to God together, but we also had some great fellowship time. To me, this was the best part — getting to truly know and understand other women from our parish. We have some incredible women at this church. It was helpful too to hear their stories and to see that trials I am experiencing now do not go away; they just change. It is comforting and powerful to hear the experiences of different women of all ages. The Lenten retreat was a truly incredible intergenerational event that was very powerful and healing to all." - *Heather Harmon*

## Youth Confirmation

by Eric Liles, Youth Minister

Starting in April, we will have a youth confirmation class for those desiring to be confirmed during Bishop Wimberly's visit on May 25th. The Journey to Adulthood curriculum has hopefully helped us learn many things about the Episcopal Church, St. Matthew's, the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer, and has emphasized a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. In order to refresh our memory on these topics, and to allow other youth who have not been able to actively participate yet in the program, we will offer a series of classes through April and May. We will likely meet on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Eric or Susan if you are interested in being confirmed this spring.

### April 2003 Youth Calendar

April 1	Pilgrimage Payment Due (\$100)
April 2	Church wide Lenten Dinner 6 p.m. Youth Group 7-8:30 p.m.
April 3	Youth Council Meeting 7-9 p.m.
April 6	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-11:45 a.m. Worship
April 9	Church wide Lenten Dinner 6 p.m. Youth Group 7-8:30 p.m.
April 12	Continuing Education for our Adults at the Youth Specialties Core Conference, ask Eric for details
April 13	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-11:45 a.m. Worship Palm Sunday
April 16	Youth Group 7-8:30 p.m.
April 17	Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.
April 18	Movie Afternoon for Junior High Girls (6-8th grade) at 2 p.m., meet at St. Matthew's to go to the movies with Lucy
April 19	7 p.m. Easter Vigil Service with Baptisms
April 20	Easter Sunday, <i>no Sunday morning youth group</i> Services 7, 9, 11 a.m., Easter Egg Hunt for Children 10:15 a.m.
April 23	Youth Group 7-8:30p p.m.
April 25-27	Happening #103, YES #70 at Camp Allen
April 26	St. Matthew's Golf Tourney at Lakeway 1 p.m.
April 27	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-11:45 a.m. Worship 6-8:30 p.m. Movie Night
April 30	Youth Group 7-8:30 p.m.

## Camp Allen Summer Camp: The St. Matthew's Connection

If you are going into 3rd-12th grade next year, then we know a place you should visit this summer. Camp Allen summer camp is a great place to meet new friends, hang out with old friends, play, and encounter Jesus. You can pick up information in the church office, or on the web at [www.campallen.org/html/summer.htm](http://www.campallen.org/html/summer.htm) If you are going into 5-6th grade, we highly recommend attending session N, July 6-12 with Merrill and Eric, and if you are in High School or Junior High, we recommend session P and R respectfully July 13-19. If you are going into 3-4th grade, try to get into session A June 1-7 with our own Lucy Koy. These are the recommended St. Matthew's sessions, but every session is great, so go when you can. Camp Allen rocks!

## Diocesan Council Recap

by Susan Barnes

This year's Diocesan Council in Houston marked a new chapter in our annual meetings. Rather than being limited to business sessions for clergy and delegates, the meeting—called Gathering for Mission—was expanded with 49 workshops and events designed to inform and enlighten everyone. Nearly forty members of St. Matthew's responded to Bishop Payne's open invitation. He honored us at the meeting, recognizing that our parish had by far the greatest number in attendance. Your clergy hope that even more will join us next year in Tyler.

The meeting was historic in another way. It marked the transition from Bishop Payne's episcopacy to Bishop Wimberly's. Bishop Payne presided for the last time at council. His legacy will be felt for many years to come. The Right Rev. Michael Curry, Bishop of North Carolina and the keynote speaker, made it clear to all in attendance that Bishop Payne's vision for mission has re-energized not only this diocese but the national church as well. Bishop Curry hailed Bishop Payne as one of the great visionaries and leaders of the modern church, and gave credit to the Diocese of Texas for embracing Bishop Payne's vision.

## Senior Sentences

by Lucy Boyea, Minister of Senior Activities

The Texas Senior Advocacy Coalition (TSAC) is made up of over 25 non-profit organizations and is dedicated to recognizing the contributions of older Texans, as well as raising awareness of issues that are important to seniors in Texas. TSAC sponsors Senior Day at the Capitol when the legislature is in session. This event allows seniors to visit with their representatives about issues of concern to older citizens.

This year an estimated 4,000 people from all around the state gathered on Tuesday, February 4. The event combined entertainment, keynote speakers, addresses by government officials and legislators, and exhibits. Darrell K. Royal, legendary University of Texas Longhorn football coach, addressed the crowd, focusing on his approach to aging well and staying fit. Royal was quoted as saying, "I think that you have to compete with age. You have to work against it and don't give up." His primary means of "competing" is exercise.

How fortunate St. Matthew's is to offer exercise for Senior Activity Center members four mornings a week—Tai Chi on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Seniorscise on Tuesdays and Fridays. If you are not already a member of SAC, why not follow. Darrell Royal's example and "compete with age" by joining in our exercise programs.



## Musical Notes

by Suzanne Daniel

A huge thank you to the 34 men who sang in the Men's Choir on March 9 when many women were at Camp Allen. Thanks to Randy Alexis for the suggestion. By popular request, we will do it again. Ladies, you will have your opportunity in the near future!

### Music opportunities for Lent and Easter

There are a few additional rehearsals if you'd like to sing for Easter. There will also be a special Saturday rehearsal and luncheon. All are invited to join us!

Wednesday, April 2 - 8-9pm

Saturday, April 5 - 10am-noon

Wednesday, April 9 - 8-9pm

Wednesday, April 16 - 7-9pm

## A Blessed Time

by Barbara Pitts, Children's Minister, and Lynn Smith, Children's Council Chair

**P**icture your children climbing through the wardrobe and discovering Narnia. Or playing the tambourine and scampering ahead of Jesus on His way into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Imagine their feeling of closeness to God while helping Simon carry Jesus' cross on Good Friday, and their sense of deep joy while unfurling the "Alleluia" two days later!

Following are details for these April events. What you read below is an echo and a reinforcement of the focus the children will have in their regular Sunday morning classes. Although Sunday morning classes can stand alone, or these special programs can stand alone, keep in mind that they have been designed as a unit to support and expand your child's faith life. We welcome you and your children to help make this a blessed time.

### Lenten Children's Programs

*Wednesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 9*  
7:00 p.m. Ed. Bldg., led by our outstanding Nursery Staff

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe will be the focus of this four-week program. During these final two weeks, our children will have lessons and activities related to Aslan's return. What does this mean to the land and inhabitants of Narnia?

### Palm Sunday

*Sunday, April 13 10:30 a.m. Huffman Hall*

Children bring a musical instrument labeled with their names on them. Our youngsters will lead the Procession of the Palms – recalling Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem – playing their instruments to support the congregation's singing of All Glory, Laud, and Honor. When the procession reaches the steps of the church, the focus shifts to the Passion of Jesus Christ. At that time all instruments will be collected (please help your child understand that the instruments will go home with them after the service!) If you don't have an instrument to bring, or forget to bring to bring yours, we shall have instruments to lend you.

### Good Friday – The Stations of the Cross for Children

*Friday, April 18 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.*

Room B-18, for children and their parents (not a drop-off program!)

During this hour and a half, we shall orient preschool/Kindergarten children to the city of Jerusalem and the events of Jesus' last hours. Our elementary children will have the opportunity to actually walk the Stations of the Cross in the basement with the Solemn Collects, using age appropriate language. In addition, we shall have centers with activities that support the children's meditation on and understanding of Jesus' death on the cross and its meaning for humanity and for God.

### Easter Day – Welcome, Happy Morning!

*Sunday, April 20 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services*

### Flowering of the Cross

We offer a tangible sign of thanks for Jesus' death on the cross as an act of His self-giving love, when we process on Easter morning with flowers to place on a cross. This year, all members of the congregation are invited to bring flowers and join the procession. If you forget your flowers or bring visitors who do not have them, there will be extra stems in the Commons. We hope all who want to, will be able to participate.

### Liturgy of the Light, in Chapel

After the services begin, all children are invited to process behind the cross to a combined Chapel, where this new life, the life of the Risen Christ, will be celebrated through the means of a special liturgy. What is proclaimed in Scripture is lived in liturgy, and we share this with our children in a very meaningful and powerful way for their age level. Some of our older elementary children will be helping to lead this liturgy.

### Raising the "Alleluia!"

*10:05 a.m.*

Immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service, we shall process out to the Courtyard, where we shall dig up the "Alleluia," which we buried on the first Sunday of Lent. During the time of preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection, we set aside our glad cries of praise; now, however, death is conquered and once again we sing, "Alleluia, Alleluia!" Families who will attend the 11:00 a.m. service will want to plan to arrive for this part of the morning.

### Egg Hunt

*10:15 a.m.*

Following the raising of the "Alleluia," all children – those who have attended the 9:00 a.m. service and those who will attend the 11:00 a.m. service – will gather in Huffman Hall to think together about Christ's rising from the dead, its meaning for all humanity and for God. From there, children will be given directions for an egg hunt (plastic eggs filled with candies and Easter symbols), with different age children hunting in different parts of our campus. Children wishing to participate should bring their baskets from home; extra bags will be available for those who need them.

### How You Can Help

Can't do a lot, but would like to pitch in? Perfect! We need You!

- Help with preparations for the Good Friday Stations of the Cross for Children – help put together one of the centers
- Help during the Good Friday Stations of the Cross event
- Help with the Easter morning children's Liturgy of the Light (Chapel) during a service
- Bring plastic eggs – see related article; help prepare the eggs; help hide eggs
- Bring instruments on Palm Sunday, flowers and Easter-egg baskets on Easter Sunday

Contact Barbara Pitts at 345-8314, ext. 221 or [bdpitts@texas.net](mailto:bdpitts@texas.net)

**Daylight  
Savings  
Time  
begins  
April 6<sup>th</sup>**

## April Children's Ministry Calendar

- Apr. 2 Lenten Wednesday Nights Continue  
– Dinner at 6:00 p.m.; Children's program The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe at 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 6 9:00 a.m. - Opening Service  
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Primary and \*Children's chapels; children practice for Palm Sunday procession
- Apr. 9 Lenten Wednesday Nights Conclude  
– Dinner at 6:00 p.m.; Children's program The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe at 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 13 9:00 a.m. - Opening Service  
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Palm Sunday Procession  
10:45 a.m. Children follow cross to Primary and \*Children's chapels
- Apr. 18 10:00-11:30 a.m. Good Friday  
– Stations of the Cross for Children
- Apr. 20 9:00 a.m. - Easter! *No Sunday School*  
9:00 a.m. - Flowering of the Cross  
9:15 a.m. - Children follow cross to combined chapel for Liturgy of the Light  
10:05 a.m. - Dig up the "Alleluia"  
10:15 a.m. - Huffman Hall to begin Egg Hunt  
11:00 a.m. - Flowering of the Cross  
11:15 a.m. - Children follow cross to combined chapel for Liturgy of the Light
- Apr. 23 5:45 p.m. - VBS planning meeting B-13
- Apr. 23 7:00 p.m. - Children's Council Meeting B-16
- Apr. 27 9:00 a.m. - Opening Service  
9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. - Primary and \*Children's chapels

\*Children grades 1-3 will rehearse for May 11 during chapel; interested 4/5th graders are invited to join them

### Looking Ahead

- ♦ Children sing during service: May 11, Mother's Day
- ♦ Last spring Sunday School: May 18
- ♦ Feast of the Holy Spirit: Pentecost, June 8
- ♦ First Super Summer Sunday School: June 15
- ♦ VBS: More Than a Summer Blast, June 22-26
- ♦ Regional Training Program: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, July 7-11

## Children's News

by Heather Harmon

### Easter Egg Hunt 2003!!!

Be on the look out for donation baskets around the church. We are asking for plastic Easter eggs and individually wrapped, non-chocolate candies. Please contact Heather Harmon, Kiff Doerr, or Martha Webb if you have any questions. Thanks for your help in this fun project!

### The Saints of God: Vacation Bible School 2003 June 22-June 26

Wow! We have some awesome plans in the making for VBS this year! I am so excited by the amount of support coming from all over the parish — thank you so very much! It's not too late to still get on board or throw in your two cents worth. This is a community event, and I am here to help serve the community by making this summer blast the best it can be. Please feel free to contact me (418-9343) with any questions. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 23 at 5:45 p.m. in B-13. Volunteer forms are located in the church office. Registration forms will be available the first week in May.

**Because the normal deadline for the May issue of *The Word* would have fallen on Good Friday, the decision was made to delay it a week. Deadline for the May issue will be Friday, April 25, and delivery to your mailbox will be approximately one week later than normal.**

## Time, Talent, and Transformation: Stewardship Conference 2003

Charlie Cole, Stewardship Chair

If you've wanted to know more about how you can extend your involvement, and that of St. Matthew's, in "providing a joyful response to all that God is doing in our lives," then I encourage you to join us at the upcoming Stewardship Conference, Friday and Saturday, May 2-3 at Camp Allen.

In recognition of the importance of Stewardship to the work of the Church, by "using the gifts God has given us to do the work He is calling us to do," this year's conference will focus on "Time, Talent, and Transformation." For it is in our giving of our time, our talent, and our treasure, that we as Christians are truly transformed as Disciples of Christ.

No matter how "experienced" you are, whether you are on the vestry, the Stewardship Commission, or a newcomer, the program will be of interest to all who seek a greater understanding of the power of Stewardship. Bishop Payne will be on hand to welcome all attendees while Ms. Terry Parsons, Stewardship Officer for the National Church, is the event's featured speaker. The Rev. Nicholas R. D. Dyke, Chairman of the Division of Stewardship for the Diocese of Texas, will also play a major role in the program.

For further information, and to sign up for the conference, contact Pat Lawson, Registrar, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, PO Box 409, Bryan, TX 77806-0405. T: (979) 822-5176. F: (979) 823-3874. Email: standrews@cox-internet.com. Cost for the program, meals and lodging is \$30. Registration deadline: April 17, 2003.

## Attention Community Outreach Ministries!

A Two-Day Conference at St. Matthew's:

"Givers of Good Gifts"

April 9 and 10, 2003 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

This Workday Conference is being presented by Episcopal Community Outreach Ministries – a part of the Diocese of Texas – in keeping with our charge to strengthen and empower congregations and outreach ministries. Open to all -- \$30 – payable at the door, includes lunch both days.

## Greetings From the Border!

by Steven Tighe

*An introduction from Holly Decherd, Outreach Chair: Steven Tighe is a former member and youth leader, and now missionary, from St. Matthew's. Following ordination, Steven, his wife and sons, and a colleague from seminary moved their families to El Paso and began Gateway Mission Training Center. Last January, 2002, accredited classes commenced to generate more youth ministers. In addition to this training, Gateway organizes mission trips through various churches. St. Matthew's has provided two youth mission trips and one adult trip to Juarez.*

It's a very exciting time right now. After pushing and praying and meeting and working for a year and a half to try to get stuff started, all of a sudden it's all started and going FAST! God is doing wonderful things!

Our house building ministry is exploding. Over the next few weeks we'll have mission teams here building two houses for very poor families. We've got at least one and maybe two more people coming on staff to lead teams building houses. Which will allow us to do three trips at the same time.

The missionary youth ministry school is growing. We just completed our second for-credit intensive class (actually, I haven't finished grading all the papers.) We think we now have enough momentum to initiate a complete youth ministry degree at the college that we've been working with. This should be in place just in time for our next group of four year youth ministry students, due here next August.

We've come up with a name for that program. We're calling it "Cross Culture." Our first two students are doing well. (One is committed to youth ministry in Latin America, the other believes that he may be called to work with unreached people.) We're recruiting for our second class. We have slots for six students in 2003 and then six in 2004. (If you know anybody who fits, let us know!)

Youth ministry training in Mexico has been going slowly. Our main contacts for training had been through the Anglican Diocese in the state of Chihuahua. They are in total disarray because their bishop was caught embezzling several hundred thousand dollars. Please pray for them and us as we try to get things moving again. Thank you so very much for your prayers and support. Through them, God is doing miracles!

### Prayer requests:

- Christopher (now 8) is having some problems with anger at school and we're really worried and don't know what to do.

- We've started home schooling Jonathan, which has been wonderful in some ways and very hard in others. Please pray for wisdom.

- Recruiting for our next year's class of Cross Culture students.

- Wise use of time as things continue to grow, especially for time as a family.

In Christ Jesus,  
Steven and Tricia Tighe

## Who Are All These New People at St. Matthew's?

Parish Get Acquainted Lunch,  
Sunday, April 27

by Jeri Muhich, Newcomers Council Chair

Have you seen all the new faces at St. Matthew's? Have you seen the service attendance numbers climbing? Who are all these new people? Many of them are the newest members of our St. Matthew's Family.

The Newcomers Council extends an invitation to the entire parish to welcome and honor the newest members of our parish family. The entire congregation is invited to the Parish Get Acquainted Lunch on Sunday, April 27 (the Sunday after Easter) after the 10:30 service.

If you joined St. Matthew's between November 2002 and April 2003, we would like to introduce and welcome you to the rest of the parish family at the luncheon. Please contact Dedee Norman to arrange a time to have your picture taken for the New Member Profile that will be distributed at the luncheon.

If you are a new member and did not receive your luncheon invitation or were unable to participate in the luncheon last October, please contact Dedee Norman. Reservations for the luncheon are must since it will be catered. You can sign up at the Welcome Table in the Commons beginning Sunday, April 6 or call Dedee Norman at 345-8314 or email her: dedee@StMattsAustin.org

## St. Matthew's Golf Tournament

The annual St. Matthew's Golf Tournament will be held at the Yaupon Golf Course in Lakeway on Saturday, April 26 beginning with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The entry fee of \$80 will include green fees, cart rental, range privileges, prizes, a "goody" bag, and dinner. Entries are not limited to St. Matthew's members or Episcopalians. The proceeds will benefit the St. Matthew's youth program. The deadline for entry is April 13.

We are encouraging our church members to personally contact their golfing friends and potential sponsors or contributors to participate. Entry forms for both the golfers and sponsors (\$100) are available in the church office or the Commons. Those just wishing to contribute to the tournament are welcomed and their names will be posted at the registration desk. A part of the contributions will be used to purchase suitable prizes. You may form your own group or join other players. The format will be a scramble with handicap adjustment. You may recall that the tournament last year raised over \$2000 for the youth program.

For any further information, contact Milt Williams at 345-0499 or e-mail miltnsarah@austin.rr.com



**Birthdays**

**April**

- 1 Alan Carson, Cheryl Coldwater McLay, Jacob Denton, Carolyn Huffman
- 2 Will Brown, Michael Meleski, Jim Myers
- 3 Suzanne Daniel, Maru Davis, Barbara Hilliard, Cornelia LeMond, Michael Novak, Steven Wood
- 4 Joyce Evans, David Thompson
- 5 Michael Levy, Andrew Newmiller, Stacy Strobusch, Carlos Vazquez
- 7 Beth Billman, Paul Nieman, Rosemary Sorenson
- 8 Glenda Carl, Allen Sikes, Ashley Udelhofen
- 9 Randy Alexis, Jamie Mann
- 10 John Cordes, Ron Daniels, Michael Feeley, Kathy Morris, Jim Street
- 11 Lara McKennon, Kathleen Niendorff, Linda Strobusch
- 12 Marguerita Chapman, Maria Luisa McLean, Kristi Robison, Sarah Steury, Kathy Wood
- 13 Vicky Dettmann, Kelly McGettigan, Geoffrey Shannon
- 14 Barbara Varnado
- 15 Jim Collins, Carolyn Kidd, John Mashburn, Mike McKinney, Lisa Murphy
- 17 Ashton Banta, Robert Godwin
- 18 Allan Adams, Ashley Mihm
- 19 Beth Deans, Keith Miller
- 20 Jim Strobusch
- 22 Issa Kafena
- 23 Martha Mashburn, Matthew Wilkins, Nathan Wilkins
- 24 B. J. Drenkhahn, Will Dugat
- 25 Thomas Gilpin, Bruce Newman
- 26 Courtney Farmer
- 27 Jack Robertson, Marissa Wasmuth, Bob Yeargain
- 28 Mason Gregg, Myra Jackson, Laura Kyle
- 29 Terry Helfrich, Shirley Towry
- 30 Kristin Necessary, Julie Newmiller, Emmanuel Nwolisa, Hallie Sweeney

**May**

- 1 Holly Bissett
- 2 Michele Mann, Ashley Nicholson, Kathy Wood
- 3 Marsha Caven, Mason Pownall
- 4 Liz Canby, Dyke Miller, Lavanne Scott
- 5 Jane Buerchner, Mary Hargrove, Mary Kay Schultz, Nancy Stevens
- 6 Andrew Dorsey, Patrick Graham, Debbie Marshall, Betty Mitchell, Rebecca Smith, William Moncure



**February 2003 Financial Statement**

	CURRENT MONTH		YEAR-TO-DATE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Plate & Pledges	\$56,010	\$70,567	\$135,753	\$149,336
Total Income	69,851	74,333	165,558	161,153
Total Expenses	70,903	87,964	146,633	174,072
Diff. of Income vs. Expenses	(\$1,052)	(\$13,631)	\$18,925	\$12,919

Indebtedness as of February 28, 2003 \$0.00

**Memorial Gifts**

In memory of  
*Tom DeWitt*  
 by  
 Catherine and Will Casey  
 Carol Stolz  
 Members of the DeWitt Extended Family Group  
 (Pat Bliss, Rose and Gabe Ireland,  
 Mary Ann Moore, Jeri and John Muhich,  
 Sarah and Milt Williams)

**New Members**

Nancy Mallory and Scott Telfer  
 Michaela, Corie and Garrett

Susan and Brian Doyle  
 Lamar and Charlie

Jill and Greg Smith  
 Gracen and Lucy

Laura and Carl Strange  
 Laura Lee and John

Vickie and Guy Blumhagen  
 Kelly and Allie

Esther Garcia  
 Clarissa Garcia

**2003 Great Teachers Series**

*by Leon Whitney*

For the third year, St. Matthew's will offer its Great Teachers Series this summer, this year focusing on the subject, "Ethics." The series begins Sunday, June 15, at 9:00 a.m. in Huffman Hall, with The Rev. Dr. Will Spong presenting a musical adventure into the Gospel based upon the Broadway musical "Ragtime." He will be followed by The Rev. John Musgrave, a former member of St. Matthew's, sharing the experiences of his parish in Nassau Bay (Clear Lake Area) in coping with the Columbia tragedy, which directly affected many members of his congregation. On June 29, John Sharp, former State Comptroller, will discuss the ethical and moral issues involved in the distribution of scarce state funds.

In July, Dr. Michael Granof, Business Professor at The University of Texas, will discuss ethics and business practices in the workplace, touching on the culture that led to the failure of Enron and Worldcom. Also in July, Fred Zipp, Managing Editor, *Austin American-Statesman*, will give us an insight into ethical decisions faced by the media.

In August, we will learn from Dr. Michael White, Professor of Religious Studies at The University of Texas.

Don't plan a summer vacation until you check our ten-week schedule of great teachers.

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## Worship Schedule

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite One  
 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School  
 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Adult Fellowship/Coffee  
 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

### Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
 12 Noon Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
 with Healing Service

### Daily

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer in the  
 Cauley Chapel

The Charlotte Cauley Gray (Bell Tower) Chapel and  
 the Kinney (Outdoor) Chapel are always open.

The nursery is open each Sunday from 7:45 a.m. to  
 12:15 p.m., where childcare is cheerfully provided for  
 little ones from birth to age four.

**Deadline for the May issue  
 of The Word is**

**Friday, April 25, 2003**

**at 5:00 p.m. Submissions on diskette  
 are welcomed - or email your article  
 to [betty@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:betty@stmattsaustrin.org)  
 Articles may be edited for content  
 and length.**

## Vestry Commission Chairs

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