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The Rector Reports

Annual Meeting Report - A Fun and Productive Evening

I am so grateful for the spirit of joy and playfulness at our Annual Meeting on the evening of January 11, 2004. With great enthusiasm for the Chili Cook-Off and the great food and a crowd of over 200 persons, we were truly blessed. Special thanks to Jack Ryfle for once again organizing the Chili- Cook-Off and for all who participated. Thank you one and all!

Special thanks as well go out to those who offered themselves for election to various offices in the church. Not all those who came forward could be elected. We are grateful for all who are willing to serve their parish.

New Vestry

We welcome Kathy Vail, Reid Kirchem, Babs Clendenin, Jay Robison and Kevin McGillicuddy to the Vestry of St. Matthew's. I happily appointed Kate Canby to serve as Senior Warden for 2004 and look forward to a productive year with her. I am grateful to appoint Clif Steed as Vestry Clerk, John Muhich as Treasurer and Bert Hooper as Chancellor of the Parish.

New Special Gifts Committee Members

We welcome Bert Hooper and Mark Monroe to serve three year terms on the Special Gifts Committee and Mike Affleck, who will serve a two year term. The Special Gifts Committee will be working hard this year to develop a program to enhance our Permanent Endowment Fund and other endowments of the church.

Diocesan Council Delegation

Your Diocesan Council delegation for 2004 Annual Council in Tyler is the following:

Delegates: Kathleen Niendorff, Jim Sparks, Bill Kjellstrand, and Dyke Miller

Alternates: Jack Eccles and Phil Hatlen

Jack and Phil were elected this year and will serve as alternates unless a delegate is unable to serve and they will vote in lieu of delegates that are absent from the meetings.

They will serve as delegates in 2005. Kathleen and Bill will rotate off next year. I ask you to pray for your delegation to Diocesan Council, which will be held February 12-14 in Tyler.

Pre-Council Hearing at St. Matthew's

At the Annual Meeting I announced that Pre-Diocesan Council Hearings will be held at St. Matthew's on Sunday afternoon, February 1, at 3:00 p.m. Members of the diocesan staff will be present to discuss the agenda of the meetings, including the budget and canonical changes and resolutions. Several of the proposed resolutions and canonical changes cover topics about human sexuality and General Convention. Those who would like to attend the 3:00 p.m. meeting are invited to attend, though the meeting is oriented toward elected delegates and alternates from each Austin-area church. After the meeting, those who desire will gather with available delegates and alternates in B-18 for discussion of the issues at hand.

Mexico Mission Study Trip

I ask your prayers as I will travel with eight other clergy and lay persons from the Diocese of Texas to the Diocese of Cuernavaca, in order to meet with Bishop Delgado and others as they seek to organize mission trips from Texas to their diocese. Our team leaves on Monday, February 16, and returns on Thursday, February 20. This is purely an investigative mission for me as I look for ways to serve in the Diocese of Texas and for ways for our parish to remain involved in diverse opportunities for mission work.

Ash Wednesday is February 25

You are called to your parish church on Wednesday, February 25, in order to offer yourselves to God with a Lenten discipline particular to you! We will celebrate the Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes on three occasions that day, at 7:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

I remind you of the charge in the Ash Wednesday Liturgy (*Book of Common Prayer*, page 264):

The Celebrant says, "I invite you, therefore in the name of the church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word."

God's Transformative Love

We are committed to spiritual growth, or what Bob Lively calls "transformation", at St. Matthew's, in Lent and every day of our lives. Lent is the time to take stock and take action. Throughout this edition of *The Word* you will see the results of dreaming, serious planning and intentional action. Please study what offerings are available and commit yourselves as you are able.

Our goal is that every member of the church has significant opportunities to learn and grow and change. We want to learn in new and fresh ways how to love in response to God's love for us. We are all in this project together. The fruits are abundant but the work is hard and can only be achieved if risks are taken. Spiritual awakening and maturation requires time and effort, and more importantly, trust that God desires your love and presence.

We will walk the Lenten path together. Our liturgies will be more reflective. We will again "bury" the Alleluia in the garden on the First Sunday of Lent, symbolizing the omission of the Alleluia during the entire Lenten Season. We will, of course, dig it up on Easter Sunday and the alleluias will ring out in joy for the Resurrection of Jesus.

With all this in mind, let us continue our work and play together, grateful to God for all things at all times. ✠

Faithfully,

Merrill

Women in the Bible: from Eve to Mary Magdalene, Thursdays at Noon

In February the Thursday noon Women's Bible Study will take up a new topic: Women in the Bible.

We will peruse the scriptures, looking at the depiction of women with the depth and deliberation for which we are well known. All women are welcome to attend, but if you want a speedy run through the Bible, this isn't the group for you. (We spent two and a half years on Luke!) In addition, using sources such as Elaine Pagels' *Adam, Eve, and the Serpent*, we will study the ways in which at different times the church has (re)interpreted the lives of women from the Bible. Between the two creation stories in Genesis and the Expulsion — not to mention Original Sin — look forward to spending several weeks on Eve! ❧

Richard Rohr Speaking February 8 & 9

Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM, founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, NM, author, and international lecturer, will be speaking at St. Edward's University in Austin on Sunday, February 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. (reception following). The topic is, "Action and Contemplation: The Divine Two-Step." This event is being co-sponsored by RiverStone retreat Center, The Seton Cove, St. Edward's, St. Thomas More Church and Pax Christi. Seating is first-come, so please arrive early. Suggested donation is \$10 (at the door) and partial proceeds benefit the formation of RiverStone Retreat Center. For more information call: 512-462-1521 or visit: www.riverstoneretreatcenter.org.

On February 9, the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest will host Rohr as its Harvey Lecturer. Rohr will lecture twice — "Believing is Only the Prelude to Knowing" at 4:00 p.m. and "Little Enemies and Little Fears" at 6:30 p.m. in Knapp Auditorium. Details at www.ets.edu/Harvey04.shtml. Free and open to the public. Reservations requested — call 512-439-0330 or harvey@ets.edu ❧



Bob Lively to Lead St. Matthew's First Men's Retreat

BY BILL KJELLSTRAND

About 60 men from St. Matthew's will gather for an overnight retreat on Friday and Saturday, March 26-27, at Down Home Ranch near Elgin. Registration for the retreat is \$60. The registration fee covers the costs of the retreat, meals and overnight accommodations in rustic, but comfortable dormitory-style bunk houses. The Men's Retreat is the our overnight gathering for men, although men's group activities have been a part of St. Matthew's programs for many years.

Focus of the retreat will be "Spiritual Transformation," with three sessions led by the Rev. Bob Lively. Bob will share his personal experiences as well as give each attendee some thoughtful and challenging questions to discuss in small groups and ponder independently. A gifted writer, speaker and leader, Bob has written two books on recovery and is currently a teacher and pastoral counselor at Riverbend Church. His most recent book, published in 2001, is *God Help Me through Today: The 23rd Psalm Revisited*. Bob has spoken at St. Matthew's occasionally, most recently as part of the 2004 Great Teacher Series.

The retreat will include a Compline service on Friday night and Holy Communion as a closing service Saturday afternoon, both led by the Rev. James Williams, former associate pastor of St. Matthew's and now a retired priest and member of the church. Men attending will also have

time to meditate and explore personal issues, as well as to enjoy a respite from everyday life and responsibilities. There will also be several fellowship activities, with music led by Bill Smith.

The retreat will be held at Down Home Ranch, located outside of Elgin. The ranch is run by Judy and Jerry Horton and was initiated for children and adults affected by Down's syndrome. The 267-acre facility is a working ranch and includes a pool, basketball hoop, pond, cemetery and elaborate gardens with four greenhouses for growing commercial plants. Long-time Episcopalians, the Hortons have visited St. Matthew's on numerous occasions and have received support through various St. Matthew's outreach programs. The retreat will also include a service project for Down Home Ranch.

Interested men may register for the retreat in the Commons after services through February 15 or may send a check for \$60 to the church office. Scholarships are available: if interested, please ask the Rev. Merrill Wade. If you need special accommodations or special foods, please indicate that on your registration form. Information, the retreat agenda, and a registration form are included in a brochure posted on the St. Matthew's website, www.stmattsaustrin.org. For more information or to register, call Scott Murphy, registrar, at 750-2727. ❧

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 25

- 7:00 am. Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
- 12:00 noon Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
- *7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

*Childcare available for infants through 4 years.

*Children's chapel will be available during the service.

March 11 - 13: Centering Prayer Workshops

SUBMITTED BY SHARON LOWE

March 11 through 13, The Reverend Sandra Casey-Martus, Vicar, Alta Retreat Center in Alta, Wyoming will offer Centering Prayer Workshops.

Sandy is an ordained priest in the Episcopal Church and one of the first teachers to be nationally certified by Father Thomas Keating and Contemplative Outreach Ltd. in the methods of Centering Prayer. In 1996, Sandy moved to Alta to build the St. Francis of the Tetons parish, the first Episcopal church in Teton Valley, and established the Alta Retreat Center.

The workshops are being co-sponsored by St. David's, St. Matthew's and Good Shepherd Episcopal Churches.

March 11 - Advanced Workshop

Location: St. David's Episcopal Church
Time: 6-9 p.m. Dinner and Lecture, 6-7 p.m.
Fee: \$20, light dinner included

Description: Intended for participants with some experience in centering prayer or other contemplative methods, we will move more quickly into longer periods of silence. Lecture, lectio divina and discussion will also be included.

Registration: Advanced registration required. Please contact The Rev. Margaret Waters at 472-1196 or tudy.w@stdave.org by Monday, March 8, 2004.

Abundant Aging: Mind, Body and Spirit

SUBMITTED BY LUCY BOYEA

On Tuesday through Thursday, March 9-11, a conference (sponsored by Camp Allen, the Episcopal Health Charities, and The University of Texas Medical Branch Sealy Center on Aging) will be held at Camp Allen. The conference is for seniors, their family members, their health care, pastoral care and residential care providers, social workers, and leaders of all faith communities. The fee is \$200 (double occupancy) and includes all keynote presentations, workshops, two nights lodging, meals, socials, coffee breaks and taxes. Early registration (before 2/1/04) is \$185. For more info call Lucy Boyea 345-8314 x 226 or see www.CampAllen.org ❁

March 12-13 - Introductory Centering Prayer Workshop

Location: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
Times: Friday 6-9 p.m., includes light dinner. Dinner and Lecture, 6-7 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m., includes morning refreshments, lunch.

Fees: \$40 all sessions, \$20 Friday evening only, \$25 Saturday sessions only.

Description: These 7-hour seminars offer a comprehensive introduction to the method of Centering Prayer and its conceptual background. Two to three practice prayer periods, excerpts from the video tape series prepared by Father Thomas Keating and time for questions and answers are also included.

Registration: Advanced registration required. Sign-up in the Commons after the 10:30 services during February or contact Sharon Lowe at 345-1990 or sharonylowe@hotmail.com by Monday, March 8, 2004. ❁



Adult Education Opportunities

BY LEON WHITNEY

The Adult Education Council offers three adult classes at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We encourage each of you to attend one of these classes. Your participation will enhance our adult education classes.

The Bible – Content and Context. “How Did All Those Stories About Jesus Become the New Testament?” Marty Novak leads a discussion of the formation of the New Testament Canon in Huffman Hall through February 8. This class will continue with a new leader on February 15.

“The Desert Crossing – Intimacy with God and People in the 21st Century” taught by Keith Miller and Russ Adams in Room B-18 through March 14.

Discovery Class Part II led by Merrill Wade in Room B-14. This class will be of special interest to newcomers and also is of interest to anyone wanting to learn more about the basics of our faith. ❁

Spiritual Transformation Sunday Afternoons in Lent with Bob Lively

Beginning February 29, 2004, the first Sunday in Lent, at 4:00 p.m. in Huffman Hall, Dr. Bob Lively, will offer a life-changing, even revolutionary, new six-week course, *From Anxiety to Confidence...A Transformative Experience*. This unique course will be part didactic, part interactive, and part contemplative. Each session will conclude with a brief Eucharist.

The God we worship would have us be transformed, from self-absorbed and worried to grace-grounded and loving. Join us in this opportunity to experience God's grace, and invite friends to be a part of this exciting new adventure into God's amazing promises for us.

Dr. Lively is an ordained Presbyterian minister who has served the church for more than 30 years as a pastor, activist for the homeless, college teacher, seminary professor, newspaper columnist and author. He is a Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. There is no charge for this opportunity. ❁

Women's Lenten Retreat Offers Good Beginning to Lent

BY LESLIE KJELLSTRAND

While the registration deadline has passed for the Women's Lenten Retreat on February 27-29, you may still put your name on the waiting list for possible openings due to schedule changes of registrants. To be on the waiting list, fill out a registration form and either email or mail it to the church office; no money is due now. If a spot opens, you will be asked if you want to attend and can then pay the \$170 registration for the weekend at Mo Ranch.

The Women's Lenten Retreat will focus on the “First and Great Commandment: Loving God.” This retreat will concentrate on personal spiritual growth through the visual arts, music and meditation. Participants will draw on the dynamic leadership of the Revs. Susan Barnes, Posy Jackson and Cynthia Clawson, a multi-talented threesome who also led the successful 2003 Women's Lenten Retreat.

More information on the retreat can be found on the St. Matthew's website or call Leslie Kjellstrand, 331-2121. ❁

Pictorial Directories

Are Here!

BY DAVID LUCE, PROGRAM COORDINATOR

AND MEMBER, ASSOCIATE VESTRY

The beautiful, full-color 2004 Pictorial Directory is ready! The Associate Vestry would like to offer our deepest gratitude to the dozens of volunteers who came together, completing this huge effort. Thanks to everyone who made appointments at the appointment table, who made the hundreds of phone calls for appointments and reminders, who stuffed mailings and who hosted members during the 18 days of photography. St. Matthew's volunteers got the job done. The result is a colorful, spirited and updated 2004 Pictorial Directory.

As the Program Coordinator, allow me to offer special thanks to three very wonderful people, without whom, this Directory would have never been finished. All three organized a team of volunteers and worked tirelessly to complete the task. Jamie Mann was the Sign-up Coordinator, organizing the massive "get signed-up" campaign. I don't think her phone at home ever stopped ringing as members called to make or change appointments. Pat Yeargain organized and led the troop of volunteers who made the hundreds of appointment calls and reminder calls. Making phone calls is a thankless job and Pat made sure every one was made. Finally, Glenda Monroe was our Hostess Coordinator. With 18 days of photography, and with eight hours each day to be covered, Glenda ensured that every minute was covered by a team of hostesses greeting and assisting members as they came to sit for their portraits. Thank you ladies... Thank you for everything!

Please note: If you haven't picked up your Directory, you can do so on Sunday, February 1, in the Commons after the 10:30 service, or you can visit the church office during office hours. Remember, if your family or individual portrait is in the book, you receive a free copy. If not, or if you wish to have a second copy, they are available for a \$5.00 donation each. ☼

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The traditional St. Matthew's Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will be held on February 24th starting at 6:00 p.m. The charge is \$3 for adults and free for children under 12. Join us for an evening of food, fun and community building. ☼

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Spiritual Formation: A Calendar

COMPILED BY THE REV. SUSAN BARNES

Spiritual formation is the life-long process of study, prayer and discipline whereby we reorient our lives and realign our spirits toward the will of God.

This calendar is intended to help you take advantage of the opportunities for spiritual formation and spiritual growth offered in and around Austin. If you know of something we have missed, please let me or Betty know.

February Sundays, 9 a.m.: Adult Education

- » "Intimacy with God and People in the 21st Century", taught by Keith Miller and Russ Adams
- » "How Did All Those Stories About Jesus Become the New Testament?" taught by Marty Novak
- » Discovery Class Part II led by Merrill Wade

February 8-9: lectures by Fr. Richard Rohr

St. Edward's University (2/8) and ETSS (2/9); see details in the article on the previous page.

February 20-21: Youth Ministry/Christian Formation, Benedictine Retreat

Camp Allen (contact Eric Liles, 345-8314 x232, or log on www.epicenter.org)

February 20-21: St. David's, Austin: "The Art of Silence."

Workshop exploring forms of meditation to listen for the Word of God, led by Maria O'Brian. Contact Tudy Waters, 472-1196

February 27-29: FOR WOMEN ONLY. ECW Lenten Retreat

"The First and Great Commandment: Loving God through the Arts." Held at Mo-Ranch, led by Susan Barnes, Cynthia Clawson, Posy Jackson (contact Leslie Kjellstrand, 331-2121)

February 28: St. David's, Austin: "The Labyrinth and Mandalas."

Workshop led by Delda Skinner. Contact Tudy Waters, 472-1196

February 29 - April 4: Sundays, 4-5 p.m.

Huffman Hall: "From Anxiety to Confidence... A Transformative Experience." A six-week course led by Dr. Bob Lively

March 9 - 11: Abundant Aging: Mind, Body and Spirit at Camp Allen. www.campallen.org

March 12-13: Workshop: "Introduction to Centering Prayer"

Huffman Hall, led by The Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus (contact Susan Barnes, 345-8314 x217)

March 26-27: FOR MEN ONLY. Retreat led by Dr. Bob Lively at Down Home Ranch (Contact Scott Murphy, 750-2727)

April 1-3: Spring Youth Ministry Conference, Camp Allen (contact Eric Liles, 345-8314, or www.epicenter.org)

April 22-24: Laity Lodge. Parish Retreat ☼

Parish Potluck Supper

Wednesday, February 4

6:00 p.m. in Huffman Hall

Games Night! Come ready to eat, play games and have some fun!

If your name begins with A - H, bring a vegetable or salad
if you are I - T bring a main dish
if you are U - Z bring a dessert

Please remember to bring enough to feed your family plus six more. We often serve those who are physically unable to prepare food to bring, teenagers who come straight from school and others who, for one reason or another, cannot contribute to the fare.

Parish Pot Lucks are for everyone - families, singles, members, visitors, friends and guests. The nursery will be open with sitters on deck for infants and toddlers but older children are expected to eat with their families.

Senior Warden's Report

BY KATE CANBY

It is an honor to be asked by our rector to serve as the senior warden during 2004. Before I accepted his request, I asked God for guidance and direction in making my decision. During the next year, you may find I do not make quick decisions, but first pray about matters.

This past year, the Vestry began ongoing prayer during our Vestry meetings. We have a cross, which you may see on the wall in Room B-18. During the meeting, the cross is passed to one another. When one receives the cross, that person will go into prayer upholding the meeting. I found after my prayer time with God during Vestry meetings, I was able to re-enter the meeting with clear thought.

During the year, it was a privilege to meet weekly as an Executive Council for the Vestry with the other wardens, Phil Hatlen, who will be missed during the next year, and David Price, our People's warden, and Susan and Merrill. We are able to work on many details between Vestry meetings. The wardens offer support to our clergy. On occasion, Merrill or Susan will bring a guest for us to meet and discuss opportunities for our church community. I look forward to continuing these meetings.

At a wardens' meeting in the fall, we had the opportunity to speak with the Rev. Jane Butterfield from the Missionary office. Jane first spoke to the wardens and clergy about a woman to be sent by the Bishop of Zimbabwe, to study more about the Anglican Religion. This school director is Mildred Mbwando who will be within our community during the next five months,

while studying at ETSS. While Mildred is with us, she will lead us in Bible Studies for adults, as well as work with our children. Mildred's participation in our parish is such a special event that St. Matthew's was mentioned specifically on the Anglican Communion News international website in an article about the Missionary Training during January.

It goes without saying, St. Matthew's is a caring and giving community. We take time to invite and welcome all who enter our parish doors. I am always rewarded to hear from you, about a new person or family that has become active within our community. During the year, I will not only open my door a little wider to welcome all who come to St. Matthew's, but take the extra time to listen to your cares and concerns to know you a little better.

Merrill has been with us over a year and a half, and Susan an additional year. God could not have provided a better rector and associate team for St. Matthew's. Merrill has done an excellent job getting to know and love our parish, as well as provide spiritual leadership. Susan's insightful and joyful spirit warms our souls. Our staff is the happiest I have seen, in large part, due to Merrill's leadership. Dave Bowman brings excellent management skills, a clear understanding of the Episcopal Church, and a great sense of humor to the office staff. Feel free to stop by the church office to visit with the staff. You may leave with a dose of joy. God bless you. ☩

Senior Sentences

BY LUCY A. BOYEA,
MINISTER OF SENIOR ACTIVITIES

On page 825 in the *Book of Common Prayer*, there is a prayer for the good use of leisure which reads as follows:

"O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be open to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

The St. Matthew's Senior Activity Center offers an opportunity for the good use of leisure. We enable our members to rebuild their bodies by offering exercise four mornings a week. We provide for the renewal of minds through monthly speakers, Armchair Travel and trips to places of interest. A variety of games also offers a challenge to our minds.

Certainly the opportunity to be part of a caring Christian community enables our members to be aware of the goodness of God's creation, don't you agree? ☩

St. Matthew's First Friday Golf, February 6 at Muny

BY MILT WILLIAMS

The sixth monthly St. Matthew's golf outing will be held at the Muny/Lions course beginning at 9:30 a.m. on February 6. We have four tee times. The net cost is \$18.50 for Seniors (62+) and \$26.00 under 62 (plus tax) which includes cart and green fee. If you walk, subtract \$10.50. The course is located west off Mopac on Windsor Road, left on Exposition to Enfield, right on Enfield a short distance to the course (Enfield Road is under heavy construction between Mopac and Exposition). Please call Milt Williams at 345-0499 for questions and sign up.

Scout Sunday is February 8th!

BY KATHY DUGAT

St. Matthew's will celebrate Scout Sunday on February 8th during our 10:30 worship service. Scouting organizations provide an atmosphere in which children and young people are encouraged to stretch themselves and grow into men and women with honor, integrity and solid core values. Currently, St. Matthew's is proud to serve as a "home" for a Daisy Girl Scout troop, a Brownie Girl Scout troop, a Cub Scout pack and a Boy Scout troop, with plans underway to establish a Venture Crew for older teens in the future. In all, some 200 children and young people participate regularly in the scouting programs that we host!

On Scout Sunday we will take the opportunity to celebrate the work and accomplishments of our scouts and adult scouters, and applaud them for the impact they are making in the lives

of children, young people and our our world... today and for tomorrow! Scout Sunday will also give us the opportunity to recognize those scouts in our St. Matthew's family who have completed the first two levels of the God and Country program during the fall months.

All scouts and scouters (Cub Scouts, Brownie and Daisy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venture, Campfire, etc.) are encouraged to celebrate with us on Feb. 8th by wearing their uniforms to church. Scouts and scouters will continue their tradition of service to others on the 8th by serving as readers, greeters, and acolytes for the 10:30 service. If you are a scout or adult scouter and would like to participate in this service, or would like to know more about St. Matthew's scouting organizations or Scout Sunday, please call Kathy Dugat (343-7989). ☩

SAVE THE DATE!

Laity Lodge Weekend

April 23 – 25

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ConneXions Will Regroup in March

BY LESLIE KJELLSTRAND

ConneXions members and those interested: mark your calendars for March 21. ConneXions will have new group assignments for its spring-summer dinner series at a Social Hour in Huffman Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Now is a good time to think about joining ConneXions, one of the longest running and largest groups at St. Matthew's. ConneXions is a collection of groups of adults who meet monthly for a meal; each group consists of about 9 to 12 individuals—singles and couples. "Why did we wait so long to join?" one couple said recently. Over the 18 years that ConneXions has been active, many St. Matthew's members have had wonderful meals and made deep and lasting friendships. The goal of the group: good food and Christian fellowship. Join us! To join, call Leslie and Bill Kjellstrand, 331-2121, or email, stmattconnexions@austin.rr.com

Musical Notes

BY SUZANNE DANIEL

Calling All Men

While Fr. Susan has many women of the parish on their Lenten retreat, we will have a Men's Chorus to provide some special music on Sunday, February 29. There will be two or three rehearsal opportunities and practice CDs will be available. No previous experience required. No long term commitments required. Watch the Weekly Word and/or Weekly Songsheet for more details.

Musical Offering - Mark your Calendars!

We are finalizing plans for a special musical offering on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 22nd. We will be featuring some of the guest musicians we've had on Sunday mornings over the last several months. More details to come...

**DON'T WAIT!
SAVE THE DATE!**

**VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**

Week of June 13

Who Did We Send Last Year?

SUBMITTED BY LAVANNE SCOTT

12 Heifer Cows, 3 Water Buffalos, 9 Llamas, 12 Goats, 15 Sheep, 9 Pigs, 60 Rabbits (maybe 320 by the time they arrived), 9 Hives of Bees, and 63 Flocks of Chickens, Ducks and Geese to many needy families around the world?

Yes, you are right! It was the generous members of St. Matthew's. You have reason to be proud because of your part in filling the Ark with these animals. The reproduction of these animals will extend these gifts far into the future. These meaningful gifts already provide milk, eggs, food and plowing power to cultivate the fields, therefore improving the nutrition, health, education and living conditions of deserving families in many parts of the world.

Your donations support the Heifer Project, www.heifer.org, which has a working system with 60 years of experience. Here is how the system works. Instead of providing hungry families with a non-renewable source of food, your donations provide a "living loan" of an animal. The family's

health and standard of living is greatly improved by what that animal can provide. Along with the "living loan" comes extensive training in animal care, agricultural practices and community development.

The Ark Season will soon be here again and other needy people around the world will be looking for St. Matthew's participation. You can contribute as individuals or families. A challenge goes out to all church ministries and groups. Will the Youth Ministry outshine the Senior Activity Center? Will the Men's Fellowship set sail to more animals than the ECW?

A table will be set up in the Commons during Lent to receive contributions and answer any questions. In the meantime, please contact Lori Murphy at 336-9879.



Share the Joy!

BY BARBARA PITTS, CHILDREN'S MINISTER

Have you collections or extras that you would be willing to donate to a new and loving home? Children's Ministry currently needs the following for our elementary Sunday School children, as they explore God's extravagant creation and humankind's inventive co-creation:

- » Labeled specimens of rocks/minerals/fossils; pressed flowers/herbs/leaves; shells/sea animals/sea plants; mammal, insect, reptile, etc. – bones/teeth/feathers/fur/skin
- » Labeled postcards/photos/collector's cards of any of the above, or of:
 - Animals – work/pets/wild
 - People of all cultures through the ages, both individuals and families: at work – in home, office, a field; at leisure – in home and away; at worship – privately, publicly; at service – local, missionary

- » Labeled artifacts of any cultures, including religious artifacts
- » Guidebooks, books, periodicals for:
 - Any of the above
 - Any of the earth sciences: the universe, earth, the seas (simple ones, such as Golden, Eye Witness, Reader's Digest)
- » Books, periodicals of Bible cultures, Bible lands; Jewish & Christian archeology (could also be scanned or color copied)
- » Icons

Please contact Barbara Pitts, at Barbara@stmattsaustin.org, or 345-8314, ext.221. We would treasure your treasures. Thanks!

December 2003 Financial Statement

	CURRENT MONTH		YEAR-TO-DATE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Plate & Pledges	\$102,507.81	\$138,696.38	\$883,865.76	\$949,975.00
Total Income	105,610.56	145,751.98	962,691.60	1,020,000.00
Total Expenses	98,834.96	86,918.81	999,107.07	1,105,395.00
Diff. of Income vs. Expenses	\$6,775.60	\$58,833.17	(\$36,415.47)	\$4,605.00

In Honor of My Parents During Black History Month

BY LAVANNE SCOTT

I can still remember the bookcase behind my father's lounge chair in the living room. When he reclined in his chair, a sort of canopy was formed so I could "hide away" and finger through his books. I knew he loved reading and he received multiple magazines and newspapers. The love of reading was one of the greatest gifts he gave me.

By the time I started school, I could not wait to get new books. However for a black child our books were handed down. I was saddened that the friendly books I received were sometimes tattered and written through. It was a thrill to occasionally receive a brand new book. Regardless of condition, all our books received the attention of a handmade cover created from a brown grocery sack.

Given the textbooks were handed down, our teachers had to scramble for additional materials for every February, Black History Month. Each year the kids were given an assignment to choose a famous black person to report on, besides Jackie Robinson and Joe Louis. One year I chose Sacajawea, scout for the Lewis and Clark expedition. She was a full-blooded Native American, but I wanted to pay homage to the bloodline that flows in the hearts of many African Americans.

My hometown of Atlanta was a hotbed of activity during the 1950's and 1960's. My father was very intent on keeping up with the local and national news. My mother was intent in always gathering up her six children before sunset. In our neighborhood, the blacks and whites were divided by Westview Drive, which was only a block away from our house. The pharmacist's

house was, at the time, the closest to that street and the framework for his new home was burned down a couple of times. The third time was the charm for Dr. Cooper.

Occasionally the white and black kids would sneak across the street to play football. We black kids, however, were chased back across the street by the white parents. Eventually Westview Drive was more than just a boundary of asphalt. I actually missed my white friends who moved out as they were displaced by the construction of IH-20.

Throughout it all, my parents were the vision of Godly love and positive spirit. Ours was also a household of patriotism with my father being a World War II veteran. My parents were long time Episcopalians and they instilled a deep-rooted sense of discipline, responsibility and love in all the children. Although my father passed away 22 years ago, I can sometimes picture him singing hymns in his lounge chair.

If the best gift I received was the love of reading, the second best had to have been my baseball glove for my tenth birthday. My mother saved all her S&H green stamps to buy it for me. I never knew a gift could smell so good. Am I the only one who still stops in a sporting goods store and smells the leather baseball gloves?

You can ask a lot of black Americans who is their favorite role model and they will overwhelmingly state the Dr. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. Although he preached a few miles from my house, my favorites are my parents, Mary Battise Scott and David Wendell Scott, Sr. ❁

An Important Message from the Business Office

BY DAVE BOWMAN, BUSINESS MANAGER

As the calendar year drew to a close, several members of the parish made contributions in the form of stock. Like so many other aspects of the business manager's responsibilities it gave me the opportunity to review how we could make the process as simple and easy for everyone. With that in mind I thought I would use my space in *The Word* this month to rehearse the best process.

To donate stock to St. Matthew's, take the unsigned or unendorsed certificate(s) to the brokerage department at:

Frost Bank
3525 Far West Boulevard
Austin, TX 78731
Voice 512-473-4565
Fax 512-473-4915

Anyone in the brokerage department can help you:

Kelly Rutherford, Registered Representative
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When you have completed the deposit to the church account you will receive a receipt that will include the necessary details of the name of the shares, the number of shares deposited, your name, and the date.

Please bring or mail a copy of the receipt to us within 24 hours. Your record of contributions will be credited for the number of shares deposited at the average price for that day.

The business office of the church will sell the stock as soon as possible so that the proceeds can be transferred to the appropriate bank account. If we can help in any way please call us. Thank you for your generosity. ❁

New Member's Dessert Party Invitation

If you have joined St. Matthew's since August of 2003, or were unable to attend the New Member Dessert Party at the Hatlen's last August, the Newcomer's Council would like to extend an invitation to you to come and meet other new members as well as several ministry leaders within the congregation. The fellowship will be fun and the desserts promise to be outstanding.

Date: Sunday, February 22

Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Place: The home of our Rector, Merrill Wade and his wife Crystal, 11561 Cedarcliffe Dr.

RSVP: By Wednesday, February 18 to Dedee Norman 345-8314 x 219

Childcare will be provided at the church. When you RSVP, please indicate if you will need a sitter. ❁

Book Club Update

The initial meeting of this new discussion group will be Thursday, February 19, at 5:00 p.m., in Room B-6. Your assignment: read *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd and be prepared to discuss it. We will also discuss a permanent day and time for our meetings so bring your appointment calendars. Your suggestions for other books that we might read and discuss are indeed welcome. For more information please call Gidget Fisher at 328-7242 or Dedee Norman, 345-8314 x 219. ❁

Nursery News

BY TRACEY NICHOLS,
NURSERY COORDINATOR

This nursery article brings changes and a few requests to parents. I hope that you are comfortable with the changes, but if anyone has any suggestions or comments, please give me a call. I really appreciate feedback.

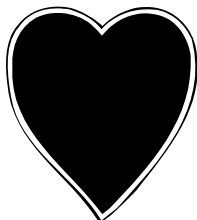
Beginning the first Sunday in February, there will be a sign-up sheet in the church office for Parents' Night Out. I am hoping that this will make it easier for parents to sign up for the event. If you have not heard of Parents' Night Out, it occurs the third Friday of every month from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Parents can leave their children at the church while they have dinner or take care of life matters. We are limited to 10 children each month. There is \$5.00 fee for each child.

In the past I have had difficulties with parents signing up for the event and then not coming. Due to the 10 child limit, I have turned down other families under the belief that there was no available space. If you are not going to bring your children, please take your name off the list.

Also beginning in February, the infant nursery will not open as a separate nursery until 10:00 a.m. Currently, there are practically no infants that are brought to the Huffman Hall nursery until 10:00 a.m. We will have the main nursery in the Education Building available beginning at 7:45 a.m. It will, of course, be open to infants and other children up to the age of four. Again, at 10:00 a.m., the infant nursery will open in Huffman Hall.

I have a request for the parents. If you sign up to bring your children to the nursery and your plans change, please call the contact person and let them know you are not coming. I hire sitters according to the requests made, and many times, children are not brought. I understand completely that plans change and the nursery needs to be flexible, but we may be able to save a little bit if I have accurate numbers regarding child care.

Thanks for your wonderful children! Please feel free to contact me at anytime regarding any nursery questions. ❀



So Much to Share With You

BY BARBARA PITTS, CHILDREN'S MINISTER

So much to share with you...so little space to write it...so little time for you to read and absorb it.... Since our previous *The Word* deadline: 4th & 5th Graders piling red wagons full of stockings and toys at Children's Hospital...discovering 50-cent pieces in shoes following a visit from St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra...Ashley Nicholson, Mason Pownall, and Sylvie Preston taking care of Gavin Smith as Jesus, during the Pick-up Pageant...ordering pancakes at Saturday morning Kidnap Breakfast for Children's Chorus at Marie Callender's...Six Sunday School teachers/catechists retreating for a day and a half of training in the spiritual formation of children...Seminarians Tim and Reid and Father Susan sharing the Gospel with Children's Chapel...giggles and laughter at Sunday Lunch for Chorus members and families...Seven 4th & 5th Graders on Holes retreat at Camp Allen.... And that's just the last six weeks...!

In February, Children's Chorus strikes up again...Communion children contemplate Holy Eucharist...Vacation Bible School planning gets up and running...Chapel Ministers meet and eat, seeking new ways to reach children... Children's Ministry distributes program survey

forms...Club 45 fits in another Coffee House before kicking off Heifer Project among parish children...SS classes simplify their classrooms for Lent....

Yes, simplify for Lent.... And prior to entering Lent, our youngest children will be exploring the properties of yeast! Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a woman who mixes three measures of flour and a measure of yeast." What better way to consider Jesus' meaning than to touch and mix your own measure of yeast and watch it grow?! In the meantime, groups of early elementary children will be tracing connections between scripture and liturgy in which the Holy Spirit is invited, through the use of visual gestures, to be present with us. Upper elementary children will be grappling with dominoes, not your usual dominoes, but wooden chips that lay out the entire service of Holy Eucharist, as they delve more deeply into the prayers, scriptures, and sacraments of our Episcopal heritage.

Have you ever visited one of our Sunday School classes? We wish you would! Contact a teacher/catechist or me, and we'll set a date. You are sure to be amazed! Call now – a visit is worth a thousand words. So much to share.... ❀

Children's Ministry Calendar – February 2004

Sunday School Schedule

9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Children are checked in by their parents:
Level I 3 yrs. (by Sept.1) – Kinder B-17
Level II 1st – 3rd Grades B-16
Level III 4th – 5th Grades B-13

Chapel Schedule

10:30 a.m. Primary and Children's chapels
- Children follow the cross from the early part of church service
- OR Children are transitioned directly from Sunday School
Level I 3 yrs. (by Sept.1) – Kinder B-21
Level II 1st – 3rd Grades B-14

Elementary Children's Chorus Rehearsal Schedule

February 1, 8, 15, 22 10:30 a.m. 1st - 5th Grades Choir Room

During the Month

Jan 30-Feb. 1	Intermediate Youth Retreat, Camp Allen	
Feb. 4	6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Supper – Games Night	HH
Feb. 1,8,15,22,29	Communion Class – Sunday School meetings	B-16
Feb. 5,12,19,26	Communion Class – Thursday meetings	B-16
Feb. 8	12:00 Chapel Ministers' Family Lunch & Meeting	B-18
Feb. 11	6:30 p.m. VBS Planning Meeting	B-13
Feb. 17	12:30 p.m. Children's Council	B-16
Feb. 22	Children's Chorus sings during Communion	
Feb. 22	10:00 a.m. Coffee House – Club 45 Fellowship	B-13
Feb. 25	7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday with Chapel for Children	
Feb. 25	4/5th Grade SS kicks off Heifer Project among parish children	
Feb. 29	Bury the Alleluia	

Looking Ahead

Mar. 4 Communion Class – Final Thursday meeting
Mar. 5 & 6 Communion Class Retreat
Mar. 7 Communion Service & Luncheon
Mar. 16 Children's Council

Youth Ministry News

BY ERIC LILES, YOUTH MINISTER

Well kids, it's time for another lock-in. But this time, it is youth planned and lead. So get really excited, cancel everything else you have going on Feb 27-28, and call up your friends. Everyone will need to bring a permission slip, and a lot of the details are still being worked out (as of Jan 15th). Thanks to that committee for working so hard to get it all put together. Also don't forget to sign up for Happening and YES. Ask anyone who has been, Diocesan youth events are incredible. You can find out all sorts of details on the Diocesan web site, www.epicenter.org, there is also a link from our web site <http://www.stmattsaustrin.org/YouthLinks.htm>

Youth February Calendar

Feb 1	9-10:15 a.m. 10:30-12 noon	Sunday Morning Youth Group Worship
Feb 4	6 p.m.	Pot Luck Supper in Huffman Hall
Feb 4	7-8:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Feb 8	9-10:15 a.m. 10:30-12 noon	Sunday Morning Youth Group Worship
Feb 11	7-8:30 p.m.	Youth Group Pizza Night
Feb 12	7-9 p.m.	Youth Council
Feb 15	9-10:15 a.m. 10:30-12 noon	Sunday Morning Youth Group Worship
Feb 18	7-8:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Feb 22	9-10:15 a.m. 10:30-12 noon 6-8:30 p.m.	Sunday Morning Youth Group Worship Movie Night
Feb 24	6 p.m.	Pancake Supper, youth help set up (5pm) and serve
Feb 25	7 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service, no youth group
Feb 27-28	7 p.m.-8 a.m.	Lock-in at St. Matthew's
Feb 29	9-10:15 a.m. 10:30-12 noon	Sunday Morning Youth Group Worship



If you have questions or comments about anything that's going on, please give me a call or send me an e-mail.

God's Peace,
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St. Matthew's Day School: Making Memories

BY KRISTIN FASON,
SCHOOL BOARD VICE PRESIDENT

St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School touches the lives of our children every day by nurturing their spiritual, educational, and social development. As parents, we know the question "Do I get to go to school today?" will not last forever. However, the impact of an enriched spiritual and intellectual foundation will foster a relationship with God and love of learning that lasts a lifetime.

As St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School approaches its 25th anniversary, we are thankful for the children who have experienced the blessings of our school. Recently, a former student of Eileen Cole's and his family visited the school on a trip to Austin. The student and his family were visiting from their home in Sweden. When the Sandstrom family lived in Austin, almost 20 years ago, they were embraced by St. Matthew's. On their visit they expressed an overwhelming gratitude for the church and school and said how much it had impacted their time in Austin. A wonderful reunion and reminder of the exceptional commitment to children and family that St. Matthew's School has exhibited over the past 25 years.

Another reminder of St. Matthew's uniqueness came in the form of a report written by former student, Will Scharnberg, now an 8th grader at St. Andrews. When asked to write a paper on "Your Favorite Memory of School," Will recalled the St. Matthew's Indian Powwow. He wrote: "In preschool I had an awesome teacher at St. Matthew's school. Her name was Mrs. Cole.... She made all the children in that class feel special for their own unique gifts." He wrote in detail about the Powwow and his good memories of the school. Will Scharnberg may no longer be asking if he gets to go to school but it is evident the time he spent at St. Matthew's continues with him.

St. Matthew's creative and committed Parents Council is currently preparing for La Noche de Los Angeles, the schools spring fundraiser. This event, Around the World in Just One Night, will be Friday March 5, at Austin Country Club. This entertaining event will include foods from around the world and will feature a live and silent auction that you will not want to miss. Proceeds from the event will be used to further enrich the education of the school's children, teachers and parents. ✽

St. Matthew's Activity Calendar

In such an active parish as ours, it is not possible to post a calendar with every meeting/function. This overview is designed to hit the highlights. Because it changes from minute to minute, we hope you will let us know of errors, corrections and additions.

Please email your input to betty@stmattsAustin.org

February 1	Sunday	Good Faith Sunday	
February 1	Sunday	Diocesan Council Pre Council Meeting - in Sanc.	3:00 p.m.
February 4	Wednesday	Parish Pot Luck Supper in Huffman Hall	6:00 p.m.
February 6	Friday	First Friday Golf at Muny	
February 8	Sunday	Scout Sunday	
February 13-14	Fri/Sat	Diocesan Council Meeting in Tyler	
February 22	Sunday	Convocational Ultreya in Huffman Hall	5:30 p.m.
February 22	Sunday	New Member Dessert Party at the Wade's house	7:00 p.m.
February 24	Tuesday	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in Huffman Hall	6:00 p.m.
February 24	Tuesday	Vestry Meeting in B-18	7:00 p.m.
February 25	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Services at 7 a.m., noon, 7 p.m.	
Feb. 27, 28, 29	Fri, Sat, Sun	ECW Retreat at Mo Ranch	
Feb 29	Sunday	Begin Bob Lively Lenten Teaching Series	4:00 p.m.
March 2	Tuesday	Staff Retreat	
March 3	Wednesday	Lenten Supper and Speaker in Huffman Hall	6:00 p.m.
March 5-6	Fri/ Sat	Communion Retreat in B-13, B-16, Sanctuary	
March 5	Friday	Day School La Noche Night at Austin CC	
March 7	Sunday	Good Faith Sunday	
March 7	Sunday	Bob Lively Lenten Teaching Series Continues	4:00 p.m.
March 10	Wednesday	Lenten Supper and Speaker in Huffman Hall	6:00 p.m.
March 12-13	Fri/Sat	Sandy Casey-Martus Centering Prayer in B-18	
March 14	Sunday	Bob Lively Lenten Teaching Series Continues	
March 15-19	Mon-Fri	Spring Break	
March 17	Wednesday	Lenten Supper and Speaker in Huffman Hall	6:00 p.m.
March 21	Sunday	Bob Lively Lenten Teaching Series Continues	4:00 p.m.
March 23	Tuesday	Vestry Meeting in B-18	7:00 p.m.
March 24	Wednesday	Lenten Supper and Speaker in Huffman Hall	6:00 p.m.
March 26-27	Fri/Sat	Men's Retreat at Down Home Ranch near Elgin	
March 27	Saturday	Spring Clean Up Day	
March 28	Sunday	Bob Lively Lenten Teaching Series Continues	4:00 p.m.
March 31	Wednesday	Lenten Supper and Speaker in Huffman Hall	6:00 p.m.
April 4	Sunday	Palm Sunday and Good Faith Sunday	
April 11	Sunday	Easter	
April 23-24	Fri/Sat	Laity Lodge Weekend	
April 23-24	Fri/Sat	Catechesis of Good Shepherd Training Level I & II	
April 27	Tuesday	Vestry Meeting in B-18	7:00 p.m.
May 2	Sunday	Good Faith Sunday	
May 2	Sunday	Convocational Ultreya in Huffman Hall	6:00 p.m.
May 18	Tuesday	Episcopal Theological Seminary Graduation	10:00 a.m.
May 20	Thursday	Kindergarten Graduation	
May 21	Friday	Last Day of Day School	
May 27	Tuesday	Vestry Meeting in B-18	7:00 p.m.
May 30	Sunday	Pentecost	

Birthdays

February

- 1 Lillian Reutz
- 2 John Bindel, Chelsea Murphy
- 3 Hunter Campbell, Paige Hargrave
- 4 J.R. Eastberg
- 5 Pat Burnette, Sally Busboom, Arlene Dettmann, Andrea Harmon, Jennifer Jeter
- 6 Ann Brooke, Jamie Matthews, Stephen McCants
- 7 Kiff Doerr, Chris Mitchell, John Moncure, Chris Thacker
- 8 Maddy Bergen, Crystal Dettmann, Brian Doyle, Garrett Telfer
- 9 Scott Onion, Gracen Smith
- 10 Reid Carrier, Aubry Klinger, Rachel O'Quin, Kim Moore
- 11 Eleanor Bowman, Michael Buckley, Alex Dolan, Sandra Smith, Laura Lee Strange
- 12 Caroline Biggar, Jim Leech, Amy Tuvell
- 13 Caitlin Caven, Maria Maynard
- 14 Shirley Ryfle, James Sparks, Jr.
- 16 Clint Norton
- 17 Debbie Dettmann, Brian Krause, Jimmy Muhich, Will Niendorff
- 18 Jeanne Neale, Andrew Urban
- 20 Callie Burnette, Jen Clitheroe, Adella Hansford, Dot Strance
- 21 Amy Pownall
- 22 Jenny Meleski, Tiffany Varnado
- 23 Suzanne Worrell
- 24 Bella Scanland
- 25 Nell Bones, Jim Cauble, David McLean, Elizabeth Neale, Darryl Polk
- 26 William Biggar, Esther Garcia, Tony Hatheway, Amy Krause, Bob Langston,
- 27 David Brooke, James Logan Brown, Tom Clark, Nathan Neely
- 28 Ricci Shanks

March

- 1 Betty Dees, Bailey Pownall, Alex Soto
- 2 Doug Doerr, Harriet Houston, Sidney Lock, Joe McLean
- 3 John Nieman
- 4 Adrienne Williams
- 5 Adam Harmon, Stephen Kahlke, Stephanie McCollum
- 6 Samantha Shanks
- 7 Marjorie Bounds, John Eastberg, Elizabeth Moon

Glenda and James Logan Brown
are proud to announce
their daughter,
Susan Conway Brown Snook,
was ordained to the
Sacred Order of Priests
in the Episcopal Church on
Saturday, December 13, 2003
in Phoenix, Arizona

New Members

- Joanne and Ralph Comer
- Martha and Doug Schreffler
Katy and Steve
- Marilyn Miller
- Martha Radford

Births

Colby Joseph Carpenter
was born December 31, 2003,
son of Lynn and Chris Carpenter,
grandson of Margaret and Larry Carpenter



Deaths

James Donald White,
brother of Steve White,
died November 23, 2003

Marquita Hubbard,
sister of Emery Fisher,
sister-in-law of Gidget Fisher,
died January 8, 2004

Marguerita Chapman,
wife of Jerry Chapman,
died January 9, 2004

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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 **March** issue
of *The Word* is
Friday, February 13, 2004
at 5:00 p.m. Email your article
to betty@stmattsAustin.org
Articles may be edited for content
and length.

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