

# The ST. Matthew's Word

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## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter our church is deep in the Advent Season and in preparation for the celebration of our Lord's Nativity. Many, many people in our parish work very hard to mark this time with the grace and dignity it merits. Suffice it to say that I feel indebted to our office staff, our Sunday School teachers and our children, our Altar Guild and Flower Guild, our Christmas pageant preparers and actors, our choir and special musical participants, our LEM'S and acolytes, our Associate Vestry and all who work to make this a special time for us. Thank you one and all!

The Christmas Season slides gently into the New Year, so its graceful 12 day season often loses its place in the flurry of New Year events and resolutions. We at St. Matthew's will observe the 12 Day Christmas Season by continuing to sing Christmas carols and songs on Sundays, December 28 and January 4. We will also mark the beginning of the Epiphany Season with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m. We will gather in Huffman Hall to begin a candle-lighted musical procession to the church. The Feast of Lights is a beautiful service that calls us into the deeper meanings of the Epiphany Season. Many parishioners remarked last year that the service was deeply inspiring.

It is my pleasure to officially announce that as of December 1, 2003, Dave Bowman is our new Business Manager at St. Matthew's. Dave comes to us after a long career in the educational publishing business. As the Business Manager of St. Matthew's he will take care of the financial affairs of our church, working closely with the Vestry, Treasurer and Finance Commission of St. Matthew's. He will be the administrative manager of the office staff, overseeing accountability to the personnel policies of the church, insurance and benefit management, and other administrative duties as assigned by me. Finally, Dave will work with the Buildings and

Grounds Commission and the Vestry to oversee the day to day needs of our buildings and grounds. I am so pleased that we were able to find a person with Dave's business credentials and character! Incidentally, Dave serves as the Junior Warden at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church down in the Oak Hill area. Please feel free to contact Dave if he can be of assistance to you in any way. Welcome aboard, Dave!

Elsewhere in this issue of the Word you will find notices for our Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday afternoon, January 11, 2004. Like a Bishop's Visit, I consider attendance and participation at the Annual Meeting essential to the well-being of

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**Special Epiphany Service**  
**The Feast of Lights**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**Tuesday, January 6**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Candlelight Procession**

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a parish and an expectation of every member at or over the voting age of 16. Again, we are relying on Jack Ryfle to heat up our chili cook-off competition in advance of the meeting. Last year we had dozens of cooks and chili recipes, let's do it again!

Elsewhere you can read the details regarding adult education in January. We have three great teachers coming our way! We appreciate the coming of former Austin mayor Kirk Watson, who will share his thoughts on the role of faith in public service on January 4. Bob Lively will be speaking on January 11 and will also be one of our Wednesday night speakers in Lent. Bob is a gifted theologian driven by his faith and experience of the fullness of God's love and grace. We are blessed by his presence!

I also want to take a brief moment to tell you that St. Matthew's will be sponsoring Mildred Mbwando from Zimbabwe to be a student at the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest here in Austin. Mildred is a lay leader in her diocese in Zimbabwe and is known to be a dynamic public speaker, Bible teacher and musical leader. Mildred will be a part of the life of our parish with numerous opportunities to teach us and learn from us. We all want to find a way to connect with our Brothers and Sisters around the Anglican Communion. I believe Mildred's presence will be a wonderful gift to us as we seek to better understand the vast reach of Anglicanism. She will be our Great Teacher on January 18 and will be a part of the life of St. Matthew's in various ways until May of 2004!

I want to thank the entire parish for your patience and interest in the process our Music Committee is using to write a Music Profile and Job Description for permanent musical leadership at St. Matthew's. We are hard at work. We will stay in touch with you and the Music Profile will be distributed when it is completed, most likely sometime in January or February. You will be hearing from us!

All in all, we have so much to be thankful for as the New Year begins. Thank you so much for your faith and commitment to this church and our mission together. God bless you one and all as we begin this New Year together. ☩

Faithfully,

Merrill

## Introduction to Centering Prayer: A Workshop at

**St. Matthew's**  
**Friday night, March 12 through**  
**Saturday, March 13, 2004**

Led by The Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus, Director of the Alta Retreat Center in the Teton Mountains.

The mission of the Alta Retreat Center is "nourishing a deeper sense of God's presence both in individuals and in communities." The Rev. Sandy Casey-Martus is a disciple of Father Thomas Keating, who is credited with leading the revival of Centering Prayer in our times. She will train us in the method of Centering Prayer.

The goal of Centering Prayer is the opening of mind and heart – our whole being – to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words and emotions. We open our awareness to God whom we know by faith is within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than choosing - closer than consciousness itself. Centering Prayer is a method of meditation and prayer. It is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer; it simply puts other kinds of prayer into a new and fuller perspective. During the time of prayer we consent to God's presence and action within. At other times our attention moves outward to discover God's presence everywhere (description adapted from Keating's website).

For information and registration contact Sharon Lowe, 345-1990, or Susan Barnes, 345-8314.

## Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

SUBMITTED BY JIM DETTMANN

St. Matthews has a group of dedicated men who prepare for Sunday's Lectionary each Thursday morning. They join one another for the best low cost (\$2) breakfast from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., followed by a study of the coming Sunday's scripture readings and adjourn promptly by 7:30 a.m. All men (and their sons) are welcome and what a way to prepare for the following Sunday! Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 8, 2004 studying the readings for the 1st Sunday in Epiphany, January 11. ✠

## Spiritual Formation: A Calendar

BY THE REV. SUSAN BARNES, ASSOCIATE RECTOR

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.

Merrill and I thought we should highlight the activities and events focused on spiritual formation by putting them on a calendar. That also allows you all to plan ahead. We welcome your contributions to the calendar, which may be expanded to include items from around town.

*January 25 - March 14, Sundays, 9 a.m., Adult Education: "Intimacy with God and People in the 21st Century", taught by Keith Miller and Russ Adams.*

*February 20 - 21. Youth Ministry/Christian Formation, Benedictine Retreat, Camp Allen (contact Eric Liles, 345-8314 x232, or log on [www.epicenter.org](http://www.epicenter.org))*

*February 27 - 29: FOR WOMEN ONLY. ECW Lenten Retreat, Mo-Ranch, led by Susan Barnes, Cynthia Clawson, Posy Jackson (contact Leslie Kjellstrand, 331-2121)*

*March 12 - 13 (Friday night and Saturday): 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 Merrill Wade. Location and details to be determined.*

*April 1 - 3: Spring Youth Ministry Conference, Camp Allen (contact Eric Liles, 345-8314 x232, or log on to [www.epicenter.org](http://www.epicenter.org)) ✠*

## Last Chance to Sign Up for Women's Retreat

BY LESLIE KJELLSTRAND

A few places may still be available for the Women's Lenten Retreat on February 27-29, 2004 at Mo Ranch. If you are interested, call the church office to sign up now. Cost of the retreat is \$170, which covers two nights double occupancy, meals and retreat costs. All attendees must have the full amount paid by January 6 to finalize their participation, however some partial scholarships are available.

The retreat will focus on "The First Great Commandment: to Love God" and will concentrate on personal spiritual growth through 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. The Rev. Clawson, a minister at Tarrytown Baptist, is known for her inspirational music and has recorded many CDs, some of which

will be available at the retreat. Once called "the most awesome voice in gospel music," she sings at churches and conferences all over the country and has been a guest several times at St. Matthew's. The Rev. Barnes, who has a Ph.D. in art history, spent many years as a museum curator and studied seventeenth century art in Rome. Her special interest is working with women who desire personal spiritual growth, and outreach to those who have left organized religion. The Rev. Jackson is the head of the William Temple Episcopal Center in Galveston and specializes in healing ministry and spiritual meditation.

The two and one-half day retreat will allow time for personal meditation and prayer as well as time to enjoy the fellowship of more than 80 other women from St. Matthew's and from Tarrytown Baptist. Refresh and recharge yourself at this very special event in the heart of Texas on the Guadalupe River.

## Great Teacher Series

BY LEON WHITNEY

The 2004 Great Teachers Series begins Sunday, January 4, at 9:00 a.m. in Huffman Hall. We are excited about the three speakers scheduled for January. The 2004 series will continue in June.

**Sunday, January 4 - Kirk Watson** – Former mayor of Austin and founding partner of Watson, Bishop, London, Brophy, P.C., Mr. Watson is chairman-elect of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce. He will speak on the subject, "The Role of Faith in Leaders."

**Sunday, January 11 - Bob Lively** – Noted teacher and theologian, Bob is a warm and

compassionate man who is fully engaged in the spiritual life. His talk will be entitled "Spiritual Transformation."

**Sunday, January 18 - Mildred Mbwando** – "A Self-Introduction: What is Christian Mission?" Mildred will be serving St. Matthew's in a special relationship described in the Rector's article. She will tell us her story and relate her understanding of Christian Faith and mission.

The regularly scheduled adult education classes will resume on Sunday, January 25 (see below). ☞

## Adult Education Classes

BY BILL DONNELL AND LEON WHITNEY

What a great fall adult education program we experienced at St. Matthew's. One of the advantages of a resource-size church is the ability to offer a choice of quality adult classes. We want to recognize and thank the people who volunteered their time and talent to lead the Second Series of classes which ended December 14: Marty Novak, Lou Bedor, Susan Barnes, Bonnie Coleman, Jay Robison, and last but not least our rector, Merrill Wade.

The Adult Education Council will offer three adult classes at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings beginning January 25. 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 for three weeks (January 25 – February 8). The Bible 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 for eight weeks. (January 25 – March 14).

**Discovery Class Part II** led by Merrill Wade in Room B-14. This 8-week class will be of special interest to newcomers and will also be of interest to anyone wanting to learn more about the basics of our faith. ☞

## Christmas, Epiphany, and Lent

BY RITA ECCLES

The season of Christmas 2003 is now a memory. I hope it is a very happy memory for all of you. Epiphany is here and the celebrations of Christ on earth are still with us. The next season of our church year is Lent. That is not too far away, is it? Different groups in our parish have graciously accepted all the days for Lenten meditations. There are still busy days and I am asking you to remember that the meditations for our Lenten booklet need to be coming to me now. Please have all of your contributions sent to me by January 26. We will have the booklet ready for distribution to you two weeks before Lent begins.

Here are the details of the booklet. Each day has Psalms both morning and evening, Old Testament (OT), Epistle and Gospel readings. You can choose one or any combination of readings to base your meditations or prayers on. When you send me your contribution just note which you have used. The writings should be no longer than one single spaced 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper. Of course they can be shorter than this.

Merrill and I appreciate all of the groups who have agreed to participate. If you have misplaced your assignment or have any questions, please give me a call at 345-7396 or e-mail me at jandr@austin.rr.com Again, many thanks to you for helping St Matthew's with this. ☞

## Introducing Our New Business Manager: Dave Bowman

Dave Bowman became part of the St. Matthews staff on December 1, 2003, as the Business Manager. His responsibilities encompass day to day operations of the facilities, budget management and administrative responsibility for the staff. Dave is a member of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in southwest Austin where he is in the choir and active in the lay leadership.

Dave grew up in New Orleans. Upon completion of his B.A. in Theater from William Carey College he entered the classroom as a junior high language arts teacher. After stints as first a paper products wholesaler and then a copier salesman he entered publishing as a college text book salesman. Ultimately his executive management experience included business operations and contracts, product development management, project management and sales. He has completed additional college course work in psychology, political science, accounting and marketing and complex project management at University of New Orleans, California Polytechnic University, Pomona and MIT.

Dave's wife is called Cookie, a nickname given to her while she was in DOD high schools in England and France. They have two children, Brian (married to Catherine) and Kathleen (married to Ryan). Cookie and Dave are avid amateur golfers.

Dave says: *Thank you everyone for your warm welcome. These first two weeks have brought a rapid start-up with the first draft of our budget and the demands of getting into the flow of an active and participant congregation. This is a great place to work. The staff, Vestry and various commission chairs have been as helpful and supportive as you would expect. I am looking forward to several years of service and growth with St. Matthews.* ☞

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## Annual Chili Cookoff – 2004

BY JACK RYFLE, CHILI CHIEF

For the past fifteen years, St. Matthew's parish has enjoyed the fellowship and indigestion that accompanies the annual chili cooking contest and precedes our parish meeting. We would like a team of cooks from each church organization and maybe a few more. We have quite a few new members of our parish and this would be a chance to invite some of them to join your "cooking team." We will have plenty of Alka-Seltzer to go around! Remember these important words: "Chili rhymes with silly."

There will be prizes for the best chili and also a prize for showmanship – for the team that decorates their space in the most festive and outrageous manner. Chili judging will begin at 5:15 p.m. on January 11. Supper should be served about 6:00 p.m. and the parish meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to be one of the chili cooks, please call Jack Ryfle at 345-3830.

If you don't cook chili, please bring a dessert if your name begins with A to M. If your name begins with N to Z bring a side dish that goes with chili. Gather the family together and join us for St. Matthew's Kick-off Event of 2004. See you there! ❀

## Annual Parish Meeting – 2004

Following the Chili Cookoff on January 11, 2004, the St. Matthew's Official Annual Parish Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Five new vestry members will be elected at that time along with Diocesan Council Representatives and Special Gifts Committee members. A vote will also be taken on the Amendments Proposed to the Special Gifts Endowment – printed above right. Voting will be limited to those attending the meeting so plan to be there and make your vote count.

Those attending the meeting will receive a printed copy of the Annual Parish Report along with an up to date telephone directory. ❀

## Amendments Proposed to Special Gifts Endowment

The Special Gifts Committee has recommended to the Vestry that the Vestry Resolution establishing the Special Gifts Endowment and creating the Special Gifts Committee to manage the Endowment be amended to delete Paragraph 1 of Part 2, Distributions of Income. Paragraph 1 states that the Committee shall comply with the "instructions or designated preferences of donors" to the Endowment with respect to the distributions of income from such designated contributions. As discussed below, there are a couple of significant problems with this provision – one practical, the other legal. It should be noted that this amendment would not affect Paragraph 2 of Part 2 of the Resolution, which authorizes the distribution of income from the Endowment for a wide array of worthwhile purposes. Moreover, all proposed distributions of income now require and will continue to require Vestry approval before any expenditures of the income may be made.

The practical problem with Paragraph 1 is that the Committee could be required to manage on a one-by-one basis a number of gifts of widely differing amounts. Each of these gifts could have different instructions regarding, for example, authorized investments for the funds, the manner of selecting beneficiaries and other special rules. The effort, time and cost involved in complying could make the individual gifts or even the entire Endowment basically unmanageable. People who want to make such gifts would have other options, however. For example, the donor could give to one of the Church's other endowments or special funds that would meet the donor's objectives, or the donor could create a new endowment for the Church, subject to Vestry approval.

The legal problem with Paragraph 1 involves the Federal Tax Code and the deductibility of a donation to a charitable organization. The basic premise for a charitable gift to be deductible for income tax purposes is that the charity receiving the gift must, with a few narrowly defined exceptions, have absolute discretion over how contributions or the income therefrom is distributed and to whom. A gift to a charitable organization that is in effect a pass-through from the donor to a beneficiary or a cause designated by the donor does not meet this requirement, and the donation is not tax deductible. The charity is of course expected to honor this legal requirement in accepting and acknowledging donations. There is however nothing wrong with a charity's accepting a designated gift and complying with the donor's instructions, if it wishes to, but the charity should not represent that such a gift is tax deductible.

As required by the Special Gifts Resolution, for an amendment that changes a purpose of the Endowment to be effective, it must be approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Vestry and two-thirds of the congregation present at a regular or special meeting of the congregation. This proposed amendment was approved unanimously by the Vestry members at their meeting on November 26 and will be submitted for vote to the congregation at the January 11 parish meeting.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Bert Hooper by phone at 346-6675 or by email at [mbhooper9453@aol.com](mailto:mbhooper9453@aol.com). ❀

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## Bishop Daniels Visits St. Matthew's

On Sunday, December 14, St. Matthew's was honored to receive a visit from The Rt. Rev. Theodore Daniels, Assistant Bishop of The Diocese of Texas. Bishop Daniels presided at the 10:30 a.m. service and confirmed and received new members.

Our new Confirmands are: Jennifer Baskett, Valorie Lee Bray, Joan K. Brown, Crystal Renay Edwards, Timothy Neal Lawrence, George Benton Nicholas, Mary Rebecca Novak, and Suzanne Edmiston Worrell.

Those received were: Patrick Kelly Sutherland, Shannon Marie Sutherland and James Graham Veith.

Following the service a lovely reception was held in Huffman Hall hosted by the Hospitality Committee. A tremendous thank you to committee chair Louise Waddill, her crew of helpers, and to those thoughtful ones who baked cookies and provided refreshments. ❀

## Ministry of the Month

### The Newcomers Council

When was the last time you telephoned a visitor to thank them for coming or invited a new member to lunch just to get to know them better? These are the things that our Newcomers Council (NC) does to offer support, resources and fellowship to our visitors and new members. With over a thousand members, St. Matthew's can be a very overwhelming place to visit, much less join. NC members try to provide opportunities to make St. Matthew's become more personal to our newcomers.

The NC is the newest council at St. Matthew's. When Jeri Muhich was on the vestry, the Lord nudged her when she was working on a St. Matthew's organizational chart. She noticed there was a hole – we had no ministry in place to help our Membership Coordinator, Dedee Norman. At that time Dedee's job encompassed all membership transfers, confirmation arrangements, new member receptions, visitor literature packets, recruiting and organizing greeters and phone callers – and she did this all by herself as a part-time church employee! But the Lord put it on Jeri's heart to help Dedee in this very important ministry. So in February of 2002, Jeri and Dedee went before the Vestry to ask their blessing on the start of a new Council – the Newcomers Council.

Almost two years later this group has grown from its original two members to 28 members! NC members stuff gift bags, greet and call visitors and host four events a year, two dessert parties and two parish-wide luncheons. Their goal is to have enough NC members that they can divide into two teams to spread out the fun of welcoming our newcomers. Not only do they have fun (and eat a lot) together, but they get to meet the new members first! And last but not least, at the end of the year they have a NC Christmas Party to celebrate the blessing of this ministry. They are always looking for new recruits, especially those new members who are looking for a way to plug in to a ministry within St. Matthew's.

Let's applaud the efforts of this wonderful group of people – the St. Matthew's Newcomers Council! ❁

#### Newcomers Council Members

*Chairs:* Jeri Muhich and Dedee Norman

Lucy Boyea  
 Karen Braunsdorf  
 Lakki Brown  
 Will Brown  
 Jo Cage  
 Pat Cauble  
 Babs Clendenin  
 Beth Deans  
 Rita Eccles  
 Phaedra Kline  
 Katie Lane  
 Debbie Marshall  
 Jerry Marshall  
 Debbie Meleski  
 Jill Miller  
 Glenda Monroe  
 Kathy Morris  
 Jack Ryfle  
 Shirley Ryfle  
 Joyce Scott  
 Lavanne Scott  
 Thilde Smith  
 Louise Waddill  
 Kay Whitney  
 Leon Whitney  
 Pat Yeagain



## Senior Sentences

BY LUCY A. BOYEA,  
 MINISTER OF SENIOR ACTIVITIES

What better way to start the New Year than by reminding our readers of the Senior Activity Center's mission statement, "To enable our seniors who are gifted with wisdom, love and experiences to enjoy the fellowship offered by S.A.C. and to provide an environment which reflects the mission of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church — To know Christ and to make Him Known".

In my office I have a booklet called *Flashes of Wisdom* to which I refer from time to time. The following paragraph appeared in that publication and I thought it was worth sharing.

"The human community is made up of children, youngsters, adults and old people. Each age bears witness to one aspect or other of human destiny. And each age's particular contribution enriches the social existence of everyone. Who could deny that our societies need serenity, patience, memories, tenderness, listening and wonder?"

I believe this supports S.A.C.'s mission statement, don't you agree? ❁

## Daughters Of the King Special Meeting

On January 12, 2004, at 6 p.m. The Rev. Merrill Wade will meet with the Daughters of the King in Room B-14. This meeting will include the Installation of New Officers and the Service of Rededication, in addition to special time with our Rector. Mark your calendars and plan to be there. Note: This is a different meeting date for DOK for January only. Regular meeting is on the second Tuesday of each month. ❁

## Let's Have a Book Group!

Would you be interested in reading good books and having interesting discussion about them? Then you might be interested in participating in a Book Group. If this sounds like something you might enjoy, please get in touch with Gidget Fisher [gidget92get@yahoo.com](mailto:gidget92get@yahoo.com) or Dedee Norman [dedee@stmattsaustin.org](mailto:dedee@stmattsaustin.org) or 345-8314. Title selection will be by group recommendation and majority vote. ❁

### Heads Up!

On **Sunday, January 25**, the 3M Half Marathon and Relay will begin at 7:00 a.m. from the Gateway area. The race route will bring runners southbound on Mesa Drive, directly through the intersection of Mesa and Steck. SO, if you attend the 8:00 a.m. service that day, you might have to alter your approach a bit. Most of the runners will have passed by 8:00 a.m. but this race has a huge field of entrants. If runners are still on Mesa, the police officer at our corner will not allow you to cross! Plan ahead, be prepared and we'll see you at the 8:00 a.m. service.

## The Heifer Project and the Gift Ark Return for 2004!

SUBMITTED BY MARCIA BAILEY

Last year during Lent, St. Matthew's raised funds for three Arks for the Heifer Project ([www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)). This year's target is four Arks, which might include 2 cows, 2 water buffalo, 2 camels, 2 oxen, 2 sheep, 2 llamas, 2 hives of bees, 2 donkeys, 2 trios of ducks, 2 guinea pigs, 2 pigs, 3 trios of rabbits, 2 flocks of geese, 2 flocks of chickens and 2 goats!

The Heifer Project is not just about feeding families in 125 countries. It is about helping families feed themselves, along with providing self-reliance, sustainable change, human worth and human dignity. The actual gift to a family is a matching of livestock to a particular need. Training is also provided so that livestock is nurtured and offspring can be given to help another family. The animals are a self-renewing source of food, clothing and labor for their new owners.

Your gift of animals and training through the Heifer Project begins a chain of life that continues for generations. Families not only feed themselves, but they also earn income for schooling, health care and better housing. By supporting The Ark, we are helping families around the world to fulfill new dreams.

In February, when Lent begins, look for the little plastic banks shaped like Arks in the Commons. Provide donations as individuals or families, or through Sunday school classes, Bible studies, women's or men's groups. For more information, contact Lori Murphy at 336-9879. ❀

## January Golf Outing

SUBMITTED BY MILT WILLIAMS

The fifth monthly St. Matthew's golf outing will be held at Forest Creek golf club on January 9 (not January 2nd) beginning at 9:30. We have four tee times. The cost is \$25 (plus tax) for everyone which includes green fees and cart. In case of predicted inclement weather, I will call registrants at least two days in advance. To get to Forest Creek, go I-35N to Hwy 79 (to Taylor), go east on Hwy 79, past Dell Diamond to the next traffic light (County Rd. 122 - there is a small sign there) turn right. Go to the first traffic light, turn left into Forest Creek and on to the golf club. We will car pool from Church at 8:30. Hope you will join us in good weather and a fun day. Call me for any questions and to register with your phone number included. Milt Williams 345-0499 or [MiltSarah@Austin.rr.com](mailto:MiltSarah@Austin.rr.com) ❀

## Honduras Medical Mission January 28 – February 5, 2004

A team from St. Matthew's will be going to Honduras on a medical mission and we need your help! We have been asked to bring the following items and would really appreciate your help with these donations.

- » Children's shoes (new or used in good condition)
- » Children's chewable vitamins (without iron)
  - » School supplies
  - » Toothbrushes and toothpaste

We will cheerfully accept cash that will be used to purchase medicines. We would also appreciate drug samples from medical office or hospitals.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

For more information, please contact Margaret Carpenter, 345-8314 x 229 or 345-7630

## A New Year, A New Look

BY BETTY MITCHELL

You may have noticed a different look to this issue of *The Word*. Each month we strive to include the information you want and need and we also like to present it in an attractive and readable format. Thus the change in design. Remember, you can always access the current month's issue (and also archived editions) on the St. Matthew's website: [www.stmattsAustin.org](http://www.stmattsAustin.org) Web Servant Steve Ryder and Web Editor Jeri Muhich go to great lengths to be sure that posted information is current and accurate.

And, if you choose to only see *The Word* on the web and prefer not to receive a hard copy in the mail, simply let that be known by sending an email to [betty@stmattsAustin.org](mailto:betty@stmattsAustin.org) and it will be arranged. If you choose to opt out of receiving the mail version, you will still remain on the list for all future church mailings.

Your church office staff joins me in wishing each of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13* ❀



### November 2003 Financial Statement

	CURRENT MONTH		YEAR-TO-DATE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Plate & Pledges	\$64,064.98	\$69,040.00	\$711,847.61	\$704,977.00
Total Income	65,992.48	83,368.50	857,081.04	874,248.02
Total Expenses	83,537.71	80,789.22	900,272.11	933,649.49
Diff. of Income vs. Expenses	(\$17,545.23)	2,578.78	(43,191.07)	(59,401.47)

## Youth and Alcohol: A Serious Look at a Dangerous Reality

BY SUSAN BARNES, ASSOCIATE RECTOR  
AND ERIC LILES, YOUTH MINISTER

Alcohol abuse is a deadly problem in the lives of teenagers in Austin. At the homecoming dance for one of the AISD High Schools, it is rumored that over 50% of the students in attendance were under the influence of alcohol. Several were taken away in custody, and at least one was hospitalized. Our Youth, who live with this problem all of the time, asked us for a program on alcohol. In response Annelle Adams, a member of St. Matthew's and a nurse at St. Stephen's school came to speak to the senior high youth on Wednesday December 10. I was shocked to learn that—different from teenage alcohol abuse in the Baby-Boomer generation—today's youth binge drink to poisonous levels. They regularly risk brain damage or death—not just by driving while drunk, but by drinking to dangerous excess at parties or events.

As Annelle pointed out to the Youth, the best response is to know the facts. We all need to be aware of how the body metabolizes alcohol and the risks to young women and men. Annelle shared with the Youth facts about Blood Alcohol Concentration. These are available on line: [www.brad21.org](http://www.brad21.org). We urge all parents to read these data and to speak candidly with your children about the subject. -SB

As a professional youth minister, it continues to shock and amaze me at the amount of drug and alcohol use and abuse in our schools today. We in my profession used to acknowledge that it was easier to get pot than alcohol, but recently we are seeing a new trend. It seems that many parents, in what they see as an effort to keep their teenagers and their friends safe and localized, are providing alcohol at their homes. This is very troubling for many obvious reasons. Especially because teenagers drink today for one reason: to get drunk. My hope is that we as the church can continue to provide a safe loving community for these teenagers, where our relationships are authentic. Then we can ask the tough questions, and help our teenagers, college students and young adults make healthy choices. -EL ☘

## Youth Calendar - January 2004

Jan 4	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group back in action 10:30-11:45 Sunday Morning Worship
Jan 6	7 p.m. Festival of Lights Service
Jan 7	7-8:30 p.m. First Youth Group of the spring semester
Jan 8	7-9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting
Jan 9-11	Diocesan Jr. High Retreat at Camp Allen
Jan 11	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-11:45 Sunday Morning Worship 5:45 p.m. Annual Meeting and Chili Cook-off
Jan 14	7-8:30 p.m. Youth Group Pizza Night
Jan 18	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-11:45 Sunday Morning Worship
Jan 21	7-8:30 p.m. Youth Group
Jan 23-25	Happening #106/ YES #73 at Camp Allen
Jan 25	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-11:45 Sunday Morning Worship
Jan 28	7-8:30 p.m. Youth Group
Jan 30-Feb 1	Diocesan Intermediate (4th-6th) Retreat at Camp Allen
Feb 1	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-11:45 Sunday Morning Worship

## Come One, Come All to the Diocesan Council Meeting ~ February 12-15, 2004

The meeting of the Diocesan Council is the annual business meeting of the clergy and representatives of each missionary outpost (congregation) in the diocese. Usually held in early February (the first weekend following the first Sunday in February), the meeting moves to a different location each year and is hosted by local congregations. An opening Eucharist precedes the business meeting.

Pre-council meetings are held in each convocation (at St. Matthew's on February 1, at 3:00 p.m.) to discuss the budget, resolutions or others matters of interest in detail. The Rt. Rev. Don Wimberly will preside over the annual meeting. Delegates deal with matters of policy, personnel, canon law and budget. In special circumstances, delegates are called together to vote in diocesan-wide functions as in the election a new bishop.

The diocese supports through its Executive Board Budget, mission congregations, college chaplaincies, urban work, prison ministries, overseas work, youth ministries, Christian formation and human needs, among others. Through its diocesan budget it funds salaries of bishops, health care for both active and retired clergy, administrative costs of the diocese and the cost of communications. The diocese also, through its budget, supports the mission of the Episcopal Church nationally.

Hotel and restaurant information and registration forms are available in the church office.

Representing St. Matthew's will be Bill Kjellstrand, Kathleen Niendorff, Jim Sparks and Dyke Miller. Two alternates to our delegation will be elected at the Annual Parish Meeting on January 11. The alternates will attend, but may not cast votes until next year. ☘

**155th Diocesan Council**  
**February 12 - 14, 2004**  
**Tyler, TX**

In my family, when busyness seems to have taken complete charge of our lives, we sometimes jokingly ask, "Did anyone get the license plate of the 18-wheeler that ran us down?" Well, that's about how I feel regarding this past November and December. And the license plate number would have to be XMS-03. Did that same truck run you down?

Recuperation is a funny thing. At first, it seems only necessary to rest until the children are back in school before getting back into the flow of life's daily traffic. And then, who wants you to go where, travel which roads? Watch out – there could be another Mack truck gathering speed in your lane!

Avoiding this dilemma is simple – yet not always easy. God's light came into the world in the person of Jesus. Isaiah says, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." What is the darkness today? Our busyness, our lack of time for God, our not tending the light given to us certainly is part of it. We are given God's light, Jesus, at our baptism, and we are called – invited, never forced – to get to know Jesus, to listen to God, thereby hearing what roads are safe for us to travel, what journeys are ours to appropriately undertake.

Why do I mention this in a children's article? Children don't hold drivers' licenses. They rely on us to transport them. They are with us as the 18-wheeler of busyness bears down on us. Every time we take time to be in relationship with God, every time we listen to God for direction, our children are the direct recipients of our growing light. And the more light shed by our God-led lives, the more light our children have to see how they should go.

Also, we can help. We can support the growth of your spiritual life, by providing a place for your children to also be quiet before God. Of course, our children's ministry seeks to provide time for our children to bond with each other and the church through varieties of play, as it should. It also seeks to provide time for our children to bond with each other as they join together in relationship with God on Sunday mornings. This gives them strength and companionship for the journey through childhood and youth; it also helps them move in accord with the direction of your own spiritual goals.

That's kind of like giving driving lessons at an early age, isn't it?... See you in Sunday School! ✠

## Children's Communion Class

BY BARBARA PITTS, CHILDREN'S MINISTER

As I prepared to write this article, the mother of one of last year's Communion Class participants stopped by my office and said, "Tell them it's worth it! Tell them to get together and carpool and share ways to make it work! It's hard to make all those meetings and tend to the rest of your family, but what the participants get out of it is definitely a greater understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist in our Episcopal Church, as well as a great bonding experience with each other."

Children's Communion classes begin on **Thursday, January 29**. The classes are scheduled to include six weekly two hour classes; five weekly classes during Sunday School; and a weekend retreat March 5 & 6, culminating in a special celebration on March 7. A required parent meeting on Sunday, January 25, at 9:10 a.m. in B-21, will precede the classes.

Although any baptized person, regardless of age, is welcome at the communion rail here at St. Matthew's, we strongly encourage parents to consider "formal" communion instruction at some point in their child's elementary years. At St. Matthew's, communion instruction is intended to be an intermediate step between baptism and confirmation. While there is no "right" age for communion instruction, there are

some guidelines we ask that families follow when selecting the time that is best for their child.

First, the child has to be "ready," being at a point in spiritual growth of asking questions and initiating conversation about God, the Bible, and/or church in general. The child should be mature enough to stay focused for an extended period in a contemplative environment. Second, the child should be a "comfortable" reader and writer, so mechanics are not a stumbling block to the meaning of the words we study in the Bible and Prayer Book. We have found that children usually hit this "comfort level" at about second grade. Children with special academic needs will, of course, be provided accommodations. Third, both child and family must be able to commit to regular attendance in the classes. Fourth, through the years we have learned that children, usually grades two through four, who have participated in the decision to make this commitment gain the most from the classes.

Begin praying about whether now is the right time for your child to participate in this very special class. I'll be happy to discuss the curriculum and your child's specific circumstances. Feel free to give me a call to visit or register (345-8314 x221 or [Barbara@StMattsAustin.org](mailto:Barbara@StMattsAustin.org)). ✠

## Children's Ministry Calendar – January 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

### During the Month

Jan. 4	Children celebrate Epiphany, Sunday School/Chapel
Jan. 9 & 10	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II Adult Formation & Training Course, B-13 & B-16
Jan. 18	12:30 p.m. Children's Council, B-16
Jan. 25	9:00 a.m. Communion Class Parents' Meeting
Jan. 29	Communion Class begins, B-16
Jan.	VBS – Planning begins
Jan 31-Feb. 1	Intermediate Youth Retreat, Camp Allen

### Coming Up

Feb. 1,8,15,22	Children's Chorus Rehearsals
Feb. 4	1st Weds. Pot Luck Supper
Feb. 5,12,19,26	Communion Classes Continue
Feb. 17	Children's Council
Feb. 22	Children's Chorus sings during service

# St. Matthew's Day School News

BY DEAN J. FISHER, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

The Lord our God loves children! Indeed, He became one out of his infinite love for us. It is therefore in recognition of God and His love that St. Matthew's Day School attempts to minister to the educational and spiritual needs of our preschool children (although the results are sometimes uniquely and unexpectedly expressed by the children in their own innocence way). For instance, Kathy Dugat shared the following remarks made by the children in her 4 year old class at the Day School:

- "I think if Mary had stayed in a really nice hotel, Joseph would have been a lot happier."
- "When Noah's boys did something bad, did they have to clean up the poop?"
- "Sometimes when I pray to God, my Daddy answers me. . . and he usually says, 'No!'"
- "If it was MY last supper with my friends, I'd eat ice cream!"
- "Is God a friend of Father Wade, or does Father Wade just know Him through business?" (this last remark was actually borrowed from the book, *Children's Letters to God* by Stuart Hample and Eric Marshall, with only slight modification).

Humor aside, the Day School is vibrant with activity. In fact, the Day School just wrapped up another successful Fall semester with the advent of Christmas break, which commenced on December 18th and ended on January 6th. The Fall semester was highlighted by: (1) the annual Fall Fest fund raiser; (2) the improvement to and the acquisition of new playground equipment for the School/Church playground (which was partially funded by the proceeds received from Fall Fest); (3) Parent Education Night, a monthly speaker series geared toward helping parents with the issues of raising their children; (4) the three year olds "Pick-Up Christmas Pageant"; (5) the four and five year olds "Christmas Pageant"; and (6) St. Matt's Angellink (or also unofficially known by a few of its participants to the chagrin of Father Wade as "Merrill's Angels", not to be confused with "Charlie's Angels"), which is a monthly morning forum hosted by Father Wade

that is primarily centered toward the mothers of the children of the Day School (but fathers may attend) to provide them practical tools of encouragement and assistance in facing the difficulties of raising children.

Moving into the Spring semester, the heart of the school year, the Day School continues to provide the children and their parents a wealth of enriched educational instruction and activity. For instance, the Day School will feature "Donuts for Dads" during the month of January. This event provides fathers an opportunity to spend one-on-one time with their children at the Day School. Also, on January 28th, Claire Flynn, a behavioral specialist from For Kids' Sake, will be the guest speaker for Parent Education Night. Her speech will be on "Helping Kids Tame Their Dragons". Also, please mark your calendars for La Noche, the Day School's annual spring gala, to be held on March 5 of this year. Finally, in furtherance of our Christian call to provide a helping hand to our community, the Day School and St. Matthew's Church have joined together to support Sammie's House, a program which provides respite care to families with medically challenged children. In particular, the Day School and St. Matthew's Church donated the use of the school facilities for five Saturdays during the holiday season.

In closing, it is imperative that we, as Christians, invest in our children. In fact, Proverbs 22:6 says: "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Therefore, it is a blessing that the congregation at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church has made the Day School one of its priorities. There can be no greater dividend to the Church than the gift of eternal salvation for its children. ❀

## Musical Notes

BY SUZANNE DANIEL

### Music Round-Up

We are "roundin' up" the music that has strayed from the St. Matthew's Music Library.

If you've found any music, particularly choral music, that has made its way to your bookshelf or piano, we'd love to have it back. You can place it on the organ console on Sunday mornings, in the "Done Been Sung" bin on the table in the choir room, or in the music box in the office.

Thanks for your help with the Round-up!

### Bookshelf Request

The Music Ministry is in need of additional shelving for the Choir Room. We are looking for one or two tall wooden bookcases in a light or medium tone. If you have one or more that you'd like to donate, please call Suzanne Daniel at to see if they will meet our shelving needs.

### Babysitting on Wednesday Nights

Parents (and others) – are you interesting in singing, but unable to because of small children?

Consider a short-term commitment of singing during the Epiphany season!

We have arranged to have sitters available for those who will commit to six weeks of Wednesday night choir rehearsals, beginning January 14th. In order to provide this service, we need to know the number and age(s) of your child(ren) by January 8th. Call or e-mail Suzanne Daniel with this information ([suziqdaniel@austin.rr.com](mailto:suziqdaniel@austin.rr.com) or 512-773-0910).

Please consider joining us to make a joyful noise! ❀

## Mom's and Tots

SUBMITTED BY MARILYN WRIGHT

Have you been wondering where we have been? Well we are back. Please join us on Monday January 26 from 9-10:30 a.m. in room B-14. We will have a wonderful time sharing about our challenges as mothers. Childcare will be provided in the infant nursery but you must make a reservation by Monday, January 19th. Contact Marilyn Wright at 401-8382 or [mjwright@austin.rr.com](mailto:mjwright@austin.rr.com) Hope to see you there. ❀



# 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](mailto:betty@stmattsAustin.org)

January 1	Thursday	New Years Day/ Office Closed	
January 6	Tuesday	Feast of Lights Epiphany Service	7:00 p.m.
January 6	Tuesday	Divorce Recovery in B-18	7:00 p.m.
January 9	Friday	First Friday Golf	
January 9	Fri/ Sat	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training Level II	
January 11	Sunday	Baptisms	10:30 a.m.
January 11	Sunday	Chili Cook Off and Annual Parish Meeting with Vestry and Council Representative Elections	5:45 p.m.
January 16-17	Fri/Sat	Vestry Retreat at Camp Allen	
January 18	Sunday	3M Half Marathon - runners on Mesa Drive	7:00 a.m.
January 19	Monday	Martin Luther King Day/ Office Closed	
January 27	Tuesday	Vestry Meeting in B-18	7:00 p.m.
January 29	Thursday	Anderson High School Choral Concert	6:30 p.m.
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	
February 13-14	Fri/Sat	Diocesan Council Meeting in Tyler	
February 22	Sunday	New Member Dessert Party	7:00 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	
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 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 15-19	Mon-Fri	Spring Break	
March 17	Wednesday	Lenten Supper and Speaker in Huffman Hall	6:00 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	
March 27	Saturday	Spring Clean Up Day	
March 31	Wednesday	Lenten Supper and Speaker in Huffman Hall	6:00 p.m.
April 4	Sunday	Palm Sunday	
April 11	Sunday	Easter	
April 23/24	Fri/Sat	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training Level I & II	
April 27	Tuesday	Vestry Meeting in B-18	7:00 p.m.
May 4	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

## January

- 2 Chuck Huffman
- 3 Ross Blumentritt, Dirk Buikema, Susan Fugate, Bob McCraine
- 4 Hailey Davis, Linda Uhl, Merrill Wade
- 5 Shannon Banta, Holly Decherd, Hunter Neale
- 7 Ed Davis, Wendy Fudge, Sarah Kelly, Tish McGillicuddy, Melanie Wilkes, George Worrell
- 8 Craig Biggar, Ann Marie Maynard, Benton Nicholas
- 9 Kurt Lemke
- 10 Wanda Burnette, Vera Townsend, Bob Wood
- 11 Bes Stapler
- 12 Adam Barber, Anne Clark, Cliff Harrison, David Mann, Michael Mann, Jill Urban, George Wilson
- 13 Jim Dettmann, Jay Robison, Jeremy Smith
- 14 Dalton Doerr, Madison Doerr, Jessica Hagman, Mary Ann Moore, Davis Niendorff, Janice Watkins, Sid Wattinger
- 15 John Burton, Babs Clendenin, Leslie Kjellstrand, Mike Smith, Robert Thomas
- 16 Karen Braunsdorf, Jonathan Decherd, Ryan Veith, Zachary Veith
- 18 Meredith Entin, Joe Smith
- 19 Anne Pearson, Kerrie Qualtrough, Cindy Udelhofen, Jim Varnado
- 20 Caden Banta, Travis Gilpin, Carla Hermes, Debi Patron
- 21 Scot Rankine
- 22 Anthony Adolph, Aubrey Nichols
- 23 Tommye Bertero, Shannon Holt, Barbara Looney, Janet Newman, Eric Newmiller, Christin Price, Dan Robicheaux, Nathaniel Wright
- 24 Sally Barber, Nancy Boyd, Shanna Minks, Nathaniel Murphy
- 25 Laura Adolph
- 26 Scott Clitheroe, Jeanette Haugh, Sophie Mathews
- 27 Christina Carrier
- 28 Alex Acosta, Liz O'Quin, Doug Pendergrass, Susan Robertson
- 29 David Maynard, Andy Muhich, Colette Torres, Louise Waddill
- 30 Elizabeth Ascott, Kevin McGillicuddy, Denman Smith, Janet Williams
- 31 Sean Haugh, Greg Shannon, Elisabeth Uhl, Robert Young

## February

- 1 Lillian Reutz
- 2 John Bindel, Chelsea Murphy
- 3 Hunter Campbell, Paige Hargrave, Holly Miller
- 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

## New Members

Crystal and Don Edwards  
McKinley

## Memorial Gifts

In memory of  
*Louise Trenholm*  
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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 **February** issue  
of *The Word* is  
**Friday, January 16, 2004**  
at 5:00 p.m. Email your article  
to [betty@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:betty@stmattsaustrin.org)  
Articles may be edited for content  
and length.

## Vestry Commission Chairs

David Barrow, Jr. and Mary Nell Frucella  
*Buildings and Grounds*  
Tom Canby *Finance*  
Steve Ryder *Communications*  
Warren Marshall *Personnel*  
Charlie Cole *Stewardship*  
Holly Decherd *Outreach*

## Lay Ministry Councils

Lynn Smith *Children*  
Leon Whitney *Adult Education*  
Jeri Muhich *Newcomers*  
Milt Williams *Parish Life*  
Elaine Goessling *Pastoral Care*  
Sue Kinney *Worship*  
Jay Robison *Youth*

## School Board

Michael McCollum *President*  
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Dean Fisher, Michael Mashburn, Millie Roden

## Staff

The Rev. Merrill Wade *Rector*  
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The Rev. George I. Wilson *Assisting Clergy*  
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Barbara Pitts *Children's Minister*

## Vestry

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David Price (371-0248) *People's Warden*  
John Muhich (452-1210) *Treasurer*  
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Patty Steed (346-4255) *Clerk*  
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Harrison, Warren Marshall, Debbie Meleski,  
Don Neely, Susan Robertson, Clive Smith  
*Assigned Vestry Members for January*—  
Jerry Ballard and Pat Boon