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The Rector Looks Forward

Dear Friends,

I write with profound gratitude for sharing this second Holy Week and Easter with you, my church family. I am so grateful and indebted to everyone who contributed and participated in the preparations and worship of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. I was deeply moved! Thank you one and all!

Looking Ahead

As you know, Eric Liles will be retiring from Youth Ministry this spring in order to prepare to attend Virginia Theological Seminary this fall. Eric's last Sunday will be May 23 and he will be the preacher that day, offering the traditional "going off to seminary" sermon in the home parish. As Eric departs, we will begin a process of searching for new leadership for youth ministry. I will be meeting with the Youth Council and other leaders in the next several weeks and in the month of June, I will host Wednesday night gatherings for our young people, sometimes with next year's 6th through 8th graders, sometimes with the 9th through 12th graders. I will want opportunities to visit with every parent that wants to help us look ahead and make sound plans for our future!

2004 ETSS Commencement at St. Matthew's

Speaking of Episcopal seminaries, we are privileged to again host the Holy Eucharist and Commencement Services of the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest. This grand ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 18, in our sanctuary. In addition to granting graduate degrees to 2004 graduates (including Tim Watts), the seminary will be conferring honorary degrees and the preacher for the occasion will be the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Frank Griswold. The public is invited to attend and Dean Titus Presler asked me to make a special invitation to the membership of St. Matthew's. Dean

Presler is very grateful for the warm and productive relationship that is being continued and deepened by our hospitality.

Mildred Mbwando, Rwandan Dancers and Youth Ministry!

Like you, I have so enjoyed our time with Mildred Mbwando. She will be returning to Zimbabwe in May. It has been such a rich and helpful time to get to know her and her culture and hopes and dreams. We hope to see Mildred again when she returns for the fall 2004 term. At this point, I believe her final Sunday with us will be May 9. We have so much to learn from Christians around the world. In that regard, elsewhere in this edition of *The Word* you will find a separate article about a special May 12th evening event with dancers from Rwanda and a meal sponsored by youth leaders. It is such a pleasure to tie together our yearning for cultural exchange with our passion for youth ministry in this church and diocese!

Pentecost Sunday is May 30 – Wear Red!

Looking ahead to the summer, we have so much to be excited about! Pentecost Sunday, that happy day of celebration bathed in love by the Holy Spirit, will again be uplifted by the talents and the imagination of our St. Matthew's Associate Vestry. Pentecost Sunday is May 30 and on that day we will only have one service, at 10:30 a.m. This will be a glorious celebration, followed by a Pentecost Sunday picnic in Huffman Hall and on the grounds. Please make your plans right now to come and enjoy and by all means wear your favorite red clothes that day!

Christian Education

Our Children's Minister, Barbara Pitts, and the Children's Council, working alongside the Adult Education Council, have conceived of an excellent plan for the month of June!

Many of the details of these events, which include a powerhouse Vacation Bible School and a four-week continuation of our Great Teacher Series, can be found elsewhere in this edition of *The Word*. I am so impressed with the breadth and scope of this year's VBS, and the theme, "Love is the Key", says it all for me!

Building Fellowship

One of my concerns as your rector is that many of us don't know one another. Our clergy and lay leadership work so hard to build connections, but it is difficult because so many of us lead such hectic lives. It is my desire for us to slow down our activities and spend some special time focused on building friendship and fellowship within the church and to work together, as a church, on a specific mission to support God's people in the world.

Fellowship Breakfasts

In order to concentrate Sunday morning time on building fellowship, our Christian Education classes for all ages will be on sabbatical from July 4 through August 22. In addition to giving our Sunday School teachers and leaders a well-appreciated Sabbath time, we will enjoy a weekly Fellowship Breakfast in Huffman Hall. A full, hot breakfast will be served each Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m., beginning July 11 through August 15. The charge for the meals will be based on actual cost and the intention will be to break even with expenses. We will be calling on various groups within the church to host these breakfasts. We want to slow down the pace of Sunday morning, allowing individuals and families to enjoy a more leisurely day, which will give us time to talk to each other. What a novel concept!

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Opening Our Doors – Making Christ Known

Elsewhere in issue you will find details of our plan this July to reach out to families in transition in the Austin area. I am so proud of our lay leadership and Vestry for endorsing this effort to house and serve homeless and needful families here at St. Matthew's. As a church working with other churches in this network of support, we are making a significant contribution to the lives of many, many people whose futures are bleak without such an outreach on the part of churches and other people of goodwill. Please, please support our work with Interfaith Hospitality Network this July here at St. Matthew's. Find a way to participate. We are a hospitable church endowed with innumerable blessings, let's concentrate our efforts in making this project a time of grace for those who will be with us!

Bishop's Visit

Austin Regional Bishop Ted Daniels will visit St. Matthew's for confirmation on Sunday afternoon, June 6th, at 5:00 p.m. To prepare for confirmation, I will be teaching a Discovery Class on Sunday mornings in May at 9:00 a.m. in Room B-21. This class is designed for those who are new to the Episcopal Church, or new to St. Matthew's. Please mark your calendars for the Bishop's Visit on Sunday evening, June 6.

Going Deeper

Finally, many of you have remarked on our emphasis on contemplative spirituality in this church. Many of us have learned a great deal from Bob Lively, Thomas Merton, Keith Miller, Thomas Keating, Sandra Casey-Martus, Richard Rohr and other spiritual teachers. Personally, I am discovering that God understands me and is patient with me. In truly knowing and believing those simple statements I can, as well, takes the risks necessary to learn to be patient, even hopeful, even expectant about God's activity and promises for our life. I intend to make a regular retreat - sometimes one night, sometimes two. Sometimes, perhaps, longer and more focused. I am learning that I cannot function well without contemplation and silence. I become too busy internally and distance grows between me and God and me and other people. Please bear with me as I grow, and sometimes regress, in your midst. And remember, we are all in this together, called by the Spirit, led by the Spirit, vines and branches bound together, endeavoring to "know Christ and to make him known." ☩

Faithfully,

Merrill

Don't Forget!
*The Parish Get Acquainted
 Lunch is on New Member
 Sunday, May 2,
 right after the 10:30 Service.
 See you in Huffman Hall!*

Adult Education for May

In Room B-14, The Rev. Susan Barnes will lead a study of Jesus' Resurrection appearances in Matthew, Luke and John.

In Room B-18, the class "Touched by a Vision: Living with Prophetic Imagination" will continue with weekly leaders such as Beverly Williams Hawkins, The Rev. Charlie Cook, Reid Morgan, Daphne Levy, and The Rev. Ann Hagmann. In addition, on May 23, the speaker will be Eddy Mendoza, State Coordinator, Victim-Offender Mediation/Dialogue.

The Great Teachers Series will resume in June – with an outstanding speaker on each of the four Sundays. As details are not quite firm on this yet, watch the Weekly Word for more information! ☩

Musical Notes

BY SUZANNE DANIEL

A HUGE Thank You to everyone who helped with music during Lent, Holy Week and Easter Services: the Choir, Praise Team, instrumentalists, and you, the congregation who sang hymns and songs. And to the "Hallelujah Chorus" Singers: It was so neat to have the risers overflowing after both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services to sing the Hallelujah Chorus.

You are all invited to join the choir for an event, a season, or longer! Consider singing for the remainder of the Easter Season. Maybe a one time event, like for the Pentecost Service on May 30, is more practical for you. Maybe you'd like to try something fun after the school year ends – you can come for June only! Regular rehearsals are on Wednesday nights from 7-9 p.m. in the Choir Room. Childcare is available. Look for specific Pentecost rehearsal times in the service leaflets in May.

Music reading skills are helpful, but not required. We have tools to help you learn your specific part, even if you don't read music. ☩

Are You Ready For Pentecost?

BY GLENDA MONROE, ASSOCIATE VESTRY

The Associate Vestry invites you to join us as we celebrate The Feast of Pentecost!

Sunday, May 30, we will come together as an entire parish family at 10:30 for Holy Eucharist. The annual Pentecost Parish Picnic will immediately follow in Huffman Hall, which will be transformed in celebratory fashion using banners and bright colors to proclaim the theme of our Feast "Come Holy Spirit...Set Our Hearts on Fire!"

Once again, the Holy Smokers will bless us with their culinary talents and plans are underway for another memorable feast. The Children's Ministry is sponsoring activities for the children and there will be a "child-friendly" lunch available. We look forward to sharing the joy of this special day with you and encourage you to bring family and friends to this Pentecostal celebration. Donations of \$5 per person or \$15 per family are requested and can be left in baskets throughout Huffman Hall. Mark your calendar now for May 30th – it promises to be a fun and spirit-filled afternoon! And don't forget to wear your favorite Pentecost red clothing! ☩



Five Arks are Sailing!

BY MARCIA BAILEY,
HEIFER PROJECT CHAIR

Because of the loving family at St. Matthew's, over 600 animals will soon be sailing away to bless families in impoverished countries around the world. We are donating over \$12,500 to Heifer Project International and we have learned that this amount will be matched dollar for dollar with a challenge grant from USAID. That's \$25,000 that you have made possible!

How did it happen? The Sunday School doubled their goal — and sent two pigs instead of one. On her own, one of the children took the information to her kindergarten class for show and tell and then her classmates joined in. The Day School raised enough for their goal of a heifer and added a trio of rabbits and a hive of bees. Our Youth also contributed a trio of rabbits and a bee hive.

The ECW Women's Retreat gave us a heifer, a goat, and two flocks of geese. Not to be outdone, the Men's Retreat came in with a heifer, a water buffalo, and a llama. The Biblettes+2 gave a heifer and a pig. Thursday Men's Breakfast and Prayer group: a llama, a trio of rabbits, and a flock of ducks. The Thursday Women of Wisdom Bible Study: a pig and two hives of bees. Tuesday night Bible study: "almost" a goat. Vestry: a llama. Altar Guild: two flocks of ducks and two flocks geese. Choir: honeybees. Daughters of the King: a sheep. Wednesday morning Communion and Breakfast group: trio of rabbits and a flock of chicks. Out of town friends: a llama, a flock of chicks, a pig, two trios of rabbits, and a hive of bees. And we could not have done this without you many, many individuals who gave so generously on your own.

Special thanks to Merrill for helping select such a super hardworking committee — Lori Murphy with her great presentations, Mary Eastberg, Lavanne Scott. And to Merrill and Susan for their great support and announcements in church, to Cynthia for her records from other years, and last but not least to my 8 Happy Heifers and a Rooster! 🌿

Senior Sentences

BY LUCY A. BOYEA,
MINISTER OF SENIOR ACTIVITIES

We are called by our Lord to live life more abundantly. On page 10 in this issue of *The Word*, I reflected on the "Abundant Aging" conference I attended at Camp Allen in March of this year. Abundant has been defined as rich and rich, in turn, has been defined as fruitful. We might therefore conclude that to live life abundantly, our lives would be enriched as we become more fruitful, May is traditionally "Older Americans Month". Let us celebrate the gift of aging (which, after all, begins at birth). In a previous issue, I offered the following definitions:

Ages 45-60 Middle Years

Ages 60-75 Retirement Years

Ages 75+ Senior Years

or you may prefer to be defined as a Third Ager. Whatever your preferences, won't you stand up and be recognized at the 10:30 a.m. service on Senior Sunday, May 9th? Your fellow parishioners will pay you homage! 🌿

Calling All Graduates!

St. Matthew's is proud of our graduates. If you, or your child, are enjoying the graduation festivities, won't you please let us print one line in your honor in the June edition of *The Word*? Just send your information to betty@stmattsaustrin.org and let us know who graduated and what their future plans may hold. All information received by Friday, May 14 will be included. 🌿



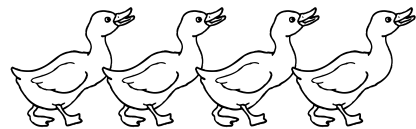
Final Affairs Fair May 15th

BY CHARLIE COLE, STEWARDSHIP CHAIR

Do you have all your DUCKS in a row? Wouldn't you like to provide peace of mind for yourself and your loved ones, knowing that you have done all you can for your and their future? Don't wait for a rainy day to get all your end-of-life affairs in order. No matter where you are in life's journey, it is never too early to prepare for the inevitable.

Waddle on over to St. Matthew's Final Affairs Fair, Saturday May 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Hosted by St. Matthew's Stewardship Commission and Special Gifts Committee, this highly informative workshop is designed to ease the stress of making your end of life arrangements. Leading authorities from the community will address important topics including Wills and Estate Planning, Hospice Services, Grief Recovery, Funeral Planning, St. Matthew's Legacy Stewardship opportunities, and more. The keynote speaker for the event will be Margie Jenkins, author of *You Only Die Once – Preparing for the End of Life With Grace and Gusto*.

The cost for the event is \$15 per attendee and includes the workshop, helpful handouts, catered lunch, and childcare. Participants can also purchase Margie Jenkins' book for \$10 upon registration. But hurry. Registration and payment deadline for this important event is Sunday, May 9. For more information, registration forms, etc., go to: www.stmattsaustrin.org. 🌿



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Welcome the Stranger at St. Matthew's July 4 - 17

BY THE REV. SUSAN BARNES

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." Matthew 25:35

Many of you are dedicated to helping the needy in such local ministries as El Buen Samaritano, SafePlace, and Casa Marianella.

This summer we will do as Jesus commanded and welcome the needy to our own parish. Joining with other Austin churches and synagogues in the Interfaith Hospitality Network, St. Matthew's will give food and shelter to several families for two weeks while they find affordable housing.

Everyone in the parish will have the chance to help. There could be no better (or more convenient!) way to "Know Christ and make Christ Known".

Here's a summary of information, frequently asked questions:

What's this about? Homelessness is on the rise in families because of the gap between wages and rents. Families make up 40% of the homeless. Interfaith Hospitality Network selects families for a 90-day program of training and other assistance. Families are carefully screened, are drug and alcohol and violence free.

IHN works with each family to address their needs and issues. Families usually find housing before the end of the program. In the meanwhile, local congregations provide shelter, supper, light breakfast and bag lunches.

Who's in charge? Sharon Lowe, Amy Tuvell, Susan Barnes

Who is coming? Up to fifteen people, usually young, all of them in families. They will stay for two weeks.

Where are they sleeping? In the sanctuary basement. The rooms are available because, during July, we are enjoying a sabbatical from meetings and Sunday School. Interfaith Hospitality Network provides the necessary furnishings.

What about showers? First Presbyterian, also a member of IHN, is making their showers and laundry facilities available.

What do the families do? During the day, from at least 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., they are all away at school, day care, work or job training. At night they are at St. Matthew's.

How can I help?

- ◆ Donate food and other items, such as bed linens
- ◆ Make a financial contribution
- ◆ Above all: VOLUNTEER!

Dinner Volunteers

1 to 3 Dinner Preparers: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - prepare and serve evening meal for guests and enjoy dinner with them in Huffman Hall. Guests arrive by 6:30 and dinner should be ready to serve at that time. Often dinner volunteers will also serve as evening hosts, but this is not required.

Evening Hosts

2 or 3 (or more) Evening Hosts: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - eat with the guests and provide fellowship. Be available to offer assistance and interact with families. Help with homework, read or play with children, watch TV, etc. Prepare lunches for next day as needed.

Overnight Hosts

1-2 Overnight Hosts: 8:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. - assist with expressed needs of guests and spend the night to assist if necessary. Lights out at 10:00 p.m. Usually just sleep all night; "serve" breakfast in the morning (breakfast items are usually self-serve); be sure the common use part of the facility is in good order and close up after the guests have left in the morning.

Activities Coordinator and Team (Optional)

Many congregations plan a barbecue, a movie date or another special event for the guests and the congregation for Saturdays. We may, for example, want to include our guests in the sing along and ice cream social near July 4 or arrange for tai chi, walks or swimming at a nearby pool during their stay.

Move In/Out Volunteers

Help to unload trailer on the Sunday that the guests arrive and to load the trailer on the Sunday that the guests depart. We will also need a volunteer trained to hitch-up the trailer and drive it, loaded, to the next hosting church.

Laundry

Pick up towels and linens on the Sunday that the families depart and return them washed and folded the following week.

How can we prepare? Attend a training session at St. Matthew's in May:

May 6, Thursday 7 p.m., B-14. The Community of Hope invites you to join us for worship and a screening of the documentary, "It Was a Wonderful Life" which follows the lives of five women—some single, some with families, as they try to work their way out of homelessness. This film is certain to challenge our stereotypes about homelessness. Discussion of the IHN program will follow.

May 13, Thursday, Noon – B-14 . Volunteer Training. Light luncheon will be served.

May 20, Thursday, 5 p.m. B-14. Volunteer Training. Light dinner will be served.

More questions? Contact: Sharon Lowe, 2004 Primary Coordinator for St. Matthew's, 345-1990, sharonylowe@hotmail.com or Amy Tuvell, 2005 Primary Coordinator for St. Matthew's, 346-0656, a.m.y@mindspring.com ☞

Stories of the Interfaith Hospitality Network and Austin's Foundation for the Homeless

BY SHARON LOWE

"May we welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed us for the glory of God." Romans 15:7

Like many good things at St. Matthews Land elsewhere, the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) began with the breaking of bread—more specifically, a sandwich. On an impulse in 1981, a former business commuter bought a sandwich for an elderly, homeless woman whom she often passed on her route in New York City. "I just wanted to drop that sandwich and move on," remembers IHN founder Karen Olson, "but she grabbed my hand and we talked for several minutes. I realized she was hungry not only for food, but even more for human warmth and compassion."

Serving that sandwich changed the course of Karen's life. She got to know that woman, named Millie, and many of New York City's homeless people after she and her two sons began delivering sandwiches to them in Port Authority Bus Terminal on Sunday evenings. In listening to their life stories, they learned that homelessness is more than just houselessness...it often means the more profound loss of family, friends, and the support system that connects most of us to a stable life.

Karen soon learned that even in her home community of Union County, NJ, there were hundreds of homeless people, including many families. Believing that there were many who shared her concern, she looked to the religious community for help. The first step to involvement needed to be education. At a congregation-sponsored conference in October of 1985, over 200 participants listened to Wendy, a homeless mother of two, describe her ordeal of trying to keep her children safe while living in her car and in a run-down welfare motel. Her story, and presentations by clergy members and advocates for the homeless, developed the necessary awareness, and representatives from area congregations soon began working together to find a solution.

Within ten months, nine churches and one synagogue came forward to provide hospitality space within their buildings; the local YMCA agreed to provide showers and a room for the families during the day; a car dealer discounted a van; and a foundation provided a grant for the rest. So, on October 27, 1986, the first Interfaith Hospitality Network opened its doors. Word spread quickly about this program and other networks sprang up until in 1989, Karen formed the National Interfaith Hospitality Network in 1989—its mission to spread the program to all parts of the country where people of faith could work together to help homeless families.

In Austin, a grassroots organization comprised of volunteers from various churches began taking shape during the early 1980's that saw a need to assist Austin's homeless population. These volunteers began by passing-out donuts at the day labor corner on 2nd Street and later formed the Foundation for the Homeless (FFH) in 1989. Since then, FFH has adopted IHN as one of its programs so that, today, approximately 3000 volunteers work within two church networks to assist 32-37 families each year. FFH additionally runs the Passages program which offers financial assistance to secure housing, and a Breakfast Program downtown that provides a full breakfast, haircuts, showers, bus passes and medical referrals twice a week to about 250 single adults.

Nearly 4,000 persons are homeless in Travis County on any given day. People in families comprise over 40% of the homeless and are the fastest growing sub-population. An estimated one out of every four homeless persons is a child. Quynh-Anh McMahon, Director of the Austin IHN, offers this story of one such family:

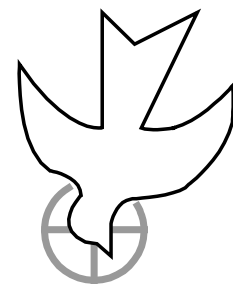
Jose is a single parent of two boys, ages ten and three. Jose's nephews came under his guardianship approximately 3 years ago when their mother lost custody of them due to neglect and the presence of drugs in the newborn. Since then, he has raised them

on his own and continued to obtain much-needed medical care for both the boys. The oldest is in remission from cancer, and the youngest suffers from chronic bronchitis.

Jose had been in a local transitional housing program but left because he was unable to pay rent due to lack of employment. While in the Interfaith Hospitality Network Program, Jose searched for employment with staff support, and after a few months was able to secure a full-time job as a front desk clerk at a local hotel. He then found an apartment that he could afford, and moved in with the assistance of the Passages program. Volunteers from IHN have filled their home with furniture and the family enjoyed a lavish Christmas thanks to all the wonderful donations.

The boys are healthy and happy in their new home, and Jose's family is now self-sufficient. This is a perfect example of how the combined efforts of the social service programs and volunteers can provide a hard-working family with stability, strength, and hope.

For more information on IHN in Austin, contact: Quynh-Anh McMahon at 453-6570 or www.foundationforthehomeless.org

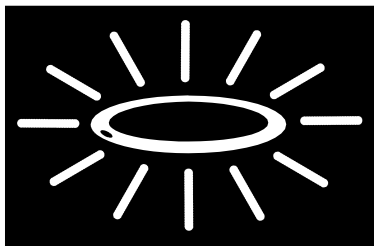


Make Evening Prayer a Regular Habit

BY SCOTT MURPHY

Did you know that every day, at 6:00 PM in the Cauley (Bell Tower) Chapel, the service of Evening Prayer is held? If you have not attended this service, I highly encourage you to do so. The service is focused and devoted to giving thanks to God for the day just passed and asking his guidance for the nighttime to come. There are daily readings, both the new and old testament along with Psalms. Also of great importance is the entire St. Matthew's Prayer List is read, aloud, by name, asking God's hand in the healing of our friends and guiding each through perhaps difficult times in their lives. If you or someone you love is listed on the weekly prayer list, it would be especially meaningful to you to attend Evening Prayer. The service typically takes no more than 15 minutes and is a truly peaceful and humbling time to spend in God's holy presence as the sun sets and daytime turns to night.

If you're looking to enrich your service to God and St. Matthew's parish, leading the Evening Prayer service may be for you. We presently have a team of just over 30 St. Matthew's parishioners who commit to leading the Evening Prayer service two to three times per month. The order of service is printed on a large formatted page for simplicity and as the service leader, you are free to use either form of Evening Prayer or Compline. Training is provided for anyone who wishes to serve in this vital ministry to St. Matthew's. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Scott Murphy at 750-2727. ☼



A Letter from Youth Minister, Eric Liles

To my family of St. Matthew's, Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

For the past three and a half years you have welcomed me with open and loving arms. You have accepted me as I am, supported me in the work we have been called to do together, and invited me to grow with you in faith, hope and love. Thank you! I have been accepted as a postulant in the Diocese of Texas, and will be attending Virginia Theological Seminary starting this August. (I am trying to become an Episcopal priest). I will retire from youth ministry at the end of May, and my farewell Sunday at St. Matthew's is May 23.

As a professional youth minister, it was a breath of fresh air to step into a role so supported by this community. Together we have integrated the Journey to Adulthood curriculum, built a wall for an orphanage and two houses in Juarez, worked with outreach organizations in Austin and Dallas, traveled on a spiritual pilgrimage to Iona, gotten sunburned in Schlitterbahn, flocked many a house with flamingos, washed some hundred or so cars, camped it up at E-Rock several times, eaten lots and lots of pizza, studied the Bible, had deep discussions on many spiritual matters, talked about tough issues showing respect for diversity of opinion, prayed, worshiped, and had a really great time in all of it.

I have many people to thank, and will inevitably forget someone. I apologize in advance if I have missed your name. First to the whole congregation of St. Matthew's, we should be proud of our dedication to youth ministry and remember to keep up that good work. To everyone who has worked with, prayed for, or had a conversation with even one of our students, it has made a difference.

Thank you to all of the folks who have taught or led programs in the youth ministry program during the past 3½ years: Toni Hatlen, Tommy Williams, Clive Smith, Judy DeWitt, Kathy Dugat, Sean McGillicuddy, Paige Hill, Lucy Koy, Kelly Owens, Brad Smith, Justin Forgey, Pat Boon, Margaret Parker and all the flocking folks.

Thank you to the current adult leadership team. Jay and Kristi Robison, Christine Joannidi, Judy Neely, Laura Adolph, Barbara Williams, Susan Barnes, John Bindel, Amanda Fowle-Bindel, Heather

Walter, Jerry Ballard, Margaret Carpenter, Scott Telfer, Liz Morris, Steve Brock, Bella Scanland, and Carol Farmer. What a blessing it is to know that the ministry has so many wonderful adults to guide it.

Thank you to Merrill and Susan for all of your wisdom, encouragement, love, prayers, trust and respect. I could not ask for a better team of priests to have guided me and taught me so much about ministry and life.

Thank you to the youth of St. Matthew's. It has been an honor and a privilege to share my life with you, and to have you share your lives with me. I have greatly enjoyed all our time together, you have taught me lots. 'Who rocks the house?'

St. Matthew's has a long history of successful and meaningful youth ministry, and we should expect a continuation of that progress.

In my time here at St. Matt's, I have grown in so many ways. The biggest lesson I have learned is that, although American society reflects an attitude of divorce, we as the church are called to live together with all our diversities in unity and peace, in love. I have seen our church, and our National church deal with some pretty substantial issues, and we have stuck together, which gives me an incredible amount of hope for the future.

I don't think I could ever say (or type) enough to express my gratitude for all that my family of St. Matthew's has done for me or how much I love you all. I am proud to journey from this place, and I hope I will do you all proud.

God's Peace,
Eric

Deuteronomy 6:5-7 *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise."*

P.S. My contact information through mid-August is as follows:

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May Youth Calendar

Apr 30-May 2	Happening/YES at Camp Allen, also Relay for Life April 30
May 2	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-12 noon Worship 12-1 p.m. New Member Luncheon
May 5	7-8:30 p.m. Youth Group, Sex talk week #2
May 6	7-9 p.m. Youth Council Meeting
May 9	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-12 noon Worship (Mother's Day)
May 12	6-8 p.m. No Youth Group, Potluck followed by African Dance Troup
May 16	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group 10:30-12 noon Worship 6-8:30 p.m. Movie Night
May 19	7-8:30 p.m. Youth Group
May 23	9-10:15 a.m. Sunday Morning Youth Group (last of Spring) 10:30-12 noon Worship (YAC Graduation, Eric giving Homily)
May 26	7-8:30 p.m. Youth Group (Party!)
May 30	10:30 a.m. Pentecost Worship Celebration 12 noon Church Picnic

Parish Supper and Entertainment to Benefit Youth

BY THE REV. MERRILL WADE

On Wednesday night, May 12, the "Ray of Hope" Dance Company and Choir will be at St. Matthew's for a performance! Sponsored on a visit to the Diocese of Texas by the Rev. Jane Butterfield and the Episcopal Church Missions Office and given support by several churches in the Diocese of Texas, this group will be a wonderful addition to our Easter Season events. Led by Josh Dugat and Andy Muhich, members of the St. Matthew's Youth Community will prepare the meal and the proceeds of the meal will be used to support Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Texas. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the Dance Troupe will begin around 6:45. The funds will be used explicitly to provide scholarships for the youth event called the Christian Leadership Conference, to be held in Austin in June of this year. The cost for this fund-raising meal and celebration will be \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. This event is not scheduled to be a fund-raiser for the Dance Company but we will purchase their meals that night and offer them travel expenses from the Clergy Discretionary Funds. As well, we will receive literature from them regarding their work and mission as a dance troupe.

The "Ray of Hope" company of 18 young dancers and singers is traveling from the Diocese of Gahini in Eastern Rwanda to the Diocese of Texas this Eastertide. Drawn from the Hutu and Tutsi people groups, the troupe is composed of survivors of the 1994 Genocide. They find vitality and healing in dancing and singing the praises of our saving and life-giving God. Ranging in age from 14 to 30 years, every member of this talented group has a personal story of faith overcoming the terror of death. In dance and music, they embody the power of Resurrection joy overwhelming the power of the grave and human sin. The company is led by their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Alexis Bilindabagabo and his wife, Dr. Grace. This is their first visit to the USA. They have performed previously in the United Kingdom and Australia. Noted for their original choreography and music, this Christian ensemble is a highly skilled company of traditional and innovative dancers from the Anglican Church in East Africa. They have a powerfully inspirational message to proclaim; a ray of hope to light up their future - and ours - as companions in God's world-wide mission of reconciliation and Resurrection joy. ✽

Education for Ministry

BY KATHY VAIL

Have you ever wanted to study the Bible, church history, and recent theology in depth? Do you want a class that while academically challenging, also emphasizes connecting what you are learning with your life? Do you want to do all this in the safety of a small group, without having to worry about tests or papers to write? Then Education for Ministry (EFM) might be what you are looking for. EFM is an international continuing Christian education program for adults, offered by the University of the South School of Theology. Study is done independently at home. The seminar group (6 -11 students and a mentor) meets once a week during the school year to worship together, discuss the lessons, and reflect on the connection between their experiences and the materials that are being studied.

People enroll in EFM for many reasons. Some have participated in other Bible Studies, such as BSF and Kerygma and want a more advanced class that also covers church history and recent theology. Others have never participated in a Bible Study, but want a deeper class than they have been able to take on Sunday mornings. Some are thinking about going to seminary. All want to explore their faith in a safe environment, and want the support of a small group.

Commitment is for one nine-month period at a time and the four years can be done consecutively or as time permits. Over four years, you will study the Old Testament, New Testament, church history and modern Christian theology.

If you think that you might be interested in this program, please come to an informational meeting on Wednesday, May 12 at 5 p.m. in Rm B-14. Please contact Kathy Vail at 343-7367 (evenings) or kvail@austin.rr.com for more information. ✽



Gifts of all Sizes

BY BARBARA PITTS, CHILDREN'S MINISTER

During an annual fund drive one year, as I was serving as head of a school, it fell to me to receive and acknowledge the gifts that people were sending. Imagine my shock, as I watched us reach our goal mainly through ten-dollar contributions. Yes, we gratefully received larger sums from foundations and individuals – those gifts were essential; but most of the goal was reached through small gifts – ten... twenty... one hundred dollars.

Why do I think of this, now, as I say thank you to the adults and youth who have guided our children this year?

Most of our volunteers have come forth apologetically, offering to help but saying clearly that they do not have much time to give, or much experience with children, or aren't yet very old, but want to give what "little" they've got. They think they are offering ten-dollar gifts – but these are the very gifts that have helped us reach our annual goal of providing rich spiritual formation opportunities, this year to over 150 children.

So, my heartfelt thanks to the those contributing to on-going programs, as Shepherds, Sunday School teacher/catechists, Chapel ministers, and Children's Council members, as well as to the many individuals who have helped with special programs and projects, as you have all given what you have had to offer – gifts of all sizes – and every one essential. And my thanks, too, to staff member Jennifer Baskett, who serves so lovingly as "head shepherd" for Sunday mornings. ❀

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Debi Patron
Elizabeth Uhl

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St. Matthew's Day School Update

BY DANA BUSHONG,
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

May is here and with it we see all of the promises that spring brings. We enjoy seeing all of the beautiful faces filling the classrooms with an insatiable yearning to learn, sad that for some this is their last year at our school. However, with the changing of the seasons, we look forward to all the new smiles that we will meet in the fall.

The upcoming 2004-2005 year is a very special year for our day school and we hope everyone will mark their calendars now. St. Matthew's Day School will be celebrating its' 25 year anniversary on Sunday, October 3. All are invited to attend this special Silver Anniversary event. We will have past and present students, families, teachers, and staff. We hope that all will take part in this grand celebration as we show our support for our day school and all who make it a special place of love and learning.

On April 14 students enjoyed VIP Day by inviting someone special in their lives to visit their classroom and share in the Flowering of the Cross chapel service. Grandparents, parents, friends, and neighbors were all part of this blessed event.

On Thursday, May 20, our kindergarten class will graduate. The graduation ceremony will be at approximately 9:15 a.m. and all are invited to attend. We hope you will be there to witness this very special passage for our very special children! ❀

Coming: The Women's Story Circle

BY LESLIE KJELLSTRAND

If given the opportunity, women minister to women. Much has been written and studied about why women naturally surround themselves with a support group of other women. This is a natural trait of womanhood and gives women the strength and reserve to get through life's toughest situations.

Now a new ministry for women is beginning at St. Matthew's: the Women's Story Circle. Each month, one woman from our St. Matthew's family will share her story with other women at an informal lunch after church. These story-sharing sessions will be open to women of all ages in the church. At these informal sessions, we'll hear about how women lived through cancer, divorce, loss of a child, health problems, and other challenges. Or we may hear about women who made choices for themselves about their careers, religion, marriages, retirement. Some women will bring wonderful success stories; others stories of overcoming hardships and yet others of finding a new life due to a different career or family change.

Sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women of St. Matthew's, the Women's Story Circle will begin on May 16 (third Sunday in May) and will continue to be held the second Sunday of following months in Room B-18 immediately after church. A light lunch will be served, at a cost of \$5 per person. Babysitting will be provided, and lunch will be served to children as well.

Reservations are requested and will be taken by email to cmynes@austin.rr.com or in the Commons after church; however, enough food will be available so you can attend and pay for lunch if you have not made a reservation.

Speaker for our first meeting will be Ernestlea Williams, long-time member of St. Matthew's, who will talk about her "prayer shawl ministry." (See sidebar.)

Mark your calendars for the following 2004 dates for the Women's Story Circle: May 16, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12. Speakers will include Sharon Lowe, Betty DiPaola, Marilyn Cole, Carolyn Huffman and many others. ☼

Ernestlea Williams to Tell About her Prayer Shawl Ministry

"I realized I was covered in prayer," Ernestlea said, when she covered herself with a new prayer shawl after hearing that cancer had moved to her liver. The prayer shawl had been sent to her from the Stitchery Circle of St. John's the Divine Episcopal Church, Houston. Made by a stranger for a stranger, the shawl was knitted with prayers for its recipient.

Ernestlea has battled cancer for the past 22 months. This nasty disease has interrupted the good retirement life that she and her husband Paul have had. Instead of traveling to Europe, she has been traveling to the clinic. But her disease and treatment haven't daunted Ernestlea...much.

After receiving the prayer shawl, she sat down and prayed for another while she made one herself. She urged her daughter to make one. Now she wants to start a Stitchery Circle at St. Matthew's where prayers can be knitted into wonderful soft shawls to embrace others in need of prayer.

Come and hear her story at the Women's Prayer Circle, Sunday, May 16, immediately after church in Room B-18-19. A light lunch will be served (cost \$5) and child care will be provided. All women of the church are invited. ☼

Children's Ministry Calendar – May 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

In May

May	End-of-Year parties – Classes & Club 4/5
May 2	VBS Registration for Church Members Begins, The Commons
May 2,9	Children's Chorus Rehearsals
May 6,13,20,27	VBS Work Days, HH
May 9	Children's Chorus sings during service
May 11	12:30 PM Children's Council, B-16
May 12	May Wednesday Parish Supper & Program, HH
May 13	VBS – Meeting of all Workers, B-13; Office
May 16	VBS Registration for Day School & Public Begins, B-2; Office
May 23	Last Day of School Year Sunday School
May 30	Pentecost Sunday with Special Chapel

Coming Up

June 6,13,20,27	Sunday VBS
June 7-13	VBS Work Week
June 14-18	VBS
June 22	Children's Council
July 12-16	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I & II Formation & Training Course



Reflections on “Abundant Aging” Conference

BY LUCY A. BOYEA, MINISTER OF SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Ageing begins at the moment of birth.

In March, I was privileged to attend a conference, “Abundant Aging: Mind, Body, Spirit,” sponsored by the Episcopal Health Charities and the University of Texas Medical Branch Sealy Center on Aging. The setting for this three-day conference was the Camp Allen Conference Center and Retreat in the Piney Woods of East Texas. The Rev. Helen W. Appelberg, D.Min, Visiting Scholar, Sealy Center on Aging, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, was the Spiritual Director and Labyrinth Facilitator for the conference which was for seniors, their family members, their health care, pastoral care and residential care providers, social workers, and leaders of all faith communities.

UTMB’s leading geriatricians presented new information about the aging body, self-care and the latest research as well as new ways to communicate with health care providers, family members and friends, and palliative care and end of life issues were included in the presentation. A roster of outstanding keynote speakers, presenters, workshop leaders and facilitators enhanced the conference.

The disciplines of the presenters were varied and comprised of physicians, faculty and staff of the Division of Geriatric Services, the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston and persons with doctorates including, but not limited to, the Cultural History of Aging, End of Life Care and Theological Ethics.

Having taken copious notes over a three day period, I will attempt to extrapolate salient information which I hope will be beneficial to the reader.

We Are Living Longer

Dr. James Goodwin is the Chief Medical director of Geriatric Medicine and Internal Medicine at UTMB. He observed that people are living longer and their health is improving but it is not due to medical care but rather an improvement in socio-economic conditions. He stressed that medical care needs to be individualized in order that appropriate decision-making can occur. We were also reminded that medical care is our largest GNP.

Attitude and Activity

Eugene Bianchi, PhD, is Professor Emeritus, Department of Religion, Emory University. Professor Bianchi is a former Jesuit of twenty years and specializes in the spirituality of aging and Christian theology. Dr. Bianchi perceives aging as a spiritual journey and believes that we all have spiritual potential. He stressed the importance of keeping a positive attitude and keeping “mentally alive.” We are encouraged to cultivate friends and community and make a contribution to society. We need to find and develop our talents through such activities as hobbies, sports, art and music, remembering that we are “interconnected with all creation.

Relief and Anxiety – “I’m Retired!”

Rabbi Samuel E. Karff is Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Beth Israel in Houston and is a Visiting Professor in Society and Health at the University of Texas Health Science Center. Rabbi Karff’s presentation was titled “To Know We Are Blessed: To Be Blessed.” For most of us, the sources of meaning in our lives are faith, family and work; retirement produces both relief and anxiety and a commitment to continued learning may lessen some of the anxiety. “We continue to have gifts to receive and gifts to bestow” according to Rabbi Karff and we should validate the life we have lived in the hope that our life has been of value.

Much of the conference focused on the Health Care System and it was noted that the system in the United States today contains “miracles and treasures” beyond anything ever seen on this planet. Some of the topics covered included Planning, Communication, Family Caregivers, the Caregiving Team and Emotional, Mental and Spiritual Well-Being. In the not too distant future it is my intention to follow this report with another which will address the issue of communicating effectively with Health Care Professionals. It is my hope that you have found this report to be of value. ❧

First Friday Friendly Golf at Star Ranch

SUBMITTED BY JACK ECCLES

First Friday Golf will tee up at Star Ranch on Friday, May 7. We have five tee times reserved starting at 8:30 a.m.. Food, range balls and cart are included in the greens fee of \$29.00 for seniors and \$54.00 for the under-age players. Please let Jack Eccles know at jandr@austin.rr.com (345-7396) if you can play and if you have a preference for a playing partner. Star Ranch is located on Route 685 on the left side of the road going north between Pflugerville and Hutto. Those who wish to car pool may arrange to meet at the church at 7:15 a.m. This is a great opportunity for some fun golf and for old and new members to get to know each other. Merrill is playing and hits a golf ball a long way. Which direction is the unknown. ❧

Are You Subscribed to StMattsEmail?

BY JERI MUHICH

StMattsEmail keeps our members informed with up to date announcements and weekly event reminders. We are, however, very sensitive to your “In Box” and typically send only one email per week. If you change email addresses, please remember to “unsubscribe” from the old address and “subscribe” from the new address to keep your emails coming. You may unsubscribe at any time (instructions for unsubscribing are at the bottom of every StMattsEmail). ❧

Happy Anniversary Lisa and Ron!

In last month’s issue we asked you to let us know if you were soon celebrating a special wedding anniversary – one ending in 0 or 5 — your fifth, tenth, sixtieth, etc. Each month we will print the information we receive. In this first fishing expedition we heard from Lisa Ottenbacher who sent this charming message.

“We’ll be celebrating our 5th anniversary on May 21st. I know we’ll be one of the lowest numbers on your list, but it does end in 5! Actually, we often joke that the only thing wrong with our relationship is that we didn’t meet 20 years earlier. So, if we had this could have been a silver anniversary – hee, hee. Have a great week and we’ll see you soon. —Lisa & Ron Ottenbacher” ❧

Birthdays

May

- 2 Michele Mann, Ashley Nicholson, Kathy Wood
- 3 Marsha Caven, Nancy Mallory, Mason Pownall
- 4 Liz Canby, Dyke Miller, Marty Robbins, Lavanne Scott
- 5 Jane Buegner, Mary Kay Schultz, Nancy Stevens
- 6 Lori Featherstone, Patrick Graham, Debbie Marshall, Betty Mitchell, William Moncure, Rebecca Smith
- 10 Leslie Hay, Katie Kahlke, Katherine Magee
- 11 Troy Squires
- 13 Garrett Hale, Elizabeth Hart, Shirley Meyer
- 14 Jerry Ballard, Grant Bowman, Don Magee, Liz Robinson
- 15 Barbara Cauley, Randy Reynolds
- 16 Kathy Howard, Joel McAdams
- 17 John Ekerdt, Jeri Muhich, Katharine Price, Jordan Scanland
- 18 Henry Krystow, Anne Urban
- 19 Ryan Steed
- 20 Rose Ireland, Margaret Parker
- 21 Rebekah Urban, Rachael Varnado
- 22 Davis Bushong, Andrew Caven, Jim Newman, Nancy Thompson, Dana Young
- 23 Jo C. Hall, Marian Tyler
- 24 Joanne Cage, Kristen Feeley, Mason Johns
- 25 Charla Levy
- 26 Bill Donnell, Taylor Gilpin
- 27 Halston Brown, Christine Joannidi, Aaron Lemke, Connie Mclendon, Sylvie Preston, Jim Schultz
- 28 Franz Henning, Florence McCants, Gradi Sterling
- 29 Petra Brock, Sharon Lowe, Kathryn Miller, Alison Street
- 30 Ruth Herbert

June

- 1 David Luce
- 2 Martha Webb
- 3 Lynn Smith, Barbara Kulchisky, Caroline Zavala
- 4 David Houston, Tom Hudson
- 5 Erin Buegner, Rob Tomisak,
- 6 Virginia Shotts
- 7 Dean Busboom, Anna Dodge, Caroline Neale, Dan Wilkins

New Members

Laura and Richard Gruber
Cecelia and Jennie Lee

Baptisms

Lucas Andres Alcocer,
son of Elizabeth and Eduardo Alcocer

Megan Bloodworth

Patrick James Bloodworth,
son of Megan and Cole Bloodworth

Dexter Preston Glassco,
son of Jill and David Glassco

Frankie LeFevers

Sarah Ann Murphy,
daughter of Heidi and
Christopher Murphy

David Bennett Sain,
son of Frankie LeFevers,
grandson of David Sain

Sarah Jessica Sain,
daughter of Frankie LeFevers,
granddaughter of David Sain

Mark Austin Udelhofen,
son of Cindy and Mark Udelhofen

Memorials

In memory of
Elaine Okazaki
by
Sandra Lanier
Cynthia and George Wilson
Leslie and Daniel Sullivan

In memory of
Will Spong
by
Mary Nell Frucella

In memory of
Marguerita Chapman
by
Jill, Dyke, and Holly Miller

Deaths

Bill Langston,
brother of Bob Langston,
died March 27, 2004

Carl E. Pitts,
father of Laura Adolph,
died March 29, 2004

*By the grace of God
and with the consent of the people
The Right Reverend Don Adger Wimberly
will ordain*

Rosemary "Posy" Jackson

*to the Sacred Order of Priests
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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 **June** issue
of *The Word* is

Friday, May 14, 2004

at 5:00 p.m. Email your article
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Articles may be edited for content
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