

the st. matthew's word

Reflections from the Rector

Every Congregation is Unique

I truly love parish traditions. Each church that I have attended or served as a priest has enjoyed its own peculiar events or traditions that sustain or stimulate the life and spirit of the place.

Reminiscence

I recall my years as a lay person at St. Columb's Episcopal Church in Jackson, Mississippi and the monthly social event called the Other Club. It was a pot-luck social event which had some pretty crazy traditions, including a special Christmas gift exchange that left nothing to the imagination for sheer silliness. At Holy Trinity, Vicksburg, Mississippi, we had an Annual Turkey Dinner to raise money for outreach. That event brought more people out to the church than Christmas and Easter combined. At St. Paul's in Meridian, we celebrated the Great 50 Days of Easter with a major celebration each Wednesday night, including a Fish Fry, a Barbecue at the city park, a Wild Game Supper and such. During Lent we had a morning Eucharist each weekday at 7:00 a.m. followed by breakfast in the Parish Hall, for 40-50 people each day.

St Matthew's

We at St. Matthew's are blessed with a remarkable variety of traditions. I think of our Fourth of July sing-a-long, the Ministry Fair, the Chili Cook-Off, long-standing and faithful Bible Study groups, Laity Lodge weekends, Arts Festivals, and on and on.

When I reflect on our life together, I want to comment on two traditions or habits that I value the most.

Your 2004 Pledge is a Movement of the Heart

One of those traditions will take place at our altar this Sunday morning, October 5, at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. You will be asked to bring your pledge card for 2004 and to offer it to God by laying it on the altar. Last year I was deeply moved by this practice as I saw in it the spirituality of the people of St. Matthew's. I saw just how grateful you are that you have been redeemed by the love of Jesus Christ. I saw that you are fed at this altar and that you want to give back to God what God has freely bestowed upon you. I saw a profound movement of the heart.

The Welcoming Heart of Jesus

The other "tradition" is the basic hospitality of this church. I am deeply grateful to Dedee Norman and Jeri Muhich and all who serve with our Newcomer Council to help us organize a program for welcoming guests and new members to the church. We are in their debt. They would be the first to tell you that they are bringing organization to a living organic hospitality that exists deeply in the soul of this church. Unlike any church I have ever experienced, St. Matthew's extends a sincere and heartfelt invitation to the guest. We seem to know, at the soul level, that they need us

Music Committee

Russ Adams
Susan Barnes
Kate Canby
Tom Caven
Jennifer Davis
Judy DeWitt
Maly Hatheway
Toni Provost Hatlen
Dan Henshaw
Chuck Huffman
Bill Kahlke
Sue Kinney
Kurt Lemke
Eric Liles
Anne Matthews
Reid Morgan
Doris Norton
Mary-Lynn Polk
Bill Smith



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and that we need them. All we seem to want is their heart. When you ponder the pledge you are being asked to make in support of this church for 2004, please remember that we have a unique vocation as a church. We are "to know Christ and to make him known," and our ministry of hospitality is at the center of that mission!

Embracing our Baptismal Covenant

Our theme for our stewardship work this fall is "Embracing our Baptismal Covenant." As your rector I see the Baptismal Covenant (*Book of Common Prayer* page 304) as the basis by which to organize our Christian lives, as a parish and as individuals. I am so proud of our church and the commitment we have made to our children, our youth and adults in terms of education, worship and opportunities for fellowship, fun and outreach. As I think ahead about 2004, I realize that we have much to learn about how to enhance our lives together. I am particularly concerned about our struggles and stress regarding jobs and finances. I am concerned that our young people are under such pressure to succeed in school and to cope with social pressures. I want our church to provide numerous opportunities for spiritual growth, in order that we might be faithful to the Baptismal Covenant, for our sakes and for the sake of others. All of this is to say that 2004 is an important year in the history of our church and that I hope that you will support your church with a tithe. We are all in this together. And we will offer our pledge cards on the altar this Sunday as a sign of our love and commitment to the Lord and to one another.

Music

Finally, I want you to know that I have convened a Music Committee to study the role music plays in all facets of the life of our church. We will be meeting regularly to create a St. Matthew's Music Profile that will enable us to draft a job description for full-time parish musical leadership. I am very grateful to Suzanne Daniel and Cary Michaels for their work as our Interim Music Directors. They fully understand that St. Matthew's, under the leadership of a new rector, has needed time to begin a serious process. Cary and Suzanne will certainly be strongly considered for the full time positions when interviewing takes place in the next few months. By the end of this

process, we will have gathered the whole parish together for serious dialogue about music. We will have prepared a document articulating the wide variety of styles and expectations of our musicians, choir, praise bands, youth bands and congregation. We will have assessed the wide variety of talent at our disposal, including singers, classical musicians, sound-board and tape ministry technicians, and rock stars! Then we will search for the musical leadership God wants for us. Please pray for your Music Committee as we seek to serve you and to enhance our welcome, and our faithfulness to the Baptismal Covenant.

Faithfully,

Merrill

Discovery Class to Begin Soon: REGISTER NOW

When Begins Sunday, October 26

Time 9:00 a.m.

Lasts 6 weeks

Sign Up At the Welcome Table
in the Commons on
Sundays or call the
Church Office during the
week at 345-8314

Questions Call Dedee Norman at
345-8314 x 219

The Baptismal Covenant

The Baptismal Covenant is reprinted from the Book of Common Prayer at the request of the Rector.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Senior Sentences

by Lucy Boyea, Minister of Senior Activities

Autumn begins on September 23rd. I think that Fall is my favorite season—summer for me tends to be a time of somnolence (largely due to the Texas heat) but in the Fall, I am reenergized. We “pick up the pace” at SAC with the resumption of activities which have been suspended during the summer months.

As SAC enters its ninth year, I am reminded of comments made by David Mauzy, a member of the First United Methodist Church of Austin: “Each of us has something to offer to others, and all of us have something to learn and ways in which we can grow.” Membership in the St. Matthew’s Senior Activity Center enables one to learn, to grow, and to share his or her knowledge, experiences and insights with others. I believe that our mission statement, “to enhance the quality of life for those who join us” is being fulfilled!



**First Wednesday
Parish Pot Luck Supper
October 1
6:00 p.m. in Huffman Hall**

What to Bring?
A-J Dessert
K-R Main Dish
S-Z Salad/Veggie

Childcare for Infants and Toddlers

Everyone is welcome!
Singles, Families, Young, Old!

The Good Faith Fund

by Louise Waddill

At St. Matthew’s we are blessed with so many fine ministries, all of which are aimed at the spread of Christ’s Kingdom. I can think of no better way to “feed Christ’s sheep” than through the work of the Good Faith Fund Committee. This fund was established eighteen months ago by The Rev. Susan Barnes. It is St. Matthew’s way of providing “alms to the poor.” Each first Sunday is “Good Faith Sunday”—all unspecified cash as well as checks so designated are used by the committee to provide assistance to a group of folks who are on the verge of becoming homeless or without utilities; most of them are single moms.

The committee meets two times during the month to review applications. Prior to the meeting, each member interviews one or more of the applicants, usually by phone. The interviews help to get a better picture of the person and his/her perspective. The interview also gives us an opportunity to point the applicants to other community resources. We always start our meetings with worship and during the meeting we are in prayer for each of the applicants. We thank God for the generosity of St. Matthew’s people and ask Him to so guide us that our decisions reflect His Will.

The stories below are examples of those being helped. The names used in the stories are not the applicant’s real names.

Amy’s Story

Amy is a 38-year old mother of four children ranging in ages of 3 to 14 years. She found herself in a desperate situation recently when her husband physically abused her to the point that she sought help from a women’s shelter. She now has a good job, making a fairly decent salary but certainly not adequate to support a family of five. She

was late in paying her rent and was asking for enough money to pay her past due rent. She really wants to keep the house because it is so near her work. She is home schooling her children and that is a big expense. While she was in the shelter for several weeks, something went wrong with the air conditioning and her electric bill was about triple what it had been running. She managed to get an order to “kick” her husband out of the house so she could move back in with her children. She now has a restraining order against her husband; however, she is receiving no financial support from him. He had been paying the bills but now she is on her. She is taking charge of her life and is making cost saving adjustments where possible. She said she just needed assistance to get her bills current. She feels certain that she can make it on her own. The committee was able to help her get her rent current.

Debi’s Story

Debi is a single mom of a teenage son, Paul, who is diagnosed with major mental health problems. Paul must take a variety of mind-altering medications in order to function and he cannot tolerate the school environment; therefore, he is obtaining his education on line and is making progress. Debi is also on medications for depression and is getting disability benefits. She has no family in the area to assist her. Debi and Paul moved to Austin about a year ago because she “needed to get away.” We do not know the reason for the long-distance move—we can only speculate. She is surviving somehow, but just barely. Her request of the Committee was to help her with the cost of a storage unit in New York where she had left all their belongings, including her beloved sewing machine. We were able to assist her with those needs.

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Adult Education

by Russ Adams and Leon Whitney

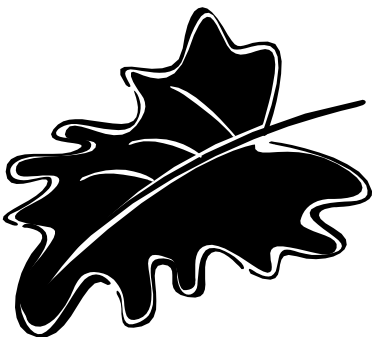
What a great beginning of our fall adult education program at St. Matthew's! About 140 adults are attending the two classes at 9:00 a.m. The **First Series** Classes continue through Sunday, October 12.

Hope in the Fast Lane – *Spiritual Resources in a Stressful World*. Joyce Scott with a guest speaker, Room B-18. Discover how to define and overcome your current stressors.

The Bible – *Content and Context*. Dab Cauley and Marty Novak, Huffman Hall. Dab Cauley leads a discussion of the Gospel of John which has been the most influential source for shaping Christian thought about Jesus. Marty Novak describes the historical background needed to understand this Gospel.

Preview the classes to be offered in the Second Series on Sunday, October 19, during a special adult coffee hour 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. in Huffman Hall. No adult classes, just Christian fellowship.

If you missed the classes offered during the First Series, this is your second opportunity. You may choose between four classes in the Second Series. The goal of the Adult Education Council is that each of us, by participating in adult education over time, will develop the core essentials that we need in our Christian life. We hope that this combination of knowledge, attitudes and action will translate into your real world – the one you face every day.



SECOND SERIES – October 26 through December 14, 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

The Bible – *Content and Context*. Dab Cauley and Marty Novak, Huffman Hall. Study will continue where it leaves off in the First Series.

Christianity & Popular Culture – *Finding the Sacred In the Secular*. Jay Robison, Room B-14. Pop culture is often seen as a mouthpiece that all Christians should fight, but is it really? God is a major character in one of 2003's most successful movies and Christian bands are finding increasing crossover success. This class will look at and discuss the way God and Christianity are portrayed in movies, music, and books, both past and present.

Unearth Your Talents – *How your unique combination of gifts works*. Bonnie Coleman, Room B-18. "God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits! All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit... The variety is wonderful." (I Corinthians 12: 4-9, The Message)

Discovery Class – *An Inquiry into the Episcopal Church*. Rev. Merrill Wade. This class is intended for those who are new to St. Matthew's or the Episcopal Church. We will take you on a journey down that fascinating middle-way between traditional Catholicism and Protestantism. If you desire to learn about the history, worship, faith, and tradition of the Episcopal Church, this class is for you. It is a necessary prerequisite for those desiring to join St. Matthew's through confirmation when Bishop Daniels visits.

155th Diocesan Council, February 13-14, 2004, Tyler, Texas

by Betty Mitchell with help from
www.epicenter.org

Council is the annual business meeting of the clergy and representatives of each missionary outpost (congregation) in the Diocese of Texas. 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 during January to discuss the budget, resolutions or others matters of interest in detail. The diocesan bishop presides over the annual Council. 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.

Last February, approximately 35 St. Matthew's parishioners made the trip to Houston to attend the 154th Diocesan Council meeting and workshops. Bishop Payne recognized St. Matthew's as having the largest number of attendees of any parish there. Next year we hope to make it even better!

We hope you will mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Council meeting in Tyler, February 13 and 14. Official voting delegates from St. Matthew's will be Bill Kjellstrand, Kathleen Niendorff, Jim Sparks and Dyke Miller. Two alternate delegates will be elected at our annual parish meeting in January.

Adult Fellowship and Coffee

Sunday, October 19
9:00 to 10:15 a.m.
in Huffman Hall

No adult classes this Sunday but enjoy fellowship and a preview of the four adult classes to be offered beginning October 26.

Cooking Up a Smile – The Good Samaritans

by Amy Tuvell, Chair

Deriving our name from the parable in the Gospel of Luke, the Good Samaritans lift up and feed the bodies and souls of members of parish who've encountered a challenge on their road. As in the parable, the crisis may be personal injury or loss. Or, it may be something more enduring, such as the life changes brought by a new baby, a major move or adapting to news of a long-term illness. At these times, the Good Samaritans cook up a smile with a home cooked meal personally delivered to remind the traveler that we all travel with him or her.

The Good Samaritans operate under the umbrella of the Pastoral Care Council. We are only one of many services St. Matthew's can offer in time of stress but probably the tastiest. The meals prepared by the Good Samaritans are given on behalf of and with the love and prayers of the whole congregation. Although it is one of the "behind-the-scenes" ministries, the Good Samaritans are greatly appreciated. Having been on both the giving and the receiving ends of meals, I can say it is a gift both ways.

The Good Samaritans are fairly numerous since there is one team of 5 to 6 people on call each month with substitutes available. This allows us to respond very quickly when the office or another member alerts us to a specific request. The speed and flexibility shown by the monthly teams is the second part of the gift. For one month a year, each Good Samaritan commits to be available to cook on short notice for another. Each team is independently organized by the month lead and adjusts the response as needed to adapt to family size, mealtime, dietary restrictions or food allergies. The meals are as varied as the cooks: Rosie Nieman's fabulous meatloaf, Glenda Monroe's healthy green bean casserole, Susan Robertson's homey stew, many variations on favorite casseroles and even vegan enchiladas.

In addition to the monthly teams, the Good Samaritans maintain a freezer of dishes that are available for other Pastoral Care ministries. Many Good Samaritans informally take meals to and keep up with members who are undergoing long-term medical treatments. Finally, there are former Samaritans, future Samaritans and impromptu Samaritans who are not on a monthly team but who have taken meals to brighten bad days for many others. Thank you and God bless all of you.

Monthly Leads

Karen Baker
Doris Donnell
Rita Eccles
Maly Hathaway
Mary Lou Henshaw
Margie Hooper

Nancy Johnson
Leslie Kjellstrand
Glenda Monroe
Carol Mynes
Debbie Simons
Amy Tuvell

Good Samaritans

Laura Adolph
Nancy Alexis
Renee Babcock
Tommye Bertero
Nancy Boyd
Karen Braunsdorf
Ann Brooke
Dawn Brooke
Joanne Cage
Pat Cauble
Barbara Cauley
Marsha Caven
Babs Clendenin
Arlene Dettman
Judy DeWitt
Anna Dodge
B.J. Drenkhahn
Dottie Driver
Kathy Dugat
Ann Evans
Joyce Evans
Gidget Fisher
Mary Nell Frucella
Elaine Goessling
Jo Ann Grandjean
Susan Gregerson
Nan Harrison

Sandy Holt
Kay Hopkins
Sarah Kelly
Sue Kinney
Katie Lane
Sharon Lowe
Shannon Magee
Maria Luisa McLean
Debbie Meleski
Jill Miller
Rosie Nieman
Doris Norton
Liz O'Quin
Edith Price
Marti Price
Susan Robertson
Jack and Shirley Ryfle
Joyce Scott
Beth Ann Sikes
Teal Smith
Dot Strance
Carol Stolz
Louise Waddill
Crystal Wade
Marilyn Wenzel
Cynthia Wilson
Kathy Zimmermann

The Pleasure of Your Company is Requested

submitted by Debbie Meleski

Please mark your calendar to attend a delicious, catered lunch after church, Sunday, November 9th. Everyone is invited!! The Newcomer's Council is sponsoring this special opportunity to celebrate and welcome our newcomers.

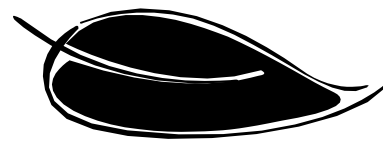
Look for more announcements in the coming weeks and an opportunity to sign up. A detailed article will appear in the November issue of *The Word* telling you more about the Newcomer's Council chaired by Jeri Muhich and Dedee Norman, and the November 9th lunch.

Spirituality and Fellowship for Women

by The Rev. Susan Barnes

As the school year gets under way, the women of St. Matthew's can look forward to a range of opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth. Here's a summary of events already on our calendar, to help you with your planning.

- October 17-18, Galveston, ECW Annual Meeting
- October 17-19, Laredo, annual women's trip
- November 14-15, St. Matthew's, in-house retreat and workshop on life transitions, led by Wendy Wimberly, wife of Don Wimberly, Bishop of Texas
- November 21-23, Wessendorff Retreat Center, Five Choices that Will Change Your Life, led by Eva Smith [limit 40; SOLD OUT]



Treasuring St. Matthew's

by Charlie Cole, Stewardship Chair

How many ways has St. Matthew's impacted your life and the lives of others around you? How many ways has St. Matthew's reached out and made a difference around Austin – and quite frankly, around the world? What would it be like if St. Matthew's were not the thriving congregation that we continuously strive to be? I implore you, right now, to stop reading, contemplate your response to these three fundamental questions, and then thank God for all that he has done to enable St. Matthew's to accomplish our mission "To Know Christ and to Make Him Known."

Now, let's just count the incredible number of ministries at St. Matthew's. There are over 80 in all, covering a myriad of outreach, pastoral care, and spiritual activities. What a magnificent feeling it is to know that, working together, we are all capable of good works that truly advance the Good News and works of Jesus Christ. And, lest we forget, our ability to accomplish these good works comes from the abundance of love, grace, and guidance that God bestows on us. We, in turn, can thank Him by putting all that He gives us to good work in our efforts at work, at home, and at church. For that is what we are called to do as Christians through our Baptismal Covenant.

We truly are part of a "Million Dollar Church." It takes roughly one million dollars in annual funds for St. Matthew's to meet the needs of the parish, to fulfill our responsibilities as part of the Diocese of Texas, and to be active contributors to those in need here in the Austin community. That is, it takes you and me, collectively, with God's help, to bequeath that amount each year so we can fulfill our covenant with God. It may sound like a lot, yet with each of us giving our fair share, our ten percent, or whatever amount you feel inspired to give through God's grace, we can easily and happily attain this goal.

As your Stewardship Chair and vestry member, I want you to know it takes a lot of advance planning to accomplish our goals as a church. That is why your pledge now is vitally important to St. Matthew's. I would like to thank personally all those who have already submitted their 2004 pledge. I encourage those who have yet to declare their pledge, to fill out the pledge card and submit it to the church as soon as possible. When doing so, I encourage you to reflect on the three questions above and ask yourself, "How much do you treasure St. Matthew's?"

A Prayer Power Testimonial

Dear Friends at St. Matthew's:

My name is Madeline Henshaw. I am the daughter of Mary Lou and Dan Henshaw who have been parishioners at St. Matthew's for many years. I was involved in a very serious car accident this summer with additional complications that resulted in me being in the hospital for most of July and a part of August.

I know that there were many prayers that came from St. Matthew's, some from people I know and many from people I have never met. I also know there were folks who came to see me, some of whom I remember and some of whom I can't remember. I wanted you all to know that I am doing much better now and the worst is over.

People who have seen me recently have been surprised at how quickly I have recovered. I am surprised too. I mean I know I have good genes and all since Mary Lou and Dan were involved but I also know more than genetics, it was the power of prayer that got me off the life support twice and back on my feet and for that I wanted to sincerely thank St. Matthew's. I also wanted to thank St. Matthew's for all the love and support that was given to my parents at a very difficult time in their lives. Thank you.

God Bless St. Matthews!

Madeline Henshaw



Tee Off With First Friday Golf

submitted by Milt Williams

Our first monthly golf outing held at Bluebonnet Golf course on September 5th was a success. There were four scheduled tee times and 16 players. It is planned that we may play at different courses in the future but we will remain at Bluebonnet for the October 3rd outing.

In order to have sufficient tee times, players are requested to call me at least one week in advance to assure we have the required number of openings. We will attempt to start around 9 a.m. We will also begin assembling golf scores so that sometime in the future we will have a St. Matthew's championship outing, a format yet to be decided.

Remember to call me at 345-0499 one week before the first Friday of each month. You may form your own groups or if you prefer, we will place you in one.

Youth News

by Eric Liles, Youth Minister

For the record, I am very excited about October. We have an incredible teaching planned for Wednesday nights on Discipleship. Any High School student who wishes to have their own month long discipleship journal will get one, to reflect on their life each day of the month, and each Wednesday evening there will be a teaching about being a Disciple of Jesus.

Movie night should be neat, C.S. Lewis was the man! And who can resist the awesome drawing power of a hockey game. Lucy and I will be at a conference that weekend, but Jay and Kristi will lead the charge for that cool event.

I know most of you may not have heard of Eric Peters but he is a Christian recording artist who used to be in a band called Ridgley. He is playing a concert at St. Thomas in College Station, and I hope lots of you will think about going to meet some cool folks from another church, and to hear some great music. As always if you have any questions, comments, or just want to hang out, let me know.

God's Peace,

Eric

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October Youth Calendar 2003

- Oct 1 Church wide Potluck Supper
6-7 p.m. in Huffman Hall
Youth Group 7-8:30 p.m.
- Oct 5 Sunday morning youth group
9-10:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
- Oct 8 High School Bible Study 6-7 p.m.
Room B-6
Youth Group 7-8:30 p.m.
Pizza Night
- Oct 9 Youth Council 7-9 p.m.
- Oct 12 Sunday morning youth group
9-10:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Movie Night 5-9 p.m. "The
Chronicles of Narnia"
- Oct 15 High School Bible Study 6-7 p.m.
Room B-6
Youth Group 7-8:30 p.m.
- Oct 18 Eric Peter's concert in College
Station 6-10 p.m. \$10
- Oct 19 Sunday morning youth group
9-10:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
- Oct 22 High School Bible Study 6-7 p.m.
Room B-6
Youth Group 7-8:30 p.m.
- Oct 25 Ice Bats Game and Among Thorns
Concert
- Oct 26 Sunday morning youth group
9-10:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
- Oct 29 High School Bible Study 6-7 p.m.
Room B-6
Youth Group 7-8:30 p.m.
- Oct 30 Anderson vs. McCallum

A Thanksgiving Week-End at Well Springs

submitted by Dyke Miller

There is still time to be involved in this family time at the beautiful Wessendorff Ranch for a week-end of relaxation, family time, rest and if you want play. This is family time at its best. The Extended Family Ministry is the blending together of individual family units into an extended family. We want to be host to all in St. Matthew's, those with and without families for this special time. We gather at the Ranch at noon on Friday, November 28, for lunch. We sort of plan the rest of our time after we eat and explore the grounds.

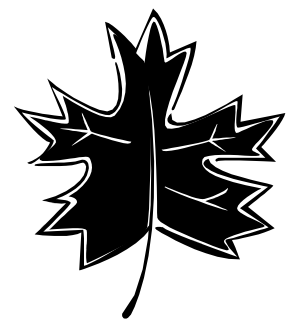
Wessendorff Ranch is a modern place with flush toilets, hot and cold water, showers, modern kitchen with an ice machine and dishwasher. There are basically three buildings that house everyone. Individual rooms (2 per), dorm rooms (mostly kids), comfortable lounge areas and yes, there is TV (ABC & TX/Aggie game) available. WE share as family units the cost of a custodial fee (\$210) and pro-rate the food costs. Of course we eat left-overs. Finally, there is the Blanco River and swimming (if not too chilly) and hiking. Give this opportunity some thought. If interested, contact Dyke Miller at 794-9032 or let the Church Office know your interest. We can accept 25 more folks!

*The Bishop and the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Texas
request the honor of your presence
at the Ordination and Consecration
of*

*The Reverend Canon
Rayford Baines High, Jr.*

*as Bishop Suffragan
in the Diocese of Texas on
Saturday, October 4, 2003,
at 11:00 a.m.*

All Saints Chapel, Camp Allen, Navasota, Texas



For additional information, please call Judy Falkenbury at Camp Allen (936) 825-7175

Sundays with Our Children

by Barbara Pitts, Children's Minister

"Ms. Clarissa, *where's* Blue Jay?" So asked one of the new three year olds on the second day of Fall Sunday School. Our adult assistant "Blue Jay" recounts that earlier that same morning, "...when the children were choosing work to do, this little boy asked me to 'play with him,' which I took to mean help him with what he was going to do. Well, in fact, he got his work and then went and chose some work for me to do at the table with him."

A stated goal of our curriculum, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, is for the adult to help the child "come to know God by myself," using the predominant values of childhood. Apparently the four-year-old boy found Blue Jay to be true to the goal!

Blue Jay is in good company. Others this year who are working with our children include:

Shepherds: Jennifer Baskett, Ann Hart, Carlin Mihm, Debi Patron, Elizabeth Uhl,

Level I: *Lead Catechists:* Stephanie McCollum, Clarissa Vazquez; *Assisting Catechists:* Carrie Biggar, Dana Bushong, C.J. Carl, Kerrie Qualtrough

Level II: *Lead Catechists:* Colleen O'Heren Hale, Lynn Smith; *Assisting Catechists:* Vickie Blumhagen, JoAnn Grandjean, Lisa Ottenbacher, Stacie Veith, Alina Wasmuth, Martha Webb

Level III: *Lead Catechist:* Barbara Pitts; *Assisting Catechists:* Shelly Kirkgard, Susan Fugate, Shannon Magee, Michele Mann

Primary Chapel: *Presiding Ministers:* Marilyn Cole, Allison Dady, Elizabeth Klingler, Kathryn Ross, Rachel Stephens, Emily Venincasa; *Assisting Ministers:* Heather Affleck, Eleanor Bowman, Christina Carrier, David Carrier, Betty Davis, Jennifer Fisher, Michael Hart, J.D. Johns, Mia Johns

Children's Chapel: *Presiding Ministers:* Lisa Ottenbacher, Clarissa Vazquez, Martha Webb; *Assisting Ministers:* Ed Davis, the DeWeese family, Madeline Sutherland

Children's Music Program: *Directing:* Shannon Magee; *Communications:* Ann Hart

Please pray for all these adults and for the children with whom they are journeying. And Blue Jay? *You* may know him as C.J.

Children's Ministry Calendar - October 2003

Oct. 5	9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Children are checked in by their parents:		
Oct. 12	Level I	3 yrs. (by Sept.1) – Kinder	B-17
Oct. 19	Level II	1st – 3rd Grades	B-16
Oct. 26	Level III	4th – 5th Grades	B-13
	10:30 a.m. Primary and Children's chapels		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	Choir Room
Oct. 21	Children's Council Meeting		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B-16 • 12:30-1:30 • Visitors welcome – contact Lynn Smith or Barbara Pitts 		

Looking Ahead

Nov. 9 – Elementary Children's Music – Get Together
Nov. 16 & 23 – Children's Music Rehearsals

Attention Moms!

Here is an opportunity for you to become part of a group called *Moms In Touch International*. It is a group of mothers who meet for one hour each week to pray for their children, the teachers and the staff at the schools they attend. We know our children face many pressures each day and to "stand in the gap" through prayer is the best gift we can give to them. If you are interested in supporting your children and your school in prayer, please call Melinda Cassidy at 335-8893 or email at Melinda@gccattic.org. Or you may call Crystal Wade, 250-9161, or Lori Murphy 336-9879 for more information.

St. Matthew's Day School Fall Fest 2003

submitted by Stephanie McCollum

Friday, October 17th
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

This is the school's fall fundraiser and it includes a carnival, barbeque dinner, bake sale and a drink sale. In addition, the school will also be selling fully cooked briskets for \$40.00 each. These briskets will be prepared by our very own St. Matthew's Holy Smokers. If you would like to purchase a brisket, please contact Michelle Bonilla at 459-9257 or michbonilla@aol.com



Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship will have a cookout with Musica Mexicana in October. We will set the date in the second half of the month and it will be announced well in advance. Watch the Weekly Word for additional information coming soon.

United Thank Offering is November 9

submitted by Shirley Ryfle

Thanks to you over \$1,400 was collected at the Spring Ingathering for the United Thank Offering at St. Matthews. This outreach is sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women of our parish. Our Fall Ingathering will be on Sunday, November 9 and we would like to exceed our spring giving because this is a major outreach for our ECW.

Don't forget to write your check to St. Matthew's with UTO at the bottom of the check and put it in the United Thank Offering Blue Basket when it is passed after the regular collection plate on November 9. Your contribution will make a difference to our brothers and sisters around the world.

Musical Notes

Wanted: 3-5 people to play handbells for one or two pieces of music for one or two Sundays in November. Please contact Suzanne Daniel, suziqdaniel@austin.rr.com or 773-0910 if you are interested.

Austin Recovery Extends an Invitation to the 12 Step Community

You are invited to attend a special evening of Learning and Fellowship with Earnie Larsen, pioneer in the field of recovery. Wednesday, October 8, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Riverbend Church, Wedding Chapel. For more info please call Ron at 997-0101 x 243 or email him at rhicks@austinrecovery.org

Make a Difference in Someone's Life: Become a Care Team Member

The Interfaith Care Alliance will present a Volunteer Training Session on Saturday, November 15, at St. James Episcopal Church. From 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., you will be coached to use your gifts to help someone living with AIDS, cancer, or other serious illness by helping with things like errands, housekeeping, preparing a meal, childcare, transportation, pet care, daily living support and companionship. There is no charge for the training session and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register please call Roger at 459-5883 or hit www.interfaithcarealliance.org

A Stroll Through Our Memorial Garden

by Warren Marshall

The Billye Taegle Krystow Memorial Garden, located on the northeast corner of our church campus, is becoming a beautiful location to pray, talk to a friend, or just sit and appreciate the beauty of the area. The Kinney Memorial Chapel is located in the midst of this serene garden and offers to you another benefit of the church facilities.

The Marshall family has a presence in the garden with three parents whose ashes are consecrated in the Common Urn in the center of the garden. We also have purchased two additional memorial plaques. I asked my wife, Marge, the other day what she thought about the Memorial Garden and she offered this: "It is a great comfort to me to know that our children will not be burdened with major decisions at a very emotional time. I truly feel drawn to be interred at my church."

We invite you to walk along the alcoves in the Garden and read the names of your fellow members of the St. Matthew's family. The tiles marked with white crosses indicate that the niche has been sold but not yet used.

For a one-time cost of \$1,000 each, there are places there waiting for you and your family members to be eternally memorialized in the shadow of St. Matthew's Church. Won't you call the Church Office today to arrange an appointment for an individual guided tour? Or if you prefer, just speak with any member of the Memorial Garden Committee - Jim Sparks, Jim Newman, Betty Mitchell, Warren Marshall, David Harakal, Jack Eccles, Charlie Cole or David Barrow.



St. Matthew's Activity Calendar

from www.StMattsAustin.org

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

October 1	Wednesday	Parish Wide Pot Luck Supper in Huffman Hall	6:00 p.m.
October 3	Friday	First Friday Golf	
October 8	Wednesday	Flu Shot Clinic in B-18	9:00 a.m.
October 11	Saturday	Diocesan Choir Festival in Houston	
October 13	Monday	Columbus Day – Day School Holiday	
October 17	Friday	Day School Fall Fest in Huffman Hall	
October 18	Saturday	Hata/ Bracamonte Wedding	7:00 p.m.
October 18 - 19	Sat - Sun	Laredo Trip	
October 26	Sunday	Daylight Savings Time ends	
October 28	Tuesday	Vestry Meeting in B-18	7:00 p.m.
November 2	Sunday	All Saint's Day, Baptisms	
November 4	Tuesday	Election Day	7:00am.- 7:00p.m.
November 5	Wednesday	Parish Wide Pot Luck Supper in Huffman Hall	6:00 p.m.
November 7	Friday	First Friday Golf	
November 7 - 8	Fri - Sat	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training Level I	
November 9	Sunday	United Thank Offering Ingathering	
November 9	Sunday	Get Acquainted Luncheon in Huffman Hall	12:00 Noon
November 11	Tuesday	Veterans Day – Day School Holiday	
Nov. 14 - 15	Fri - Sat	ECW In House Retreat with Wendy Wimberly	
Nov. 21 - 22	Fri - Sat	Women's Retreat at Wessendorff Ranch	
November 25	Tuesday	Vestry Meeting in B-18	7:00 p.m.
November 26	Wednesday	Thanksgiving Joint Service with Triumphant Love Lutheran Church - in our Sanctuary	7:15 p.m.
November 27	Thursday	Thanksgiving	
November 28	Friday	Thanksgiving Holiday/ Office Closed	
November 30	Sunday	Advent I Year C begins	
December 3	Wednesday	Parish Wide Pot Luck Supper in Huffman Hall	6:00 p.m.
December 5	Friday	First Friday Golf	
December 12	Friday	Austin Civic Orchestra Benefit Concert	7:00 p.m.
December 16	Tuesday	Vestry Meeting in B-18	7:00 p.m.
December 18	Thursday	Trinity Episcopal School Christmas Pageant	6:30 p.m.
Christmas	Services	To Be Announced Very Soon! Stay Tuned.	
December 24	Wednesday	Christmas Eve/Office closes at noon	
December 25	Thursday	Christmas	
December 26	Friday	Christmas Holiday/ Office Closed	
December 31	Wednesday	New Years Eve/ Office Closed Noon	
January 1	Thursday	New Years Day/ Office Closed	
January 2	Friday	First Friday Golf	
January 9	Fri/ Sat	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training Level II	
January 11	Sunday	Baptisms	
January 19	Monday	Martin Luther King Day/ Office Closed	
January 27	Tuesday	Vestry Meeting in B-18	7:00 p.m.
February 6	Friday	First Friday Golf	
February 24	Tuesday	Vestry Meeting in B-18	7:00 p.m.
February 25	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	
March 15 - 19	Mon - Fri	Spring Break	
March 23	Tuesday	Vestry Meeting in B-18	7:00 p.m.
April 4	Sunday	Palm Sunday	
April 11	Sunday	Easter	
April 23 - 24	Fri - Sat	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training Level I and II	
April 24	Saturday	Conspirare Concert in Sanctuary	
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 21	Friday	Last Day of School	
May 27	Tuesday	Vestry Meeting in B-18	7:00 p.m.
May 30	Sunday	Pentecost	

Birthdays

October

- 1 Lauren Fatter, Ellen Wilkes
- 2 Cynthia Wilson
- 3 Molly Price, Debbie Simons, Bill Smith, Mary Ann Squires
- 4 Michael Mashburn
- 5 Kevin Burnette, Don Fritz, David Hampton, Bobby Magee
- 6 Miller Bursk, Elaine Goessling, Callie Harakal, Joy Swanson, Rachel Zimmerman
- 7 Betsy McCraine
- 8 Wyeth Callaway, Doris Donnell
- 9 Elizabeth Buckley, Renee Francis, Mark Monroe
- 10 Margaret Carpenter, Bill Smith
- 11 Doug Adolph, Bob Ascott, Allie Blumhagen, Ann Roberts, Greg Smith
- 12 Tom Canby, Anne Matthews
- 13 Heather Affleck, Michael Hart, Zachary McAdams, Robert McLay, David Sain
- 15 Tom McComb, Joan Orear, Claire Tinker
- 16 Heather Holt, Kenny Miller, Chuck Naeve, Winston Ross, Carol Stolz
- 17 Joyce Braboy, Isabel Bursk
- 18 Elaine Robicheaux, Kathryn Ross
- 19 Judy Daniels, Paul Williams
- 20 Joan Berry, David Patron, Taylor Udelhofen
- 22 Suzanne Harakal, Darlene Moore, Tracey Nichols, Kathy Vail
- 23 Megan Sikes
- 24 Dean Fisher, Jay Pearson
- 26 Pierce Affleck, Judy Myers, George Neale, Ernestlea Williams
- 27 Christina Harmon, Jake Redden
- 28 Gabriel Bailey, Lindsay Nieman, Billie Stallsworth
- 29 Philip Athey, Mandi Battaglia, Chris Benham, Will Garwood, Kami Lemke, Matthew Wood
- 30 Hannah Brock, Laura Buikema, Bonnie Coleman, Brooke Smith
- 31 Tim Barber, Judy DeWitt

November

- 2 Ty Cunningham, Allison Dillawn
- 3 Betty Jones, Kelly Owens
- 4 Amy Brooks, Tessa Shanks, Claire Wilkes
- 5 Zacharias Doughty, Rita Eccles
- 6 William Brooke, Rylan Henderson, Tom LeMond, Dedee Norman, Dorothy Tesche
- 7 Laura Doughty, Michael Moon, Dolores Muhich, David Thacker

Flu Shots Available to Parishioners

by Lucy Boyea

On Wednesday, October 8, 2003, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, the Senior Activity Center will sponsor a Flu Shot Clinic. First Care Home Health Services is providing this service. Shots will be provided on a first come, first served basis. No appointments are necessary. Persons having Medicare Part B will receive the shot at no charge but must have their Medicare card with them. The shot will be available to those without Medicare Part B for a charge of \$15 cash or check. (Make checks payable to First Care Home Health.) Before you receive the shot, you must read and sign a consent form which may be obtained from Lucy Boyea. You must bring the form with you when you come for the shot. The clinic will be held in Room B-18. Questions, Call Lucy Boyea at 345-8314 x 226.

New Members

Benton Nicholas

Births

Jack Harrison Francis
was born August 21, 2003
to Renee and Scott Francis

Deaths

Sharon Edwards,
wife of John Edwards,
died August 31, 2003

C.J. McCollum,
father of Michael McCollum,
died September 1, 2003

Leon Roth,
Grandfather of Kevin Pownall,
died September 9, 2003

Memorials

In memory of
Beverly Burton
by
Cornelia and Tom LeMond



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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 November issue
of *The Word* is
Friday, October 17, 2003
at 5:00 p.m. Submissions on diskette
are welcomed - or email your article
to betty@stmattsaustrin.org
Articles may be edited for content
and length.**

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Tom Canby
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Warren Marshall
Charlie Cole
Holly Dechard
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Pastoral Care
Worship
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Warren Marshall, Debbie Meleski, Don Neely,
Susan Robertson, Clive Smith
Assigned Vestry Members for October—
Warren Marshall, David Price