

the st. matthew's word

September Thoughts From Your New Rector

Dear Friends,

As we look ahead to September I want first to look back briefly at July and to reflect on my beginning here at St. Matthew's. I realize that a heavy emphasis was placed on giving me time to adjust to new environs and to get acquainted with the parish in an unhurried fashion. I, (and our visitors), so appreciate it when you wear your name tags. Thank you. My desire is to be at St. Matthew's for the "long haul" and in that regard I don't feel rushed or anxious about the many pressing issues and ministries and possibilities we face. I am most interested in thinking clearly, getting acquainted with you and colleagues in the wider community, and allowing the Holy Spirit to gently lead us together. As I've said before, our initial human responsibility is to build trust and respect and that takes time. Thank you one and all for your very warm welcome, for your continuing support for me, and for your desire to be a parish that is on the move, knowing Christ and making him known!

I hope that many of you will be inviting your friends to St. Matthew's in the coming weeks and months. I am simply overjoyed by the warm and welcoming spirit of this parish. I cannot emphasize enough how grateful I am for Dedee Norman, Jeri Muhich and all on the Newcomers Council who work so tirelessly to greet and support visitors who cross the threshold of our church. Visitors have taken the risk to come into a room full of strangers. Thank you for being a friendly and compassionate church. Susan Barnes and I will, every other Sunday, have

a 30-minute Visitor's Orientation session after the 10:30 a.m. service in the church. We will announce these sessions each week. In September the dates for Visitor's Orientation are Sundays, September 1, September 15 and September 29.

The first anniversary of September 11 is staring us in the face. I lived in New York City from 1986-1989 and on numerous occasions went down to the World Trade Center Twin Towers, sometimes just to gawk at their majesty. All of us will cling to our memories of that day. I'll never forget the horror of the towers falling to the ground. I still cannot believe it. As a country we continue to adjust (or cope?) with the reality of our losses and the enormity of unrest and enmity in our world. As Christians we are blessed with hope, hope that in Christ God is reconciling the world to himself. We therefore believe that the present order of things can be healed and that a spirit of forbearance and understanding can prevail. Pray for the leaders of our nation and for all the leaders of the nations of the world. Pray for our armed forces and for those in harm's way who strive to protect innocent persons. On Wednesday, September 11, we will have a service of the Holy Communion, with sermon and music, at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Earlier that day we will have our regular Wednesday services at 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon in the church.

This last week I met with Pam Littlefield, Director of St. Matthew's Day School. I really enjoyed getting acquainted with Pam and it seems to me that she, now

in her fourth year at the school, is excited and quite hopeful about the future direction of the Day School and the relationship the school enjoys with the church. I am delighted to have the opportunity to be involved in this most important ministry. As time permits I intend to be involved in some of the chapel services and to be a part of the weekly and daily rhythms of the school. It is very clear to me that St. Matthew's Day School is highly respected in Northwest Austin. I hope you are proud and pleased to be playing this important role in the lives of children and their families.

Before my arrival the vestry committed to purchasing a custom designed, first class sound system for the church. This system will be explained in detail in coming weeks and should be installed in September or October. I am pleased with the plan and look forward to the significant advancement in sound that this system will offer us. I will thank the group responsible for this work when they make their explanatory remarks.

Are you ready for the Opening Our Hearts Through the Arts explosion of creativity here at St. Matthew's? I can't wait to see it unfold. So many of you are sharing your gifts in preparation for this feast of good will and artistic expression. Thank you one and all!

Finally, I am reminded of the Search Committee Mission/Vision Documents that I discussed in my sermons on July 28 and August 4. Those sermons are posted on the St. Matthew's website. Historically, St. Matthew's has been a congregation that raised up and supported ministries led by lay

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persons. I want to do my part to support and maintain this deep sense of lay giftedness! You are continually being asked to participate in the life and ministry and outreach of this parish. Here is how I see it. Each of us is a steward. We are asked to commit to this and to that. We have decisions to make, time to allocate, money to manage. I know that the ministries of the church often require blood, sweat and tears to be accomplished. Knowing that, I want you to give thoughtfully, out of your blessings, out of your giftedness, NOT out of a sense of obligation or guilt. As a conscientious steward you must say "no" to some things and out of your gratitude to God you can choose to say "yes" to others. When you consider your pledge, assess your gratefulness to God. Ask yourself how your gifts can benefit the Body of Christ. Consider the mystery which unfolds when we ponder grace and gratitude and thoughtful discernment of our blessings.

Faithfully,

Merrill Wade

Introducing Our Newest Members at a Parish Wide Get Acquainted Lunch on Sunday, October 6

by Dedee Norman

The Newcomers' Council extends an invitation to the entire congregation to honor the newest members of our parish family. We will have a delicious catered lunch (thanks to a generous donation from Debbie and Jerry Marshall in memory of his daughter Debra Taylor) on Sunday, October 6, after the 10:30 service. Please stop by the Welcome Table in the Commons on Sunday to sign up or call the Church Office (345-8314). We will need to give the caterer a final count by September 30, so be sure to sign up before then.

If you joined St. Matthew's between April and September of 2002, we would like to welcome you into our parish family at the luncheon. New members please notify Dedee Norman (345-8314, dedee@stmattsAustin.org if you are able to participate.

Meet Tim Watts: St. Matthew's New Seminarian

As a second-year student (called a "Middler") at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, Tim Watts has been assigned to do Field Work at St. Matthew's. We are fortunate indeed to have him serve this internship in our parish where he will study, learn, teach and assist. When asked for his biographical data, here is what Tim sent to *The Word*:

Tim Watts is married to Alyce Watts, and they have two sons, Tucker (6) and Daniel (16 months). They are from Foley, Alabama, and are members of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast where they will return after seminary. Tim begins his second year of seminary training in September.

Tim spent the last five years in private business and the previous eight years as a helicopter pilot in the U.S. Army. He holds a bachelor degree in business and a master degree in public administration. Alyce is a former elementary school teacher and social worker for the state of Alabama. Tucker is a first grader at Robert E. Lee Elementary School. The family dog is a Miniature Schnauzer named Schotzie, and Tucker has a pet hermit crab named Johnny. Daniel spends most of his time climbing and playing.

The family enjoys traveling, hiking, and singing together. Tucker's hobbies include building with Legos and swimming. Tim spends most of his time reading and studying. In his spare time, he enjoys baking, and he makes delicious pralines. Alyce likes to read, cook and shop at Central Market.

Tim and his family are excited about worshipping, learning, and working at St. Matthews.

Opening Our Hearts Through the Arts

Celebrate creativity and the spiritual journey at an arts festival featuring painting and sculpture exhibits, authors' readings, music, literature and dance performances, children's activities and much more.

Friday, September 6

5:45 p.m. Barbecue Dinner, \$8

7:15 p.m. Music, Literary, and Dance Performances, Free

Saturday, September 7

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Arts Festival and Sale, Silent Auction, Free

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Mexican Brunch, \$6

3:30 - 5:00 p.m. High Tea, \$7

Discount meal tickets available through reservations or advance sale.

Contact the church Office at 345-8314. Baby sitting available.

For a list of the artists, authors, performers and festival details, visit:

www.StMattsAustin.org



Let's Honor our Patron Saint on September 22

by Sue Kinney and Nan Harrison

On Sunday, September 22, we will commemorate the life of a man who, when he heard Jesus' call, immediately and without hesitation left his desk in the custom house and followed.

On September 22, we will celebrate St. Matthew's Day, the feast day of our patron saint, and a special time in the life of our parish. We will gather in one service to remember this holy man, his life, and his efforts to spread the Gospel. As we honor our Lord in the Eucharist, we will think about how he took Matthew, just as he was, a despised tax-collector, whose profession was synonymous with graft and extortion, and changed his life completely. Today Matthew's teachings about Jesus are noted for their emphasis on faith and eternal life and our duties toward our neighbors, families and even enemies. Perhaps Jesus had Matthew in mind when He told the parable of the proud Pharisee and the humble publican whose only prayer was, "Lord be merciful to me, a sinner."

Our St. Matthew's Day celebration will combine the early and late services into one joyful Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. on September 22. We'll have banners and flags, incense and bells, special music and a chance for our whole St. Matthew's family to come together as one around the Lord's table.

Following the service the Associate Vestry would like to invite the entire parish family to our Annual Parish Luncheon. The Holy Smokers will grill hamburgers and hot dogs, and the Children's Ministry will provide fun activities for the youngsters. Suggested donation \$5.00 per person with a maximum suggested amount of \$10.00 per family. We'll be seeing you at this joyful parish family reunion!

**Wednesday,
September 11
6:00 p.m.**

*A Special Service with
Sermon, Holy Communion
and Music*

Adult Education: An Exciting New Fall Program

by Kathy Vail, Adult Education Chair with additional comments by Merrill Wade

On Sunday morning, August 18, around 180 adults gathered in Huffman Hall to set a direction for the Adult Education program at St. Matthew's. The Adult Education Council, together with the Rector, asked Keith Miller to convene the group and to help those gathered consider a plan for the future. Keith led the group through various evocative exercises to better understand the reasons members of the church chose St. Matthew's and have committed themselves to it. Sue Kinney shared briefly how members of St. Matthew's loved her through a most difficult time in her life. This work was done to remind the people gathered of the essence of St. Matthew's. St. Matthew's is, and always has been, a church with a huge heart.

After these discussions, Keith presented a significant plan for adult education that ties the class offerings directly to the Vision and Mission Statements of the church. This congruence between the Vision and Mission Statements and the adult education offerings represents a significant step for the future of the church. The Vision and Mission Statements of St. Matthew's were created by the people of St. Matthew's. The Adult Education Council can use the class structure presented by Keith as a means to both offer excellent and interesting classes AND to further the Vision and Mission of the church. The basic courses will be offered over the next 2 to 3 years and will be under the following broad categories:

- ◆ Biblical Studies
- ◆ Worship, Liturgy and Music
- ◆ Discipleship and Evangelism
- ◆ Theological Studies
- ◆ Spiritual Formation
- ◆ Lay Ministry
- ◆ Studies of Diversity
- ◆ Parish Community Building
- ◆ Ministry to Children
- ◆ Ministry to Youth
- ◆ Ministry to Older People
- ◆ Parish Leadership and Organization
- ◆ Pastoral Attitudes: Being a loving and caring people and church

In coming weeks the Adult Education Plan, at least for the next several months, will be organized and printed in a clear format. At the Adult Education Council meeting that met after church on Sunday, August 18, some basic plans were made. In order to better acquaint adults with the Rector, Merrill will teach a class on the Synoptic Gospels beginning on September 1 at 9:00 a.m. in Huffman Hall. This class will be a mixture of lecture,

discussion in pairs or threes, and whole group discussion. Merrill bases his teaching on what he learned at General Seminary and seeks to encourage the asking of "critical questions" as a means of opening the text to various interpretations. This class will not be a devotional class but there will be numerous opportunities to share our faith and our assumptions about the New Testament and Jesus. Merrill will teach this class through Sunday, October 6 and thereafter the adults will begin to move into the various classes on Sunday morning designed to help us with our Vision and Mission Statements.

At this point it appears that we will offer a class on Spirituality led by Annelle and Russ Adams using a book by Anthony de Mello. A Bible Study Class on Romans, which has been in suspension for a few months, will begin again and will be led by Dab Cauley. Another class under consideration which has high priority for our Vision Statement is a class on the Liturgy and Worship of the Episcopal Church, which would be led by the clergy of the church on a rotating basis.

Additionally, St. Matthew's has several weekday classes.

- ◆ Mondays: Community of Hope training (Cynthia Wilson and Anne Cage)
- ◆ Tuesdays: Education for Ministry (EFM) (Kathy Vail), and History of Spirituality (DOK) (Susan Barnes)
- ◆ Tuesday Night Bible Study (Margaret Myers)
- ◆ Wednesdays: to be scheduled
- ◆ Thursdays: Women Seeking God's Wisdom Bible Study (Susan Barnes)
- ◆ Thursday Night Bible Study (Bill Smith)

The classes listed above are just a beginning. Other topics under different stages of planning include worship and liturgy, spiritual gifts, and lay ministries. If you want to volunteer to teach, please contact Kathy Vail at 343-7367 (evenings) or kvail@austin.rr.com

The Adult Education plan for the future is rooted in our basic conviction that the lay people of St. Matthew's share a dynamic vision for our future. Special thanks to Keith Miller for preparing some background work and for leading us in Huffman Hall on August 18.

The Good Faith Ministry Spreads the Good News

by *The Rev. Susan Barnes*

Jesus Christ ministered particularly to the last, the least, and the lost. His healing, his word, his love, transformed lives, saved people, and brought them from the margins back to the center of society. As Christians, we are called to do this work here and now.

This spring, in response to the growing need of people in the Austin area for help during this tough economy, the Vestry of St. Matthew's created the Good Faith Ministry. The Good Faith Fund disburses alms that come from designated contributions and from the loose offering on the first Sunday of every month.

Our awards, made after people have exhausted other sources such as Caritas, are paid directly to creditors (landlord, utility company, etc.), never to the individuals themselves. Often we are one of many churches helping out an individual or a family. Our contributions have bridged the gap and saved several families from eviction.

But the ministry is more than money. The lay leaders of the Good Faith Ministry are Russell Adams, Woody and Susan Ledenham, Kathy Morris, Liz O'Quin, Clyde Prestwood, Clive Smith and Cynthia Wilson. They offer their time and talent. They review the applications. They also act as a problem-solving board for people seeking help. They have wide experience in social services and knowledge of other resources for assistance that Austin offers.

Worst Case Senario

by *Betty Mitchell*

A tragic car accident occurs in which a loved one is seriously injured and transported to the hospital where blood transfusions are given. Or a family member's surgery requires a transfusion to replace blood lost during the procedure.

Did you know that St. Matthew's maintains a blood bank file where donors from our parish provide coupons they have earned by giving blood? When a parishioner requires blood services, each coupon gives a \$10 credit towards laboratory charges, which can be substantial. If you ever find yourself in need of blood coupons, please call the Church Office at 345-8314.

Here are some highlights from the last few months:

Ms. P. worked as a waitress until her shoulder was fractured in a fall. We helped cover her rent while she underwent therapy.

Ms. M., long disabled, got help with an exceptionally high electric bill.

Mr. N. lost his job in high tech, but found another in Colorado through a Christian agency. We paid minor auto repairs and the cost of the U-Haul to move him and his pregnant wife there.

Mrs. C., who is disabled and needs a car, had fallen behind in car payments. A generous donor from St. Matthew's paid off the note on her car, enabling her to live within the modest means she has from Social Security.

Mrs. W., a single mother and Nursing Aide between jobs, was unable to pay rent for a couple of months. Our contribution saved her from eviction.

Mr. J. was disabled on the job. Our contribution to the rent kept his family of four in their apartment until his disability payments and the wife's paychecks began.

Please remember Good Faith on the first Sunday of the month, or any time you choose to help us save people, and transform their lives for Jesus' sake.

We thank our many regular blood donors from St. Matthew's who make special trips to the Church Office to turn in their coupons to be added to our collection. Sometimes we even receive blood donation coupons in the Sunday offering. What a gift these members provide! You know who you are — we thank you sincerely.

From the Group Formerly Known as the Search Committee

by *Russ Adams*

The other day my wife happened upon a picture of her father. He was younger then, sitting on the porch of the lake house with a pair of flops, T-shirt, swimsuit and sunglasses, gazing out at the lake. At his side were two of his grandsons, one looking up at him with incredible admiration, well-deserved admiration. As we enjoyed this picture, we came to the realization that this snapshot served as a beautiful and timeless picture of who her father really is and always will be to us and his family.

One of our early tasks as a search committee, with your able assistance, was to arrive at such a snapshot — a picture of who we are. Hence, the vision statement you've been hearing and seeing around here. We've been blessed with wonderful sermons related to this statement.

Truly, a sense of vision is significant. It is a defining portrait. It can give us a sense of direction, and a sense of purpose. Comparing our life experience to it, we are able to discover more about who we are individually and where we are going. A vision helps us understand where we fit in the process. A sense of vision gives us something to do with our awareness of need around us.

A verse comes to mind in the book of Proverbs from the King James version, "Where there is no vision, the people perish (Prov 29: 18)." Later translations change the "perish" to "lack restraint." Here, you might picture a vision as something that keeps us on course, when there are so many little things that get us off track. I heard Billy Graham say once, "If you aim at nothing, you will hit it." Clearly we need to know where we are going to get there.

I like the definitions of vision in the dictionary. They have the sound of something illusory and impractical, but also of foresight. I'd say our vision statement with its big dreams fits in perfectly. We have to aim way above where we are. And it takes something big to get us motivated and enthusiastic about knowing Christ and making him known. We aren't there yet, but the process is what its all about.

We of the search committee are asking you to join with us in this adventure. As individuals and as a church, we desire to grow into everything God has called us to be. We are excited about the future, and the direction in which our vision will lead us. It will guide us in direction and decisions along the way. Get a copy of the statement, keep it with you, look at it, pray about it, dream about it. What is God's place and plan for you? We know from scripture that God has a plan and a place for every one of us.

New Beginnings Through Stewardship

Submitted by Dyke Miller and Others, Stewardship Commission

“As you go preach this message: ‘The Kingdom of heaven is near.’

Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons.

Freely you have received; freely give.”
Matthew 10: 7-8

What is in a word? Sometimes more than one knows! Stewardship is a word I have heard since boyhood, one I have valued and tried to take seriously. The word is packed with meaning and potential creative application to all of life.

Now, do not turn the page or go on to read something else just because I used the term that I’m afraid most of us use to associate with financial needs and fund-raising. The irony is that “stewardship” is a common word in the vocabulary of American Churches, but a word subject to superficial definition, trivialization and misunderstanding. The damaging result of limiting stewardship primarily to financial concerns is that the real nature of Christian giving cannot be understood in isolation from the wider horizons of stewardship.

A steward is the manager of the affairs of God on earth. Everything We have, talent, time, property, health, relationships, the Gospel is given to us by God. A Christian steward serves God out of love and gratitude for these gifts knowing that it’s not HOW MUCH we have but what we do with WHAT WE HAVE that is important. Life itself is a Stewardship. Giving money to the church is a Symbolic Act, the offering of ourselves in service and devotion to God.

The Rev. Joe Di Paola had a parting pastoral message in his last Sermon of June 30. He said this, maybe you remember his words: “One area that is needful and seriously lacking is our growth in the area

of Christian stewardship. True it is that we abound in the giving of our time and talent. However, that is only the first part. The second half, the other part of our stewardship is seriously and prayerfully growing in our giving. (If) St. Matthew’s Church is to live into the wonderful future that God has destined for it there is no question about it, there must be, there has to be, it’s absolutely critical, it is imperative that we have significant growth in our giving.”

Because each of us is at a different point on this path and God is the only one who knows where we are, the church stewardship focus is bound to create some uneasiness among many of us. Our theme this year is “New Beginnings Through Stewardship.” This means for each of us to prayerfully consider where WE are in our stewardship walk and take a first step or continue our past steps toward the biblically directed tithes.

We focused the renewal of our TIME and TALENT through the Ministry Fair on the 25th of August. This calling of God for us to give of ourselves in the ministries of St. Matthew’s was but the first part of our stewardship walk in preparation for the coming year. The final event for our Stewardship Program for 2003 will be Commitment Sunday on October 27. At that time, each of us will have the opportunity to present our commitments for the coming year at the Altar. To help us with this process, the Clergy and several of our members will share their thoughts on stewardship with us as we move through the weeks to October 27th. Remember, “The Kingdom of heaven is near.” . . . “Freely you have received; freely give.”

Senior Sentences

by Lucy A. Boyea, Minister of Senior Activities

This month I would like to share with you a “Garden Meditation” by Reverend Max Coats:

Let us give thanks for a bounty of people. For children who are our second planting, and though they grow like weeds and the wind too soon blows them away, may they forgive us our cultivation and fondly remember where their roots are. Let us give thanks: For generous friends, with hearts — and smiles — as bright as their blossoms; For feisty friends, as tart as apples; For continuous friends, who, like scallions and cucumbers, keep reminding us that we’ve had them; For crotchety friends, sour as rhubarb and as indestructible; For handsome friends, who are gorgeous as eggplants and as elegant as a row of corn, and the others, as plain as potatoes and so good for you; For funny friends, who are as silly as Brussels sprouts and as amusing as Jerusalem artichokes; And serious friends as unpretentious as cabbages, as subtle as summer squash, as persistent as parsley, as delightful as dill, as endless as zucchini and who, like parsnips, can be counted on to see you through the winter; For old friends, nodding like sunflowers in the evening-time and young friends coming on as fast as radishes; For loving friends, who wind around us like tendrils and hold us, despite our blights, wilts, and witherings; And finally, for those friends now gone, like gardens past that have been harvested, but who fed us in their time that we might have life thereafter. For all these we give thanks.

July 2002 Financial Statement

	CURRENT MONTH		YEAR-TO-DATE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Plate & Pledges	\$66,233	\$80,834	\$465,711	\$565,836
Total Income	68,336	85,710	511,442	614,472
Total Expenses	79,268	93,714	593,021	704,773
Diff. of Income vs. Expenses	(\$10,932)	(\$8,004)	(\$81,579)	(\$90,301)

Indebtedness as of July 30, 2002 -0-

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From the Children's Council

by Ann Hart, Children's Council Chair

Children at St. Matthew's really had a BLAST over the summer. In addition to Vacation Bible School, they enjoyed breakfast and parables in the shade every Sunday. Thanks to Children's Council member Susan Fugate for supervising our breakfasts for ten weeks. After eating, the children went inside to hear the words of Jesus and respond to them in very creative ways. Take a moment to look at their big illustrations of the some of the parables. Many thanks to our artists-in-residence, Selah and Celena. Also known as St. Matthew's nursery workers, these talented sisters designed the scenes and helped the children complete them using paint, yarn, tissue paper, and other materials. Summer ended with a Treasure Hunt on August 18. Thank you, Tracey Nichols, for coordinating such a fun event.

Now members of the Children's Council are excited about the Fall semester. We've had many discussions about how to fine-tune Sunday mornings for our children. We've made slight but significant changes to the schedule and also done our best to eliminate duplication. We believe you and your children will be thrilled with the results. For details, please take the time to read Children's Minister Barbara Pitts' article found elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Children's Council is an advisory committee set up to help the Children's Ministry staff develop and implement programs. Meetings are open to anyone interested in the Children's programs at St. Matthew's. Feel free to come and listen any time. If you'd like to add an item to the agenda, please call or e-mail the week before the meeting. If you are unable to attend our meetings but would like a copy of the Minutes, please let me know. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. Ann Hart (257-7130 or ann-hart@austin.rr.com)

IMAX Theater Party

by Heather Harmon

Club 345 members (meaning *anyone* in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade) come join us Friday, September 20th for fun at St. Matthew's and fun at the IMAX Theater. Meet at St. Matt's in B-18 at 8 p.m. We will eat and play games until 9:30 when we will leave for the IMAX Theater. Please have your parents (if they are not helping us drive) pick you up in front of the Bob Bullock Museum at 11 p.m. Bring \$5 for movie ticket. Thanks! Contact Heather (418-9343 or hookem02@texas.net) to RSVP by September 15th, to ask questions, or to sign up to help!

News From the Nursery

by Tracey Nichols, Nursery Coordinator

If you did not know, or you need a reminder, the nursery sponsors a Parents' Night Out every third Friday of the month from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. We provide sitting for up to 10 children, no age limit, for a small fee of \$5.00 per child. Please bring a dinner with your child if they have not already been fed before they arrive. This allows parents a little time to themselves for dinner or errands. Please contact me at 331-0653 at the beginning of each month to reserve your space.

Please think of St. Matthew's when you are cleaning out your closets. The Youth and the Nursery are planning a garage sale scheduled for October 26th. Please contact me regarding large items donated. Smaller items can be placed in boxes and marked "garage sale" and stored behind the partitions in Huffman Hall. They will be moved to a storage unit as more items are donated. Thanks in advance for your generous donations!!

Welcome Back!!!

by Heather Harmon

Welcome back to another school year! Another school year means another chance to participate in Club 345 events. Club 345 is a group for current third, fourth, and fifth graders. ANYONE who is in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade is automatically a member of Club 345 — no membership forms needed! If you are a new third grader, new to St. Matthew's, or have never tried coming to one of our events, please consider coming to our September event and seeing what all the fun is about! Look for a display soon in the Commons of the sanctuary where you can find out more about what is planned for Club 345 this coming school year. For questions, please contact Heather Harmon at 418-9343 or hookem02@texas.net.

Youth News

by Eric Liles

"Back to school, back to school, to prove to dada that I'm not a fool."

While Adam Sandler may not always get things right (anybody see "Little Nicky"? What a horrible flick!), I think we can all take something from this saying. That although most of us on some levels dread the thought of returning to school, hopefully we can all see that learning and growing in our faith is something that our Heavenly Father takes joy in us doing. I hope that everyone has a great first month back to school. We have a great month of youth ministry planned. Don't miss out, and be sure to bring your friends! If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or want to talk or hang out, let me know.

God's Peace,
Eric

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Youth Calendar for September

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| Sept 4 | Pizza Night 7-8:30 p.m.
Agape Building |
| Sept 5 | Youth Council Meeting 7-9 p.m.
Agape Building |
| Sept 8 | Sunday Morning Youth Group
9-10:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30-12
Rite 13 Retreat (all day, ends with
community celebration dinner) |
| Sept 11 | Youth Group 7-8:30 p.m. |
| Sept 15 | Sunday Morning Youth Group
9-10:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30-12 Rite 13 service |
| Sept 18 | Youth Group 7-8:30 p.m. |
| Sept 22 | St. Matthew's Day
No Sunday Morning Youth Group
Worship 10:30-12
J2A Pilgrimage Fund-raiser |
| Sept 25 | Youth Group 7-8:30 p.m. |
| Sept 27-29 | Let's all go to E-Rock, rock climbing,
rappelling, caving, bring
your friends!
Cost is \$85 per person, some scholarship
money will be available. |
| Sept 29 | Sunday Morning Youth Group
9-10:30 a.m. Baptisms
Worship 10:30-12 |

Sunday Morning Children's Program to Begin September 1st!

by Barbara Pitts, Children's Minister

Sunday Morning Schedule

Safety first! Each Sunday begins with parent sign-in of all children 10 years and younger. This is St. Matthew's policy that has withstood the test of time, and all parents are asked to honor it weekly. Children ages 3-years* – 5th grade sign-in in the Commons. They will spend the morning with adults trained to work with them on their age and developmental levels.

8:55 Sign-in & Name tags Commons
 9:00 Opening Service Church
 Processional & Opening Sentences
 Calendar and Homily
 Prayers of the People
 Recessional
 9:15 Sunday School (*See Classes*)
 9:10 Transition from Service
 9:15 Opening activities
 9:30 Lesson
 9:50 Children's work time
 10:15 Snack
 10:30 Chapel for I & II (*See Classes*)
 10:30 Opening Songs
 10:40 Lesson
 10:45 Collect, Confession, Creed
 10:50 Action Music
 11:00 Quieter Music
 11:10 Eucharist Church

Classes: Who Goes Where?

On Sunday, September 1, all children age three* through fifth grade will "move up" to new Sunday School classes according to their grade levels in the new school year. We have four age groupings and class settings for our children, after the Opening Service in the Church at 9:00:

3 Years - Kinder.	Level I	9:15	B-17
1st - 3rd Grades	Level II	9:15	B-16
4th & 5th Grades	Level III	9:15	
			Ed. Bldg. Breezeway
6th Grade	Level IV	9:00	

Office Bldg.

Maps will be available at Sign-in and posted around campus.

Opening Service

New this year! As all children, Levels I, II, and III are signed in (Where? In the Commons, right?!), they will participate in a lively and informative opening service. This service will serve as a transition from the chronological pressure of their busy mornings to the leisurely pace of Kairos time, where enjoyment of God has no time constraints. It will familiarize the children with the sense of ritual in the Episcopal Church, as well as with our St. Matthew's worship space.

September Sunday School Lessons

Expect to see the children spending time in three areas: familiarization with new classmates, new adult teachers, and new classrooms, through group activities; lessons; and individual and group

activities to allow the children time to respond to the lessons according to their own learning styles.

Level I lessons will be designed to help the children meet with God and fall in love with God through His invitation to the altar, the feast table where He invites all people.

Level II lessons will be designed to help the children see God's love for them through His plan of creation.

Level III lessons will be designed to focus on pursuing peace in the community through forgiveness, commitment and the generosity of God.

Chapel

This year we shall offer two concurrent chapel services. Children age 3-years* through Kindergarten will attend Level I Chapel in B-19. Children 1st through 3rd grade will attend Level II Chapel in the Choir Room. Children who have attended Sunday School will be escorted to the appropriate Chapel from their classrooms. Children who have not attended Sunday School will join them, processing with an acolyte from the Church Service at the beginning of Songs of Praise and Worship. At the Sign of Peace, all children will be processed to The Commons to join their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Communications

How can you keep up with what your child is "doing" in Sunday School, when your child always tells you "nothing?!" Being a parent myself, I understand! So, watch for monthly articles in the St. Matthew's Word, and watch for brochures printed five times each year, also available on the St. Matthew's Web Site. Through these, we should help you stay "in the know," by previewing the upcoming lessons and by even providing you with some of the background for those lessons.

In addition, the teachers may communicate with families through newsletters on occasion. We have wonderfully sensitive teachers; please contact them with questions or concerns. Please feel free to contact me, as well.

Calendar

Sept. 1	Labor Day	First Class
Sept. 22	St. Matthew's Day	No Class
Dec. 22*		No Class
Dec. 29*		No Class
April 20, Easter*		No Class
May 18		Last Class

*Special Chapel

*Children who turn age 3 by September 1, 2002, following the public school criterion.

St. Matthew's Day School News: We Are Back!

by Pam Littlefield, Director

Once again our St. Matthew's School will be filled with laughter, hugs and unsaturated curiosity. The summers are too quiet at St. Matthew's without our children. We opened our doors on Thursday, August 29th for all of our St. Matthew's children.

Our school has welcomed five new staff members this year. Joining our staff of 36 members are:

Tracy Rodriguez: Lead Kindergarten teacher
 Kate Pluta: Asst. Kindergarten teacher
 Liz McDonald: Asst. 3 year old teacher
 Debbie Bell: Asst. 2 year old teacher
 Lauri Bulta: Asst. Pre Kinder

We have been busy cleaning and repairing many items in the Education Building. Tile has been replaced in the bathrooms, mini blinds have been replaced in the classrooms (on the East side of the building). Sinks and countertops have been repaired and replaced. After the floors were waxed, the walls were painted and carpets were cleaned, we were ready to greet the new school year.

Barbara Pitts will once again be leading our policy making School Board this year. Other members of the St. Matthew's School Board are: Vada Dillawn, Dean Fisher, Phil Hatlen, Elizabeth Vetter, Kristin Fason, Andrew Urban, Michael McCollum, Kay Ballard, The Rev. Merrill Wade, Eileen Cole and Pam Littlefield.

Carolyn Carpenter will once again be serving as the Parent Council President. All parents of St. Matthew's School are members of this very important support group. The Council oversees all parent-related functions such as guest speakers on parenting techniques and our two annual fund raisers. They also give outstanding support to our teachers in the classrooms. We are excited to be back and look forward to a new and wonderful school year.



ConneXions Social Hour September 15

by Leslie and Bill Kjellstrand

ConneXions groups will re-form in September with a social hour at 7 p.m. Sunday, September 15, in Huffman Hall. If you are currently in or want to be in ConneXions, you are invited to come and meet other members of ConneXions. About nine or 10 groups are planned for the Fall 2002 cycle. Now is the time to join.

ConneXions is one of St. Matthew's most popular and longest running groups. ConneXions has been active for more than 14 years at St. Matthew's. Many long-term friendships have formed from ConneXions groups and many wonderful dishes have been enjoyed and recipes exchanged.

ConneXions groups of about 10 to 12 – couples and singles – gather for meals in the homes of members monthly during a six-month cycle. You need only make a meal for your group one time in the cycle and then you can enjoy all the others. And the meals can be breakfast, brunch, lunch, or dinner—whatever works for your group. Each group has a host or host couple to begin the monthly meals and shepherd the group through the cycle. New cycles begin in March and September.

If you've been considering joining ConneXions, call Leslie and Bill Kjellstrand, ConneXions leaders, 331-2121, or email, stmconnexions@hotmail.com. Also, if you are currently in a ConneXions group and need to drop out for a cycle or two, let the Kjellstrands know. If they don't hear from members, they will assume that members want to stay in the program and will assign them to another group. Deadline for members to drop out is September 10.

Most ConneXions communications will be done by email to members. All ConneXions members will receive an email with the new group assignment; if you don't have email, you'll be sent a letter. If you've changed your email address, please let Kjellstrands know that, too! Group hosts will set up the first meal for each group, and members are encouraged to plan tentative dates for the remainder of the cycle at the initial meal for the cycle.

2002 ECW Outreach Project: SafePlace

by Carol Mynes

Did you know that St. Matthew's is a pivotal member of the Diocesan Cooperative Project called the SafePlace Episcopal Fund?

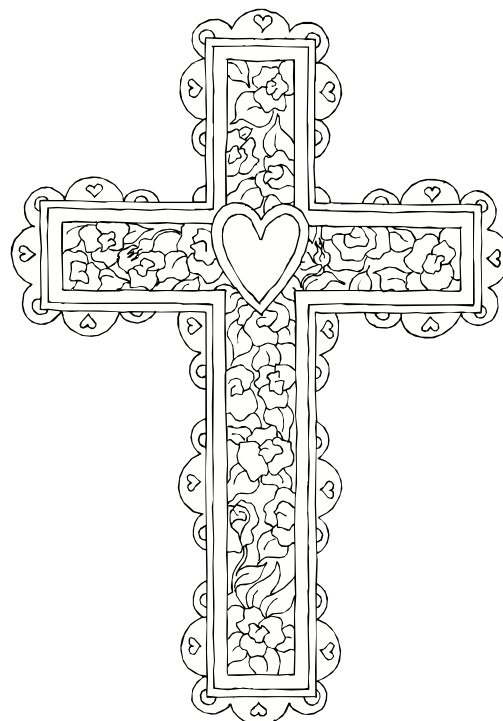
"What is SafePlace?" Glad you asked. SafePlace is a survival center for victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence. (Did you know that in the U.S. a woman is battered every nine seconds?) SafePlace helps those hurt by this violence to heal and empower themselves. (Did you know that 50% of men who frequently assault their wives also frequently assault their children?) SafePlace provides prevention, intervention, education and advocacy. (Did you know that one out of ten rape victims are male?)

"What is the SafePlace Episcopal Fund?" you ask. Well, let me tell you a little bit about it. Several years ago, under the faithful guidance of Cynthia Wilson, St. Matthew's, Good Shepherd and Resurrection Episcopal churches sought Diocesan help in establishing the Fund to provide emergency financial assistance for the special needs of families in crisis. This fund covers needs not covered in any other way for items such as prescriptions, car repair, past due rent, child care, application fees for left-behind paperwork such as birth certificates, driver's licenses and INS forms, and other emergency expenses needed to help families put their lives back together. In 2001, 55 adults and their respective children were directly assisted by the

SafePlace Episcopal Fund. Two members of each of the cooperative churches oversee the disbursement of these monies. Additionally, each congregation donates housing, clothing, home furnishings, and other necessary items.

"How can you help?" (Boy y'all ask the best questions!) The request is rather simple. As you may be aware, there is a large, white wooden box, constructed in love by Milt Williams, and located in Huffman Hall. We often refer to this box as the "El Buen" box. Well, it's also the "Safe Place" box. Items left in this box are split between these two worthy organizations. An informational sheet is attached to the box with the current Wish List of items needed for SafePlace. If you wish, you may mark your donation, as intended for either El Buen or SafePlace to ensure they get to your intended organization. Either way, know that your contribution will help some deserving family in need.

For further information on ways to help or for volunteer opportunities, please call Carol Mynes (343-6801) or email her at carol.dearlove-mynes@amd.com. There is an informational brochure in the Tract Rack in the Commons entitled "What the faith community should know about Domestic Violence."



ECW News

by JoAnn Grandjean

Dear Women of St. Matthew's, Leslie Kjellstrand and Carol Mynes, our ECW co-chairs, join me in inviting each of you as women of the church to join us for the annual gathering of Episcopal Church Women in the Diocese of Texas on November 1 and 2, 2002. Come and enjoy worship, workshops, prayer, and solitude in the beautiful setting of Camp Allen. Join our group of "everyday saints, women living our faith," to celebrate the wonderful work that each of us does to support our faith, families, churches and communities. As we pray, play and grow together at Camp Allen, we each nurture and support each other. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your faith and fellowship!

Like a homecoming weekend, the Annual Meeting will be a gathering of old friends and new. Women from all over the Diocese of Texas will travel to the familiar peacefulness of Camp Allen for a weekend of inspiration and recharging. About 500 women are expected to attend the annual meeting. We, meaning St. Matthew's women, are the host for this year's event with the help of other churches in the Austin Convocation.

There will be over 20 exhibitors for your "retail therapy" (Christmas is right around the corner, you know.) Also, Daughters of the King, will have a Prayer Chapel during the two-day meeting. You may join them in prayer or ask for their prayers for you and loved ones.

What would an annual meeting be without a T-shirt? This year's cream colored long-sleeve shirt boasts the new ECW butterfly either boldly on the front or as a small emblem in the pocket area. Each version costs \$12. The profit made from the T-shirts will support St. Matthew's Outreach "new-born baby packages" at El Buen Samaritano.

Registration, including meals and lodging, costs \$110 for the two days. Either day, without lodging, will cost \$50 and both days, without lodging, \$60. Early bird deadline is October 15. We cannot register you without your check accompanying the registration form. If you register after the deadline, there will be an additional \$30 late fee. For additional information and registration forms please see the website at www.stmattsaustin.org

Your sisters in Christ,

Jo Ann Grandjean, Chair AM2002

Leslie Kjellstrand - Co-Chair ECW

Carol Mynes - Co-Chair ECW

ECW Workshops You Will Want To Attend at Camp Allen

- ♦ *Women of the Passion: A Journey to the Cross.* Lead by Katie Sherrrod, writer, independent television producer and commentator and a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Worth.
- ♦ *Women on a Mission!!* Learn about missions trips planned and staffed by members of Church of the Good Shepherd in Tomball. Presented by Pam Pak, Kelly Wilkie and Julie Woody who are all members of Good Shepherd.
- ♦ *Women and Their Meetings: Nuts and Bolts for Your ECW.* Ideas for good programs and meetings, where to look for leadership and how to keep your balance in fund-raising projects. Presented by current and former ECW Board members.
- ♦ *Women Turning Lives Around: The United Thank Offering.* Uniting your "One Small Coin" with many other small coins to make the UTO a simple and effective way for women to serve God and others will be presented by Peggy Tolson, UTO coordinator for the Diocese of Texas.
- ♦ *Women Encouraging Education: The Vera Gang Scott Scholarships.* Dixie Sellers, chair of the Vera Gang Scott Scholarship Fund, will present the history of how this program began and all that it has accomplished.
- ♦ *Women of Strength and Caring: Come on In, The Water's Fine.* Sylvia Horne, coordinator for the Community of Hope at St. Luke's Hospital, will discuss the powerful role that has been filled by strong women for centuries and how to fill this role without giving up, giving in or burning out.
- ♦ *Women Exploring God's Creation: The Discovery Program at Camp Allen.* Candy Moore, a member of Camp Allen's staff, will take you on a nature hike, which will include identifying plants, trees, wildlife and ecosystems. Two programs will be scheduled.
- ♦ *Women Bearing Christ's Image: Understanding Our Self Worth as the Reflections of His Glory.* Lead by Annette Geffert, author of *A Toolbox for Our Daughters: Building Strength, Confidence, and Integrity*
- ♦ *Women of Devotion and Artistry: "Our Lady of the Laundry Basket"*. Presented by Judy King, a sculptor whose work is a blend of devotion and artistry.

Join Us in the Community of Hope

by Joanne Cage

A year ago, I read in the bulletin about a new class entitled "Training for the Community of Hope". I asked a friend, "What is Community of Hope?" (At my age, I should have learned to keep my mouth shut) Her eyes lit up and she told me about the new program based on Benedictine spirituality. "It is a school for God's service. You are just the kind of person we are looking for. It is reaching out to people."

"Are you sure I am qualified?" I asked. "I don't know anything about Benedictine spirituality."

"Of course!" she said, (She was so enthusiastic). "You are a very caring person and you already reach out in many helpful ways. This will give structure to what you already do and reinforce your skills in listening to people, giving spiritual support, and prayer."

Thinking to myself, "I can always drop out if I don't like it or find that it is not for me- not my thing," and dragging my feet every inch of the way, I attended the first meeting. The clergy, lay staff, and community specialists that gave of their time to teach us, enriched my own life so much with a better understanding of my own faith. God's love has touched my life in so many ways through the encouragement of my parents, teachers, friends, husband, and children, and now the Community of Hope has nudged me once again to take the next step to share with others the gifts that God has given me.

For more information, please contact Cynthia Wilson (346-6870 or W8300@yahoo.com) or Joanne Cage (346-5203 or marjocage@aol.com)

Register by calling the church office 345-8314. The class is limited to 15. Registration fee is \$40. Scholarships available. Won't you prayerfully consider joining us?

September 11th Memorial Concert: "Heroes Lost and Fallen"

Austin Civic Orchestra: Celebrating Our 25th Anniversary (1977-2002)

What: The ACO kicks off its 2002-2003 season with a concert honoring the heroes lost and fallen on September 11, 2001. Conducted by the ACO's new Music Director, Dr. Lois Ferrari, the music program includes Wagner: "Siegfried's Death & Funeral," the March from "Gotterdammerung," Strauss: "Allerseelan," Beethoven: "Funeral March on the Death of a Hero," Jerry Goldsmith: "September 11, 2001," and John Williams: "Hymn to the Fallen from 'Saving Private Ryan'."

When: Sunday, Sept. 15 at 3:00 p.m.

Where: St. Matthew's Sanctuary

How Much: Admission \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors & students, and \$3 for children. Tickets will be available at the door.

More Info: For more information, visit www.austincivicorchestra.org, or call 990-8ACO.

Cookbook Deadline Extended

by Katie Lane and Leslie Kjellstrand

The St. Matthew's cookbook committee is busy testing and tasting recipes that have been contributed; but we still need more recipes. The cookbook won't meet the deadline for the September Arts Festival and has extended the deadline for recipes until September 30. We'll take your recipes, kitchen tips or wise words to cooks either on paper or by email, but we prefer email. Send them to smcookbook@hotmail.com. If you prefer to send paper copies, mail or drop them off at the Church Office. If you have questions, call cookbook editors Katie Lane at home after 5 p.m. at 252-7084 or Leslie Kjellstrand at home after 7 p.m., 331-2121.

Episcopal Seminary Offers Classes

by Bob Kinney, ETSS Staff

Courses in this fall's Austin Lay School of Theology will focus on Jesus, the Bible and Mary.

Registration is open to everyone and there are no educational prerequisites. September 23 is the deadline to register for these non-credit, once a week, evening courses at the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, 606 Rathervue Place, in north central Austin.

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Rigby will lead an exploration of "*Being 'Saved' - Salvation & Other Tough Faith Questions*" in a Tuesday evening course. Beginning October 8, the class will ask "What does it mean to be 'saved'? We know salvation is more than 'fire insurance,' but what does it have to do with life in the here and now?" Professor Rigby teaches theology at the Austin Presbyterian Seminary.

"*Biblical Foundation for Contemporary Spirituality*" will examine scripture from a perspective mixed with creation, redemption and holy living. Special attention will be given to using this Trinitarian formula as a model to understand the much-used and seldom defined word, "spirituality." The Rev. Dr. Roger Paynter, senior pastor of the First Baptist Church in Austin who teaches preaching at the Episcopal Seminary, will lead the Tuesday course beginning October 1.

"*What About Mary?*" a Monday evening course beginning September 30, will focus on her 2,000-year-history. From the historical Mary in scripture and the development of a Jewish Christian tradition of worship in the first century to the Mary revealed in modern-day liberation and feminist theologies, the course will explore the varieties of Mary. Mason Terry, an active member of St. David's Episcopal Church who holds the master's degree in theological studies, will teach the course.

Tuition for each five session course is \$50 per person and \$75 per couple. Class are held from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. Madelyn Snodgrass (472-4133, ext. 344, e-mail: msnodgrass@etss.edu) is the Lay School registrar.

A Stroll Through Our Memorial Garden

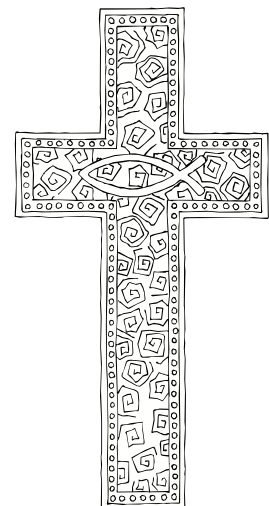
by Warren Marshall

The Bilye 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.



Birthdays**September**

- 1 Tim Kyle, Ryan Nichols, Tyler Pugsley, Donna Tarbox, Sara Walsh
- 2 Brandon Brickley, Marsha Lee, David Price
- 3 David Carrier, Ken Hay, Patty Steed
- 4 Phil Hatlen, Allen Keith, Warren Marshall, Fossie Moore, Michael Zimmerman
- 5 Lauren Clark, Colleen Hale, Tom Holt, J. D. Johns
- 6 Ryan Leather, Diane Smith, Skyler Thorn
- 7 Judy Bomar, Sarah Neely
- 8 Hannah Clafin, Glenda Monroe, Mia Nieman, Kay Whitney
- 9 Margaret Hampton
- 10 Margaret Myers, Dianne Spires
- 11 Valerie Barker, Ethan Luce, Jill Miller, Haley Naiser, Baylee Wilkins, Marilyn Wright
- 12 Michael Bemis, Nancy Flanders, Jeremy Jones, Savannah Thorn
- 13 Susan Olle, Clarissa Vazques, Brianna Walters
- 14 Kathryn Baffes, Keith Kirkgard, Bill Kjellstrand
- 15 Mary Jo Culver, Dan McLendon
- 16 Jill Bacon, Kathy Dugat, Dave Hart, Larry Richards
- 17 Shannon Magee, Leslie Massad, Carol Mynes, Nancy Richards
- 18 Ryan Beal, Todd Le, Sharon Roberts
- 19 M'Lou Bell, Maya Bhatt, Pam Godfrey, Madeline Sutherland-Meier
- 20 Mary Eastberg, Barbara Ekerdt, William Fisher, Marshall Gregg, Bruce Meleski, Carol Price
- 21 Jay Bhatt, Steve Brock, Shannon Fitzwater, Kelton Gilmore, Larry Roden, Barbara Spelman
- 22 Jane Adolph, Alyssa Moore, Jordan Tarbox
- 23 Ariana Patron
- 24 Terry Shook, Diane Sparks, Lisa Williams
- 25 Angie Carey
- 26 Maddie Clafin, Allyson Dubose, Woodie Jones, Andrew McAdams
- 27 Margaret Huffman, Christine Miller, Millie Scott, Clif Steed, Leigh Williamson
- 28 Susan J. Barnes, Michele Howells, Nancy Johnson
- 29 Pat Boon, Mary Nell Frucella, Gabe Ireland, Tom Robinson
- 30 Russ Adams, Andrew Bushong, Shelly Kirkgard, Kian McLay, Brad Smith, Penny Stephens

October

- 1 Anna Deutschle, Ellen Wilkes
- 2 Mary Clafin, Tom Massey, Will Smither, Cynthia Wilson
- 3 Molly Price, Debbie Simons, Bill Smith, Mary Ann Squires
- 4 Michael Mashburn
- 5 Kevin Burnett, David Hampton, Kyle Hendricks, Bobby Magee
- 6 Miller Bursk, Elaine Goessling, Callie Harakal, Joy Swanson, Rachel Zimmerman
- 7 Cindy Hendricks, Betsy McCraine

New Members

Angie and John Carey
Miles and Anna Grace

Cathryn and Bronson Dorsey
Andrew and Clayton

Hansita Hansen

Lori and Scott Murphy
Nathaniel and Chelsea

Jeanne Ridgley

Crystal and Merrill Wade
Patrick and Caroline

Bill Wallasek

Pat and Bob Yeargain

Deaths

Gregory Pitts
died on July 27,
brother of Laura Adolph

Damien Gregory
died on August 5,
son of Alan and Suzy Gregory

Eleanor Eastberg
died on August 12,
wife of John Nels Eastberg

Births

John Michael Hatheway
was born on August 5, 2002.
Son of Gina Marie and Michael Hatheway,
grandson of Maly and Tony Hatheway

St. Matthew's Activity Calendar

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

DATE	DAY	EVENT	TIME
September 1	Sunday	First Day of Fall Sunday School, kids and adults	9:00 a.m.
September 2	Monday	Labor Day - Office Closed	
September 6	Friday	Young at Heart Luncheon in Huffman Hall	noon
September 6-7	Fri/Sat	Parish Festival - Opening Our Hearts to the Arts	
September 11	Wednesday	St. Matthew's 9/11 Memorial Service	6:00 p.m.
September 14	Saturday	Community of Hope Training Begins	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
September 14	Saturday	Ockert/Briseno Wedding	2:00 p.m.
September 14	Saturday	UT vs. North Carolina at Chapel Hill	
September 15	Sunday	Austin Civic Orchestra - 9/11 Memorial Concert	3:00 p.m.
September 18	Wednesday	Men's Fellowship in Huffman Hall	5:30 p.m.
September 20	Friday	The Word Deadline - October issue	4:30 p.m.
September 21	Saturday	UT vs. University of Houston here	
September 22	Sunday	St. Matthew's Day observed - one service only	10:30 a.m.
September 22	Sunday	Parish Luncheon with Children's activities	noon
September 24	Tuesday	Vestry Meeting in B-18	7:00 p.m.
September 28	Saturday	UT vs. Tulane at New Orleans	
September 29	Sunday	Baptisms	10:30 a.m.
October 5	Saturday	UT vs. Oklahoma State here	
October 6	Sunday	Parish Luncheon honoring New Members in HH	noon

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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 8:00 a.m. to 12:
45 p.m., where childcare is cheerfully provided for little
ones from birth to age four.

**Deadline for the October issue
of *The Word* is
Friday, September 20, 2002
at 5:00 p.m. Submissions on diskette
are welcomed - or email your article
to betty@stmattsAustin.org
Articles may be edited for content
and length.**

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Debbie Meleski *Communications*
Bob Ascott *Personnel*
Holly Decherd *Stewardship*
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