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From The Rector

THE REV. MERRILL WADE

Dear Friends,

As I write this on August 13 we in Austin are enjoying a rare cool morning – pointing us toward the respite of fall weather. As fall approaches and we are back to school and the renewed demands and pleasures of changing schedules, I want to pause and ponder the meaning of our weekly celebrations of the Holy Eucharist.

The Risen Christ is Our Priest, Our Example and Our Fellowship

Our Sunday services, wherein our Lord Jesus invites us to his table fellowship, to feed us with his very essence, his Body and Blood, are the very core and source of our strength together. We are a sacramental church. Our union is in Christ, not in ideology, wealth, power or politics. Our weekly gathering is, Sunday by Sunday, at the invitation of a poor itinerant Jewish man, Jesus, who is God's Son, setting for us an example of Godly life and humble gratitude.

In the reading and preaching of the Scriptures, we are invited by the Risen Jesus to learn about the glorious mysteries of his Kingdom, of the power of love and forgiveness to heal and renew. In the Holy Communion we learn that there is no hierarchy in God's love, which is perfect and casts out fear. I am suggesting that the Holy Communion is a miniature snapshot of life in God's Kingdom, of which we can get glimpses of God's love at work in the world. We gather together at the Lord's Table, to be taught, inspired and sent out to serve. Jesus has a graceful claim on our lives, which is made tangible each week as we are told to "go in peace to love and serve the Lord."

St. Matthew's Understands that the Good Life is Shared by Holy and Healthy Relationships

As a sacramental church, the weekly gathering at God's Altar is the source of our fellowship and relationships. For that reason, the Stewardship Commission of the Vestry has raised up "Relationships" as the theme for our fall stewardship program. St. Matthew's has an important vocation in NW Austin. We are church that loves to love!!

We are a church that knows no strangers and those who come on our campus are freely welcomed and loved. When we exchange the Peace we are making peace in a broken world. When we extend our hands to receive com-

ness and new life. I invite you to ponder your relationships to your Brothers and Sisters at St. Matthew's when you make your financial pledge to your church for 2005. We are a church on the verge of significant growth and new life – pledge a real share of yourself and your income to building the relationships that make St. Matthew's a unique church and a community of love, acceptance and obedient discipleship.

Vocation Celebration on Labor Day Sunday

I want to comment on two major events associated with our September stewardship program. On Sunday, September 5, in association with Labor Day weekend, we will offer our gifts of life and labor during the 10:30 a.m. service. For this service I invite you to bring a token of your work or vocation or avocation to church and place it on the altar when instructed during the service. The goal of this action is for our adults and children to give thanks for the opportunities we enjoy as Americans to use our minds and hands for gainful employment. On God's Altar last year we celebrated the Holy Eucharist amongst a "holy clutter" of offering plates, bread and wine, stethoscopes, computer keyboards, aprons, diaper bags, weekly planners, knitting, priestly stoles, and too many other wonderful signs of life and labor to describe. Please come in gratitude as we begin our fall stewardship program in earnest on September 5. And remember, we all fully understand that jobs are precious and that many of us are unemployed or underemployed, or constantly fear the loss of their jobs. Our Prayers of the People on that day will reflect these ongoing concerns.

**St. Matthew's Day is
Sunday, September 19**

**Feast Day Celebration!
One Service Only - 10:30 a.m.**

**Followed by lunch in
Huffman Hall and Courtyard
Sponsored by the Associate Vestry
Prepared by the Holy Smokers**

**Entertainment for Children and Adults
Watch the Weekly Word for more details soon!**

**Wear Red! Come Early! Enjoy Lunch!
Bring the Kids! Stay late!**

munion we are saying that we are all together in a world broken by strife, misinformation and chaos. We are not perfect, but we are a fine work in progress. Our task in the next few years is to make sure that we are building more and deeper relationships with one another and those who come to our church and to our altar for sustenance, hope, forgive-

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Rector's article, continued from front page

**St. Matthew's Day is Sunday,
September 19 – Bring Your Pledge
Card**

The Stewardship Commission and Vestry have authorized the staff to mail out 2005 pledge cards and other information on Tuesday, September 7. I ask you to pray about your pledge. Give it new and renewed attention. Think of the relationships that make St. Matthew's home for you. Think of how God accepts you each Sunday at the altar of hospitality and hope. I ask you to be generous. If our pledge revenues increase there are many things we can do to enhance our lives together. We would so love to employ a sexton or custodian to keep our buildings and grounds maintained and nurtured. It would be such a gift to our choir and praise music offerings if we could give some scholarship support to extremely talented young men and women in the Music program at UT to come and share their voices and instruments with ours. In my efforts to focus on Sunday school for children we no longer have direct staff support for building fellowship and relationships with children and their families. I want us to permanently fund a Children's Fellowship Coordinator to focus on special events such as Vacation Bible School, Christmas pageants and other fun relationship-building occasions. Many members of our current staff have earned raises by working way above and beyond the hours imagined by their job descriptions. These are just a few ideas. You have others. Think on these things. Pray about increasing your pledge to St. Matthew's as much as you are able, if you are able. Please know that I realize that maintaining your current pledge level may be an act of tremendous faith for any of us any given year! On Sunday, September 19, we will bring our pledge cards to church at the 10:30 a.m. St. Matthew's Day service and place them on the altar when instructed. This is an act of generous love, gratitude and a sign of your vision and trust that God is guiding our future.

Youth Ministry

Elsewhere in this newsletter there is a calendar prepared for the Youth Ministry for September 2004. Susan and I had such a fun summer working with the Middle School Youth group and Senior High Youth group. We have wonderful kids. We are proud to be their priests. At this point Susan and I, together with some kids and parents as we have been able to get folks together, have interviewed five candidates

for the job of Youth Minister. Our primary emphasis has been to find a mature individual with significant youth ministry leadership experience. We need a man or woman who can relate to the kids and work with the parents and staff to build fellowship, relationships and a "disciples heart" in our children. Maturity and experience are the key words. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a Job Description designed by the clergy after significant consultation with parents and youth. We now have a few excellent candidates and I hope to hire a new Youth Minister in the next two or three weeks. Please pray for us!

**Connecting Sunday to Monday:
Discovery Class Goes Deeper**

Beginning Sunday, September 12, I will be teaching a weekly Sunday morning class rooted in the Discovery Series format I use to orient visitors and newcomers to the church. My goal for this class is to help participants learn to connect the Sunday Eucharist and other worship to their daily lives. In my preparation I will be focusing mainly on the needs of those who are new to St. Matthew's or are new to the Episcopal Church. Having said that, all are welcome! I so love to teach about how the liturgy of Word and Sacrament prepares us for daily living. I want to help those who attend make connections – Sunday to Monday! The class will be Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. and will be held downstairs beneath the sanctuary in a room to be assigned. Please see the Adult Education article elsewhere in this edition of *The Word* for descriptions of the excellent class offerings beginning September 12.

In the meantime, we will enjoy the Great Teachers Series speakers in Huffman Hall on August 22, August 29 and September 5. I look forward to each of these speakers, as detailed elsewhere, but especially want to hear Peter Steinke talk about "Healthy Congregations," a topic we cannot hear about enough. I remind you that Sunday school for all ages will have begun on Sunday, August 22, at the new time of 9:30 a.m.

**Contemplative Spirituality, Coffee and
Sunday Morning Table Study**

In an effort to focus our prayer lives toward more and more silence and reflection, we will open the Brides Room, B-6, on Sunday mornings for quiet and reflection. You are encouraged to come downstairs to the Bride's Room any time between 7:30 a.m. and Noon on Sundays to simply take a deep breath and be quiet before entering that exuberant atmosphere we call "Sunday Mornings at St. Matthew's."

Each Sunday morning in Huffman Hall a few tables will be set up for those that might want to gather for coffee and conversation. This is not a class. I will prepare a simple Bible Discussion Worksheet that will offer suggested questions for a brief Bible study based on the gospel reading for the day. Perhaps you want the spontaneity of just sitting and chatting. Perhaps you want to come to the 8:00 a.m. service and visit afterwards in Huffman Hall until classes start at 9:30 a.m. We are offering the Bride's Room for prayer and Huffman Hall for visiting!

Music Program

I want to report that we are currently interviewing candidates for the full-time Music Minister position. We have excellent choices and I believe we will be able to issue a call for the permanent position in the next several weeks. In the meantime, Suzanne and Cary will continue to lead the choir and praise team, and will work with me to plan the weekly liturgy. Suzanne is under consideration for the full-time position and Cary will be under consideration if the decision is made to continue to divide the job into part-time positions. Remember, my goal all along has been for us to have the opportunity to interview the best qualified applicants based on a serious search process. I'll keep you posted.

Your Intercessions

Finally, we are now three years post 9/11 – we will not forget those who died that day and those who were injured. We continue to pray for our nation as our troops serve in harm's way around the world. Pray for our President, George Bush, and those who share his work. Pray for all the leaders of the nations. Pray for peace and reconciliation. I remind you that your church gathers nightly at 6:00 p.m. in the Cauley Bell Tower for Evening Prayer. Each night we pray for your concerns and all those who are on our prayer list. St. Matthew's is a praying community.

Faithfully,

Merrill

St. Matthew's Youth Minister: A Summary of Duties

The following Youth Minister job description was prepared by the Clergy of St. Matthew's in collaboration with the parents and youth of the church in interviews in June and July of 2004.

Summary

- ♦ The Youth Minister has four distinct and inter-related constituencies: the individual youth, their parents, the larger community of St. Matthew's; the Diocese of Texas
- ♦ Youth Ministry will encompass two equally important age groups: 6th-8th grade and 9th-12th grade
- ♦ The Youth Ministry of St. Matthew's will be strong in outreach, service, spirituality and mission

Roles/Responsibilities

Youth ministry Team Leader

- ♦ recruit interested adults of all ages into youth ministry and facilitate their training through programs such as Youth Specialties
- ♦ organize and lead (with other adults) gatherings and activities for Youth, including a regular program of evening meetings. The structure and programs for the meetings will vary and will include: worship, fun, outreach, study, prayer, small group sharing.
- ♦ organize and lead mission trips, get-away trips and pilgrimage travels in conjunction with other leaders in the church.

Pastor to Youth

- ♦ engage with individual Youth in a variety of settings to minister to them and foster their spiritual development
- ♦ encourage Youth to attend and participate in St. Matthew's liturgies, particularly on Sunday morning
- ♦ acquaint Youth with other Episcopal worship experiences in Austin such as the Jazz Mass at St. James, Episcopal Student Services at Univ. of Texas and Compline at St. David's.

Support to Youth

- ♦ participate in the lives of individual youth in such non-church contexts as school and extra-curricular activities

Sunday School Support

- ♦ teach and attend regularly Sunday morning classes for Youth, 6th-12th grade, supporting the volunteer teachers
- ♦ encourage the participation of Youth in these programs

Diocesan Liaison for St. Matthew's Youth

- ♦ participate actively in diocesan youth ministry events and training
- ♦ encourage St. Matthew's Youth to participate in such diocesan programs as Camp Allen, YES, Happening, CLC, and facilitate their doing so.

Senior Sentences

BY LUCY A. BOYEA,
MINISTER OF SENIOR ACTIVITIES

A Milestone! The dictionary defines a milestone as "a significant event." In October, the Senior Activity Center will celebrate a truly significant event – its 10th birthday! Although we will celebrate the occasion on September 17, SAC's actual birthday is October 4. St. Matthew's will pay homage to the Senior Activity Center at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, September 26. SAC's success is due in a large measure to the many volunteers who have contributed their time and talent to the program. We hope to recognize their dedication at that time and invite as many SAC members as possible to be present.

"Make the most of your Senior years and open yourself to God's grace to become ageless in the Lord" –Anonymous

First Friday Golf to be September 10

SUBMITTED BY MILT WILLIAMS

Because of the Labor Day weekend, the usual first Friday golf outing will be held on the second Friday, September 10, at the Forest Creek Golf Club. We have five committed tee times. The cost is \$36.50, including tax for everyone which includes green fees, cart, range balls and lunch. To get to Forest Creek, go I-35 N to Hwy 79 (to Taylor), go east on Hwy 79, past the Dell Diamond to the next traffic light (County Rd 122 - there is a small sign there). Go to the first traffic light, turn left into Forest Creek and on to the pro shop. We are encouraging more golfers under age 55 to join us for a day of fun and relaxation. Call Margaret Carpenter at 345-8314 x229 as soon as convenient for registration or questions.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

On Sunday, September 26, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered. If you, or someone you know, adult or child, desires to be baptized, please advise the church office by calling Betty Mitchell at 345-8314 x 215 or email betty@stmattsaustin.org

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Prayer Shawl Ministry Update

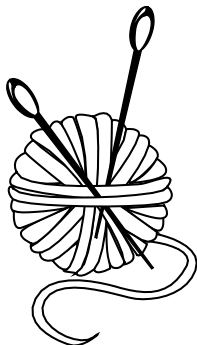
BY PAT BOON

When Ernestlea Williams agreed to be the first Speaker for the Women's Story Circle in May, she spoke about launching the Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Matthew's (see the August issue of *The Word*.) Several of us decided that knitting was something we wanted to do immediately. Ernestlea suggested we convene, with any other ladies who wanted to begin knitting. We met on a Wednesday morning in early May. There was not a large group but about seven knitters and one expert knitter, Barbara Borden. She has been a mainstay in helping, counseling, and keeping us knitting. We now have both knitters and crocheters among our membership of twenty-eight ladies.

We welcome requests for shawls for those who need to be "wrapped in prayer." As of today, thirty-four prayer shawls have been mailed or delivered. From our records I found the majority of shawls have gone to people in Austin as well as several in other Texas cities. The other states to which we have mailed shawls are: Michigan, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Arizona, California, Tennessee, and Georgia.

The suggestion has been made that we start another knitting group in the Fall, so that we may grow and give those who knit a choice to come on the day that is most convenient, or both days.

If you are interested and have not yet joined, call Pat Boon 345-1137, Elaine Goessling 345-2764, or Mary Lou Henshaw 454-0141. We are not knitters, but we keep the records and supplies, mail or deliver the shawls as well as make sure one of us is at every meeting. God touched Ernestlea with the desire and we have joined together to make sure it goes smoothly for the talented.



A Letter From Susan Barnes

Dear Ones,

We are happy to let you know about some of the outstanding events this fall and winter at St. Matthew's and in Austin that will help us go further in our spiritual growth as individuals and as a parish.

In addition to the special events on the list below, please remember that we have weekday Evening Prayer in the Cauley Bell Tower Chapel at 6 p.m., and weekly gatherings for Centering Prayer, 5:30-6:30 on Thursdays in B-14. We also will resume the program of Contemplative Eucharists on Sunday afternoons on a monthly basis, beginning on September 26.

Please join us.
Blessings and love,
Susan+

September 17-18, St. David's: The Rev. Barbara Crafton: The Rev. Barbara Crafton, Episcopal priest and noted author, is scheduled to speak at St. David's Episcopal Church Friday and Saturday, September 17 and 18. A group of St. Matthew's women will meet at Berryhill Grill on Hwy. 360 prior to the Friday night session, which is free and open to the public. Tickets must be purchased through St. David's for the Saturday program. Please call Crystal Wade at 250-9161 before Sept. 12 if you would like to join the group meeting at Berryhill. In the meantime, you can check out Barbara's website at www.geraniumfarm.org

September 24-25, Camp Allen: Diocesan Conference on Christian Formation, for teachers and leaders of Adult, Youth, and Children's education programs. Contact Barbara Pitts or Susan Barnes for more information, or log on the diocesan website: www.epicenter.org

September 26 evening, St. Matthew's Sanctuary: Contemplative Eucharist

October 28-29, Seton Cove: Margaret Wheatley delivers the Sister Mary Rose McPhee lecture and leads a workshop on leadership as a spiritual issue in chaotic times. See www.seton.net/Wellness/Spirituality5/SetonCove/index.asp

November 12-13, St. Matthew's: Enneagram Workshop, led by the Rev. Tudy Waters. An Enneagram Workshop is scheduled at St. Matthew's for Friday and Saturday, November 12 and 13, 2004. The enneagram can give individuals information about their inner motivations and the results are often used for spiritual growth and personal change. Registration information will follow in the October issue of *The Word*. All women are welcome. Call Susan Barnes 345-8314 or Crystal Wade 250-9161 for more information.

December 9-12, Carillon: Conspirare Christmas concerts with Craig Hella Johnson conducting, Cynthia Clawson, solo. Contact: 476-5775 or www.conspirare.org

January 23, afternoon, St. Matthew's Sanctuary: Celebrated author, spiritual leader and advocate of Centering Prayer, Fr. Thomas Keating delivers a lecture in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Contemplative Outreach ministry he founded.

February 4-6, Camp Allen: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Women's annual retreat, led by Susan Barnes, Cynthia Clawson, Posy Jackson.

Newcomers Coffee & Conversation

SUBMITTED BY DEDEE NORMAN

Beginning the first Sunday in October, the Newcomer's Council will host a coffee at the home of Pat Boon to allow an opportunity for visitors to gather in a casual setting, ask questions and express their needs so that we can help meet those needs. If you know of someone you would like to invite to these coffees, please call Dedee Norman at the church 345-8314. Encourage people you know have visited to attend. Tell visitors about them. Help us reach out to those who are looking for a church home.



Adult Ed Council Plans Interesting Fall Schedule

BY BILL DONNELL,
ADULT EDUCATION COUNCIL CHAIR

We have an exciting choice of adult education classes planned for the fall. At the end of August we transitioned our adult education program from summertime, easy-living Parish Breakfasts back to the Great Speaker series. On August 22, our rector, Merrill Wade spoke on "The Sunday Eucharist and Our Faith Journey." Leon Whitney arranged for the next two speakers as a continuation of our Great Teachers Series. Details on these two speakers may be found in Leon's Class Preview article at right.

Please note the following changes to the Sunday Morning schedule. Our starting time for all Sunday morning adult education classes is now 9:30 a.m., and classes will end at 10:15. This new schedule is designed to match the Children's Education class times. The Nursery will be open from 7:45 a.m. to noon. Classes will be preceded by "coffee time" which begins at 8:45 a.m. This time can be used to socialize and build community, or to study Bible reading materials, which will be provided.

Regular fall classes begin September 12 and continue until December. Three classes will run concurrently:

- ♦ Our rector, Merrill Wade, will teach a Discovery Class that will focus on Spirituality at St. Matthew's. and will include a look at the history of Christianity and the Church. Although this class is targeted for those who are new to our church, it may also appeal to anyone who would like a good review of the meaning of our sacraments and liturgy.
- ♦ Russ and Annelle Adams, together with Keith Miller, Sharon Lowe and Susan Barnes, will lead a class titled "Listening to Your Life." See a Class Preview at right.
- ♦ A traditional Bible study class will be led by Bill Donnell and Clive Smith. Selected scripture from the Book of Acts and commentaries will be studied. Study questions will be used to prompt discussion of how these words speak to us today.

In addition to the scheduled classes, the Bride's Room will be open from 8:00 a.m. until noon for individual contemplative prayer. *Come join us!*

Adult Education Class Preview: "Listening To Your Life"

SUBMITTED BY SHARON LOWE

Finding the blessings hidden in our own stories of struggle and in the stories of others is a vital part of the Christian experience and one of the ways that we can move toward a mature, authentic spirituality. Our team of facilitators for this class—Annelle and Russ Adams, The Rev. Susan Barnes, Sharon Lowe and Keith Miller—invite you to join them for a time of sharing, meditation and reflection on the Christian spiritual journey. We will begin with a study of Sr. Joan Chittister's most personal book, *Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope*.

"We struggle," says Chittister, "against change, isolation, darkness, fear, powerlessness, vulnerability, exhaustion and scarring. Although these struggles may sometimes seem insurmountable, with God's help we can also emerge from them with the gifts of conversion, detachment, faith, courage, surrender, acceptance of limitations, endurance, transformation and hope." Chittister wrote this book so that "we might look again at the struggles of life and recognize the opportunities for transformation that they bring". Copies of Chittister's book, costing about \$12, will be available for purchase. We will cover two chapters each week; each chapter is very short—2 to 4 pages.

Adult Education Class Preview: Great Teacher Series

SUBMITTED BY LEON WHITNEY

On Sunday, August 29, (here's hoping you receive this issue by that date), come to Huffman Hall to hear The Rev. John F. Yeaman speak on, "The History of Our Concept of Separation of Church and State: the Experiment of American Religious Freedom." Rev. Yeaman has served 20 years as a Methodist minister and many years as a social worker. His interest in the subject of his talk was piqued by event in Nazi Germany and by Texas preachers who tried to dictate public school policy.

On Sunday, September 5, we will hear Dr. Peter Steinke speak on "Traits of Healthy Congregations: Are We Creating and Sustaining a Healthy Congregation?" Peter Steinke has served as a Lutheran minister and is a nationally recognized church consultant. He worked with St. Matthew's in the 1980's and again in the 1990's. He has also worked with the Episcopal Diocese of Texas as well as many churches of various denominations throughout the United States.



Fall Singles Retreat at Camp Allen

The Diocesan Single Adults (DSA), a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, will be hosting its annual fall retreat for singles at Camp Allen from October 8-10, 2004. Single parents with children will be delighted to learn that KIDZ KAMP is available for children simultaneously with the parents retreat.

The GET A CLUE! weekend retreat will kick off with a crime-solving (costume) party set in 19th century England on Friday evening, October 8th. On Saturday, Jeannette Cliff-George, a renowned Christian lecturer, will provide insights about single life – continuing the GET A CLUE! theme. The A.D. Players will entertain on Saturday evening and a Eucharist will be held on Sunday morning.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to call Lynne LeMon, Diocesan Single Adults, Board Member 512-608-9126

Summer Outreach and Mission Experiences

SUBMITTED BY THE REV. SUSAN BARNES

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, speak with God's words. If one serves, do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. — 1 Peter 4:10-11

As our youth come back to prepare for school, we've heard wonderful accounts of their summer adventures in outreach and in mission. Our "Interim Youth Minister," Rev. Merrill Wade, offered several days of local outreach for the junior and senior high youth, including work at El Buen Samaritano, and a Sports Camp at the School for the Blind, organized by Toni Provost-Hatlen. Marty Robbins led four of our youth joining other youth and adults from All Saints and St. Mark's, Austin, on a week-long mission trip to Piedras Negras, Mexico. Other St. Matthew's youth and young adults went out on their own.

All told, several dozen youth participated in one experience or another, including the Interfaith Hospitality Network's two weeks here. Last month's issue of *The Word* contained impressions from the IHN missionaries. This month we have responses from some who did other outreach/mission work. I'm sure you will appreciate as much as the clergy do, how enthusiastically our young people embrace their call to know Christ and make Christ known.

From **Chelsea Murphy**, daughter of Lori and Scott Murphy: "For one week in July, I had the opportunity to be a counselor at Camp Allen. This was my first time to be at camp as a counselor, and as you can probably guess, I was extremely nervous, and excited at the same time! The week turned out to be so much fun. I was blessed with a cabin full of nine, amazing 11-year-old girls. They were all so supportive of each other, and got along great. After a week of horseback riding, swimming, blobbing, canoeing, playing games, worshipping, laughing and making new friends, I was exhausted! When it was all over I realized that it wasn't just one of the most enjoyable weeks I've had, it was the most meaningful. God prepared me for and presented me with this opportunity to minister to the kids at camp. God was there for me, providing me with the words to say. The week was filled with good times as well as a few obstacles that proved to be learning experiences for all of us. It never ceases to amaze me how God is always there

for us and how he has a perfect plan for all of our lives. God is so good, all the time."

From **Nathaniel Murphy**, son of Lori and Scott Murphy: "Putting on the VBS for the kids was awesome. They really got involved in the crafts and loved the games we played with them. The coolest part for me was meeting a bunch of kids a couple years younger than me. We all played basketball and soccer together, and whenever a meal was served I ate with them. I joked around with a boy named Cleto about how there was so much food that we would need 50 plates to eat it all. It was all in Spanish and, even though I have taken two years, my vocabulary was limited. But it (Spanish) came in really handy. Overall the mission trip was an awesome experience for me. I would definitely go back next year."

From **Katharine Price**, daughter of Carol Price: "The kids in Mexico were great! They were very friendly and understanding of my limited Spanish skills. I'm a blonde so I had lots of little girls who followed me around wanting to braid my hair and play with it and such. They loved playing basketball even in the hot weather. I went to this mission trip not being the biggest fan of Mexican food, but having it three meals a day for four days I came to like it a lot! I made lots of new friends both in Mexico and from my own Church. This mission trip was a enlightening experience for me and, I'd go back any time."

From **Abbey Smith**, daughter of Lynn and Kirk Smith: "I enjoyed the trip to Piedras Negras very much. The kids from Mexico taught me so much. I realized how fortunate we are for living and having all the things we have. On the last day when we took their pictures, the thought had never even crossed my mind that some of the kids had never seen a photo of themselves or anyone else. All of their faces lit up as soon as we handed them their Polaroid pictures. The kids down there are very close to their families. When a little brother or sister didn't get anything to eat, the older sibling would give them their own serving. All of the people at the church from Piedras and the kids were very caring and gave so much to all of the missionaries. It almost felt as if they gave more to us than we gave to them. I had a wonderful experience, and am very thankful that I was given the opportunity to go."

More from: **Abbey Smith**: "Helping out at the school for the blind was a great experience for me. It made me realize how much we

depend on our eyes, for such simple things as throwing a ball. The kids were lots of fun and all had so much trust in us helping them."

From **Alex Acosta**, granddaughter of Susan and Brian Fugate, on her trip to the State School for the Blind: "Alyssa Minwell and I went to Sunday School together at St. Matthew's when we were little. She was at the School for the Blind Camp and we remembered each other. She held my hand all day. I was the only sixth grader, but I was the only one who had a friend there."

From **Christin Price**, daughter of Marti and David Price: "I was a part of the El Buen group, and was just expecting to go to some little building and just sort out canned foods or something. I found out that El Buen is so much more than that. It helped people so much in their struggle to find jobs in a new foreign place, and offered so many classes to help them make this huge change for their lives go smoothly."

From **Rebecca Smith**, daughter of Christine Joannidi and Clive Smith: "This summer, I spent 10 weeks providing English classes to a public school in Honduras. My setting was a small colonial town named Santa Rosa de Copan, and the school was named Jeronimo J. Reina. There were roughly 750 students at the school and every student received classes at least once, some twice a week. What I saw was a school system being ignored by the government and classrooms with little or no classroom management. What I experienced was 750 children from all paths of life and economic situations sharing one great big enthusiasm to learn English. You see, in Honduras, English classes are only offered in private schools, which translates to an option available only to the wealthy. My students saw this as an opportunity they never thought they would have. I also spent a week at a Hacienda teaching at the private school available for the children of all the workers. The families live in houses made of mud and straw and use mud ovens to cook. It was a beautiful experience. While at the Hacienda, I taught one class how to cut with scissors and I also took Polaroid pictures of everyone. This was a much more rural school, surrounded by poverty, yet the students were filled with beautiful hope. With me on this trip I was able to bring over \$700 worth of school supplies which I donated to various schools in need. The schools will be forever grateful for that help. It was such an amazing opportunity and I have all of you to thank for your support and prayers that made it all possible."

Relationships, Stewardship, and St. Matthew's

BY CHARLIE COLE, STEWARDSHIP CHAIR

Relationships are a vital part of our daily lives as Christians and human beings. How often have we received a helping hand from a loved one or colleague when we really needed it? And, don't we all feel some degree of gratification when we reach out and support others in their lives? Other times, out of the blue, maybe a friend calls or writes us – someone whom we had been thinking about just the other day. When the latter happens, I know I often think God's work is at play in my life, for He is often the strongest bond of all – the glue that binds us all together. Without each other, and God, our lives seem empty. With each other, we are all fulfilled.

As the Reverend Greg Rickel said in his sermon at St. Matthew's on August 1,, stewardship is not all about money. Yes, money is important in the life of the church. In fact, it's mentioned over 67 times in the Bible. As Episcopalians, each week we offer it up to God by placing it right on the altar as part of our service. And, on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, September 5, here at St. Matthew's we celebrate our vocations as a community by bringing up a symbol of our work-life to be blessed on the altar. Yet, we do all this not out of guilt or to worship money, but to offer God and each other part of who we are – our sweat and hard work –

in celebration of what He has to offer us and what we have to offer each other in Christ. You see, Stewardship is all about relationships, with each other as parishioners, with the Church as a corporate body, and with Christ as our Savior and redeemer.

Throughout the past year, the vestry and church leaders have worked hard to build a community here at St. Matthew's that continues to foster strong, healthy and lasting relationships. At times like these, with so much happening in our lives, in the church, and in the news, relationships are so ever more important. I truly hope that you and yours have benefited in the many ways St. Matthew's continues to touch so many lives here in our parish, in the Austin community, and throughout the world.

So, as your Stewardship Chair, I encourage you to reflect on the relationships in your lives. And, then on September 19 – St. Matthew's Day – we will all have the opportunity to collectively show our thanks to God – and each other – by presenting our annual pledge as a community. For it is through creating and honoring relationships that we will truly achieve our mission "To know Christ and to make Him known."

St. Matthew's Pledge Summary for 2004

Annual Pledge Amount	Number of Pledges
Over \$12,000	6
\$9,601 up to \$12,000	8
\$3,601 up to \$9,600	38
\$1,201 up to \$3,600	111
up to \$1,200	113
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Total Pledged	\$826,481.00
Number of Pledges	276
Average Annual Pledge	\$2,994.50

July 2004 Financial Statement

	MONTH-TO-DATE		YEAR-TO-DATE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Plate & Pledges	\$60,406.07	\$53,958.34	\$554,320.59	\$603,708.38
Other Income	0	1,250.00	21,188.04	8,750.00
Total Income	60,406.07	55,208.34	575,508.63	612,458.38
Total Expenses	89,662.51	85,583.34	546,751.1	583,083.38
Diff. of Income vs. Expenses	(\$29,256.44)	(\$30,375.00)	\$28,757.53	\$29,375.00

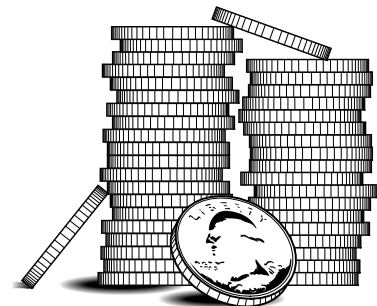
A Stewardship Story: One Couple's Journey

BY DEDEE NORMAN

After years of accumulating, (two homes and a myriad of possessions,) Steve and I came to the conclusion that instead of making us happy, these things were controlling our lives. Instead of giving us pleasure, the big yard and acreage were a constant battle of mowing, watering, weeding, and planting. So much of our spare time was spent in upkeep that we did not have the time to concentrate on the things that are really important, (time together, time with family and friends, time with God).

And the stuff, ah the stuff. We had to worry about where to put all the stuff. What good is all of that stuff when you have to worry about what to do with it? We have sold the weekend place and are working on getting our home ready for sale, so we can get a smaller home. We gave away a lot of family things and furniture to our children, nieces and nephew, had a giant yard sale and gave the rest to charity. In hindsight, if I had it to do over again I would skip the yard sale and give it all to charity, trust me on this one!

We are simplifying our lives so we can enjoy the simple things of life. This is what Steve and I feel God is calling us to do: to live our lives more in harmony with what is His best for us.



The Children's Charter for the Church

BY BARBARA PITTS, DRE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Just four years ago the Episcopal Church ratified the "Children's Charter for the Church" that states ways to nurture children, to minister to them, and to recognize and participate with the children in their own ministries. One of my predecessors, Kathy Dugat, placed a poster-size copy of the Children's Charter outside our office when it came out, in the basement hallway, where the entire parish can pass by while going to and from meetings and classes. In the ensuing years, I have chosen to keep the poster mounted. Please stop by and read it! The Children's Charter is significant both as a beacon to what we can attain – for and with children/youth – and as a means by which we can evaluate how we are doing with our children and youth.

As we have begun a new school year, with shifts in duties and responsibilities for a number of us involved in children's and youth ministries, I have thought about how so many people are reaching to give their utmost in specific ways, to nurture, minister to, and minister with, our young people.

One point of the Charter's call to nurture is for the Church to "give high priority to the quality of planning for children and the preparation and support of those who minister with them." How grateful I have felt this summer and fall, as I have watched clergy, kids, parents, staff and teachers meet repeatedly, to plan, to train and to plan some more.

A point of the Charter's call to minister to children/youth is for the Church to "love, shelter, protect and defend children within

its own community and in the world, especially those who are abused, neglected or in danger." Thank you, Bishop Wimberly, for providing our diocese with the means to train each other to identify and prevent child sexual abuse in our midst. And thanks, too, to our church and school staffs and to our many parishioners, who are coming forward to be trained and equipped in this ministry.

And one point of the Charter's call to minister with our young people is for the Church to "foster community beyond the family unit, in which children, youth and adults know each other by name, minister to each other, and are partners together in serving Christ in the world."

This generation of youngsters is the first to radically experience a hyper-technological culture. They frequently live submerged in "virtual reality": Reality TV, MTV, PlayStation, Nintendo, Instant Messaging, homework research on the WWW, and so on. More than ever, kids need grounding in "actual reality." And so, more than ever, adults are needed to reach out – to learn their names, to minister by listening to their interests and concerns, and by playing with them, and also to serve with them in the parish and larger community. This generation of children and youth are by-and-large very committed to service! Many of them crave service opportunities – ways, if you will, to find grounding in actual reality.

Thanks be to God for this beacon and for the commitment of so many who choose to live out its precepts.

Moms and Tots to Resume Meetings

SUBMITTED BY MARILYN WRIGHT

The Moms and Tots Group will be starting the semester on Monday, September 13. We will meet from 9:15 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. each week in Room B-14 to support one another in our journey as parents. Please call Marilyn Wright, 401-8382, or email mjwright@austin.rr.com to reserve a spot for childcare. I hope to hear from all mothers of young children!

Outreach Commission Report: El Buen Samaritano Needs Your Help

BY REID KIRCHEM

The mission statement of El Buen Samaritano is to transform lives by engaging the strengths of working-core Hispanic families to promote their successful participation in our society. A recent visit on behalf of our Outreach Commission found many facets of their work being effectively implemented. Educational classes in English as a Second Language (ESL), GED, citizenship, financial management, and computer literacy were in full swing. The health care clinic and social work services involving maternity support groups, pre-natal care, and nutritional cooking classes were operative. Information and referral services are also provided. Community outreach groups to promote leadership development and provide primary needs assistance are available through the food pantry and used clothing facilities.

The greatest current needs are food pantry donations and support through manpower and supplies for the clinic. These needs never go away. Future plans are to include dental services and open lab time for ESL students to practice their English. Visits are welcome by appointment; please call Liz Canby or Mary Keenan at 439-0744. They are available to answer questions and to best organize your available time in volunteer opportunities. This is a fine organization providing much needed services, certainly worthy of our support.

Children's Ministry Calendar – September 2004

Sunday School Schedule

9:30 Sunday School - Children are checked in by their parents:

Level I	3 yrs. (by Sept. 1) – Kinder	B-16
Level II	1st – 3rd Grades	B-17
Level III	4th - 5th Grades	B-13

10:30 Sunday School - Children begin in church and follow cross to class after opening prayers:

Level I	3 yrs. (by Sept. 1) – Kinder	B-18/19
Level II	1st – 3rd Grades	B-14

In September

Sept 5	9:30 and 10:30 Sunday School classes (see above)
Sept 12	9:30 and 10:30 Sunday School classes (see above)
Sept 14	12 noon Children's Council in B-13
Sept 19	9:30 and 10:30 Sunday School classes (see above)
Sept 24-25	Diocesan Christian Formation Conference at Camp Allen
Sept 26	9:30 and 10:30 Sunday School classes (see above)
Sept 30	6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Safeguarding God's Children in B-18/19

Want to Get to Know Others? Join ConneXions!

BY LESLIE AND BILL KJELLSTRAND

One of the best ways to meet people is over a good meal. That's why ConneXions has been one of St. Matthew's most popular and longest running groups; it was formed more than 15 years ago. Many long-term friendships have formed in ConneXions groups over the years and many wonderful meals have been enjoyed. Now is the time to join a ConneXions group for fall.

Assignments for the new ConneXions adult dinner groups series will be distributed on Sunday, September 5 at a social hour at 7 p.m. in Huffman Hall. If you currently belong to a ConneXions group or want to be in ConneXions, you are invited to come and meet other members. About nine groups are planned for the Fall 2004 cycle.

The social hour is a relaxing time to share stories, meet your new group members and enjoy some Christian fellowship, which is the basis of the ConneXions program. If you attend, bring a favorite snack or hors d'oeuvres to share with the group. Soft drinks, coffee and punch will be provided.

ConneXions consists of groups of about 10 to 12 – couples and singles – who 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 enjoy all the others. 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, lkjellstrand@austin.rr.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 we don't hear from you, we will assume that you want to stay in the program and will assign you to another group.

Don't Be Shy!

BY JERI MUHICH

Have you looked around and seen any unfamiliar faces at church lately? The Newcomers Council would like to encourage you to introduce yourself to people you don't know. Don't worry if they end up being long-time members – they will appreciate your desire to meet them! We all understand that it's easy to forget names – that's where nametags come in. Need a name tag? Just call the church office (345-8314) and ask Dedee Norman to get one for you.

Below are some suggestions to help us keep our reputation for being one of the friendliest churches in Austin!

- ♦ Keep your nametag in a handy place, maybe in your car or purse, so you can still wear it if you don't remember until you are at church.
- ♦ When Merrill or Susan asks visitors to stand at the announcement time, start clapping right away as an encouragement for them to stand.
- ♦ If someone near you stands, go out of your way to introduce yourself ("hello, my name is _____, I don't believe we've met") and show them the Welcome Card in the pew rack to be placed in the offertory plate.
- ♦ After the service, escort visitors to the Welcome Table in the Commons where they will receive a gift bag.
- ♦ The Newcomers Council will be planning parish wide Get Acquainted Luncheons over the next year. Make a point of attending these events.
- ♦ If you are not a new member but feel you aren't fitting in at St. Matthew's, get involved. Call Dedee Norman in the office, there is nothing she would rather do then help you find your place at St. Matthew's.

Let's get out of our comfort zones and welcome our visitors and new members. Remember, welcoming our visitors and new members is a congregational effort, so don't be shy!

To get involved in the Newcomers Council, call or email Jeri Muhich (452-1210, jerim@austin.rr.com or Dedee Norman, 345-8314, ext. 229 or dedee@St.MattsAustin.org)

Youth Calendar - September 2004

Wed, 9/1	7:00 p.m.	6th-12th grades - Pizza Night and Big Games in the Youth Building and Huffman Hall (Merrill leads 6th-8th, Susan leads 9th-12th)
Sun, 9/5	9:30 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sunday school classes for 6th-8th and 9th-12th grades Holy Eucharist
Wed, 9/8	7:00 p.m.	6th-12th grades - Youth Building and Cottage (Merrill leads 6th-8th, Susan leads 9th-12th)
Sun, 9/12	9:30 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sunday school classes for 6th-8th and 9th-12th grades Holy Eucharist 9th-12th grade gather with Merrill at Youth Building to go to All Saints Episcopal Church for the 6:00 p.m. University of Texas Student Center evening service – back at St. Matthew's by 8:30, supper provided.
Wed, 9/15	7:00 p.m.	6th-12th grades - Youth Building and Cottage (Merrill leads 6th-8th, Susan leads 9th-12th)
Sun, 9/19	9:30 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Sunday school classes for 6th-8th and 9th-12th grades St. Matthew's Day - Holy Eucharist
Wed, 9/22	7:00 p.m.	6th-12th grades - Youth Building and Cottage (Merrill leads 6th-8th, Susan leads 9th-12th)
Sun, 9/26	9:30 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6-8:30 p.m.	Sunday school classes for 6th-8th and 9th-12th grades Holy Eucharist 6th-12th grade movie night in Youth Building
Wed, 9/29	7:00 p.m.	6th-12th grades - Youth Building and Cottage (Merrill leads 6th-8th, Susan leads 9th-12th)
Thur, 9/30	6:30-9:30 p.m.	"Safeguarding God's Children" in B-18/19

September Women's Story Circle Speaker: Marilyn Cole

BY LESLIE KJELLSTRAND

Going to China to adopt their baby, Nora, turned out to be a spiritual journey as well as a travel experience, according to Marilyn Cole, who will speak at the Women's Story Circle at noon Sunday, September 12 in Huffman Hall.

"I believe that Nora was meant to be in our family," Cole said recently. "And I've asked others who adopted foreign babies about their experiences and their stories are astounding. God was definitely in the middle of these!"

Cole, who has been married for the past 23 years to software engineer Steven Brock, said they wanted a bigger family and adoption seemed the best route since they were both in their 40s. They have three other daughters, Clare, 19; Hannah, 13; and Petra, 5. They brought Nora home from China at the age of nine months just a year ago—September 2003.

The story is even more poignant when you consider that Steve was laid off from his job just before the adoption was final. Should they give up the opportunity to adopt? No, but Steve's joblessness made him available to make the trip and to be at home to bond with a new baby for a few weeks before landing an even better job than before.

There's much more to this story, so come to the WSC to hear the rest and enjoy a light lunch (suggested donation \$5). Childcare is available and lunch will also be served to your children. Please make reservations with Janice Watkins, janiwat@outerscape.net or in the Common's after church.

Mark your calendars for the October 10 Women's Story Circle when Esther Garcia will talk on her decision to be a full-time mom instead of balancing career and baby, and then hear the Rev. Susan Barnes on November 14. Also be sure to plan to come to the Advent Coffee on Saturday, December 4.

St. Matthew's Receives ADA Award

BY KATE CANBY, SENIOR WARDEN

St. Matthew's is very proud of a recent award the parish received from the City of Austin. It is the first time the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities selected various businesses/organizations throughout the city to receive recognition for their accessibility to citizens with physical disabilities. St. Matthew's is honored to receive the Austin Access Award, because churches are exempt from compliance to the American with Disabilities Act building code.

As the committee chairman spoke about the award and criteria, I could not help but think of our many members who have been serviced by the ease of parking and access to our campus. One person served in particular is Holly Miller. She attends many of our services and events. I could not help but remember the years that her father Dyke Miller faithfully would push Holly's wheelchair around through Huffman Hall to reach the inner courtyard near the sanctuary during the outdoor Stations of the Cross. I want to thank her parents, Jill and Dyke Miller for the years of faithful patience with and encouragement to the Vestry to provide access to physically disabled persons.

We continue to find ways to improve access to our campus. St. Matthew's Day School just completed modification in the Education Building to include two new restrooms. The original plan was to add one regular bathroom to meet their school code, but they proposed to the Vestry to add a second bathroom, making both restrooms handicap accessible. This forethought is evidence of the increasing awareness to make our church home welcoming to all.

It was a pleasure to accept this award with Merrill on behalf of our parish family. I personally want to thank everybody who was involved in the building the ramp from the sanctuary to the inner courtyard, increasing the number of handicap parking spaces, and the addition of handicap restrooms in the Education Building. St. Matthew's is truly a welcoming community to all who enter our campus area.

Food Manager's Certification Program

Kitchen Guild Chairman Louise Waddill has completed the food manager's course offered by the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department. She passed the state examination and has been certified as a food manager. The course included instruction in food safety, prevention of contamination of foods from bacteria and other microorganisms, proper temperature of foods, correct storage of foods and utensils, personal hygiene and proper procedures for dishwashing and general cleanliness of the kitchen. You may notice several changes in kitchen procedures as a result of this knowledge. These changes are for the safety of our parishioners.

St. Matthew's School

BY KAY BALLARD,
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

This will be an especially exciting year for St. Matthew's School. It is the 25th Anniversary of the School's beginning! We will celebrate with a service of Thanksgiving, lunch, and Open House on Sunday, October 3. We look forward to seeing many families from past years returning to reminisce and to renew old friendships.

The School began with a total of just 39 students. It now serves about 190 per year. Thank you, St. Matthew's Church, for your continued commitment to young children, introducing the love of Christ to many hundreds of children over the 25 years.

More details about the Service and Open House will come later to us all. But if you have a special interest in the School and would also like to join us for lunch that day, please call the School office at 345-3040 before the September 15th deadline.

Birthdays

September

- 1 Tim Kyle, Ryan Nichols
- 2 Sofia Alcocer, Brandon Brickley, Gidget Fisher, David Price, Marsha Spriggs
- 3 David Carrier, Ken Hay, Joanne Hummel, Laura Mecanick, Patty Steed
- 4 Phil Hatlen, Allen Keith, Warren Marshall, Fossie Moore, Mike Zimmermann
- 5 Colleen Hale, Tom Holt, J. D. Johns
- 6 Todd Bankler, Diane Smith, Sam Smith, Skyler Thorn
- 7 Judy Bomar, Sarah Neely
- 8 Glenda Monroe, Mia Nieman, Kay Whitney
- 9 Margaret Hampton
- 10 Dianne Calder, Margaret Myers
- 11 Suzanne Coalter, Ethan Luce, Jill Miller, Austin Udelhofen, Baylee Wilkins, Marilyn Wright
- 12 Davis Fisher, Jeremy Jones, Ben Sain, Savannah Thorn
- 13 Carrie Buckley, Clarissa Vazquez
- 14 Keith Kirkgard, Bill Kjellstrand
- 15 Mary Jo Culver, Dan McLendon
- 16 Easton Banta, Jill Bacon, Kathy Dugat, Dave Hart, Larry Richards, Mark Smith
- 17 Shannon Magee, Carol Mynes, Kimberly Nesmith, Nancy Richards, Kelly Smith, Alex Swanson
- 18 Keni Anne Cunningham, Todd Le, Sharon Roberts
- 19 Pam Godfrey, Madeline Sutherland-Meier
- 20 Mary Eastberg, Barbara Ekerdt, Dennis Featherstone, William Fisher, Cecilia Gruber, Bruce Meleski, Carol Price
- 21 Steve Brock, Larry Roden
- 22 Jane Adolph, Alyssa Moore
- 23 Tori Clitheroe, Ariana Patron
- 24 Diane Sparks, Lisa Williams
- 25 Val Bray
- 26 Lamar Doyle, Woodie Jones, Andrew McAdams, China Petersen
- 27 Margaret Huffman, Millie Scott, Clif Steed, Pat Sutherland, Leigh Williamson
- 28 Susan J. Barnes, Ralph Comer, Nancy Johnson, Nate Lawrence
- 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 Laura Fatter
- 2 Lucas Alcocer, Cynthia Wilson
- 3 Molly Price, Debbie Simons, Bill Smith, Mary Ann Squires
- 4 Michael Mashburn
- 5 Kevin Burnett, David Hampton, Bobby Magee
- 6 Miller Bursk, Elaine Goessling, Joy Swanson, Rachel Zimmerman
- 7 Betsy McCraine

Safeguarding God's Children

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA PITTS

As part of St. Matthew's commitment to being a safe nurturing environment, we continue to offer a diocesan-sponsored training program to our entire parish that focuses on preventing abuse of children and youth. While this research-based, three-hour training is mandatory for anyone working with children and youth in Episcopal churches, schools and institutions in the Diocese of Texas, we invite and encourage all adults to avail themselves of this opportunity! Although this is a tough topic, you won't be sorry you've made the commitment to participate.

Training dates have been set for Thursday, September 30, 6:30-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 23, 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. There is no charge for this program. Registration forms can be picked up from Barbara Haynes in the Church Office or from Barbara Pitts in the Religious Education office in the basement.

New Members

Suzanne McCurley
Liz Morris

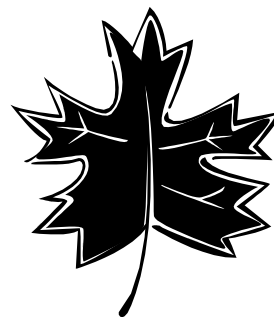
Deaths

Mae Neely,
grandmother of Don Neely,
died July 15, 2004

Adella Upchurch Hansford
died July 30, 2004

In Memory of

In memory of
Mae Neely
by Doris and Bill Donnell



Prayer Shawl Ministry Serves George Waddill

It was quite touching to have recently received a prayer shawl. The concept of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is novel and inspiring. I know many will benefit from this ministry. I will be starting Chemotherapy again soon and, to be sure, my shawl will be with me to provide warmth and comfort.

Sincerely,
George Waddill

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Worship Schedule

Sunday

7:30 a.m. - Noon Contemplative Prayer in
Brides Room (B-6)
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I
8:45 - 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Study Materials
in Huffman Hall
9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Christian Education
for Adults
9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Christian Education
for Youth (grades 6-12)
9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Christian Education
for Children
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II
12 Noon Holy Eucharist: Rite II 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 **October** issue
of *The Word* is

Friday, September 17, 2004

at 5:00 p.m. Email your article to
betty@stmattsAustin.org

Articles may be edited for content and length.

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