

# The Weekly Word--

December 6-December 13, 2009

TO KNOW CHRIST, GROW IN CHRIST, AND SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE

PLEASE TAKE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SHEET HOME WITH YOU.

THE CHURCH OFFERS NURTURING, EXPERIENCED, CHILDCARE: For the 8:00 a.m. services, the nursery for infants and children up to 4 years old is available in Huffman Hall, the nursery is located down the hallway on the parking lot side of Huffman Hall. At 9 a.m. the 2 to 4 year olds go to Room 5 of the Education Building Nursery. Both Nurseries close at 12:15 p.m. There is also a comfortable, soundproof room in the Sanctuary balcony for adults who wish to keep their babies with them during the services. 3 and 4 year old children have two options on Sunday mornings. ALL children, through age 4, are welcome in the nursery on Sunday morning. Those children who are reliably potty trained and developmentally ready for a more structured environment are invited to attend Sunday School from 9:15 - 10:15 in the Basement of the Sanctuary and Children's Chapel in Basement Room, B-18 from 10:30 - 11:05.

THANKS FOR FAITHFULLY WEARING YOUR NAMETAG EACH AND EVERY SUNDAY!

If you are a member and need a new nametag, please visit the Welcome Table in the Commons right after church.

PERSONAL PRAYER TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE DURING Communion at Prayer Stations on either side of the sanctuary. One is located on the east side by the windows, and the other one is on the west side in the gallery. Prayers will also be offered immediately after church by the team near the windows. All prayer requests and discussions are completely confidential.

HOME DELIVERY OF HOLY COMMUNION If you are unable to come to church and would like Holy Communion brought to you on Sunday, please call the church office at 345-8314.

IF YOU ATTEND CHURCH BUT ARE UNABLE TO WALK TO THE ALTAR FOR HOLY COMMUNION, please notify an usher and the communion elements will be brought to you where you are seated.

DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE WHEELCHAIRS AND A WALKER IN THE GALLERY, ALSO PRAYER SHAWLS AND A BLANKET OR TWO of the Sanctuary for temporary need. Please contact the Office before borrowing the equipment.

THE WEEKLY WORD DEADLINE IS 5 P.M. ON TUESDAY. If you have an article for the Weekly Word please email them to [Word@StMattsAustin.Org](mailto:Word@StMattsAustin.Org). The monthly *Word* deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please send Monthly *Word* articles to [Word@StMattsAustin.org](mailto:Word@StMattsAustin.org)

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\*Items marked with an asterisk (\*) are run for the first time today.

*Stewardship Tip:* During Advent write a letter to a significant person in your life and tell that person thank you.

Today is Good Faith Sunday: Your cash offering and checks marked Good Faith will be used to help our neighbors keep the lights on and a roof over their heads through the holidays. Thank you very much for your help!

Report on 2010 Operating Pledges: Special thanks to all those who have returned their pledge cards to St. Matthew's. As of November 30, we have received 248 pledges totaling 865,232 . If you have not received a pledge card, please locate one in the seatback in front of you in the church and place in the offertory or mail to the Church Office. Thanks one and all.

December 5:15 pm Eucharist Services during December

December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Wilson Room	Contemplative Eucharist	The Rev. Jim Williams
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Huffman Hall	Family Eucharist, Potluck Dinner, & Caroling	The Rev. Kevin Schubert
December 20 <sup>th</sup>		No Service, due to the Sing Along Messiah	
December 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wilson Room	Contemplative Eucharist	The Rev. Jim Williams

Sunday December 6: SUN ONE is a unique youth group comprised of students (grades 6 through 12) from four different youth groups in the Austin area. Every first Sunday of the month the group strives to strengthen the relationship between Austin youth and Christ as we gather for worship, dinner, fellowship, and discipleship.

This event will be from

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm here at St. Matthew's. Come and enjoy an evening of local teen bands, dinner, and fun!

· Sunday December 13: Christmas Caroling! The youth group will begin our evening with the 5:15 service along with other members of St. Matthew's. After the service we will enjoy a potluck meal with our parish family and then travel through the neighborhood singing Christmas Carols! Come and share with other St. Matthew's members in spreading the Christmas joy along our community's streets! We will conclude our caroling at 8:00 pm in Huffman Hall.

· Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>:

Dinner and a Movie Night! We will meet in the Youth Center at 5:00 pm and conclude at 7:30 pm.

Sunday December 27<sup>th</sup>: No Youth Group Meeting This Evening

Wednesday Evening Events: Wednesday December 16: ALL YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY! at 7:00 pm the youth group will have its annual Christmas party! Along with a great meal we will have a white elephant gift exchange! A white elephant gift exchange is a fun hilarious thing to do. All youth are invited to bring a wrapped gift limited to \$5.00 in cost. This is your chance to be creative, the gifts are supposed to be gags! The rules of the gift exchange will be explained at the party. The party will conclude at 8:30 pm in the Youth Center

The Perfect Gift: The Perfect Gift is here! Beginning today and continuing until the end of Advent, The Perfect Gift table will be available in the Commons before and after the 10:30 Sunday service. Make a donation to The Perfect Gift and you will receive a gift card to give to a loved one or friend explaining that you have made a donation in their name to St. Matthew's Outreach ministries providing food, shelter, education, clean water, and mosquito nets to people in need.



Sharing Christ's love with the less fortunate and your family and friends – The Perfect Gift!

St. Matthew's participates annually in Angel Tree Christmas, an outreach project developed by Prison Fellowship Ministries. Angel Tree works by connecting parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. Church members can buy two modest gifts for a child and they are given to the child in the name of the parent. Most of the children, who range in age from 5 months to 17 years old, are needy. An age appropriate gospel booklet is included as a gift from our church. Please look for our table in the Commons on November 22nd and November 29th to select a child in need. We have 41 children this year on the list. We hope you can help. We will be delivering these gifts to the children's homes on December 19th. Please contact Eby Whatley or Janemarie Shea about volunteering for Angel Tree at 996-9700 or [ebytexas@yahoo.com](mailto:ebytexas@yahoo.com). Thanks!



\*Surviving the Holidays" with Hospice Austin, Tuesday December 8, 7-9pm. in the Sanctuary, and reception in B-18. St. Matthew's is honored to be the venue for Hospice Austin's annual holiday remembrance service for the families of those for whom they have cared. All are invited to attend.

#### Tract Rack Facts

I thought some of us might want to make a special effort to do some extra reading and praying during Advent as a preparation for Christmas. I have ordered several new tracts that might be helpful to you:

*Lectio Divina, Reading the Bible with your heart.* The scriptures provide rich resources to meet us, wherever and wherever we are. Lectio divina is a helpful, time-tested tool for our journey.

*Praying the Anglican Rosary.* The Anglican Rosary may be a new concept to many. This brief tract explains the ancient practice and how it has been adapted for use in the Episcopal Church.

*What Can One Person Do? The Millennium Development Goals in Action and Practice*

As Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts says: We live in a unique moment in which humanity holds in its hands the resources, knowledge, and strategies to end deadly poverty forever. Heady stuff—but what can one person do, really, to bring these goals to life to actually make a difference? Stop for a moment and think, in the midst of the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping, decorations, cards, and cookies what could I do to make a difference in the world? Read and meditate on this tract and learn what you can do to bring the goodness of the Lord to this world.

We also have:

Things Not to Do During Advent: Top Ten List

Make Us New: The Miracle of Christmas

Silent Night; The Best Christmas Present Ever

The Enduring Mystery of Christmas

Have a blessed Advent!

Sue Burton

Your United Thank Offering gift is still wanted....and needed!! If you were unable to turn in your check on the ingathering Sunday, it is not too late. Please put it in the plate at offertory time (with UTO on the memo line) or mail it to the Church office (8134 Mesa Dr., Austin 78759). Thank you.

### Words from the Wild Family

Say Mom, with the celebration of Christmas and the end of the year coming fast, why don't we as a family make a gift to the Youth Endowment fund to support their activities next year?



Easiest shopping trip of the season! 😊

Great idea! Consider it done, dear!

DM 11-06-09

The ECW Invites All Women of St. Matthew's to their Annual Advent Coffee on Saturday, December 12th from 10am-12pm. This morning of fellowship is a wonderful opportunity to honor the beginning of the Advent season and celebrate the birth of our Christ Child. As the ECW's main fundraiser for the Baby Bundles that benefit needy babies through the El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission, everyone will have the opportunity to sponsor a bundle for themselves or in honor of a friend or relative. We are also pleased to have Francie Thurman, St. Matt's Day School Director, as the featured speaker. We are in need of volunteers to bring breakfast food for the event. If you would like to sign-up to help, please see Anne Webster in the Commons after the 10:30 a.m. service today or call Sandy Brown at 342-2266 (leave message if no answer). We encourage you to invite a friend, daughter, mother or granddaughter to join you for this "not-to-be-missed" event and look forward to celebrating the Advent season with you! Questions: Contact Anne Webster at [awebstertx@gmail.com](mailto:awebstertx@gmail.com) or 750-9649

## Children's Ministry The Season of Advent



Join us in Children's Sunday School December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> as we discover the wonders of the season of Advent. We will experience the timeless story of the nativity through the eyes of Mary, the eyes of the angel, and the eyes of the shepherds. We will make Mary's treasure boxes in art, play an Advent trivia game in theater, and decorate angel and star cookies, as well as learn a star science experiment in cooking and science.

We will spend the month preparing for the birth of the Christ child. Advent is a time to count our blessings and to be a blessing to someone else. It's a time to know we are loved and to share God's love. It's a time to contemplate and to celebrate! We will make nativity crafts, listen to wonderful, timeless stories and wonder together what it might have been like to be present in that stable or on that hillside so long ago. We will ponder how much God loves us and think through how we can be "messengers" of God's love, just like those shepherds were messengers so many years ago.

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, the K/1<sup>st</sup> graders will do art, the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> graders will do science/cooking, and the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> graders will do theater. On December 13<sup>th</sup>, the K/1<sup>st</sup> graders will do science/cooking, the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> graders will do theater, and the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> graders will do art. On December 20<sup>th</sup>, the K/1<sup>st</sup> graders will do theater, the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> graders will do art, and the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> graders will do science/cooking.

The 3 and 4 year olds will each receive a felt Advent wreath on the first Sunday in Advent (November 29<sup>th</sup>) that they can use at home to celebrate this special season. They will learn about Advent through nativity crafts and bible stories. All ages will participate in La Posada on Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>, a yearly tradition that symbolizes the trials Mary and Joseph endured before finding a place to stay where Jesus could be born. We will conclude our search with treats and a piñata!

Join us on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 for fun and fellowship. Children ages 3 years old (and potty trained) through fifth grade are invited to join us each Sunday morning in the basement of the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Helen Pelkey (345-8314 x227 or [helen@stmattsaustin.org](mailto:helen@stmattsaustin.org)).

3 and 4 year olds meet in Room B-16. Kindergartners through 5<sup>th</sup> graders meet in Room B-21 for our opening and then stay in B-21 or move to B-17 or B-12, depending on their rotation. Kindergartners through 5<sup>th</sup> graders gather at the end of Sunday School in Room B-21 for snack. All ages are then escorted to Children's Chapel or picked up by their parents.

Chapel in B-18 – A child and family friendly Chapel service is held EVERY Sunday morning in B-18 (Basement of the Sanctuary). Don't miss the fun! The service begins at 10:30 and is geared to the needs of children ages 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, but "lap sitters" are always welcome with a parent and older children are welcome to join us as helpers. Through carefully chosen words, music and activities, our daily lessons, Episcopal heritage, and the rhythm of our liturgy will come to life in the hands and hearts of our children. The Chapel service is led by a team of wonderful volunteers. Parents are invited to bring their children directly to B-18 before the 10:30 worship begins or to sign them directly through to Chapel when you drop them off at Sunday School. All the children will be returned to the sanctuary at the Peace so that families can celebrate communion together.

The story for this Sunday, the second Sunday in Advent is Luke 3:1-6. We will hear how John the Baptist predicts the coming of Jesus. The story for Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> is Luke 3:7-18. We will hear John the Baptist preach justice and announce the coming of Jesus, the Messiah. If you have any questions please contact Helen Pelkey at [helen@stmattsaustin.org](mailto:helen@stmattsaustin.org) or 345-8314 x227.

## ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES IN DECEMBER 2009

*Please note that all classes will be cancelled on Sunday, December 27, 2009 and January 3, 2010 for the holiday period.  
All classes resume on Sunday, January 10, 2010.*

Advent and Christmas– led by Merrill Wade Location: Huffman Hall

In this class, we will examine the biblical lessons and stories of the Advent and Christmas seasons.

These classes will be lively, conversational and relevant to your daily lives!

Sunday, December 6 – The Prophets of Israel – their messages and power.

Sunday, December 13 – John the Baptist and Repentance

Sunday, December 20 – The Birth and Life of Jesus – what was God doing?

The class meets each Sunday at 9:15AM. *Submitted by Merrill Wade*

Living What We Believe - Location - B-6

Facilitator: Paul Williams. This Study group, "Living What We Believe" will meet in Room B-6 each Sunday morning at 9:15 to discuss the Gospel lesson from that Sunday's lectionary. The discussion is lively and reveals several points of view. After the class, at the 10:30AM service, it is interesting to compare the class discussion and the sermon.

*Submitted by Paul Williams*

Sunday Morning Bible Discussion - Location: Room B-13

Facilitators: Kay Ballard and Will Lutz: Have you ever wanted to know what God would tell you about a particular issue if you could just hear him more clearly? Often, searching the Bible for what God said to his followers in the past helps us to know his purposes for today, as well. This fall, the Bible Discussion Class will take a topical approach to our Old and New Testament studies. As we discuss in class what God has told his people in the past, we will draw conclusions about such topics as:

Caring for Creation	Our part in grace and forgiveness
The meaning of the Eucharist	Purposes and guidelines for prayer
Our response for social justice	

If you want to learn more of God's word and share insights with others, come join us in Room B-13 at 9:15 for coffee, Bible study, and fellowship. *Submitted by Kay Ballard*

Sunday Morning Book Group - Location - B-14

Facilitators: Jim and Linda Fryer: Peace, joy, self-mastery and justice can be acquired through practicing ancient disciplines, thus exercising our souls as we prepare for grace to surprise us. In the book *Finding Our Way Again*, Brian McLaren serves as a guide to a variety of spiritual practices, showing how they form character, awaken us to life, and help us to experience God and each other in new and fresh ways. Rather than a book review approach, the class invites members to share thoughts, insights and life experiences that are relevant to the week's chapter. We will provide books and new

members are welcome to join at any time. *Submitted by the Fryers*

DON'T MISS OUR CLUB 345 CHRISTMAS PARTY – DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>! If you are in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grade, grab a friend and join us for our annual Christmas party on Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in the Youth Center! There will be crafts, treats to eat, a service project to make, and a toy gift exchange. Find a toy you no longer play with, valued at \$10 or less, wrap it up and bring it to exchange for something more to your liking. Be prepared for lots of swapping! Look for your e-vite a week out with more information. Contact Helen Pelkey at 345-8314 x227 or [helen@stmattsaustin.org](mailto:helen@stmattsaustin.org) with any questions.



## Make Plans to Participate in the "Pick Up Pageant"!



You and your families are cordially invited to attend the Pick Up Pageant on Thursday December 24th at

**4:00 PM** in the Sanctuary. The Pick Up Pageant is one of our most special annual traditions. This hour long service combines the familiar words of the Gospels with a family friendly service of Holy Communion. We call this special service a "pick up" pageant because we literally "pick up" every child who wishes to participate in the pageant. It is NOT your usual well-staged, well-rehearsed, well-costumed pageant. It is, instead, an invitation to one and all to celebrate as an active participant in the joy and wonder of the birth of the Christ Child. What a sight it is to behold a whole flock of shepherds and an entire host of angels gathered around the manger rejoicing in the birth of Jesus! The primary characters in the story (Narrators, Mary, Joseph, Jesus, Inn Keeper, a handful of "lead shepherds and angels," the magi, and the star) are cast ahead of time on a first-come basis. The primary characters are asked to be present at one brief rehearsal on Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 10:30 service. If your child is interested in representing one of the primary characters in the pageant, please contact Helen Pelkey at 345-8314 x227 or [helen@stmattsaustin.org](mailto:helen@stmattsaustin.org).

\*Help a Family Home: Our Interfaith Hospitality Network host week is coming Dec 27 to Jan 3. We will have 4 families staying in the Youth Center. Won't you help them with meals, support or something as simple as laundry after they leave. If you heard the speaker at last week's breakfast you know that you can be part of the solution that pulls them out of a scary and shocking period in their life. Sign up today in the Commons after service or contact Amy Novak (795-8089, [amy\\_m\\_novak@earthlink.net](mailto:amy_m_novak@earthlink.net)).

### Christmas Wrapping and Gifts Kind to the Environment



Americans create 25% more garbage around Christmas. A significant amount of this is gift wrapping paper. Start a tradition this year in your family of using reusable or reused wrapping for your presents. Gift bags can be made of cloth scraps. Unused scarves, napkins or fancy dishcloths can be tied around with a ribbon. Another approach that saves paper is to use old newspapers, comics or magazines. Carefully selected headlines or pictures can be annotated to add a personal touch to the wrapping. Perhaps decorate the [whole] package with pictures from Vogue, Architectural Digest, children's artwork (or what have you) that will add a further air of mystery (or hint) about the gift. Grandparents specially like incorporation of grand kid's artwork. Old sheet music can be used to wrap something for the music lover on your list. You can make gift tags from last year's greeting cards or wrapping paper.

Better yet is a Perfect Gift sponsored by the St. Matthew's Outreach Commission (see: [tinyurl.com/yfk8ng9](http://tinyurl.com/yfk8ng9)) which can avoid the purchase of unneeded stuff but makes a charitable gift in the recipient's name. A Perfect gift avoids the landfill and provides blessings that can change a life.

### Women of St. Matthew's The 2010 ECW Retreat is just around the corner!

Please make plans to join us for the 2010 ECW Retreat, February 26-28, 2010. This year's retreat will be at Camp Allen and will be led by author, storyteller, speaker and teacher Kathy Hood Culmer. As Kathy says, "To share a moment along the path of another's spiritual journey is a gift. To see the stories illuminated by encounters with the divine, both ordinary and profound, shows us that their stories are our stories ". The retreat is a welcome time for relaxation, fun and fellowship. Registration is available in the Commons area each Sunday after church. Please contact Nora Foster at [rdcnf@aol.com](mailto:rdcnf@aol.com) , or 512-632-3697 with questions



**Don't miss our Annual Family Advent Event  
on Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:15pm to 8:00pm!**

Come and worship, hear a story from St. Nicholas, and make Christmas crafts and cookies! On Sunday evening, December 13<sup>th</sup>, from 5:15pm - 8:00pm, we will celebrate the Advent season, family style. Our evening begins with a Family Eucharist, a preview of what is to come as we replace our current

Children's Chapel program with a Family Eucharist, beginning in Lent. A Potluck Supper\* will follow, with a visit from St. Nicholas. The older kids and adults will then go caroling in the neighborhood while the younger kids (ages 3 to 6 or so) stay to make crafts and decorate Christmas cookies.

The festivities will end at 8:00 pm. If you are caroling, please wear warm clothes and bring flashlights and a joyful spirit!

**\*COME ONE, COME ALL!**

**To the Old Fashion Pot Luck Dinner**

**We're having a pot luck dinner on December 13, 2009, at 5: 15 p.m. in connection with the Annual Family Advent Event**

**If your last name begins with:**

**A thru J – bring Salads or vegetables.**

**K thru L – bring Desserts**

**M thru Z – bring Main Dishes.**

**More information:**

**Bring enough to serve 6 – 8 people.**

**Get there with your dish ready to put on the table by 5:00 p.m..**

**We have plenty of serving utensils so don't bring one that might get lost.**

**Identify your container and be sure to take it  
home with you at end of evening.**

**If some of your food is left please take it home with you.**

**Do not leave it in the kitchen.**

**Drinks and bread will be provided.**

**Bon Appétit!**

# IN OUR PRAYERS\*--DECEMBER 6-DECEMBER 13, 2009

THIS LIST IS READ ALOUD AT EVENING PRAYER (DAILY 6 P.M. CHARLOTTE CAULEY GRAY BELL TOWER CHAPEL) AND IS INCLUDED ON THE INTERCESSORY PRAYER NETWORK.

Rowan of Canterbury, our Archbishop; Katharine, our Presiding Bishop, Andy, Rayford, and Dena, our Bishops; Merrill, Susan, Kevin, Chuck, Jerry, and Jim, our Clergy. The Rev. Miles Brandon, The Wardens, Staff, and Vestry of St. Matthew's; our Outreach Ministries: ETSS, Kairos, Habitat for Humanity, El Buen Samaritano, Care for the Caregiver, Alternative Gifts Market, Heifer Project, Diocese of Manicaland (Zimbabwe), Katrina/Rita Relief, SafePlace, West Austin Caregivers, Casa Marianella, Caritas, Capital Area Food Bank, General Seminary, St. James Episcopal School, Children's Hope Chest, Women's Story Book Project, Samaritan Counseling Center, Hope House, Interfaith Hospitality Network, The Students, Parents and Staff of St. Matthew's Day School, Hill Elementary School, Murchison Middle School and Anderson High School (adopted via Austin Partners in Education) and the Daughters of the King prayer list; Building on Our Sure Foundation Capital Campaign; Our Men and Women in the Armed Forces and others who serve our country at home and overseas.

Conny	Heather	Marib	Nichols Family
Connie Statz	Hillary	Hannah	Clarice Meer
Diane Smith	Ashley Adams	C.J. Carl & Family	Byron Howard
Laura & children	Alex Acosta	Caitlin Kennedy	Lindsay Cage
Lynn Horabin	Keaton Anderson	Price/Robbins Family	Ivory
Beth Ann Sikes	Arlon Boyd	Ashley Wingo	June & Trevor
Rhonda Myers	Libby	Paul Cage Rayburn	Webb
Hilary Mears	Helen Schmidt-Collins	John & Rosie	Lakki Brown
Ann & Tom	Andrew	Chris Mitchell	James & Paul
Craig Ramsey	Carolyne	Danny Young	Lori
Sue Dumond	Paulette Till	Troy Cernosek	Rachel
Matthew Hauser	Camilla	Susan & Frank Ford	Christiane
Ann Fry	Bernard Stratman	Sarah	Bryce Hicks
Jane Groves	Vanessa Gross	Susan Youngblood	Ted Hendricks
Abbey Taylor	Michael Thompson	Chris Carpenter	Juan Rojas, Jr.
Bill and Pam	Samuel	Kim Jones	Jaime Fuller
Tara Fisher	Susan Leffler	Larry Wilson	Eduardo Flores
Jeff Gray	Anita Riggs	Sam & Scott O. Amy P.	Donita & Whitney
Pat Davis	Scott Davis	Janice	Wheeler
Patty Brock	Allie Turner	Ann Castleberry	Molly & Lloyd
Judy Seebald	Bob Webb	Jordy Wallenberger	Hollie
Mitch Hall	David House	Jason Foster	Anne
Lillianna Krebs	Tucker and family	Stephanie Eshelman	Shirley Dyer
Ann	Sarah Woodall	Jean Allison	Ben Howard &
Bob	Will Wood	Jane Bray	Jessica Curry
Geoff Shannon	Jake & Gina Guevara	Chad	David M. & family
Bill Lester	Maggie Poff	Emily	John Garland Burton
Dolores Muhich	Polly Coleman	Paul LeMond	Spencer Family
Gay, Margaret, Ruth &	Sami & Philip	Matthew Anderson	Reid Kirchem
Billie	Gary Martin	Sarah R.	Liz Johnson
Beverly Z.	Gloria Moore	Doris Dixon	Mary Hill
Jerri Michalski	Lee Edwards	Billy & Andy Robison	Bill & Marilyn
Kelley Meyer	Logan Drifuss	Jay Robison	Wenzel
Alex	Elizabeth Gerrie	Jake Thomas	Ryan Rivette
Elizabeth Wellman	Jeremy Williford	Dr. Jenny Johnson	& Family
Milo Nimori family	Bethany Billman	Nathan & Carol Ina	Phyllis Davidson
Virginia Bockholt	Scott Nimori family	Shirley Meyer	O dai
Margaret Richardson	Jacob & Kathryn Melear	Dan Speilman	Louise Waddill
Janet Ogden	Mary Satoro	Daniel	Bonnie Coleman

\*Prayer requests will be listed for one month after the initial request is made unless extenuating circumstances prevail. If you would like to see a name added back on after one month, simply call the office, 345-8314 and ask Barbara to add it.

☺ Olivia Marjorie Pelkey, daughter of Helen and Richard Pelkey, was born November 25, 2009.

† Byron Shupee died November 27, 2009

Vestry Persons for November: Bill Kahlke and Avery Goodgame

ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER 29, 8:00 a.m, 3410:30 a.m., 314 , 5:15 p. m., 35 TOTAL: 383

# THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH

## DECEMBER 6-DECEMBER 13, 2009

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY- FRIDAY, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

EVENING PRAYER DAILY AT 6 P.M. IN THE CAULEY BELL TOWER CHAPEL

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

#### GOOD FAITH SUNDAY

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I in Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Adult, Youth and Children's Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II in Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Children's Chapel in B-18
- 5:00 PM Youth Group Sun ONE in Youth Center
- 5:15 PM Contemplative Service in Wilson Room
- 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous in B-21

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 9:00 AM Senior Activity Center Tai Chi in Huffman Hall, Board Games in B-18
- 12:00 Noon Job Support Group in Wilson Room
- 5:00 PM Grief Support Group in B-6
- 7:00 PM Girl Scouts in Huffman Hall

#### TUESDAY DECEMBER 8

- 9:00 AM Senior Activity Center Seniorcise in B-18
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting in Breezway Conference Room
- 2:30 PM Alanon Meeting in B-14
- 7:00 PM Surviving the Holidays-Hospice Austin in Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Troop 511 Boy Scouts in Huffman Hall
- 7:30 PM Tuesday Night Bible Study in B-13

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II in Wilson Room
- 9:00 AM Senior Activity Center Tai Chi in Huffman Hall, Board Games in B-18
- 9:15 AM Day School Chapel in Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry in Wilson Room (B-14)
- 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II in Wilson Room
- 1:00 PM Grief Support Group in B-6
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 6:30 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast in Huffman Hall
- 9:15 AM Day School Chapel in Sanctuary
- 12:00 Noon Women's Study Group in Wilson Room
- 12:05 PM Advent Concert in Sanctuary
- 1:00 PM Senior Activity Center, Bridge in B-18

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 9:00 AM Senior Activity Center Seniorcise in B-18
- 11:00 AM Senior Activity Center Party in Huffman Hall

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 9:00 AM Order of St. Luke in Wilson Room (B-14)
- 10:00 AM Episcopal Church Women Annual Advent Tea in Huffman Hall

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I in Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Adult, Youth and Children's Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II in Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Children's Chapel in B-18
- 5:15 PM Family Eucharist, Potluck Dinner and Caroling in Huffman Hall
- 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous in B-21

Advent Greenery on the Altar is Given to the Glory of God by  
Mary Nell Frucella in loving memory of Jack Frucella on his birthday

## ADVENT NOON CONCERTS

12:05-12:45 p.m.—Thursdays—FREE

Dec. 10—LBJ High School Orchestra  
featuring Jean Fuller, organist

Dec. 17—FULL CIRCLE—women's *a cappella*  
choral quartet



## *Sing-Along Messiah 2009*

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

December 20, 2009

4 p.m.—Sanctuary

DAVID STEVENS, Conductor

The Orchestra of St. Matthew's

\$15 Admission

(All proceeds go to defray the costs of professional  
performers and event expenses.)

find your section; and now you are part of the choir!

Soloists:

Soprano— Meredith Ruduski

Alto—Cindy Sadler

Tenor—Jeffrey Jones-Ragona

Baritone—David Small

Christmas Goodies on sale during Intermission

—hot chocolate, coffee, cookies, cupcakes

\$5 Raffle Tickets—Winner gets to conduct "The Hallelujah Chorus"