

**The Weekly Word--
January 3-January 10, 2010
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. The monthly *Word* deadline is the 15th of each month. Please send Monthly *Word* articles to Word@StMattsAustin.org

Be in the know! Subscribe to the St. Matthew's Email Notification Service. The parish email keeps you informed about all the important events happening at St. Matthew's. Subscribe yourself by sending a blank email to: StMattsEmail-subscribe@yahoogle.com You can unsubscribe yourself at any time.

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

Today is the first Sunday of the New Year: Good Faith Sunday

The cash offering today and checks designated to Good Faith will help keep utilities on and roofs over the heads of our neighbors in need. The Good Faith Fund gives thanks for the generosity of St. Matthews.

Youth Group News

Sunday January 3: SUN ONE is a unique youth group comprised of students (grades 6 through 12) from the 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 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at St. David's. Come and enjoy an evening of a Talent Show, dinner, & fun! Sign up with Kevin for your talent to be showcased for the show.

Wednesday January 6: NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING, Epiphany!

Sunday January 10: Youth Group Outreach Project: The Youth will meet in the Youth Center from 5:30 to 7:30 to participate in this month's outreach project. More details about the event will be available later.

Feast of the Epiphany – January 6, 2009 – 7:00PM in the Sanctuary – *A shared service with St. Julian's*



We will celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Wednesday night, January 6, at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary. The service will last approximately 45 minutes and all are invited!

This will be a joint service with St. Julian's of Norwich, an Episcopal congregation forming out in the Avery Ranch area in far Northwest Austin. As you know, the Rev. Miles Brandon has shared office space with us the last year or so and some of our parishioners have played a role in the birthing of the new congregation! Miles will be the preacher for the service. Nursery care will be provided.

Report on 2010 Operating Pledges: Special thanks to all those who have returned their pledge cards to St. Matthew's. As of December 28, we have received 268 pledges totaling \$914,112. 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 offering plate or mail to the Church Office. Thanks one and all.

*As the new year approaches we are eager to craft a budget to provide for the continuity and growth of the great programs, events and people that are St. Matthew's. To do that we need to have the best information possible about what part pledge contributions will have in our ability to plan for next year. If you will pledge for 2010, it would be a great help if you would complete your pledge card as soon as possible.

Thank you for your generosity. Dave Bowman, Business Manager

VISA, MasterCard or Discover Card

The church office now accepts VISA, MasterCard and Discover Card for pledges, general contributions, designated gifts, Memorial Garden spaces, Endowment celebratory and memorial gifts, retreat reservations, special event or program fees etc. For more information, please visit the church office.

ONLINE BANKING

Depending on your bank's service and fee structure, you may find it a cost and convenience advantage to use your bank's online services for your pledges and other contributions. Several of St. Matthew's members have already found this to be true for their personal situations. For more information about how online banking can benefit St. Matthew's, please contact the Business Manager, Dave Bowman at Dave@stmattsAustin.org.

Children's Sunday School – We will not be having Sunday School January 3rd, due to the holidays. Enjoy time as a family! We will begin Children's Sunday School again on Sunday January 10th. We will spend the month of January exploring baptism through art, theater, and science/cooking. If you have any questions please contact Helen Pelkey at helen@stmattsaustrin.org or 345-8314 x227.

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 3rd 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 is John 1:1-18. We will hear about how Jesus is the source of light and life for all humanity. We will celebrate the birth of Jesus with a party, complete with cupcakes and balloons!

The story for Sunday the 3rd is Matthew 2:1-12. We will hear the story of the visit of the magi and share what gifts we would like to give the baby Jesus.

If you have any questions please contact Helen Pelkey at helen@stmattsaustrin.org or 345-8314 x227.

*At our January 10 Women's Story Circle, Hollee McCay will share her experiences from growing up in a divorced household to leaving home on a mission of independence and then becoming a wife and mother. Her story includes a spiritual journey that was disrupted in childhood, and then existed as a subconscious background until recently reemerging as an important piece in the mosaic of her life. Hollee is an assistant teacher at St. Matthew's Day School. She is married to Todd McCay and is the mother of Chase and Carson. A donation of \$5 is requested for the lunch. PLEASE RSVP if you will be attending. Also, if you will need childcare, please indicate so. RSVP to Glenda Monroe at glenda@texasbankers.com or 250-5139 or by filling out an RSVP card and placing it in the box in the Commons by the Wednesday before the luncheon.

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

If I'd Known My Sister Better



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, or 512-632-3697 with questions

Simple Improvements Can Add to Home's Energy Efficiency



Home energy efficiency usually focuses on big items—new windows, new air conditioners, etcetera. However, there are lots of simple things that can help make your home more energy efficient to reduce costs and make your home more comfortable. First, seal air leaks in your air conditioning ductworks and leaks all over your house. An Austin Energy study found that the average A/C system in their area leaks approximately 27 percent of the conditioned air passing through it. Properly sealed ducting keeps conditioned air from leaking out and in the summer keeps hot and humid attic air from leaking into your home. Sealing gaps around window frames and adding or replacing weatherstripping around exterior doors is also important. Leaks may also occur around electrical outlets, especially those mounted on an outside wall. Consider additional attic insulation. Think about replacing your existing thermostat with a programmable one which will allow you to optimize regular temperature changes automatically. Replacing incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent or LED bulbs will not only reduce your lighting costs but will reduce air conditioning need in the summer. Austin Energy can help with rebates on ducting and weatherization (tinyurl.com/5k9bk9), free programmable thermostats (tinyurl.com/lf8fv), lighting and ceiling fan tips (tinyurl.com/3mhml), and if necessary new HVAC equipment (tinyurl.com/abq3c).

Isaiah 65:21 "They shall build houses and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit."

Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 17, 2010

I invite you to attend the Annual Meeting of St. Matthew's Parish on the evening of Sunday, January 17. Our Annual Meeting is always a special event. Here are some details for the evening. We will gather in Huffman Hall for an Old-Fashioned Potluck Supper at 5:15PM that evening. Please read Louise Waddill's notice for more details about the Pot-Luck Supper. At approximately 6:00PM, I will call our Annual Meeting to order. We will elect six new members to the Vestry, three new members to the Endowment Committee and two alternates for the 2010 Diocesan Council. At this meeting we will have a brief report on my Sabbatical, which begins on April 19, 2010; we will have a report from Dr. Betsy Aylin, who will be our Consultant for our Long Range Planning associated with the Sabbatical; we will make a few special presentations and I will announce the 2010 Senior Warden.

It is your responsibility, if you are 16 or older and a baptized member of this parish, to attend this meeting and to elect leaders for the parish.

Faithfully and gratefully, Merrill

COME ONE, COME ALL!

To An Old Fashioned Pot Luck Supper

We're having a pot luck supper on January 17, 2010 at 5:15 p.m.
to kick off the Annual Parish Meeting which will begin at 6 p.m.

If your last name begins with:

- A thru B – bring Dessert
- C thru Mc – bring Main Dish.
- Me thru Z – bring Salad or Vegetable.

More information:

1. Bring enough to serve 6 – 8 people.
2. Get there with your dish ready to put on the table by 5:00 p.m.
3. We have plenty of serving utensils.
4. Identify your container and be sure to take it home with you at end of evening.
5. If some of your food is left please take it home with you.
Do not leave it in the kitchen.
6. Drinks and bread will be provided.

Bon Appétit!



Elections at the Annual Parish Meeting – January 17, 2010

This document provides information needed to help you make informed decisions regarding just how you can be of service to the parish. Why not consider running to fill one of the following jobs? Candidate Information Forms are available today in the Commons.

Vestry Elections to replace the five retiring vestry members and one unexpired term.

Those rotating off the Vestry are:

Jim Fryer, Mary-Lynn Polk, Pat Yeargain, Paul Williams, Bill Kahlke, Vicki DeWeese

Bill Kahlke is fulfilling an unexpired term and is eligible for re-election.

Vicki DeWeese is resigning from the Vestry one year early, therefore another vestry member will be elected to complete Vicki's 2011 term.

With this in mind, we will elect 6 new members of the Vestry on January 17.

Those who continue to serve on the Vestry are as follows:

Terms Expiring in 2011 (Serve until Annual Meeting)

Avery Goodgame, Hink Johnson, Stefani Minnear, Cynthia Wilson, One Newly Elected Member

Terms Expiring in 2012 (Serve until Annual Meeting)

Ann Hart, Lori Murphy, Doug Webster, Ken Blaker, Joe McLean

*Terms Expiring in 2013 (Serve until Annual Meeting)

Five (5) newly elected members

Please pray about this opportunity to serve. Applications can be found on our website

(www.stmattsAustin.org) or in the church office. Forms should be turned in to the church office by Monday, ~~December 14, 2009~~ in order to meet the publication deadline. If you have questions about serving on the 2010 Vestry please contact *Pat Yeargain, Jim Fryer or Merrill Wade*



Nominations received through December 28:

Laurie Brown, Jim Dettmann, Nora Foster, Bill Kahlke, Jim Michael and Eby Whatley

Diocesan Council Representative

Each year St. Matthew's is represented by four (4) persons at the Diocesan Council. The 161st Diocesan Council will meet at the Convention Center in Killeen on February 12 and 13, 2010. At each Annual Meeting we elect 2 delegates – who serve three-year terms. The first year, those elected serve as alternates. For the final two years of their term, they serve as voting delegates.

Our current elected delegates are as follows:

Terms Expire after Diocesan Council, 2010: *Esther Garcia and Tony Hatheway*

Terms Expire after Diocesan Council, 2011 : *Vickie Blumhagen and Kevin McGillicuddy.*

*Terms Expire after Diocesan Council 2012: *Two newly elected delegates*

Two alternate delegates whose terms will expire in 2012 will be elected at the Annual Meeting.

If you would like to submit your name for election, please stop by the office and pick up a nomination form.



Nominations received through December 28:

Mary-Lynn Polk, Susan Robertson and Dyke Miller

See next page for Endowment Committee and Memorial Garden Committee

Memorial Garden Committee

Two new members will be elected each year to serve on this committee which oversees the Billye Taegel Krystow Memorial Garden. The term of service for each elected member shall be 3 years serving in rotation. Those currently serving on the committee are as follows:

Terms Expiring in 2011 (Serve until Annual Meeting): *Babs Clendenin, David Barrow*

Terms Expiring in 2012 (Serve until Annual Meeting): *Jack Eccles, Warren Marshall.*

New members elected January 17, 2010 will serve terms that expire in 2013. If you would like to submit your name for election, please stop by the office and pick up a nomination form.



Nominations received as of noon, December 28: Bruce Newman, David Kennedy

Endowment Committee

Do you have time and financial talents to offer St. Matthew's? Three (3) new Endowment Committee members will be elected at the Annual Meeting. They are responsible for oversight of our endowments, keeping watch for the future generations that will come to St. Matthew's. Those currently serving on the committee are as follows:

Terms Expiring in 2010 (Serve until Annual meeting): *Brenda Helfrich, Reid Kirchem, Amy Novak*

Terms Expiring in 2011 (Serve until Annual Meeting): *Jerry Ballard, Joyce Statz, Tom Uhl*

Terms Expiring in 2012 (Serve until Annual Meeting): *Andrew Bushong, Dyke Miller, Blythe Wilson.*

Terms Expiring in 2013 (Serve until Annual Meeting): *Three newly elected members*

Candidate Information Forms may be obtained in the office or on the webpage

<http://www.stmattsAustin.org/PermanentEndowment.htm>. If you have any questions, you may talk with any current committee member listed on the webpage or Amy Novak, committee chair.



Nominations received as of December 28: Bill Parmeter

IN OUR PRAYERS*--JANUARY 3-JANUARY 10, 2010

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

*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.

Vestry Persons for January 2010:

Attendance for Christmas Eve, 4 p.m., 560 , 7:00 p.m., 247 , 9:00 p.m. 250 Total: 1,057

Attendance for Christmas Day: 9:00 a.m., 21

Attendance for December 27, 8:00 a. m., 31, 10:30 a.m., 242, 5:15, 6, Total: 279

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH

JANUARY 3-JANUARY 10, 2010

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, JANUARY 3

GOOD FAITH SUNDAY

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I in Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II in Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Children's Chapel in B-18
- 5:15 PM Contemplative Eucharist in Wilson Room
- 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous in B-21

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

- 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

TUESDAY JANUARY 5

- 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 Troop 511 Boy Scouts in Huffman Hall
- 7:30 PM Tuesday Night Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

EPIPHANY

- 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 St. Matthew's 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 Epiphany Service in Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

- 9:00 AM Senior Activity Center Seniorcise in B-18
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts in Huffman Hall

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

- 7:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew Breakfast in Huffman Hall
- 9:00 AM Order of St. Luke in Wilson Room (B-14)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I in Sanctuary
- 9:15 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
- 12:00 Noon Episcopal Church Women Story Circle in Huffman Hall
- 5:15 PM Contemplative Eucharist in Wilson Room
- 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous in B-21

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY
Margaret and Larry Carpenter in celebration of
the marriage of Kate Whitson and Damien Vickers