

# The Weekly Word-- January 24-January 31, 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, A WALKER, A PRAYER SHAWL AND A BLANKET IN THE GALLERY 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)

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@yahoo.com](mailto:StMattsEmail-subscribe@yahoo.com) You can unsubscribe yourself at any time.

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

*Stewardship Tip:* Stewardship is the main work of the Church.

## Youth News

Sunday January 24: Dinner and a Movie Night! We will meet in the Youth Center at 5:00 pm and conclude at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday January 27: HSYG Hang Out! The High School Youth Group meets at 7:00 pm in the Youth Center to hang out with friends! The evening concludes at 8:30 pm.

Come take part in our New Family Eucharist!



If you missed our Family Eucharist on Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>, make sure to attend our next service TODAY, Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm in B-18. We are previewing our new Family Service, which will replace our Children's Chapel, beginning the first Sunday in Lent (February 21<sup>st</sup>). We are replacing our Children's Chapel with a Family Eucharist, giving families a chance to worship together in an informal environment. The Family Service will run concurrently with the 10:30 Eucharist Service. The Family Eucharist Service will last 45 minutes and will incorporate many of the wonderful parts of Children's Chapel with a homily that will have a message for children and adults alike. Ways to worship together at home during the week will also be presented. All ages are welcome; you don't have to have children to attend. The option to drop off your children and attend the 10:30 Eucharist in the sanctuary is still available to families. Our hope is that you will want to attend the Family Service with your children so that you can help your children develop their faith in God. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Pelkey at 345-8314 x227 or Rev. Kevin Schubert at 345-8314 x232.

CURSILLO NEWS - MARK THE DATES: Looking ahead a few weeks, mark the dates: 24 Jan at 6pm, B-13, Palanca Party, for upcoming Cursillo # 227 & # 228. In addition to eating some pizza we will have a creative arts play time. Bring the kids, turn out. January 24<sup>th</sup>. Moving Along, mark down Sunday Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> also at 6pm but in Huffman Hall. The Convocation Ultreya. St. Matthew's is host church. Paul Williams is the 4th Day Speaker - don't miss it! submitted by Dyke Miller

Report on 2010 Operating Pledges: Special thanks to all those who have returned their pledge cards to St. Matthew's. As of 1/14/10, we have received 280 pledges totaling \$934,282. 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.  
\*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 the new 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

ECW Board Inaugurates the New Year on January 20, 2010: The bi-monthly Board Meeting of St. Matt's Episcopal Church Women is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. We will meet at the home of Louise Waddill.  
For directions and to RSVP contact Pat Naeve at [pbrockie@vzw.blackberry.net](mailto:pbrockie@vzw.blackberry.net) or call 472-2111.

VISA, MasterCard or Discover Card: The church office 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.

Discovery Class in January and February: Sunday, 9:15, Breezeway Conference Room

*Have you been visiting St. Matthew's and want to learn more about the Episcopal Church?*

*Are you a long-time Episcopalian who would like a refresher course?*

*Are you a member of St. Matthew's who would like to share your experience with some seekers?*

*Discovery Class is for you!*

Bishop Andy Doyle is returning to St. Matthew's for Confirmation on Sunday, March 7. Our Discovery Class, meeting for six Sundays in January and February, will prepare people who wish to join the church. It also is a good introduction or re-introduction to the Episcopal church. And it's a chance to meet some cool people who are new to the church. ALL are welcome! Please contact Susan Barnes, 345-8314 Ext 217, or email [Susan@StMattsAustin.org](mailto:Susan@StMattsAustin.org) or Betty Mitchell, 345-8314, Ext 215, [Betty@StMattsAustin.org](mailto:Betty@StMattsAustin.org)

Children's Sunday School – Join us in Children's Sunday School January 24<sup>th</sup> as we discover the wonders of Baptism. We will hear about Jesus' baptism and learn more about why we were baptized. Baptism is an outward symbol of God's action in our lives. It is one way we publicly acknowledge God's claim on us and recognize God's love for us. We will help the children understand that we belong to God. The children will experience baptism through art, theater, and science and cooking. We will be making origami doves and candle holders in art, acting out the story of Jesus being baptized in theater, and making bottle clouds in science and cooking.

The 3 and 4 year olds will hear about Jesus being baptized by John and how being baptized means we are now part of the family of God.

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 is Luke 4:14-21. We will hear about how Jesus teaches to and faces the rejection of the people of his hometown.

If you have any questions please contact Helen Pelkey at [helen@stmattsaustin.org](mailto:helen@stmattsaustin.org) or 345-8314 x227.



### Sunday Breakfast: January 31

On January 31 of this month we will enjoy breakfast during the Sunday School hour (9:15 to 10:15.) The breakfast, hosted by the Staff of St. Matthew's, is a time for all ages to share in a meal with your parish family! Remember this month's breakfast is on January 31 during the Sunday School Hour from 9:15 to 10:15 am!



Club 345 will meet Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup>! If you are in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade, please join us at our next meeting on Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> from 12:30 to 2:00pm at Main Event. We will be having pizza for lunch and bowling! Look for your evite a week out and as always, bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Helen Pelkey at 345-8314 x227 or [helen@stmattsAustin.org](mailto:helen@stmattsAustin.org).

KAIROS Lane Murray #10 Weekend (April 28 - May 2) needs you!: Ways to support KAIROS include Green



Agape, Baking Cookies, Making Place Mats, Writing Letters and Prayers for the ministry. For more info about KAIROS please visit

[www.StMattsAustin.org/kairos.htm](http://www.StMattsAustin.org/kairos.htm).

Lane Murray #10 team meetings will be at St. Matthew's . Team meetings are February 20, March 20 and April 17th. If you have been thinking about serving on either the "inside team", or prefer to help from the "outside" (much like the kitchen crew at a campsite Cursillo), this is the time for you.

If you are interested in serving or helping in any way, please contact Steve Ryder via email at [Steve@SteveRyder.com](mailto:Steve@SteveRyder.com). Please include "KAIROS" in the subject.

MPAC needs your help! On Tuesdays, MPAC is looking for a few volunteers that could help set up coffee, etc. for the participants in our program. Starting around 9am, it should take about 30 minutes. All supplies are provided. If you have a little time to share, MPAC would be most appreciative! Contact Gidget Fisher @328-2088 or [gidget@stmattsAustin.org](mailto:gidget@stmattsAustin.org) Many thanks!

Brotherhood of St. Andrew's: All men of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend the monthly breakfast meeting of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew on Saturday, February 6th in Huffman Hall. We are excited to have our Senior Associate Rector, the Rev. Susan J. Barnes as the speaker for this meeting. Susan will share with us her spiritual journey and walk with Christ. Breakfast will begin at 8:00 a.m., followed by Susan's talk at approximately 8:35. The meeting will conclude at 9:15. If you haven't joined us before, please consider taking this opportunity to enjoy good food, good fellowship and an interesting talk.

Tract Rack: The February, March, April issue of Forward Day by Day are in the Tract Rack. I have increased the order so hope everyone who wants a copy will be able to get one! Let me know if not. Sue Burton

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](mailto:rdcnf@aol.com), or 512-632-3697 with questions



# IN OUR PRAYERS\*--JANUARY 24-JANUARY 31, 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.

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| 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   | 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                  | Juan Rojas, Jr.       |
| Ann Fry                      | Bernard Stratman        | Susan Youngblood       | Jaime Fuller          |
| Jane Groves                  | Vanessa Gross           | Kim Jones              | Eduardo Flores        |
| Abbey Taylor                 | Michael Thompson        | Larry Wilson           | Donita & Whitney      |
| Bill, Pam and Levi           | Samuel                  | Sam & Scott O., Amy P. | Wheeler               |
| Tara Fisher                  | Susan Leffler           | Janice                 | Molly & Lloyd         |
| Jeff Gray                    | Anita Riggs             | Ann Castleberry        | Hollie                |
| Pat Davis                    | Scott Davis             | Jordy Wallenberger     | Anne                  |
| Patty Brock                  | Allie Turner            | Jason Foster           | Shirley Dyer          |
| Judy Seebald                 | Bob Webb                | Stephanie Eshelman     | Ben Howard & Jessica  |
| Mitch Hall                   | David House             | Jean Allison           | Curry                 |
| Lillianna Krebs              | Tucker and family       | Jane Bray              | David M. & family     |
| Ann                          | Sarah Woodall           | Chad                   | John Garland Burton   |
| Bob                          | Jake & Gina Guevara     | Emily                  | Spencer Family        |
| Geoff Shannon                | Maggie Poff             | Paul LeMond            | Reid Kirchem          |
| Bill Lester                  | Polly Coleman           | Matthew Anderson       | Liz Johnson           |
| Dolores Muhich               | Sami & Philip           | Sarah R.               | Mary Hill             |
| Gay, Margaret, Ruth & Billie | Gary Martin             | Doris Dixon            | Bill & Marilyn Wenzel |
| Beverly Z.                   | Gloria Moore            | Billy & Andy Robison   | Ryan Rivette & Family |
| Kelley & Shirley Meyer       | Lee Edwards             | Jay Robison            | Phyllis Davidson      |
| Alex                         | Logan Drifuss           | Jake Thomas            | Odai                  |
| Elizabeth Wellman            | Jeremy Williford        | Dr. Jenny Johnson      | Louise Waddill        |
| Milo Nimori family           | Bethany Billman         | Nathan & Carol Ina     | Jaime & Ron           |
| Virginia Bockholt            | Scott Nimori family     | Dan Speilman           | Bob & Deirdre         |
| Margaret Richardson          | Jacob & Kathryn Melear  | Daniel                 | Samantha              |
| Janet Ogden                  | Rawlings Wilbur Family  | Mary Satoro            | Matthew               |
| Ann O'Connor                 | Laurie & Chuck          | Sandy Brown            | Betty Boden           |
| Kristen                      | Allison Mamquist & baby | Michael                | Pat Wade              |
| Suzi & John Parker           | Janet Troell            | Jim Collins            | Jay & Brad Mooney     |
| Rita Eccles                  | Dan Eccles              |                        |                       |

\*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: Doug Webster, Cynthia Wilson

Attendance for January 17,8:00 a. m., 36, 10:30 a.m. 377, Total: 413

# THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH

## JANUARY 24-JANUARY 31, 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 24

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I in Sanctuary
- 9:15 AM Discovery Class in Breezeway Conference Room
- 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
- 5:15 PM Family Eucharist in B-18
- 5:30 PM Youth Movie Night in Youth Center
- 6:00 PM Cursillo Palanca Party in B-13
- 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous in B-21

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 25

- 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 26

- 9:00 AM Senior Activity Center Seniorcise in B-18
- 12:30 AM Staff Long Range Planning Meeting in Huffman Hall
- 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 in B-13

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

- 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 Choir Practice in Choir Room

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

- 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 29

- 9:00 AM Senior Activity Center Seniorcise in B-18

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

- 9:00 AM Order of St. Luke in Wilson Room (B-14)

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I in Sanctuary
- 9:15 AM Breakfast during the Education Hour in Huffman Hall
- 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