

# The Weekly Word-- February 7-February 14, 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:* Progress will occur in steps, over a period of time.

Today is Good Faith Sunday: Cash and offerings and designated checks are used to assist our neighbors who are having great difficulty keeping a roof over their heads or utilities on. Please help if you are able. A very faithful group of St. Matthew's folks screen applications for help. We would love to add anyone interested in joining us. We are particularly in need of a Spanish speaker to answer the phone on Thursday morning. If you are feel called to this ministry, please call Cynthia Wilson 346-6870

CURSILLO NEWS: Big events coming, one is upon us, the 2d is but a week away. Cursillo # 227 has been going on since Thursday and will hold the Closing Ceremony at 4:30pm today, Feb. 7th at Camp Allen. Four candidates and four Team members are from the Austin Convocation, our own Peggy and Steve Ryder are Team Members. The Rev. Judith Jones of Pflugerville is one of the candidates. Some may recall she was a speaker at a past ECW Retreat. A car pool will leave the Steck parking lot at 1:45pm to attend the Closing, if you want to join-in. Otherwise, consider meeting the Austin folks in Elgin at the "Cattle Company" about 7:15pm tonight for a supper "snack". The 2d event is St. Matthew's will host the Convocation Ultreya on Feb. 14th at 6pm in Huffman Hall. Paul Williams will be 4th Day speaker. Come join in, prayer, music, fellowship. Child care provided. Bring a friend, potential candidate. Submitted by Dyke Miller

Today, Sunday, February 7, 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, and fellowship. This event will be from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at All Saint's Episcopal Church, 209 West 27th St. Austin, Texas 78705. The St. Matthew's group will meet and depart from All Saint's. Because of Super Bowl Sunday we will be meeting earlier to participate in a fun game and lunch.

Wednesday Evening Events are open to the High School Youth Group.

Wednesday February 10: HSYG Dinner! The High School Youth Group will meet at 7:00 pm at the Youth Center and then travel to a local restaurant for a meal. The evening concludes at 8:30 pm.

Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup>: NO HSYG, Ash Wednesday

Sunday February 14<sup>th</sup>: On Campus Activity full of games, dinner, and fellowship! Come and enjoy a night of fun filled games, great food, and good friends! We will meet in the Youth Center at 5:30 pm and conclude at 7:30 pm.



Come join fellow moms at Mom's Time Out on Tuesday February 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am to 1:00pm in the Youth Center (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Education bldg). We will now be meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, through May. Father Susan will lead us in a discussion of how to slow down in a very busy world - something we can all relate to! Please RSVP to Anne Webster ([awebstertx@gmail.com](mailto:awebstertx@gmail.com) or 343-5583) by the Friday before if needing childcare or the Monday of that week if you plan to eat lunch.

Join the St. Matt's Mom's Group Yahoo Group at:  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stmattsmomsgroup> for event reminders.

20's & 30's Group: Theology & You: Tuesday, February 9 from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

For those of you who are in their twenties and thirties come and enjoy a series called "Theology and You." On Tuesday February 9 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. we will meet to discuss different theological questions and concerns pertaining to our age group. Each month a different theologian will give a presentation and then lead a discussion (the presenter for this month will be determined at a later date.) The event is held at the North Lamar Central Market where you may enjoy many different choices of beverages or food.

There will be childcare available for this event in St. Matthew's nursery Upon Request! If childcare is requested you can drop off your child beginning at 7:00 pm and pick up will be at 9:30pm.

If you would like more information about this group or would like to be included on the group e-mail list, please contact The Rev. Kevin Schubert by phone (512-345-8314 ext. 232) or through e-mail ([kevin@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:kevin@stmattsaustrin.org)).

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.

Outreach Commission: Do you want to be plugged in to one of the many Outreach Ministries at St. Matt's but not sure how? Join the Outreach Commission! We will meet this Wednesday, February 10 at 5:30 p.m. in B-13. Armando Ruiz will share stories of his recent trip to Honduras and Steve and Peggy Ryder will present info about the Kairos Prison Ministry. Join us to learn how you can help with the upcoming Kairos weekend. We will have a little Valentine Outreach Project so wear RED and come join the fun!! For more information, please contact Lori Murphy 554-4610 or e-mail to [lori\\_murphy@austin.rr.com](mailto:lori_murphy@austin.rr.com).

St. Matthew's will once again be supporting Heifer International as our Lenten Outreach Project. Heifer International is the gift that keeps on giving. We are in need of a co-chair to assist Betsy McCraine. This is an important Outreach Ministry and the plans are in place, we just need YOU to help. Please contact Betsy McCraine at [bmccraine@aol.com](mailto:bmccraine@aol.com) for more information.

### Flower Arranging – You Can Watch it Happen



If you're interested in arranging flowers and you'd like to just see what the Flower Guild teams at St. Matthew's do, come and observe a team in action. There's just one more chance before we stop putting flowers on the altar during Lent. This coming week, Team 2 will be arranging flowers for next Sunday on Thursday evening, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

So, if you're interested in seeing how it's done, please call the team captain to verify the time: Hink Johnson: 775-6065 (cell) or 258-3304 (home).

During Lent, we'll be doing several flower arranging workshops for anyone who's interested. You don't need to be a Flower Guild member, just have an interest in working with live flowers. Dates and times are forthcoming. Give it some thought. And... if you

already know you'd like to be on a Flower Guild team, please notify one of the co-chairs: call Harriet Houston at 345-6736 or send email to [joyce.statz@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.statz@gmail.com)



**GUESS WHAT!!!!!! THE TEXAS BOYS CHOIR is coming to St. Matthew's to sing a concert and it is free!!!! This was an unexpected blessing as they needed a concert venue between other regular scheduled concerts (TMEA in San Antonio and Salado) so Bill Kahlke and I got together to bring them here. Concert is 7:00 p.m. SATURDAY, Feb. 13, 2010 in our Sanctuary. Bill Kahlke was in the choir when he was just a mere boy and is delighted to bring them to St. Matthew's. Bring your sweetheart to hear to a great concert of sacred, classical and American choral music by a 45 voice all boys choir!!!!**

GOOD NEWS FOR CONTRIBUTORS TO HAITI RELIEF! President Obama has signed into law the opportunity to deduct cash donations made between January 11, 2010 and March 1, 2010 for Haiti relief on your 2009 tax return - you do not have to wait until you file your tax return for 2010. The IRS treats credit and debit card payments, checks and money orders the same as cash. The IRS also requires a "paper trail" of receipts for deductible donations to charities. For the first time ever, the IRS will accept your telephone bill as a receipt if you donate by using your cell phone to text your donation to a Haiti relief organization. Submitted by Larry Richards 1/25/2010

Report on 2010 Operating Pledges: Special thanks to all those who have returned their pledge cards to St. Matthew's. As of 02/04/10, we have received 284 pledges totaling \$942,282. 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.

**ADULT EDUCATION FOR FEBRUARY**  
*Monthly Breakfast in Huffman Hall 9:00AM – 10:00AM – Sunday, February 28.*  
*Sunday School classes for all ages meet in Huffman Hall.*

All regular weekly Sunday adult offerings begin at 9:15AM.

Rector's Forum – Location – Huffman Hall

February 7- The Rev. Chuck Huffman – What is Vocation?

In this class, Father Huffman will tell the story of his call to the priesthood. After about a 30-minute witness, Chuck will invite those gathered to consider the implications of "vocation" in their lives. This will involve table discussions, and large group interaction.

February 14 – The Rev. Merrill Wade – Lenten Studies, Part 1 – Jesus and the Wilderness

February 21 – The Rev. Merrill Wade – Lenten Studies, Part 2 – Sin and Repentance

In my classes, we will use the Bible and Book of Common Prayer for this study of the Lenten Season. This will be more than an academic encounter. My goal is for us to draw closer to God through a deeper commitment to Christ. *Submitted by Merrill Wade*

Sunday Morning Bible Study – Location – Room B-13

This spring, we will study the Book of Romans chronologically. We will read a few verses each week and talk about them. By studying Romans, we hope to gain a better understanding of many of our core Christian beliefs and values. Advanced reading is available but not required, and newcomers are always welcome. *Submitted by William Lutz and Kay Ballard*

Sunday Morning Book Group – Location - Room B-14 (Wilson Room)

Someone calls to us in our fondest memories, in our greatest loves, our noblest achievements, even in our deepest hurts. God Himself longs for us if we are but willing to risk the encounter. This spring the Sunday Morning Book Group, an adult Sunday School class that meets in the Wilson Room (B-14) will be reading "The Sacred Romance: Drawing Closer to the Heart of God" by Brent Curtis and John Eldredge. The authors claim that our lives are not a random series of events; they tell a story that has meaning and are part of a greater Story. We are each in our own sacred romance with God. Come and share your sacred story with us. Two groups meet, one at 8:30 and one at 9:15. *Submitted by the facilitators: Jim and Linda Fryer, 372.9832.*

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*

Discovery Class - Location - 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 prepares people who wish to join the church. It also is a good introduction or re-introduction to the Episcopal Church. In addition, it is 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) *Submitted by the Rev. Susan Barnes, class leader*

Children's Sunday School – Join us in Children's Sunday School February 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> as we learn about Jesus calling his 12 disciples. Jesus traveled everywhere telling people about the love of God. But he couldn't do it alone; he needed some helpers. Those helpers turned out to be the 12 disciples. Jesus asks us to be disciples too – sharing the love of God with others. The children will experience the calling of the 12 disciples through art, theater, and science and cooking. We will be making beaded fish key chains in art, watching a movie of Jesus calling the disciples in theater, and making fish pizzas in science and cooking.

On February 14<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 February 21<sup>st</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.

On February 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, the 3 and 4 year olds will hear about miracles - Jesus calming the sea and feeding the 5,000.

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@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:helen@stmattsaustrin.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 5:1-11. We will hear the story of Jesus calling his first four disciples.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Lenten Meals 2010: We now look toward the next season in our church year—Lent. But first, we will celebrate with our traditional PANCAKE SUPPER, which is February 16, starting at 6 p.m. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be cooking for us. Then, each Wednesday evening during Lent beginning at 6 p.m. we will have a meal prior to the program that has been planned for us. The Kitchen Guild will provide the meals on the following dates: February 24, March 3, 10, 17, and 24. There will be a suggested donation to cover cost of the food.



## SHROVE TUESDAY FAMILY FUN!

All families are invited to join us on Shrove Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in Huffman Hall for a pancake supper and children's activities. We will be holding a pancake flipping relay, making mardi gras hats and masks, and burying the Alleluias. We will also be having a parade around Huffman Hall so bring your skates, scooters, tricycles, and strollers! We had lots of fun last year so don't miss the festivities this year! If you have any questions, please contact Helen Pelkey at 345-8314 x227 or [helen@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:helen@stmattsaustrin.org).

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Services of the Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will be held at the following times in the church Sanctuary:

7AM – Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes with Sermon – no music

9:15AM – Day School Chapel Service – Imposition of Ashes without Holy Communion

Noon – Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes with Sermon – with music

7PM – Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes with Sermon and Choir

Our New Family Eucharist begins Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am in B-18!



During Lent 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 communion and 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. Ushers will bring those children up at the Peace. 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. We are asking children to sign-up to be readers, candle lighters, crucifers, ushers, and oblationers (bringing up the elements). Please sign up downstairs on the bulletin board between B-18 and B-21 or by e-mailing Helen at [helen@stmattsAustin.org](mailto:helen@stmattsAustin.org). If you have any questions, please contact Helen Pelkey at 345-8314 x227 or Rev. Kevin Schubert at 345-8314 x232.

Women's Story Circle: Gidget Fisher is the guest speaker at our February 21 Women's Story Circle. Her thoughts when asked to speak to at the luncheon, "Who? Me? I talk all the time and I think that most St. Matthew's women already know my story. Then, I realized that maybe they didn't know the WHOLE story. An abusive alcoholic father, wealth and poverty, divorce and second marriage, births, deaths, illnesses...good heavens! It sounds like a TV reality show. However, God has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. HE has never wavered. Church on the other hand, not so much! That being said, many life lessons were learned in church and I would like to share them with you. Some are serious and others are funny. Chances are you will remember some of the lessons you learned in church. I look forward to sharing them with you."

The Women's Story Circle is a monthly luncheon and fellowship event for women of all ages, featuring a woman from our parish telling her spiritual story. A donation of \$5 is requested for the lunch.

In order to help us be both good hostesses and good stewards in planning the amount of food we'll need, *PLEASE* RSVP if you will be attending. Also, if you will need childcare, please indicate so. RSVP by February 17<sup>th</sup> to Glenda Monroe at [glenda@texasbankers.com](mailto:glenda@texasbankers.com), or 250-5139, or by filling out an RSVP card and placing it in the box in the Commons.

Club 345 will meet Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>! If you are in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade, please join us at our next meeting on Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:30pm to 5:00pm as we make casseroles for our parish shut-ins and play Bunco! Cool prizes will be given out to all the winners. 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).

Children's Lenten Series begins February 24<sup>th</sup> and continues through March 24<sup>th</sup>!

Kids ages 3 years old through fifth grade are invited to join us each Wednesday in Lent, immediately following the Lenten Supper for their own Lenten lessons! Our lesson series is titled Magnify the Lord. Each week we will make crafts, do nature activities, and whip up tasty treats! Don't miss the fun! Please join us from 7pm to 8pm in B-17 each Wednesday in Lent.

Questions? Contact Helen Pelkey (345-8314 or [helen@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:helen@stmattsaustrin.org)).

HAITI RELIEF CONCERT – Here at St. Matthew's --Sunday, February 21, 2010, 1:30-3:00 p.m.; \$20 suggested donation; \$10 donation (students/seniors); proceeds to go to ERD – Episcopal Relief and Development Fund and/or The American Red Cross. Guest musicians from every genre represented – classical, opera, rock, choral, rock, country and many more. A must see and hear family concert for a great benefit...our friends in Haiti. Mark your calendars to attend!

VETERANS INVITED TO TELL THEIR STORIES – submitted by Steve Wilson – Vietnam, USAF

Ever heard of StoryCorps? It is an organization whose goal is to learn from, honor and celebrate the lives of others through listening. Historians have recognized that everyday memories of everyday people have historical importance and, if not heard, will be lost forever.

We have a special sub-group within our congregation whose experiences are significant, have historical relevance, and should be heard: the present and past VETERANS of our armed services (and their families).

On Sunday February 21, 28 and March the 7th from 1530-1700 (that's 3:30-5:00PM to you civilians), Merrill, Milt Williams, Army, WWII and I will host an informal open discussion with all St Matthew's veterans, regardless of war or branch of service. We will hold these gatherings in Room B-18 in the basement of the Sanctuary. With a little luck, we hope that each of you will tell us about your personal experiences, what you did, where you served. What was it like? How did it affect you? What should the rest of us know about the experience? Did faith play a part? Your stories are unique, valuable treasures for your family and your community. Please come share them and listen to the stories of your fellow veterans. We have a lot to learn from each other.

Merrill is not a veteran and he wants to make sure that all non-veterans know that their presence is an integral part of this experience. If you plan to attend, please email Betty Mitchell at [betty@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:betty@stmattsaustrin.org) so that we can have ample seating available! We hope to see you there!

#### LENTEN CONCERT SERIES

February and March – 12:05 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Thursdays

February 25—Marc Witmer, piano/arranger; Tom Jeannett, sax and woodwinds

March 4—Chorale of Anderson High School, David Beuseman, director

March 11—Adam Paul Williams, tenor; Stephen Burnaman, piano

March 18—Jean Farris Fuller, organ

March 25—The LBJ Orchestra, Dr. David Davenport, director

Other special music opportunities in Lent include:

March 24 – 7 p.m. –Wednesday Evening

CRAIG HELLA JOHNSON, Artistic Director of conspirare ---Lenten Program (part of the series)

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# 2010 LENTEN *Soul Series*



*For five consecutive Wednesday nights, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Austin will host guests to explore the "soul" or essence of several relevant topics.*

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH - 7:00PM IN THE SANCTUARY**



## ***The Soul of Ordained Ministry*** a conversation with **THE REV. BRAD WHITAKER**

**In this talk Brad will tell the story of his call to the ordained ministry and will reflect on some of the changes he has seen in the Church in his 20 years as an Episcopal Priest. Brad is a highly motivating and encouraging presence, known for his wit and playfulness.**

The Rev. Brad Whitaker is the Rector of Christ Church Grosse Pointe. A native of Atlanta, Georgia, he graduated from Young Harris College and University of Georgia (1983). He is also a graduate of The General Theological Seminary (1989) in New York City. Brad is a member of the Standing Committee as well as The Commission on Ministry, both of the Diocese of Michigan. He is also a Deputy to General Convention. Brad has served as the Rector of Christ Church since 2002. Prior to this call, he was the Rector of Christ Church in Newton, NJ and has served as an Assistant to the Rector at Holy Innocents' Church in Atlanta and St. Peter's in Rome, Georgia. Brad recently returned from a sabbatical in Scotland and Burundi, Africa. He and his wife, an educator, have three active children.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD - 7:00PM IN THE SANCTUARY**



## ***The Soul of the American Sports Culture*** a conversation with **ERIN HOGAN**

**In an interview format with the Rector, the Rev. Merrill Wade, Erin will give his thoughts on the ethical and moral dimensions of such topics as the celebrity culture of sports, steroids in baseball, and head coaching salaries, to name a few. Erin is a cerebral, personable and skilled public personality with thoughtful opinions and ideas.**

Erin Hogan grew up in Houston as an avid Oilers and Astros fan, and at the young age of 12, he had already decided to become a sports host. He moved to Austin in 1991 to attend St Edwards University for a degree in Media Communications. From there, he went on to work for 1490 AM where he served as a board operator, producer, promotions writer, and had time to do sports updates on air as well. Eventually, these updates led to a job at AM 1300 The Zone in 1999 where he soon began a successful run as a co-host with Bucky Godbolt on the morning drive-time show, "The Buck on Sports". After leaving The Zone, Erin has since partnered up with former Longhorn Legend and NFL Lineman Dan Neil for the Bud Light Morning Rush. With his raw insightful commentary, Erin's show features Longhorn coverage as well as a local perspective on national sports. Erin is married with three kids.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10TH - 7:00PM IN THE SANCTUARY



*The Soul after Conversion* a conversation with  
JOAN BALL

**Joan will tell the story of her Christian conversion, which is moving, amusing and deeply thoughtful. In an immensely noisy world of opinionated and ideologically driven Christian bloggers, Joan is a voice of reason, with deep respect for God and people and a child-like sense of awe and wonder.**

Joan Ball is a professor of communication and marketing and author of the upcoming book, *Flirting with Faith: My Spiritual Journey from Atheism to a Faith-Filled Life*. A seeker-turned-skeptic who was raised without a prescribed notion of God, she experienced a dramatic and unlikely conversion to Christianity at age 37. A prolific blogger at [Beliefnet.com](http://Beliefnet.com), her posts reflect an insider/outsider perspective on living a faith that both delights and confounds her. She lives with her husband Martin and their 11-year-old son Ian in a northwestern suburb of New York City. Their son Andrew (20) and daughter Kelsey (19) are undergraduates.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH - 7:00PM IN THE SANCTUARY



*The Soul of Reconciliation* a conversation with  
THE REV. ROBERT WOODY

**A son of this parish, we welcome Robert home with this opportunity for him to catch us up on his life and ministry and to tell the story of his sabbatical experiences in Rwanda. Robert is a much-loved and respected priest of the Episcopal Church!**

After practicing law in Dallas, NYC and the Catskills for 13 years, in 1991, Robert moved with his family, Julie, Seth and Sam (in the womb at the time) to Austin. In their first weeks in Austin, during a crisis pregnancy and premature birth, the St. Matthew's family embraced them. Soon after joining St. Matthews, Robert entered the "conscious" stage of his discernment of a call to ordained ministry, and 5 years later, entered the Seminary of the Southwest, graduating in 1999. Robert has been the rector of Reconciliation Episcopal Church in San Antonio for the past seven years. Recently Robert completed a 4-month sabbatical to rest, recharge and explore more deeply his call to the ministry of reconciliation. He spent two months in Rwanda observing and participating in faith-based reconciliation ministries, working to bring together the perpetrators and victims of the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Julie and the boys joined him for the last three weeks for a family and ministry adventure.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24TH - 7:00PM IN THE SANCTUARY



*The Soul's Music* a conversation with  
CRAIG HELLA JOHNSON

**Craig has long been a friend of this church and his Conspirare Symphonic Choir has been rehearsing on our campus for several months. Craig is a virtuoso musician and his sensitive style and talent merge into a musical experience that defines the word soul!**

One of the most influential voices in choral conducting today, Craig Hella Johnson brings depth of knowledge, artistic sensitivity, and great imagination to his programs. As Conspirare's founder and artistic director, Johnson assembles some of the finest singers in the country to form a world-class, award-winning organization committed to creating dynamic choral art. Johnson's programs are consistently hailed as thought-provoking musical journeys. A unique aspect of Johnson's programming is his signature "collage" style: through-composed programs that seamlessly blend sacred and secular, traditional and contemporary, classical and popular. A Minnesota native, Johnson studied at St. Olaf College, the Juilliard School, and the University of Illinois and earned his doctorate at Yale University. Craig is an excellent vocalist and pianist and he will offer a superb conclusion to our 2010 Lenten "Soul Series".

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Ladies of St. Matthews, The 2010 ECW Retreat, February 26-28 at Camp Allen, is almost upon us! Please sign up today to reserve your space for what promises to be an inspiring, relaxing weekend with your Sisters in Christ. Registration will continue in the commons area after the 10:30 service, and the registration form can also be found on our website: <http://www.stmattsaustrin.org/2010ECWRetreat.htm>  
Please let Nora Foster ([rdcnf@aol.com](mailto:rdcnf@aol.com)) know if you have any questions. We will need final deposit paid no later than Sunday, February 14th.



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@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:gidget@stmattsaustrin.org) Many thanks!

Report from the Good Samaritan Ministry is composed of 27 people, men and women, who willingly contribute their time and talents by cooking and delivering meals to families who have lost a loved one, recent hospital patients and parents of new babies. Anyone with this information is asked to call the office and to notify a priest who in turn will notify the co-chairs, Babs Clendenin and Val Bray who will make further contacts with the families in question. Twenty-three contacts were made this past year. Although meals are not always needed, the personal contact is an important outreach. Thank you one and all, Babs

#### You Can Still Recycle Worn Out Clothes



While shopping at and donating your old clothing to resale shops is a top notch idea, they do not take damaged clothing. Below are some ideas for what you can do with worn out clothing: \* quilting material; \* towels and shredded material make batting and backing; \*small strips can be used for tomato staking and gardening needs; \* pet beds, kitty cushions and puppy pads; \* tube sock material works well as fingernail polish remover; \* old nylons make good pillow stuffing; \* shredded fabric tied in bunches make great chew toys for pets; \* stuff long fabric tubes with shredded fabric and use as draft stoppers beneath doors \* rags to strip and paint furniture; \* garage hand towels; \* polishing rags; \* undyed white cotton can be shredded and composted.

# IN OUR PRAYERS\*--FEBRUARY 7-FEBRUARY 14, 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	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	Scott Davis	Janice	Molly & Lloyd
Jeff Gray	Allie Turner	Ann Castleberry	Hollie
Pat Davis	Bob Webb	Stephanie Eshelman	Anne
Patty Brock	David House	David M. Allison	David M. & family
Judy Seebald	Tucker and family	Jane Bray	John Garland Burton
Mitch Hall	Sarah Woodall	Chad	Spencer Family
Lillianna Krebs	Jake & Gina Guevara	Emily	Reid Kirchem
Ann	Maggie Poff	Paul LeMond	Liz Johnson
Bob	Polly Coleman	Matthew Anderson	Mary Hill
Geoff Shannon	Gary Martin	Sarah R.	Bill & Marilyn Wenzel
Bill Lester	Gloria Moore	Doris Dixon	Ryan Rivette & Family
Dolores Muhich	Lee Edwards	Billy & Andy Robison	Phyllis Davidson
Gay, Margaret, Ruth & Billie	Logan Drifuss	Jay Robison	Odai
Beverly Z.	Jeremy Williford	Jake Thomas	Jaime & Ron
Kelley & Shirley Meyer	Bethany Billman	Dr. Jenny Johnson	Bob & Deirdre
Alex	Scott Nimori family	Nathan & Carol Ina	Samantha
Elizabeth Wellman	Jacob & Kathryn Melear	Dan Speilman	Matthew
Milo Nimori family	Rawlings Wilbur Family	Daniel	Betty Boden
Virginia Bockholt	Laurie & Chuck	Mary Satoro	Pat Wade
Margaret Richardson	Allison Mamquist & baby	Sandy Brown	Jay & Brad Mooney
Janet Ogden	Janet Troell	Michael	Joe, Liz & Adeline
Ann O'Connor	Dan Eccles	Jim Collins	Rita Eccles
Kristen	Suzi & John Parker	Sam Windham & Family	Paulina & family
Milton Williams, Jr.	Jerry & Dave Kerkes	Ray	Wendy, Devon & family

\*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 February 2010: Hink Johnson, Betty Di Paola

The Flowers on the Altar are giving to the Glory of God and  
in loving memory of Fr. Joe Di Paola and by  
Jill and Dyke Miller in celebration of the life of Holly Marie Miller

# THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH

## FEBRUARY 7-FEBRUARY 14, 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, FEBRUARY 7

#### GOOD FAITH SUNDAY

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I in Sanctuary
- 9:15 AM Children, Youth and Adult Education Hour
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II in Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Children's Chapel in B-18
- 1:30 PM SUN ONE Youth Group at All Saint's Episcopal Church
- 5:15 PM Contemplative Eucharist in Wilson Room
- 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous in B-21

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 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 FEBRUARY 9

- 9:00 AM Senior Activity Center Seniorcise in B-18
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting in Conference Room
- 11:30 AM Mom's Time Out in Youth Center
- 2:30 PM Alanon Meeting in Wilson Room
- 5:30 PM Daughters of the King in Wilson Room
- 7:00 PM Troop 511 Boy Scouts in Huffman Hall
- 7:30 PM Tuesday Night Bible Study in B-13

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 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 Youth Group meet at Youth Center
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice in Choir Room

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 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, FEBRUARY 12

- 9:00 AM Senior Activity Center Seniorcise in B-18
- 12:00 Noon Good Faith Committee meets in Library

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 9:00 AM Order of St. Luke in Wilson Room (B-14)
- 7:00 PM Texas Boys Choir in Sanctuary

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

#### SCOUT SUNDAY

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I in Sanctuary
- 9:15 AM Children, Youth and Adult Education Hour
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II in Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Children's Chapel in B-18
- 6:00 PM Cursillo Convocational Ultreya in Huffman Hall
- 5:15 PM Contemplative Eucharist in Wilson Room
- 5:30 PM Youth Group in Youth Center
- 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous in B-21

Attendance for January 31,8:00 a. m., 39, 10:30 a.m. 356, 5:15 p.m., 3 Total : 398