

The Weekly Word-- March 7-March 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 Family Eucharist in Basement Room, B-18 from 10:30 - 11:15.

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 during the 10:30 service. 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 for off campus use.

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@yahoogleroups.com You can unsubscribe yourself at any time.

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

Stewardship Tip: Make your pledge the first check you write each month.

Today's loose offering goes to Bishop Doyle's Discretionary Fund.
Please make checks payable to St. Matthew's and mark Bishop's Fund on memo line.

Good Faith Sunday will be Sunday, March 14.

Children's Sunday School – Join us in Children's Sunday School March 7th, 14th, and 21st as we learn about Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. After the last supper and before His arrest, Jesus took Peter, James, and John to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. He knew that he would be betrayed by Judas and crucified, so he turned to God for support. From this story, we can learn that although God sometimes requires us to do difficult things, we can always rely on him for strength. We will be referencing Luke 22:39-53 as we experience the Garden of Gethsemane through art, theater, and science and cooking. We will be making prayer beads and walking the prayer labyrinth in art, watching a movie of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane and playing "So you want to be a Gazillionaire!" in theater, and making grass gardens and homemade pretzels in science and cooking.

On March 7th, the K/1st graders will do art, the 2nd/3rd graders will do science/cooking, and the 4th/5th graders will do theater. On March 14th, the K/1st graders will do science/cooking, the 2nd/3rd graders will do theater, and the 4th/5th graders will do art. On March 21st, the K/1st graders will do theater, the 2nd/3rd graders will do art, and the 4th/5th graders will do science/cooking.

The 3 and 4 year olds will hear the story of Jesus sharing the Last Supper with his disciples on March 7th, the story of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane on March 14th, and the story of the events leading up to Jesus' death on March 21st.

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).

3 and 4 year olds meet in Room B-16. Kindergartners through 5th 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 5th graders gather at the end of Sunday School in Room B-21 for snack. All ages are then escorted to the Family Eucharist or picked up by their parents.

The New Family Eucharist Service–We hope that the replacement of our Children's Chapel with the Family Eucharist allows families a chance to worship together in an informal environment. The service runs concurrently with the 10:30 Eucharist Service, but lasts 45 minutes. The service incorporates many of the wonderful parts of Children's Chapel with the additions of communion and a homily with a message for children and adults alike. 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. If you choose this option the ushers will escort the children from B-18 to the sanctuary upstairs 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 offering helpers. Please e-mail Helen at helen@stmattsAustin.org if your child is interested.

We will not have our Family Eucharist Service on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday so that we can evaluate people's response to our new service. Instead, we will have Children's Chapel. Please share with us your thoughts and observations of the Family Eucharist Service so we know whether we should continue this new service into the summer and new school year.

The Gospel reading for Sunday the 7th is Luke 13:1-9. In this reading from the Gospel of Luke, Jesus illustrates God's grace and patience with the parable of the unfruitful fig tree.

The Gospel reading for Sunday the 14th is Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32. In this reading from the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells the parable of the prodigal son.

If you have any questions, please contact Helen Pelkey at 345-8314 x227 or the Rev. Kevin Schubert at 345-8314 x232.

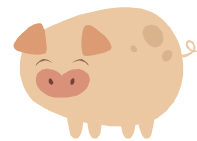


Children's Lenten Series continues through March 24th!



Children 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@stmattsaustin.org).

Come join fellow moms at Mom's Time Out on Tuesday March 9th from 11:30am to 1:00pm in the Youth Center (2nd floor of the Education bldg). We will now be meeting the 2nd 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 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 reminder



The Heifer Project runs through Easter Sunday! Since 1944, Heifer International has helped millions of struggling families become more self-reliant by providing food- and income-producing animals and training in their care. By supporting the Heifer Project, YOU are enabling others to feed themselves! Ark banks will be handed out in Sunday School March 7th and can be used to collect change. The banks will be accompanied by a calendar that gives kids ideas on how to earn money to help purchase animals for needy families around the world. Please join us in supporting the Heifer Project. We CAN help end world hunger! Questions? Contact Helen Pelkey at 345-8314 x227 or helen@stmattsaustin.org.



We Need EASTER EGGS!



We need LOTS and LOTS of plastic Easter Eggs to hunt for on Easter morning! Donations of eggs, goodies with which to fill eggs, or already filled Easter eggs would be greatly appreciated. Please make sure goodies are individually wrapped and consider donating "non-candy" fillers as well (coins, tiny toys, stickers, hair clips, erasers, etc.). Please do not donate any candy with peanuts in it. Donation boxes will be in the commons as well as the church office. Questions? Contact Helen Pelkey (345-8314 or helen@stmattsaustin.org).



Daylight Savings Time:
Spring Forward , Sunday March 14, at 2:00 a.m.

Breakfast in Huffman Hall 9:00AM – 10:00AM – Sunday, March 28. Sunday school classes for all ages meet in Huffman Hall that day only.

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

Rector's Forum – Location – Huffman Hall

March 7- The Rt. Rev. Andy Doyle, Bishop of Texas – "Living a Balanced Life" – Part 1 – *an interview led by the Rector with time for questions and answers*

March 14 – The Rev. Merrill Wade – "Living a Balanced Life" - Part 2

March 21 – The Rt. Rev. James Tengatenga, Bishop of Southern Malawi – "The Faith of the Church" – an Anglican Perspective – *an interview led by the Rector with a time for questions and answers*

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*

The CROP Walk will be held today March 7th (register at 1:30, walk at 2:15). Take the family and walk to alleviate hunger. Its fun for all ages and you'll be glad you walked. Wear your St. Matthew's t-shirt and we'll see you there. Look for the "Episcopalian" sign. If you can't participate, we will happily take a check, made out to Austin CROP Walk. See Esther Garcia at the CROP table for a map to Walter E. Long Park. If you have any questions, please call Susan Robertson at 453-4115 or email her at srobertson44@austin.rr.com.

Sunday March 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. This event will be held at Walter E. Long Park (6614 Blue Bluff Road, near Travis County Expo Center.) The St. Matthew's group will meet and depart from Walter E. Long Park. Further details concerning the Crop Walk are available through Kevin.

VETERANS INVITED TO TELL THEIR STORIES –

On March 7th, and 14th from 3:30-5:00PM, 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. 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.

Veterans! Let the people of St Matt's honor your service by including your picture in the annual Patriotic Revue slide show. Get photos to Larry Richards directly, via St Matt's office or, if digital, by email to LGRlooks-2cu@yahoo.com. Include veteran's name, branch of service, dates of service along with the photo and name of submitter and relationship. Larry will return all submitted photos. If you have questions, talk to or send an email to Larry.

Theology & You: Tuesday, March 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 March 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. Our presenter this month will be The Rev. Beth Magill, from St. David's Episcopal Church. 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).

*Women's Story Circle: Join us on March 21, when Carol Ezzell Webb will share her faith journey from her childhood as a Southern Baptist and then a Mormon, to her reacquaintance with spirituality as an adult through Roman Catholicism and the Episcopal Church. Her story will encompass depression and joy, AIDS and empathy, suicide and solace, finding a life partner at 40 years old, and infertility and motherhood.

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 March 17th 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.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew - March 13th Breakfast Meeting: All men of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend the monthly breakfast meeting of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew on Saturday, March 13th in Huffman Hall. We are excited to have Patrick Dacko as our guest speaker for the March meeting. Patrick and his wife Donna have a very interesting ministry. They are the coordinators for the Engaged Sponsor Couple program at St Theresa's Catholic Church. The name of the program is "For Better & For Ever". Under this program the engaged couple forms a close relationship with a married sponsor couple. The engaged couple is asked to complete homework assignments that are then discussed with their sponsor couple as they share their experiences with each topic in the "For Better & For Ever" book. Please join us as Patrick shares his belief in the sacredness of Marriage and desire that engaged couples are best positioned for long marriages that bring them closer to each other and God.

Breakfast will begin at 8:00 a.m., followed by Patrick Dacko'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.

Baptism on Easter Eve. The Saturday evening before Easter is very special at St. Matthew's. If you, or one you know, adult or infant, desires to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, April 3, it will be offered at that service. Please email Betty Mitchell in the church office and she will be happy to visit with you about the details betty@stmattsaustrin.org or 345-8314 x 215.

Please join us in ConneXions for food and fellowship! Groups for the next round of ConneXions will be formed in the next few weeks. Members of the group take turns hosting dinners in their homes, until each member or couple has been a host one time. Groups decide when they will meet, and a typical calendar might have one dinner a month for about six months. Please call 250-5703 or e-mail minnst14@aol.com Stefani Minnear if you would like to participate in ConneXions, or would like more information.

St. Matthew's Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School 2010
June 28-July 2, 2010

WANTED: Space explorers to join a cosmic adventure praising God!!

Would you like to spend a whole week on the starship Galactic Praise traveling through the wonders of space and exploring God's incredible creation? The cosmic mission comes complete with out-of-this-world adventures, exciting challenges, great music, and hours of fun!

Sign up for a Vacation Bible School leadership role and join the galactic praise team for Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!

We still need:

- Station leaders for our Science station, Bible station, Assembly, and Snack station.
- Puppeteer to be Galileo the Gorilla and teach our children how to take care of the earth
- Song Leaders to lead the singing during our assembly
- Family leaders and helpers to move children from station to station
- Decorators
- Help prepping materials ahead of time
- And many more jobs!!

No previous experience is required. We will have everything you need to do your assigned job and help the children have a great week. Everything is already planned for you. All we need is your enthusiasm!!

We would like to get everyone in the church involved in some way – men, women, moms, dads, retired, teens, 20s and 30s, etc... Please pray about what your role should be in our VBS this year. God may be calling you to use one of your many talents! Let's help raise our St. Matt's children in the way that they should go.

St. Matthew's VBS is June 28-July 2, 2010. Mark your calendars now and watch the website for registration information. We will have online registration this year. We will have a volunteer form in the Weekly Word, as well as online. For more information or if you have questions, contact Kelli Hughes at kelli@hugheshouse.net or 249-7066 OR Helen Pelkey at helen@stmattsaustrin.org

Flower Arranging Workshops Coming – Time to Sign Up!



The Flower Guild will be hosting two workshops on flower arranging this month. (Note that the dates have changed a bit because of other events at St. Matthew's.) You're invited to join us, if you have an interest in learning how to select flowers, design an arrangement, and master some tips and tricks of the trade. We will have two workshops, each on a Saturday morning, from 10am to noon, in the Youth Building:

- March 20th, Harriet Houston: Designing with Classical and New Ideas
- March 27th, Hink Johnson: The Nuts and Bolts Behind the Beauty Anyone interested is welcome! Even the most seasoned arrangers will learn something new (and contribute their knowledge, too). So that we can have enough materials to work with – and some

snacks as well, please let us know if you plan to come. We'll even be giving out door prizes! To register, call Harriet Houston at 345-6736 or send email to joyce.statz@gmail.com. Thank you!

LENT AT ST. MATTHEW'S

LENTEN SACRED CONCERT SERIES 2010

Continuing Thursdays, March 11–March 25 All performances at 12:05 p.m.

Thursday, March 11-Songs of Praise: Adam Paul Williams and Stephen Burnaman

Vocalist Adam Paul Williams focuses his life and music towards the One who makes worship possible. His musical style aims to lift praise and adoration, encourage those who seek strength for the mission, and present the message of Jesus. Adam Paul's performances bridge generational and international gaps, touching the heartbeat of multicultural audiences of all ages. With the new release of his self-titled album, Adam Paul hopes to continue walking the path that the Lord has laid out for him. www.adampaulwilliams.com

Pianist Dr. Stephen Burnaman has performed throughout the United States and abroad in such major musical centers as Boston, New York, Chicago, Rome, Warsaw, Taipei and Hong Kong. He is currently Associate Professor of Piano and University Organist at Huston-Tillotson University in Austin, and is former president of the Austin District Music Teachers Association, which named him Teacher of the Year for 2003 and Collegiate Teacher of the Year for 2004 & 2005. He has served churches in Massachusetts and Texas as pianist and organist and also performs regularly as pianist for the Austin Singers.

Thursday March 18-Jean Farris Fuller, Organ

Organist Jean Fuller will perform works by Langlais, Dupré and Franck.

Born in Oklahoma, Jean Fuller received a Bachelor of Music Education in 1970 from Pittsburg State University. She received a master's degree in organ performance from The University of Texas in 1983 under the guidance of Dr. Frank Speller. As a professional musician, Mrs. Fuller has held organist positions in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. She is currently Director of Music and organist at St. Matthews. She has accompanied numerous school and community choruses in the Austin area, performs regularly with the Austin Symphony Orchestra and University of Texas Choral Department, and has given numerous solo concerts in the U.S., England, Wales, and Germany. She is a member of the American Guild of Organists and Association of Anglican Musicians. Her first film role was in the 1997 movie *Waiting for Guffman*. She is a breast cancer survivor.

Thursday, March 25-LBJ High School Camerata Orchestra

The select Camerata Orchestra of LBJ High School, directed by Dr. David Davenport, will perform:

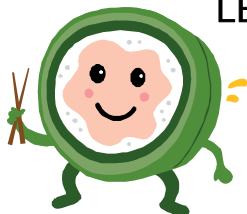
Prelude to the 49th Parallel by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Variations on a Theme of Tchaikovsky by Anton Arensky

Finale to *Der Trauer Sinfonie* (No. 44) by Franz Joseph Haydn.

In 2008 the Camerata Orchestra was named a national winner in the Excellence in Achievement Orchestra competition. Two student musicians, a violist and a violinist, were also named outstanding soloists in the competition. Several members of the Camerata have qualified for All-Region and All-State Orchestras every year, and the orchestra has earned superior ratings in UIL String Orchestra Competitions for the past five years.

LENTEN MEALS 2010



If it's Wednesday, it must be time for a delicious meal at St. Matthew's! Come at 6 p.m. and enjoy a feast of enchiladas and Fixin's. Afterwards you will be blessed by joining others in the sanctuary to hear our speaker for the evening, Joan Ball.

Special Lenten Prayer Times: Many of us have practiced different forms of silent prayer--be it called meditation, Centering Prayer, or Contemplative Prayer. During the season of Lent, anyone who is interested in silent prayer is invited to join together in the Wilson Room (B-14) for special times. The door will be open. Enter and sit in silence.

-Wednesdays (February 24-March 31), 5:30-6:00-Thursdays (February 18-April 1), 6:15-6:45

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF AUSTIN

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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.

FREE TO THE PUBLIC!

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, 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".

The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Texas offer scholarships to female communicants in good standing in the Episcopal Church of our diocese. You must be accepted or enrolled in an academic institution of college rank. Your application must be in the mail no later than March 31st, so please call Kay Whitney, 345-0574, for an application and/or more information.

St. Matthew's Laity Lodge Adult Retreat – Held at the beautiful H. E. B. Foundation Laity Lodge Retreat Center on the Frio River, this annual weekend retreat is one of the great spiritual events in the annual life of St. Matthew's Church. Our 2010 retreat will be held on April 23-25, 2010. Our guest speaker is Tod Bolsinger, Pastor and Head of Staff, San Clemente Presbyterian Church, San Clemente, CA. Author of *It Takes A Church To Raise A Christian* and *Showtime: Living Down Hypocrisy By Living Out The Faith*. Registration has begun. You can sign-up after the 10:30 service. First time attenders have priority! Please contact Tom Uhl at 658-3989 with your questions. Register today.

Ladies, you are invited to go on an amazing journey with your Christian sisters and in your own life as we travel together this spring in the next Beth Moore Bible Study called "Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent." We will meet for a fellowship lunch on April 5 then begin this 7 week journey from April 12 - May 24 from 11:30 - 1:30 in the Youth Center. Sign-up now by contacting Jeri Muhich via email (JeriM@austin.rr.com), phone (452-1210) or signing up after church in March. Class size is limited, so ~~the sooner the better!~~

Hurricane Ike Relief: Have you been wanting to help out with ongoing relief efforts in Galveston? Here is an opportunity: Volunteers will be going to Galveston on Monday morning, April 26 and returning Friday afternoon, April 30. We will again be staying at the William Temple Center. There are a few more homes to work on; the work will be mostly finish-work. If you are unable to go and want to contribute, they are asking for tools, gift cards from Home Depot, or checks made out to Hurricane Ike Relief Fund. Prayers are always welcome! Contact: Jim and Linda Fryer, 372.9832, fryer602@281.com.



KITCHEN TIP: We have added some nice hooks in the back part of the kitchen for your coats and purses. It is a good idea to avoid placing your purses or coats on the kitchen counters. Those are considered to be clean areas. Have you ever considered where the bottom of your purse lands in a days' time?

Habitat for Humanity call for volunteers! Spring is just around the corner and that means it is time for another Habitat for Humanity Episcopal Build house. We are thrilled to be building this year's house for the Elfathi family. The Elfathi's have four children between the ages of 1 and 6 and are currently living in a 2 bedroom apartment. One of their children is Autistic. The house is to be located at 7407 Thannas Way (Austin, 78744) in the Meadow Lake Subdivision in south Austin.

The 8-10 Episcopal churches involved in this years build have decided to try something new regarding the volunteers. St. Matthew's has been allotted 20 volunteer spots, but not all on the same weekend. They have divided our 20 volunteer spots over the course of 4 Saturdays (April 10th, April 17th, April 24th, and May 1st). Those that are interested in volunteering for one of these Saturday's are invited to go to the following website to reserve one of St. Matthew's spots.

<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/24-62032813888>

You must be 16 years of age or older to volunteer. This is a fantastic opportunity to get friends and family members involved. There is always high demand so sign up fast. Please contact Andrew Bushong (426-0682 or andrew.bushong@wellsfargo.com) with questions.

Episcopal Peace Fellowship: There is now a chapter of EPF at your seminary! Join us for meetings this semester at the Seminary of the Southwest (32nd and Duval): we will meet 2nd Tuesdays 5-6:30pm (Library) and 2nd Wednesdays 12:30-1:30pm (Weeks cafeteria) through May. Activities include deat> penalty vigils, a Haiti benefit lunch and immigration reform dialogue. Contact Jessie Smith for more info: (610) 324-3907 jessiemargaret@gmail.com

IN OUR PRAYERS*--MARCH 7-MARCH 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	James & Paul
Rhonda Myers	Libby	Paul Cage Rayburn	Lori
Hilary Mears	Helen Schmidt Collins	John & Rosie	Rachel
Ann & Tom	Andrew	Danny Young	Christiane
Craig Ramsey	Carolyne	Troy Cernosek	Bryce Hicks
Sue Dumond	Paulette Till	Susan & Frank Ford	Juan Rojas, Jr.
Matthew Hauser	Camilla	Sarah	Jaime Fuller
Ann Fry	Bernard Stratman	Susan Youngblood	Eduardo Flores
Jane Groves	Vanessa Gross	Kim Jones	Donita & Whitney
Abbey Taylor	Michael Thompson	Larry Wilson	Wheeler
Bill, Pam and Levi	Samuel	Janice	Molly & Lloyd
Tara Fisher	Allie Turner	Stephanie Eshelman	Hollie
Jeff Gray	David House	Jean Allison	Anne
Pat Davis	Tucker and family	Jane Bray	David M. & family
Patty Brock	Sarah Woodall	Chad	John Garland Burton
Judy Seebald	Jake & Gina Guevara	Emily	Spencer Family
Mitch Hall	Maggie Poff	Paul LeMond	Reid Kirchem
Lillianna Krebs	Polly Coleman	Matthew Anderson	Mary Hill
Ann	Gary Martin	Sarah R.	Bill & Marilyn Wenzel
Bob	Gloria Moore	Doris Dixon	Ryan Rivette & Family
Geoff Shannon	Lee Edwards	Billy & Andy Robison	Phyllis Davidson
Bill Lester	Logan Drifuss	Jay Robison	Odai
Dolores Muhich	Jeremy Williford	Jake Thomas	Jaime & Ron
Gay, Margaret, Ruth & Billie	Bethany Billman	Dr. Jenny Johnson	Bob & Deirdre
Beverly Z.	Scott Nimori family	Nathan & Carol Ina	Samantha
Kelley Meyer & family	Jacob & Kathryn Melear	Dan Speilman	Matthew
Alex	Rawlings Wilbur Family	Daniel	Betty Boden
Elizabeth Wellman	Laurie & Chuck	Mary Satoro	Pat Wade
Milo Nimori family	Janet Troell	Sandy Brown	Jay & Brad Mooney
Virginia Bockholt	Dan Eccles	Michael	Joe, Liz & Adeline
Margaret Richardson	Suzi & John Parker	Jim Collins	Rita Eccles
Janet Ogden	Jerry & Dave Kerkes	Sam Windham & Family	Paulina & family
Ann O'Connor	Joanne Reynolds	Ray	Wendy, Devon & family
Kristen	Bob Lewis	Gail	Little M & family
Milton Williams, Jr.	Kathy	Denise Scott	Hillary & Leigh
Catherine Ann Dunlap	Daniel	Bret Hartman	

*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 of the Month of March: Laurie Brown, Ken Blaker

Attendance for February 28: 8:00 a. m., 32, 10:30 a.m.-Sanctuary, 262, 10:30 a.m., Family Eucharist-B-18, 80, 5:15 p.m., 5, ECW Retreat, 65 Total : 444

THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH

MARCH 7-MARCH 14, 2010

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

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I in Sanctuary
- 9:15 AM Children, Youth and Adult Education Hour
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Confirmation and Reception in Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Family Eucharist in B-18
- 12:00 Noon Reception for Bishop Doyle and Confirmands in Huffman Hall
- 3:30 PM Veteran's Story Telling in B-18
- 5:15 PM Contemplative Eucharist in Wilson Room

MONDAY, MARCH 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 MARCH 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 Daughter's of the King in the Wilson Room
- 7:30 PM Tuesday Night Bible Study in B-13

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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
- 5:30 PM Lenten Special Prayers in Wilson Room
- 6:00 PM Lenten Supper in Huffman Hall
- 7:00 PM Lenten Soul Series 2010 in Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice in Choir Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

- 6:30 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast in Huffman Hall
- 9:15 AM St. Matthew's Day School Chapel in Sanctuary
- 12:05 PM Lenten Concert Series in Sanctuary
- 12:45 PM Women's Study Group in Wilson Room
- 1:00 PM Senior Activity Center, Bridge in B-18
- 6:15 PM Lenten Special Prayers in Wilson Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

- 7:30 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Huffman Hall
- 9:30 AM Funeral and Reception for Shirley Meyer in Sanctuary/Huffman Hall
- 9:00 AM Order of St. Luke in Wilson Room (B-14)

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

GOOD FAITH SUNDAY

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ☀

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I in Sanctuary
- 9:15 AM Children, Youth and Adult Education Hour
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Confirmation and Reception in Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Family Eucharist in B-18
- 3:30 PM Veteran's Story Telling in B-18
- 5:15 PM Contemplative Eucharist in Wilson Room
- 5:30 PM Youth Group in Youth Center
- 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous in B-21