

# The Weekly Word-- March 14-March 21, 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](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@yahoogle.com](mailto:StMattsEmail-subscribe@yahoogle.com) You can unsubscribe yourself at any time.

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

*Stewardship Tip:* To be held accountable for our lives as stewards of God's gifts is to discover our own true great worth before God.

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 ULTREYA TONIGHT ! Cursillistas take note and "come on down or over" as the case may be. St. Richard's, Round Rock is the place, the time 6pm. TODAY. 4th Day speaker, Reunion Groups, discussions, prayers, music, singing what an evening. Meet the newest Cursillistas. Bring future candidates or even someone that you sponsored. Child care is available. See you there. Submitted by Dyke Miller

Children's Sunday School – Join us in Children's Sunday School March 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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 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 March 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.

The 3 and 4 year olds will hear the story of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane on March 14<sup>th</sup> and the story of the events leading up to Jesus' death on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

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 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@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:helen@stmattsaustrin.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 this Sunday is Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32. In this reading from the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells the parable of the prodigal son.

The Gospel reading for Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> is John 12:1-8. In this reading from the Gospel of John, Jesus has his feet washed by Mary Magdalene. 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 24<sup>th</sup>!



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@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:helen@stmattsaustrin.org)).



### 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! Children received Ark banks and calendars with ideas on how to earn money last Sunday in Sunday School and at the Family Eucharist. If you didn't receive yours, please pick up a bank and calendar from Betsy McCraine in the commons on Sunday after church. Please join us in supporting the Heifer Project. We CAN help end world hunger! Questions? Contact Helen Pelkey at 345-8314 x227 or [helen@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:helen@stmattsaustrin.org).

Club 345 will be holding a bake sale Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup>! We are raising money to buy a water buffalo through the Heifer Project and want your support. The 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders of Club 345 will have a table set-up in the commons before and after the 10:30 service on Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup> for you to buy baked goods to go with your coffee. Please come by and support our kids as they try to raise \$250.00 to donate to the Heifer Project. If you have any questions please contact Helen Pelkey at 345-8314 x227.



Don't miss breakfast on Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup> – We will be making Resurrection Eggs! Resurrection Eggs are much like an Advent calendar. They help us count down the 12 days before Easter and tell us the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. All ages are welcome to join us for breakfast and Resurrection Eggs from 9:00 to 10:00am on Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup>! Questions? Call Helen at 345-8314 x227.

### 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@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:helen@stmattsaustrin.org)).

Erin Go Braugh". Come and celebrate St. Patrick's Day at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, March 19,2010, and enjoy the melodious voices of Padre Chuck Huffman and his daughter, Laura, accompanied by Jean Fuller. Wear something green and bring your favorite finger food to share. Beverages will be provided. *"May you have no frost on your spuds, may you have no worms on your cabbage, may your goat give plenty of milk, and if you inherit a donkey, may she be with foal."* (Old Irish Blessing)

### First Flower Arranging Workshop is Next Weekend!



The Flower Guild will be hosting two workshops on flower arranging this month. 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 10 am to noon, in the Youth Building:

- March 20<sup>th</sup>, Harriet Houston: Designing with Classical and New Ideas
- March 27<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:joyce.statz@gmail.com). Thank you!

Women's Story Circle: At our [March 21](#) Women's Story Circle, 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 by [Wednesday, March 17](#), if you will be attending. Also, if you will need childcare, please indicate so. RSVP to Glenda Monroe at [glenda@texasbankers.com](mailto:glenda@texasbankers.com) or 250-5139.

The Third Monday Book Group is going to have their March meeting at Eby Whatley's home. We will meet on March 22nd at 5:00pm. We will be discussing [The Lacuna](#) by Barbara Kingsolver and enjoying a pot luck dinner. We hope you can join us! For directions and more information please contact Eby at [ebytexas@yahoo.com](mailto:ebytexas@yahoo.com) or at 996-9700. Thanks!

Did you know? The St. Matthew's website now includes Utube videos of some your favorite St. Matthew's folks. Just click on the Utube link on the website [www.StMattsAustin.org](http://www.StMattsAustin.org) or <http://www.youtube.com/stmattsaustin>

April 1 Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil In response to Jesus' question of the disciples, "Could you not watch with me for even one hour?" (Matthew 26), our practice is for two or more members of the church to be in the Wilson Room (B-14) all night on Maundy Thursday and stay until the Good Friday service begins at noon on Good Friday, April 2. This is an excellent opportunity to practice centering prayer or to actively meditate on the gospel texts for Holy Week.

Stop by the Welcome table in the Commons today to sign up for your one hour (or more) prayer shift.

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@stmattsaustin.org](mailto:betty@stmattsaustin.org) or 345-8314 x 215.

#### KITCHEN TIP # 2



The single most important thing you can do to avoid contaminating food is HAND WASHING! That is the first thing you should do when you enter the kitchen (soap, water & friction for 20 seconds). Of course you washed your hands before you left home, but consider what you have touched on the way!

Silver Service: Please contact Louise Waddill at 343-7696 if you know the origins of the silver service stored in the kitchen. Do you know who donated it or any other particulars. Thank you.

*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 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*

VETERANS STORYTELLING CONTINUES –

On March 14, and 21 from 3:30-5:00PM, All are invited to come and hear St. Matthew's Veterans tell their stories

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](mailto: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.

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](mailto: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:

- ⊙ Assembly Leaders (including a music leader and a puppeteer)
- ⊙ Mission Pilots and Co-Pilots to move children from station to station
- ⊙ Decorators
- ⊙ Photographers
- ⊙ Actors for Bible Drama
- ⊙ A/V and Soundboard Technician
- ⊙ 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.

Thank you to everyone who has already stepped forward to volunteer. Everyone volunteering needs to fill out the volunteer form online.

To sign up as a volunteer go to [www.formdesk.com/stmatts/vbs2010staff](http://www.formdesk.com/stmatts/vbs2010staff) and fill out the volunteer form. Descriptions of all the roles are on the form. If you need to register your children, the volunteer form will direct you to the registration form.

St. Matthew's VBS is June 28-July 2, 2010.

Registration is now OPEN online!!!

Go to [www.formdesk.com/stmatts/vbs2010kids](http://www.formdesk.com/stmatts/vbs2010kids) to register your children.

For more information or if you have questions, contact Kelli Hughes at [kelli@hugheshouse.net](mailto:kelli@hugheshouse.net) or 249-7066 OR Helen Pelkey at [helen@stmattsaustin.org](mailto:helen@stmattsaustin.org)

A Safeguarding God's Children Training will be held  
Monday March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6pm to 9pm in the Youth Center.

Come join us as we learn about how to prevent sexual abuse against children and the steps we can take to make our church a safe place for our children and young people. This excellent training, created by the Diocese of Texas, is mandatory for all people who work as staff or who volunteer with St. Matthew's children or youth. Attending this training is especially important for adults who will be helping with VBS and/or the summer youth mission trips. There is no charge for this program. Dinner will be provided for a \$5.00 donation. Childcare is available upon request. Register by going to [www.epicenter.org](http://www.epicenter.org) and clicking on Safe Church Ministries (middle of the page). You will be directed to the schedule and registration forms. Please let Helen Pelkey know your intention to attend by e-mailing her one week out (by March 17<sup>th</sup>) at [helen@stmattsaustin.org](mailto:helen@stmattsaustin.org). Please include any requests for childcare in that e-mail.

# LENT AT ST. MATTHEW'S

## LENTEN SACRED CONCERT SERIES 2010

Continuing Thursdays, March 18-March 25 All performances at 12:05 p.m.

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

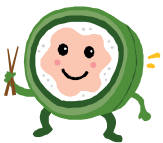
The select Camerata Orchestra of LBJ High School, directed by Dr. David Davenport, will perform:

*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 Come join us Wednesday at 6 p.m. and enjoy Firehouse Subs.

Afterwards we will be blessed by joining others in the sanctuary to hear our speaker for the evening, The Rev. Robert Woody.

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



All ages are invited to a child friendly Stations of the Cross at 4:00 pm on Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The service will include music, prayers, activities, plus explanations of the events leading up to the crucifixion of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The program will take place indoors and out, beginning in the courtyard. Questions? Please contact Helen Pelkey at 345-8314 x227 or [helen@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:helen@stmattsaustrin.org).

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF AUSTIN  
*presents*

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 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

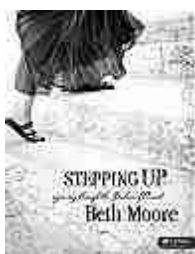
**Craig has long been a friend of this church and his Conspirare Symphonic Choir has been rehearsing on our campus for several months. Craig is a virtuoso musician and his sensitive style and talent merge into a musical experience that defines the word soul!**

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 Monday, April 5, then begin this 7 week journey every Monday from April 12 - May 24 at 11:30 - 1:30 in the Youth Center. Sign-up now by contacting Jeri Muhich via email [JeriM@austin.rr.com](mailto:JeriM@austin.rr.com), phone (452-1210) or signing up after church in the Commons. 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](mailto:fryer602@281.com).

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 10<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>, April 24<sup>th</sup>, and May 1<sup>st</sup>). 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@wellsfargoadvisors.com](mailto:andrew.bushong@wellsfargoadvisors.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 death penalty vigils, a Haiti benefit lunch and immigration reform dialogue. Contact Jessie Smith for more info: (610) 324-3907 [jessiemargaret@gmail.com](mailto:jessiemargaret@gmail.com)



*5:15 p.m.*

*Palm Sunday—  
March 28, 2010*

A Service of Sacred Music,  
Silence and Readings featuring

**THE CONSPIRARE  
SYMPHONIC CHOIR**

Craig Hella Johnson

Artistic Director

# IN OUR PRAYERS\*--MARCH 14-MARCH 21, 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	Allie Turner	Janice	Molly & Lloyd
Tara Fisher	David House	Stephanie Eshelman	Hollie
Pat Davis	Tucker and family	Jean Allison	Anne
Patty Brock	Sarah Woodall	Jane Bray	David M. & family
Judy Seebald	Jake & Gina Guevara	Emily	John Garland Burton
Mitch Hall	Polly Coleman	Paul LeMond	Spencer Family
Lillianna Krebs	Gary Martin	Matthew Anderson	Reid Kirchem
Ann	Gloria Moore	Sarah R.	Mary Hill
Bob	Lee Edwards	Doris Dixon	Bill & Marilyn Wenzel
Geoff Shannon	Logan Drifuss	Billy & Andy Robison	Ryan Rivette & Family
Bill Lester	Jeremy Williford	Jay Robison	Phyllis Davidson
Dolores Muhich	Bethany Billman	Jake Thomas	Odai
Beverly Z.	Scott Nimori family	Dr. Jenny Johnson	Jaime & Ron
Kelley Meyer & family	Jacob & Kathryn Melear	Nathan & Carol Ina	Bob & Deirdre
Alex	Rawlings Wilbur Family	Dan Speilman	Samantha
Elizabeth Wellman	Laurie & Chuck	Daniel	Matthew
Milo Nimori family	Janet Troell	Mary Satoro	Betty Boden
Virgina Bockholt	Dan Eccles	Michael	Pat Wade
Margaret Richardson	Suzi & John Parker	Jim Collins	Jay & Brad Mooney
Janet Ogden	Jerry & Dave Kerkes	Sam Windham & Family	Joe, Liz & Adeline
Ann O'Connor	Joanne Reynolds	Ray	Rita Eccles
Kristen	Bob Lewis	Gail	Paulina & family
Milton Williams, Jr.	Kathy	Denise Scott	Wendy, Devon & family
Catherine Ann Dunlap	Daniel	Bret Hartman	Hillary & Leigh
Dawn & Mike Flavin	Barbara & Larry	Laura and family	Andy Oberg

\*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 March 7: 8:00 a. m., 29, 10:30 a.m.-Sanctuary, 383, 10:30 a.m., Family Eucharist-B-18, 56, 5:15 p.m., 7, Total : 475

# THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE PARISH

## MARCH 14-MARCH 21, 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 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

MONDAY, MARCH 15

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 16

9:00 AM    Senior Activity Center Seniorcise in B-18  
10:00 AM    Staff Meeting in Conference Room  
2:30 PM    Alanon Meeting in Wilson Room  
7:00 PM    Troop 511 in Huffman Hall  
7:30 PM    Tuesday Night Bible Study in B-13

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

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  
9:30 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 18

6:30 AM    Men's Fellowship Breakfast in Huffman Hall  
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 Library

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

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    Episcopal Church Women Story Circle in Huffman Hall  
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