

The

SAINT MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Spirit

of St. Matthew's

April 2011

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## Parish Mission Statement

*Our mission is to be a caring, inclusive community, centered in the Eucharist and grounded in the Gospel, so that we can reach out as Christ's hands to the world.*

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## HOLY WEEK

(April 17-23)

From the jubilation that begins **Palm Sunday**, through the Passion and death of Christ on **Good Friday**, this is THE drama of the church year.

*Come and walk the way of the cross together....  
and come with Christ to the joy of resurrection.*

## EASTER

(Sunday, April 24)

The Feast of Feasts!

**Alleluia. Christ is Risen!  
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**



# PARISH NEWS

## Thank you!

Many, many thanks to all St. Matthew's parishioners who worked to make the Diocesan Convention a huge success. It was a big project and we handled it with flying colors! The compliments we received from Convention attendees have been glowing. Thanks again so much for showing everyone what a fantastic community St. Matthew's is!

– Marty Lawfer



The Right Reverend Terry A. White  
Bishop of Kentucky

March 18, 2011

The Rev'd Canon Lucinda Laird and the People of  
St. Matthew's Church  
330 N. Hubbards Lane  
Louisville, KY 40207

Dear Lucinda,

I wish to convey my deepest appreciation and thanks to you, your staff, and the entire St. Matthew's parish for hosting the 183<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention. What a wonderful weekend!

Our theme "Coming Together" was so evident in all of the arrangements. To name but a few areas, everyone was so helpful in designing worship, setting up workshop space, coping with many last minute requests and the people who made them, and in the gracious hospitality. Especially the hospitality! The warm welcome upon arrival, Friday's elegant reception, the marvelous and tasty meals and plentiful snacks, and the smiles shared by all the staff and volunteers made every convention participant and guest feel at home. The Mardi Gras meal was a wonderful celebration, and also set the stage for the work we addressed on Saturday. As a former cathedral dean who has hosted three diocesan conventions, I have some knowledge of all that is required from planning to hosting to cleaning-up, including carrying out the busy Sunday routine the very next day. There are not words to adequately say: "Thank you."

On a personal note, know how touched and delighted I was to be honored with the mayoral proclamation. What fun! And more importantly, know how much you and your parish made this new bishop feel welcomed by this Convention. I truly know that I am at home in the community that is the Diocese of Kentucky.

May the Lenten journey bless you and the people of St. Matthew's as you journey deeper into the Passion and Resurrection. I look forward to my Visitation in Eastertide.

Most sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry A. White".

The Rt. Rev'd Terry A. White  
Bishop of Kentucky

## RECTOR'S COLUMN



Dear People of St. Matthew's,

It won't be news to you that most of us are frequently stressed, tired, over-busy, over-committed, and unable to find relaxed time with family, or quiet time for prayer. I see and hear it from many of you, and I see the effect on church attendance. You tell me that you are taking your children to sports activities, which now consume even your Sunday mornings. You tell me that Sunday is the only day of the week you have any time at all with your family. You tell me that sometimes you are so very tired on Sunday morning that you must make up for some of the sleep you have missed all week long.

You must know that if you are not here you are missed, and – more than that – we are not complete without you. This is absolutely true. I don't say it, however, in an attempt to make you feel guilty. I believe what I wrote above is also true, and some of you just hit a wall.

This all points to a huge issue in our contemporary life, and it is a physical, emotional and spiritual issue. Somehow we have bought into the notion that we must be busy, that the busier we are the more important or necessary we are. We have also gotten hooked into constantly increasing the things we **must** do for ourselves and/or our children, and the things we **must** have. Some of you are also staggering under the weight of caring for aging parents as well as children. And so what we jettison is quiet time, family time, prayer time, and church time. What is most important becomes disposable.

These problems are widespread and seemingly intractable in American culture today (and throughout much of the developed world, too). We are not going to solve them immediately. But I urge you this Lent, I beg you, to take some time to think about priorities for yourself and for your family. What is truly necessary, and what is not? What will your children consider most important about their childhoods? What makes life meaningful? What do you taste of the "abundant life" promised by Christ?

The 4th commandment is "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy." This is probably the commandment we all break the most often. I don't think that remembering the Sabbath means anything like blue laws, or not having fun, or going to church for 8 hours. I do think it means acknowledging the fact that we **MUST** rest (even God did!), we must have time with our families or friends, we must have time for prayer and our Christian community, we must get off the treadmill once a week. This is a commandment for US, for OUR joy, and for living as the human beings God created us to be.

Of course you're busy. But what comes first? There are some Sunday mornings when I would give almost anything not to get out of bed. Fortunately for me, I am a priest and I have to! And turning up, praying together, receiving the body of Christ with all of you and touching the mystery of our oneness in and with Christ, forms me, changes me, transforms me, Sunday after Sunday. Why go to church in such a busy world? Because nothing else comes close to transforming us into what God would have us be: fully human, beloved of God, able to see and love Christ in our neighbor.

What are your real priorities? What's really important in your life? Think about that this Lent, on the way to Easter and resurrection.

Yours in Christ,

*Lucinda* ✠

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THANK YOU for your generous offering of **\$801.00** on Ash Wednesday for ERD's (Episcopal Relief and Development) work in New Zealand in the aftermath of the earthquake there.

# PARISH NEWS

## Wardens' Corner:

Want to know what's going on with the Vestry or have questions/suggestions for the Vestry????

In an effort to have better communication between the Parish and Vestry, we have placed a bulletin board outside of the offices. Here you can view pictures of each member of the Vestry as well as a "suggestions" envelope. We welcome all comments and questions including anonymous ones. Please take a look and let us know if you need anything at all!

**Your Wardens: Bill Cheatham and Kitten Lawless**

## Congratulations to:

**Angela Koshewa**, elected to Trustees and Council;

**Gibbs Reese**, elected to the Bishop Dudley Fund;

and

**Debbi Rodahaffer**, elected deputy to General Convnetion

at our Diocesan Convention!



## Compline

*Prayers for the evening.*

*Music for meditation.*

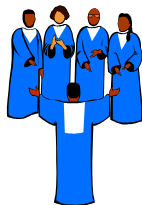
*Peace to soothe the soul.*

*Quiet in a noisy world.*

**8:00 p.m. Sunday**  
*(through Palm Sunday)*

*Music presented*  
*each week by*  
**Christian Rodahaffer,**  
*guitar*

We are pleased to welcome  
**Laura Shaffer**  
to the choir! Come join  
the joyful Easter song  
Wednesdays at 7:45 pm.



## The Women's Board of the Episcopal Church Home Annual Style Show and Luncheon

The Episcopal Church Home provides care for residents of all faiths, and many of our St. Matthew's parishioners are residents. The Women's Board maintains a **Scholarship Fund** to help residents with necessities when personal funds are not available. So please do your part and support the Women's Board annual fundraiser. Tickets for the Annual Style Show & Luncheon are available on Sunday, April 3 and April 10, after each service (8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.), along with Opportunity Tickets. The luncheon is scheduled for April 15 at The Olmsted. Mark your calendars and show you care by purchasing tickets!

– Diane Clark

## The Ladies' Lunch Bunch

The Ladies' Lunch Bunch group is together the third Thursday of each month, 11:30 a.m. at various restaurants throughout the Diocese. All are welcome! Reservations are needed in advance. Please remember to RSVP each month to Betty Triplett, 384-0244, and let her know if you will need to carpool.

Thursday, April 21 - Uptown, Duker Avenue.

**POSTPONED  
UNTIL MAY 19**

# PARISH NEWS

## The Great Vigil of Easter

Please join us on Saturday, April 23 at 9:00 p.m. for the Great Vigil of Easter. This is a glorious service, beginning in darkness and ending in light and celebration.

We end our Lenten Fast with a festive reception after the service.

Sign up on the bulletin board if you can bring a dessert or something sweet.



## Ways to Participate in Louisville's Walk to Eliminate Multiple Sclerosis (MS)

Our parish will field a team of walkers for Louisville's Walk to Eliminate MS – at Waterfront Park – Saturday morning, April 9. Our team name is "The Right Direction".

You may have a friend or family member who has been affected by this condition or you may just want to support this effort. Our walkers will carry the names of any we would like to honor who are affected by MS.

For information on how to sign up – check the church bulletin board for a flyer on the MS Walk or contact **Phyllis** or **Roger Dutschke** ([myhomeky2@bellsouth.net](mailto:myhomeky2@bellsouth.net)) - team leaders for the Walk.



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew™

## For the Men of our Church – age 18 & above

### *What is it – What does it do?*

**Study of Scripture** – on the second Saturday of each month – we look at the Scripture passages for that coming Sunday. One of the members leads the study and a clergy member is usually there – to answer questions we may turn up.

**Prayer** – we keep a list of prayer concerns of the members of the group & encourage prayer for those on our prayer list.

As we get together – we also get to know each other and enjoy more relationships among us within the Church.

Meeting: 8:30 a.m. on the second Saturday each month in the E/M Room.

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## The Men's Breakfast Group

We meet at 8:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of every month, at the **Denny's** on Dutchman's Lane across from Norton Suburban Hospital. Please join us! Everyone is invited.

# PARISH NEWS

## WE WILL

*Michelle Yeager*



I am a life-long Episcopalian. I am a lifelong member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Thirty-five years ago, I was even born a month premature so that I could attend my own baby shower provided by the church. But the truth of it is that I really never had any input into where I worshipped. None.

In 1973, my mother, **Dr. Lillian Yeager**, moved to Louisville from Bainbridge, GA to marry my father. Now, this was the early 1970's - a couple of years before Louisville and Jefferson County Schools were integrated. This is important information because my family is African-American. My mother looked for a church to call home and she felt a special connection to St. Matthew's. Even in a time when the rest of our city was segregated, St. Matthew's embraced my mother with open arms.

I was born May 1976 and baptized by **The Rev. Dick Humke** in November of that same year. Although I was there, I don't remember a thing. But the reality of it is that I wasn't supposed to. My parents stood before the congregation and said they would be responsible for seeing that I was brought up in the Christian faith. And when the congregation was asked, "Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?", they said "WE WILL".

We will. Two simple words. Two powerful words. Two words I wouldn't understand until after my mother passed away. See, I grew up in this church - literally. Although I attended church almost every Sunday, I rarely sat with my mother. She was a dedicated member of the choir. So during my youth, my worship experience was shared with the congregation. I sat with different people, like **Linda Broecker** and **Mary Helfrich**, each week. My favorite part of the service was always communion, because that was the time I joined my mother at the rail.

There were other people like **Fred Seigfreidt**, that even today will brag that he was in the hospital on the day I was born. Each Sunday, for as long as I can remember, I know that if Mr. Seigfreidt is there, I am guaranteed to be greeted with a big hug and kiss on the cheek. As time went by, the congregation were some of the first people to celebrate my accomplishments. It didn't matter how large or small it was, they were just happy to see me succeed.

When my mother was diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer in 2001, St. Matthew's was there. My mother would have done anything for this church, and this church would have done anything for my family. When she passed away in 2006, many people felt a major loss.

"We Will". After my mother's death, church wasn't the same. Communion wasn't the same. Life wasn't the same. I church hopped various places and took some time for myself. One Sunday I came back to St. Matthew's and **Rev. Moray Peoples** greeted me and said "Welcome Home". I'll never forget that moment because it's the moment I realized that St. Matthew's really was my home. Soon after that I received a phone call from **Kitty Clark** and she invited me to sit with her and **Lou** in church. Once again, the congregation embraced me. When they said the "We Will" pledge in 1976, they meant it, believed it and continued to act on it.

Then the love bug struck with a guy named **Milton**. I warned him that coming to my church was a BIG deal. His first visit was Easter 2010. During church there were a lot of stares. After church he received a lot of questions. All of my church mothers and fathers wanted to check him out to make sure he was someone my mother would have approved of. And then he proposed. During our marriage session with **Lucinda**, he let it be known that he was interested in joining our church. The same love, passion, welcoming with open arms and acceptance of everyone that I had taken for granted, Milton discovered. Milton experienced the same feeling my mother did three decades ago when he walked through the door. He saw that when this congregation says "We Will" that they truly mean it.

Milton and I will be married this year the week after Easter. It is very important to both of us that the church be involved. I learned a lot about love and relationships from the couples that I have been around in the congregation. I've watched them support each other through trials and tribulations. As Milton and I start our new life together, we want the congregation that took me in, nurtured me and stuck to their baptismal promise to once again bless our marriage. This time, when the congregation is asked "Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to uphold these two persons in their marriage?" I will fully understand and embrace those two simple words "We Will"!

*Michelle and Milton's marriage will take place on Saturday, April 30. At the 10:00 service on Sunday, May 1, we will bless their marriage in the context of the Eucharist. We will also bless all those married or covenanted couples who so desire. - LRL+*

# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST. MATTHEW'S

*All services are in the Church unless otherwise indicated.*

*Morning Prayer is in the Chapel Monday-Friday at 9:00 a.m.*

<b>Palm Sunday</b> April 17	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist with distribution of palms
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist with procession with palms *
	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with distribution of palms
	8:00 p.m.	Compline
<b>Monday of Holy Week</b> April 18	7:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b> April 19	7:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b> April 20	7:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
	11:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist & Healing Service (Chapel)
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
<b>Maundy Thursday</b> April 21 (approximately)	6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist *
	7:30 p.m.	Agapé Dinner * (Saints Hall)
	8:45 p.m.	Stripping of the Altar *

*The Watch continues in the chapel until midnight.*

<b>Good Friday</b> April 22	12:00 Noon	Good Friday Liturgy *
	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (Clingman)
<b>Holy Saturday</b> April 23	9:00 a.m.	Liturgy for Holy Saturday (Chapel)
	3:00 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
	9:00 p.m.	The Great Vigil of Easter * <i>Party to follow!</i>

**PLEASE NOTE: The times of our morning services are different.**



<b>Easter Sunday</b> April 24	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Holy Eucharist, with choir *
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Holy Eucharist, with choir *
	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist

*\*child care is available*

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAM NEWS

**Debbi Rodahaffer, Director of Christian Education**

*"Through the Episcopal Church, God invites all people:*

*To enter into a prayerful life of worship, continuous learning, intentional outreach, advocacy and service."* These words are from "The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation" that was adopted at the 2009 General Convention in Anaheim, CA. As a Christian educator, and as a deputy to General Convention who served on the Education Legislative Committee, I was involved in the process that took the resolution for the Charter to the floor of the House of Deputies. I was honored to speak to the need for the Charter on the floor, and to be one of the deputies who voted unanimously to pass the resolution. The Charter also passed unanimously in the House of Bishops.

For Episcopalians, centering on the Holy Eucharist is at the core of our being. The Charter reminds us that we are called to be so much more. With lives scheduled to the second, it's essential that you include St. Matthew's Episcopal Church as part of your weekly routine. Service and advocacy become more powerful through our community of faith because of the connection with God and one another. To paraphrase the first lines of the Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation: Come to Church, Stay for Church School and Adult Education, Be Intentional in your Stewardship, Advocate for What You Know Is Right, and Give of Yourself for the Benefit of Others.

Lenten blessings, Debbi

**3s through 3rd Graders** lead the procession into church on Palm Sunday, April 17! If your child is in the 3s through 3rd grade, part of their church school hour during March and again on April 10 will be spent singing and rehearsing for Palm Sunday.

Watching the children lead the congregation in procession into church as we welcome the day with jubilant "Hosannas" seems the perfect way to begin this day that takes such a somber turn. Come to celebrate with our children Jesus' triumphant arrival in Jerusalem!

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Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** is Saturday, April 23 at 3:00 p.m. Please bring one dozen eggs to church for each child you will have "hunting". Weather permitting, it is a quick romp outside. The romp is inside if it is raining. Either way, it is fun!



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**Vacation Bible School's "Wizards and Wonders"** for kindergartners through sixth graders will be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church this year the week of June 27 – July 1. Registration will begin in May. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are able to participate in the preparation or as a volunteer during the week of VBS.

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**The 4th and 5th Grade Lock-In** has been rescheduled to Friday, August 5 beginning at 6:00 p.m.! One of the great things about having it during the summer is that we will spend the night! Be sure and save the date if you are a current 4th or 5th grader.



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**All Saints Summer Camp** – register online at [www.youthepiscopalky.org](http://www.youthepiscopalky.org)

# April 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3</b> Church School for all, 11:15a Adult Confirmation, 11:15a Grief Group, 3:30p Hearts4Kenya, 4p Youth Group @ Salsarita's, 6p Compline, 8p	<b>4</b> Cooking for Cornerstone, 9a Bible Study, 10a EFM, 6p Bridge, 7p	<b>5</b> Sunday Forum Group, 5:30p Alanon & AA, 8p	<b>6</b> EFM, 9a Table Fellowship, 5:45p Lenten Program, 6:40p SOS, 7:30p Choir Practice, 7:45p	<b>7</b> Art Group 9:30a Going Deeper, 10a Holy Eucharist, 11:30a Babysit at Cornerstone, 6:30p Daughters of the King, 7p SOS, 7:30p	<b>8</b> Ladies AA, 11:30a Ladies Bridge, 1p Newcomers & AA, 6:45p	<b>9</b> Cursillo, 8a Brotherhood of St. Andrew, 8:30a
<b>10</b> Church School for all, 11:15a Adult Confirmation, 11:15a Youth Confirmation, 11:15a Youth Group Lenten Service Project, 5:30p Compline, 8p	<b>11</b> Bible Study, 10a Book Group, 1:30p Dimensions of Faith Committee Mtg. 5:30p EFM, 6p Discussing Dimensions, 7:30p	<b>12</b> Vestry, 5:15p Alanon & AA, 8p	<b>13</b> EFM, 9a Table Fellowship, 5:45p Adult Handbell, 6:30p Lenten Program, 6:40p Choir Practice, 7:45p	<b>14</b> Art Group 9:30a Women In Conversation, 9:30a Going Deeper, 10a Holy Eucharist, 11:30a Covenant Committee Meetings, 7p	<b>15</b> Golden Bells, 9a Ladies AA, 11:30a Women's Board of ECH Annual Style Show, 11:30a Preschool Spring Festival, 5:30p Newcomers & AA, 6:45p	<b>16</b> Cursillo, 8a Food Pantry, 10a
<b>17 ~Palm Sunday</b> Church School for all, 11:15a Grief Group, 3:30p Youth Group: Easter Eggs, Games & Dinner, 5:30p Compline, 8a	<b>18</b> Holy Eucharist, 7a Bible Study, 10a EFM, 6p Discussing Dimensions, 7:30p	<b>19</b> Holy Eucharist, 7a Men's Breakfast Group, 8:30a Alanon & AA, 8p	<b>20</b> Holy Eucharist, 7a EFM, 9a Holy Eucharist & Healing Service, 11:30a Choir Practice, 7:45p	<b>21</b> Holy Eucharist, 7a Art Group, 9:30a Women In Conversation, 9:30a Holy Eucharist, 11:30a Agape Dinner, 7:30p Stripping of the Altar, 8:45p SOS, 7:30p	<b>22 ~ Good Friday</b> <i>The office is closed</i> Ladies AA, 11:30a Good Friday Liturgy, Noon Stations of the Cross, 5:30p Newcomers & AA, 6:45p	<b>23</b> Liturgy for Holy Saturday, 9a Easter Egg Hunt, 3p The Great Vigil of Easter, 9p
<b>24 ~Easter Sunday</b> Holy Eucharist, 9 & 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. <b>He is Risen!</b>	<b>25 ~Monday in Easter</b> <i>The office is closed</i>	<b>26 ~Tuesday in Easter</b> Former EFM Women's Group, 9:30a Alanon & AA, 8p	<b>27 ~Wednesday in Easter</b> Adult Handbell, 6:30p Choir Practice, 7:45p	<b>28 ~Thursday in Easter</b> Art Group, 9:30a Women In Conversation, 9:30a Holy Eucharist, 11:30a	<b>29 ~Friday in Easter</b> Golden Bells, 9a Ladies AA, 11:30a Newcomers & AA, 6:45p	<b>30 ~Saturday in Easter</b> Cursillo, 8a

Holy Eucharist: Sundays, 8 a.m., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m., Tuesdays, 7a.m., Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. • Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. • Evening Prayer: Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

**NOTE:** Please be aware that the dates and times shown were accurate at the time of printing, but may change.

Check with the parish office, or look on the sheet posted in the office window.



## St. Matt's Youth

youth@stmatt-ky.org

Web site: [www.stmatt-ky.org/youth.htm](http://www.stmatt-ky.org/youth.htm)

(502) 895-3485

Lynn Miller, Youth Coordinator • Brandon Brones, Youth Assistant

**JOIN BRANDON FOR BAGELS - 9:15 each Sunday in the Youth area.**

## April

### Dinner Out, at Salsarita's

Sunday, April 3

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Drop off (6:00 p.m.) and pick up at Salsarita's  
(Hubbards Lane, near Kroger)

### Lenten Service Project

Sunday, April 10

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Dinner too!



### Fill Easter Eggs, Games and Dinner

Sunday, April 17

5:30-7:30

We will get the eggs and bags ready for the Easter Egg Hunt!

## Happy Easter!

Sunday, April 24

No Youth Group

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

#### in April

#### Babysitting at Cornerstone

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

This date is during Spring Break and Lynn will not be able  
to provide rides. Babysitting takes place at the  
Episcopal Cathedral from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

#### Lenten Service Project

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

#### Easter Egg Hunt Prep

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

#### Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

**If you need service hours,  
April is the month!**

#### SAVE THESE DATES

**\*Sunday, May 15**

**Confirmation Sunday**

**\*Sunday, May 22**

**Senior Sunday**

**\*at the 10:00 a.m. Service**

This information and more is on the church web site at: [www.stmatt-ky.org/youth.htm](http://www.stmatt-ky.org/youth.htm) Check it out!

Questions? Email to Lynn or Brandon at: [youth@stmatt-ky.org](mailto:youth@stmatt-ky.org)

## Volunteer Opportunities

### ***Habitat for Humanity***

Saturday, April 2

Work 9:00 a.m. to Noon  
for a half day or  
9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a full day.

We welcome newcomers.

No special skills required.

On the job training is available.  
(carpool from church, 8:30 a.m.)

### ***Calvary / St. George's Food Collection***

Sunday, April 3

Please bring non-perishable items to the narthex coat closet. Both food pantries depend on our donations to help them meet the increasing demand for food in our community.

### ***Cornerstone***

Thursday, April 7

6:30-7:45 p.m.

To cook or send food, sign up on the bulletin board located across from the grand staircase, or call **Sharon Nesmith**, 228-5918.

To volunteer to babysit, call **Diane Clark**, 245-5633.

We meet at 5:15 at Whole Foods (Shelbyville Road) for a light dinner and conversation, then carpool at 6:00 to the Cathedral.

Join us this month. We are always in need of baby sitters!

### ***Serve lunch at Wayside***

Sunday, April 10

12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m.

For more information, please call **Sarah Weston**, 426-6678.

### ***Food Pantry***

The St. Matthew's Food Pantry is the 3rd Saturday of the every month starting at 11:00 a.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to help people who really need it. For more information, please call **Brian Good**, 899-9390.

## The Easter Offering

The Vestry (on the recommendation of the Outreach Committee) has designated the Easter Offering for the following groups (shared equally):

### **Kenya Kids at Rongo**

We support 60+ orphans in Rongo, Kenya. Want more information? Want to get involved? Contact **Cathy Sutton** at [csutton@bellarmine.edu](mailto:csutton@bellarmine.edu). You can watch a video, see pictures and find out more at <http://www.stmatt-ky.org/rongo.htm>.

### **The earthquake victims in Japan**

We work through ERD (Episcopal Relief and Development), with the advantage of having a network already in place: the Anglican churches of Japan. You can find out more at <http://www.er-d.org/>

### **St. George's Community Center Freedom School**

St. Matthew's has supported St. George's Community Center for many years now. Last fall they gave us a Lillian Yeager Community Service award, and it was also announced that their College Exploration Program was re-named in honor of our beloved departed parishioner, **Jack Geary**. The Freedom School (a project of the Children's Defense Fund) has been very successful, offering safe, restorative learning spaces, and a program which supports children and young adults making a difference in themselves, their homes, their schools, their nation and their world. Want to get involved? Contact **Bob Nesmith** at [bnesmith@mindspring.com](mailto:bnesmith@mindspring.com) for more information, or Board members **Steve Cherry** and **Michelle Yeager**, or go to <http://www.stgeorgeslouisville.episcopalky.org/index.html>.

*Celebrate the resurrection with the gift Christ asks us to give: helping those in need. Anything in the plate on Easter Sunday (not marked as pledge), and anything in the Easter envelope that will be mailed out, will be given this way.*

# EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

*The Rev. Moray Peoples*

## **This is your life**

Ever heard of a “*spiritual autobiography?*” That’s a mouthful in itself.

Each fall, **EfM** (Education for Ministry) participants prepare spiritual autobiographies. As with composing any life story, the assignment can feel a bit overwhelming at first, but the key to preparing one is fairly simple.

We describe moments or movements that have influenced our life course. We paint our picture with data, colors, passions, and feelings. In our *spiritual* autobiography we focus our relationship with God; the passages, places and people who have influenced our relationship with the Divine. In doing so, we occasionally discover instances of the Divine we had never before perceived. It is rather exciting. The GenX term is Awesome!

Participants reflect on world events and family relationships; they think about places they have lived, congregations in which they have worshipped, and unexpected life events that paved new avenues. What makes these reflections “spiritual” is that we discover, upon reflection, God’s presence, even though at the time we may not have perceived God at all. Sometimes, participants say things like, “I never before thought of God in this relationship. But God was certainly there...and active.”

The luxury of preparing spiritual autobiographies and sharing them with trusted friends within the context of **EfM** are indeed holy moments for authors and listeners. Like Moses at the burning bush, we are aware we stand on holy ground. We listen gracefully.

If you’d like to speak with someone about the exciting journey of **EfM**, contact me anytime...within the next few minutes at [mpeoples@bellsouth.net](mailto:mpeoples@bellsouth.net) or 836-1278.

# REFLECTIONS ON FAITH & LIFE

*A monthly reflection from Bob Nesmith*

On our way home after hearing Marcus Borg speak recently at Centre College, my wife Sharon said, “He makes it so simple even a child would understand the Gospel. We make it so complex.” In Borg’s talks and in his writings I find a Jesus who inspires me, who gives me new understandings of God.

I have struggled for at least half my adult life trying to understand Jesus and God through doctrines, creeds, church pronouncements and traditions, scholarly writings, theologians and somewhere around 1750 sermons. I went to Cursillo, attended countless retreats, seminars and conferences and went back to graduate school in my late 50’s searching for an understanding of Jesus and God that did not cause me to say, “Oh yeah?” or “What does that mean?” Now I find profound theology in other ways.

We love the modern opera “Les Miserables” and have seen it six or eight times. Near the end Jean Valjean, sings a prayer asking God to save Marius, a young man shot in an attempt at rebelling against the French government. Each time I hear this I am moved by the truth of the lyrics, “To love another person is to see the face of God.”

In his book “Yeshua of Nazareth: spiritual master” Catholic Priest and author Richard Chilson paraphrases Jesus and his contemporary, Rabbi Hillel.

“Love God with all your being, mind, heart, body.  
And love the other – whoever that other may be – as yourself.  
That’s the whole kit and caboodle. Everything else is commentary.”

In this Lenten season my discipline is to resume a practice I have recently ignored, a daily quiet time of searching, not for God, but with God. I have wasted too much of my energy on the commentary, and used too little on the whole kit and caboodle.

**Marcus Borg** will visit St. Matthew’s October 21-23, 2011 as a Dimensions of Faith speaker.

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## Library Celebrates Anniversary

**Sunday, April 10** is the first day of National Library Week. It is also the third anniversary of the dedication of our renovated library. There is a great deal to celebrate. The library has now grown to over 2,000 items including children's books, reference resources, books on disc, and DVDs for both children and adults.

Some of the Library's newest titles are now on view in the Library's display cases. These include the newest DVDs, books on disc and Great Courses audio lectures from the Teaching Company.

## Oral History Volunteers

As described in previous The Spirit of St. Matthew's newsletters, the Oral History Program is under the auspices of the Library and the Church Archives, which is housed in the Library. Volunteers have completed fifteen interviews of our parishioners.

More interviewers are needed. If you would like to be a part of this program, please contact **Lee Fletcher** at 693-4145. Training will be provided this summer.

## Adult Education Programs and Oral Histories Now Circulate

You may now borrow oral history DVDs from the library. Additionally, recent adult education presentations are also available. These include the series on Islam with Gray Henry and Dick Humke, the 2010 Lenten series with Bishop Ted Gulick and programs with Sallie Bingham, Marian McLure Taylor, and Christopher 2X.

## Christian Century

The library now has a subscription to Christian Century magazine. These periodicals along with various issues of Soujourners, Parabola and American Libraries are available to borrow from the library.

– Lee Fletcher

**Library Hours:** Monday through Thursday: 11:30-12:30 p.m. • Sundays: 8:45-9:45 a.m., 11:15-12:15 p.m.

# DAILY PRAYER LIST

**Note:** At Morning Prayer each weekday, members of St. Matthew's congregation are prayed for by name. As members of the Christian community, we are advised to hold each other in prayer. As part of your prayers, please remember all of the St. Matthew's parish family.

## Week of April 3

Jones: *Paul, Jane*  
Jones: *Sue*  
Joy: *James, Catherie, Chris, Alex, Charlie, Caitlin*  
Judge: *Dennis, Susan*  
Kara: *Peace, Jasparr*  
Karle: *Anna*  
Kasting: *Robert, Nancy*  
Keller: *Patrick, Caroline*  
Kennedy: *Rick, Bethany, Maggie Becka, Audrey Becka*  
Kessler: *Herman, Amy, Christopher, Caroline*

## Week of April 10

Ketterer: *Kett, Alan Wernecke, Justin Wernecke*  
Kimbrough: *Brad, Sarah Emery, Edward Kimbrough*  
Kincade: *Kit, Joan*  
Kingston: *Bill, Jerry Bowles*  
Kissling: *Don, Mary Lynn*  
Kitson: *John, Anna, Finneas, Zoe*  
Knox: *Richard*  
Koshewa: *Angela, David Niehaus*  
Krantz: *John, Margaret, Michael, Jenny, Daniel*  
Kries: *Sarah*

## Week of April 17

Kuhns: *Greg, Joan*  
Laird: *Lucinda, Lambert*  
Lambert: *Jay, Cicely, Michael, Becca*  
Latto: *Joel, Savanna, Luke*  
Lawfer: *Marty*  
Ledford: *John, Linda Meyer, Hope Meyer Ledford*  
Ledvina: *David, Andrea, Katherine, Luke*  
Lotz: *Lauren*  
Lotz: *Rick, Janis*  
Macdonald: *Stanley, Sally*

## Week of April 24

Marshall: *Shaw, Garrett Barry*  
Martin: *Robert, Sarah, Cora, Clasre, Christine*  
Mathews: *Mac, Frances*  
Mayes: *Richard, Susan*  
McCord: *Walter, Betty Brooke*  
McKinney: *Bill, Martha*  
McKune: *Kate, Cullen Lowery, Hayden Lowery, Clarie Lowery*  
Meidlinger: *James, Julie, Kristen, Nathan*

## We pray for members of the parish family serving in the Armed Forces

Steven Sadler, Marc Grigsby, Mark Jones, Christopher Jones, Casey Carmichael, Jay Dosker, Major Adrian Wheeler, Adam Warren, Ryan Campbell, Lance Lawfer, Kevin Smith, Billy Cundiff, The Rev. Steve Pike, and Michael Nicholas; and Jamie Ogles, who is serving in the **Peace Corps**.

Do you have a family member serving in the Armed Forces or in some form of relief work in a dangerous area? Please let us know so that we can put them on our prayer list.

*Heavenly Father, We ask you to make the door of St. Matthew's Church a gateway to your eternal kingdom; and grant that all who worship in this house may also witness for you in the world outside, to your honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Weekday Services in the Chapel

**Monday-Friday:** 9:00 a.m., Morning Prayer    **Tuesdays:** 7:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist    **Wednesdays:** 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer  
**Thursdays:** 11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

# PARISH FAMILY

## Welcome New Members

*(These persons made a commitment to St. Matthew's on March 6)*

**Kathy Brown**

**Milton Turner**

## Deaths

**Marye Mendel, March 26**

**We are sorry to hear about the death of**

**Martha Ormsby's son**

**Mary Jane Cherry's father**

**Lynn Miller's uncle**

**Greg Taylor's grandmother**

+++ *May light perpetual shine upon them* +++

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