

The

SAINT MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Spirit

of St. Matthew's

March 2011

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.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, March 8

5:30-7:00 p.m. in Saints Hall

hosted by St. Matthew's Youth



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9

7:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, and 7:30 p.m.*

Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes

(* Childcare available - 7:30 only)



What Will You Do For Lent?

What changes will you make in your life this Lent? What will you do for others during this season?

Most of us are willing and able, but, in our hectic world, good intentions don't always translate into acts. This year we offer some help!

Look for our "Lenten tree" in the Narthex. On these branches, you will find concrete tasks to accomplish during the season of Lent. You might help at the food pantry, or bring in a bag of canned goods, or babysit at Cornerstone. There are lots of things to choose that will fit you and your schedule.

The item you pick will include a contact name and number, so that you can learn how to complete your task. If you would like more information, contact **Lynn Miller** at lmiller@stmatt-ky.org.

Spring Forward! Don't forget to set your clocks up 1 hour at 2:00 a.m.
on Sunday, March 13.

PARISH NEWS

Congratulations to . . .

Lee and Jody Fletcher, our Unsung Heroes of the Year, announced at the Annual Luncheon on January 23!

Our new vestry members:

Sarah Causey, **Sarah Clement**, **Mike Fitzer**, **Pat Mulloy**, **Chris Thorne** and **Kate Eastman** (youth representative). **Bill Cheatham** is Senior Warden, **Kitten Lawless** is Junior Warden, **Chris Thorne** is Secretary/Clerk, and **David Brooks** remains our Treasurer.

The new vestry members and officers were commissioned at the 10:00 service on February 13.

Special thanks to those who were not elected, who have all committed to ministry over the next three years here at St. Matthew's: **Barry Ceridan**, **Patricia Enriquez**, **Ruthe Holmberg**, **Sara Oliver** and **Mary Nancy Todd**.



The Right Reverend Terry A. White
Bishop of Kentucky

February 4, 2011

The Rector, Wardens, Vestry, and People
St. Matthew's Church
330 N. Hubbards Lane
Louisville, KY 40207

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you! Thank you for your congregation's pledge of 15% of your budgeted income to support the mission and ministry of the Diocese of Kentucky in 2011. I know that this pledge represents sacrificial giving to our common mission throughout the Diocese, as there is no shortage of program and ministry needs within your own congregation.

Your pledge makes possible the ministry and programs that build up the reign of Christ, and supports this Church's response to Our Lord's mandate to love our neighbors. It is my hope that beginning this year we can especially focus time and resources on congregational development, evangelism, leadership training, and financial stewardship, which in turn, will help us grow our common mission.

Again, on behalf of the members of Trustees and Council, and speaking for all of your sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Kentucky, thank you for your leadership pledge. And, I wish to add my personal thanks and appreciation for your commitment.

May God continue to bless your vital ministry!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Terry A. White

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Bishop

RECTOR'S COLUMN



Dear People of St. Matthew's,

As I write, there is a buzz of activity around the church: cleaning, planning, organizing, consulting, etc. – all because we will be hosting the annual convention of the Diocese of Kentucky next week. By the time you get this, it will all be over, but I am sure that St. Matthew's will more than live up to our reputation for gracious hospitality.

I mention this first of all to say THANK YOU to so many of you who are giving so much time to this. You're the best! Thanks, too, to the staff, who are all putting in lots and lots of extra hours – and coping with a fair amount of stress.

I just looked outside my office door for the source of some rather loud noise, and found Matt Averbek steam-cleaning the carpet. We're all trying to clean up and spruce up so that we look our very best. And that leads to my real reason for writing about this: Lent.

Perhaps we could think of Lent as a spring-cleaning of the soul. The word itself originally just meant "spring", and of course Lent is in the spring – or at least ends in spring and Easter. It's preparation for the great feast of the Resurrection, and we do well to do some serious spring cleaning.

A lot of people seem to think that Lent is a time when we make ourselves feel miserable – either out of guilt, or so that we'll feel better at Easter. This really isn't helpful. Try thinking instead about getting ready, cleaning up and sprucing up, throwing out the clutter, and opening the door of your heart for the risen Christ to enter in.

There's great excitement here as we hurry and scurry to get ready. I hope for the same excitement during Lent, as we anticipate and get ready for Easter. May we all put energy and commitment into the work of Lent, and may we do this with hope, anticipation and joy.

Yours in Christ,

Lucinda

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

*We will have 3 celebrations of the Holy Eucharist with
imposition of ashes at each service: 7:00 am; 12:00 noon; 7:30 pm.*

We need YOUR recipes for our new St. Matthew's Cookbook

We're going to publish a new St. Matthew's Cookbook, and we need to include your favorite recipes! Appetizers, soups, main courses, relishes, desserts, salads — you name it; if it's a favorite recipe of yours, we want it! Our deadline is April 1.

You may give your recipes to **Joy** or **Donald Bell**, who are chairing the project. Or you may drop them into the Cookbook Recipes box on the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.

If you can, however, emailing them will save time and work, as all recipes have to be typed into the computer. You may email your recipes to **Mary Johnson** at bx1@iglou.com.

We'll begin taking advance orders for our new cookbook in late Spring.

Experiencing Grief: Love, Loss, Life

Have you lost someone close to you? Are you seeking the support of others who have also suffered loss?

If so, please consider joining our group, *Experiencing grief: Love, Loss and Life*. All who have experienced loss are welcome.

We will meet at St. Matthew's the first and third Sunday afternoons each month in the Lounge from 3:30-4:45 p.m. starting March 6 and ending on May 15.

Grief looks and feels different for each of us, yet there are many common points along this journey through loss. The path may be difficult, un-predictable and confusing times. While family and friends love us they do not always fully understand why we may not seem ourselves for awhile and may want to talk about our loss or loved one. Most people who are in a grief and loss group feel relief at being able to share with others who *know* what they are experiencing and where you can feel free to ask questions like "*How do I deal with the loneliness*" or "*Is it wrong to feel angry at the deceased or God?*" Or maybe, "*Is it ok to be angry for the loss of my former life?*"

While we are offering this program to St. Matthew's parishioners anyone who is grieving is most welcome to join the group. If you know of someone who could benefit please ask them to call one of us if you are interested: **Joan Kincade** at 426-1641 or **Emily Crouch** at 895-3485.

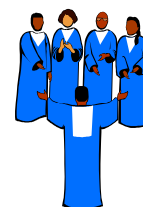
Grace and Peace.

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 will be available shortly, along with Opportunity Tickets. The luncheon is scheduled for April 15 at The Olmsted. Tickets will be available in the Narthex March 27, April 3 and April 10, so mark your calendars and show you care by purchasing tickets!

– Diane Clark

We are pleased to welcome
Diana Kappahn
to the choir! Come make a
joyful noise with us each
Wednesday evening at 7:45.



Lenten Meditations

In the first cooperative project between our two companion parishes, St. Matthew's and St. James the Less, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow (Scotland), a booklet of daily meditations for Lent 2011 has been published. These daily reflections on the Sunday scripture readings are intended to be an aid in observing Lent this spring.

Beginning last fall forty-four people, including our **Bishop Terry Allen White** and the **Rt. Rev. Gregor Duncan**, the new bishop of the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway in Scotland, wrote the meditations. The booklet titled, "Listening to God – Lenten Meditations" will be available in the Narthex the first week in March. It will also be accessible that week on the St. Matthew's web site, www.stmatt-ky.org. Pictures of the writers from both parishes will be on the bulletin board.

—Bob Nesmith

Prayer Shawl / Lap Robe Ministry

Most people at St. Matthew's do not know about this quiet ministry. One of the clergy delivers a warm shawl or lap robe to parishioners who have an extended hospital stay. Each unique blanket is hand made by a St. Matthew's parishioner. It could be flannel, quilted, knitted or crocheted. They are a physical representation of the parish's care and presence for those who cannot be with us at worship. Would you like to be involved in this ministry? To learn more about it, please contact **Sue Bach**, 895-4364, or **Karen Hill**, 895-3485. Let us know if you have a embroidery machine? We would like to find someone to add St. Matthew's name to each blanket.

Do you know where it is?

The 14' white table cloth that we use for our Bishops table is missing. If you were so kind to have taken it home to wash, would you please check to see if it may still be waiting to be brought back to the church? Thank you.

Going Deeper

The Going Deeper class is a group of about 15 women who would be glad to welcome *you*. We spend some time at the beginning of each session chatting and catching up with each other. We spend a little under an hour on our discussion topic and end with ten minutes of silent meditation.

The next session of Going Deeper for 2011 will be during Lent and we will meet every week beginning the Thursday after Ash Wednesday (March 10). Our regular time is 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. We finish in time for the 11:30 a.m. Thursday Eucharist.

For this session the reading and discussion book is *A Deepening Love Affair: The Gift of God in Later Life* by Jane Thibault, local author and lecturer. Books will be available in the church library for purchase. The cost is \$12.

Meeting dates are March 10, 17, 24, and 31, April 7 and 14, and the classes are facilitated by **Lucinda Laird** and **Helen Jones**. If you are new to the group, email **Sue Bridge** (bridgsm@gmail.com) to make sure of book availability.

Art in the Narthex

Beginning February 23 and continuing through Lent, **Pat DaRif**, a member of St. Matthew's and a local fiber artist, will exhibit her work in the Narthex. Pat dyes and dye paints almost all of her fabric, employing many surface design techniques, such as discharge, flour paste resist, and screenprinting, before finally quilting each piece. Pat has exhibited in both local and national venues and is a member of River City Fiber Artists and Louisville Area Fiber and Textile Artists.

Pat will be available at the wine and cheese reception that follows the 5:00 service on March 6. Please come to meet her and find out more about her art.

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



Special thanks to:

- everyone who helped with the *Dimensions of Faith* lecture with **Dr. Otis Moss** on Sunday, January 16.
- the **Cooks & Bottlewashers** for making brunch, and to everyone who helped with the Annual Meeting, January 23.

Discussing Dimensions

(the *New Horizon Readers*)

While we still may have a discussion of the novel, *Putting Away Childish Things*, we plan to postpone the discussion and wait on the paperback version to be released in May. That discussion, one or two meetings, will be scheduled after we receive the books. Our next book, also by Marcus Borg, looks at the use and changing definitions of “Christian words”: **“Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power—And How They Can Be Restored”**. Being Christian includes understanding Christian language, yet many crucial Christian words are seriously misunderstood. Release date is March 22.

We will meet each Monday (new night) starting April 11, at **7:30 p.m.** in the Library.

I will start a list now and order the books by March 20. Please contact me, **Marilyn Swain**, (maris369@gmail.com, 419-4583), if you would like to order a copy. I will have the price at that time. I hope you will join us!

Save the date: The Parish-wide yard sale is Saturday, May 14



Save your old treasures to donate to the St. Matthew’s parish-wide yard sale! We hope this will be a day of fun! All proceeds will help our *Living the Spirit* campaign. We’re delighted that the Brotherhood of St. Andrew has volunteered to help make the yard sale a success. Many more volunteers are needed. Interested? Please sign up on the bulletin board, or call the office (895-3485) and we will let you know how you help. Stay tuned for more details!

The Ladies’ Lunch Bunch

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

Thursday, March 17 - **Cafe LuLu**, in St. Matthews.

Thursday, April 21 - **Uptown**, Duker Avenue.

Dimensions of Faith

to present

Dr. Marcus Borg

Marcus J. Borg, internationally renowned Jesus scholar, Biblical expert and author, will present several talks at St. Matthew’s October 21-23 in our *Dimensions of Faith* series.

Dr. Borg has been described by *The New York Times* as a “leading figure in his generation of Jesus scholars.” A fellow of the Jesus Seminar, he is Canon Theologian of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Oregon, and Hundere Distinguished Professor of Religion and Culture at Oregon State University.

He is the author or co-author of 19 books, many of them best-sellers. *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* (1994) is the single best-selling book by a contemporary Jesus scholar. He published his first novel, *Putting Away Childish Things: A Tale of Modern Faith*, last year. His next book, *Speaking Christian, Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power – And How They Can Be Restored*, will go on sale in April. Most of Dr. Borg’s books are available in our parish library.

— Robin Garr

Adult Confirmation

Have you thought about being confirmed?

Is this the right time?

Was confirmation not an option when you were a teen?

Are you seeking to deepen your commitment in faith?

If you are an adult interested in confirmation please inform either **Lucinda Laird** or **Mardi Galvin**, Parish Administrator, at **895-3485**.

We are hoping to start a series of classes on Sunday, March 13, during the adult education hour. Several staff members will be leading classes, so there will be a variety of views and experiences.

The date of Confirmation (or Reception into the Episcopal Church for those confirmed in other denominations) is Sunday, May 15, when Bishop White makes his annual visit.



Would you like to be better connected?

Why not subscribe to our Parish Email list? Parish-wide emails are sent about twice every week. They include announcements about events in the life of our parish that we think are of particular importance. You can subscribe to the list by going to: <http://www.stmatt-ky.org/dada>. In the "Choose a list" box, "ParishNews" should be showing. Make sure the "Subscribe" button is selected. Type your email address in the "Email Address" box, then "Submit Your Information". If you have problems, send an email to webmaster@stmatt-ky.org and ask to be subscribed.

Are we truly inclusive?

Our parish mission statement says:

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.

Granted, this is always something we strive to do better, not a goal we have achieved. But it's an important statement about who we are, and why.

Several years ago, someone asked me, "You talk about inclusivity a lot. Does that mean **inclusivity of opinion**, too?"

That question hit home, and has stayed in my mind ever since. It is important to me that we are indeed inclusive of opinion, a "big tent". It's certainly easier to be around people who think as we do – and most churches tend to be pretty homogeneous in opinion – but it's not particularly healthy. Nor does it reflect what we preach: that ALL people are important in God's sight, ALL are made in God's image, and ALL are worthy of respect. As we try to overcome our racism or sexism or homophobia or ageism or any of the other "isms" and "phobias" that do indeed hurt and separate us, so we must look at our sin of regarding those who think differently than we do with contempt.

I bring this up now because I heard recently about someone who felt unwelcome here because his/her opinions were not those of the majority. I heard it third or fourth hand, so I can't vouch for it, but it disturbed me.

As Anglicans (Episcopalians in this country) we have a wonderful heritage. We never have, and probably never will, agree about everything. What binds us together is not a creed or confession or set of doctrines, but **COMMON PRAYER**. My image is one of all of us arguing furiously up, down and around – and then going to the altar together, receiving the Body of Christ together, and entering into a unity in Christ that we cannot achieve ourselves. We may certainly continue to argue, debate, differ and so forth, but we do it with respect because we **KNOW** we are one in Christ.

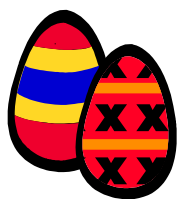
Take a moment or two this Lent to think about how we listen to those with whom we disagree, and how we make room for them. I promise to do the same.

Lucinda ✱

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM NEWS

Debbi Rodahaffer, Director of Christian Education

It's time for the seventh annual **4th and 5th Graders Lock-Out!** Be on the lookout for your invitation because Friday, March 25 from 6:00 until 11:00 p.m., our 4th and 5th graders will be participating in a night of fun. It begins with a trip to Incredible Dave's and ends with worship in church lit only by candlelight.



Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 23 at 3:00 p.m. If the weather is delightful, the Hunt will be a quick dash outside. If the weather is not so good, the Hunt will be a quick dash throughout the lower level of the church building. This is a simple Easter Egg Hunt with peanut-free candy and popsicles or cookies for children and adults after the Hunt.

Wednesday nights during Lent, we are going to gather for supper and table discussions led by the **Rev. Emily Crouch** and the **Rev. Dr. Jerry Cappel** starting Wednesday, March 16, 5:45 p.m. in Saints Hall. After supper there will be an engaging class starting at 6:45 p.m. on The Holy Eucharist led by **The Rev. Lucinda Laird** and **Dr. Greg Hillis**. Parents who would like to be involved in creating a series that we are going to offer next fall on "Parenting and Parents" are invited to join Debbi Rodahaffer in the Conversation Room. As a parent, what would you like to discuss? Learn? Lead? Share? Come - be a part of creating something that will be important for parents!

Vacation Bible School is Monday, June 27 – Friday, July 1 from 9 until noon! Calling all Harry Potter fans! This year we are off to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for "Wizards and Wonders". All kindergarteners through sixth graders are invited to participate. All of our youth and adults are needed for planning, creating and being part of a week that is going to be summer delight. Contact **Debbi Rodahaffer** at 895-3485 or drodahaf@stmatt-ky.org if you can be part of the fun. Registration forms will be available in April.



SAVE THE DATE – Teachers, Chaplains and Children's Committee Members – on August 13 the Diocese of Kentucky and the Diocese of Lexington will host a Christian Formation Conference. If you would like to be part of the planning and/or attend, talk with **Debbi Rodahaffer** or **Courtney Good**.

All Saints Summer Camp registration forms and dates are on the Diocese of Kentucky website. Scholarships are available for all St. Matthew's church and church school attendees!

LENT 2011 AT. ST. MATTHEW'S

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent ...

Book of Common Prayer, p. 265

The 40 days of Lent are a time of preparation – preparation for Easter. We are an Easter people, a resurrection people. Because the Feast of the Resurrection is at the center of our faith, we prepare for it carefully. Lent is a time of self-examination, of penitence, of exploration, and of prayer. It is a time to stretch and grow in the faith. It is a solemn and focused time, a time in which we are always aware of the great joy to come. How will you observe Lent? Will you give up something, the better to focus on God and the needs of others? Will you take on something? Will you deepen your prayer life, read the Bible more, or learn more about your faith? Here at St. Matthew's, there are a number of possibilities for the observance of a Holy Lent. Make a commitment to one or more of these, and prepare with joy for the Paschal (Easter) Feast!

Join us each Wednesday Evening in Lent* beginning March 16 for:

- *Dinner and Conversation, 5:45 p.m. in Saints Hall*

A light supper (soup and fruit)

- *A guided discussion on faith practices will begin at each table shortly after 6:00 p.m.*

- *Our Lenten Program:
“Do this for the remembrance of me...”
6:45 -7:45 p.m.*

Was ever another command so obeyed? For century after century, spreading slowly to every continent and country and among every race on earth, this action has been done, in every conceivable human circumstance, for every conceivable human need from infancy and before it to extreme old age and after it, from the pinnacle of earthly greatness to the refuge of fugitives in the caves and dens of the earth...

Dom Gregory Dix, in *The Shape of the Liturgy*

What IS the Eucharist? Why is it so important? Why are we “centered in the Eucharist” as our mission statement says? Why is it the most radical thing we can do, and also the one we do Sunday after Sunday after Sunday?

Join us in a Lenten exploration, with **Dr. Gregory Hillis**, Assistant Professor of Theology at Bellarmine University, and **The Rev. Lucinda Laird**.

Please sign up on the bulletin board or call **895-3485** to make your reservation for supper **by Friday, March 11** (whether or not you will be continuing with the program at 6:45).

It is important that we know the number of family members attending the supper.

*Childcare available

LENT 2011 AT. ST. MATTHEW'S

Possibilities for education and growth

SUNDAYS

9:00 a.m. Living the Questions

A Lenten twist: "Living the Questions" - lively, thoughtful, and rewarding - a perfect Lenten discipline. **Sunday mornings, 9:00-9:50 a.m.**

11:10 a.m.

Several classes are offered each Sunday morning after the 10:00 service. Please check the bulletin insert for information each week.

WEEKDAYS

Bible Study

The **Monday** morning Bible Study is studying the gospel of John, **10:00-11:15 a.m.**, in the library. You are welcome to join us, even if it is just for the season of Lent. We meet each week to study Scripture together, with coffee and snacks.

Discussing Dimensions (formerly the Horizon Readers group)

The Discussing Dimensions group meets each **Monday (new day) evening at 7:30 p.m.** starting April 11 in the Library. We will be reading "*Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power—And How They Can Be Restored*", by Marcus Borg. Everyone is welcome! (Contact **Marilyn Swain** at maris369@gmail.com to order a book.)

On **Wednesday** nights in Lent, we offer a Lenten soup supper at **5:45 p.m.** in Saints Hall, and a special program at 6:45 p.m.

Women In Conversation

This on-going book discussion group of "youngish" women, meets each **Thursday, 9:30-11:00 a.m.** in the Lounge. During Lent we will discuss "*Fearless*" by Max Lucado. Childcare is provided.

Going Deeper Spiritually

On March 10, we begin a six-week study / discussion of Jane Thibault's "*A Deepening Love Affair: The Gift of God in Later Life*". The class is led by **Lucinda Laird** and **Helen Jones**, and the author, Jane Thibault, will join us for one class. The book can be purchased for \$12.00 by contacting **Lee Fletcher** (lee.fletcher@insightbb.com). The library will also have a copy available for circulation. We meet on **Thursday mornings, 10:00-11:15**, in the library. Each meeting also includes time for silent prayer. The class is open to all interested parishioners and friends.

LENT 2011 AT. ST. MATTHEW'S

Can you commit to additional Worship during Lent?

A commitment to weekday worship during Lent can be something meaningful to “take on” for the 40 days.

- **Morning Prayer**, weekdays (M-F) at 9 a.m. in the chapel
- **Holy Eucharist**, Tuesday at 7 a.m. in the chapel
- **Evening Prayer**, Wednesday at 5:30 in the chapel
- **Holy Eucharist**, Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel
(*laying on of hands for healing is offered after the service*)
- **Compline**, Sunday at 8 p.m. in the church

A special Healing Service

On **Sunday, March 27** there will be a service of healing together with Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Week is the final week of Lent

Holy Week begins on **Palm Sunday, April 17**. Palms are distributed at each service, and there is a grand procession at 10:00 as we join the crowd cheering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. But the day that begins so joyously ends with the account of Jesus' Passion, and we begin to walk the way of the cross with Christ.

There are celebrations of the **Holy Eucharist** at 7:00 a.m. on **Monday, Tuesday** and **Wednesday** of Holy Week, and on **Thursday** at 11:30.

On **Maundy Thursday, April 21***, there is a service at 6:30 p.m., commemorating Jesus' Last Supper. The Maundy Thursday Agape Dinner, a special St. Matthew's tradition, begins afterwards in Saints Hall. The supper is simple, but festive, with home-made soup, and bread, cheese and wine brought by parishioners. A dramatic stripping of the altar follows dinner, and then a Watch is kept until midnight.

On **Good Friday, April 22**, we remember Christ's death on the cross. The service is at 12:00 Noon, and the church remains open until 3:00 p.m. for prayer and meditation. The church will open again at 5:30 for Stations of the Cross.

The children of the parish get a headstart on Easter with an Easter Egg Hunt on **Holy Saturday, April 23** at 3:00 p.m.



Easter The Feast of the Resurrection



The Great Vigil of Easter, at 9:00 p.m. on **Saturday, April 23***, is probably the most dramatic service of the year. It begins in darkness and ends with the joyful Easter acclamation: *He is risen!* A festive reception follows to mark the end of our Lenten fast.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 24, is the greatest of all our celebrations. Note the different service times: 9:00* and 11:00 a.m.*, as well as 5:00 p.m.

**Childcare is available.*



Compline Returns



*Prayers for the evening.
Music for meditation.
Peace to soothe the soul.
Quiet in a noisy world.*

8:00 p.m.

*Sundays in Lent
beginning March 13th*



*Music presented each week by
Christian Rodahaffer, guitar*





St. Matt's Youth

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Web site: 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.

March

* Mardi Gras / Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper *

Tuesday, March 8



Our BIGGEST Youth Fund Raiser of the Year!

Come to set up, cook and clean up anytime between 3:00 and 8:00

All the pancakes you can eat! Youth and youth parents.



Pancake Supper Prep

Sunday, March 6

5:30-7:30 p.m.



We will get organized, decorate and start the cooking for the Mardi Gras Pancake Supper. Dinner and Service Hours!

Game and Movies

Sunday, March 13

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Dinner too!



Southeast Christian Easter Pageant

Sunday, March 20

7:30-9:30

Rides provided from SMEC.

Kickball and Dinner

Sunday, March 27

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friends always welcome!



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES in March

Babysitting at Cornerstone

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Meet at SMEC – 6:00 p.m.

Baby sit – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Pick up at SMEC – 8:00 p.m.

Pancake Supper Prep

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

5:30-7:30

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

3:00-8:00

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

Questions? Email to Lynn or Brandon at: youth@stmatt-ky.org

Volunteer Opportunities

Cornerstone

Thursday, March 3
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!

Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, March 5

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, March 6

Make a New Year's Resolution to donate each month in 2011!

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.

Serve lunch at Wayside

Sunday, March 13
11:15 a.m. to 1:15 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.**

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Bob Dangremond and Marie Koelsch,
co-chairs of Social Concerns



THANK YOU

Thanks to all the volunteers and donors from the parish and the St. Matthew's area for supporting the Red Cross Blood drive on Monday, February 7. Despite inclement weather, we exceeded our goal of 45 units and collected **53 units** for the Red Cross. Without the support of the following wonderful volunteers, the drive could not take place! A huge thank you to **Saxonic Eicholtz**, who helped in many ways throughout the planning and recruitment process. Many thanks to **Dottie Rohrer, Jean Wacker, Sharon Nesmith, Martha Wallingford, Pat DaRif, Peggy Enriquez, Sarah Weston, Robert Taylor, Jody Fletcher, Susan Mayes, Marilyn Swain, Jim Metcalfe, Catharine Birch, Mary Jo Gillim and Bobbie Stone** for their time and support to this very important effort.

The need for blood is ongoing and donations have been way down due to bad weather, the economy, etc. Our Red Cross supplies blood to many surrounding counties as well as to the hospitals in Louisville. We have been asked to host blood drives in July and November- the two months that are the most difficult to recruit blood donors. Please mark your calendars for **Friday, July 15** and **Friday, November 11**. Please plan to donate blood if you can or volunteer to help. Give the greatest gift one can give- the gift of life!

— Ellen Robertson

And special thanks to **Ellen Robertson**, who organized all this!

Cleaning out your clothes closet?



If cleaning out your closet is on your "to do" list for spring, please remember **St. Matthew's Clothes Closet**. We still collect clothing and take it to several downtown locations which are in need of our donations.

The collection room has been moved to the closet across from the church office. The door is on the left of the drinking fountains. It will be closed, but unlocked. Please bring clean, neatly folded clothes in bags, boxes, or on hangers. If the door is locked, you can leave clothes in the Narthex closet or ask a staff member to unlock it for you.

Your donations are always appreciated!

A FEW WORDS FROM . . .



The Rev. Dr. Jerry Cappel, Associate for Justice Ministries

Cheating Ourselves

One day a poor man was walking down a road, when he was met by a regal party of soldiers and servants, traveling the other way. A great carriage pulled up next to the poor man, and the one inside, who was clearly a king, leaned out and asked the poor man, “What have you to give me this day?”

“Fancy that,” thought the poor man, “A king, asking a poor man for a handout!” Nevertheless, he reached into his pocket and brought out two small copper coins, and handed them to the King. They both then continued on their way. That night, as the poor man emptied his pockets, he was startled to find two small pieces of gold where once his coins had been. He was glad that he had given what he did, but wished he had given his all.

Why is this a story for Lent? Because Lent is a time (if we will but let ourselves) when we try on some special giving or some special discipline. It may take the form of service, fasting or prayers. Or, it may take the form of celebration, resting or loving. It depends on what we need in the season. Either way, it is a form of giving over that which we have. Perhaps God may spin it into gold.

We will be talking about the Eucharist, the Sabbath and other spiritual practices during this season of Lent. These practices are the tools that serve our hearts and minds. Do not let this season pass untried and unnoticed. Join with others at St. Matthew’s as together we consider how to practice our faith in the season of Lent.

It is ourselves we cheat when we hold back our hearts, souls and faith. Because purity of heart, depth of soul and the strength of faith are the coins God turns to spiritual gold.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

The Rev. Moray Peoples

Insights

Your questions are invited! Everyone has questions about religion. Issues like creation, sin, the person of Jesus, and the efficacy of other religions are quite real and fair. Rarely, however, do we have a setting to satisfactorily resolve much of anything.

Sometimes the questions may even feel embarrassing. You may have the feeling, “I shouldn’t even THINK that question, let alone ask it aloud.” So, we just stuff it and continue frustrated.

In this day and age of hectic schedules and fast answers, ***EfM*** (Education for Ministry) does a simple thing. It provides time and an atmosphere in which to think and ask questions. It is an educational, spiritual and supportive journey toward mature faith. It is a wonderful gift of time to mull over your questions.

EfM graduates come away with a respectable reading list. They have formed and reformed questions and responses and are excited about the process of exploration. They have shaped new understandings of their personal ministries and how they will live and be in the world. They gain confidence in their spiritual journeys.

At the conclusion of the Order for Holy Baptism, the Church prays for the newly Baptized person(s), “Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. ***Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere***, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.” Questions are okay. Questions are welcome. Insights are icing on the cake.

To ask your questions about ***EfM***, please contact me at mpeoples@bellsouth.net or speak to me one Sunday after worship. A new class will not begin until August, but the time to start asking questions, and thinking about a commitment, is now.

REFLECTIONS ON FAITH & LIFE

A monthly reflection from Bob Nesmith

But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile.

Matthew 5:39-41

“For the first time in my life I feel like a man,” the Egyptian who had been injured by pro-government thugs told the NPR reporter on his way back to the demonstrations in Cairo’s Tahrir Square. Watching the TV news and listening to NPR and the BBC describe events in Tunisia and Egypt I thought about our own Civil Rights Movement at its best, peaceful demonstrations that brought needed change to our country. At St. Matthew’s in January we took three Sundays to remember the Civil Rights Movement, especially what happened in Louisville. The timing of our study seems eerily serendipitous.

Professor Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University Divinity School was in Louisville last fall speaking on the Jewish Jesus. She talked about how a Jew in Galilee or Judea listening to Jesus would probably have heard something different than how we hear him as 21st century American Christians. Using this quote from Matthew, a 1st century Jew knew that any Roman soldier had the authority to force him to carry the soldier’s pack for one mile. Thus turning the other cheek and going the second mile would be an act of defiance, an in-your-face response to their Roman rulers. Telling them to give their cloak as well as their coat was a sly joke because there were no other undergarments. Give away your coat and your cloak and you are naked, shaming the oppressor.

A panel of former college and NFL football players discussed faith and sports at the Cathedral of the Assumption on the Saturday before the Super Bowl. They agreed that generally football players view Christians as “too soft” to be good football players. That attitude probably reflects popular culture more than we want to admit. Yet, I doubt that the injured Egyptian who was going back to face danger is viewed as “too soft.” Isn’t his defiance very much what Jesus might have been saying? Better to demonstrate your toughness by continuing to protest non-violently in spite of the violence of your oppressor than to strike back.

Living non-violently in a violent world requires toughness. It does not mean turning your back; it means turning your cheek.

To respond or comment, e-mail the writer at bobnesmith@mindspring.com

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 March 7

Hanaford: *Nancy*
 Hancock: *Carter, Lauren*
 Hardy: *Barbara*
 Hardy: *Jon, Libby, Nathan, Natalie*
 Harlamert: *Evelyn*
 Harris: *Hilary*
 Harrity: *David, Amanda, Emmalynne, Elais*
 Haxby: *Madeline, Kristina, Christopher*
 Haynes: *Elizabeth*
 Heim: *Anne, Jack, Paul*

Week of March 14

Henderson: *Peg, Rod*
 Henderson: *Roberta*
 Henry: *Gray, Neville Blakemore*
 Herman: *Ann, Kaylee*
 Heuglin: *Judith*
 Hibbs: *Gini*
 Hicks: *Tom, Blaine, Molly, Jake*
 Hill: *Ed, Karen, Stephen*
 Hill: *Elizabeth*
 Hillis: *Greg, Kimberley, Sam, Isaac, Leo*

Week of March 21

Hines: *Ann*
 Hocker: *Monty, Janna*
 Holmberg: *James, Ruthe, Aaron, Emily*
 Homan: *Marilyn*
 Honaker: *Graham, Sarah, Katherine*
 Hood: *Charles*
 Howard: *Peter Ashby, Jody, Ashby, Gillen*
 Hudson: *Judith, Richard*
 Huff: *Faith*
 Huffman: *Bob, Kitten Lawless*

Week of March 28

Hunter: *Deb, David, Michelle Heuer*
 Irving: *Willard, Nancy*
 Jaracz: *Thad*
 Jeffries: *Mary, Jake McGuirk*
 Jelsma: *Franklin, Jill, Henry, Logan*
 Jobson: *Betty*
 Jobson: *Bob, Betty, Ashley*
 Johansen: *Dave, Sarah*
 Jones: *Helen, Tom Pike*
 Jones: *Jennifer*

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

Births

We extend congratulations to

Brad and Sarah Kimbrough on the birth of their son, **Edward Aaron Kimbrough**, January 24

Adrian and Andrea Grisanti on the birth of their son, **Joseph Ercole Grisanti**, February 4

Greg and Kimberly Hillis on the birth of their son, **Leo Peter Hillis**, February 8

Nathan and Jenny Adam on the birth of their daughter, **Lydia Jean Adam**, February 19

Deaths

James Alexander Speer, January 14

We are sorry to hear about the death of

George and Pat Wheeler's son-in-law

Kitten Lawless' mother

Courtney Grumley's great aunt

Courtney Good's grandfather

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

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