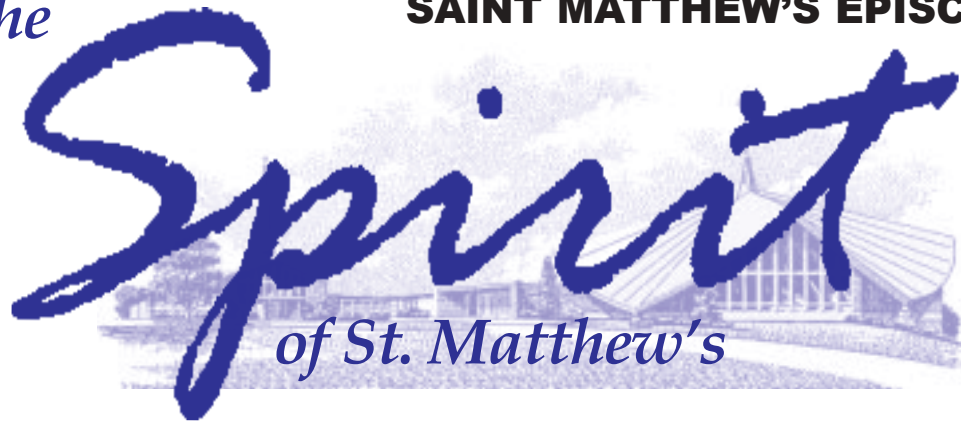


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SAINT MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



May 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.

The Food Pantry's First Year

On March 20, 2010, the food pantry opened its doors to the community. On that day, we served 25 families. One year later, our pantry has served a total of 987 families, comprising 3,599 people.

Our growth and success would not be possible without amazing volunteers. Initially, our volunteers consisted of a core group of dedicated parishioners. Now, many of our guests not only receive food, but also volunteer to work at the pantry every month. They have taken ownership of the pantry and are fully committed to feeding people. One guest in particular continued to volunteer despite a broken hand.

In addition to parishioners and guests, children and teenagers also volunteer. There is something for everyone, regardless of age or physical condition – whether setting up tables, displaying food, breaking down boxes, supervising a food station, collecting shopping carts, sweeping the floor, signing in guests, or assisting disabled guests obtain food. Some of our regular monthly volunteers are elementary school age children.

Our guests include all racial, gender and age groups. Some are out of work. Others are the working poor. We have seen several families carpool in a well traveled vehicle and watched individuals step out of luxury cars to obtain food. They all have a life story, and many guests freely share them. It is amazing how much you can learn about other people, the world, and your place within it while accompanying a guest from Saints Hall to a car in the parking lot. It is the personal contact and connection to other people that makes our food pantry a truly special place.

The energy surrounding the pantry is contagious. The youth group has baked cookies for our guests several times, without being asked. The community preschool made care packages for our guests and donated produce from their garden, all on their own initiative. A volunteer and her daughter decided to prepare bean soup for our guests to sample, along with a recipe for them to take home. Guests waiting to be served often pitch in. Last month, a young boy waiting with his parents started helping other guests load groceries into their cars and retrieve the shopping carts. People have donated bags, toiletries and money to finance special initiatives around holidays. In short, spontaneous acts of kindness are the norm at the pantry. It is a magnet for people who want to help people.

Most importantly, ALL ARE SERVED. We require no identification or proof of income. No one is turned away. If you are hungry, whether for food or community, please join us.

–Brian Good

PARISH NEWS

It's time to pre-order **St. Matthew's Cooks!**

Please place your order early - by June 10!

White Castle Casserole!" "Ho Ho Cake!" "Hair Dryer Duck!" "Cathedral Window Holiday Bars!"
"Carroll Laird's Christmas Eggnog"!

St. Matthew's Cooks! is now in production! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR RECIPES!

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church has a long history of wonderful food from talented cooks — and our new cookbook showcases their many delicious recipes. Well over 250 new and classic recipes from earlier cookbooks will be part of this new edition — the 4th St. Matthew's Cookbook. The above recipes are just some of the more "fun" surprises you'll find inside its pages.

We plan for the cookbook to be here in late summer.

Now it's time to place your advance order to allow us go move forward with this project! All profits from *St. Matthew's Cooks!* will go to our *Living the Spirit* campaign. **** However, in order to move forward with producing this cookbook, we must receive advance orders for 200 books. **** Please think of the many uses you will have for this new cookbook — as your own keepsake, as gifts for your family, as remembrances — and place your order in the next few days for 3, 5, 10 or more copies.

Ordering *St. Matthew's Cooks!* is easy. We have included a coupon below. Between now and June 10, *St. Matthew's Cooks!* can be ordered for the special discount Advance Order Price of \$15 — that's a 25% savings off the \$20 suggested price!

Now, with this special Advance Price, is the time to buy your cookbooks for Christmas giving.

Please use the coupon below to order your books. You can mail your order form with a check payable to "*Living the Spirit*". Please write "cookbook" on the memo line. Mail it to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 330 N. Hubbards Lane, Louisville KY 40207, attention: "Cookbook", or drop it off at the church.



please return this coupon with your check

Please reserve _____ copies of *St. Matthew's Cooks!* for me at \$15 per book (25% savings!)

I have enclosed \$ _____ (total amount) in check payable to "Living the Spirit."

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Mail this coupon and your check (indicate "cookbook" on memo line) **BY JUNE 10** to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 330 N. Hubbards Lane, Louisville KY 40207, attention: "Cookbook".

RECTOR'S COLUMN



Dear People of St. Matthew's,

Lent is 40 days. Easter is 50 days.

This always seems to come as news to people. Most church folks are aware of Lent, often giving up something or taking on something for those 40 days. (I enjoy seeing people breaking out the chocolate - or whatever they've given up - on Easter!) But those 50 days????? What are we supposed to do with them?

Generally speaking, most people feel that after Easter Sunday it's all over, and every year **Barbara Ellis** and I get questions about why we are still singing Easter hymns.

Eastertide is deliberately longer, because for us as Christians, joy trumps despair, love defeats death, and rejoicing is greater than penitence. Even at that Last Supper, Jesus said, "*So you have pain now; but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.*"

Why are we so dismissive of these 50 days? Does it seem like too much? Does the idea of so much joy scare us? Does it simply not resonate with our lives the way that Lent does?

Let me suggest you "take on" something this Eastertide, as you may have done for Lent. This may or may not be a particularly joyful time in your life. (For that matter, Lent may or may not have been a time of self-examination and repentance, a time in the wilderness, this year.) But mark the promise and joy of Easter. Live into it. Let it form you at least as much as Lent does.

How? You can probably come up with much more creative ideas, but let me suggest some possibilities:

- * Remind yourself once a day that you are beloved.
- * Plan a special meal, or treat, once a week until Pentecost (June 12).
- * Think about Sabbath time, and be deliberate about creating some room for it.
- * At the end of each day, take 5 minutes to name the best thing about the day – and give thanks.
- * Send flowers or a note to someone you love for no particular reason.
- * Look for resurrection, in ways large and small.

All nice things to do at any time, of course, but what about trying one as a discipline for the rest of these 50 days? If it seems silly, remind yourself that we are Easter people, even if we seem to live in a Good Friday world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

Lucinda

THANK YOU for your generous Easter offering! We collected **\$10,857.00**, which means \$3,619.00 each for our Rongo Kids at Kenya, the Freedom School at St. George's, and ERD (Episcopal Relief Development) to help aid in the disaster relief in Japan.

PARISH NEWS

Wardens' Corner:

There will be a Town Hall meeting on Sunday, May 8 after the 10 o'clock service.

As always, there are multiple things going on within our parish. We will discuss repairs taking place around the building and grounds, specifically the repairs to the beams; we will review our financial situation through April; and we will celebrate the successes of various ministries.

We invite everyone to attend. Knowing that this is both the Sunday after Derby and Mother's Day, we promise to end the meeting promptly at noon.

Your Wardens: Bill Cheatham and Kitten Lawless

Change in plans for the Parish-wide yard sale

Plans for a *Living the Spirit* Yard Sale on May 14 didn't materialize, so the committee regretfully has called the event off for now.

We hope to be able to schedule a similar event, perhaps in late summer or early fall, but please don't feel obliged to hang on to items that you may have been holding for the sale. We'll announce plans for another event as soon as they're available.

Thanks to all who stood ready to participate!

—Robin Garr

It's that time of year again!

**Join us for Adventure Camp –
May 9-13 and May 16,
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Adventure Camp is an outdoor program for students with special needs sponsored by the Lincoln Heritage Council, Boy Scouts of America. Working with the public schools in Jefferson, Oldham, Bullitt, Hardin counties and Southern Indiana we provide a day of fishing, boating, archery, music, arts and crafts, science stations, and other fun activities at beautiful Camp Crooked Creek in Bullitt County located 10 minutes off Interstate 65, exit 112. Volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of jobs in any of the above mentioned areas. Each area has a leader that will instruct you. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!** Breakfast is served at 8:30 each morning for those who wish to partake. Activities begin at 9:00 a.m. and we are done by 2:00 p.m. A hot lunch is also provided each day for our hard working volunteers.



For more information please contact **Ruthe Holmberg** at rholmber@lflmail.org or call at 361-2624. **WE NEED YOU!!!**

SAVE THE DATE!

June 5 - Super Foyers Potluck Picnic

Art in the Narthex

It's been two years since the first Art in the Narthex exhibit in the spring of 2009 when St. Matthew's hosted the exhibit of icons from the Abbey of Gethsemane and **The Very Reverend Mark Bourlakas**, dean of Christ Church Cathedral. Since then there have been eight additional exhibits that have varied from photography to folk art, fiber art, outdoor sculpture, and paintings from the St. Matthew's Art Group.

More exhibits are planned for the summer and fall. The Committee would also like to solicit additional appropriate entries from the parish. If you know of an artist who would like to submit a proposal for an exhibition, speak with **Karen Hill**, Coordinator of Volunteers, khill@stmatt-ky.org or **Marti Plager**, member of the jury committee.

The Call for Entries form may also be found on the bulletin board across from the Grand Staircase.

The Bishop is coming!

**The Very Rev. Terry Allen White,
Bishop of Kentucky,
will be here**

**Sunday, May 15,
at
8 a.m. and 10 a.m.**



Discussing Dimensions

(the New Horizon Readers)

Hot off the press, we will begin our next speaker's newest book, "Speaking Christian, Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power- And How They Can Be Restored", by Marcus Borg, the **Dimensions of Faith** Lecturer, October 21-23. (See the DOF article in the March *Spirit* and Bob Nesmith's "Reflections" in the April *Spirit*.)

The subject being seminal to our conversation, and the author (Borg) a spokesperson for "an authentic Christian faith", makes this book an excellent focus for our book discussion group. Borg's perspective on the central features of our faith takes us through a reexamination of our practice and belief. The propositions are presented simply, with consistent proof of his love of God and the validation of the better parts of religion. I hope you find it difficult to read and NOT share your response. The prospect of his appearance in the fall offers a broader opportunity to examine Borg's ideas.

We are meeting on Monday nights, 7:30 to 9:00 in the Library, and you are invited to join us! A welcome variety of perspectives enlivens our conversation and enlightens our reflection. Our reading schedule is relaxed. Our members think probing current theological thought, represented by the Dimensions of Faith lecturers, is their idea of fun.

If you have not ordered a book, you can find excerpts, "read inside" the book at [Amazon](#), to examine it. Forget Marcus Borg's website for the time being; it doesn't have much (except the publication date) specifically about this book. We have sold out of available copies but can quickly get more from Carmichaels. The cost is \$21.00.

For more information, please contact me at maris369@gmail.com, (502) 419-4583, or fax (502) 897-5237.

—Marilyn Adele Swain

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, May 19 - Uptown, Duker Avenue.

Speaking Christian

Bestselling author, Bible scholar and theologian **Marcus Borg** will be speaking at St. Matthew's the weekend of October 21-23 as part of the Dimensions of Faith series. Borg's latest book, entitled *Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power – And How They Can Be Restored* is being read by some church groups.

An additional order of *Speaking Christian* will be made later this month. Book purchases are available to all parishioners. If you would like a copy of this book, please contact **Lee Fletcher** at 693-4145 or lee.fletcher@insightbb.com. The discounted cost will be \$21.00 each.

A list of Borg titles that are currently in the Church Library is available in the library.

—Lee Fletcher

Quiet Day

The **Going Deeper** class invites interested parishioners to a Quiet Day on Thursday, May 12, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The day will include a mix of meditations and teachings, quiet time, time to talk with each other, and lunch. The location is still being decided but will be somewhere away from St. Matthew's.

The leader will be **The Rev. Debbie Apoldo**, associate priest at St. Francis in the Fields. There will be a charge for lunch (approximately \$7) and a contribution of any size to cover other expenses.

If you want to attend, please contact **Sue Bridge**, 245-5872, or BridgSM@gmail.com, to reserve a place.

As always, if you have difficulty with the cost but wish to attend, there is scholarship money available. Please contact **Lucinda** to make confidential arrangements.

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.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM NEWS

Debbi Rodahaffer, Director of Christian Education

One major sacrament in The Church is the sacrament of **Holy Baptism**. At St. Matthew's we are privileged witnesses to baptisms on five occasions in our church calendar each year. Those days are St. Matthew's Day in September; All Saints Sunday in November; The Baptism of our Lord in January, The Great Vigil of Easter; and Pentecost, fifty days after Easter. We are privileged because during the baptisms the Celebrant addresses the congregation with this charge: "Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?" (Book of Common Prayer p. 303) Our response is: "We will." With privilege comes responsibility. Make a conscious effort to be engaged with the families and children of all who are baptized here. Baptism is only the beginning of a lifelong faith journey and we are on this journey together.

With great joy! *Debbi*

Vacation Bible School's "Wizards and Wonders" for kindergarteners through sixth graders will be held this year at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church the week of June 27-July 1, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Registration will begin this month. 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.

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! Please talk with **Debbi Rodahaffer** at 895.3485 ext. 105 for information.

Our Fifth Graders will move from The Bridge to church on Sunday, May 22 during the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. I hope you will be present to welcome these wonderful young people into full participation in this service.

On May 22, our church school year will draw to a close until late summer. Our threes through senior high teachers are **Lauren Becker, Jodi Behr, Laura Bomar, Brandon Brones, Bill Cheatham, Mary Cheatham, Emily Crouch, Shannon Edwards, Anne Farra, Tyler Goldberg, Allison Hall, Anne Heim, Libby Hardy, Angela Koshewa, Joel Latto, Andrea Ledvina, Lynn Miller, Amy Mitchell, Mike Risley, Randy Strause, Amy Tucker** AND our **high school youth!** Ministry with children and youth is the most important ministry in our Church. With our children and youth learning and growing in a safe, loving, serving, and respectful church environment, our faith will have adults. St. Matthew's is committed to excellence in education and our church school teachers are among the finest teachers anywhere!

May 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Church School for all, 11:15a Adult & Youth Confirmation, 11:15a Grief Group, 3:30p Youth Group Wii, Wings & Movie, 5:30p	2 Walden High School testing, 8a Bible Study, 10a Walden High School testing, 12p EFM, 6p Bridge Group, 7p Discussing Dimensions, 7:30p	3 Walden High School testing, 8a Alanon & AA, 8p	4 Walden High School testing, 8a EfM, 9a Interfaith Paths to Peace Com. Mtg, 5p Adult Handbells, 6:30p Choir Practice, 7:45p	5 Art Group 9:30a Women In Conversation, 9:30a Holy Eucharist, 11:30a SOS, 7:30p	6 ~ Oaks Day <i>The Office will close at 1:00</i> Golden Bells, 9a (ibid) Ladies AA, 11:30a Newcomers & AA, 6:45p	7 ~ Derby Day <i>The Office is Closed</i>
8 ~ Mother's Day Church School for all, 11:15a Adult & Youth Confirmation, 11:15a Youth Group After Derby Party and Fall Planning, 5:30p	9 Walden High School testing, 8a Cooking for Cornerstone, 9a Bible Study, 10a Book Group, 1:30p EFM, 6p Discussing Dimensions, 7:30p	10 Vestry, 5:15p Social Concerns Com. Mtg., 6:30p Alanon & AA, 8p	11 EfM, 9a Adult Handbells, 6:30p Choir Practice, 7:45p	12 Art Group 9:30a Women In Conversation, 9:30a "Going Deeper" Quiet Day, 10a-4p Holy Eucharist, 11:30a Babysit at Cornerstone, 6:30p	13 Golden Bells, 9a Ladies AA, 11:30a Ladies Bridge, 1p Newcomers & AA, 6:45p	14 Cursillo, 8a Habitat, 7:30a Brotherhood of St. Andrew, 8:30a
15 ~ Bishop White's Visitation Church School for all, 11:15a Grief Group, 3:30p Hearts4Kenya Mtg., 4p Youth Group at Lazer Blaze, 5:30p	16 Bible Study, 10a Discussing Dimensions, 7:30p	17 Men's Breakfast Group, 8:30a Homebound Com. Mtg., 2:30p Alanon & AA, 8p	18 Adult Handbells, 6:30p SOS (Survivors of Suicide), 7:30p Choir Practice, 7:45p	19 Art Group 9:30a Women In Conversation, 9:30a Preschool Graduation, 11a Holy Eucharist, 11:30a Adult Ed Parasol, 6p SOS (Survivors of Suicide), 7:30p	20 Golden Bells, 9a Ladies AA, 11:30a Newcomers & AA, 6:45p	21 Cursillo, 8a Food Pantry, 10a World Peace Coffeeshouse, 3p
22 ~ Youth Sunday Last Day of Church School, 1:15a Youth Group Confirmand & Youth Celebration, 5:30p	23 Holy Eucharist, 7a Bible Study, 10a Discussing Dimensions, 7:30p	24 Holy Eucharist, 7a Alanon & AA, 8p	25 Adult Handbells, 6:30p Choir Practice, 7:45p	26 Art Group 9:30a Women In Conversation, 9:30a Holy Eucharist, 11:30a	27 Golden Bells, 9a Ladies AA, 11:30a Newcomers & AA, 6:45p	28 Cursillo, 8a
29	30 ~ Memorial Day <i>The office is closed</i>	31 Walden High School Graduation Rehearsal, 12:30p Walden High School Graduation, 6p Alanon & AA, 8p	June 1 Adult Handbell, 6:30p Choir Practice, 7:45p	2 Art Group, 9:30a Holy Eucharist, 11:30a	3 Golden Bells, 9a Ladies AA, 11:30a Newcomers & AA, 6:45p	4 Cursillo, 8a Habitat, 8:30a

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

(502) 895-3485

Lynn Miller, Youth Coordinator • Brandon Brones, Youth Assistant

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

May 2011

Wii, Wings and Watch a Movie



Sunday, May 1
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Won't you be with us?



SPECIAL EVENTS:

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 15

10:00 a.m. service

Bishop White will be at St. Matt's to confirm youth and adults! Be there to support and congratulate our friends!

Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 22

10:00 a.m. service

We honor our high school seniors at this special service!

One of the highlights of the year!



After Derby Party and Summer/Fall Planning

Sunday, May 8

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Your chance to make suggestions for any summer activities and plans for the fall. Dinner and party treats too!

Lazer Blaze

Sunday, May 15

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Meet at Lazer Blaze for pizza and laser tag.
Bring \$5 towards costs.

Confirmand and Youth Celebration

Sunday, May 22

5:30-7:30 p.m.

We will get together to congratulate our confirmation class and have a special dinner!

Out to the movies (maybe the drive-in!)

Sunday, May 29

Times and details tbd!



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

in May

Babysitting at Cornerstone

THURSDAY, MAY 12

6:00-8:00 P.M.

This is the last one until fall!
Contact Lynn if you want a ride.

St. Matt's Food Pantry

SATURDAY, MAY 21

9:00 A.M.-12:00 NOON

Come for all or part of the morning.
A wonderful experience.

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

A FEW WORDS FROM . . .

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



It's All About the Green Thing

by Jim Knowles

Note: For those who may feel that the "green thing" is critical of a past generation, and those who wonder why we may need

the "green thing" today. – Jerry

In the line at the store, the cashier told the older woman that plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized to her and explained, "We didn't have the green thing back in my day."

That's right, they didn't have the green thing in her day. Back then, they returned their milk bottles, Coke bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, using the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But they didn't have the green thing back in her day.

In her day, they walked up stairs, because they didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. They walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time they had to go two blocks. But she's right. They didn't have the green thing in her day.

Back then, they washed the baby's diapers because they didn't have the throw-away kind. They dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts – wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that old lady is right, they didn't have the green thing back in her day.

Back then, they had one TV, or radio, in the house – not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a pizza dish, not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen, they blended and stirred by hand because they didn't have electric machines to do everything for you. When they packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, they used wadded up newspaper to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, they didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. They used a push mower that ran on human power. They exercised by working so they didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right, they didn't have the green thing back then.

They drank from a tap when they were thirsty, instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time they had a drink of water.

Back then, people took the streetcar and kids rode their bikes to school or rode the school bus, instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service. They had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And they didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

But that old lady is right. They didn't have the green thing back in her day!

You're invited!

The Rt. Rev. Terry White

will institute

The Rev. Anne Vouga

as Rector of

St. Thomas Church,

9616 Westport Road,

on Wednesday, May 11

at 6:30 p.m.

Reception follows.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

The Rev. Moray Peoples

Why EfM?

A very good question.

Everyone faces the difficult task of interpreting faith in a complex and confusing world. We need a language that supports our beliefs and that teaches every-day faith. EfM begins about Labor Day time. We should talk now!

Education for Ministry is a group of twelve persons who study, reflect and worship together throughout the academic year. It is a challenging curriculum that engages mind, heart and common sense. **EfM** prepares participants to fully claim their ministries as Lay Persons.

Because participants find new ideas and ways of thinking, the support of the group is essential. No one is left out or behind. Rather, we find confidence as we are enriched both by the reading material and group members.

EfM was created and written by scholars associated with the Episcopal seminary at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. Its intent is to provide a substantive academic program of study for Lay Persons. Since the program began in the early 1970s, over 10,000 persons around the world have participated. We have two seminar groups here at St. Matthew's. You choose: Monday evening or Wednesday morning.

To find out more about this exciting course, please speak with Moray Peoples. A good email address to use is: mpeoples@bellsouth.net, or let's plan a cup of coffee sometime soon.

REFLECTIONS ON FAITH & LIFE

The Roofers

Bob Nesmith

Wednesday morning: As I write this I hear the sound of shingles being ripped from my home by men who will then begin the job of replacing them with new. Thankfully I shall soon go to my work and not hear the pounding of nails above me all day. On the way I will stop at a McDonald's in Prospect to be waited on by a young woman for whom English is her second or maybe third language.

Wednesday evening: Before a meeting at church I stopped at the McDonald's nearby for a drink. This time an older woman with a heavy accent waited on me. I finally return home at 8:30 pm; it is almost dark. The men are still working on my roof, hoping to finish so they can go replace another roof tomorrow. They've been here over 12 hours. My employees complain if we ask them to work much longer than 8½ hours in the same day. We have been trying to hire a mechanic for six weeks with no success and very few applicants.

Yesterday our garbage was picked up as it is every Tuesday and Friday by men I don't know but who serve us faithfully. Our house was painted by a man whose assistant is Hispanic. Our newspaper is always in its box every morning before I awake, delivered by a man with an Arabic name. And each morning a parade of groundskeepers go by the front of our house on their way to tend the local golf course. Many of my neighbors are of an age where they either can no longer physically mow their yards or they can afford to pay someone to do it.

The common thread is that the men who do this hard physical work and the women working minimum wage jobs at McDonalds for the most part speak little or no English. Do they have Green Cards, temporary work permits, citizenship papers? I don't know and honestly don't care because our immigration laws are so in need of reform.

I only know what I see. These men and women are doing jobs I cannot do or choose not to do. They come to this country like so many millions before them, including my ancestors, seeking work, freedom from an oppressive government, a better life for their kids. And we welcome them only as long as they are useful to us, like a plastic bottle that gets discarded when we are finished. Politicians leverage our fears of those who do not look or sound like us, refusing to acknowledge that we need these people and not just the wealthy who can buy their way to legal residency.

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." We should be shamed by the actions of those who refuse to welcome the stranger.

Responses and comments are welcome. E-mail the writer at bnsmith@mindspring.com, or add a comment in the *Spirit* by e-mailing mgalvin@stmatt-ky.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

Calvary / St. George's Food Collection

Sunday, May 1

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, May 8

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

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

Cornerstone

Thursday, May 12

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, May 14

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.)

Food Pantry

The St. Matthew's Food Pantry is the 3rd Saturday of 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.

Badri Family Update

On February 22 **Sally, Fadi** and **Maryam**, the Iraqi family we sponsored last year, celebrated the end of their first year in Louisville. They have done well.

In the fall of 2010, Fadi was hired as a temporary employee at Game Stop to work in the order filling and shipping area. After Christmas when orders slowed considerably the job ended. Fadi and Sally took advantage of that time with no job to travel by bus to Detroit to see Sally's mother, father and brother as well as relatives of Fadi's who also live in Detroit. None of the Detroit family had ever met Maryam so it was a very happy time for them all.

After the Badri family returned to Louisville, Fadi was called back to work by Game Stop and is now a full time employee. Sally continues as a stay at home mother. At the end of March Fadi, Sally and Maryam moved from the south end into an apartment in Fountain Square Apartments off Bardstown Road. The apartment is larger than their old one and they feel that it is a safer location.

Fadi and Sally are very grateful for everything St. Matthew's has done for them. Sally's family in Detroit got no help from a sponsoring agency like KY Refugee Ministries or a church, and Fadi's family did not have a sponsor since Fadi was already settled here. Seeing the difference in their families' situations makes them quite appreciative of the support St. Matthew's has given them.

They have continued their friendship with **Moray Peoples** and **Sharon Nesmith**, much to Moray's and Sharon's delight, and they are very happy with Fadi's mother, brother and sister living here. They have made some good Arabic speaking friends with whom they socialize and from whom they get advice.

Moray and Sharon thank the members of St. Matthew's for all you have done to facilitate this family's resettlement in Louisville. You have been extremely generous and kind. You have reached out to the strangers and welcomed them.

—Sharon Nesmith

Outreach Committee

For many years, Outreach has been one of the defining characteristics of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. The church has supported relief efforts in many areas, from Hubbards Lane to Africa and many places in between.

The Outreach Committee is a major vehicle for outreach in the Parish. This committee recommends recipients of Funds to the Vestry. These Funds come from the parish Budget, Special Offerings, and Endowment funds, and are used to further the mission of the parish.

The Outreach Committee has recently modified its procedures with the goal of Outreach dollars having a greater impact in the world. A significant change is that the committee is accepting applications for funds from members of the parish. A second change is that the Committee is accepting applications at any time during the year, rather than only in the fourth quarter.

In making recommendations to the Vestry, the Committee seeks to balance distributions to local, national, and international recipients. Among other aspects of each request, the Committee considers:

- 1) Purpose of, and issues unique to, each request
- 2) Ultimate Goal of the Project
- 3) Annual Budget of the Project
- 4) Role of Persons actively involved in the Project
- 5) Opportunities for Parish members to participate in the Project
- 6) Other sources of support of the Project

The Committee is always pleased to receive requests for funding of new project "seed money" as well as support for more mature projects.

Applications for funding can be obtained from the parish office or from **Bob Huffman** (rah01@bellsouth.net), Chair of the Outreach Committee.

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 May 2

Meredith: *Leigh*
 Mertz: *Ken, Mary Ann, Andrew*
 Metcalf: *Marianna*
 Metcalfe: *Jim*
 Miller: *Scott, Ann*
 Mitchell: *Kitty*
 Mitchell: *Neil, Amy, Christopher, Maggie, Clinton*
 Mitchell: *Tommy, Sarah, Nate Skrodzki, Jackson, Henry, Ella*
 Mosher: *Carol*
 Moyer: *Jim, Tay Wilkins, Karin*

Week of May 9

Mulloy: *Patrick, Mandy, Wip*
 Mulloy: *Pat, Francie*
 Murphy: *Larry, Pam*
 Myers: *Steve, Beth, Barrett, Wills, Jack*
 Ndife: *Matrid, Briana, Brandon*
 Neaveill: *Joel, Jenny, Trevor, Morgan*
 Nesmith: *Bob, Sharon*
 Newman: *Martha*
 Niehaus: *Peter, Emerson, Delilah*
 Nixon: *Edie*

Week of May 16

Nixon: *Bo, Edie*
 Nixon: *Theodore, Mary*
 Nuss: *Charlotte*
 Nutt: *Ruth*
 O'Roark: *Jane, D.L.*
 Ogden: *Anne*
 Oliver: *Adrian, Sara, Emma, Joseph, Mary Glen*
 Ormsby: *Barbara, Elizabeth*
 Pardue: *Thomas, Brooke, Matt*
 Parker: *Doug, Ashley, Celia, Harrison*

Week of May 23

Parkins: *Cleve, Gwen*
 Patterson-Randles, *Sandra*
 Pearson: *Jennifer, Abby, Luke*
 Peck: *John*
 Peck: *Robert, Deborah, Jason Van Meter, Gina Van Meter*
 Pelton: *Ed*
 Pendleton: *Mark, Mary Beth, Katie, Kennedy*
 Peoples: *Moray, Judith*
 Perera: *Swarna*
 Peterson: *Charlie, Jenny*

Week of May 31

Peterson: *Michelle, Marcella, Monique*
 Petrites: *Greg, Sarah Clement*
 Plager: *George, Marti*

Prater: *Susan, Lindsay, Ryan*
 Pritchard: *Ray, Connie*
 Pruett: *Joe Paul, Emily*

Quinn: *Marilyn*
 Ray: *Bradford, Stacey, Kyle, Samantha, McKenzie*

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

Birth

We extend congratulations to

Bob and Diane Clark *on the birth of their grandson*

Baptisms: April 23

Leo Peter Hillis, *son of Gregory and Kimberly Hillis*

Madeline Laine Imler, *daughter of John and Caroline Imler*

Sophia Grace Imler, *daughter of John and Caroline Imler*

Edward Aaron Kimbrough, *son of Brad Kimbrough and Sarah Emery*

Caroline René Imler

Deaths

Gordon Albert Worster, *April 10*

+++ May light perpetual shine upon him +++

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