

# The Messenger

## September 2009



St Matthew's Episcopal Church 19580 Pilgrims Place Parker, CO 80138

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Dear Friends,

“Do they really miss me at church when I’m not there?”

YES!!

None of us can be “here” all the time. We have travels, illnesses, vacations and various other things in life that must be done.

Summer is particularly a time when many of us are away from church because of family commitments, weddings, celebrations and vacations, or just those wonderful times we spend in the Rocky Mountains. You are not the only one, or only family, that has been away.

However...

When you are not here, we don’t get the chance to see you and hear about your life. When you are not here we don’t know what is going on that has made your life full or flat. When you are not here, we don’t get the chance to share what is going on in our lives and what is happening in the life of the congregation.

All of those things are human responses to missing out in relationships that we wish could be better, and they are important because it is in our relationships that we really learn to care for one another in appropriate ways.

But the most important reason to come back to church is because this is where you can spend some time in your busy life checking in with God and thanking God for all the blessings that keep you going.

Yes, choir is starting again and that’s a great reason to get back to church. Sunday School, for young people and adults, is starting again and that’s a great reason to get back to church. Youth group is getting back to more weekly activities and that is yet another great reason to get back to some habitual involvement in our faith community.

But the best reason is simply to be with God and share in God’s grace and mercy in the midst of a loving community.

Can God love you when you are not here?

Of course.

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Of course.

Can you experience the love of God from others in this faith community? Not without being here. Can we experience the love, gifts, and talents that you bring to our relationships? Not without being here with you. We learn about God from one another, and can’t do that alone. We are meant to worship God in community as well as pray to God in our own quiet prayers from our hearts. When we come together to praise God we are greater than the sum of our parts.

God gives us prayer and beauty to help us to connect with Him. God gives us laughter, joy, tears, smiles, hugs, and caring hearts to help us connect with one another. Join us as we continue to grow in God’s love and grace, sharing our hearts and our lives with one another.

Fr. Michael+

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**Sunday School begins on September 13!**  
**Registration has begun.** Classes are held each Sunday from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please see Kimberly Hubbs, or contact her at: **303-840-7106** or [kjhubbs@comcast.net](mailto:kjhubbs@comcast.net). You may also register at [www.matthewinparker.com](http://www.matthewinparker.com)  
**Attention all adults:** Would you be interested in leading, or co-leading a High-school discussion group? Please contact Kimberly Hubbs.

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### Youth Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes for all interested youth currently being held in the parish hall **Sundays from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.** and will continue through mid-October with some breaks. Confirmation will be here at St. Matthew's on **Sunday, September 20, 2009 with Bishop O'Neill.** This course will build upon what you have learned in Sunday school /Youth Group and will be a place for you to ask questions regarding the Christian faith. If you would like to attend, or have any questions, please contact Fr. Michael at 303-841-0121 or 303-840-4419.

**Adults interested in being received into the Episcopal Church may contact Fr. Michael for information.**

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### To All Parishioners:

**It's St. Matthew's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday and You're Invited!**

We'd love to have you come celebrate St. Matthew's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday with us! Bishop Robert O'Neill will preside at our worship and we'll have a chance to catch up over a potluck buffet lunch after services! We have mailed 65 invitations to former parishioners and clergy, so please come and join old friends as well as the current members of St. Matthew's as we celebrate what God has done in our midst in the past and how God continues to work in our lives. Pass the word!

Place: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
19580 Pilgrims Pl  
Parker, CO 80138

Date: Sunday, September 20, 2009

Time: Worship at 8:00 am & 10:30 am with lunch around noon.

We need your help with this event, please see sign-up sheets for food in the Parish Hall. Thank you!



### *An Evening of Divine Desserts and Wine: St Matthew's Annual Fundraiser— November 7<sup>th</sup>*

We are busy preparing for St. Matthew's annual fundraiser. Right now, we are looking for live and silent auction items. We need your help! Many of you have special talents, services or goods that you can donate as an auction item—babysitting, baking, cooking, lessons, lawn mowing, business-related items etc. Please think about what your family can donate. Also, if you have a favorite restaurant or business that you frequent, please ask them for a donation the next time you are in there. It is much easier to get a donation when you are giving them your business! No donation is too small but we are also looking for large items for the live auction—that's right! Lot's of friendly, competitive bidding will occur with an auctioneer chattering away. We appreciate your help getting the fundraiser off to a good start. Please email Jennifer Tinsley at [tinsleybedlam@comcast.net](mailto:tinsleybedlam@comcast.net) or Bruce Siekierski at [b.siekierski@comcast.net](mailto:b.siekierski@comcast.net) with your donations. Please include description, value and any minimum bid that is required. Thanks!

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### **Fundraising Committee Meeting, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**

Please come join the fun planning our evening of Divine Desserts and Wine. We will form committees such as dessert committee, wine committee, decorations committee, and auction committees as well as discussing the details and publicity for the event. The meeting will be Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the church office. Everyone is welcome!

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### Episcopal Church Women

All women of St. Matthew's: the ECW is your group! We have compiled the dates of all the planned activities for the remainder of 2009. Please mark your calendars and hopefully you will be able to join us for one or more of the following:

**Saturday, Sept. 12** – Scrap booking 10am-5pm

\*\* We have 30 years of St. Matthew's pictorial history we are trying to sort, so even if you do not scrapbook, please join us to organize photos and put names to faces. We meet in the kindergarten room across from the Children's Chapel in the Education building\*\*

**NOTE: For the fundraiser in November, we are collecting scrapbooking items for a silent auction basket. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Siekierski at: [sarsie4@comcast.net](mailto:sarsie4@comcast.net), or Lucy Lord at: [lalord11@comcast.net](mailto:lalord11@comcast.net)**

**Sunday, Sept. 20** – St. Matthew's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Reunion Potluck (parish hall)

**Friday, Oct. 16** – BUNCO (parish hall) 6:30-9pm

**Sunday, Nov. 15** – English Tea, Brown Palace, Denver (more information to follow in the fall)

**Sunday, Dec. 13** – Christmas Cookie & Ornament Exchange after the 10:30 service (Parish hall)



If you are interested in serving on the Fellowship Committee please contact Tina Newlin at 303-840-8367, or [ok4unme@qwest.net](mailto:ok4unme@qwest.net).

### Altar Flowers

To continue to have the beauty of flowers during our services, please sign up for flower donations on the flower memorial list on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. To request a remembrance, please write your name on the chart. Add appropriate language such as: In Loving Memory of....., In Thanksgiving for ....., or in Celebration of ....., please print clearly or email Christine at: [office@matthewinparker.com](mailto:office@matthewinparker.com).

The minimum donation for Sunday flowers is \$40 payable on or before date requested and may be shared with another family. Please mark check in memo area: Flowers for .....

Thank you to everyone who has provided beautiful fresh flowers for our church altar. This is wonderful opportunity to honor a loved one's memory, celebrate an anniversary or birthday, or just simply to share your joy with the rest of the church.

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### St. Matthew's Community Supper:

#### **Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup>: A Taste of Mexico!**

Please join us for Community Supper Pot Luck in our parish hall on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. The theme this month is A Taste of Mexico, featuring tortillas with beef, chicken and other fillings. If you would like to contribute a dish to the potluck, people with last names starting with A-M please bring a salad or side dish, last names N-Z please bring a dessert. As always, this supper is free and open to the public as we share our gifts of food and friendship with our neighbors in Parker.

The dinner starts at 4 p.m. in our parish hall at St. Matt's. Please bring your dishes hot and ready to serve. Can't decide until the last minute and don't have time to prepare anything? Please come anyway and don't worry about making a dish. There is always plenty and we would not want to miss your company. For questions or to arrange transportation to the potluck, please call Laurie Landry at (720) 842-4517. See you there!

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### **HEARTS AND HANDS COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

#### **CROP Walk in Parker 2009: Saturday, October 3**

It's time to put on your walking shoes for another great CROP Walk in Parker. St. Matthew's has an established tradition of supporting this event, which directly impacts the Millennium Development Goals of eradicating hunger and extreme poverty. *This year the need is greater than ever.*

It's greater around the world. Natural disasters such as typhoons and storms continue to ravage areas around the world, especially in Eastern Asia, leaving thousands of people in need of food and emergency services. War and strife continue to affect many regions such as West Africa, Pakistan and Gaza. Church World Service, the parent organization for CROP Walks, provides timely and much needed food and medical supplies through its well-established network of aid-giving agencies all around the globe.

*Church World Service works with partners to eradicate hunger and poverty and to promote peace and justice around the world. Together we reach out to neighbors in need near and far--not with a hand out, but a hand up. So, if you're looking to help build a better world—a world where there's enough for all—you've come to the right place*

It's greater in our country. Four years after hurricane Katrina and New Orleans still has a long way to go to rebuild, and CWS continues to assist. Challenging economic conditions leave increasing numbers of people at risk when disasters such as storms and floods hit. People from around the world seeking refuge from adverse conditions receive help resettling in the US with assistance from CWS.

*Around the world, Church World Service supports sustainable grassroots development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance, and we educate and advocate on hunger-related issues. In the U.S., we help communities respond to disasters, resettle refugees, promote fair national and international policies, and provide educational resources.*

It's greater in Parker. The Parker Task Force reports record numbers of people seeking their assistance with food, finding jobs, and obtaining social services support. 25% of the funds raised by the Parker CROP Walk go to the local PTF Food Bank to provide food for Parker families.

#### **What is a CROP Hunger Walk?**

*Neighbors walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Together we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local needs.*

#### **Where Is the Walk and How Do I Register?**

CROP Walk in Parker is an approximately 3-mile walk along the beautiful Cherry Creek Trail that starts at 8:30 am Saturday, October 3. A few weeks before the Walk you can register as walker and collect donations from sponsors; collected funds are turned in the day of the Walk. Before the Walk starts there will be music, refreshments, and a brief opening ceremony. There will also be educational displays about the work CWS does around the world. At 9 am sharp the Walk begins! This is a family event and the walk is stroller-friendly. If you are unable to attend the Walk you can still help by sponsoring one of our other St. Matthew's

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walkers. Just find a St. Matthew's CROP Walker and make your donation check out to Church World Service/CROP Walk. You can also go online to [www.cropwalkonline.org](http://www.cropwalkonline.org) and navigate to the Parker, Colorado walk to donate using a credit card.

To register as a Walker, talk to Laurie Landry (720-842-4517, [lglandryt@msn.com](mailto:lglandryt@msn.com)) or look for the registration display in the Parish Hall between the services on Sundays. For more information, you can also visit our website: [www.cropwalkinparker.org](http://www.cropwalkinparker.org).

### How Else Can I Get Involved?

Join the Parker CROP Walk Team! This group of fun and dedicated people organize the Parker CROP Walk each year, and we need your help. The Team is well organized and meets one or two times a month for the few months right before the Walk.

Also, we need volunteers the morning of the Walk to help with set-up, registration, refreshments and clean up. If you would like to volunteer to help with Parker Crop Walk, please contact Laurie Landry at (720) 842-4517.

**Come, walk with us, and help bring an end to extreme poverty in our lifetime.**

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### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

#### Steve Smith Retiring From Buildings & Grounds

After serving as head of "Buildings & Grounds" for almost 25 years, Steve Smith has decided to step down from that position. Everyone, from parishioners to guests, as well as members of the Parker community has enjoyed Steve's dedication to the St. Matthew's campus commenting, "St. Matthew's has one of the most beautiful church campuses they have ever seen". Steve's first-hand knowledge of the inner workings of the buildings and landscape

has been invaluable to me as Jr. Warden. **Thank you Steve!**

With Steve retiring, I am assembling a team of people to maintain the buildings and grounds, especially to get the grounds looking nice for our 30th Birthday celebration. If you are interested please contact me at [greenelw@msn.com](mailto:greenelw@msn.com) or call my cell phone 303-710-9422. This is one of the best "behind the scene" ways to help our Church and keep it looking beautiful!

Whit Greene,  
Junior Warden

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#### Volunteers Needed for Lawn Mowing

A tradition at St. Matthew's has been to have this weekly task performed by members of the congregation. Like snow removal, it's a great way to make a contribution to the maintenance of the church in a behind-the-scenes way.

All of the required equipment is available in the shed, so there is no need to bring your own. The week prior to your mowing duty, you'll receive a reminder e-mail that includes information about the operation of the equipment and specific instructions as to what needs to be done.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Building and Grounds section of the large bulletin board in the Parish Hall. To reserve a weekend and ensure that you will be able to participate in this unique experience at St. Matthew's, act quickly and sign up now! Questions??? Contact Whit Greene (720-851-0997, e-mail [greenelw@msn.com](mailto:greenelw@msn.com))

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### Grocery Cards

When shopping for groceries, gas, or home & garden items please consider purchasing Grocery or Tagawa Garden cards. They are a perfect way to contribute to our church without having to spend extra money, gas and time. Here is how it works: You pay for the card, shop, use the card and the store gives St. Matthew's a percentage of what you spend. We have King Soopers, Safeway and Tagawa cards available. Tagawa Gardens gives St. Matthew's 20% of purchases. You can also use King Soopers cards at their gas stations. Cards may be purchased after each service in the Parish Hall. If you would like more information, or would like to help with this ministry, please contact Whitney Tomlin at 303-8419328 or at [Whitney.Tomlin@dcsdk12.org](mailto:Whitney.Tomlin@dcsdk12.org).

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### Prayer Requests

At the beginning of each month we update our prayer request list. Please contact the office at 303-841-0121 or [office@matthewinparker.com](mailto:office@matthewinparker.com) if you would like us to continue praying for someone you requested we put on our prayer list. You are encouraged to contact us throughout the month to add or take people off the list, but at the end of each month, unless we've heard from you, they will be taken off the list.

God gave us the precious gift of prayer, and it is the best thing we can do for one another.

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### Thank You Everyone!

A special thank you to everyone who donated and participated in the Parker Relay for Life Event on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The event raised \$46,371.55 and as of August 19<sup>th</sup>, St. Matthew's Miracle Makers had raised over \$5100 in support of the American Cancer Society. Thanks for helping make a difference in the lives of many!

### OPEN GATE THRIFT SHOP

Your donations are always needed. All items must be clean, wearable and in good working condition. *And, Please, do not leave donations outside.*

Quite often we give our customers extra if we see the need, and we often do. We also recycle to St. Francis Center and the Abused Mothers and Children organization.

There is a new SALE every month, which many of our regular customers eagerly await!

Many thanks for your donations and purchases. Come in and visit sometime and observe what we're all about.

### We could always use more volunteers

**Do you have 2 1/2 to 5 hours in a day to give? If so, please call Hazel at 303-840-8540.**

Your Servant in Christ,  
Hazel McColley  
Manager - Open Gate Thrift Shop

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### Open Gate Thrift Store hours:

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Friday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\* Donations accepted during these hours only\*  
*Please do not leave items outside*

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### Prayers and Squares

Prayers & Squares will resume our regular meetings on Monday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Applications for a quilt are available on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Please give your request to Hazel McColley or Patty Fanning.

*"Of all duties, prayer certainly is the sweetest and most easy." -Laurence Sterne*

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### Youth Group is gearing up for the new year!

We will have a short meeting after the 10:30 service on Sunday, September 13 to celebrate the coming year. At this meeting, we will go over the events that are on the calendar and explain what our goals are for the coming year and what is expected from our youth in grades 4 to 12. At this time, we will have the permission and medical forms available to fill out for the whole year. Please mark your calendar with this date and come to the meeting.

We have a group that is meeting once a month for the youth in the 4th and 5th grades this year. Look for the events that are already planned for this new group and sign up at the meeting on September 13.

For those who participated in the Relay for Life, this time will count for any community service hours that you may need for school. That's 17 hours of community service time already done. Please see Jody Shoemaker, Rob Myers or Susie Chapin if you need any forms signed. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Myers at [robmyers@comcast.net](mailto:robmyers@comcast.net) or Jody Shoemaker at [shoec@aol.com](mailto:shoec@aol.com).

### Weekly Services, Eucharist and Bible Study:

Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.  
Sunday School: 9:15 A.M.  
Children's Chapel: 10:30 A.M.  
Wednesday Eucharist: 9:00 A.M.  
Wednesday Bible Study: 9:45 A.M.

**Rector:** The Rev. Michael Wm. Richardson

[FrMichael@matthewinparker.com](mailto:FrMichael@matthewinparker.com)

**Rector Emeritus:** The Rev. Vernon Myers

**Organist:** Betty Sue Hugo

**Choir Director:** Emily Kiebel

**Parish Secretary:** Christine Greene

[office@matthewinparker.com](mailto:office@matthewinparker.com)

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9am-3pm.

Phone: 303-841-0121

Fax: 303-841-3478

**Senior Warden:** Kandy Halstead

**Junior Warden:** Whit Greene

**Clerk of the Vestry:** Laurie Landry

**Treasurer:** Bev Van Zandt

**Vestry Members:** Laurie Gough, Laurie Landry, Jennifer Tinsley, Jerry Grabowski, Clay Hubbs, Brandon Stewart, Jo Evans, Kim DeJong, and Chris Hardy.

**Bookkeeper:** Wendy Rutkowski

**Thrift Shop Manager:** Hazel McColley

**E-mail:** [office@matthewinparker.com](mailto:office@matthewinparker.com)

**Website:** [www.matthewinparker.com](http://www.matthewinparker.com)

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ON-SITE IMMUNIZATIONS

**Date: October 4, 2009**

**Time: 8:45-10:30 a.m.**

**Location: St. Matthew's**

Seasonal Flu Shot- \$25.00

Flu Mist Nasal Spray- \$30.00

Pneumoccal Shot- \$45.00

Look for more information and sign-up sheets in the parish hall in the near future.

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### Baptisms

Seamus Martin Joyce	August 2, 2009
Amanda Grace Lewis	August 2, 2009

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### Anniversaries *this* Month

Alexia and Mike Shoemaker	07
Jennifer and Richard Moncier	08
Chuck and Jody Shoemaker	11
Jeff and Meredith Rudolph	12
Matt and Linda Jackson	15
April and Marion Myers	19
Charlie and Sara Kirschbaum	23
Christa and D.A. Gordon	24
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*Please let us know if we have missing, or incorrect information about you or your family.*

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> No Eucharist or Bible Study	<b>3</b> 9-11am Parker MOM's, N.E.  6:30pm CAP	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
<b>6</b> 8am & 10:30 Eucharist	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop  5:30pm Finance Committee	<b>9</b> 9am Eucharist Bible Study 9:45 a.m.	<b>10</b>  6:30pm CAP  7:15 Choir	<b>11</b> 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 10-1 Sunlight Transitions	<b>12</b> 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 10am-5pm Scrapbooking
<b>13</b> 8am & 10:30 Eucharist 1-2:30pm Confirmation Class	<b>14</b> 7-9pm DeMolay	<b>15</b> 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 6:30pm Vestry Meeting	<b>16</b> 9am Eucharist Bible Study 9:45 a.m.	<b>17</b> 6:30pm CAP  7:15 Choir	<b>18</b> 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	<b>19</b> 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
<b>20</b> 8am & 10:30 Eucharist  St. Matthew's 30th	<b>21</b> 10am Prayers & Squares	<b>22</b> 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	<b>23</b> 9am Eucharist Bible Study 9:45 a.m.	<b>24</b> 6:30pm CAP  7:15 Choir	<b>25</b> 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop  10-1 Sunlight Transitions	<b>26</b> 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
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