

The Messenger

January 2010



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

A Short Course in Anglicanism

New to the Episcopal Church

Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

Meets in the Education Building

January 10 to February 14

All are Welcome

January 10

The Community of Christ

What do we mean by the Community of Christ? How is the Episcopal Church like and different from other denominations? How is the Episcopal Church organized and how does it govern itself?

NOTE: Session will start after the community supper.

January 17

Worship in the Episcopal Church

A short review of the Book of Common Prayer. This session might be called "Finding your way through the service" or "How to hold two books, sing, kneel, stand and at the same time feel the Holy Spirit."

January 24

The Church Calendar

What is the Liturgical Year? What do the seasons of the year mean? Or why has the priest changed the color of his uniform today?

January 31

Anglican Authority

Scripture, Tradition and Reason: The Anglican Way of thinking about God or "Don't leave your mind at the church door."

February 7

Music in the Church

A review of service music and hymns of the Church. The session could also be known as "Why do we sing hymns we don't know?" or "Why is my favorite hymn not in the hymnal anymore?"

February 14

Mission and Ministry

What is the mission of the Church and how do we participate in the work of Christ in the world. Or "What is our purpose beyond worship on Sunday mornings?"

Coming in 2010

"What Anglicans Believe"

This is a short course on how Anglicans interpret scripture, make ethical decisions and talk about God. This course will also demystify all those theological terms such as Incarnation, Salvation, Sin, Redemption, Resurrection, Covenant, Community and Imago Dei. It really is all Greek to me, but fortunately I have the translation. This course is for all interested persons as well as those adults who would like to be confirmed, received or reaffirmed in the Episcopal Church. The dates will be announced in the newsletter.

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2010 Pledge Drive Update

Our Stewardship goal for 2010 is 100 pledges and \$200,000 in giving. So far to date we have received **69** pledges totaling **\$184,164.04**. *Thank you!* If you have not turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible so that the Vestry may continue to plan the budget. If you have not received a pledge card in the mail, or have lost it, you may pick one up in the Narthex, or contact Christine at 303-841-0121.

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Episcopal Church Women

All women of St. Matthew's: the ECW is your group! Please watch for details of upcoming events for 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Siekierski at: sarsie4@comcast.net, or Lucy Lord at: lalord11@comcast.net

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Altar Flowers

The flower memorial list is 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. The suggested 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 ... If you have any questions, please contact Barb McNish @303-805-2414 or mcnishcolo@aol.com. Thank you for making our church beautiful!

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Prayer Requests

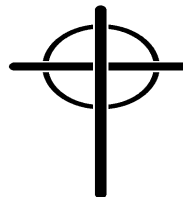
At the beginning of each month we update our prayer request list. Please contact the office at 303-841-0121 or office@matthewinparker.com if you would like us to continue praying for someone you requested we put on our prayer list. You are encouraged to contact us throughout the month to add or take 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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Prayers and Squares

Prayers & Squares regularly meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is **January 18**. 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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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.

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Fellowship Breakfast Sunday, January 3 at 9:00 a.m.

Start the New Year off right with a healthy breakfast as well as healthy fellowship! **This Sunday January 3rd**, between services, please plan to enjoy the breakfast, brought to you by all in support of the Newcomers ministry. And say welcome to all in 2010! If you would like to add to the breakfast items, please contact Margy at margymalott@hotmail.com.

If you are interested in serving on the Fellowship Committee please contact Andrea Newlin at 303-840-8367, or ok4unme@qwest.net.

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HEARTS AND HANDS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Parker Task Force Collection for January: Pork & Beans/Tomato Sauce

The Parker Task Force Food Bank is a non-profit organization operated solely by dedicated volunteers. The Mission of the Food Bank is to provide short-term support to those in need in the Parker, Franktown and Elizabeth areas. The Parker Task Force has seen an unprecedented growth in clients recently - 28 percent over the last year. *Thank you! Your donations are greatly appreciated.*

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St. Matthew's Community Supper:

Please join us on January 10, 2009 from 4-5:30 p.m. for a Community Supper hosted by St. Matthew's Youth Group. We will be serving Chicken Pot Pies and will need families to purchase or donate the money for Costco potpies. We will need about 3 to 4 pies as well as sides and desserts. Please contact Jody if you would like to help with this.

If you have any questions please email Jody Shoemaker at shoec@aol.com

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Save the Date!

St. Matthew's 2010 Bonfils Lenten Blood Drive

After many months of anticipation, St. Matthew's 2010 Bonfils Lenten Blood Drive has finally been scheduled for Saturday, March 6th from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall. For regular parish donors who would like to donate whole blood one more time before our March event you have until Saturday, January 8th. (Appointments can be schedule with Bonfils at 303-363-2300.) For additional information regarding our upcoming drive, please contact Hearts and Hands member and St. Matthew's Bonfils liaison Susie Chapin at 303-841-1789 or at dwsjchapin@msn.com.

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Volunteers Needed for Snow Removal

Winter is definitely here! There is a sign-up sheet in the Buildings and Grounds section of the large bulletin board in the Parish Hall. When you sign up it's for a week, from Monday through the following Sunday (we do it that way so the same person is on duty for the entire weekend). All of the necessary equipment (snow blower, snow shovels, and melting crystals) is in the shed. The city plows the parking lot and driveway entrances, so all we have to clear is the walkways and building entrances. The week before you're on duty, you'll receive an e-mail reminder with all the necessary instructions. If you have any questions, please contact Whit Greene, 720-851-0997, greenelw@msn.com. Thanks for your help!

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Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel is for all children preschool through 3rd grade. The children gather together to hear the gospel story. From there the children discuss and learn the meaning of the gospel; activities and crafts are often used to enhance the story. Leaders take turns each Sunday; and we welcome anyone to join us who would like to be a leader in this part of the children's education.

We also need an adult to help each Sunday. We are blessed to have a large group of children participate but the leader does need assistance. Please take a turn and join the group when they are headed to the classroom. If you would like to learn how to help or have any questions please contact: Joy Williams @ 303 525 6471 or joyw1965@comcast.net.

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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. 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 303-841-9328 or at Whitney.Tomlin@dcsdk12.org.

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OPEN GATE THRIFT STORE

The Open Gate Thrift Store is a remarkable mission of our church, providing much needed clothing and other items to members of the

community at very reasonable prices. Because of the efforts of the dedicated volunteers who work at the Open Gate, all proceeds are turned over to the Church in support of its other missions. Last year, these proceeds were approximately \$18,000. Patty and all of the volunteers would welcome your donations of gently used items to this mission, which reaches out to families throughout Parker and the Denver area.

We could always use more volunteers! If you are interested please contact Patty Fanning @ 303-841-6681, or leepatty_20@msn.com.

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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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Please mark your calendars!

You don't want to miss these events!

January 3 – Movie & Pizza – 3:30-6:00 p.m.

January 10 – Community Supper – 3:30-6:00 p.m.

January 17 – No Youth Group

January 24 – Game Night 4-6:00 p.m.

January 31 – Canned Food Hunt – 4-6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions please email Jody Shoemaker at shoec@aol.com or Rob Myers at robmyers@comcast.net.

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Rector: The Rev. Michael Wm. Richardson

FrMichael@matthewinparker.com

Rector Emeritus: The Rev. Vernon Myers

Organist: Betty Sue Hugo

Choir Director: Emily Kiebel

Parish Secretary: Christine Greene

office@matthewinparker.com

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

Senior Warden: Kandy Halstead

Junior Warden: Whit Greene

Clerk of the Vestry: Laurie Landry

Treasurer: Bev Van Zandt

Vestry Members: Jerry Grabowski, Jo Evans, Kim DeJong, Chris Hardy, Samantha Hynes, Wendy Kelly, Tom McNish and Jennifer Tinsley

Bookkeeper: Christine Greene

Thrift Store Manager: Patty Fanning

E-mail: office@matthewinparker.com

Website: www.matthewinparker.com

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Welcome to Our Newest Vestry Members

Samantha Hynes

My name is Samantha Hynes and I have been going to St. Matthew's for the last 18 years. I have helped this last year with the Youth Group. I look forward to serving the church as a member of the vestry.

I have had the opportunity to do two mission trips to Malawi, Africa through Calgary Episcopal Church in Golden, where I worked with children in orphanages. I taught the local women about HIV and how to be empowered. I also spent three months in Tanzania teaching about HIV to secondary school students and various community groups.

I currently work as an Enrollment Coordinator at Developmental Pathways working with people with Developmental Disabilities. I am also a graduate student at the

University of Denver pursuing my Masters Degree in Social Work.

Wendy Kelly

Greetings, my name is Wendy Kelly and I moved to CO in 1993 from CA. I started attending St. Matthew's shortly after that.

I live in Elizabeth and spent some time starting the Episcopal Mission Church, **Holy Innocents** along with Jill Dant and her family. It was an exciting and worthwhile experience.

I enjoy the people and the ministries of this great Church, I have been a Sunday School teacher, worked in the office, been involved with our outreach program, volunteered at community suppers and various events. I am currently involved in the LEV program here at St. Matthew's and look forward to serving this Church on our Vestry. Thank you.

Thomas G. McNish

I am honored to have an opportunity to serve on St Matthew's Vestry. I was born in Saginaw, Michigan and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accountancy from Ferris State University. My wife Barb of 34 years and our son Michael moved to Aurora, Colorado in 1985 where our daughter Megan was born. The McNish family eventually moved to Parker in 2001. I have worked in the managerial and financial accounting fields my entire professional career and currently employed as Controller / Vice President of Finance for Culinaire, Inc.

Since both of my parents were life-long Episcopalians, my spiritual upbringing came in a church very similar in size and characteristic to St Matthew's. Saginaw's Calvary Episcopal Church is where I was baptized and confirmed. As we become adults and have the free will to choose whatever denomination, if any, we want to belong to, I am grateful the Lord brought my family to St Matthew's 8 years ago. When I first saw the sign outside of our church, "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You," it brought back many delightful feelings and I knew straight away I was back home.

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Barb was received in the Episcopal Church in 2007 at the same time I was reaffirmed. My past ministries include St Matthew's Treasurer, Audit Committee, Men's Groups, Usher and various fundraisers. Barb's current ministry is heading up the Altar Guild, past chairperson of Sunday Suppers and the ECW. Our son, Michael, recently married Kelly Desen and both are graduates from Colorado School of Mines. Mike is currently working as a project manager in Pueblo, Colorado. Our daughter Megan is continuing her education in the Douglas County School Bridge Program and she serves as an Acolyte.

According to Christopher L. Webber's book, Welcome to the Episcopal Church, and our prayer book, "The Church is the Body of which Jesus Christ is the Head and of which all baptized persons are members". Christopher goes on to say, "The Episcopal Church takes this definition very seriously: membership is a gift of God and the church's role is to welcome and nurture, not to create barriers." Christopher's words are very meaningful to me. I will, with God's help, do my best to serve as one of your Vestry members.

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Month

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Please let us know if we have missing, or incorrect information about you or your family.

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					1 New Year's Day	2 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
3 8am & 10:30 Eucharist Fellowship Breakfast 3:30-6pm Youth Group	4	5 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	6 9am Eucharist Bible Study 9:45 a.m. 7pm Pastoral Training	7 7:15 Choir	8 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 10-1 Sunlight Transitions	9 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
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