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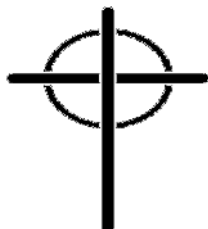
January 2012



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

Regular Service Schedule on Sunday, January 1, 2012

Weekly Services, Eucharist and Bible Study:



Sunday Services: 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.
 Sunday School 9:15 A.M.
 Adult Christian Ed. 9:30 A.M.
 Children's Chapel: 10:30 A.M.
 Nursery: 10:15 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
 Wednesday Eucharist 9:00 A.M.
 Wednesday Bible Studies 9:45 A.M.
 7:00 P.M.

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NEW - Evening Bible Study

Sharon Dewey-Zavacki, a seminary student at Fuller Theological Seminary, will be leading a new Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. Join her this Wednesday to help decide what the group will begin studying. Come check it out and get a new start on studying the Bible with friends! Contact Sharon at: onepathnewday@comcast.net

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New Year's Day Party (Jan. 1st, 2012)

Bob and Shunila Rae invite you all to ring in the New Year at their home at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite appetizer, or dessert.

Adults only

15720 E Copper Creek Lane
 Parker CO 80134

Please R.S.V.P. to 303-916-7521.

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The 2012 Annual Giving Campaign – Giving Together

The St. Matthews' 2012 Annual Giving Campaign is in progress and we want to make sure you are informed as we work toward our goals. Progress will be updated weekly so you can keep track.

2011 Commitment	2012 Goals	Progress as of 12/28/2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 74 pledges received \$192,724.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 pledges \$225,000.00 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 73 pledge cards received \$183,520.66 commitment

On behalf of your Stewardship Committee, your prayerful consideration & action are appreciated to help build on the incredible, renewable generosity cycle. Thank you & may the Lord's peace be with you.

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St. Matthew's Nursery
 Hours for September-May:
 9:30 am-12:00 pm.

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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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Happy New Year!

Please join St. Matthew's Newcomers Ministry in welcoming all of our new parishioners in a celebration of the "Year of the Dragon" Chinese New Year on Friday, January 27th, 6:30 p.m. All parishioners both new and "seasoned" are welcome to attend this fun, welcoming, fellowship event. Established parishioners are encouraged to bring their favorite appetizer to share with others. Child care will be provided, but please let us know of your need when making your RSVP's with the church office at 303-841-0121 or at office@matthewinparker.com in order to have adequate coverage and activities. For additional information please contact Newcomers/Greeters Ministry coordinator Susie Chapin at 303-841-1789.

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The Fellowship Team Wants You!

Looking for an enjoyable and easy way to get involved with our Church Community? The Fellowship Team is open for new members to help with coffee and goodies after the Sunday worship services. If you like to bake, that's wonderful! But, you are also welcome to just buy goodies to bring in to share. The duties are light and typically only require helping about every other month. Plus, you have a chance to work with a wonderful group of fun folks. Please join us! If you are interested in joining, or looking for more information, please contact Laurie Landry at (720) 842-4517 or lglandryt@msn.com.

Prayers and Squares

Next Meeting: January 16, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

If you, or a loved one, has a need for prayers and comfort from illness or accident please fill out a request form (found on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall) and give to one of us.

We continue to receive many requests for prayer quilts. If you sew, please consider joining this ministry so that we may continue to fill each and every request. We do the sewing at home and meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall (*except June-August*) to put threads in for tying, pick out materials for the next quilts, share ideas and go to lunch. If this is something you would like to do, or would like more information, please contact Patty Fanning @ 303-841-6681, leepatty_20@msn.com, or Hazel McColley 303-840-8540.

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ECW NEWS

Women of St. Matthew's:

Our next **Bunco night** will be Friday January 6th at 6:30 p.m. All women are invited to come for a fun night of Bunco, an easy dice game to learn. It is a potluck so bring a dish to pass. Also, we have winners each night so bring \$7.00 and you could go home with the jackpot!! This event is a great way to start off the New Year and meet other women of our parish.



Any questions you can contact Barb McNish at 303-910-9362 or email mcnishcolo@aol.com. Hope to see you there!

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St. Matthew's Community Supper:

**Please join us on January 22, 2011!
Hosted by St. Matthew's Youth Group.**

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Please mark your calendars!
You don't want to miss these events!

January Events

Jan. 1 No Youth Group

Jan. 8 Mission Trip Meeting*

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Place: Parish Hall

Jan. 8 NOLA Reunion Dinner

Time: 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Place: Bigtime Trampoline

Cost: \$15.00

Jan. 15 Regular Meeting

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Place: Balcomb House

Jan. 22 Community Supper*

Time: 3:00 to 6:00 pm

Place: Parish Hall

Jan. 29 Regular Meeting

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 pm

Place: Balcomb House

*SPECIAL TIMES

Any questions: Email Jody at shoec@aol.com,
Andrew at andrew.mitchell.ericson@gmail.com
or Kristi at kristikoltiska@yahoo.com, or call
303-841-0121.

Think Green for Christmas and St. Patrick's Day!!

Youth Group is going to run another Electronic Recycling day on March 17th to raise money for this summer's Mission Trips for both the Middle School and High School. So, if you have replaced any electronic equipment this Christmas, remember that you can recycle the old equipment and help preserve the earth, by saving it and turning it in on the recycle day for a small fee. Keep watch for more information as the date gets closer.

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Altar Flowers—Sign up for 2012

Our new flower chart for 2012 is in the parish hall on the bulletin board. 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, or Christine at 303-841-0121, or email office@matthewinparker.com. Thank you for making our church beautiful!

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Open Gate Thrift Store Hours:

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

If you would like to volunteer to deliver bags of clothing to St. Francis Center, please contact Patty Fanning at 303-841-6681, leepatty_20@msn.com

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HEARTS AND HANDS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

2011 Giving Tree-An Overwhelming Response

Dear wonderful kind caring friends, THANK YOU!

As you know, this year we adopted 5 very needy families from the Women's Crisis Center in Castle Rock. On Monday I sorted the stacks of presents under our giving tree by family, and then by each child to be sure that no one was skipped. The love and caring that went into the treasure heaped under that tree was overwhelming. The need was great. Your response was even greater. I had to call my daughter to bring her pickup truck down in order to get the gifts to the Crisis Center. When sorted by family we had 24 giant sized black plastic bags filled with carefully labeled presents!

The sorely needed basics were all there: coats, gloves, hats, scarves, shoes, boots, pajamas, robes sheets, comforters, shirts, sweaters, underwear, and socks – even the needed oil and car parts to keep an old car running so a mom could get her kids where they need to go. You didn't forget that these families all have hunger issues as well. You gave \$590 in grocery cards.

But that wasn't all that lay under the tree. Not even half. All of the special toys that these children had dreamed of were there, and more. Folks clearly put a lot of thought into what would really make these moms and kids happy.

There were so many thoughtful, special touches. There were games, books, dolls, teddy bears, art sets, trucks, video toys, music –mp3 player, a requested karaoke machine. The extra wreaths from the youth group also went to these folks. And Sacks of Christmas candy for each family.

On Christmas morning, 14 children who have clearly been through some rough and lean times will find their special wishes answered. I was taught as a child that we give presents at Christmas because that is the only way we can give presents to Our Lord.

You did it, dear friends. *You did it!* Thank you and may your Christmas be as happy as what you have made possible for these neighbors in need.

All of us with Hearts and Hands Outreach Ministry thank you.

Jo, Bobbi, Mary, Margy, Karen, and Susie

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Invitation to join the Hearts and Hands Committee

St. Matthew's Hearts and Hands Community Outreach Ministry needs more committee members! The committee meets every month to plan upcoming events and to allocate (quarterly) the parish's outreach funds. We invite you to join us on Monday November 14, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss upcoming projects that assist local and worldwide communities. For additional information, please contact Hearts and Hands members Jo Evans at 303-841-2276 or jo.evans@comcast.net, or Susie Chapin at 303-841-1789 or dwsjchapin@msn.com. **Please join us!** St. Matthew's Hearts and Hands Needs You! *Again, thanks for your support of this important ministry!*

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS



Similar to lawn mowing in the summer, we ask for volunteers to do the snow removal in the winter. You will find a sign-up sheet in the Buildings and Grounds section of the large bulletin board in the Parish Hall. ***Please sign up for whatever days you are available.*** 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 (303-710-9422), greenelw@msn.com.

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Fundraising Cards from St. Matthew's

If you love to garden, or know someone that does please consider purchasing **Tagawa Cards**. They are perfect gifts for holidays, family, friends and people that love to shop for plants and garden accessories all year long. Tagawa Gardens is located at: 7711 S. Parker Rd., Centennial, CO 80016. And, when shopping for groceries and gas, we also have **King Soopers, Safeway and Sprouts cards** available. You can also use King Soopers cards at their gas stations. Cards may be purchased after each service in the Parish Hall. Grocery cards are available for purchase with cash or checks. Credit and debit cards carry fees to St. Matthew's that cancel out the benefit of the grocery card, so may not be used for this purpose. If you would like more information, or would like to help with this ministry, please contact Whitney Tomlin at 303-841-9328, or email: Whitney.Tomlin@dcsdk12.org.

Welcome to Our Newest Vestry Members!

Beverly Weathers

Upon moving to Parker in May of 1996, I continued to commute and attend Christ Episcopal Church in Denver Colorado for several years. Sometime in 1999 I began visiting St. Matthew's in Parker. Since I grew up in a small town in Texas, I was attracted to the small community atmosphere here. Also, I felt very comfortable due to the warm welcome and friendliness of members of this parish.

During the past twelve years that I have attended St. Matthew's, my experience includes: 1) member of the vestry from January 2002 thru December 2004; 2) have taught and assisted and currently teaching Children's Sunday School classes; 3) member of ECW and on the ECW Board several different times, including this past year and 4) Scripture Reader for the past few years. My work experience consists of being an accountant for over thirty years and the past 29 years has been in the Commercial Real Estate Accounting Industry.

I feel that my participation in several of the ministries at St. Matthew's, along with my exposure to the business world, would be beneficial to the decision making processes necessary to maintain quality standards in the spiritual, business and financial aspects of our church. At this time, should you choose to elect me as a member of the Vestry of St. Matthew's, I promise to serve by addressing the needs and concerns of our wonderful Parish to the best of my ability. Thank you for your consideration.

Bill Keup

This is the third year my wife Bobbi and I have been members of St. Matthew's. Both cradle Episcopalians, we chose St. Matthew's as our church home because we love the family feel that the congregation exudes. I am a teacher in an alternative high school, and see first hand the effect a lack of family, faith, and commitment has on our

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youth, so the involvement of youth in church life is very important to me.

I grew up as a member of St. Stephen's in Billings, Montana. In addition to having been a youth group leader off and on since my freshman year in college, I have been involved in many aspects of the church over the years, from acolyte to sexton (my first job in high school). I have served on a vestry 4 times, the first as youth representative when I was a senior in high school.

Currently at St. Matthew's I am a chalice minister/lay reader and I work with the senior high youth. I look forward to serving the congregation as a vestry member.

Robert C. Williams, III

I have been a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church, and served as a youth acolyte for a number of years while growing up in Florida. Prior to joining St. Matthew's, my wife Tina and I were members of St John's Episcopal Church in Breckenridge. I was introduced to St. Matthew's by my parents, Rob and Joy Williams who had been referred to St. Matthew's by a close friend of Father Vern. Tina and I have come to appreciate characteristics of St. Matthew's that it shares with St. John's – a friendly, welcoming congregation with close ties to the local community.

As a youth I was an Eagle Scout and currently volunteer as a Den Leader in the Cubs Scouts and have served as president for nearly ten years of a condominium homeowners association in Summit County.

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St. Matthew's Vestry & Staff

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, 303-841-0121

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

Senior Warden: Bobbi Scheinin

Junior Warden: Jenny Moncier

Clerk of the Vestry:

Treasurer: Tom McNish

Vestry Members: Susan Gambrill, Elizabeth Ulmer, Dawn Koltiska, Tom McNish, Bruce Siekierski and Curt Wiberg, Bill Keup, Rob Williams, Bev Weathers.

Bookkeeper: Christine Greene

Nursery Staff: Shunila Rae, Kristi Koltiska

Thrift Store Manager: Patty Fanning

E-mail: office@matthewinparker.com

Website: www.matthewinparker.com

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Email Distribution List

Would you like to be on the Parish email distribution list? Much of the information, like the monthly newsletter, weekly updates, as well as pastoral news is sent via email. Please contact Christine at office@matthewinparker.com if you would like to receive emails from St. Matthew's.

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Don Elliott	10
Betty Pruitt	11
Susan Gambrell	11
Lucy Lord	11
Marie Wulforst	13
Justine Riant	15
Devyn Hubbs	15
Tom Bell	16
Sam Strand	16
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Anniversaries this Month

Sharon Dewey-Zavacki and Paul Zavacki	02
Dixie and Rollyn Eckholm	03
Jim Kling and Gail Patterson	14
Dee and Larry Frost	18

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Baptisms

Luke Emmanuel Gurrieri	10/12/2011
Julianne Elizabeth Gurrieri	10/12/2011
Addilyn Jane Mosle	10/23/2011
Myka Donnell Shallanberger Koltiska	11/06/2011
Gavin James Anderson	11/20/2011

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Please let us know if we have missing, or incorrect information about you or your family. Contact: office@matthewinparker.com or 303-841-0121.

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1	2	3 9-11am Explorers	4 9am Eucharist 9:45am Bible Study 7pm Bible Study	5 7:15pm Choir	6 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 6:30pm Bunco	7 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
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