

# The Messenger

## October 2009



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

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### Pastoral Minister Training Begins Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Pastoral care is an integral part of our life at St. Matthew's. As pastoral ministers, our fervent intention is to listen, to be open, and to love as Christ loved us. With Tina Newlin and Fr. Michael leading us, we will build on the foundation already laid to expand our collective ability to walk together & provide support for one another during times of need, grief, or crisis. An intensive training program is in development to prepare pastoral ministers to visit and care for members of the congregation and those whom we meet in our daily lives that need some special care for a time. This new 10-week course is designed to cover topics such as the practical aspects of care giving and spiritual preparation and self care for the pastoral minister. We are not training people to be counselors, but spiritual friends who are able to walk with those who are in need of the comfort that God's peace can bring when we care for one another.

Training will begin **Wednesday evening October 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** and continue for about 8-10 weeks. We are asking those who would like to be involved to think about making a two year commitment to help with pastoral care at St. Matthew's by being a Pastoral Friend or Pastoral Minister, much like we ask Sunday School teachers for a commitment to teach for a year and Vestry members to serve for three years. If you feel called to serve in this way and are interested in learning more, please contact one of us for more information.

Thank you & peace,

Fr. Michael, Tina Newlin , Kandy Halstead

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### *Please join us for an evening of* *Divine Desserts* *and Wine*

*St. Matthew's Annual Fundraiser*

*Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

*St. Matthew's Church*

*7:00-9:30 p.m.*

*Silent Auction 7-9 Live Auction 8:15*

*Checkout 9-9:30*

*\$25/person or \$50/couple*

*Come join us for a divine evening filled with delectable desserts and wine as well as fundraising auctions for St Matthew's. Participate in festive bidding wars for live auction items such as 1 week timeshare, 2 weekend condo stays in Copper, catered dinner party for 6, 1 week stay at Westcliffe cabin, half-day fly fishing guided tour...more to be announced! Prefer the silent, stealthy approach? Silent auction wars will go on all night. All proceeds go towards sustaining our church family here at St. Matthews!*

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

TICKETS ON SALE \$25/person at the Divine Desserts Table in the Fellowship Hall. Visit us to purchase your tickets for the event...it even comes with a cute wine charm. First ones get to pick their ticket number and charm. Your number will be your bidding number for the silent and live auctions. We have secured an auctioneer, Rick Rolph, who handles many large profit and non-profit events. What fun to hear him chatter away! We have a description and pictures of all the live auction items secured to this point at the Divine Desserts Table. Please stop by to see if one of them could be your family's next vacation or evening out.

To prepare your taste buds and fundraise for our event, Tastefully Simple will be sampled and sold at the Divine Desserts Table. The representative, Kasey Churchill, will be here this Sunday to answer any questions and take orders. You can also ask your neighbors and place orders on-line at

[www.tastefullysimple.com/web/kchurchill](http://www.tastefullysimple.com/web/kchurchill) using hostess first name "St" and last name "Matthews".

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 or questions. Thank you!

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### **A special service...**

All pets and their owners are invited to attend a special service this Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. for a "Blessing of the Animals" hosted by the youth of St. Matthew's. Prayers, readings and blessings will be held in the St. Matthew's courtyard. This autumn event recognizes the gift of unconditional love that our animals provide us, as well as the important role that pets play in the lives of many parish families. Please remember to keep all dogs on leash, as well as other pets that might have control issues. For additional information please contact youth group coordinator Rob Myers at 303-840-1702 or parishioner Susie Chapin at 303-841-1789 or [dwsjchapin@msn.com](mailto:dwsjchapin@msn.com).

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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:

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

**Sunday, Oct. 11** – ECW Meeting after 10:30 service.

**Sunday, Nov. 15** – English Tea, Brown Palace, Denver.

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

**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)

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LADIES... It's time to sign up for the **ECW English Tea outing to the Brown Palace, in Denver on Sunday, November 15 starting at 3:00 p.m.** The cost is \$31.00 plus tax & you don't have to be an active member with the ECW to attend. Twenty spaces have been reserved for our group. Please look for the sign up sheet in the Parish Hall starting Sunday, October 4. If you would like to go and are unable to sign up at the church, call Lucy Lord at 303-808-5059 or Shunila Rae at 720-851-2252. We will be arranging carpooling from the church for this event.

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### Fellowship Breakfast Sunday, October 4 at 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship Breakfast is something we do the first Sunday of the month during the fall, winter and spring and it is a way to serve our St. Matthew's family while providing an opportunity to fellowship with our brothers and sisters. Over the past couple of years the various committees have done the breakfast. This year we are starting something new. We are having fellowship committee members sign up newcomers to St. Matthew's. This is a perfect opportunity for all of us to get to know one another.

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).

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### HEARTS AND HANDS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

#### St. Matthew's Community Supper: Sunday October 25: Lasagna

Please join us for Community Supper Pot Luck in our parish hall on **Sunday, October 25 at 4:00 pm.** If you would like to contribute a dish to the potluck, people with last names starting with A-M, please bring a dessert last names N-Z please bring a salad or side dish. 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. Matthew'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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### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

A big Thank You to all who pitched in to spruce up the grounds for our 30th Birthday celebration, especially the young men from DeMolay! If you are interested in serving on the Buildings & Grounds Committee, 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 Snow Removal

First of all, thanks to those of you who volunteered for lawn mowing the summer months. Your efforts to keep our grounds looking beautiful are very much appreciated. It's hard to believe it's that time of year already, but it's now time to turn our attention to the winter season. Similar to lawn mowing in the summer, we ask for volunteers to do the snow removal in the winter. 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](mailto:greenelw@msn.com). Thanks in advance for your help.

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### choir practice



Do you find yourself singing along to the car radio? Do you dream of being the next "American Idol?" Have you wondered how you can use your talents to glorify God while at the same time developing your spiritual life at St. Matthew's? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then you should think about joining the choir! The choir is a fun group of people who enjoy each other's fellowship as we

worship God. We rehearse every Thursday from 7:15 until about 9:00 pm in the sanctuary. As we get closer to the holidays, we will have an extra rehearsal on a Saturday morning to prepare music for Christmas. If you can't make every single rehearsal, or Sunday morning, that's okay, too. We understand that people have busy lives and we welcome you to come as often as you can. If you are interested, please contact Emily Kiebel or Betty Sue for details.

*O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth. Psalm 96:1*

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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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### 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 regularly meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is **October 19**. 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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**Please mark your calendars!**

**You don't want to miss these events!**

Last Sunday 23 youth group members and their friends went to Jump Street for our Kick Off event for the year. Everyone had a GREAT time jumping for one hour. They must have been really tired.

**Blessing of the Animals**

**Sunday, October 4 at 3:00 pm!!**

Bring your pets for Blessing of the Animals. Youth Group members will provide the readings, music, as well as sharing thoughts about how animals give us unconditional love.

**Genesis Youth Retreat - October 16 to 18**

St. Matthew's will have 7 to 9 youth attending Genesis on October 16 to 18 where they will join other youth groups from all over Colorado. We will also have one youth worker and 2 adult sponsors going along. Please keep them in your prayers for a fun and safe trip.

**Sunday, October 25 -Corn Maze and Haunted House.**

**Cost:** \$10.00 for both the corn maze and haunted house. \$5.00 for just the corn maze.

**Meet in the church parking lot at 4:30 p.m.**

**Go through the corn maze by 6:00 p.m.**

**Return to the church by 8:30 pm.**

After the corn maze, we will tailgate for dinner before getting in line for "The Butcher Shop Haunted House". If this is too late, you can opt to leave after the corn maze and tailgate dinner. Please bring a sandwich for dinner, we will provide pop and chips. Feel free to ask a friend to come along!

**Registration Deadline: Thursday, October 22.** To make sure we have enough drivers.

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).

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### Children's Halloween Party 2009



**One little, two little three little witches,  
Flew over haystacks,  
Flew under bridges,  
Slid down the moon and ripped their britches,  
Hey ho, Halloween's here!**

All children ages preschool thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to sign up for the 2009 children's costume Halloween party scheduled for Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Treats, games, crafts and a "monster-goblin" parade are part of the fun event. Parents and Grandparents are needed to help make it a success, so be sure to check out the sign up list in the parish hall and sign up! Kids, remember to leave the scary costumes at home, we don't want to scare the little ones! For additional information please contact parishioner, Susie Chapin at 303-841-1789 or [dwsjchapin@msn.com](mailto:dwsjchapin@msn.com).

*Front Range*  
**FLU SHOTS** LLC  
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  
**Pneumococcal Shot- \$45.00**

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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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**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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### **St. Matthew's Mission Statement**

We, the people of St. Matthew's, come together in a welcoming environment to:

† Practice Servanthood

† Act as a Beacon for our community

† Foster our spiritual journey in Christ

in order that we remain united in God.

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*Anniversaries*  
*this*  
*Month*

Jennifer and John Buckley	02
Ed and Wendy Hauser	05
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Kelly and Rhonda Green	15
John and Elizabeth Ulmer	15
Denise and Mark Allen	17
Jennifer and Mark Tinsley	18
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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> 9-11am Parker MOM's, N.E. 6:30pm CAP  Convention	<b>2</b> 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 10-1 Sunlight Transitions Convention	<b>3</b> 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop Convention 8:30am Crop Walk
<b>4</b> 8am & 10:30 Eucharist 8:45-10:30am Flu Shot Clinic	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	<b>7</b> 9am Eucharist Bible Study 9:45 a.m.  7pm Pastoral Training	<b>8</b>  6:30pm CAP  7:15 Choir	<b>9</b> 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 10-1 Sunlight Transitions	<b>10</b> 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
<b>11</b> 8am & 10:30 Eucharist 1-2:30pm Confirmation Class	<b>12</b> 7-9pm DeMolay	<b>13</b> 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 6:00pm Finance Committee	<b>14</b> 9am Eucharist Bible Study 9:45 a.m.	<b>15</b> 6:30pm CAP  7:15 Choir	<b>16</b> 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop  Genesis Youth Retreat	<b>17</b> 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop  Genesis Youth Retreat
<b>18</b> 8am & 10:30 Eucharist  Genesis Youth Retreat	<b>19</b> 10am Prayers & Squares	<b>20</b> 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 6:30pm Vestry Meeting 7:00pm Youth Leader Meeting	<b>21</b> 9am Eucharist Bible Study 9:45 a.m.	<b>22</b> 6:30pm CAP  7:15 Choir	<b>23</b> 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop  10-1 Sunlight Transitions	<b>24</b> 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
<b>25</b> 8am & 10:30 Eucharist  4pm Community Supper	<b>26</b> 7-9pm DeMolay	<b>27</b> 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	<b>28</b> 9am Eucharist Bible Study 9:45 a.m.	<b>29</b> 6:30pm CAP  7:15 Choir	<b>30</b> 6:30pm CAP  7:15 Choir	<b>31</b> 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 1:30pm Halloween Party