

The Messenger

April 2010



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

Holy Week and Easter Day Service Schedule

April 1 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

April 2 - Stations of the Cross - Noon

Tenebrae - 7:00 p.m.

April 3 - Easter Vigil - 7:00 p.m.

April 4 - Easter Day Worship Services –

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 am, 11:00 am

10:30 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

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Sunday Mornings

9:30 am

The Promise of Presence

A Study of the Resurrection Appearances

The gospels give a number of accounts of the risen Lord appearing to the disciples and others. Jesus promises them his continued presence and guidance, even after he ascends to his Father. What are we to make of these promises and how do we experience Jesus' presence in our lives today?

April 11-

Paul's Account of the Resurrection Appearances.

“What was the apostles' experience of the Risen Lord?”

I Corinthians 15: 1-18

April 18-

The Promise of Presence: Christ with Us.

Matt 28:16-20 “...and lo, I am with you always.”

John 20:19-23 “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

Luke: 36-49 “And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you.”

April 25-

Christ's Presence in Sacraments and Scripture.

“When do we recognize Christ's presence in the Eucharist and in Scriptures?”

Luke 24:13-35 The Road to Emmaeus

May 2-No class: Have breakfast together.

May 7-Christ's Presence in the World

“When do we recognize Christ's presence in servant ministry?”

John 21:1-19 “... Feed my SheepFollow me.”

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Adult Confirmation Class

Beginning on **Sunday evening, April 11, (Time TBA)** Fr. Michael will meet with adults who are interested in being received into the Episcopal Church. **The High Plains Regional Confirmation is Saturday, May 8th at 10:00 a.m. at St. John's Cathedral.** This class is also open to anyone who would like to learn more about the Episcopal Church. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Michael.

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Episcopal Church Women

ECW Benefit for St. Matthew's Youth Group Mission Trip

Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night – Fun for the whole family!

April 10, 2010. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m.-Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m.

\$10.00 per person-\$25.00 per family.

Includes: Dinner with dessert, beverages and a bingo card for each person!

Extra bingo cards and dabbers will be for sale at the dinner. Tickets are available before and after services and at the door. Bring a bottle of wine for the prize table and get 3 extra cards!

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

Our new flower chart for 2010 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. 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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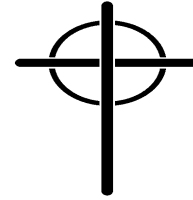
Prayers and Squares

Prayers & Squares regularly meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is **April 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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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, May 2 at 9:00 a.m.

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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Help Needed in Thrift Shop

The Thrift Store has several bags of items to go to The St. Francis Center in Denver. If you would like to help with that, or if you are interested in volunteering at the Thrift Shop, please call Patty Fanning @ leepatty_20@msn.com, or 303-841-6681. *Thank you.*

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HEARTS AND HANDS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

APRIL IS NATIONAL

DONATE LIFE MONTH

Fact: One donor can save up to **eight** lives through organ donation and enhance up to **50** lives through tissue donation.

Fact: There are currently **106,486** people currently on the national transplant waiting list.

Fact: Signing a donor card and a driver's license with an "organ donor" designation may not satisfy your state's requirements to become a donor. Be sure to take the necessary steps to be a donor and ensure that your family understands your wishes.

These are some pretty eye-opening facts. Here is how you can do your part--be sure to share your donation decision and together let's Eliminate the Wait!!

- Educate yourself and your friends on the facts about organ and tissue donation. Work to spread the word in a cool way at your school or in your community.
- Each state is different in terms of how you properly register to be a donor. [LOG ON](#) to find out what your state requires, and follow the necessary steps.

- Be sure to share your decision with your family, and encourage your friends to do the same.

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Parker Task Force Collection for April: Canned Stew/Chili

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 Sunday, April 25
from 4-5:30 p.m.

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ST. FRANCIS NEEDS YOU!!!

St. Francis Center, a refuge shelter for homeless men and women serving the Denver metro area, has volunteer opportunities for St. Matthew's parishioners willing to assist in laundry, sorting donations, distribute mail, stock the clothing room and help with various special projects. Crews of 3-6 adults are needed to work the 3rd Saturday of the month 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or the 2nd Sunday of the month from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.. (Sunday volunteering will include church service at the shelter.) For additional information please contact Hearts and Hands member Susie Chapin at 303-841-1789 or dwsjchapin@msn.com. Thanks for making a difference!

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Do You Have...

- Backpacks (any size, kind)
- Sleeping Bags
- Blankets
- Medium Size Men's Jeans (32-26 waist)
- Vaseline
- Travel size Toiletries

The above items are greatly needed for the 600-800 homeless clients served daily at the St. Francis Center located in Denver. If you are no longer using or need any of these requested articles please consider dropping off your donations in the St. Francis Center baskets located in the parish hall on Sunday morning or in the church office during the week. For additional information please contact Hearts and Hands member Susie Chapin at 303-841-1789 or dwsjchapin@msn.com.

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The Blue UTO boxes will be collected on April 11th, the Sunday after Easter.

"UTO's Mission: To expand the circle of thankful people. To achieve this mission, we encourage daily prayers, offerings and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings."

"The United Offering became the United Thank Offering in 1919, with a "Victory Offering" of \$468,060.41, given in thanks for the end of W.W.I, and mindful of the many women who had lost sons and husbands in the war."

"In 1970, the offering began to be given on an annual basis. In the 1970s the United Thank Offering Committee was established. Its

responsibilities were to promote, interpret and allocate the offerings annually."

If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Kelly at 303-646-3931, or trftwh@aol.com.

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

We can still use volunteers for snow removal- Colorado is known for its' Spring snow storms!

Currently we have a variety of projects underway, including the new Youth Group room, the Thrift Store and work on the niches behind the altar, as well as the steps to the Balcomb House and painting the outside of the buildings. There is also a landscaping team being formed if you are interested in that. So, if you are wondering how you can help with any of these projects, 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!

April 4- No Youth Group

April 11- Jump Street- 4-6 p.m. Cost \$15.00.

April 16-18- Quest 2K10

April 25- No Youth Group

Mission Trip Information

This summer our youth along with other youth groups from the area will be going to Salt Lake City on a mission trip from July 9 to July 17. The cost will be \$500 per person. If you were not able to purchase shares last Tuesday, we will continue to sell shares over the next few weeks for \$10.00 per share for the Shareholders supper this summer after the trip.

Thank you for supporting the St. Matthew's Youth Group.

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

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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: Laurie Landry, 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

Evelyn Mason	16
Dick Nace	16
Sarah Siekierski	16
Chuck Shoemaker	18
Anna Chapin	18
Anita Bell	23
Bobbi Keup	24
Anna Gough	24
Elisabeth Richardson	24
Levi Hundley	24
Daniela Scata	24
Thomas Stouder	24
Susan Berglund	25
Jeff Fonda	25
Brooke Latham	27
Peyton Tinsley	27
Caden Buckley	29

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Rosie Stone	04
Samantha Strand	04
Heather Gile	05
Ron Maclachlan	06
Jeff Thompson	08
Mike Rose	09
Morgan Green	10
Drew Clement	11
Billie Bain	14
Alexandra Gile	15
Geordie Bain	15



George and Laura Bain	03
Kimberley and Clay Hubbs	20

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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>
				1 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	2 Good Friday 12 pm Stations of the Cross 7pm Tenebrae Open Gate Thrift Shop-Closed	3 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 7pm Easter Vigil
4 Easter Day 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 10:30am Easter Egg Hunt	5 7pm-Outreach Meeting	6 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	7 9am Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Bible Study	8 No Choir	9 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 10-1 Sunlight Transitions	10 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 5:30pm Spaghetti/Bingo
11 8am & 10:30 Eucharist 4-6pm Youth Group	12 7-9pm DeMolay	13 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 6pm Finance	14 9am Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Bible Study	15 7:15pm Choir 6:30pm Cub Scouts	16 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 10-1 Sunlight Transitions Quest Retreat	17 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop Quest Retreat
18 8am & 10:30 Eucharist Quest Retreat	19 10am Prayers & Squares	20 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 7pm Vestry Meeting	21 9am Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Bible Study	22 7:15pm Choir	23 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 10-1 Sunlight Transitions	24 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
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