

The Messenger

February 2011



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

THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL "DIVINE DESSERTS AND WINE" FUNDRAISER 2010!!!

Well, St. Matthew's parish has done it again...and even better this year. We raised \$21,272 gross and netted \$19,187.61!!! That is amazing. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, baked, attended and brought guests!

We raised \$4750 specifically for buildings and grounds. Vestry has already allocated the money and it is being put to good use: \$900 for painting all buildings, \$2906 for a new A/C unit for the church office, and \$944 for irrigating and landscaping the front entrance. Please keep your eye out this spring for the updates to our beautiful church!

The remaining \$14,437.61 proceeds are a tremendous gift to the financial welfare and stability of our church. For the last two years, we have been able to end the year in the black and complete all our financial obligations to the diocese and outreach programs. Thank you for caring enough to make this happen!

A special thank you to our dedicated committee: Bruce Siekierski, Whit Greene, Lucy Lord, Scott Gough, Kathleen Shannon, Tom McNish, and Jennifer Tinsley.

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ECW Events

Women of St Matthew's:

All are invited to attend our first Bunko night of 2011 on **Friday, February 4** at **6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall.

We welcome newcomers!

The cost is \$7 and it will be a potluck so please bring a dish to pass. If you have any questions, please contact Barb McNish at 303-805-2414.



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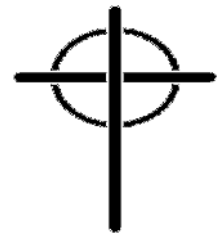
You're invited to become a part of a new ministry-

St. Matthew's Greet and Meet!

This ministry will help welcome all guests of the parish before and after services as well as answer any questions guests may have and help make guests feel comfortable in our parish home. So if you enjoy meeting new people and want to be part of this new ministry please join us at our first **Greet and Meet Ministry meeting Sunday, February 6th at 9:30 a.m.** during the February Fellowship Breakfast in the church office. For additional information please contact Greet and Meet Ministry coordinator Susie Chapin at 303-841-1789 or dwsjchapin@msn.com.

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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.

Nursery: 9:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Wednesday Eucharist: 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Study: 9:45 A.M.

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Altar Flowers—Sign up for 2011

Our new flower chart for 2011 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

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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!

pledge will return to 10% & the Hearts & Hands outreach will return to 3%.

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The 2011 Annual Giving Campaign – The Annual Cycle of Grace, Giving, & Renewal

Debit & Credit Card Update – “Offering” Cards Available!

The St. Matthew's 2011 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.

Did you know that St. Matthew's eGiving “Offering” Cards can help make your debit/credit card giving easier? Cards and envelopes are now available in St. Matthew's pews for your convenience. Just pick up a card, complete the information, seal in the envelope, and put it in the collection plate. Whether a one-time offering, or part of your regular pledge giving, it's just that simple. Plus, your gift, combined with those from your brothers and sisters, is blessed during the Offertory portion of the service, before being sent out to do God's work. You can even tuck a couple of these Offering Cards in your pocket or purse, so they're ready when you are!

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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2010 Commitment	2011 Goals	Progress as of 01/25/2011
82 pledges received \$200,000.00	100 pledges \$225,000.00	71 pledge cards received \$188,444.00 commitment

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December 2010 Financial News

Prayer Requests

2010 Budget for pledges Year to date - \$155,000.00
Total revenue year to date - \$294,297.60 vs. \$281,791.00 budgeted
Total expenses year to date - \$273,098.26 vs. \$282,791.00 budgeted

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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Thanks to God's grace & your generosity, St. Matthew's financial position has returned to a level sufficient to warrant returning our outreach giving to the 2010 Ministry Plan commitment level. At the September meeting, your Vestry has approved that the CO Diocesan

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To my Parish Pals,

Thanks to all my parish family for your many prayers, concern and support during the prostate cancer process I have been dealing with for more than this past year. As many of you know, I chose to seek alternative treatments in hopes of saving the gland. This type of cancer does not typically spread outside of the gland, so I felt I had some time to invest in these treatments. My worst likely scenario was that I would need to have my prostate removed.

To that end, I spent the last eight months or so attempting to treat the cancer with three protocols: a pancreatic enzyme regimen, oxygenated drops, and ph balancing. All of this was supported by as much immune system cleansing and support as I could embark upon. Somehow the combination of all this contributed to a success.

We all know so many of our dear friends who have struggled with cancer. I can only say that I worked programs I thought I could select and be diligent about. I also know that I have been greatly blessed by your love, support and prayers, and quite clearly (to me) a heaping helping of God's grace.

Recently I had 61 core samples taken for a 'mapping' biopsy that would help me learn exactly where this cancer was located, besides the places that had come up in previous biopsies. I am delighted to tell you that all 61 samples are clear of cancer. The doctors are quite sure this is behind me, but recommend quarterly PSA tests.

We all know in life you pay for everything one way or another. Grace is the one thing that comes to us for free, and undeserved. For that I am grateful and eternally thankful. And I am thankful to all of you, especially to Father Michael for his friendship, support and guidance, and to the wonderful ladies in the Prayers and Squares ministry. I kept the quilt with me each night, even travelling with it so I could be reminded of your support manifested

in the many prayerful knots that were tied for me.

God bless you all!

Tom Clark

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Prayers and Squares

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; however we currently have only 4 people who sew the 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 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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**Join us for the Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday,
February 6 at 9:00 a.m. - Hosted by St.
Matthew's Youth Group**

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

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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.

to learn how to help or have any questions please contact: Joy Williams @ 303 525 6471 or joyw1965@comcast.net.

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St. Matthew's Nursery
Nursery care at 10:30 service only. Hours for September-May: 9:30 am-12:00 pm.



Parents who bring their children to the nursery at St. Matthew's will see two different, yet very familiar faces— Shunila Rae and Samantha Hynes will be providing childcare in the nursery during the 10:30 service. **(There will no longer be nursery @8:00)** Thank you Shunila and Samantha for serving in this ministry!

HEARTS AND HANDS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me (Matthew 25:40)

Hearts & Hands met January 10th to plan our next activities and to allocate outreach dollars. We want to let you know where St Matthews Hearts and Hands reached out

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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

Feeding the Hungry Locally

In these cold and snowy months our hearts were especially touched by the plight of people struggling in the local metro area. We allocated \$200 to Food Works (formerly Compa) \$500 to the Rocky Mountain Food Bank, \$500 to the Denver Rescue Mission \$500 to Bienvenidos, and \$200 to the Saint Francis Center.

Helping globally

We also reached out to the nation and the world. The struggle continues in disaster plagued Haiti. We sent \$350 to the Colorado Haiti Project. Additionally, we sent \$400 to Church World Services (CWS), a relief organization of protestant churches including the Episcopal Church. CWS provides disaster relief in the United States and

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around the world, assists refugees, and promotes sustainable grass roots development. In the past we have supported Church World Services through the funds raised in the local Parker Crop Walk. Since there was no Crop Walk this year, we donated directly to Church World Services.

Remembering our Service Men and Women

Several parishioners have told us of a desire to help our service men and women. Accordingly we reached out to assist Project Sanctuary, a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide therapeutic, curative, supportive, and recreational activities to our military veterans as well as active military personnel, along with their spouses and children, in a leisure environment.

St. Matthew's "Soup-er Bowl"

Sunday, February 6 is Super Bowl Sunday and there will be lots of parties and fun. St. Matthew's Hearts and Hands thought it would be fun to have a "**Soup-er**" Bowl Party of our own by collecting cans of soup for the Metro Care Ring to stock the shelves of their food bank; if you forget to bring your soup, cash donations will also be accepted. Thanks so much.

We will meet again February 14 at 7 p.m. in the Church Office. **Please join us!**

For additional information please contact Jo Evans at 303-841-2276 or jo.evans@comcast.net

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Outreach Ministry of the Month: **Project Sanctuary**

Over the next several months it is Hearts and Hands goal to introduce the parish to non-profit agencies that need our support through prayer and financial assistance. This month we highlight Project Sanctuary.

Project Sanctuary is a non profit organization whose mission is to provide therapeutic, curative, supportive and recreational activities to veterans, active military personnel, their spouses and children in a leisure environment. The mission of the agency is to help service men and women returning from Afghanistan and Iraq come home and reconnect with their families. **When a service person is deployed-a family goes to war.**

Project Sanctuary provides recreational therapy in a supportive environment offering a constructive and unique way for our nation's military personnel to reconnect with loved ones and readjust to life at home. They use diversion therapy techniques through recreation along with classes focused on healthy marriage, finances and parenting. A licensed counselor is available at all times during each retreat. Although the retreats help put families on the path to happier home lives, it is just the first step in a long difficult journey. That is why Project Sanctuary makes a commitment to every family to continually offer support, healing and guidance for at least two years following their retreat.

For additional information on how you can help our returning service women and men through Project Sanctuary please visit their website at www.projectsanctuary.us

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Parker Task Force Collection for February:

Salsa!

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 and we at St. Matthew's have a long standing history of supporting The Parker Task Force. You may bring your donations to church and put them in the basket in the Narthex. ***Thank you! Your donations are greatly appreciated. If you can deliver items to PTF please call Christine @ the office -303-841-0121, or email-office@matthewinparker.com.***

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Save the Date!

St. Matthew's Bonfil's Blood Drive 2011

This year marks the 12th year that many St. Matthew's parishioners have rolled up their sleeves to donate blood to benefit those in need. However, this year our drive will be different. In previous years the Bonfil's annual drives have been scheduled during the Lenten Season, but this year we'll be donating whole blood March 5th, the Saturday before Ash Wednesday with a start time of 10:00 a.m. and going until 2:30 p.m. So, check the recently updated donor guidelines and requirements on the Hearts and Hands bulletin board in the Parish Hall, then see Hearts and Hands representative Susie Chapin following Sunday services beginning February 13th. For additional information contact Susie at 303-841-1789 or dwsjchapin@msn.com. Thanks again for being a part of this important ministry!

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Temptations of the Tapas! **A Newcomers Welcome Event**

Join us **Friday, February 25th, 6:30 p.m.** to welcome our newest St. Matthew's parishioners in an evening of Temptations of the Tapas. This fellowship event will feature tasty tapas (a.k.a. appetizers) and drink, along with opportunities for all parishioners to introduce themselves to the newest St. Matthew's members. Nursery care will be provided for our youngest parishioners; therefore we ask that all who are planning to attend please R.S.V.P. by contacting the church office at 303-841-0121 no later than Wednesday, February 23rd. For additional information or how you may help with this event please contact Susie Chapin at 303-841-1789 or dwsjchapin@msn.com.

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS



Volunteers Needed for Snow Removal

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 1 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 in advance for your help.

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Fundraising Cards from St. Matthew's

Sprouts Cards – Now Available

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

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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.



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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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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. 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.

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St. Matthew's Community Supper

Please join us on Sunday, February 20 from 4-5:30 p.m. in the parish hall for St. Matthew's Community Supper. The menu will be "Soul Food" in celebration of Black History Month. Please watch for more information in the weekly email updates and the Sunday bulletins.

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

February Events

- Feb. 6 1st Sunday Breakfast
Time: 8am to 10:30am
Bring: A dish to share
- Feb. 13 Outreach to Victorian House
Time: 4 to 6pm
- Feb. 20 Introduction to Passion Play
Time: 3 to 5pm
- Feb. 20 Regular Meeting
Time: 5 to 6pm
- Feb. 27 Junk Food Progressive Dinner
Time: 4 to 6:30pm
Bring: \$10.00 to \$15.00
Drivers may be needed for this event

Sunday, January 23 the Youth Group wrote 7 letters to service people and sent out 9 care packages to former Youth Group members who are now in college and we have heard back from 5 of the college students who were very happy to receive the care packages. The Youth Group is working hard to make a difference in the world!

This is a full month of events and all your youth leaders are looking forward to seeing everyone at as many as possible. Please contact Jody at shoec@aol.com or Andrew at Sirsahieb@yahoo.com if you would like to attend or have any questions.

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Summer 2011

Money breakdown for the Mission Trips:

Total cost: High School	\$700.00	Middle School	\$210.00
Deposit:	\$100.00		\$100.00
Church Fundraising:	\$150.00		\$50.00
Group Fundraising:	\$100.00		\$25.00
Youth Mission Fund:	\$150.00		\$10.00
Family:	\$200.00		\$25.00
Total for Family:	\$300.00*		\$125.00*

*Scholarships available for this part. If you need this assistance so that your child can attend please talk to Fr. Michael, Jody Shoemaker or Rob Myers. Money should not be the reason a child does not go.

The Youth Group hopes to raise \$1,500 thru the Pancake Supper and the buying of Shares for the Shareholder Dinner in August.

Please let Jody Shoemaker, shoec@aol.com or Rob Myers, robmyers@comcast.net know if you would like to sign up for the mission trips or have any questions.

Inclement Weather Information

In the event that Douglas County Schools are closed, due to adverse weather conditions the church/office will be closed. This includes the Wednesday morning Eucharist and Bible Study.

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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, 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: Kim DeJong, Jo Evans, Chris Hardy, Samantha Hynes, Wendy Kelly, Dawn Koltiska, Tom McNish, Bruce Siekierski and Curt Wiberg.

Bookkeeper: Christine Greene

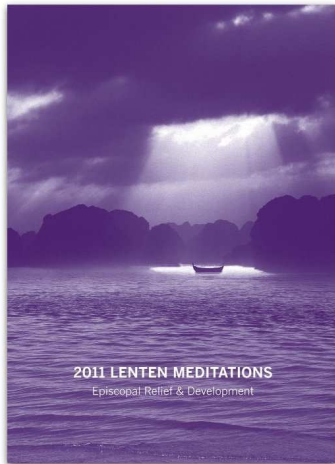
Nursery Staff: Samantha Hynes, Shunila Rae

Thrift Store Manager: Patty Fanning

E-mail: office@matthewinparker.com

Website: www.matthewinparker.com

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Help Episcopal Relief & Development heal a hurting world

The 2011 Lenten Meditations devotional, co-authored by leaders from across the Episcopal Church, offers insights on the daily lectionary readings and how we might apply them in our lives as we face a world in need.

The booklets will be available in the Narthex in time for Lent.

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Mickey Rowcotsky	05
Sara Bernard	05
John Olson	06
Carmen Avelino	06
Gail Patterson	08
Jerry Grabowski	09
Jenna Greene	10
Hayden Hubbs	10
Liz Jankura	11
Violet Strand	11
Scott Gough	12
Joan Machlachlan	13
Tom Rose	14
Tom Clark	15
Sarah Payne	15
Ken Mudge	16
Terry Yaryan	16
Linda Holiday	17
Aja Clement	18
Brenna Newlin	18
Jim Nikkel	19
Paul DeJong	20
Kimberly DeJong	20
Pam Lamb	20
Lisa Ralston	21
Liesl Chapin	21
Lucas Tishkowski	21
Pam Reed	22
Sue Tull	22
Joanne Payne	22
James Conway	23
Susan Gile	24
Jill Jacobs	24
Ed Hauser	25
Victor Rogers	25

Kevin Parker	26
Gillian Hara	26
Whitney Tomlin	27
Jake Shoemaker	27
Jen Buckley	28

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Anniversaries *the* *Month*

Charlie and Karmen Cadwell	10
Dick and Roxanne Amell	14
Micki and Tom Clark	19
Kimberly and Paul DeJong	20
Marsha and Bob Haeflein	23
Laura and Michael Lewis	24
Doug and Susie Chapin	29

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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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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 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	2 9am Eucharist 10am Bible Study	3 7:15 Choir	4 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 6:30pm Bunco	5 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
6 8am & 10:30 Eucharist 9am Fellowship Breakfast	7	8 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 6pm Finance	9 9am Eucharist 10am Bible Study	10 6-8:15pm Girl Scouts 7:15 Choir	11 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop Wedding Rehearsal	12 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 4:30pm Wedding
13 8am & 10:30 Eucharist 4-6pm Youth Group	14 7pm Outreach Meeting 7-9pm DeMolay	15 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 7pm Vestry Meeting	16 9am Eucharist 10am Bible Study	17 9-11 Parker MOM's 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:15 Choir	18 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	19 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 12:30-3:30 DAR
20 8am & 10:30 Eucharist 3-5pm Youth Group 4pm Community Supper	21 10am Prayers & Squares	22 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	23 9am Eucharist 10am Bible Study	24 6-8:15pm Girl Scouts 7:15 Choir	25 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 6:30pm Newcomers Reception	26 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
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