

The Messenger

July 2010



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

May Financial Figures

2010 Budget for pledges Year to date - \$51,000
2010 Actual pledges Year to date - \$39,732
Total revenue year to date - \$74,923 vs. \$88,430 budgeted.
Total expenses year to date - \$90,636 vs. \$94,072 budgeted

Please help us keep our programs and ministries vital and healthy. We are looking at ways to cut expenses and cut back on items that are not absolutely essential, but we don't have much "room" in our budget without sacrificing programs! Thank you for your generosity in making St. Matthew's a place where God's care is given to God's people.

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Vacation Bible School at St. Matthew's – Galactic Blast!

Dear Parents, Grandparents, Friends and Neighbors,

We're inviting all children to be a part of the excitement at our Vacation Bible School, Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!

At Galactic Blast, children will become cadets on the starship Galactic Praise as we learn more about our wonderful, incredible, amazing, magnificent, awesome God.

After a high-energy opening on the Galactic Praise, featuring music, skits, and more, the cadets spacewalk through the Good News Galaxy Exploration Centers. Through Bible stories, children will witness how our mighty

God is at work in the world. Cadets will learn Praise Phrases and Bible Booster memory verses that will boost their faith long after VBS.

The children will expand on what they've learned by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art project at Cosmic Crafts, participating in recreational activities at Rocket Rec, enjoying a healthy light meal at the Astro Bistro, and singing energetic songs to celebrate and praise our awesome God, Creator of this amazing universe.

Come enjoy this cosmic adventure at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Parker, Wednesday July 21st – Saturday July 24th. Wednesday through Friday evenings the program will start with registration/check-in at 5:15 pm, and kids will be ready for pick-up by 8:15 pm. On Saturday, July 24th the program will start at 10:00 am and all are invited to the closing ceremony from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm.

Register now or find out more about Galactic Blast by contacting Laurie Landry, 720-842-4517 (lglandryt@msn.com), the Church Office (303-841-0121), or by visiting our website at www.matthewinparker.com.

Sincerely,
Laurie Landry & Kimberley Hubbs
Co-Directors, VBS 2010

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Altar Flowers

Our 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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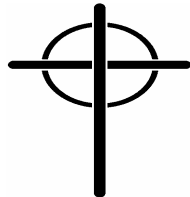
Prayers and Squares

Prayers & Squares regularly meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is **September 20**. Applications for a quilt are available on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Please give your request to Hazel McColley or Patty Fanning. *Prayers & Squares does not meet in the summer, however requests for quilts are still taken.*

"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.

(Bible Study will resume in August)



The Fellowship Team Wants You!

Hello St. Matthew's Parishioners! 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. You can also let Andrea Newlin or Jo Ellen Richardson know if you are interested.

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St. Matthew's Nursery

**Nursery care at 10:30
service only**

Beginning this Sunday 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!

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HEARTS AND HANDS COMMUNITY OUTREACH



LOAVES AND FISHES GOOD SAMARITAN SUNDAY, JULY 11TH

“Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

On Sunday July 11th, just like the Good Samaritan in the well known parable, St. Matthew's has the opportunity to help our “neighbors”, many of which we might never meet or know. On June 27th and July 4th, grocery bags with lists of requested items benefiting Bienvenidos Food Bank and the Women's Crisis Center in Castle Rock will be available for parishioners to take and fill. Return the donated food items by July 11th, so that St. Matthew's Hearts and Hands ministry can deliver the donated items to the recipients. (You may also drop off your bags at the church office Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.)

If you don't have time to shop for the requested items but would still like to contribute, you may make a monetary contribution in the form of a check (made out to St. Matthew's with “Loaves and Fishes in the memo field) or purchase grocery gift cards sold in the parish hall after Sunday services.

For additional information please see Hearts and Hands Ministry members Jo Evans, Karen Wiberg, Wendy Kelly, Margy Malott or Susie Chapin on Sunday mornings.

Remember, we have the chance to “Go and do likewise!” on Sunday July 11th!

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Parker Task Force Collection for July: Bakes/Complete Meals

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. You may put your donations in the basket in the Narthex. ***Thank you! Your donations are greatly appreciated.***

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Habitat for Humanity Needs Legos

“Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver's Women Build program is holding a Lego build fundraising competition in September and we need Legos! If you have Lego-brand Legos, standard size, that your children or grandchildren are no longer using we would love to have them. We will need thousands of Legos for this fundraiser, so we need as much help as possible. If you are able to donate Legos, please email Jill Sladek at WomenBuilders@habitatmetrodenver.org.”

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Volunteers Needed for Lawn Mowing



Thank you to everyone who has signed up! The available dates left are: August 27, September 3, 17, and 24.

A tradition at St. Matthew's has been to have this weekly task performed by members of the congregation. Like snow removal, it's a great way to make a contribution to the maintenance of the church in a behind-the-scenes way.

All of the required equipment is available in the shed, so there is no need to bring your own. The week prior to your mowing duty, you'll receive a reminder e-mail that includes information about the operation of the equipment and specific instructions as to what needs to be done.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Building and Grounds section of the large bulletin board in the Parish Hall. To reserve a weekend and ensure that you will be able to participate in this unique experience at St. Matthew's, act quickly and sign up now! Questions??? Whit Greene (720-851-0997, greenelw@msn.com).

We have a variety of projects currently 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!

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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Fundraising Cards

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 is located at: 7711 S. Parker Rd., Centennial, CO 80016. Click on the link below to go to their website.



When shopping for groceries, gas, or home & garden items please consider purchasing Grocery or Tagawa Garden cards. 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 email her 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!**

JULY EVENTS:

July 9 to July 16 - Mission Trip to Salt Lake City

July 30 - Lock-in at the Clark Barn - Starting time: 7:30pm.

Pick up time: 8:30am on Saturday, August 1

AUGUST EVENTS:

August 8 - Pool Party (Time TBA)

August 11 - Leaders Meeting at Shoemaker's House (Time TBA)

August 22 - Mission Trip Dinner (Time TBA)

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

Any questions email Jody at shoec@aol.com or Andrew at Sisahieb@yahoo.com.

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Join Yvette Matthews in "The Donor Dash"

As some of you might know Yvette Matthews has a liver disease called Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (PSC). This is a disease that narrows the bile ducts and because bile cannot drain properly through the ducts, it accumulates in the liver causing damage to liver cells. Finally, with long-term cell damage, the liver develops cirrhosis (hardening or fibrosis) and it can no longer function properly. Yvette is still waiting to receive a liver from a live donor. Yvette sends the following invitation to her St. Matthew's family:

I'm walking in "The Donor Dash" this year, which is being held on Sunday, July 18th at Washington Park in Denver. Check-in is at 7:00 a.m. This is a 5K walk that honors the lives of organ and tissue donors, celebrates the lives of organ and tissue recipients and recognizes those who continue to wait for a lifesaving transplant. This is a very casual and fun walk and you may bring your pets and children along. I would be honored if anyone from St. Matthew's would like to join me. You can sign up as an individual at the following Web page:

<http://www.donoralliance.org/info-page-52>

**Thank you and bless you,
Yvette Matthews**

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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

Addison Strand	15
Olivia Strand	15
Megan McNish	16
David Rowcotsky	17
Megan Fenton	17
Kelci Newlin	21
Lindy Blackburn	22
Tanner Thompson	23
Dot Yaryan	24
Leslie Vinson	24
Adeel Rae	24
Christine Humphrey	25
Julia Gough	25
John Buckley	26
Heather Avelino	26
Brandon Tamura	26
Conor Haithcoat	26
Doris Elliott	28
Bill Keup	29
Yvette Fonda	29
Jim Joyce	29
Jim Halstead	30

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Kelly Haithcoat	01
Fr. Vern Myers	03
Sheila Brockmeier	04
Shunila Rae	04
Wendy Hauser	05
Hope Rose	05
Judy Falconer	06
Terry Thompson	06
Tom Rucker	07
Brandon Koltiska	08
Peter Ericson	11
Elise Clement	11
Stacey Zeray	12
Rod Chandler	13
Whit Greene	13
Dixie Eckholm	14
Ann Hriso	14

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Anniversaries this Month

Kelly and Ken Haithcoat	01
Rob Williams and Tina Valdez	01
Jo and Tom Evans	02
Kathy and Tom Hynes	02
Bev and Kelly Weathers	02
John and Kris Karge	03
Chuck and Kathy Latham	06
Lee and Patty Fanning	10
Erik and Shelby Glen	10
Rob and Joy Williams	15
Ann and Rick Gurrieri	17
Eric Larson and Teresa Prince	17
Brian and Patti Anderson	19
Victor and Kate Rogers	25
Elizabeth Ericson and Matthew Murphy	28
Chuck and Margy Malott	31

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	2 Open Gate Thrift Shop-Closed	3 9am Women's AA Meeting Open Gate Thrift Shop-Closed
4 8am & 10:30 Eucharist	5	6 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	7 9am Eucharist	8	9 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	10 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
11 8am & 10:30 Eucharist Loaves & Fishes Sunday	12 7pm-Outreach Meeting 7-9pm DeMolay	13 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 6pm Finance	14 9am Eucharist	15	16 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	17 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
18 8am & 10:30 Eucharist	19	20 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 7pm Vestry Meeting	21 9am Eucharist 5:15-8:15pm VBS	22 5:15-8:15pm VBS	23 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 5:15-8:15pm VBS	24 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 10am-1pm VBS
25 8am & 10:30 Eucharist	26 9-11 Parker MOM's 7-9pm DeMolay	27 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	28 9am Eucharist	29	30 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	31 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop