

# The Messenger

March 2010



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

## Thank You & Congratulations On A Successful Giving Campaign!

Your Stewardship Committee wishes to express heartfelt gratitude for your outstanding commitment in support of St. Matthew's and our mission work – we met our goal! Your pledges, given out of love and faith, add up to the \$200,000.00 mark needed to fund our 2010 Ministry Plan!

This financial generosity is a resounding affirmation of your intentional stewardship toward St. Matthew's and our ministries. As a result, we are looking to expand our stewardship program, so we all can learn to live more fully into the will of God for our church.

A primary goal this year is to find meaningful ways to invite more folks into active ministry at St. Matthew's, building on the stewardship gifts of time, talent, as well as treasure. So stay tuned... more information will be coming your way soon!

In the meantime, thank you again for all you do, every day, with all you have, on behalf of our church and our mission. If you have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Thank you and May the Lord's peace be with you,  
Your 2010 Stewardship Team,  
Tom Clark, Jerry Grabowski, & Kandy Halstead

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**Conclusion of the Epiphany Appeal for Haiti**  
**Bishop O'Neill's Epiphany Appeal for Haiti closed on Thursday, February 25 and the Diocese will share the results of this campaign as soon as all the donations are counted. St. Matthew's donated a grand total of \$8030.00! \$6215.00 from parishioners and \$1815.00 from Outreach.**

## Reminder: Wednesday Night Eucharist/ Lenten Program

The Eucharist begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by a soup supper and then a special Lenten program for adults. Elementary age children will meet in the Education building for a separate program. Please join us for all, or just part of this program. All are welcome! If you would like to bring a soup, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the parish hall.

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## Now Available in the Narthex: Lenten Meditation Booklets from Episcopal Relief & Development

Developed by Sister Claire Joy of the Community of the Holy Spirit in New York, the 2010 Lenten Meditations has the theme "Healing ourselves and a hurting world." It will challenge and inspire readers to act on behalf of those in need. Please feel free to take a copy to share with your friends and neighbors.

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## Children's Lenten Program

The Sunday school teachers will again be providing a Children's program during the Wednesday night Lenten series. All elementary age children are invited to attend. We will need adult helpers or teacher to fill in a couple of nights. If you are interested please call Dawn Koltiska 303-667-7919.

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### Adult Lenten Program/Soup Suppers

All adults are invited to attend the 2010 Wednesday night Soup Supper Lenten Program entitled: **The Bible as Our Moral Compass**. The Wednesday night Eucharist begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Soup Supper and Program.

Five Soups and bread/crackers are needed for each Wednesday night. If you would like to bring a soup to share with parishioners please see the sign up sheet in the Parish Hall. The soups need to arrive no later than 5:30 p.m. in the parish kitchen. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Moncier at 720-851-8280, or at [jennifermoncier@comcast.net](mailto:jennifermoncier@comcast.net)

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### Coming in 2010

#### *“What Anglicans Believe”*

This is a short course on how Anglicans interpret scripture, make ethical decisions and talk about God. This course will also demystify all those theological terms such as Incarnation, Salvation, Sin, Redemption, Resurrection, Covenant, Community and Imago Dei. It really is all Greek to me, but fortunately I have the translation. This course is for all interested persons as well as those adults who would like to be confirmed, received or reaffirmed in the Episcopal Church. The dates will be announced in the newsletter.

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### Episcopal Church Women

All women of St. Matthew's: the ECW is your group! Here are some ideas from the January meeting:

March 12th, Bunko hosted by Pat and Linda - more info later.

Some ideas were thrown out for some fun things to do this year with the ladies -

- Hudson Gardens this summer for a concert or two
- Celestial Seasonings tour
- Visit the Stanley Hotel for Halloween
- Scrapbooking weekend

If you want to help organize any of these events, email Sarah and let her know. Also we had a great idea for a family event. We are going to host a spaghetti dinner/bingo Night and raise some money to host a luau this summer for the Youth Group Mission Trip. The dates still need to be confirmed, but the dinner/bingo night will be in spring and the luau will be in the summer.

We are also looking into selling the cookbooks at Parker Days - we would need lots of help with this project!

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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### 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](mailto: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](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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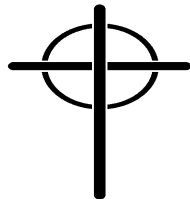
### Prayers and Squares

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 **March 15**. 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, February 7 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Hosted by St. Matthew's Youth Group**

If you are interested in serving on the Fellowship Committee please contact Andrea Newlin at 303-840-8367, or [ok4unme@qwest.net](mailto:ok4unme@qwest.net).

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### HEARTS AND HANDS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

#### Parker Task Force Collection for March: Cookie Mix/Muffin Mix

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:

Since Palm Sunday is on March 28 there will not be a Community Supper in March. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:dwsjchapin@msn.com).

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**Coming Sunday after Ash Wednesday, on February 21<sup>st</sup> the blue UTO boxes will again be made available. They will be collected on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 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."

Please look for your 2010 Blue Box, coming soon.

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### **IT'S NOT TOO LATE...**

If you haven't had the chance to schedule an appointment for the **March 6<sup>th</sup>** annual St. Matthew's Bonfils Lenten Blood Drive it's not too late. Your appointment may be scheduled by calling Susie Chapin at 303-841-1789 or [dwsjchapin@msn.com](mailto:dwsjchapin@msn.com). Remember, each donated pint of whole blood may help up to three patients in need of blood. For additional information please

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contact Hearts and Hands Community Outreach member Susie Chapin at 303-841-1789 or [dwsjchapin@msn.com](mailto:dwsjchapin@msn.com). Thanks for making a difference in the lives of many!

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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](mailto:greenelw@msn.com). Thanks for your help!

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## **Children's Chapel**

Children's Chapel is for all children preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:joyw1965@comcast.net).

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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!**

**March 7- Hosting Fellowship Breakfast**

**March 14- Regular Meeting 4-6 p.m.**

**March 21- Regular Meeting 4-6 p.m.**

**March 28- After Glow Party 4-6 p.m.**

### **Mission Trip Information**

The Pancake Supper was a great success, although we did not raise as much money as last year, we made around \$200 for the Youth Group Mission Trip this summer. That will help with some of the expenses. The support from this parish is wonderful!

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 \$20 per share for the Shareholders supper this summer after the trip. Thank you for supporting the St. Matthew's Youth Group.

Any questions email Jody Shoemaker at [shoec@aol.com](mailto:shoec@aol.com) Rob Myers at [robmyers@comcast.net](mailto:robmyers@comcast.net) ,or Andrew Ericson at [Sisahieb@yahoo.com](mailto:Sisahieb@yahoo.com).

### **St. Matthew's 2010 Directory**

I am currently working on a new St. Matthew's Directory. On Monday, February 22, I sent an email attachment with a draft of the directory and I have posted a hard copy version on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall, as well. The information comes directly from the church database system. Please look at your entry and let me know if you would like to make any changes/corrections/additions. My goal is to have the new directory completed by March 15 and then print it and assemble before Palm Sunday (March 28). So get your changes in soon! Thank you to all who have already responded!

Blessings!

Christine Greene  
Parish Secretary  
(303) 841-0121

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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.

**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](mailto:office@matthewinparker.com)

**Website:** [www.matthewinparker.com](http://www.matthewinparker.com)

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## *Anniversaries this Month*

Jill and Bill Jacobs	04
Judy and Wes Roberts	17
Pam and Roger Reed	18
Carroll and John Isaac	24
Barb and Don Byrne	26
Jim and Mary Nikkel	26

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*Please let us know if we have missing, or incorrect information about you or your family.*

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### **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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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7pm DeMolay	<b>3</b> 9am Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Bible Study	<b>4</b> 7:15pm Choir	<b>5</b> 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop  10-1 Sunlight Transitions	<b>6</b> 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 8:30am-12:30pm Blood Drive
<b>7</b> 8am & 10:30 Eucharist Fellowship Breakfast	<b>8</b>  7-9pm DeMolay  7pm-Outreach Meeting	<b>9</b> 9-11am Explorers  10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop  6pm Finance	<b>10</b> 9am Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Bible Study  7pm Youth Leader Meeting	<b>11</b>  7:15pm Choir	<b>12</b> 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop  10-1 Sunlight Transitions  ECW Bunko Night	<b>13</b> 9am Women's AA Meeting  10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 4pm Mnt. Pine
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