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For additional resources, visit our [Haiti Crisis page](#). To assist those suffering in the wake of this disaster, please consider making an online donation to Episcopal Relief & Development's [Haiti Earthquake Response fund](#) or calling 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to Episcopal Relief & Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. Please write "Haiti Earthquake Response Fund" in the memo of all checks.

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Episcopal Relief & Development's Response to the Haiti Earthquake

Updated March 26, 2010

It is estimated that 1 in 3 Haitians were affected by the January 12 earthquake - roughly 3 million people. The most recent numbers from the Haitian government indicate that the death toll has reached 230,000 people.

In the aftermath of this disaster, Episcopal Relief & Development has been working closely with partners on the ground to assist those most impacted by the crisis and will continue to focus recovery efforts on clean water, food, shelter, education and healthcare.

Moving Forward

As the relief process continues, recovery plans for the next phase are underway. It is expected that together with our partners we will focus on:

- Cash-for-work programs to create economic opportunities for Haitians and rebuild local infrastructure
- Construction of permanent sanitation systems that will benefit more than 9,000 people
- Provision of housing and shelter to those made homeless by the quake
- Stress and trauma counseling for caretakers

Save The Date! Let's Talk Ultimate Stewardship – Planned Giving with Sacred Purpose!



Life can be hectic. While taking care of the day-to-day, we put off planning for the future. But the future won't take care of your loved ones. Only your compassionate planning will make life easier for the

ones you love.

The Colorado Episcopal Foundation is working to provide guidance and tools to help us to plan for the future. Thoughtful, advanced directions will make life easier for those we love and who care for us.

St. Matthew's is planning to host foundation staff and local Episcopal parishes in talking through these matters. The Rev. Stephen Wilson, an ordained Episcopal priest and licensed attorney, will join us to provide a practical and spiritual framework, drawing on both perspectives.

More information will be coming about this workshop, but we want to make sure you have this one on your Calendar! Here are key logistics for this workshop, but please plan to join us! If you have questions in the meantime, please get in touch with Fr. Michael or Kandy Halstead.

Planned Giving Workshop
St. Matthew's – Parish hall
Saturday, June 05, 2010
10:00am – 12:30pm
Lunch included

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NEW BCP/HYMNALS in our PEWS!!

Thank you to all who contributed new BCP and Hymnals during the 2009 "Divine Dessert and Wine" Fundraiser! You can now find many of them in the pews with some of them put back for use in the near future. Many of them were donated in thanksgiving or memory of their loved ones. What a wonderful way to honor them! Thank you to the following families for their generous contributions:

- Rod and Joyce Chandler
- Laurie Landry
- Gina, Elise, Aja, and Drew Clement
- Chuck and Jody Shoemaker
- Kandy Halstead
- Father Michael and Jo Ellen Richardson
- Gerald and Andrea Grabowski
- Margy and Chuck Malott
- Paul and Ann Barnhill
- Walt, Lucy, Jake and Matthew Lord
- Mark and Jennifer Tinsley
- Samantha Hynes
- The Tomlin Family
- Liz Jankura
- Kevin and Linda Parker
- Bill and Bobbi Keup
- The Ulmer Family
- Lynn Jankura
- Ron and Joan Maclachlan
- Marvin and Peggy Brasch

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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?

May 2-No class: Have breakfast together.

May 9-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

We have 3 adults who are being Confirmed/Received at The High Plains Regional Confirmation on Saturday, May 8th at 10:00 a.m. at St. John's Cathedral, Denver. All are welcome to attend.

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Thank You from the Youth Group

The St. Matthew's Youth Group would like to thank the ECW and the parish for raising about \$500 at the Spaghetti



Dinner/Bingo Night. This money will support the youth who are attending a mission trip to Salt Lake City in July. As always, the Youth Group greatly appreciates your support!

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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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Altar Guild of St Matthew's

We are in need of individuals who would love to join the Altar Guild - a behind the scenes group that sets up the altar for Sunday services. Each weekend a team of 3 set up on Saturday and cleans up after the 8am and after the 10:30 services on Sunday. Each person is assigned a service. We are a lot of fun and would love to have you join our group!!! If interested please contact **Barb McNish** at 303-805-2414 or email mcnishcolo@aol.com

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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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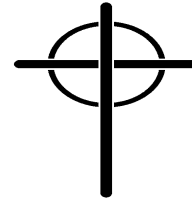
Prayers and Squares

Prayers & Squares regularly meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is **May 17**. 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

Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, May 2 at 9:00 a.m.

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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Help Needed in Thrift Shop

The Thrift Store always has several bags of items to go to The St. Francis Center in Denver. If you would like to help with this ministry, 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

Parker Task Force Collection for May: Fruit Packs/Applesauce Packs

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.**



Parker Task Force- Taking Donations Of Old Cell Phones

If you have some old cell phones bring them to the Parker Task Force locations, or you may drop them off at St. Matthew's. The Task Force will recycle these old working and broken phones and turn them into much needed funds to help our neighbors in need from every neighborhood in Parker. In this struggling economy, the need for food and financial assistance has risen and we can all help.

Share this message with everyone, collect from your neighbors or at work. This is an easy way to help and clear out some drawer space at the same time! Early or late donations will always be taken at the Parker Task Force. Questions? Call 303-841-3460.

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Thank you for your donations to the UTO. A total of \$373.00 was collected in the blue boxes during our 2010 campaign. A little change can go a long way! If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Kelly at 303-646-3931, or trftwh@aol.com.

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We received a pledge card in the mail 2 weeks ago, however there was no name on the card. If you think you might be the one who sent it in, please call Christine at 303-841-0121. Thank you!

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BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Volunteers Needed for Lawn Mowing

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!

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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,

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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!**

May 2 Make and Deliver Flower Arrangements to Victorian House- 4 to 6 pm.

June 6 Castlewood Canyon Family BBQ- 12:30 to 3 pm.

Youth Group Family BBQ

The Youth Group will celebrate another year together and welcome new members with a family BBQ at Castlewood Canyon. We will meet at the State Park after the 10:30 service for fun, food and fellowship from 12:30 to 3 pm. The Youth Group will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and pop, we will ask the families attending to provide a side dish to pass or a dessert. This event is open to youth attending 6th grade in the fall and all present

and past members. Please let us know if you plan on attending. Email Jody (shoec@aol.com), Andrew (Sirsahieb@yahoo.com) or Stephanie (sjschneider2008@comcast.net) if you can come.

Mission Trip Information

We have 4 youth and 3 adult leaders from St. Matthew's going on the mission trip to Salt Lake City in July. You may support this mission by buying SLC Shares. The cost for 1 share is \$10, (children are free) which entitles you to attend a shareholder dinner on August 22, 2010 prepared by the mission trip attendees. Following the dinner, a presentation will be given to share the accomplishments of the mission trip and how it made a difference in the lives of others. We will be selling shares during the 1st Sunday Breakfasts through July.

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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All Parish Pentecost Potluck and BBQ

Please join the Sunday school in making **Pentecost Sunday** a celebration. After the 2nd service on **May 23** join us for a potluck BBQ. Hamburgers, brats and hotdogs will be provided and there is a sign up sheet in the parish hall listing other items we will need. Don't forget to wear red and feel the spirit move in each of us. If you have questions please ask any of the Sunday school teachers or call Dawn Koltiska at 303-667-7919.

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Want Ads: Church Technology!



We need your help! There are two items St. Matthew's is greatly in need of. If you should run across either of these items and are interested in donating, please contact Fr. Michael or Christine Greene in the parish office!

Computer Tower

The current desktop in the church office is limited in its capacity to handle the amount of e-mail and parish communications traffic coming through. A newer desktop is needed that can provide speed, memory, and the ability to work with modern peripherals. **Note:** only the tower is needed – monitor, printer, etc. are currently fine!

LCD Projector

St. Matthew's is currently unable to accommodate quality presentations requiring projection. We could really use one of these so our education and other groups can add media to the experience!

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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

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Fr. Vern is in need of a stationary bicycle-just a simple one without all the "bells and whistles." If you have one, or know a good place to buy one please give him a call at 303-840-1702. **Thank you!**

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Doug Chapin	24
Danielle Richardson	24
Tia Thompson	25
Kelsey Reed	26
Kipper de Gavre	27
Lynn Jankura	27
Erika Zessin	27
Patricia Hardy	28
Greg Tishkowski	31
Peter Berg	31

Ken Haithcoat	01
Megan Koltiska	02
Sabrina Pippin	02
Aazer Rae	04
Keara Murphy	04
Suzana Williams	05
Greg Hriso	06
Barb McNish	07
Mark Allen	07
Chad Pippin	07
Ethan Parker	07
Hayden Zeray	07
Steve Tull	08
Carroll Isaac	09
Jeannie Ferris	09
Charles Cadwell	10
Bruce Van Zandt	10
Ann Gurrieri	11
Bruce Siekierski	11
Matthew Murphy	11
Diane Trueblood	13
Ethan Anderson	13
Melissa Ball	14
Will Frakes	16
Bryan Bernard	16
Kyle Kern	17
Carolyn Smith	18
Roger Reed	18
Barbara Cowger	19
Margy Malott	21
Madison Nikkel	21
Aaneer Rae	21
Jim Kling	23

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Anniversaries
this
Month

Leona and Tom Lonberger	02
Greg and Natalie Tishkowski	05
Jim and Raleigh Joyce	10
Jim and Kandy Halstead	12
Anita and Tom Bell	13
Chad and Robin Pippin	15
Chris and Patricia Hardy	21
Bruce and Sarah Siekierski	21
Steve and Sue Tull	22
Terry and Todd Thompson	23
Dana and Todd Morgan	27
Brandon and Patsy Stewart	27
Marvin and Peggy Brasch	31

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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 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 10am Piano Recital
2 8am & 10:30 Eucharist Fellowship Breakfast 4-6pm Youth Group	3	4 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop	5 9am Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Bible Study	6 7:15pm Choir	7 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 10-1 Sunlight Transitions	8 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 10am Confirmation @ St. John's Cathedral
9 8am & 10:30 Eucharist	10 7pm-Outreach Meeting 7-9pm DeMolay	11 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 6pm Finance	12 9am Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Bible Study	13 7:15pm Choir	14 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 10-1 Sunlight Transitions	15 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 12:30-3:30pm DAR
16 8am & 10:30 Eucharist	17 10am Prayers & Squares	18 9-11am Explorers 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 7pm Vestry Meeting	19 9am Eucharist 9:45 a.m. Bible Study	20 7:15pm Choir	21 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop 10-1 Sunlight Transitions	22 9am Women's AA Meeting 10-3 Open Gate Thrift Shop
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