

**THE CHANNEL      NOVEMBER 2010**

**St. Matthias' Episcopal Church**

**11300 W. Huguenot Road, Midlothian, VA 23113**

**272-8588**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

by Walter Rauschenbusch

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home;  
For the wide sky and the blessed sun,  
For the salt sea and the running water,  
For the everlasting hills  
And the never-resting winds,  
For trees and the common grass underfoot.  
We thank you for our senses  
By which we hear the songs of birds,  
And see the splendor of the summer fields,  
And taste of the autumn fruits,  
And rejoice in the feel of the snow,  
And smell the breath of the spring.  
Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;  
And save our souls from being so blind  
That we pass unseeing  
When even the common thornbush  
Is aflame with your glory,  
O God our creator,  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

From *[Living God's Justice: Reflections and Prayers](#)*,

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## **JOHN'S JOTTINGS**

As we enter the month of November, we can be grateful for many things:

Our mortgage has been paid off;  
Our buildings and grounds are in terrific condition;  
The Pig Roast on October 3<sup>rd</sup> was a great success;  
The Stewardship Committee is doing a wonderful job for our Annual Campaign;  
The Progressive Dinner went extremely well;  
Monday and Wednesday Kerygma classes are well attended;  
Wednesday night EFM class is up and running at St. Matthias;  
Children's Sunday School classrooms are full;  
Rite 13, J2A and YAC classrooms are CHOCKERBLOCK FULL;  
Music Ministries at both services are growing (we will soon hear from our new Children's Choir!!);  
Our Next Step budget and Outreach programs are in excellent shape;  
Participation in the Walk to Find the Cure for ALS was outstanding...

The list goes on and on. What is apparent is that we have many things for which to be thankful at St. Matthias. In November we will have an important fellowship event on the night of Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. The Rite 13 Youth Group will be going to St. Martin's Church in Williamsburg for a Lock-In. We are scheduling baptisms for November 13<sup>th</sup>. In short, Thanksgiving is a year long event if you are a member of our congregation!!!

In the face of so many programs, it is important that we have a fully funded budget for the upcoming year (i.e. 2011). John Smith and the members of the Stewardship Commission join with me in urging each and every one of you to complete your pledge card and make sure it is sent to St. Matthias. Our current financial situation is a healthy one, and we need to keep it that way. You will hear reports from various parishioners throughout the month of November at both services on "Stewardship at St. Matthias."

If you have already made your pledge to the church for 2011, thank you; if you have not yet sent in your pledge card, we ask that you do so after you have prayed about it.

I have every confidence that our congregation will continue to support the good works that are being done at St. Matthias in the name of Jesus Christ...

Shalom,

John



**Thanksgiving Idea #1 - A Thanksgiving Story:**

Set aside a few moments on Thanksgiving Day to sit down and read a Thanksgiving story. You can read it alone or together with your family.



## *Light the Fire*

### St. Matthias' 2011 Stewardship Campaign

The Pledge Campaign is the one time each year we call upon you to consider your support of St Matthias' programs, ministries, administration, and buildings and grounds. The strength of any organization is measured by the extent to which its members join together for the common good.

#### ◆ **Campaign Goals**

- ◆ Pledged support from 100% of St. Matthias' Families
- ◆ Pledged support for 100% of the 2011 Budget
- ◆ \$475,000 Minimum pledged for Operational Budget
- ◆ \$60,000 minimum pledged for Next Step Programs

We are blessed with a growing – and caring – congregation. We are building a warm, Christian community that reaches out to others.

- *Welcoming all seeking a church home;*
- *Offering quality programs and opportunities for ministry for people of all ages; and*
- *Deepening our relationship to Jesus through Christian service to others.*

<b>What Your Gift Means to St Matthias'</b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>
Christian Education-Children & Youth	9.0 %
Buildings and Grounds	28.8 %
Diocesan Assessment	6.2 %
Worship/Music	12.5 %
Administrative/Financial	17.5 %
Parish Life & Commissions	26.0 %

100% of the Next Step Budget is used for Outreach Programs

Our Stewardship Campaign will come to a close November 30th, but please do not wait to make your pledge! We are grateful for your ongoing support.

Once again it is that time of year when we are asked to pledge of our treasure to St. Matthias'. Pledging is a very important part of being a Christian. It is a visible sign of thanks for the many blessings God has showered upon us. It is also the only way the Vestry can formulate an accurate budget for the church operations. Please pledge!

At St. Matthias', we are asked to make two separate pledges, but this year on one card. One pledge is, of course, for the operating budget for the church. The other is for the Next Step in Mission Fund. This is a restricted fund whose monies go directly into the community to help those who are less fortunate. On a global level, the 2010 budget helped Lesana Community Development, our own Imy Burnett's project to rebuild her family's village of Mambo, Sierra Leone. On a local level, Next Step gave donations to Habitat for Humanity, CARITAS, Crossover Ministries, Love of Jesus Clinic, CCHASM, the Healing Place, Chesterfield Christmas Mother, Elderhomes, and many others. The entire list can be seen on the Outreach Bulletin Board.

Every penny donated to Next Step goes directly into the community. Input from the congregation is welcome. As John said in his sermon on October 17, pledging to Next Step is the right thing to do and the Christian thing to do. Please pledge to both the operating budget and to Next Step.

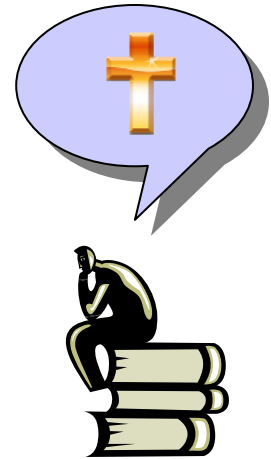
# Adult Education: May we pull out a chair for YOU!?

Early attendance of St. Matthias' Adult Education program has been very exciting and we have been blessed with excellent presentations on "Developing Your Faith" and a two-part "Introduction to the Koran." There is still room for you to join your fellow congregators - you may just win the surprise attendance prize!

The program is an *interactive* educational experience where members discuss current events and everyday life challenges that present Christians with opportunities to explore and deepen their faith, have a positive impact on their community. This is also a fantastic fellowship opportunity to develop stronger relationships at St. Matthias. Members from both services interact on a regular basis and discussions are expected to be lively opportunities to share life and faith experiences, opinions, and ask tough questions in a courteous and respectful environment.

Topic discussions are led by members of St. Matthias and outside experts. Remaining programs before the Christmas break include: Learn to Listen to Teens, the Meaning of Thanksgiving, How to Handle Holiday Stress and an exploration of Christmas Seasonal Hymns.

Grab some coffee from the commons area and join the discussion in Morrison Hall at 10:10 on Sunday.



## Adult Education Schedule

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Topic</u>
October 31	Trick or Treat? - (TC)
November 7	Learn to Listen to Teens - (TC)
November 14	The Meaning of Thanksgiving
November 21	No Program - Church Brunch
November 28	No Program - Advent Wreath Making
December 5	Handling Holiday Stress
December 12	Reflection on Seasonal Hymn #1 - (TC)
December 19	Reflection on Seasonal Hymn #2 - (TC)
December 26	No Program - (Boxing Day)

\*(TC) - Source material from The Thoughtful Christian

All questions, comments and cookies (especially chocolate chip) are welcome. If you have new topic ideas, please let one of the Adult Education Commission members know what topic of interest you would love to lead... or learn about! Contact Valerie Doebler (379-1265), Jeremy Kirkland (363-1341), or Chip Thompson (379-2295).

### **Thanksgiving Idea #2 - A Thanksgiving Poem or Prayer:**

Take on the family project of writing a Thanksgiving poem or prayer together.

## NAME TAG UPDATE

Thanks to all for the terrific response to our Name Tag Blitz - we have made over 150 name tags in the last four weeks! And parishioners are wearing them, helping us to live up to being a warm and welcoming church. If you don't have yours yet, name tag request forms are on the table in the hallway by the bulletin boards (this is also the pick-up location for newly made name tags).

For your guests and visitors – or if you've forgotten yours - there will always be stick-on name tags available in the Narthex and also at the name tag table.

Thanks again – we're on our way to becoming like Cheers (where everybody knows your name!).

Membership Commission

## CCHASM Thanksgiving

**Thanksgiving bags** are available in the Narthex and the Commons

CCHASM Thanksgiving meal grocery bags with complete listing of food items will be distributed on Sunday October 24th and October 31st. **THEY NEED TO BE RETURNED BY NOVEMBER 14TH.**

Food Gift Cards for perishable items will be \$15.00. Make checks out to CCHASM and designate on the memo line: Thanksgiving Gift Card  
**DO NOT PLACE CHECK IN THE GROCERY BAG.** A basket for the checks will be provided in the Narthex.

Checks can be mailed to: CCHASM, PO Box 1741, Chesterfield, VA 23832 by November 1, 2010.

**CCHASM – Chesterfield Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry**

**HUNGER NEVER CELEBRATES.** CCHASM's goal this year is to provide gift packages to 2000 area residents. Your tax deductible donation will be greatly welcomed and may be sent to CCHASM, PO Box 1741, Chesterfield, VA 23832. If you have any questions, please call Carole Messenger at 272-5350 or Phoebe Winters at 330-8745.

## CARITAS

January 15-21, 2011. Each January St. Matthias has made many families feel especially welcome here. Katherine Martin needs a co-ordinator for the 2011 week. Since there are already daily coordinators in place, it is not a big job. Please contact Katherine if you can help. (794-1570)

**\*\*Youth News\*\***

First of all, I would like to thank the entire St. Matthias congregation for welcoming me on this new endeavor as Youth Director and for supporting our youth by freely giving your time, talent, and financial resources. Thank you all for allowing me to serve at St. Matthias, I truly feel blessed to have found such a wonderful church home.

The youth are off to a brilliant start this year. Sunday school attendance has been steadily high, we are fortunate to have enthusiastic youth mentors. I would like to introduce our youth leaders: Rite 13- Mary and Tim Pearell and Lisa Rose. J2A- Laura Duke, Bob Franklin, and Bill Oglesby. YAC- Lindsay and Seth Kistner, Todd Ramkey, and Angela Bach. All of the leaders have dedicated a tremendous amount of their time to ensure a healthy youth program as well as one that the members of St. Matthias can continue to see grow.

We have many activities planned for the fall, and I'm working on overnight trips for all the groups this upcoming spring. Please check out our facebook page, St. Matthias Youth Ministries, for the complete fall calendar of events. Chaperones and hosts are still needed, please volunteer.

In Loving Service,

Allison



**LIGHT THE FIRE**

### Thanksgiving Idea #3 - A Thanksgiving Bible Verse:

Ask each family member to read a favorite Bible verse before the Thanksgiving meal.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### "THUMBS UP"

To:

Vicki Kirtley - Goliath Artwork  
Eli Nicola - Our Phantom Dollar Store Guru  
John McVickar - making certain every child is counted each Sunday  
Darius Firestone - 3-D photo boards found on display in the Commons Area  
Cheryl Boone - "Official" birthday card organizer.

### ALS CHILDREN'S WALK/RUN

A Beautiful day in the Neighborhood Of Oak Park  
Children, Youth, and Adults walked or ran 1.5 miles to raise awareness for the dreaded disease of ALS.  
\$200 from T-shirt sales was donated.

First to cross the finish line was:

**Speedy Ben Pfautz**

2<sup>nd</sup> to cross, following closely on Ben's heels, was

**Alex Reinhardt**

**Caroline Tyler** came flying across first among the girls with **Alexa Fiske** giving her all to cross next!!

Other prize winners include:

Youngest Participants:

**Tucker Kirtley** and **Mia Watkins**

Spirit Award:

Wearing most Green to match her Shirt:

**Ellery McElhinney**

## "KUDOS"

To:

Bill Van Arnam, and Eli Nicola:  
Providing and selling ALS Angel shirts  
The wonderful angel T-shirts were designed by Bill's daughter Cheryl

Course set -up, posters and Prize donations:  
Candace, Wilbur And Madison Haske:

Prize donations and refreshments:  
Susan Pfautz, Eli Nicola

Award Certificate Design and Copy:  
Connor McNeer and Laura Hewitt

Course Marshals:

Patrick McElhinney and his Dad,  
Neil Jackson, John Goodreau, Connor McNeer,  
Bill VanArnam, Jason Fiske

"Official" Photographer:  
Candace Haske

Course Buddies:  
Middle and High School Youth

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!



**Thanksgiving Idea #4 - A Thanksgiving Memory:**

During Thanksgiving dinner, ask each family member to share a favorite Thanksgiving memory.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>:

During Sunday School  
Biblical Character Sunday

Dress -up as a biblical character, animal from the ark, fisher of men, Joseph, Moses etc, Angel, Star, Something from the Creation etc.

Games: Bible Cake Walk, etc

Kay Gray will be with us to work on something for our Meals on Wheels Friends

NOVEMBER 7TH 2:45- 5:15 pm  
4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

Hiking along the James and campfire roasting hot dogs and making s'mores

We'll meet in the parking lot of St. Matthias' at 2:45 to carpool.

Parents welcome to join us!!

NOVEMBER 17TH 5:45—7:45 pm  
(Wednesday)

INTERGENERATIONAL FAMILY NIGHT  
"We give Thanks"

Dinner and activities for everyone!!

NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

FIELD TRIP TO SEE THE PRODUCTION  
OF

"CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG"  
PERFORMED BY CHILDREN'S YOUTH  
THEATER

3:00 pm

At

THE STEWARD SCHOOL

(Sue Ann has a few reserved tickets to purchase, please contact her to learn more)

## GIVING THANKS

We are truly blessed with amazing children and Sunday School teachers at St. Matthias'  
Please remember them in your prayers.

### GODLY PLAY:

LAURA BOUCHER, BETH JOHNSTON,  
ROSANNA SMITH AND SUE ANN  
MCNEER

KINDERGARTEN AND FIRST GRADE:  
TAMMY REINHARDT AND SUSAN MORRISON

SECOND AND THIRD GRADE:  
NANCY ISENBERG AND BECKY ZIMMERMAN

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE:  
PATRICK MCELHINNEY, AND JANE  
MENDENHALL

### RITE 13:

LISA ROSE , MARY AND TIM PEARRELL

### J2A:

LAURA DUKE, BOB FRANKLIN, AND BILL  
OGLESBY

### YAC:

ANGELA BACH, TODD RAMKEY, SETH



Thanksgiving Idea #5 - A Thanksgiving Blessing

Invite a friend, single person or someone who is lonely to share in your family Thanksgiving meal.

## THE MICAH INITIATIVE

The Micah Initiative is a partnership program between churches, synagogues, mosques and other communities of faith in metropolitan Richmond and the Richmond Public Schools for the purpose of supporting the education and the nurture of the children of Richmond.

The Micah Initiative got off to a rousing start this year with a kick-off program at Richmond Hill. For the last four years we at St. Matthias have sponsored Clark Springs Elementary School in Oregon Hill. This coming year will be even more challenging as the Richmond Board of Education has combined Clarke spring and Maymont School due to budget needs.

Before we start our new year, I would like to give a “tip of the hat” to the wonderful volunteers from last year. These special men and women gave of their time and talents and were always ready to do whatever I asked: baking goodies, buying gifts for the children, serving at parties. You name it, they did it and did so willingly. Some of them will not be able to volunteer this year for various reasons but I can never thank them enough for what they did.

This year as I said, will be a challenging one but one we’re looking forward to. We have several new volunteers coming aboard along with many from last year. We are set to go and look forward to the year ahead.

Please know that although these wonderful people are your representatives and greatly appreciated, you at St. Matthias are free to help in any way possible: a drive for school supplies, a donation of books or any other way you can think of to help these great kids at Clark Springs & Maymont. We as a church are sponsoring this inner city school so lets show we are behind them.

Your Micah representative, Janice Dial

### **How important is this?**

There is no more important need in our community than the education and nurture of our children. The schools in our most distressed neighborhoods do not have the resources to do this by themselves. Our children’s need is a call from God to those of us who can answer. And what does the Lord require of us, but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God?

#### **Thanksgiving Idea #6 - A Thanksgiving Offering:**

Prepare a Thanksgiving offering to give to a needy family or one of your favorite charities.



*A Veteran's Day Prayer*  
by [Rev. Scott Elliott](#)

Good and loving God we are gathered here today on the eleventh day of the eleventh month. It is the traditional day for Veteran's Day and our thoughts are of the women and men who have served our nation in times of war and truce. We stand before you grateful for the dedication of these heroes who have lived and died, suffered and cried and stood with pride on ship, battlefield and parade ground.

We ask that these women and men experience your healing and comforting presence for the wounds they have known and still know, for the losses they have endured and always will endure. We also ask that your healing and comforting presence be experienced by the families and loved ones who have suffered with them and who have had to endure living without them.

We especially ask that your presence be experienced by the veterans of tomorrow, those soldiers and sailors who are in harm's way today. Please, gracious God, guide them to safety, guide them to justice and righteousness in even the toughest of conditions. Bring them home to their families and loved ones. Comfort those families and loved ones, and teach us how we might help them with their troubles and be your compassionate presence to them as they experience anxiousness, anguish and the loneliness and pain that comes with the knowns and unknowns of war.

Finally, God, for veterans, for all who are in the service, for America, for the world, we pray for peace. Lead the leaders of the world to the day when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; [to a day when] nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more" (Isa 2:4).

We long for your peace, for your shalom.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

**PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY**

*Prayers are asked for:*

**Quint Street**; Linda Hudgen's daughter-in-law, **Janet**, Beth Johnson-Franklin's sister, **Susan**; Mary Boynton's sister, **Agnes**; Joanne Brother's friend, **Frank**; **Linda** Butts; Laura and David Duke's friend, **Brittany**; **John** Goodreau; Julie Noyes' mother-in-law **Betsy** Noyes and sister-in-law, **Pam** Blumberg; **Donald** Dixon; **Jim** Brothers; Laura Blackburn's mother, **Freddie** Briste; Margaret Kolster's brother, **Steve**; the Jefferson family friend, **Sylvia** Berking; **Helen** Miller; Ande Anderson's niece, **Debbie**; Carole Messenger's friend, **Nicole**; **George** Patnelli; **Elliott** Woodaman; **John** McVickar; Henry family friend, **Laura**; Carrie Deane's friend, **Mary Leath** Barry; Judy Radford's son, **Michael** John; Carole Messenger's friends, **Marilyn**, **Ronnie** and **Bill**; Lou Montgomery's godson, **Chris**; Bill Van Arnam family member, **Gretchen**; Merriann Clark's daughter, **Deanna**; Maxine Livesay's brother, **Robert**; Libba Wynne's mother, **Angie**; Karen Crawford's mother, **Catherine**; **Gary** Hershner; **Dot** Worsham; Camille & Mike Archie's daughter, **Lisa**.

We give thanks for the birth of: **Charles Otto** Montgomery, grandson of Lou and Monte



We also pray for those serving in the military: **Robbie** Fitch, **Richard** Dabkowski, **Michael** Stuart Handlan, **Eric** Morton, **Nat** Williams, **Kyle** Brengel, **Brittney** Brengel, **Nancy** Brothers, **Jeremy** White, **James** Mason, **Greg** Cross, **Joshua** Wootten, **Andy** Smith, **Clarence** Tomblin, **Wilson** Nance, **Rick** Gilley, **Ryan** Thompson, **William** Bailey, and **Ryan** Sharpe.

**Thanksgiving Idea #7 - A Thanksgiving Adoption:**  
Adopt a family at Thanksgiving by providing their Thanksgiving meal or groceries

## Thank You's Thank You's

From Linda and Mac Butts

Please send our deep appreciation and gratitude to the wonderful family of St. Matthias whose support and prayers lift these moments of fear and despair to moments of joy and grace in the love of God through our community at St. Matthias.

### We give thanks for:

The birth of Charles Otto Montgomery, son of Tom and Linda Montgomery, Charlotte, N. C. and grandson of Monte and Lou Montgomery.

### Congratulations to:

Bob Parker for his induction into

The Virginia Blood Service

**Society of 100.** Bob has given over 107 times.



Make your own napkin rings using this template from:

<http://familycrafts.about.com/library/projects/blthcornunring.htm>



## Welcome Welcome

We welcome the following members to our church family!

**Christopher Supino**

**Darius and Kay Firestone**

**Gretchen Pierce**

**Caroline, Coleman, Jarrett & Christopher Sweeney**

**Ervin, Mary Ann, Sarah, Ann, Sam and Kate Reid**

**Rodger and Renay Hardy**

**Ed Mendenhall**

### We celebrate the marriages of:

Jane Walker & John Wilson

Katie Patrizio and Trent Davis and

Sharon Hutcheson and Earl Bishop

# Pig Roast 2010.



## A Huge THANK YOU

Another St. Matthias Pig Roast is behind us. It was a huge success thanks to the efforts of so many volunteers.

Our St. Matthias chefs did a fabulous job with the food preparation. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the BBQ, gumbo, hot dogs and all the sides. THANK YOU chefs for all your hard work and time given so generously and lovingly.



A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME TO ENJOY THE EVENT.

WE HOPE YOU HAD A MEMORABLE AFTERNOON AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL OF YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR.



## Troop 1829 Scout Corner

*By Chris Greatwood Troop Charter Organization Representative*

This fall the Troop is heavily involved in community service in addition to all the great trips planned as part of the school year. We have some great service opportunities and always have a great turn out of Scouts and leaders.

- Service Weekend Camp Brady Saunders – the Heart of Virginia Council is blessed with a fantastic Scout camp in Goochland County. To help keep the facility in good shape year round, the Troop sent a group of Scouts and leaders to work on clearing and maintaining the grounds.

- Operation Pumpkin Huguenot United Methodist Church – as the St. Matthias' celebrates the mortgage burning we remember a time during building construction when there was no place for the Troop to meet. Huguenot UMC graciously offered their facility during the interim and in gratitude the Troop unloads pumpkins, over 1300 of them, from a tractor trailer to support their fall fundraiser.



- Adopt-A-Highway – wonder how all the trash along Huguenot Road from the turnpike north gets cleaned? The Troop has a clean up once a quarter – rain or shine. This may not seem like the most fun of events, but the Scouts find plenty of “trail booty” to keep it interesting. Past popular items included \$180 in new \$20 bills, CDs and cassette tapes, and campaign posters and signs – “Porn & Pancakes” is now a collector’s item. It’s amazing what items magically appear along the road.



- Eagle Project Outdoor Altar – The Miller family moved to North Carolina several years ago, but their son Robert continued with the troop and recently completed his Eagle Project. Congratulations to the Miller Family and Robert on this achievement and we look forward to his Eagle Ceremony.

- Scouting For Food – soon grocery bags will be dropped off at your house and collected the following week. This food collection drive provides the major source of food for the Central Virginia Food Bank. Support your Troop and community by filling your bag early and putting it out on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Matthias' Episcopal Church**

**Ministers: All Baptized Members**

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**Directories with phone numbers & emails are available in the Commons**

**Staff**

The Rev. Dr. John P. Boucher Rector  
 John Murdock Director of Music  
 Sue Ann McNeer Director of Children's Ministries  
 Allison Bruce Director of Youth Ministries  
 Marilyn Kirkpatrick Parish Administrator  
 Diane Murphy Membership/ Record Secretary

**Vestry**

Suzie Thompson, Senior Warden  
 Lenny Anderson, Junior Warden  
 Ned Armstrong Jason Fiske  
 John Goodreau Ann Hawkins  
 George Snavely Jennifer Street  
 Bill Stout

**Parish Officers**

Finance Buck Fournoy  
 Treasurer Linda Brooks  
 Asst. Treasurer Morris Walton  
 Pledge Treasurer Diane Murphy  
 Recording Secretary M. Kirkpatrick

**Commissioners**

Adult Education Valerie Doebler,  
 Jeremy Kirkland, Chip Thompson  
 Building & Grounds Jerry Buckner  
 Aided by Don's spirit  
 Communications Scott Street  
 Fellowship Meg Griffin  
 Membership Laura Davis  
 and Lou Montgomery  
 Outreach Jane Griffin  
 Pastoral Care Lil Jefferson  
 Stewardship John Smith  
 Worship John Boucher  
 Youth Allison Bruce

**Group Leaders / Contacts**

Acolytes Donald C. Williams  
 Acolyte Scheduler Kim Vandeweghe  
 Acolyte Robe Keeper Nell Turnbull  
 Altar Guild Amenta Buckner  
 Kathleen Nowicki  
 CCHASM Carole Messenger  
 Phoebe Winter  
 Children's Liturgy Sue Ann McNeer  
 Church School Tammy Reinhardt  
 Cursillo Debbie Vance  
 EFM (Ed. for Ministry) Valerie Doebler  
 Habitat for Humanity Jack Ayres  
 Healing Ministry Brian King  
 KAIROS Russ Leonard  
 Kerygma (Day) Anne Gavin, Mary Boynton  
 Kerygma (Night) Merriann Clark  
 Lay Eucharistic Ministers Bill Oglesby  
 Men's Group Mark Swenson  
 Music Ministry John Murdock  
 Nursery Sue Ann McNeer  
 Pastoral Meals Lil Jefferson  
 Prayer Chain Regan Westra  
 Shelter Feeding Diane Murphy  
 Supper Groups Jackie McCullough  
 Ushers Jonathan Hawkins  
 Rite 13 Mary & Tim Pearrell, Lisa Rose  
 J2A Laura Duke, Bill  
 Oglesby, Bob Franklin  
 YAC Lindsey & Seth  
 Kistner, Todd Ramkey, Angela Bach  
 Diocesan Liaison Gary Hershner



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

1 – Philip Froelich - Amanda Lindsey  
 2 – Jackson Larkin  
 3 – Terri Porado (Anderson)– Vivian Gambino  
 4 – Ande Anderson - Matt Fournoy - Cheryl Lindsey  
 5—Julia O'Brien—John Smith  
 6 – Jessica Oglesby - David Todd - D.J. Williams—Maxine Livesay  
 7 – Daryl Brooks – Matthew Fox - Alison Whitehead—Joseph Tantillo  
 8 – Jeff Johns  
 9 – Emily Fallin – Tom Padgett – Dorian Page – Leon Phillips – Marilyn Swenson—Jed Foster  
 10 – Toby Lee - Bailey Murphy – Kristin Rider  
 11 – Jordan Fox - Jacob West  
 12 – Zoe Blackwell – Paul Fallon - Elizabeth Garnett (Blackwell) - Chelsea Tomko  
 13 –Linda Brooks – Thomas Morris  
 14 – Lynne Dale - Caitlin Farrell – Robin Odom – Kayla Shepard – Will Dossick  
 15 – Elizabeth Buckner, Pat Pennington  
 16 – Samantha Copeland - Tim Pearrell  
 17 – Jonathan Hawkins – Claudia Reinhardt – Orlando Vaughan—Kriston Feldpausch  
 18 – Daniel Counoupas - Jennifer Williamson  
 19 – Lawson Cross - Gerry Noell – Kate Zachry (Fournoy) - Sue Ann McNeer  
 20 – Mitchell Davis - Bud Rasmussen—Benjamin Pfautz  
 21 – Carole Messenger – James Morsch  
 22 – Joshua Campbell – Will Giles - Linda Hudgens – Betsy Hunroe – Crista Armstrong—Meredith McElhinney  
 23 – Stella Seales—Will Giles  
 25 – Debbie Atkinson - Donna Case - Cameron Hawkins – Neaza & Abu Rusinko (C. Messenger)  
 26 – Katie Peters, Larry Cardwell  
 27 – Vernon Snipes  
 28 – Colby Campbell  
 29 – Katherine Martin – Dan Westra

## Spiritual Formation at St. Matthias

### *Through Men's Group*

Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m.

### *Through Kerygma*

Evening and morning studies

(Kerygma: a Greek word meaning "preaching" or "word proclaimed" is an adult learning community which serves a broad ecumenical constituency.)

Wednesday morning Kerygma at 10 a.m..

The Monday Night Kerygma at 7 p.m.

### *Through Adult Topics*

October 31 Trick or Treat? - (TC)

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## ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMMUNITY

### ECW's Time For Reflection

**November 13**

The Diocesan ECW Prayer and Worship Department will hold its annual TIME FOR REFLECTION on Saturday, **November 13th, 2010**. Two events will be held simultaneously at Christ & Grace, Petersburg and St. Stephen's, Newport News. The theme for the day is KNOW, PRAY, LOVE : How Your Personality Affects the Way You Pray. Facilitating the events are Juanita Teschner at Christ and Grace and Wendy Wilkinson at St. Stephen's. Registration materials are set to arrive in mid-September. For more information, contact Becky Winn, Prayer and Worship chair, at [winn-sathome@gmail.com](mailto:winn-sathome@gmail.com)

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE BEGINNING OF ADVENT

### ADVENT WREATHS on November 28 Other Advent offerings:

**December 11 at St. Matthias.** Advent Retreat



### ADVENT RETREAT

At St. Matthias'

"The Dream of the Earth"

Saturday, December 11th

From 9 a.m. until noon

The focus of our Advent Retreat will be the earth-centered theology of Thomas Berry, a 20th Century American Geologist whose passion was a love of the cosmos and a commitment to helping people take responsibility to care for God's creation. Berry was a deeply spiritual scientist, a visionary, whose prophetic work holds a vitally important message for all of us. Please join us and Sister Angela Lyndon, PHD, from the Thomas Berry Educational Center in Powhatan to learn and to be inspired.

A SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE IN  
THE COMMONS DURING THE  
MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

This retreat is a gift; there is no cost to attend.

Saint Matthias Episcopal Church  
November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>31</b></p>  <p><b>Halloween</b></p> <p>8:45 am - 9:45 am HOLY EUCHARIST</p> <p>11 am - 12 pm HOLY EUCHARIST</p> <p>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA/AL ANON</p>	<p><b>November 1</b></p> <p><b>All Saints' Day</b></p> <p>10 am - 12 pm <u>Birchwood Garden Club/ Commons</u></p> <p>7 pm - 8:30 pm KERYGMA/LIBRARY</p> <p>7 pm - 9 pm OAK PARK NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING</p> <p>7:15 pm - 9 pm BOY SCOUTS</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE</p> <p>7:15 pm - 8:45 pm HOLY APOSTOLIC BAND</p> <p>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm DANCING WITH THE ST. M. STARS</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>8:30 am - 9:30 am MEN'S GROUP</p> <p>10 am - 12 pm KERYGMA</p> <p>7 pm - 9 pm EFM (EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY)/J2A room</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE</p> <p>6:30 pm - 7:30 pm CHANCEL RINGERS</p> <p>7:45 pm - 8:45 pm CHANCEL CHOIR</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>6:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b></p> <p>CCHASM FOOD COLLECTION</p> <p>8:45 am - 9:45 am HOLY EUCHARIST</p> <p>11 am - 12 pm HOLY EUCHARIST</p> <p>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA/AL ANON</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>7 pm - 8 pm STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE</p> <p>7 pm - 9 pm VESTRY</p> <p>7 pm - 8:30 pm KERYGMA/LIBRARY</p> <p>7:15 pm - 9 pm BOY SCOUTS</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE</p> <p>7:15 pm - 8:45 pm HOLY APOSTOLIC BAND</p> <p>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm DANCING WITH THE ST. M. STARS</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>8:30 am - 9:30 am MEN'S GROUP</p> <p>10 am - 12 pm KERYGMA</p> <p>7 pm - 9 pm EFM (EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY)/J2A room</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Veteran's Day</b></p> <p>2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE</p> <p>6:30 pm - 7:30 pm CHANCEL RINGERS</p> <p>7:45 pm - 8:45 pm CHANCEL CHOIR</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>5 pm - 9 pm AA/UW</p> <p>6:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>10 am - 12 pm CHOIR REHEARSAL</p> <p>11 am - 12 pm PREBAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION</p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>CCHASM FOOD COLLECTION</p> <p>8:45 am - 9:45 am HOLY EUCHARIST</p> <p>11 am - 12:45 pm <u>HOLY EUCHARIST AND BAPTISM</u></p> <p>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA/AL ANON</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>7 pm - 8:30 pm KERYGMA/LIBRARY</p> <p>7:15 pm - 9 pm BOY SCOUTS</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE</p> <p>7:15 pm - 8:45 pm HOLY APOSTOLIC BAND</p> <p>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm DANCING WITH THE ST. M. STARS</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>8:30 am - 9:30 am MEN'S GROUP</p> <p>10 am - 12 pm KERYGMA</p> <p>6 pm - 9 pm FAMILY FESTIVAL</p> <p>7 pm - 9 pm EFM (EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY)/J2A room</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE</p> <p>6:30 pm - 7:30 pm CHANCEL RINGERS</p> <p>7:45 pm - 8:45 pm CHANCEL CHOIR</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>6:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>
<p><b>21</b></p> <p>8:45 am - 9:45 am HOLY EUCHARIST</p> <p>11 am - 12 pm HOLY EUCHARIST</p> <p>4 pm - 7 pm FINE ARTS EVENTS</p> <p>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA/AL ANON</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>7 pm - 8 pm STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE</p> <p>7 pm - 8:30 pm KERYGMA/LIBRARY</p> <p>7:15 pm - 9 pm BOY SCOUTS</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE</p> <p>7:15 pm - 8:45 pm HOLY APOSTOLIC BAND</p> <p>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm DANCING WITH THE ST. M. STARS</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>8:30 am - 9:30 am MEN'S GROUP</p> <p>10 am - 12 pm KERYGMA</p> <p>6:30 pm - 7:30 pm HANDBELL REHEARSAL</p> <p>7 pm - 9 pm EFM (EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY)/J2A room</p> <p>7:45 pm - 9 pm CHANCEL CHOIR</p>	<p></p> <p><b>Thanksgiving</b></p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>6:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>First Sunday in Advent</b></p> <p>8:45 am - 9:45 am HOLY EUCHARIST</p> <p>10 am - 11 am ADVENT WREATH MAKING</p> <p>11 am - 12 pm HOLY EUCHARIST</p> <p>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA/AL ANON</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>7 pm - 8:30 pm KERYGMA/LIBRARY</p> <p>7:15 pm - 9 pm BOY SCOUTS</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE</p> <p>7:15 pm - 8:45 pm HOLY APOSTOLIC BAND</p> <p>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm DANCING WITH THE ST. M. STARS</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:30 am - 9:30 am MEN'S GROUP</p> <p>10 am - 12 pm KERYGMA</p> <p>7 pm - 9 pm EFM (EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY)/J2A room</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE</p> <p>6:30 pm - 7:30 pm CHANCEL RINGERS</p> <p>7:45 pm - 8:45 pm CHANCEL CHOIR</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>6:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
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10/21/2010

A Prayer

You have called us this day, Present God, from the demands of time to be in your Grace.  
From out of our busied lives, our hassling details, our pressured days, You call us! Invite us!  
You search us to change our lives.  
We listen to hear a renewed call to your ministry.  
We act so others are healed.  
We believe you are in and  
among the ministry of our hands.

Hold our hands, Gracious God!  
Strengthen them— with bold courage.

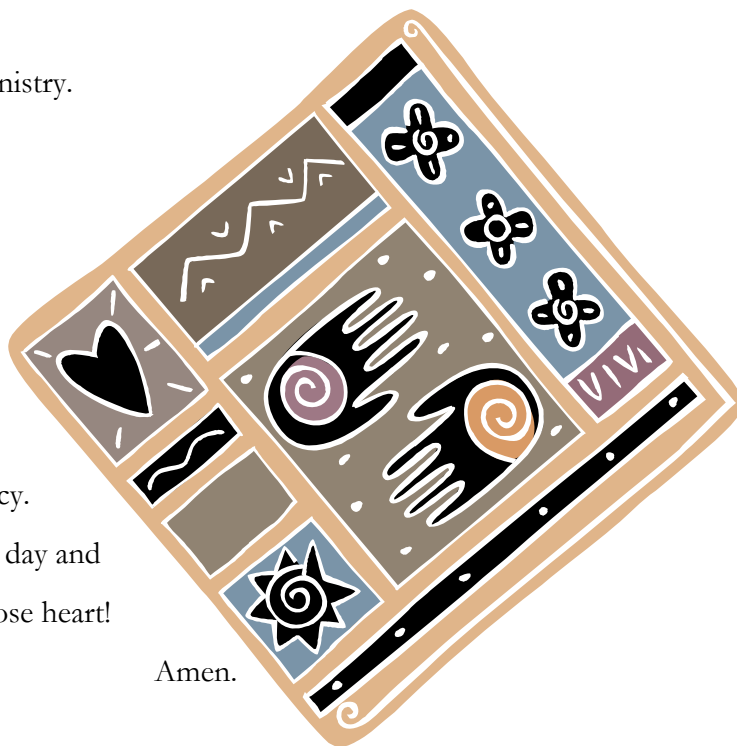
Heal them— so to heal others.

Open them— to your mercy.

We turn to you this day and

we do not lose heart!

Amen.



From *Do What You Have the Power to Do, Studies of Six New Testament Women*

by Helen Bruch Pearson