

# THE CHANNEL

## JUNE 2011



ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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### John's Jottings

June 2011

He just showed up one Sunday morning in late August over a decade ago. After the service, he indicated to me that he'd like to attend the Parish Weekend at Camp Chanco over the Labor Day weekend...and he did. It was not the only parish activity in which John McVickar would become involved. For the past ten years, John was present on Sunday mornings and faithfully made the coffee for the early service. He then stayed on to worship at the later service. He became a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM), a devoted member of the Tuesday night Men's Group at the Montgomerys, a committed part of the Wednesday morning Men's Group at St. Matthias, an invaluable "chaplain" on the adult mission teams, and a faithful participant in just about every fellowship event that

has taken place at the church from 2000 until just a few days ago. John entered into our lives with enthusiasm and joy. A lifelong bachelor, he clearly made us his family -- and we were only too eager to respond in kind. He was delightful. He was never one to complain and always willing to volunteer to help. He expressed gratitude to us time and again. For the past year and a half, John lived with the realization that he had terminal pancreatic cancer. He accepted his fate with courage and nobility, continuing to make coffee every Sunday morning with a smile on his face. Many, many of you treated John with the care you might extend to a beloved brother or uncle. To know John McVickar was to enter into a mutual admiration society. He possessed a gentle spirit which was in-

fectious. Just ask folks like John Gavin and the men in the Wednesday morning Men's Group. John McVickar transformed their lives for the better. John's last days were spent in the palliative care unit at McGuire Veterans Hospital. The staff clearly were amazed at the number of visitors who showed genuine love and concern for this 86 year old bachelor. When he died, nothing was more certain to both visitors and staff that John was with God in heaven. We will celebrate John's life with a Memorial Service at St. Matthias on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to attend. It will be a fitting testimony to the triumphant power of love... a time when we can all express our gratitude to God for having such a man in our midst.

Shalom,  
John

### For your June calendar

- June 4**—10 a.m. Memorial service for John McVickar
- June 5**—Parish picnic after the 10 a.m. service
- June 11**—9:30 –3:00 p.m. Diocese of S. VA—Safe Church Training
- June 12**—Pentecost Strawberry Festival following the 10 a.m. service
- June 17**—7:00 p.m. Cheers at the Montgomery home
- June 19**—4 p.m. Fine Arts event: John Murdock

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### Prayer for Pentecost

Breathe into me Holy Spirit

That my thoughts may all be holy.

Move in me Holy Spirit

That my work, too, may be holy.

Attract my heart Holy Spirit

That I may love only what is holy.

Strengthen me Holy Spirit

That I may defend all that is holy.

Protect me Holy Spirit

That I always may be holy.

*Attributed to  
Saint Augustine*

At Pentecost the full meaning of Jesus' life and message is poured into our hearts by the Spirit alive in the community.

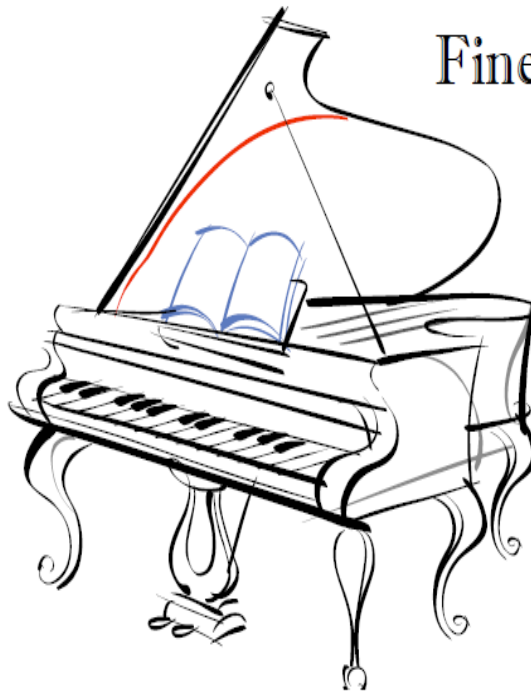
The New Testament seems to say that - for a fleeting moment - the nations of the earth paused from their customary strife and experienced a community caused by God. The brief and shining hour of Pentecost remains to charm and encourage us to this day.

*These paragraphs come from Basilian Father Thomas Rosica's essay on the Pentecost scriptures published on Zenit.org for May 28, 2009.*

*Father Rosica is the executive director of [Salt and Light TV](#).*



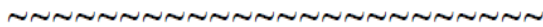
June 19, 2011 at 4 o'clock p.m.



Fine Arts, Food and  
Friends at  
St. Matthias  
presents  
*A Classical  
Piano Recital*

John Andrew Murdock, Pianist

With Françoise Moquin, Violinist



Robert Louis Caldwell will present an art show  
of his drawings and oil paintings of nature.

On the web at [www.stmatmidlo.com](http://www.stmatmidlo.com)

## PENTECOST—WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US.....

The word “pentecost” means “fiftieth day.” In most Christian traditions, Pentecost Sunday occurs 50 days following [Easter](#) Sunday (counting Easter Sunday since it is the first day of the week). Those 50 days span seven Sundays after Easter, so Pentecost is the seventh Sunday after Easter (7 weeks times 7 days = 49 days, plus Pentecost Sunday). Since Easter is a “movable feast,” meaning that it occurs on different days in different years (it is tied to the lunar cycle while the calendar is solar based), Pentecost is also moveable. It can occur as early as May 10 and as late as June 13 (see [The Church Year](#) for current dates). Some Christian traditions, Eastern Orthodox for example, use a different religious calendar and so have different dates for much of the Christian Year.

The sanctuary color for Pentecost Sunday is red, the color of the church. Technically, red is used only for the Sunday of Pentecost, although some churches use red for the Sundays between Easter and Pentecost Sunday. The red symbolizes both the fire of Pentecost as well as the apostles and early followers of Jesus who were gathered in the Upper Room for the empowerment from God to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world.

For Christians, Pentecost Sunday is a day to celebrate hope, a hope evoked by the knowledge that God through His Holy Spirit is at work among His people. It is a celebration of newness, of recreation, of renewal of purpose, mission, and calling as God’s people. It is a celebration of God’s ongoing work in the world. Yet, it is also a recognition that His work is done through His people as He pours out His presence upon them.

### PENTECOST AT ST. MATTHIAS MEANS

The rite of baptism at the 10 a.m. service for Emma and Katherine, the granddaughters of Cathy and Skip Todd.

After the 10 a.m. service on June 12, we will continue the spirit of Pentecost with

Our Strawberry Festival



# Children's Ministry Corner



## What is Orange???

As children we were in constant wonder—the dazzle of life provoking us toward discovery. And as we turned over rocks and stared at the stars, we found something surprising. We found a light glimmering in our hearts. The light of passion.

Orange is a path, a strategy with the intent to return to that glimmering, that passion, and to rouse it in the next generation. You can find the Orange Strategy in the color: combining the strength of two—red and yellow—for the brilliance of another, Orange.

**Ask Sue Ann or Margaret Kolster about their experience at the Orange Conference.**

“SUMMERTIME.....SUMMERTIME.....SUM-SUM-SUMMER TIME”

SPLASHING IN THE OCEAN

CLIMBING A TALL TREE

PLAYING WITH FRIENDS

ENJOYING BEING YOU AND ME

PLANTING SEEDS TO WATCH THEM GROW

REMEMBERING THAT WE REAP WHAT WE SOW

LYING IN THE GRASS ON A WARM SUNNY NIGHT

STARING AT THE STARS

OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SITE!

WHEN AT LAST WE GO TO SLEEP

ASKING GOD TO SAFELY KEEP

ALL OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TOO

THANK YOU GOD, FOR ME, AND YOU

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THIS SUMMER WE WILL BE THINKING IN TERMS OF GOING.....

“ORANGE”

WHAT IS ORANGE, YOU ASK?

IF WE COMBINE

YELLOW

(REPRESENTING THE LIGHT OF THE CHURCH)

WITH

RED

(REPRESENTING THE LOVE OF THE FAMILY)

WE CREATE

AN

“ORANGE COMMUNITY”

AT  
ST.  
MATTHIAS

The warm weather is upon us and once again we are planning for the upcoming spring and summer events here at St. Matthias'. We need help for lots of these fun activities but also hope that you will join us for all of the festivities.

Lemonade on the Lawn

Lemonade on the Lawn begins Sunday, May 29, after the 10:00 service. This fun tradition for the whole family comes just in time to usher in Summer. We provide the lemonade and your hosts provide delicious cookies. Sign up to host for one of the Sundays this summer. The sign up sheet will be in the Commons starting May 1. All instructions will be provided to you in advance of your weekend! This is a great way to meet new folks and visit with old friends.

Memorial Service for John McVickar

We will remember and honor John McVickar with a memorial service on Saturday, June 4, at 10 a.m. There will be a reception to follow. If you are able, please feel free to bring a light refreshment to share.

Parish Picnic

The Parish Picnic takes place this year on Sunday, June 5, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Plan to bring a dish to share and beverages for your family. We'll provide lemonade and tea, ice and cups, along with hot dogs on the grill. You can sign up to help with the setup and service and cleanup of this event in the Commons starting May 1.

Strawberry Sunday

We will celebrate Pentecost with Strawberry Shortcakes following the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, **June 12**. Sign up in the Commons to provide pound cake if you can and plan to join us for a yummy sweet summer treat!

Friday Cheers

Please keep your eyes on the weekly bulletin for updates on this year's Friday Cheers dates and plans. Friday Cheers is an adults only event held once a month during summer at the home of Lou and Monte Montgomery. This year we will have traditional Friday Cheers in June and July only, on the third Friday of the month. We will enjoy the music of the Dave Moore band; please bring a snack to share and your beverage of choice. June 's theme will be Beach Party! Directions to the Montgmerys' will be available in the Commons in advance of the first event.

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, August 20, 2011** for a St. Matthias Progressive Dinner. Help us close the summer with hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, dinner, dessert, entertainment, and great fellowship. This promises to be an enjoyable evening for all! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Invitations and more information will follow in the future.



**Prayers are asked for:**

Carrie Deane's friend, **Richard**; John Boucher's sister, **Norma**; **Floyd** Worsham; Bill Oglesby's sister, **Cameron**; Dorothy Turkovich's mother; Mary Johnson's sister-in-law, **Linda**; Carolyn Armstrong's sister, **Margaret**; Carol Giles' sister, **Ruth**; Bill Van Arnam family member, **Gretchen and friends, Kirk & Jeannie**; Kay Gray's friend, **Linda** Simon; **Ron** Phillips; **Darius** Firestone; Cathy and Skip Todd's friend, **John**; Floyd Worsham's sister, **Virginia** & the Worsham's daughter, **Kim**; **Doc** Singer; **John** Goodreau; The Rev. **Bob** and The Rev. **Sandi** Kerner; Ann and Steve Long's friend, **Katie**; **Jackie** McCullough; Noell family friend, the **Baker family** and **Jim**; Herbert Norman's friends, **Michael, John, Modu** and **Albert**; Andrea Larkins' friend, **Mary**; **Betty**; the Jefferson family friend, **Sylvia**; Mellie Randall's friend, **Joe**; Anderson family friend, **Don**; Carole Messenger's friends, **Joan, Armi and Nicole**; **Toby** Campbell; **Janet** Cable, **Donald** Dixon; **Helen** Miller; **George** Patnelli; **Elliott** Woodaman; Henry family friend, **Laura**; Merriann Clark's daughter, **Deanna**; Libba Wynne's mother, **Angie**; **Gary** Hershner; **Dot** Worsham;

*We give thanks for the birth of Lillian, granddaughter of Diane and Dennis Stark*

*We also pray for those serving in the military: Jamie Lee Maier, Andrew Matthews, 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, Ryan Thompson, William Bailey, and Ryan Sharpe.*

*We ask your prayers for family and friends list above. To help keep the prayer list current, please contact the church office with updates. Names are removed after three months unless the office is notified. If you would like your birthday added to the prayer birthday list, please contact the church office at 272-8588.*

**Spiritual Formation at St. Matthias**

**READINGS FOR JUNE**

- June 5** Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36  
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11, John 17:1-11
- June 12** **Day of Pentecost**  
Acts 2:1-21, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
Psalm 104:25-35, 37, John 20:19-23
- June 19** **Trinity Sunday**  
Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20
- June 26** Genesis 22:1-14, Psalm 13  
Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42






**Wind, wind - a reflection on the Spirit**

William Loader

O wind, wind,  
you breathed upon the clay and there was life,  
you danced down to the forehead of a Galilean  
and there was hope,  
you shook the foundations of community  
and there was Pentecost.

Wind of nothingness and awe,  
wind of knowing and unknowing,  
wind of bearing and begetting,  
wind of secrets and mystery,  
O wise, wise wind,  
whisper to us your grace.

Saint Matthias Episcopal Church  
June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>8 am - 9 am HOLY EUCHARIST</p> <p>10 am - 11:15 am HOLY EUCHARIST</p> <p>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA/AL ANON</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>  <p><b>Memorial Day</b></p> <p>7:15 pm - 9 pm BOY SCOUTS</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE</p> <p>7 pm - 8 pm <u>COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS/COMMONS</u></p> <p>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm DANCING WITH THE ST. M. STARS</p>	<p><b>June 1</b></p> <p>8 am - 10 am MOMS IN TOUCH/Rite 13 room</p> <p>8:30 am - 9:30 am MEN'S GROUP</p> <p>7 pm - 9 pm EFM (EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY)/J2A room</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>11 am - 1:30 pm <u>AARP</u></p> <p>2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>6:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>8 am - 9 am HOLY EUCHARIST</p> <p>9 am - 10 am MEMBERSHIP COMMISSION MEETING/LIBRARY</p> <p>10 am - 11:15 am HOLY EUCHARIST</p> <p>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA/AL ANON</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>10 am - 12 pm <u>Brianwood Garden Club/Morrison Hall</u></p> <p>7 pm - 8 pm STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE</p> <p>7:15 pm - 9 pm BOY SCOUTS</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE</p> <p>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm DANCING WITH THE ST. M. STARS</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8 am - 10 am MOMS IN TOUCH/Rite 13 room</p> <p>8:30 am - 9:30 am MEN'S GROUP</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE</p> <p>7 pm - 8:30 pm <u>IACA</u></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>6:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9 am - 3 pm SAFE CHURCH TRAINING, DIOCESE OF S. VIRGINIA</p> <p>9:30 am - 3:30 pm SAFE CHURCH TRAINING, DIOCESE OF S. VIRGINIA</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Pentecost</b></p> <p>8 am - 9 am HOLY EUCHARIST</p> <p>10 am - 11:15 am HOLY EUCHARIST</p> <p>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA/AL ANON</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>10 am - 12 pm GREENFIELD GARDEN CLUB/Morrison Hall</p> <p>7 pm - 9 pm VESTRY</p> <p>7:15 pm - 9 pm BOY SCOUTS</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>  <p><b>Flag Day</b></p> <p>2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE</p> <p>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm DANCING WITH THE ST. M. STARS</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>8 am - 10 am MOMS IN TOUCH/Rite 13 room</p> <p>8:30 am - 9:30 am MEN'S GROUP</p> <p>1:30 pm - 2:30 pm <u>AARP BOARD</u></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>6:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA</p> <p>7 pm - 9 pm CHEERS/ AT THE MONTGOMERY'S</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>19</b></p>  <p><b>Father's Day</b></p> <p>8 am - 9 am HOLY EUCHARIST</p> <p>10 am - 11:15 am HOLY EUCHARIST</p> <p>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA/AL ANON</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>7:15 pm - 9 pm BOY SCOUTS</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE</p> <p>6:30 pm - 7:30 pm BIRTHING ALTERNATIVES/Commons</p> <p>7:30 pm - 8:30 pm DANCING WITH THE ST. M. STARS</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>8 am - 10 am MOMS IN TOUCH/Rite 13 room</p> <p>8:30 am - 9:30 am MEN'S GROUP</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>6:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
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