

# THE CHANNEL

## March - 2011

### CHOOSING LENT

### ACTING LENT

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#### JOHN'S JOTTINGS

As we approach the Season of Lent, I would like to remind you of a variety of ways that we observe this Holy Time at St. Matthias. As you may know, Lent commences with Ash Wednesday – a day of atonement for Christians throughout the world. Within the context of The Holy Eucharist, the priest imposes ashes in the form of a cross upon each person's forehead. It is a reminder that each of us is dust, "and unto dust we shall return." Here at St. Matthias we will have three services on Ash Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>: 7:30 a.m. 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. In addition to Ash Wednesday, we will have a brief service of Holy Eucharist in the Parish Library/Conference Room on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. These services will be held from Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. All are welcomed to participate as part of your Lenten discipline.

On the morning of Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Mimi Weaver from Richmond Hill will lead us in a Lenten Morning of Prayer. Further details of this event are contained in The Channel...feel free to attend and bring a friend(s).

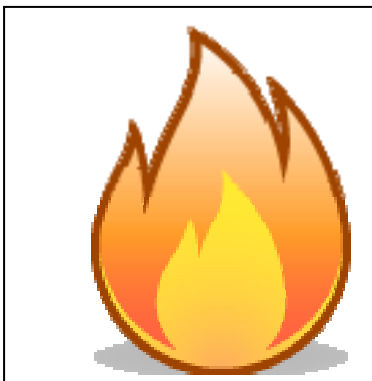
Sunday services in Lent will be conducted as usual at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. with one exception. On Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> the vestry has requested that we conduct our Annual Parish Meeting. We have scheduled one service at 10:00 a.m. on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School for the children under 16 years of age would continue as usual during that time, but all congregants over 16 years of age could attend the worship service.

The sermon time would be devoted to the Annual Parish Meeting (which includes election of new vestry members and the installation of our Stephen Ministers). It is the hope of the vestry to have a pot-luck luncheon following this service on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Palm Sunday is on April 17<sup>th</sup> this year; once again, we plan on having our own Elliott Woodaman leading us into the nave to the sound of bagpipes. During Holy Week, we will have a service of Holy Eucharist on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> (Maundy Thursday) which includes footwashing and the solemn stripping of the altar. On Good Friday (April 22<sup>nd</sup>) we will have Stations of the Cross at 12:15 p.m. and a Service of Tenebrae at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday (April 23<sup>rd</sup>) will find us at the annual Blessing of the Foods in the chapel at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m. (a very popular event!).

On Easter Day (April 24<sup>th</sup>) there will be three services:  
 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service (no music)  
 8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist (with Flowering of the Cross)  
 11:00 a.m. Festive Holy Eucharist (with incense)  
 Please make every effort to attend these offerings...and bring a friend !! Shalom !!!



On January 29<sup>th</sup> close to 100 people gathered in Morrison Hall for the Annual African Soiree to support the schoolchildren and families of Mambo in Sierra Leone. Beyond warm fellowship, the night offered delicious, authentic food and the hot jazz of the DJ Williams Projekt. Thanks to the support of friends and the St. Matthias family, over \$3000 was raised. The LCDRS Board would especially like to thank Kay Gray for the thematic, stunning floral arrangement, Carrie Deane, Marcia Oglesby, Pat Firth and Cindy Paullin for the delicious appetizers, Mark Paullin for providing comic relief at the bar and Olivia Duke, Shannon Larkin and Ben Wiesiger for volunteering as servers.

If you were not able to be there you can still help. We are continuing our fundraising campaign this year with "Change for Change . . . Change for Mambo." Recently it was discovered that the 160 children who attended the school in Mambo were not eating at lunchtime. A feeding program was started that provided lunches 3 days a week at a cost of approximately \$1000 a month. Bring your loose change and drop it in the huge bottle in the commons to support this wonderful ministry. For more information or to make a less jingly contribution we encourage you to visit our fantastic new website: [www.lcdrs.org](http://www.lcdrs.org).

**Outreach is truly thriving at St. Matthias! This is thanks to, not only the members of the Outreach Commission, but, more importantly, thanks to the many members of the congregation who participate a wide variety of Outreach ministries.**

**The Shelter Feeding Project on Christmas Day was a huge success. Many families shared in the cooking of the dinners and delivering them to the shelters.**

**Twelve members of St. Matthias' participate in the Micah Initiative at Clark Springs Elementary School, volunteering as teachers' helpers, tutors, and mentors. Four very brave men are lunch buddies. (More men are encouraged to volunteer!) Additionally, on special occasions, lunch or breakfast is provided for the teachers.**

**Many of us attended the African Soiree to benefit the village of Mambo in Sierra Leone. Listening to Imy and her cousin talk of the progress being made in Mambo was truly inspiring.**

**Bon Air Friends of Habitat is beginning to plan for their next house.**

**In January we gave a home to eleven adults and seventeen children through our participation in CARITAS. Many of us provided meals, did laundry, spent the night, and donated or lent supplies. Thanks to everyone, our guests had a safe, warm, and homelike place to stay in our church.**

**New volunteers are always needed. In addition, new projects are welcome. If you have an idea, please come to a meeting or talk to any member of the commission.**

**Good news came at the end of the year in the form of surplus money in the Next Step Fund. More money was collected than was pledged, so 2010 ended with a surplus of approximately \$9,000.00. We immediately sent an extra \$2,000.00 to CChasm, because the need for their services has been so great this year. The balance of the surplus will be included in the 2011 budget.**

**More good news! The pledges for 2011 are \$48,010, an increase of more than \$5,000.00!**

**The Outreach Commission will meet on February 22 to decide on the 2011 budget. As always, we welcome your suggestions. The new budget will be published in the Channel and posted on the Outreach bulletin board.**

**Indeed, Outreach, in the form of caring for those less fortunate is alive and kicking at St. Matthias'. This is solely because so many of you are willing to give of your time, talent and treasure, even in these difficult times. May God bless us, every one!**



The Adult Education program at St. Matthias is an *interactive* educational experience – your *participation* and opinions have made it an enjoyable and entertaining Christian fellowship opportunity.

**Attendance:**

There has been an average of 20 members, with a range of 12 to 40 people at classes, attendance varying according to the topic and other calendar conflicts. We have developed a good core of regular attendees and are constantly seeking new classmates.

**Who's the Teacher? We are!**

Parishioners that have presented so far this school year include: Mac Butts, Jonathan Page, Jeremy Kirkland, Valerie Doebler, David Duke, Laura Boucher, Carol Giles, Angela Bach, Chad Doebler, Barbara Stout, as well as The Rev. Boucher. We very much appreciate the time and talents these people have shared with the St. Matthias community and we also want to thank in advance those future presenters who have already committed to lead discussions: David Belde, The Rev. Dennet Slep, The Rev. Malcolm Turnbull, Jennifer Street, Debbie Vance, and Ned Armstrong. This is truly a great exercise in community Christian education; come support your friends as they present!

**Moving Forward!!!**

Recent feedback has included a suggestion for offering a more traditional bible study offering and/or an opportunity to take a *deep dive* into certain Sunday's readings *spring-boarded* by a Rev. Boucher sermon. Those interested in either concept should share their thoughts with the Adult Ed commissioners. Work is also underway to begin a survey, to be distributed to a sample of regular attendees as well as the infrequent or as-yet-uninitiated with the goal of identifying those spiritual levers that will attract an even wider audience on a consistent basis.

**\*\*\* We Need Your Help, Right Now! \*\*\***

The topic of *Patriotism and Christianity* is under consideration for late spring. We are currently seeking several men and women that are active, reserve, or veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who would be willing to participate on the panel for the topic. If you are interested, please contact Valerie Doebler at 379-1265 or [valerie.doebler@gmail.com](mailto:valerie.doebler@gmail.com).

Please contact a commission member if you have new topic ideas, would be interested in leading a session, or want know to give Adult Ed an actual grade. Contact Valerie Doebler, Jeremy Kirkland (363-1341), or Chip Thompson (379-2295).

MEET US AT  
CANDELA'S!

Parish lunch for  
members, family, and  
friends at Candella's  
Italian Restaurant in  
Huguenot Village  
Shopping Center

**12:30 on Sunday,  
March 6th.**

(PYOW---  
pay your own way!)

**Informal, no agenda, just  
conversation with friends.**

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## **Educational Scholarships Available from The Episcopal Church**

Applications are now being accepted for more than 60 scholarships available through the Episcopal Church for the 2011-2012 academic year. Earmarked for education and schooling for Episcopalians, the scholarship money is derived from numerous trust funds that have amassed over the years. Deadline for applications is April 15, 2011. The list of scholarships, the guidelines, the application form and the instructions for filling out the form -

<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/documents/ScholarshipTrustFunds121609.pdf>

**John Rutter  
Requiem**

**For Choir and Orchestra**

**Friday, March 18, 2011, 7:30 p.m.**

**Salisbury Presbyterian Church**

13621 W. Salisbury Road, Midlothian, VA

Presented by

The Music Ministries of

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Salisbury Presbyterian Church

St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

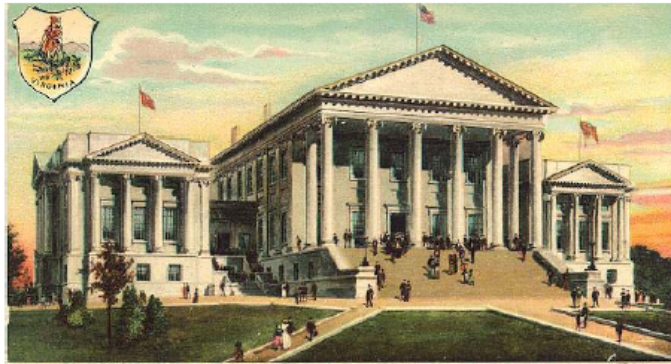
Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church

St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church

~Free Admission~

Sunday, March 13, 2011  
Following the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Join us for a luncheon with music from the  
**Richmond Youth Symphony Orchestra,**  
followed by the presentation



*The Architecture of Richmond, Virginia*  
Robert P. Winthrop, Architect

Menu includes LASAGNA from JOE'S INN,  
with salads and desserts from our  
famous St. Matthias' Top Chefs.

Tickets will be sold. Reservations are appreciated.  
\$10 - Adult, \$5 - Children 10 and under, \$25 - Family

At the door, the Tickets will cost:  
\$15 - Adult, \$5 - Children 10 and under, \$30 - Family

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## Mardi Gras Celebration



**March 5th - Morrison Hall**  
**\$25 per couple/ \$15 per person**

**Tickets will be sold after church and at the door**  
**Please sign up in advance. There is a sign up sheet in the Commons.**

**Proceeds benefit this year's Urban Adventure in Washington D.C. April 29<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>**

### We Love Sunday School our Children and Families at St Matthias

Thank you to the Parents and Parishioners who attended our Children's Ministries Meeting Feb 13<sup>th</sup> in which we presented information about our Sunday School Programs for K-th graders. We're beyond excited about our 252 Basics curriculum. (Luke 2:52 ...and Jesus grew in favor with God and Man.) Each month we will focus on a different virtue. This month's kindness virtue centers around the Golden Rule, "Do unto others what you would have them do to you" Luke 6:31, NIV

Families are invited to participate in a monthly program...It does take many hands to create a successful thriving program. We're counting on the support of our church community!! Look for ways to share your gifts...you'll enjoy every second!!

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

#### Hugs of Appreciation to:

Scott Street for lending his time and talents to the Sunday School classes month long series on Determination.

We are very proud of Scott and would like to report that he DID finish the race and won that really, really, really cool tee shirt!!!

Eli Nicola for his Angelic ways in supporting the children!! We are blessed in so many ways to have Eli in our midst!!

Chris Begin, Carol Gardner, Neil Jackson, Nancy Matthews, and Eli Nicola for assisting the children with a Valentine's Day Service Project ...the results were wonderful!!

Patrick McElhinney for jumping in with both feet to support Children's Ministries.. His creative spirit, sense of humor, leadership, and patience are generous gifts to St Matthias'!

!!!!WE HAVE A NEW BABY BOY!!!!

MATTHEW SCOTT DOSSICK  
Born January 28<sup>th</sup> 7lbs 7ozs t  
Son of Allison and Scott Dossick And two very excited brothers John and Will  
We can't wait to see him!!

### ORANGE CONFERENCE...ORANGE CONFERENCE..ORANGE CONFERENCE

A GROUP OF 3 St MATTHIAS' VOLUNTEERS AND SUE ANN MCNEER ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND A DYNAMIC CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES CONFERENCE - APRIL 27-29<sup>TH</sup> IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA

THE COST OF THE CONFERENCE IS \$270 PER PERSON, PLUS HOTEL, TRANSPORTATION AND FOOD WITH BUDGET CONSTRAINTS WE ARE HOPING FOR A LITTLE HELP FROM YOU...IN THE FORM OF:  
A DONATION OF HOTEL TRAVEL POINTS (2 ROOMS)  
A DONATION OF FREQUENT FLYER POINTS (We can dream can't we?)

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Spiritual Formation at St. Matthias

### Through Men's Group

Wednesday morning

### 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** is studying "Buddhism" at 10 a.m on Wednesdays. Please contact Marilynn Swenson at 794-0035 for more information.

**The Monday Night Kerygma** Please join us at 7:00 in the Library on Monday evenings. If you would like to join us please call Merriann Clark at 743-7944 or e-mail her at [merriann@comcast.net](mailto:merriann@comcast.net).

**Sunday Morning:** Adult Education between services

### Lenten Worship at St. Matthias'

Saturday, April 2nd  
from 9 am until noon

### "Going Deeper"

The Enneagram: A tool for self-discovery and spiritual growth

Facilitator: Mimi Weaver

Join us for a morning of exciting self-discovery! The Enneagram is a unique tool which can help us learn who we are & why we are here. Mimi Weaver is an experienced Spiritual Director who has led many workshops on the use of the Enneagram. Come learn, relax, expand & enjoy!

There is no charge for this offering.

If you have any questions, please call Laura Boucher.

### The Enneagram



## THROUGH ADULT TOPICS

- March 6**      *Death and Funerals*  
**March 13**     *St. Patrick – holy day to holiday*  
**March 20**     *Intro. To Celtic Christianity*  
**March 27**     *Annual meeting:  
Single service at 10 a.m.*

### READINGS FOR MARCH

- March 6**      Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1:16-21,  
Matthew 17:1-9

O God, who before the passion of your onlybegotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- March 13**     Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
Psalm 32 , Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

- March 20**     Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- March 27**     **Single Service at 10 a.m.**  
Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

An ancient prayer goes:

Heal our dryness.  
Salve our parchedness.  
Make soft and fertile our hard and  
cracked hearts,  
*O Jesus, Bestower of "living water."*

Is this not our deepest prayer? To drink into our lives the ever-clear, ever-moving, every-changing, every-cleansing water of the Holy Spirit? To be carried along in the current of love that Jesus gifts to us, even if we do not know where it is taking us?

Irenaeus, the Bishop of Lyon (c.130-c.200) said: "The Church is the fountain of the living water that flows to us from the heart of Christ. Where the Church is, there is the Spirit of God, and where the Spirit of God is, there is the Church and all grace."

But how do we experience this "fountain of living water"? There are countless ways of course. But the Church offers one way in particular that we often overlook, one that is called for from the faithful each Sunday.

It is the "Sursum corda," the "lift-up-your hearts—we-lift-them—to-the-Lord" act of surrender. In this simple exercise, the reservoir of Living Water gets opened. The flow follows. We worship in Spirit and truth.

Wherever you are, in any and all kinds of circumstances, *lift up your hearts*. When the heart is centered in the world, it dries up. When it is lifted to the Lord, the water of Baptism—chilly and cold—course through our veins, and ultimately flow out into a waterless, parched world. *Let them flow.*

*From Synthesis,*

*A resource paper written in the*

*Episcopal Tradition*

## **Am I (or is someone I know) a candidate for Stephen Ministry care?**

There are times when every one of us experiences difficulties – loss of a loved one, spiritual crisis, discouragement, job loss, divorce, loneliness – the list goes on. But God never intended for us to go through these experiences alone. That’s why God has brought us together as a congregation – and why we have Stephen Ministry.

Stephen Ministry, simply put, is Christ caring for people through people. While other forms of pastoral care – providing meals, running errands, family visits – are public, the Stephen Minister provides private caring – so private that even the existence of the caring relationship is confidential. This one-to-one care continues in the form of weekly visits for as long as needed. And it needn’t be a major problem to warrant a Stephen caring relationship. Sometimes we just get stuck at a small bump in the road, and the focused care of a Stephen Minister may be all we need to get us over the bump. For more specific information about the program, or to request a Stephen Minister for yourself, simply contact John Boucher, Malcolm Turnbull, Chip Thompson, or any Stephen Minister or church staff member to start the process.

An exciting milestone! In a ceremony at the annual Congregational meeting on March 27, our nine Stephen Ministers (Chris and Paul Begin, Anne Gavin, Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Barbara and Bill Stout, Suzie and Chip Thompson, and John Vance) will be formally commissioned to begin serving St. Matthias.

For yet more information, reread the Stephen Ministry articles in the January and February 2011 Channels. You may also visit the international Stephen Ministries website at [www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org).

The Stephen Ministry Logo consists of a cross and circle, together with a broken person and a whole person. The broken person stands behind the cross, symbolizing the brokenness in our lives. The whole person stands in front of the cross because it is through the cross of Jesus that we again are made whole. The circle symbolizes God’s unending love for us.



## Troop 1829 Scout Corner

*By Chris Greatwood Troop Charter Organization Representative*

This is the time of year when scouts in their final year of Cub Scouting visit troops in the area to find one which one will be right for them. An open house was held in January to show potential Boy Scouts what St. Matthias and Troop 1829 have to offer. An array of stations showcased many of scouting skills including camping and open fire cooking, first aid – removing fish hooks from oranges, knots and lashings, and a slide show of the great activities that occurred in the past year. It was a chance to meet scouts and leaders in the troop and discuss the troop's philosophy on scouting and our unique approach to scouting. The troop leadership agrees on the following fundamentals: scouting is best when it is scout led. The scouts come up with the program that they want for the coming year. They brainstorm the outings and activities that they want to see in the coming year and the leaders help them achieve those goals. The individual patrols are made up of scouts that span the ages from new to experienced scout. This provides a great interaction between the ages and an opportunity for the older scouts to lead and mentor the younger scouts. Secondly, scouting should be active and balanced with emphasis not only on outdoor activities, but service. The troop has been very active this winter. January included a historical trip to Norfolk including a tour of the Battleship Wisconsin at Nauticus, a tour of the Coast Guard House in Virginia Beach, and a tour of Fort Monroe. The troop also served dinner to our Caritas guests, and a held a very chilly Adopt-a-Highway cleanup along Huguenot Road. February celebrated Scout Sunday with freshly made donuts, and a camping trip to Elizabeth Furnace in the Shenandoah Valley.



The troop leadership feels that we provide a great program and is thankful to St. Matthias for sponsoring the troop. Proof in the strength of our program will be evident as we attend Cub Scout pack meetings in the next month to bridge over new scouts. We work hard to keep the scouting program alive and relevant. Again, thanks for your support.

# The Diocesan Connection

Connecting the people and parishes of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia



Greetings!

Our 119th Annual Council convened in Williamsburg February 11 & 12. Our theme this year was "Walking in liberty where Christ has made us free," a celebration of the Feast of Absalom Jones. The Rev. Milton C. Williams, rector of St. Monica & St. James in the Diocese of Washington, honored us as our guest preacher.

Along with the work of Council, two important programs were introduced. One is the New Wine project which gets under way in March with a series of regional conversations about our diocesan mission. The other program is our participation in the rebuilding of the Diocese of Haiti. Both are important to our life together as a diocese of The Episcopal Church. I hope I can count on your participation.

Faithfully, +Holly Hollerith

## New Wine: A New Vision & Mission for Southern Virginia

"Nor do people put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved." – Matthew 9:17

The parishes of Southern Virginia are a diverse group—urban and rural, small and large, contemporary and traditional. Together we are the Diocese of Southern Virginia. We are enriched, and at times challenged, by our differences. Yet we share a common mission and each of us brings particular, vital gifts to that mission.

The world is changing at an unprecedented pace and our diocese hasn't been immune to that change. Our diocesan mission statement, however, is one thing that hasn't changed. It was developed 18 years ago. It's time to take a look at our mission, to listen and talk about who we are and what we are called to do and to be. In 2009 we elected a new bishop to lead us into the future. The need for a clear and compelling mission and vision is more important now than ever.

The first step in this process is listening to the members of our parishes. The new vision and mission for our diocese must come from the diocese itself. All members of the diocese are invited to attend. The information gathered at the meetings will be reported back once all the meetings are complete and will be the material from which our new mission will be developed.

March 12, 2011

Emmanuel, Virginia Beach – 9 a.m. to noon  
Holy Trinity, Onancock – 1 to 4 p.m.

March 19, 2011

St. Christopher's, Portsmouth – 9 a.m. to noon  
St. Stephen's, Newport News – 1 to 4 p.m.

April 9, 2011

St. John's, Chester – 9 a.m. to noon  
Trinity, South Boston – 1 to 4 p.m.

## Rebuild Our Church in Haiti

January 12th was the one year anniversary of the devastating earthquake that destroyed Haiti. It was also the kickoff date for an international, church-wide fundraising campaign, *Rebuild our Church in Haiti*. The Diocese of Haiti is the largest in the Episcopal Church. In just 35 seconds, the January 12, 2010 earthquake leveled the churches and diocesan facilities, including Holy Trinity Cathedral in the capital city Port-au-Prince.

There are many governmental and humanitarian agencies, including Episcopal Relief & Development, helping to rebuild housing, health care, and schools, but only we can rebuild our churches. *Rebuild our Church in Haiti* is the first step toward rebuilding the Diocese of Haiti. It is an international, church-wide fundraising campaign.



Barbara Byers (Good Shepherd, Norfolk) will lead our diocese's participation in this important project as diocesan coordinator and will be assisted by convocational and parish coordinators. This is a simple, grass roots appeal, designed to run for 12 weeks beginning Sunday, March 6. Your parish coordinator will bring you details about how you can participate in the campaign.

Meanwhile, you can learn more about the campaign at [www.episcopalchurch.org/HaitiAppeal](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/HaitiAppeal). Our diocese's participation in this process will be vital to the success of the project and, more importantly, to the people of Haiti.

## Stay Connected

Want more news from around our diocese? Sign up for our weekly eNews. You can do that at our website, [www.diosova.org](http://www.diosova.org), or by emailing Ann Turner, [aturner@diosova.org](mailto:aturner@diosova.org). Follow us on Facebook (Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia) and Twitter (Diosova).

*Prayers are asked for:* Ann and Steve Long's friend, **Katie**; Jackie McCullough; Noell family friend, the **Baker** family; Herbert Norman's friends, **Michael, John, Modu** and **Albert**; Andrea Larkins' friend, **Mary**; Deborah Froelich's mother, **Betty**; the Jefferson family friend, **Sylvia**; **Thomas Biney-Amisah**; **Dennis Stark**; Mellie Randall's friend, **Joe**; Anderson family friend, **Don**; Carole Messenger's friend, **Joan**; Beth Franklin's brother, **Bill**; Worsham family friend, **Larry**; Goodreau family member, **Theresa**; Laing family friend, **Jim**; **Toby Campbell**; Sandy & Gerry Noell's friend, **Jim**; Carole Messenger's friend, **Armi**; **Janet Cable**, Linda and Mac Butt's friend, **Hank**; Frank Weigand's sister-in-law, **Linda**; Carol and Charlie Gardner's brother, **W.B. Jones (Buddy)**; Carol Deane's friends, **Carl** and **Bill**; **Jack Hodges**; Linda Hudgen's daughter-in-law, **Janet**; Beth Johnson-Franklin's sister, **Susan**; Joanne Brother's friend, **Frank**; Julie Noyes' mother-in-law **Betsy Noyes** and sister-in-law, **Pam Blumberg**; **Donald Dixon**; Laura Blackburn's mother, **Freddie Brister**; Margaret Kolster's brother, **Steve**; **Helen Miller**; Carole Messenger's friend, **Nicole**; **George Patnelli**; **Elliott Woodaman**; **John McVickar**; Henry family friend, **Laura**; Merriann Clark's daughter, **Deanna**; Maxine Livesay's brother, **Robert**; Libba Wynne's mother, **Angie**; **Gary Hershner**; **Dot Worsham**; **Camille & Mike Archie's** daughter, **Lisa**.

*We also pray for those serving in the military:* 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.

## **March 27**

**Worship with us at 10 a.m.**

**We will celebrate our common ministries with Holy Eucharist,  
the voices of both choirs, the bell choir**

**And**

**Our Annual meeting and vestry elections.**

**A potluck luncheon will follow.**

**Please bring an appetizer, salad or dessert to share. Fried  
chicken and beverages will be provided.**



**Chanco on the James  
March 2011  
Don't Delay ~ Register Today  
For the summer memories of a lifetime!**

Summer camp registration at Chanco is in full swing and camp sessions are filling up fast! Register your child or grandchild TODAY for an experience he or she will not soon forget. Chanco on the James is our diocesan camp and conference center and is situated on the James River in Surry, Virginia. Chanco is a fully accredited camp operating continuously for over 40 years providing youth opportunities for individual challenges, personal growth and lifetime friendships in God's great outdoors. Space is still available for youth ages 8-18 in all camp sessions. Residential camp activities include swimming in our pool and the river, canoeing, kayaking, archery, arts and crafts, chaplain time, the ropes course, zip lines, bonfires, silly songs, games and skits all supervised by the fantastic Chanco counseling staff.

If your teenaged camper craves more adventure, then the Out Trip sessions might be just the right fit! These sessions will leave Chanco grounds and include activities ranging from caving, climbing and rappelling to jet boat trips, surfing lessons and flat water eco-tours...just to name a few. The Jr. Sr. High Conference (ages 13-18) is led by volunteer Christian educators and clergy from around the diocese and is a bargain at \$275.00. This conference combines all the elements of traditional residential camp along with a spiritual themed retreat program.

If your child is ready for an experience full of laughter, fun, new friends, personal growth, and increased independence and self-confidence this summer, then Chanco is for him/her! Don't wait! For more information or for easy on line registration, visit [www.chanco.org](http://www.chanco.org) today or call 1-888-7CHANCO and sign your child up for the summer experience of a lifetime!

**St. Matthias' Episcopal Church**

**Ministers: All Baptized Members**

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**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

1 – Jack Ayres - Jeff Burke – Luke  
Jefferson - Willie Morsch - Kathleen  
Nowicki

2 – Caroline Tyler – Seth Kistner  
3 – Ansley Brooks – Candace Haske  
– Garland Rasmussen – Luke

Jefferson - Boneca Norman

4 – Jennifer Moore – Susan

Morrison – Nancy Matthews

5 – Todd Brengel – Pauline

Littlewood - Bradley Tobias – Bill

Russell – Ike Tucker

6 – Eleanor Evans – Nicole Tunstall

– Sean Fallon – Danielle Peters

7 – Maddie King – Dawn Johns –

Sam Foster

8 – Mike Desmond – Lily Read

Morrison – McKenzie Mercer

9 – Paige Hulbert - Boneca Norman

– Todd Ramkey

10 – Ian Derby – Bruce Hunroe

11 – Nancy Williams- William

Tantillo – Evan Watkins

12 – Linda Kelly - Becky Thomas

13 – Dave Wescott

15 – Beverly Campbell – Lauren

Paullin – Monica Carson

16 – Carol Noble - George Patnelli -

Laura Rasmussen – Madeline

Sheehan

18 – Lydia Cersley – Margaret Firth

– Tim O'Brien

19 – Jack Beattie - Max Derby -

Laura Duke – Danielle Goodreau -

Michael Morris - Brittany Horchak –

Ginny Wescott

20 – Pat Davis - Hillary Long

Doherty

21 – Sarah Griffin

22 – Monte Campbell – Justin

Hawkins – Alina Krannitz

23 – Joey Copeland - Matthew

Corbett – Brad McCullough - Judy

Nelson - Jacob Watterson – Sophie

Williams

24 – Tori Buckner – Katie Giles

25 – David Martin - Marcia Oglesby

– Clive Burnett

26 – Rex Slack - Bill Van Arnam –

Sarah Zachry

27 – Zach Atkinson

28 – Ashley Crawford - Glenn

Crawford - Clarence Norman


29 – Imy Burnett – Betsy Goodreau

- Miles Greatwood - Iris Hairston –

Wesley Kirkland – Annalise Rider

30 – Erik Anderson – Joe Blackburn

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<a href="#">27</a> 8:45 am - 9:45 am HOLY EUCHARIST 11 am - 12 pm HOLY EUCHARIST 4 pm - 5:30 pm JZA PARENT MEETING 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA/AL ANON	<a href="#">28</a> 7 pm - 8:30 pm KERYGMA/LIBRARY 7:15 pm - 9 pm BOY SCOUTS	<a href="#">March 1</a> 2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE 7:15 pm - 8:45 pm HOLY APOSTOLIC BAND 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm DANCING WITH THE ST. M. STARS	<a href="#">2</a> 8 am - 10 am MOMS IN TOUCH/Rite 13 room 8:30 am - 9:30 am MEN'S GROUP 10 am - 12 pm KERYGMA 7 pm - 9 pm EFM (EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY)/JZA room	<a href="#">3</a> 11 am - 1:30 pm <u>AARP</u> 2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm CHANCEL RINGERS 7:45 pm - 8:45 pm CHANCEL CHOIR	<a href="#">4</a> 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA	<a href="#">5</a> 11 am - 12 pm BAPTISM/R. HAWKINS 6 pm - 9 pm MARDI GRAS, DINNER AND FUNDRAISER
<a href="#">6</a> 8:45 am - 9:45 am HOLY EUCHARIST 11 am - 12 pm HOLY EUCHARIST 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA/AL ANON	<a href="#">7</a> 10 am - 12 pm Briarwood Garden Club/Commons 7 pm - 8:30 pm KERYGMA/LIBRARY 7:15 pm - 9 pm BOY SCOUTS	<a href="#">8</a> 2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE 7:15 pm - 8:45 pm HOLY APOSTOLIC BAND 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm DANCING WITH THE ST. M. STARS	<a href="#">9</a> Ash Wednesday 8 am - 10 am MOMS IN TOUCH/Rite 13 room 8:30 am - 9:30 am MEN'S GROUP 10 am - 12 pm KERYGMA 7 pm - 9 pm EFM (EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY)/JZA room	<a href="#">10</a> 2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm CHANCEL RINGERS 7 pm - 8:30 pm IACA 7:45 pm - 8:45 pm CHANCEL CHOIR	<a href="#">11</a> YAC: Blue Ridge Mountain Hike 6 pm - 7 pm WEDDING REHEARSAL 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA	<a href="#">12</a> YAC: Blue Ridge Mountain Hike 4 pm - 5 pm CAMPBELL/NORMAN WEDDING
<a href="#">13</a> Daylight Savings Time Begins URBAN ADVENTURE DEADLINE YAC: Blue Ridge Mountain Hike 8:45 am - 9:45 am HOLY EUCHARIST 11 am - 12 pm HOLY EUCHARIST 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA/AL ANON	<a href="#">14</a> 10 am - 12 pm GREENFIELD GARDEN CLUB/Morrison Hall 7 pm - 8:30 pm KERYGMA/LIBRARY 7 pm - 9 pm VESTRY 7:15 pm - 9 pm BOY SCOUTS	<a href="#">15</a> 2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm BIRTHING ALTERNATIVES/Commons 7:15 pm - 8:45 pm HOLY APOSTOLIC BAND 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm DANCING WITH THE ST. M. STARS	<a href="#">16</a> 8 am - 10 am MOMS IN TOUCH/Rite 13 room 8:30 am - 9:30 am MEN'S GROUP 10 am - 12 pm KERYGMA 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm <u>AARP BOARD</u> 7 pm - 9 pm EFM (EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY)/JZA room	<a href="#">17</a>  St. Patrick's Day 2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm CHANCEL RINGERS 7:45 pm - 8:45 pm CHANCEL CHOIR	<a href="#">18</a> 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA	<a href="#">19</a> 8 am - 4 pm KAIROS TEAM MEETING, COMMONS & MORRISON
<a href="#">20</a> YOUTH, KINGS DOMINION 8:45 am - 9:45 am HOLY EUCHARIST 11 am - 12 pm HOLY EUCHARIST 3 pm - 5 pm LASER TAG 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA/AL ANON	<a href="#">21</a> 7 pm - 8:30 pm KERYGMA/LIBRARY 7:15 pm - 9 pm BOY SCOUTS	<a href="#">22</a> 2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE 7:15 pm - 8:45 pm HOLY APOSTOLIC BAND 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm DANCING WITH THE ST. M. STARS	<a href="#">23</a> 8 am - 10 am MOMS IN TOUCH/Rite 13 room 8:30 am - 9:30 am MEN'S GROUP 10 am - 12 pm KERYGMA 7 pm - 9 pm EFM (EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY)/JZA room	<a href="#">24</a> 2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm CHANCEL RINGERS 7:45 pm - 8:45 pm CHANCEL CHOIR	<a href="#">25</a> 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA	<a href="#">26</a>
<a href="#">27</a> 8:45 am - 9:45 am HOLY EUCHARIST 11 am - 12 pm HOLY EUCHARIST 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA/AL ANON	<a href="#">28</a> 7 pm - 8:30 pm KERYGMA/LIBRARY 7:15 pm - 9 pm BOY SCOUTS	<a href="#">29</a> 2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE 7 pm - 8 pm COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS/Commons 7:15 pm - 8:45 pm HOLY APOSTOLIC BAND 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm DANCING WITH THE ST. M. STARS	<a href="#">30</a> 8 am - 10 am MOMS IN TOUCH/Rite 13 room 8:30 am - 9:30 am MEN'S GROUP 10 am - 12 pm KERYGMA 7 pm - 9 pm EFM (EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY)/JZA room	<a href="#">31</a> 2 pm - 6 pm VIP CARE 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm CHANCEL RINGERS 7:45 pm - 8:45 pm CHANCEL CHOIR	<a href="#">1</a> April Fool's Day <u>APRIL WEEKEND.GR. 8-12</u> 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm AA	<a href="#">2</a> <u>APRIL WEEKEND.GR. 8-12</u> 8 am - 4 pm KAIROS TEAM MEETING, COMMONS & MORRISON 9 am - 12 pm Lenten Workshop
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