

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

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Return Service Requested

Bob Ferguson, Senior Pastor

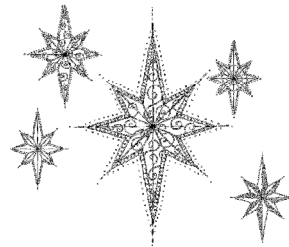
Sunday Worship: 8:30 am Informal Service
9:30 am Nursery Available
10:00 am Traditional Service with Choir and Child Care
10:00 am Sunday School - Children and Youth

Church Office Hours: 9 a.m.- 3:15p.m. Monday-Thursday

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St. Matthew's in Ministry

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Carol McClellan	Administrative Assistant	BRING GROUP	
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Arian Galavis	Accompanist	Carla Von Zell	Wedding Hostess
Narima Latif	Children's Center Director	Beth Ferguson, Team Leader	Outreach/Communication
Ashlee Walker	Nursery Attendant	GROW GROUP	
Linda Norberg, Chair	Administrative Council	Rev. Joe and Dorothy Lewolt	Membership Care Team
Barbara Crowdis & Jack Doman	Lay Members to Annual Conf.	Pam Pond, Team Leader	Education & Youth Team
Barbara Crowdis	Lay Leader	TBS, Team Leader	Discipleship Ministry Team
Nathan Inouye, Chair	Staff Parish Relations Comm.	Bob Wiles, Team Leader	Worship Team
TBD, Chair	Stewardship Committee	SERVE GROUP	
Bill Hartley, Chair	Board of Trustees	Rod Womer & Barbara Karplus	Servant Ministry Team
Bob Biery, Chair	Finance Committee	Tina Martin, Team Leader	Social Action Team

St. Matthew's Mission is to **BRING** spiritual wanderers and seekers into relationship with Jesus Christ, to **GROW** as disciples in a small group community and to **SERVE** of our calling and giftedness.

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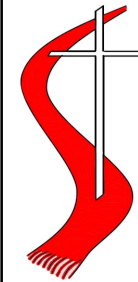


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St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
Purpose & Mission Statement

Our Purpose

"To Grow in our relationship with God, ourselves, and others. To carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ."

Mission Statement

Bring spiritual wanderers and seekers into relationship with Jesus Christ
Grow as disciples in a small group community

Christmas at St. Matthew's

Children's Christmas Program

"What Child Is This?"

Sunday, December 13

10:00 am Worship

Christmas Cantata

"The Christmas Light" by Benjamin Harlan

Sunday, December 20

8:30am and 10:00am Worship

Sanctuary Choir

Kory Reid, Directing

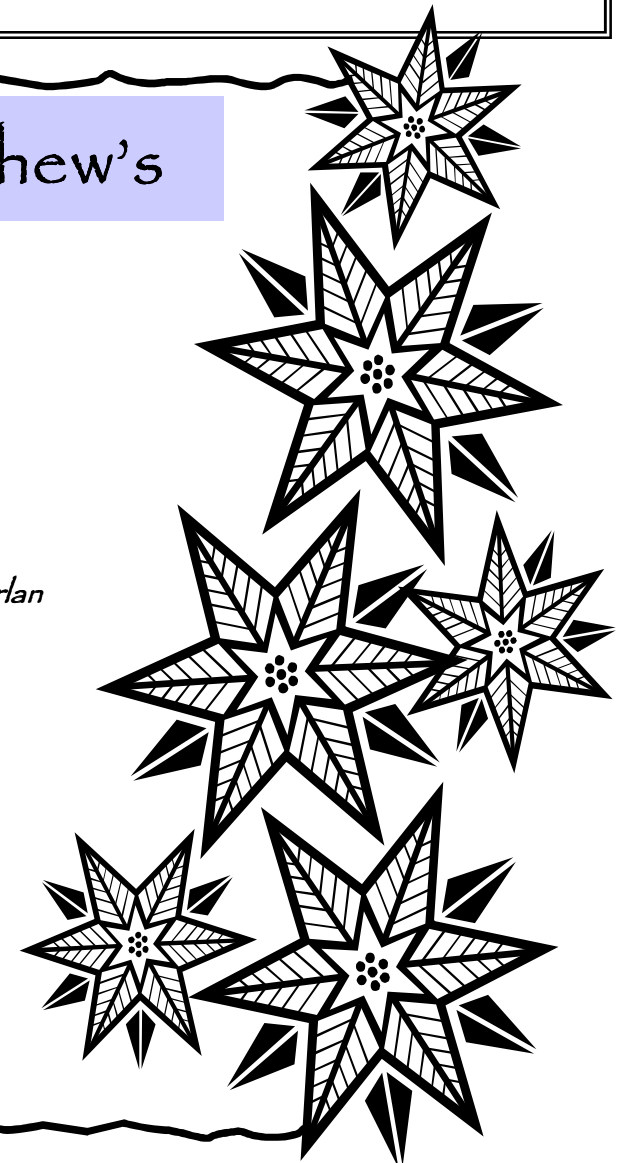
Arian Galavis, Accompanist

Handbell Choirs and Guest Musicians

Christmas Eve Services

Thursday, December 24

7:00pm and 11:00pm



Worship Services are held
Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

8:30 a.m. service is "come as you are. This service is more contemporary.
10:00 a.m. is our larger service featuring choirs and more traditional music and singing from the hymnal.



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Prayer Chain

To put a request on the prayer chain, contact the church office or Lynne Hartley (498-6365), Prayer Chain Coordinator.

New

Lauren Stone - Prayers for direction in life's path. (Joanne Stone's grand daughter)

Dale Berry - Hospitalized with mild stroke. (Kathy Winter)

Continue to pray for:

St. Matthew's Children's Center - Keep in prayer our Children's Center and its teachers.

Cheryl Qualls -Prayers for comfort and healing.

Shirley Watmore - Continued healing from viral attack on her heart. (Dorothy Lewolt)

Susan Roe - Continued healing from surgery.

Helen Blum - Continued healing from back pain.

Audrey Feather - Continued healing. (Nancy Liedblad's mother)

Barbara Thaden - Continued healing from brain surgery.

Nivea Guevara -Continued healing from brain tumor. (Elsie Figueroa's sister)

Fred Collins - Prayers for quality of life as he deals with lung disease. (Kathy Martin's father)

Anne Star - Continued prayers for comfort.

Pray for those in cancer treatment:

Andreas Knickman (Jack Doman)

Candi Howard (Pam McDonald)

Mia Stoutenborough (Paul and Judy Stoutenborough)

Eddie Callens (Jim and Suzanne Ford)

Jean Arndt- Ramona Hallit

Vincent Beltz - Carol Riggins

Victoria - Ruth Bushart

Verita Hooker (St. Matthew's)

Elsie Figueroa (Beth Ferguson)

Mother Shirley - (Cheryl Qualls)

Carol Phillips - (Christa Lamb)

Zona Strathearn - (ChrisMcEachern)

Marv Whisman - (Christy Whisman)

Alex - (Detweiler Family)

Katie Floyd - (Saute Family)

Jane Cosarelli (Patti Adams)



December Birthdays

12-01 Joan Roper

12-04 Barbara Karplus

12-07 Hanna Sylvester

12-08 Christy Whisman

12-09 Tanya Blanck

12-12 Scott Detweiler

12-16 Marvin Whisman

12-20 Sid Suggs

12-22 Kari Wilson

12-22 Brett Hanley

12-22 Steve Curtis

12-25 Bob Mohn

December Anniversaries

12-16 - Tanya and Ryan Blanck

12-20 - Beth and Bob Ferguson

12-21 - Marilyn and Ralph Matthews

12-24 - Patti and Bill Adams

12-27 - Dorothy and Joe Lewolt

12-28 - Susan and Steve Roe

12-29 - Donna and Jack Doman

12-31 - Delia and Gary Kellogg

12-31 - Barbara Karplus & Rod Womer



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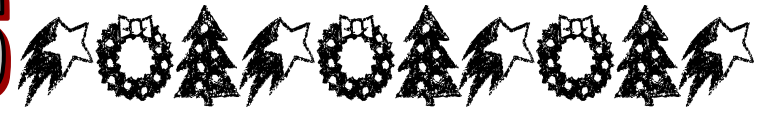
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If you have changed your phone number or e-mail address, please contact the church office with that information.



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Angel

By *Roland Roy*

Ever met an angel,
An angel here on earth?
When you do, then you'll know that
There is a heaven.

For an earth angel stands alone
Slightly above ground, floating as if
On a cloud, as if the ground
She walks on are petals of flowers,
Whispering sweet things, and as
Fragrant as a child's breath.

When you meet an angel
The world becomes pleasant,
A world more tolerable, bearable,
Pleasurable world.
A world worthy of life.

When an angel walks,
She walks with
Assuring grace, head held high
Proud of each step,
Showing a beauty far beyond
Words yet said.

Words that can only be of love.
And when you hear this angel
A certain chime rings
Through the air softly,
Deft tones of pleantry rhyme,
A sound so fine.

And when you dance with an
Angel, the dance is effortless,
A dance that only an angel
Dances, a swirl in a cloud
Of mist, a poetry of movement,
An aria defined.

And when you kiss an angel,
Her taste is clear, sweet, savoring

And safe. A pungent pleasure
Of life's divine meaning. A kiss complete.

I have met an angel and
There are just a few. She does
Exist, even in chaos. I see
This angel. And this angel is you.

By Roland Roy



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Julianne Detweiler has Angel Dancers rehearsing for our Children's Christmas program. They meet from 9:00a to 10:00a on Sunday mornings in the Wesley Room. The Dangerous Boys Club directed by Kent Detweiler also meets at the same time.

The Sanctuary Choir will present their Christmas Program "The Christmas Light", on Sunday, December 20th at 8:30 and 10:00a worship. Kory Reid our Music Director will be directing, Arian Galavis will accompany with our handbell choir and guest musicians.

Christmas Eve Services will be at 7:00p and 11:00pm. Watch for more information in our up-coming Worship Bulletins. Donations for Poinsettias are now being taken. Please find an order form in this newsletter.

Women's Breakfast - St. Matthew's women meet at Denny's in Newbury Park at 8:30am every 2nd Saturday of the month to enjoy breakfast and fellowship. All women are welcome.

Women's Bible Study led by Tina Martin meet every Friday at 12:30pm in the Fireside Room. All women are welcome.

Men's Breakfast - St. Matthew's men meet at Denny's at 8:00am in Newbury Park every 1st Saturday of the month. Also the men of St. Matthew's meet for a Bible Study every Thursday morning at 11:00am in the Fireside Room, this study is led by Pastor Bob. All men are welcome.

The Young Family Group met for Game Night on Saturday, November 14 at 6:00pm. We all learned new games together. No event is planned for December.

The All Church Workday was held on Saturday, November 21st from 8:00am to 2:00pm; with a potluck lunch. There were numerous work projects accomplished.

The Gad-Abouts enjoyed a train ride from Simi Valley to Olvera Street in Los Angeles on November 17th. Watch the Sunday morning bulletin for up-coming events.

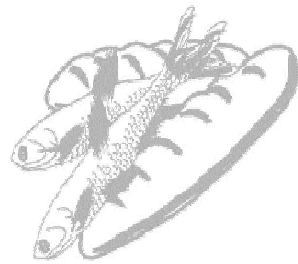
New Members - Welcome Arline Nester who joined St. Matthew's church family in October. Welcome to St. Matthew's, Arline!!!

New Grand Parents - Congratulations to Jim and Barbara Crowdis for the birth of their new grandson, Calvin Alexander Nguyen, born to Tricia and Truong Nguyen. Congratulations to Bill and Lynne Hartley on the birth of their new grand daughter, Emrie Danielle Hartley, born to Mike and Danielle Hartley.

The Youth Service was held on November 15th. Joelle Saute brought an inspiring message of testimony. Our liturgists were Sean Saute, Kyle Culler and Jordyn Birgy. Our greeters were McKaylee Bertrand, Carly Doderlein and Daniel Pond. Our greeter for the first service was Daniel Pond. Second service, Travis Doderlein, Jonathan Kuo, Taylor Bertrand and Colin Wheatly were our ushers. Kelly Chow blessed our Tithes and Offerings.



If you have an upcoming event and would like to share that news with St. Matthew's, please submit it to the church office or Beth Ferguson.



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Servant Ministry



December 2009 - Page 6 www.NewburyParkChurch.com Updates and Ideas: Rod Womer & Barbara Karplus, (805) 499-3115, rwomer@verizon.net



The 6th annual ACTION Community Christmas Shoppe has almost arrived! St. Matthew's will be participating again in the shoppe being held on December 4 and 5, 2009, at Newbury Park First Christian Church. The Christmas Shoppe is a wonderful way to serve the needy throughout the Conejo Valley by inviting parents to the shoppe where they select toys and gifts for their children, all for free. The shoppe is stocked with donations from toy drives, and a festive atmosphere is created for the shoppers with refreshments, entertainment, and kids' activities. Not only does this event try to meet physical needs, but spiritual needs as well, providing the opportunity for shoppers to meet with Christian volunteers for prayer or to discuss spiritual needs.

How can you help?

Sign up to volunteer on the day of the event to help wrap gifts, assist shoppers, serve refreshments, help with kid's activities, etc. Volunteers must be age 12 and older. What a wonderful way to share Christ's love by reaching out to those in need this Christmas! Questions? Contact Janice Kakazu at 499-2773.



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH RADIO IN COTE D'IVOIRE

Can you even imagine living in places where electricity, phones and the Internet are nonexistent or unreliable?

That is the situation in Côte d'Ivoire, a West African country recently torn by civil war. How do people get information, especially in times of trouble?

RADIO

Even the poorest and most isolated people can become better educated through this reliable technology.

[United Methodist Church radio in Côte d'Ivoire](#) plans to broadcast for the first time on Christmas Eve 2009, amplifying hope in a country still healing from war. Radio Methos (101.6 FM) will have programs about relevant subjects like malaria,

tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS; ways to generate income; childcare; and hope from the gospel message...all of this in the residents' own context, and in their own languages.

How many can we reach? As many as 1 million people in Abidjan and 3 million in rural areas will hear Radio Methos – many of them receiving Lifeline solar-powered radios for their family and community.

Will you be a part of this movement toward community empowerment? The success of Radio Methos depends on your generosity. How many lives do you want to change? Your gift may affect as many as 3 million people and change someone's tomorrow.

Send your tax-deductible donation to:
The Foundation for United Methodist Communications
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e-mail: foundation@umcom.org

ST. MATTHEW'S MEMBERS GIVE GENEROUSLY!

A big THANK YOU to all the St. Matthew's members who have given so unselfishly of themselves and their resources during this holiday season. Thank you once again for your generous donations of Thanksgiving food items. Five families were extremely grateful for your generosity in donating the ingredients for the traditional Thanksgiving meal. God bless all of you!

Also, St. Matthew's members came through yet again in their support of the annual ACTION Community Christmas Shoppe. We collected so many wonderful gifts, and several members have signed up to volunteer at the event on December 4 and 5 where they can see for themselves the many needy families who will benefit from your generosity and Christ's love working through you!

FEEDING THE SHEEP

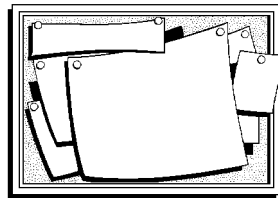
By Jack Doman

In John 21:15 – 19, Jesus tells Peter and by extension tells us to “feed my sheep”. Remember that you are a precious lamb of God and He wants you to be fed. In an emergency we may not be able to get food for a while. We need to prepare for a disaster by having a supply of food available for our family.

The American Red Cross suggests as a minimum of at least three days of non-perishable food to face an emergency. Choose food that requires no refrigeration, preparation or cooking and little or no water. If you must heat some of the foods you select, add a can of Sterno and matches. The ARC recommends foods that are light weight and compact. Select a variety of foods, including ready to eat canned meats, canned vegetables, canned fruits, dried fruits and nuts, as well as, crackers, and cereal bars. Keep all of your emergency food in a dry location in a plastic storage container. Pay attention to the particular tastes of your family in choosing the items for your menu. Make a list of the expiration dates on the food items so that you can use them before they spoil and restock your supply. Don't forget the can opener.

Upcoming Opportunities to Serve

- Christmas Shoppe – December 4th and 5th
- Alternative Christmas Market – December 6th
- Homeless Dinner – December 20th
- Christmas Gift Cards – December 6th & 13th
- Children's Hunger Fund Boxes - January
- Homeless Dinner – February 21



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Bulletin Board



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Children's Center snacks

SNACK ITEMS FOR OUR CHILDREN'S CENTER

Our children at the center are always in need of snack

items. If you would like to help support this vital ministry of St. Matthew's, gift cards from Albertsons are always welcome. Gift cards may be dropped off at the Children's Center or may be placed in the Children's Center mail box in the church office. **Also, please find the list in the Narthex of items that can be purchased on a weekly basis. Thank you for your help in giving to our children at the center.**

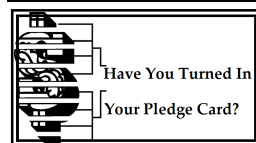
SAVE YOUR FRESH AND EASY RECEIPTS!

Fresh and Easy is once again making donations to schools and daycare centers. This is easy money, all we need to do is save receipts with totals of at least \$20 or higher. For every \$20 spent between now and December 31, 2009, the Children's Center can earn a dollar. Thus for a receipt with a total of \$20 - \$39.99, the Center earns \$1. For each receipt with a total of \$40-\$59.99, the Center earns \$2 and so on. Please bring your receipts to church and either place them in the Children's Center mailbox, or the marked can in the narthex.

Thank you, Jen Kuo!

SCRIP FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Gifts cards for several retail stores are available at the script table or can be ordered. Orders are usually available for pick-up in 1-2 weeks. Gift cards for many restaurants are available; so you can have lunch while shopping and dinner afterwards. Of course you need to get to the mall, so gas cards for Arco, Exxon, Shell and Chevron are also available. St. Matthew's can earn money every time you use your grocery store club card at no cost to you. All you have to do is register your club card for Ralphs, Vons, Albertsons and we receive a rebate of 1-4% depending on the total amount of your purchases. If you have not registered your cards, see Dennis, Jim, Kent or Gary at the script table. The money earned from Scrip and the grocery store club cards are used for special needs at St. Matthew's. All profits from CVS Pharmacy go to the Choir.



We had a successful Stewardship Campaign in the month of October, but still need those who haven't taken the time to fill out their pledge cards to do so.

St. Matthew's ministry depends solely on pledges from our members and constituents. So please fill out your cards and either place them in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or mail them to St. Matthew's. Thank you to all who have generously given to our ministry at St. Matthew's.



Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 13

10:00am

St. Matthew's

Children's Christmas Program
“What Child Is This?”

Program directed by Pam McDonald

Performance by Angel Dancers

Choreographed by Juliane Detweiler

Readings by

St. Matthew's Sunday School Children and Youth



Sunday, December 20

8:30 and 10:00a Worship

St. Matthew's Sanctuary Choir
presents

“The Christmas Light”

by Benjamin Harlan

Directed by Kory Reid

Accompanied by Arian Galavis
with

Handbell Choir and Guest Musicians



THE NINTH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CENTER CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

Friday, December 11, 2009, 11:45am-4:00pm, Shopping for children only. Gift wrap and tags will be provided.

Sunday, December 13, 2009, 9:00am-11:30am Shopping for everyone! We will also have a bake sale that will benefit the Children's Center.

Sunday, December 20, 2009, 9:00am –11:30am

An additional shopping day with just a few items for sale on the Boutique side and plenty of baked goods on the Bake Sale side.

Questions? Jennifer Kuo 498-0764, or jenkuo@verizon.net



ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Sunday, December 6th, we will be selling crafts and jewelry before and after 8:30 and 10:00a worship. East African craftsmen and craftswomen make most of the crafts and jewelry. The proceeds will be used to fund the care of African orphans and scholarships to Kenya Methodist University for the education of Methodist pastors and lay persons. The crafts and jewelry make great Christmas gifts. For more information, please contact Rod Womer or Barbra Boone.



Good News In Worship



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Worship Staffing for December

December 6

Preaching Pastor Bob Ferguson
Worship Leader Jack Doman
8:30am Liturgist Alice Huston
10am Liturgist Jackie Heinemann
10am Ushers Mike Bertrand/
Bill Hartley

Acolyte Alexander Chow
Counters Jason/Nancy Lethcoe/
Mike Summers

Nursery Tanya Blanck
Flowers John Fletcher
Coffee Jackie Heinemann
Sound/Recording Ralph Matthews
Welcome/Greeter Donna/Jack Doman
SS Teachers Pam Pond, others TBD

December 13

Preaching Pastor Bob Ferguson
Worship Leader Jack Doman
8:30am Liturgist Beth Ferguson
10am Liturgist Dan Overton
10am Ushers Nancy Liedblad/
Nathan Inouye

Acolyte Jonathan Kuo
Puppeteers No Puppets Children's
Christmas Program

Counters Casey Goldberg,
Dan Overton,
Dennis Heinemann

Nursery Tanya Inouye
Flowers Casey Goldberg
Coffee Casey Goldberg
Sound/Recording Randy Holzer
Welcome/Greeter Pat and Bob Mohn
SS Teachers No Sunday School

December 20

Preaching Pastor Bob Ferguson
Worship Leader Jack Doman
8:30am Liturgist Scott Spindel
10am Liturgist Ralph Matthews
10am Ushers John McDonald/
Harry Lamb

Acolyte Tabitha Dyer
Counters Jan Gauwain/Ceil Adler
Nursery TBD
Flowers Tina Martin
Coffee The Fords
Sound/Recording Fred Wardell
Welcome/Greeter Carla Von Zell/

SS Teachers Betty Johnson
No Sunday School
Choir Christmas Program



Christmas Eve December 24

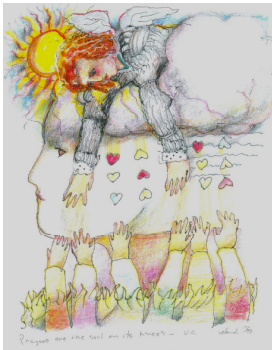
7:00pm Usher - TBD
11:00pm Usher - TBD
Sound/Recording
7:00p - John McDonald
11:00p - Bill Hartley

December 27

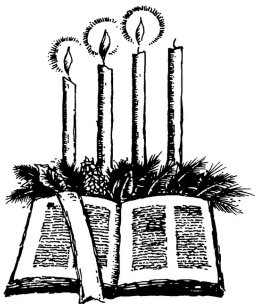
Preaching Pastor Bob Ferguson
Worship Leader Jack Doman
8:30am Liturgist TBD
10am Liturgist Randi Berry
10am Ushers Mike Summers/
Ralph Matthews

Acolyte Jordyn Alexander/
Lark Detweiler

Puppeteers TBD
Counters Joanne Stone/ Tim LeRoy
Nursery Joyce Wheatly
Flowers The Kelloggs
Coffee Please Sign up
Sound/Recording Ryan Blanck
Welcome/Greeter Judy Saute/Tanya Blanck
SS Teachers Lynne Hartley/
Janice Kakazu/
Charlene Wardell



Please note: We have new sign up charts for Flowers and Coffee Fellowship for the up-coming new year, so please take a moment to sign up. This is a great opportunity to celebrate a loved ones Birthday or Anniversary.



Advent BIBLE READINGS

December 6 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:14
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

December 13 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

December 20 - 4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:47-55
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

December 24 - Isaiah 9:2-7

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

MERRY CHRISTMAS

December 25 - Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4
John 1:1-14

December 27 - 1st Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

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The Shepherd's Pen

“Fires burn brightly only as long as they’re stoked”.

Sunday October 25th, you had the opportunity to commit to new levels in your relationship with God. You boldly filled out cards, and in a wave of momentum turned them in.

Had any second thoughts since? Had any doubts that you’ll actually be able to meet that financial commitment, or fit the area of service into your busy schedule? That’s not such a bad thing. It means that you’ve given God room to work and that without new dependence on him, it’s not going to happen.

God delights in our dependence on him, you know, He waits for us to ask for help. But when we have all the answers already or we do things in our own strength, we leave no opportunity for him to be glorified. It becomes about what we can do; rather than what he can do through us.

In the coming weeks, as the lessons from “Prayer: Does it really make a difference?,” settle into your consciousness, it will be possible for you to lose steam and to forget what it was all about. On the other hand, you could take what you’ve

learned and build on it.

Remember the very first talk, the one that talked about connecting with God? Over the past forty days, you gained new insight into how prayer does make a difference, and discovered that the only thing that will really help is consistent prayer. That is prayer based upon Bible study, acts of service, fellowship with other Christians, and regular financial gifts. All this is part of how prayer makes a difference by our participation.

That kind of prayer is not the type that puts out a fire. Rather, it’s the kind that stokes it, and allows us to burn so brightly that we draw others to us like moths to a flame. So what will you do to keep that fire burning brightly, keeping the principles of the last few weeks in the very front?

How about this? The next time you pray and hear of an answer to prayer, you’ll be compelled to practice prayer even more. It is the practice of prayer as the Bible teaches it that will transform us, until that day when we don’t even recognize who we used to be.

Together in Christ,

Pastor Bob Ferguson



At St. Matthew's

HAPPENINGS AT ST. MATTHEW'S

The Servant Ministry Team continues to collect for Manna. If you wish to donate food items, there is a blue container

in the Narthex where food can be dropped off.

The Servant Ministry Team collected food items and five Thanksgiving food baskets will be presented to households who are in need. Gift cards from the scrip table will be collected by the Servant Ministry Team for Christmas gifts for individual families in need. Watch the bulletin for announcements. The Team will also be serving the homeless meal on the evening of December 20th. Cooked food items and servers will be needed. Watch for a sign up list on the bulletin board either in the Narthex or patio area.

The Servant ministry will also sponsor the third annual Alternative Christmas Market on Sunday, December 6 please see the article on the Bulletin Board Page of this newsletter.

The church kitchen construction is coming along nicely. Thank you to all who have continued to sign-up to bring refreshments for the month of December; we are utilizing the sink in the Fireside Room and the Wesley Room for making coffee and clean up. Refreshments are being served in the patio area.

Christmas Events – Save the dates.

- December 4th – Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas 9:00a -12:00p.
- December 4th, 5th – Servant Ministry helping with the Community Christmas Shoppe.
- December 6th - Alternative Christmas Market

Children's Center Christmas Program, Sunday, December 13th at 10:00am Service, “What Child Is This?” written by Pam McDonald will be presented. The children are rehearsing right after the 10am worship service. Thank you to the children, parents, Pam McDonald, Casey Goldberg, Kathy Winter, Kory Reid and Arian Galavis, our music director and pianist, and all the Sunday school teachers who are making this program possible.

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