

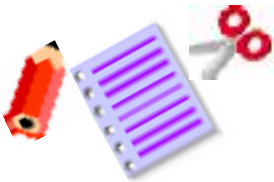


## Outreach Back Pack Project

Help invest in the future of a child by participating in the Fill A Backpack Project. There are many children in our community who will start school without even the most basic supplies. Their families are struggling to provide housing and food; and finding money for backpacks, pencils and paper is almost impossible. From July 26 – August 16 the outreach committee will be collecting basic school supplies to be distributed to various schools and social service organizations in our community.

Below is a list of supplies. Please drop off your supplies in the box in the foyer of the church by August 16th. Don't like to shop? Make a donation and we will do the shopping for you.

For information or to participate in this project, please contact Joan Mahoney or Susan Wight, 407-644-8435, [sbwight@aol.com](mailto:sbwight@aol.com).



- Backpacks
- Scissors – Fiskars –rounded
- #2 Pencils
- Colored pencils
- Wide rule paper
- Crayons
- Glue – Elmer's stick or bottle
- Hard cover composition books
- Spiral notebooks
- Pocket folders w/prongs- various colors
- Erasers
- Color markers

- Rulers – inches/centimeters/ millimeters
- Index cards
- Black & red ball pint pens
- Boxes of tissues
- Hand sanitizer
- Anti-bacterial soap
- Baby wipes



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *The newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.*
- *Article or information submissions can be sent to: [stmatthews@earthlink.net](mailto:stmatthews@earthlink.net) in Word document form.*
- *Article or information submissions can be placed in the newsletter folder outside the parish administrator's office.*

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# Rector's Message

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*Most of you know that we have been very blessed in finding Ellen Foust and asking her to serve as our youth minister. As Ellen is becoming better known to our youth we thought that she should be better known to the parish as a whole. Peace, Charlie*



*Ellen Foust was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. She attended Bucknell University in central Pennsylvania to obtain her BA in history and certification in secondary social studies education. While she was there, she was an active member of the university's chapter of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, where she gained an appreciation for the Word of God and the fellowship of the Church. During breaks she was employed by a Girl Scout Council in Los Angeles to work at and help plan a nine week resident camp—as unit leader, program assistant, and then activities director.*

*When she graduated from college, Ellen moved to Florida, where she began a nine month internship at Church in the Son of Orlando. During that time, she was given hands-on experience in developing and supporting ministries in inner-city Orlando, UCF, and within the church.*

*For the last year, Ellen has lived in inner-city Orlando and developed the children's program for Mending Hearts Charities. The program serves children ages 2 to 14 with tutoring, mentoring, ministering and life-skills lessons. It brings in volunteers from St. Matthews and other churches, UCF, Jewish Family Services, and even organizations from out of state.*

*Ellen is also a newlywed, having been married for just three months to her best friend and partner in ministry, Brad.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### June 2009 Financial Report

#### Income:

Income for the month of June was under budget by \$3,905. We are now officially in the summer income doldrums. Year-to-date income is \$138,579 or \$6,308 over budget.

#### Expenses:

Total expenses for the month were over budget by \$2,663. Income exceeded expenses by \$1,459. Year-to-date expenses are \$122,188 or \$9,906 under budget, giving us a net income of \$16,391.

#### Fund Balances:

The checking account shows a balance of \$69,839 with \$23,755 in designated funds and \$46,087 in the general fund. During June, some charges were made to the outreach designated fund that should have come from outreach budgeted monthly, which is why that fund is showing a negative balance. This will be corrected in July. The money market account has a balance of \$70,177. This includes the memorial funds, memorial garden fund and the building fund. The funded reserve in the credit union has \$15,971.



*Hugh Fisher, Treasurer*

## PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care is just one of the many ways that our church community tries to share our blessings with those who are in need.

We provide meals for people who have had recent surgery or given birth. We help provide transportation to those who need a ride to church or to their doctor's appointments. We take communion to the homebound and are available for home or hospital visits to those who would like a member of the pastoral care team to visit, sit with, talk with, pray for, or generally minister to them.

This is an ongoing ministry that requires input from the congregation.

Please, if you or someone you know needs our help, don't hesitate to contact the church office or Charlie at [cfritch@earthlink.net](mailto:cfritch@earthlink.net) or Bill Young at 407-282-0436.

**We are praying for:** *Angela Wheeler, Melanie Olivier, Cara Groenendaal, Margaret Collison, Henry & Mary Alice Kephart, Tyler Ferguson, Rodica & Karen Sears, Taya Sun, Janet Charron, Eva Balsteiri, Ellen Marshall, Patty Macaione, Ann McCaulley, Herb & Lynn Latrell, Audrey Crowe, Florence O'Neal, Sara, Margie &, Ron, Tom & Jo Edwards, Sarah Perkins, Hazel Forbis, Stacey Rodrigues, the Restuccia family, Carmen Davis, Jeremy Thompson Rick Barner, the Davis-Torres family, Bill Baucum, Peggy Peerotti, Vera West, Ben Houser, and Michael Barner.*

**GOOD NEWS** – Jennifer and John Groenendaal have a new son, Jackson Christopher, born July 11.

## CELEBRATIONS IN JULY

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

#### August Birthdays

Yolanda Kirk	August 1	Yvonne DeLaunay Tyler	August 18
Mikaela Newhouse	August 1	Genevieve Billy	August 19
Matthew Thys	August 2	Christine Brown	August 19
Damon Wheeler	August 2	Bev Muraski	August 19
Peyton Jackson	August 4	Halle Cox	August 20
Jordan Cox	August 5	Mike DiBlanda	August 20
Ismari Rivera-Velez	August 5	Diane Martin	August 20
Rob Forbis	August 7	Emmalee Wenz-Burgos	August 20
Martin Tyrie	August 7	Wesley Valdyke	August 21
Chelsea Holiday	August 8	Gary Ambrose	August 22
Christine Schornagle	August 8	Paul Neal	August 22
Eden Cooley	August 10	Peter Samuelson	August 22
Kathy Cullerton	August 11	Barbara Mounts	August 23
Caroline Davidson-Bramley	August 13	Judy Brown	August 26
Gwen Davion	August 13	Stephen Dalsemer	August 26
Pam Mello	August 13	Samuel Haratine	August 26
Will Seward	August 13	Cristina Torres	August 27
Jolene Eberhardt	August 15	Karen Stout	August 28
Katie White	August 15	Cody Al-Gharabally	August 29
Steve Jenkins	August 16	Jacob Burgos	August 30
Logan Matlock	August 16	Zachary Frederick	August 30
Brevon Dalsemer	August 17	Phil Ray	August 30
Neil Hernandez, Sr.	August 17	Marion Ricci	August 31
Ellen Marshall	August 17	Jennifer Ross	August 31
Alyssa Martin	August 17		

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

#### August Anniversaries

Wheatley, Richard & Lydia	August 1	Gogo-Abite, Ikiensinma & Becky	August 20
Kandzer, Ron & Judy	August 5	Hornbeck, Edward & Raquel	August 30
Davis, Ken & Carmen	August 7	Campbell, Ron & Anne	August 31
Forbis, Rob & Hazel	August 7		
Wight, Brad & Susan	August 10		
Duranceau, Steve & Bonnie	August 11		
Holder, Leo & Venna	August 11		
Macaione, Ken & Ethel	August 15		
Rankine, Bill & Kathy	August 17		



## WOW! – WithOut Words

### *The St. Matthew's Youth Group - July 2009 Calendar*

#### Great Youth Celebration 2009

Where: St. Luke's and St. Peter's Church, St. Cloud, FL  
 When: August 15th  
 Cost: \$15/person, includes dinner  
 Time: Leave St. Matthew's at 2:00 p.m. and return about 9:30 p.m.  
 Needed: CHAPERONES!

Please speak with Ellen, 407-456-8486 if you are interested in attending.

#### Help the Homeless by Donating Toiletries

WOW! - WithOut Words, the St. Matthew's youth group will be collecting toiletries throughout the year to pass out to the homeless during our monthly food serve. Please, donate any travel sized toiletries, including those from any hotel you stay at, by dropping them off in the youth room at any time. Items needed are shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, q-tips, hand sanitizer, deodorant and feminine products. Thank you for your help with this project!

*Preach the Gospel to all the world, and, if necessary, use words. –St. Francis of Assisi*

## Acolytes and Nursery volunteers needed!

#### **Acolytes needed...**

If you are a middle school or high school student and are interested in becoming an acolyte, please contact Father Charlie, 407-657-9199.

#### **Mothers, fathers, and grandparents are needed!**

On most Sunday mornings during the 10:15 a.m. you will find Katie White ready and waiting in our nursery for your children. She has been a reliable care giver for several years and now she needs your help. A parent needs to be scheduled along with Katie to help handle emergencies. Two pairs of hands are better than one, especially when the nursery is filled with happy, energetic children. If you are interested, please contact Sharon in the church office, 407-657-9199, or email [stmatthews@earthlink.net](mailto:stmatthews@earthlink.net). The safety of our children is very important. Please give of your time. Thank you.

# God's Big Backyard

## VBS 2009

Tire swings, crafts, games, snacks and more! What a wonderful VBS 2009. We learned about helping others in our own *Big Backyard!* We made blankets for the nursing home, teddy bears for Arnold Palmer Hospital, planted beautiful flowers in our very own backyard at St Matthews! Once again we have wonderful help from the youth group who participated in all of our activities....especially the water slide! That was an awesome day! We can't wait to do it all over again next year, VBS 2010!



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

For everyone who had a hand in making our vacation Bible school such a wonderful success, thank you so much. As parents, you realize the impact that VBS has on your children when they are singing the songs from the CD in the car. Thank you again to all of you! You made our VBS 2009 a wonderful success!



## SOUL IN THE CITY 2009

Soul in the City is a diocesan-wide event in which each church youth group spends its days at a worksite serving those in need and then comes together with all the church youth groups for dinner, worship and hear a sermon.

St. Matthew's youth spent their mornings working with Mending Hearts. One group went to Sanford to help maintain an affordable housing facility. They moved heavy mattresses, painted the buildings with many layers to waterproof and color, and pulled weeds. The other part of the group put on a vacation Bible school in inner-city Orlando for children ages 2 to 13. During that time, the youth mentored and befriended the children attending, told and reenacted Bible stories, prepared and made snacks, taught the children crafts, and developed

games that reinforced the lessons/stories.

In the afternoons, the youth made baked goods for the Russell Home, sanitized the quiet room and nursery, arranged the prayer and hymn books, and put the prayer request and visitor cards in the pews.

In the evenings, they heard sermons focused on "All Things New," from the themes of Genesis and eschatology to the ways in which our faith can color our perspective and actions in this world.

At the end of it all, the youth were able to celebrate what they had done with a day at Typhoon Lagoon.



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## Programs offered fall 2009

Children's Sunday school — 10:00 a.m.

Monday morning men's group — 6:15 a.m.

Young adult ministry — Mondays 7:00 p.m.

Brown bag Bible study — Tuesday evenings

Bible study Thursday morning — 10:00 a.m.

Once a month men's group — Third Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Youth activities:

Sunday morning

Sunday evening

Check out future issues of "A View From St. Matthews" and the weekly bulletins for more details on these and other programs.