



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Suggested Donation
\$10 per family

5:30PM—7:00PM

This fundraiser will benefit the youth scholarship fund.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *The newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.*
- *Article or information submissions can be sent to: 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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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

12:15 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M.

Rector Message



Charles Fritch, Rector

As you will see from other articles in this newsletter, we are already talking about Lent and therefore about Easter. I love the sentence from the service for Ash Wednesday, “I invite you . . . to the observance of a HOLY Lent by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; any by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.” I need not elaborate on this invitation.

Part of our preparation will be the Adult Education program that will be reading and discussing the book by Tony Campolo – *Red Letter Christians*. I read the book shortly after Tony spoke at our clergy conference in October and have wanted to discuss it with others.

Another educational program that will be happening during Lent is the First Communion Class. We will be using the book, *This Bread & This Cup* by Mary Lee Wile. We have not yet decided on the time for the class or date for celebrating the first communions. I have never considered myself a teacher in the academic sense, but have always found these classes a real blessing for me. There are only two pictures on the bulletin board behind my desk and both are of past first communion celebrations.

You will notice a new entre in the newsletter for the next few months, in that Dr. Jim Taylor will be using this method to keep you informed of the process and progress that is being made in the search for a new rector. You probably know that the Canon to the Bishop, Ernie Bennett, has already met with the vestry to start the process. In listening to the exchange between Ernie and the vestry, I couldn’t be more comfortable that we have placed ourselves in a desire to know and do God’s will.

I do not need to say very much about this year’s vestry in way of introducing them since this edition contains their pictures. I will say that I personally recruited some of them knowing that the year would present additional demands and energies. All I can say is that “I did good.” Some have asked if I have any idea of what I will do when I retire and my response has been that I have no idea. There will be plenty of time to think about that later. Right now I have more than enough to keep me busy. Peace, Charlie

TREASURER'S REPORT

FROM: Hugh Fisher
SUBJECT: December 2009 Financial Report

Income:

Income for the month of December was over budget by \$415. Year-to-date income is \$286,467 or \$9,646 over budget.

Expenses:

Total expenses for the month were under budget by \$4,844. Income exceeded Expenses by \$3,864. Year-to-date expenses are \$270,596 or \$6,225 under budget leaving us a net income of \$15,122. We will carry forward \$6,243 of this as un-expended outreach funds leaving us a final net income of \$9,653.

Fund Balances:

The checking account shows a balance of \$68,177 with \$22,247 in designated funds and \$45,753 in the general fund. The money market account has a balance of \$69,216. This includes the memorial funds, memorial garden fund and the building fund. The funded reserve in the credit union has \$15,985.

Year-end Close Out:

My recommendation for disbursement of the net income is 10% or \$965 to outreach designated funds, \$5,000 carry forward as retained earnings into January miscellaneous expense, \$2,500 allocated for repairs to the backflow preventers, and the remaining \$1,188 allocated to youth scholarships.



VESTRY NEWS

Highlights from the annual meeting.

Sylvia Boyd, Hazel Forbis, Jim Taylor and Bill Young were elected to the vestry as was Paige Hinton who will serve again as an Alternate.

Hugh Fisher, treasurer, reviewed the 2010 budget, which was approved earlier this month by the vestry.

Bank fees can be reduced if parishioners write a check for their pledge monthly instead of weekly, or pay their pledges online via electronic banking. Either way, we will be charged less in transaction fees by the bank, which will allow the cost savings to be used instead on

important maintenance/repairs and other expenses.

Of course, the big news was an announcement by Fr. Charlie Fritch that he is retiring. His last Sunday with us will be April 25. Canon Ernie Bennett of the diocese will guide St. Matthew's in its search for a new rector, with the hope that a new rector may be in place by this fall. Charlie, you'll be a hard act to follow!

Submitted by Paige Hinton, secretary

GETTING TO KNOW THE 2010 VESTRY

During the annual meeting on January 10, 2010, Sylvia Boyd, Hazel Forbis, Jim Taylor and Bill Young were elected as new vestry members. Paige Hinton will serve as an alternate.

Vestry committee assignments for 2010 are:

Stewardship: Greg Hess

Worship: Jason Varner

Children education: Debbi Dearolph and Jennifer Latterell

Evangelism: Frank Samuelson

Adult education: Sylvia Boyd

Pastoral care: Bill Young and Ann Groenendaal

Parish life: Hazel Forbis

Outreach: Joan Mahoney

Sr. warden: Jim Taylor

Jr. warden: Jim Lott

Treasurer: Hugh Fisher

Secretary: Paige Hinton



Jim Lott Hugh Fisher Greg Hess Paige Hinton Ann Groenendaal Frank Samuelson
 Hazel Forbis Debbi Dearolph Jennifer Latterell Joan Mahoney Bill Young Jim Taylor

Absent from group photo: Jason Varner and Sylvia Boyd.

OUTREACH DISBURSEMENT FOR 4TH QUARTER 2010

Details are as follows:

Charity Name	<u>Amount</u>
Campus Crusade for Christ	\$1,000.00
Salvation Army (Aid for Haiti)	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT AMOUNT:	<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>

Note: This leaves a balance of \$208.00 to be kept in reserve which may be used on an "as needed" basis.

An additional \$1303.00 was raised for Haiti relief through contributions from parishioners. The contributions will also be sent to the Salvation Army to be used for Haiti relief.

FEED MY SHEEP

As the holiday season comes to a close and our special outreach project for the Hope Foundation ends, we need to be reminded that the need does not end. The need exists all the time.

The Sonshine Community Thrift and Food Pantry in Oviedo is part of the Hope Foundation. It provides food to at least 80 families three times a week.

In an effort to confront this problem we will be collecting food on an ongoing basis and taking it

to the Hope Foundation food pantry. Any non-perishable food item is greatly appreciated.

Suggested items are canned soup, canned vegetables, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, box dinners, cereal and beans.

Food can be left on the hutch in the corner of the parish hall. Make it a habit to bring in food each week as part of your offering.

If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Richard Wheatley.

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. Please keep the donations coming in as the need becomes greater. Thank you for your help with this project!

WHITE CHRISTMAS WRAP

Dear St. Matthew's family:

The outreach committee would like to thank you once again for your generosity during our "White Winter" holiday drive. We collected bag after bag of underwear, socks and pajamas for needy children living in East Orange County. In addition, there was enough money collected that two more carts of these items were purchased to supplement that which had been collected. I must admit that I received several strange looks by other shoppers as I pushed these carts through WalMart. I was able to deliver all of the items to the social workers in the East Learning Community early enough that they were distributed to the appropriate families prior to the holidays. In these very difficult economic times, basic essentials become an absolute priority. During this school year, St. Matthews has donated hundreds of school supplies and perishable food items to the East Learning Community. Rest assured that all of your efforts have gone directly to benefit families in need.

With sincere appreciation,
Sylvia Boyd
Outreach committee

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Part of the "Christmas Giving Tree" this year was to support the Hope Foundation's Christmas in the City event to benefit families in our community that need a helping hand! They needed toys, food and gift cards. The outpouring of support and generosity of the St Matthew's church family was truly amazing—\$84 in gift cards, bag after bag of food and toys dropped off under the Christmas tree or bought with the \$275 donated in cash.

Here are some stats from the Christmas in the City event (Dec 21st) where families gathered to share a hot meal catered by a local chef, and where worship teams performed and the children were entertained with lots of activities.

531 families received:

A complete Christmas dinner and \$15 gift card for a turkey.

Each child (1,060) received:

A new toy, a Disney DVD, new socks and underwear, new shoes and a pair of jeans. Teens received a \$15 gift card.

Thank you all so much for caring and sharing.
Judy Hrycaj

SAINTS AND SINNERS DINNER CLUB

CALLING ALL SAINTS AND SINNERS.....

February marks the first of St. Matthew's Saints and Sinners Supper Club get-togethers and you are all invited.

Last year a group of us enjoyed getting together on a monthly basis to share good food and great company as part of the St. Matthews Saints and Sinners Supper Club. This is a way of getting to know your fellow parishioners better in a casual, friendly setting and we hope that many of you will consider joining this group.

Here's how it works: Sign up on the poster at the back of the church and, depending on numbers, we will split into groups of approximately eight people. We try to put people together who do not know each other well so that we all have the opportunity to get to know one another better. Peo-

ple in the group take turns hosting a monthly dinner for the rest of the group.

The first meeting will be a group get together in the parish hall on Friday the 26th of February at 6p.m. Please bring an appetizer to share. We will form our groups that evening for the coming months.

Hope to see you all there.....

For more info. Please contact Hazel at hazelforbis@yahoo.com

PASTORAL CARE

PASTORAL CARE is one of the ways we minister to those in need. We provide meals for people who have had recent surgeries or given birth. We help those who need a ride to church or to medical appointments. We take communion to the homebound. We are available for home or hospital visits to those who need someone to talk with, pray with, or just sit with.

But we can't do any of this without **your** help. PLEASE, if someone you know needs help, contact the church office (407-657-9199), Charlie at cfritch@earthlink.net, or Bill Young (407-282-0436) at walyoung@bellsouth.net.

Please use the same contacts if you would like to publish good news, a new baby, a wedding, or the return of a loved one from hazardous military service.

We are praying for:

Angela Wheeler, Margaret Col-lison, Henry & Mary Alice Kephart, Audrey Crowe, Martha Ellis, Carmen Davis, Bill Baucum, June and Ken Davis, Melissa and Stephanie Davis, Cristina Torres. Mona Cotton, James Likavec, Jonathan Davis, Glee Finegan, Patricia Pendergrass, Joshua Williamson, James Blanton, Emily Butler Ball, Karen and Rodica Sears, Eleanor Rozzo, Bill Petty, Lucius Dean, Darrell Hawks, Jackie Kline, Charles Reynolds, Andrew Wright Robert Tyler.



YOUTH GROUP—FEBRUARY 2010 CALENDAR

WOW! – WithOut Words

Sunday, February 7

10:15 am—Youth Sunday school.

11:30-2:45—*Mending Hearts* outreach (team 2)—a two hour camp run by the St. Matthew's youth group as a service to the children of a disadvantaged neighborhood. It is done the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. There are two teams. If interested, please contact Ellen to sign up. This week, team 2 departs after the 10:15 service and returns to St. Matthew's at 3 pm. Service hours.

6:00-8:00 pm—Evening meeting.

Sunday, February 14

10:15 am—Youth Sunday school

6:00-8:00 pm—No evening meeting. Happy Valentine's day.

Tuesday, February 16—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. 4 pm-8pm. This fundraiser will benefit the youth scholarship fund.

Sunday, February 21

10:15 am—Youth Sunday school

11:30-2:45—*Mending Hearts* outreach (team 1)—a two hour camp run by the St. Matthew's youth group as a service to the children of a disadvantaged neighborhood. It is done the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. There are two teams. If interested, please contact Ellen to sign

up. This week, team 1 departs after the 10:15 service and returns to St. Matthew's at 3 pm. Service hours.

5:00-8:00- Scavenger hunt. Let Ellen know you are coming by February 16 (Tuesday).

Wednesday, February 24

5:00-6:15--- *Feed the Homeless* at Lake Eola. Meet on the corner of Osceola and Central. We will help serve dinner and give toiletries and snacks to the homeless. Parents must stay with the youth for this event.

Sunday, February 28

10:15 am—Family Sunday, no youth Sunday school

5:00-8:30 pm—REBOUNDERZ. The youth group will be going to experience trampoline fun and games and inviting 4th and 5th graders as well. We will be meeting at St. Matthew's and driving to Rebounderz in Longwood, FL.

Future Dates to Remember:

Mending Hearts outreach—1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

Feed the Homeless outreach—Last Wednesday of each month.

BCAD—March 12-14, 2010. Camp Wingmann.

Emerge—April 23-25, 2010. Camp Wingmann.

GAME SYSTEMS

Are you buying or getting a new video game system this Christmas? The youth group would love to get game system donations for the youth room and events. Please bring them to the church or contact Ellen at (407) 756-8486 or eshepstone@gmail.com.

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

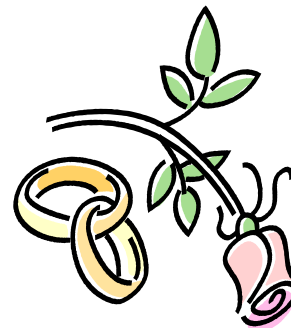
CELEBRATIONS IN FEBRUARY 2010— HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



Venna Holder	February 1	Michael Downs	February 20
Terri Buchanan	February 3	Hazel Forbis	February 21
Yvonne Lashley	February 3	Maria Salerno	February 21
Sara Sexton	February 4	Andrew Smithson, Jr.	February 21
Jeffrey Stuart	February 4	Jen Fritch	February 22
Matthew Fair	February 7	Jason Latterell	February 22
Tina Davis	February 9	Kathleen Koch	February 23
Lauren Downs	February 10	Tucker Arnold	February 24
Laurie Hernandez	February 10	Nicholas DiBlanda	February 24
Bill Young	February 10	Joan Galfo	February 24
Charles Farney	February 11	Jim Johnston	February 24
Max Golden	February 11	Crystal Springer	February 24
Wynema Laabs	February 12	Maggie Rogers	February 25
Ashlie Hinkle	February 13	Samuel Wooten	February 25
Martha Ellis	February 15	Matt Aliberti	February 26
Karen Hinkle	February 15	Judy Wheeler	February 26
Keith Latterell	February 15	David Mello	February 27
Mary Alice Kephart	February 17	Joy Newman	February 27
Patty Fritch	February 18	Parker Latterell	February 28
Morgan Davis	February 19	Muriel Smith	February 28
Nancy Zappa	February 19		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Mounts, Luther & Barbara	February 2
Miller, Lowry & CeCe	February 4
Dalsemer, Stephen & Kelly	February 6
Norberg, Tim & Marty	February 6
Rogers, Will & Jan	February 17
Koch, George & Joyce	February 18
Dearolph, Dan & Debbi	February 20



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00-10:00am Breakfast -#1 9:00am Choir Practice 10:15am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Children and Youth Sunday School 11:30 am Mending Hearts #2 11:30 am Handbell choir 6:00pm Youth group	8 6:15am Men's Group 7:00pm Young Adults	9 9:30am Contemplative prayer group	10 7:00pm Choir practice	11 10:00am Bible study 8:00pm NA	12	13 7:00pm NA
14 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00-10:00am Breakfast -#2 9:00am Choir Practice 9:15am Outreach Meeting 10:15am Youth & Children Sunday School 10:15am Holy Eucharist 11:30am Handbell choir 11:30am Vestry meeting	15 6:15am Men's Group 7:00pm Young Adults	16 9:30am Contemplative prayer group 5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	17 ASH Wednesday services 12:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.	18 10:00am Bible study 8:00pm NA	19	20 2:00 p.m. Johnson Wedding 7:00pm NA
21 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00-10:00am Breakfast -#3 9:00am Choir Practice 10:15am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Children and Youth Sunday school 11:30am Handbell choir 11:30am Mending Hearts #1 5:00pm Youth Group 6:00pm Adult Lenten program	22 6:15am Men's Group 7:00pm Young Adults	23 9:30am Contemplative prayer group	24 7:00pm Choir practice 5:15-6:45pm Youth - Feed the Homeless	25 10:00am Bible study 8:00pm NA	26 6:30 p.m. Saints and Sinners	27 7:00pm NA
28 8:00am Holy Eucharist 9:00-10:00am Breakfast -#4 9:00am Choir Practice 10:15am Holy Eucharist and family service 11:30 Handbell choir 5:00pm Youth Group - Rebounderz 6:00pm Adult Lenten program						

February 2010

	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
Layreaders				
8:00 a.m.				
10:15 a.m.				
Breakfast Team	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Flower Guild	Judy	Sandy	Debby	Sue
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5
Acolytes 10:15	Amber Tyrie	Martha Samuelson	Kaytie Bass	Eric Samuelson
Sound Tech				
8:00 a.m.	Otto Phanstiel	Charles Brown	Steve Warrick	Steve Hrycaj
10:15 a.m.	Christina Willis	Conrad Cross	Ray Falcon	Dan Dearolph
Ushers				
8:00 a.m.	John Likavec Jim Johnston	Charles and Debbie Brown	Harris Springer Jim Johnston	Judy and Steve Hrycaj
10:15 a.m.	Don and Teresa Hershiser	Chris and Kathy Davis	Dan Dearolph Ann Groenendaal	Christina Willis Jason Varner
Greeters				
8:00 a.m.	Sandy Likavec	Jan Johnson	Yvonne Tyler	Doris Mackey
10:15 a.m.	Penny Miller	Peg Cordell	Sue DiBlanda	Debbie Cross
Cart Driver				
10:15 a.m.	Ray Falcon	Rob Forbis	Don Hershiser	
Sunday School-Teachers	Martha Mannarino Caroline Byrnes Laurie Hernandez Diane Martin	Sue Spradlin Vicki Brown Jen Downs Beth Young	Julie Alvarez Laurie Hernandez Margaret Young Christina Davis	Melissa Hogan

