



SOUL IN THE CITY YOUTH GROUP PROJECT

SUNDAY, JULY 12—SATURDAY, JULY 18

Soul in the City is a cooperative local mission project coordinated by the Episcopal diocese of Central Florida. It is a week of ministry throughout Orlando by middle and high school youth groups.

St. Matthew's will focus their ministry on Mending Hearts. Mending Hearts is a collection of low income housing. Twice each month, WOW! runs a two hour camp for the children who live there. For our Soul in the City mission, we will further develop our relationship with those children through a week-long vacation Bible school, replicating the VBS run by the children's education ministry for the children of St. Matthew's.

Schedule for Typical Day

7:00 am :	Team wake-up
7:15 am :	Breakfast, showers
8:00 am:	Devotions
8:15 am:	Depart for work site
9:00 am:	Outreach
1:00 pm:	Lunch
1:30 pm:	Team meeting
2:00 pm:	Outreach or free time
5:30 pm:	Depart for hub church
6:30 pm:	Dinner
7:00 pm:	Worship gathering
9:30 pm:	Depart for host parishes

Volunteers will be needed to purchase and bring lunch to the work sites during the week. Additional chaperones and drivers will be needed throughout the week – a few hours or a few days are all very useful. Some youth may need sponsorship for some or all of their \$155 cost. Please contact Sharon in the church office for any questions or to volunteer to help.



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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Rector's Message

I don't know how many parishioners were not at church on Sunday, but for those unable to attend we want to be sure that you are aware that the Driscoll family is moving to Denver, Colorado, where Michael will be working with United Health Care. Because of this, Michele, who has served as our youth minister for the past two years cannot continue in that capacity and we will be looking for a new youth minister.



As Michele spoke to us last Sunday her dedication, competence and love for those to whom she ministered was most evident. Michele has remarkable gifts with which she has been blessed and we have been blessed with her sharing those with us. It was evident from the beginning of her taking this position that Michele saw this not as a source of employment, but as a ministry. I am still amazed at the relationships that she was able to form, not just between herself and the youth, but between the youth themselves.

When the vestry funded the position and we began the process of finding a youth minister, it became a very depressing project. There were no applicants to the postings at the diocese or newspaper and when we began to inquire about possible applicants through networking, I was less than impressed. In addition to the job description that we put together, it would have been difficult for Jesus to fulfill. To have found Michele in the midst of this was for me evidence of Divine Grace. I am further impressed with the steps that Michele has taken to insure the continuing success of the youth group projects, from finding parents that can assume tasks that she would have been responsible for to the suggestion of a possible successor. It has been inspiring. So many times I have seen the person's spirit and energy depart prior to their physical presence. Not so with Michele – we will feel her presence long after she is in Colorado.

I have no doubt that God will continue to bless Michele in special ways that she can continue to be a blessing. I am not sure a "thank you" here in the newsletter means anything compared to what she already knows in her heart, but I will say it anyway. THANKYOU! THANKYOU! THANKYOU!

Peace, Charlie

TREASURER'S REPORT

May 2009 Financial Report

Income:

Income for the month of May was over budget by \$6,800. There was a \$2,800 anonymous donation in miscellaneous income. Year-to-date Income is \$120,809 or \$10,213 over budget.

Expenses:

Total expenses for the month were over budget by \$2,456. A significant amount of that is because outreach budgeted expense was delayed until May. Income exceeded Expenses by \$6,243. Year-to-date expenses are \$99,312 or \$11,666 under budget giving us a net income of \$21,879.

Fund Balances:

The checking account shows a balance of \$75,755 with \$24,479 in designated funds and \$51,279 in the general fund. The money market account has a balance of \$70,162. This includes the memorial funds, memorial garden fund and the building fund. The funded reserve in the credit union has \$15,971.

Chase has taken over Washington Mutual and is changing the rules on the interest bearing checking account. This would actually result in costing money to have an interest bearing account. We have therefore switched the checking account to a free-checking WAMU account which will be grandfathered into the Chase family of accounts and is seamless since the account number will not change.

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 or Bill Young.

We are praying for: Angela Wheeler, Melanie Olivier, Cara Groenendaal, Jennifer 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 Lattrell, Audrey Crowe, Martha Ellis, Florence O'Neal, the Ordonez Family, Sara, Margie, Ron, Tom & Jo Edwards, Sarah Perkins, Hazel Forbis, Stacey Rodrigues, the Restuccia Family, Carmen Davis, Jeremy Thompson, Rick Barner, and the Davis-Torres Family

CELEBRATIONS IN JULY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

July Birthdays

Laura Haratine	July 3	Walter Zappa	July 18
Fred Mohre	July 3	Charlie Bourgeois	July 19
Matthew Duranceau	July 4	Brad Wight	July 20
Katie Duranceau	July 4	John Mitchell	July 21
Bonnie Duranceau	July 5	Cheyenne Seward	July 22
Erika Daly	July 6	Jack Evans	July 23
Kelly Dalsemer	July 7	Kim Valdyke	July 23
Babe Driscoll-Byrne	July 7	Cindy Phillips	July 25
Christina Duncan	July 7	Yvette Gray	July 26
Ashley Forbis	July 7	Greg Newhouse	July 26
Kathy Rankine	July 7	Karyn Scanlon	July 26
Lyndsey Wooten	July 7	Richard Wheatley	July 26
Phyllis Thomas	July 8	Paige Hinton	July 27
Stephen Perry	July 10	Raul Rivas	July 28
Rick Greenwood	July 11	Kate Gay	July 29
Neil Hernandez, Jr.	July 11	Sue DiBlanda	July 30
Paul Hollingsworth	July 11	Elizabeth Driscoll	July 30
Ben Kiser	July 12	Shannon Davies	July 31
Elizabeth Grant	July 15	Phil Eberhardt	July 31
Saleena Bass	July 16	Ikiensinma Gogo-Abite	July 31
Jen Mohre	July 16	Joyce Koch	July 31
Alexis Narcisi	July 16	Sheri Rahman	July 31
Allyson Wooten	July 17		

HAPPY ANIVERSARY

July Anniversaries

Cullerton, Tom & Kathy	July 3	Beers, Bill & Linda	July 19
Young, Bill & Margaret	July 3	Hess, Gregory & Carolyn	July 22
Anderson, Chuck & Betty	July 4	Fisher, Hugh & Serena	July 23
Driscoll, Mike & Michele	July 4	Davion, Kelly & Gwen	July 29
Likavec, John & Sandy	July 4	Otero Jr., Miguel & Monica	July 31
Williamson, Bob & Norma	July 5	Phanstiel, Otto & Nicole	July 31
Kinnally, William & Nancy	July 6		
Tuttle, Mills & Ann	July 18		



CURSILLO ... GROWING CHRIST-CENTERED LEADERS

Cursillo Corner:

Thank you to those of you that answered my email to let me know that you have already attended a Cursillo week-end.

Diocesan picnic will be held on July 18th at All Saints, Enterprise from 10 AM to 2 PM. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, bring a dish to share.

Menes' 109 will be held at Canterbury September 17-20. Steve Jones will be rector and Fr. Charlie will be the spiritual director for that week-end. Women's' 109 will be held at Canterbury October 1-4. Pam Kirk, Messiah, Winter Garden will be the rectora for that week-end.

We are all pilgrims on a journey...We are here to help each other walk the mile and share the load, passing on God's love for us and each other.

If you have not attended a Cursillo week-end, please consider it. In just three short days, you can learn that you are not just a saint, but an apostle for Christ!

Ultreya!!!! (Hebrews 10:23-25)

Karen Stout, 4karenjs@bellsouth.net

Hope Foundation Updates

HOPE Foundation named "Non-Profit of the Year"

Oviedo, Florida - On June 4, 2009, The Seminole County Regional Chamber of Commerce held their annual meeting and Chamber Choice Awards at the Hilton, Altamonte Springs.

The HOPE Foundation received the "Non-Profit of the Year - 2009" award which recognizes the achievements of those who have made a direct and substantial contribution in Seminole county, and who have touched the lives of those living in Seminole county in a positive way. Krissy Todd, founder and executive director of HOPE, accepted the award.

HOPE's mission is to prevent and reduce homelessness in central Florida by equipping individuals and families to become self-sufficient through housing, outreach, prevention, and edu-

cation. HOPE provides services for over 1,200 families per month through their resource center and Sunshine Community Thrift Store and food pantry.

HOPE is currently expanding their services to "**The Village of HOPE**" - a place where individuals and families can access all services at one location. Clients will have access to basic services and resources, intensive case management, financial assistance and mentorship programs. Future services will include educational programs for basic life skills, skilled labor, apprenticeship programs, advanced training, financial management, a computer center and medical and dental services.

For more about HOPE visit us at www.HelpfortheHomeless.net

WOW! – WithOut Words

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

Sunday, July 12 to Saturday, July 18

Soul in the City week

Wednesday, July 29

5:30pm Youth group – Feed the homeless

Summer Youth Bible Study

Are you interested in learning more about Jesus and the Bible? Is scripture not your strong point? Are you concerned about missing your youth group friends all summer? Join the youth Bible study on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm during the summer! We are excited about the program and can't wait to see you there!

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. The safety of our children is very important. Please give of your time. Thank you.

Advancing age? You bet!

ED (A. E. P.) WALL

When I was a middle-aged fan of the Feathered, I used to think about retiring with binoculars in a decade or two, enjoying plenty of time for bird-watching.

When I finally got around to retiring, the owls were hooting at me because I had the time, but I no longer had eyes that could even spot squirrels poking at my bird feeders. My ophthalmologist recommended that I buy bigger light bulbs. The owls hooted some more.

That was a long time ago. Now, 26 years after I joined, I've received a renewal notice from the AARP, as the American Association of Retired Persons is known. I'm offered a choice. I can renew for one year, or three years, or five years. As an optimist I'm opting for five years, which will cover me until a bit before my 90th birthday.

A friend told me that's a ripe old age, and I thought I'd do a fact-check on that. What makes someone ripe? One reference book says something may be called ripe when its thread-like tendrils discolor and stop growing. Check!

Another way, especially if you're wondering about a melon, is to rap on it to see whether it sounds hollow. If it sounds hollow, it probably is ripe. There's nothing personal about this.

Growing old is an adventure, with risks, fears and satisfactions. Old age is sometimes treated as though it were a disease all by itself. Nobody has a cure for growth, or truly wants one. Old age is the consummation of human growth.

Older folks have diseases. So do a tragic number of infants, children, young moms and dads. Jesus, who died young, offers the promise of eternal life, but no personal example of aging.

No further example was unnecessary because from the time of a person's birth, there's no change in life's expectancy of a loving and generous spirit.

In the 21st century the words of Moses to Pharaoh resonate with power many generations after they were spoken. Exodus says that Moses was 80 years old when he insisted, "Let my people go." In Psalm 71, there's a prayer, "So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, till I proclaim tThy might to all the generations to come."

Now that's a positive fulfillment of advanced age—to proclaim the power of God, not necessarily from a pulpit or in a letter to the editor, but by being a living proclamation of faith. Faith is explained by catechisms, but it builds from the inside out.

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PREPARED ESPECIALLY FOR:

Outreach Back Pack Project

Start looking for sales... Beginning the middle of July, St. Matthew's will again be collecting back-packs and supplies for schools in our area.

It has been determined our school supply donations can be more effective if given to the teachers to distribute on an as needed basis to the children.

This year, therefore, we will be focusing on providing back-packs and the most needed supplies for teacher's rooms and the school supply closets.

Our participation in this project can directly impact the academic success of the children in our community. Look for more details in future bulletins and newsletters

