



# A VIEW FROM ST. MATTHEW'S

## OUTREACH

### OUTREACH DISBURSEMENT REPORT 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2010

The disbursements for the 1st Quarter of 2010 were reviewed and approved by the Outreach Committee. According to the treasurer's report, we have \$6,478.00 available for this quarter in 2010.

Details of the committee's decision on how the funds are to be disbursed are as follows:

| <u>Charity Name</u>                   | <u>Amount</u>              |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Beta                                  | \$ 200.00                  |
| Campus Crusade for Christ             | \$1,000.00                 |
| Cursillo (Men & Women's - \$250 each) | \$ 500.00                  |
| Harbor House                          | \$ 500.00                  |
| Hope Foundation                       | \$1,000.00                 |
| Kairos                                | \$1,000.00                 |
| Marie Taylor Fund                     | \$ 500.00                  |
| Russell Home                          | \$ 500.00                  |
| Salvation Army                        | \$ 1,000.00                |
| <b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENT AMOUNT:</b>     | <b><u>\$ 6,200.00*</u></b> |

## CHICKS FOR CHILDREN AND BOGO

A big thank you for all the change collected during the Easter season. The children's Easter project *Chicks for Children* was a huge success. We collected \$240.00 to purchase chickens for the Heifer International program.



Also, an additional \$240.00 was used to purchase food for the East Learning Community Food Pantry through our BOGO project.



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *The newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.*
- *Article or information submissions can be sent to: stmathews@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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## OUR PASTOR'S THANK YOU

Today is Monday, April 26, the day after yesterday's celebration of the "Ending of a Pastoral Relationship" or what would be better known as a "Retirement Party." One of my favorite authors, Richard Rohr, explains that spiritual experiences cannot be explained but only experienced, and that would be true not only for yesterday but for much of the 21+ years that we enjoyed among friends and fellow spiritual seekers. We cannot imagine the amount of time and energy that so many of you invested in this event.

Having our entire family together is always extremely special for us. When the extended family is added to that, the power is magnified. Some of the specialness began with the morning Eucharists and the baptisms that deepened long and close relationships. The liturgical part was unforgettable, from the hand bell choir to Tony Cross, to Amanda and Shelby, to my good friend Ernie Bennett. A lot of this is captured in the albums that we have only scratched the surface of. They truly are sacred and must never be taken casually. The cake is a different story and needed to be consumed before it could get stale. The astounding element is the expression that we have touched others lives in meaningful ways and we can only hope that everyone understands the reciprocal part of that relationship. Our children were at a very impressionable age when we first came, and so much of their spiritual development happened in this setting. You can well imagine how much we cherish the relationships we have with all of them and you.

Thanks for the wonderful memories we have created together. Thank you for the many gifts, both monetary and sentimental. Thank you all for everything you've done and been in our lives. We will not say goodbye, only that we will look forward to seeing you all soon. We have lived in Seminole county for over 30 years and have no intention of going anywhere else for some time. Shalom, Patty and Charlie

## VESTRY NEWS

Senior warden Dr. James Taylor has completed a comprehensive parish profile based on input from the congregation and has submitted it to the Central Florida Diocese as a key part of the process to attract candidates interested in becoming our rector.

We are still looking for volunteers to perform some of the maintenance work needed around the church, parish hall and grounds. If you can help, please talk with junior warden Jim Lott, who is in charge of the building and

grounds committee, or drop Sharon a note to indicate your willingness to pitch in.

Joan Mahoney has had to resign from the vestry due to pressing family obligations. Sylvia Boyd will share outreach committee co-chair responsibilities with Joan. Paige Hinton, an alternate to the vestry, now moves onto the vestry as a full member.

Submitted by  
Paige Hinton, Vestry Secretary

## PARISH EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

### SAINTS AND SINNERS

The Saints and Sinners Supper Club groups are meeting for the second time this month. We currently have three groups of eight participating. Saints and Sinners is a wonderful opportunity to get together in a relaxed setting and get to know each other over dinner. I sincerely hope that those of you who were unable to join us this spring will consider doing so in the fall.  
Hazel Forbis



### Easter Flowers

I would like to thank the wonderful volunteers who helped prepare the beautiful Easter flowers. It would have been impossible to provide our church with such elegance on Easter Sunday without the help of Sue Jones, Jen Santilli, Judy Hrycaj, Rusty Abdalla, Serena Fisher, Ann Groenendaal, and Karen Stout. A lot of time and effort went into this and it was reflected in the beauty of the

finished product. I also wish to thank Lori Coward for taking on the task of removing the flowers after the services. We are truly blessed to have such a devoted team each year to work in this blessed ministry.

Blessings to all and my heartfelt thanks,  
Debby Wunderly

### Spring Yard Sale

Thanks very much to those of you who were so generous in donating items for the St. Matthew's spring yard sale. Your donations helped us bring in \$1,235.00 and it could not have been accomplished without your generosity.

We especially would like to thank the parishioners who generously gave their personal time to help us make this another success. Countless hours were spent helping to sort, price and prepare the items for sale by Ann Groenendaal, Jean Kastrinos, Sami Somers, Linda and Bill Beers, Sandi Shaughnessy and Peg Cordell. Additional thanks to Bill and Linda Beers for putting up our signs, clothes racks and checking the electrical items to ensure they are in working order. We had another winning team!

Sincere appreciation from the project coordinators,  
Debby Wunderly & Patti Somers

## TREASURER'S REPORT

FROM: Hugh Fisher  
SUBJECT: March, 2010 Financial Report

### Income:

Income for the month of March was under budget by \$9,133. Both pledge and non-pledge contributions were significantly down

### Expenses:

Total expenses for the month were under budget by \$2,857. Year-to-date we are showing a net income of \$4,234.

### Fund Balances:

The checking account shows a balance of \$82,568 with \$25,370 in designated funds and \$57,531 in the general fund. The money market account has a balance of \$69,250. This includes the memorial funds, memorial garden fund and the building fund. The funded reserve in the credit union has \$15,991.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**VBS at St. Matthew's is set for June 21-25th from 9-12PM.  
Registration to begins soon!**

**Camp Wingmann for Children and Youth**  
3404 Wingmann Rd, Avon Park, FL 33825  
Email: cwsummer@strato.net  
Web address: www.campwignmann.org

A fun place for kids to come to *Know and Grow in Christ!*

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| Sessions run from: | June 13-18     | Camp St. Mark—Senior high        |
|                    | June 20-25     | Camp St. Barnabas—Middle school  |
|                    | June 27-July 2 | Camp Trinity—Elementary campers  |
|                    | July 18-23     | Camp St. Francis—Middle school   |
|                    | July 25-30     | Camp St. Mary—Elementary campers |

Cost: \$315.00 per session, family discounts available.

For more information please contact Sharon in the church office, 407-657-9199.

## WOW! – WithOut Words

### The St. Matthew's Youth Group - May, 2010 Calendar



#### Sunday, May 2

10:15 am—Youth Sunday school.

11:30-3:00—*Mending Hearts* outreach (Team 2)

6:00-8:00 pm—Evening meeting.

#### Sunday, May 9

8:00 am—Breakfast meal for Mother's Day.

10:15 am—No Sunday school.

6:00-8:00 pm—No evening meeting. Happy Mother's Day.

#### Sunday, May 16

10:15 am—Youth Sunday school.

11:30-3:00—*Mending Hearts* outreach (Team 1)

6:00-8:00 pm—Evening meeting.

#### Sunday, May 23

10:15 am—Youth Sunday school.

6:00-8:00 pm—Evening meeting.

#### Wednesday, May 26

5:30-6:20--- Feed the Homeless at Lake Eola. Meet on the corner of Osce-

ola and Central. We will help serve dinner and give toiletries and snacks to the homeless.

#### Sunday, May 30

10:15 am—Youth Sunday school.

6 pm Sunday, May 30 to 9 am Monday, May 31—**Orlando by Night**

#### Sunday, June 6

10:15 am—Youth Sunday school.

11:30-3:00—Final *Mending Hearts* outreach for Year

6:00-8:00 pm—Evening meeting. End of year celebration. No more youth meetings through the summer.

#### Future Dates to Remember:

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

*Feed the Homeless* outreach—Last Wednesday of each month.

*Soul in the City*—July 11-17.



*Preach the Gospel to all the world, and, if necessary, use words.*

—St. Francis of Assisi

## MAGAZINES

There is a need at area hospitals for magazines in waiting areas. After reading your magazines, please consider donating them to St. Matthew's by placing them in the box at the back of the church. They will be taken to the waiting areas at M. D. Anderson cancer center for the patients awaiting radiation and chemotherapy treatments. For more information contact Hazel Forbis.

## 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 births. 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 Ann Groenendaal, 407-365-8741 or Bill Young (407-282-0436) at [walyoung@bellsouth.net](mailto:walyoung@bellsouth.net).

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

**We are Praying for:** Margaret Collison, Henry & Mary Alice Kephart, Audrey Crowe, Martha Ellis, Karen & Rodica Sears, Randy Williamson, Andrew Wright, Robert Tyler, Alice Johnson, Vanessa McTire, Doslyn Palmer, Joe Brown, and Chris Lloyd.

## PRAYER CHAIN

The prayer chain at St. Matthews prays for all those who request prayers for themselves and for others. If you would like to participate in this ministry, e-mail Ann Groenendaal at [groenena@gmail.net](mailto:groenena@gmail.net). This is my prayer chain e-mail address or call me at 407-365-8741. I will send out an e-mail with prayer requests to our parish team. Penny Miller has agreed to make phone calls to those who do not have e-mail.

This is an important ministry so if you feel the calling--please call or e-mail me.

## AUDIRE PROGRAM

Information Days for the Audire program are scheduled for Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at San Pedro Retreat Center in Winter Park. Audire is a three year program which provides listening and companioning skills which are beneficial to many ministries and serve as a foundation for formation as a spiritual director. Information days are designed to provide information and answer questions about the program for those interested. A new term begins in September. More information about Audire can be obtained at [www.audirespiritualdirection.org](http://www.audirespiritualdirection.org). To register for one of the Information days, call Betty Shaw at 407-671-6322 x228.

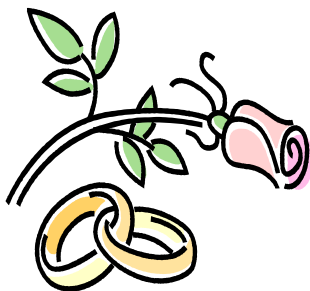
For more information, please contact Louise Samuelson at [FLSamuelson@bellsouth.net](mailto:FLSamuelson@bellsouth.net) or 407-761-8363..

## MAY BIRTHDAYS



|                    |        |                     |        |
|--------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| Julie Alvarez      | May 1  | Steve Forbis        | May 22 |
| Laura Fair         | May 1  | Steve Jones         | May 22 |
| Eleanor Young      | May 1  | Madison Mannarino   | May 22 |
| Tom Scanlon        | May 3  | Leigh Rivera        | May 22 |
| Karen Witter       | May 3  | Sharon Bass         | May 24 |
| Claire Miller      | May 5  | Carmen Davis        | May 24 |
| Kelly Kearns       | May 8  | Matthew Mannarino   | May 24 |
| Brooke Aliberti    | May 9  | Mike Perry          | May 24 |
| Bill Rankine       | May 9  | Julian Thys         | May 24 |
| Connie Perry       | May 10 | Brooke Hershiser    | May 25 |
| Leslie Veeder      | May 11 | Ken Macaione        | May 25 |
| Jim Brown          | May 13 | Betty Anderson      | May 26 |
| Otto Phanstiel     | May 14 | Paget Hultgren      | May 26 |
| Judy Holcomb       | May 16 | John Likavec        | May 26 |
| Becky Gogo-Abite   | May 17 | Will Rogers         | May 26 |
| Lynn Webb          | May 17 | Dylan Al-Gharabally | May 27 |
| Sandy Robinson     | May 19 | Laura Kittleson     | May 28 |
| Ethan Shepherd     | May 19 | Shannon Perry       | May 30 |
| Ann Tuttle         | May 19 |                     |        |
| Monica Montalvo    | May 20 |                     |        |
| Frankie Schornagle | May 21 |                     |        |

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES



|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Smithson, Sr., Andy & Suzi    | May 13, 2000 |
| Samuelson, Frank & Louise     | May 18, 1985 |
| Eberhardt, Phil & Jolene      | May 20, 1995 |
| Shaughnessy, Pat & Sandi      | May 25, 1985 |
| Evans/Mack, Jack & Kim        | May 26, 1999 |
| Hernandez, Sr., Neil & Laurie | May 26, 2001 |
| Newhouse, Greg & Sandra       | May 28, 2006 |
| Thys, Matthew & Kelly         | May 29, 1999 |
| Wheeler, Damon & Judy         | May 29, 1965 |

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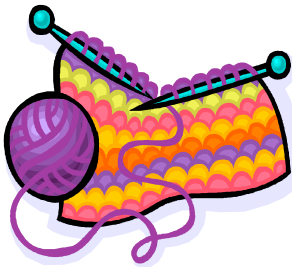
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## YARN WORKS

The St. Matthews  
YARN WORKS  
ministry held its first  
meeting on Sunday

11th April with 14 people attending.

For those of you who may not be familiar with YARN WORKS, the purpose of the ministry is to create prayer shawls and blankets as an outward and visible sign of the mystical reality of prayer that knits our souls together in Christ. These garments are given to the sick, homebound, poor, and elderly in our midst to comfortably remind them that they are present to us and bound to us in community even in their loneliness, illness, pain, and exhaustion.

We will hold meetings on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month from 5p.m. to 6p.m in the parish hall and invite you to join us.

You don't have to know how to knit. There are several experienced knitters who will be happy to teach you. It's not difficult and we'll have fun while we work together.

To knit a prayer shawl, you will need one pair of number 13 needles and three balls of homespun yarn.

We look forward to seeing you.

Hazel  
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