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Capital Campaign 2009 Update

It's easy to recall ten years ago when our family first attended St. Matthews. We were attracted by the inclusive sense from the people in our congregation. I think everyone would agree that's a vital part of the success of our church. That being said, the church buildings and grounds also can be important in creating a first impression. Whereas our church is strong and growing, our buildings and grounds are aging. The trustees do a wonderful job at keeping things up, but sometimes large scale projects become inevitable.

As you've undoubtedly heard from Ralph Matthews, Capital Campaign Steering Committee leader, we have launched a capital campaign for this year. We need everyone's help to make a successful capital campaign for this year. The key items we're seeking funds for are:

- Parking lot overhaul
- Vastly remodeled kitchen
- Childcare Center play area
- Weather cover for the area between the sanctuary and the office
- Et. al.

In order to ensure a successful campaign, four committees have been established. The Steering Committee scheduled a meeting with these teams to kick things off the week of May 19th. Thanks go to several folks who have already volunteered to chair or serve on one of the committees. We can still use some additional help on these groups. I know many of you are excited about the future of our church, and want to get involved, so please volunteer. You may contact one of the four Steering committee Members (Ralph Matthews, Linda Norberg, Bob Biery, and Kent Detweiler).

The committees are as follows:

- Publicity
 - General publicity for the campaign, e.g. promotional materials, newsletter articles, bulletin updates
- Information
 - ♦ Arrange information sharing meetings, plan agendas/ content
- Spiritual Emphasis
 - ♦ Give prayers for the path of the campaign
- Finance (this committee has already been staffed primarily with the finance committee)

Finally, in early June you will also be receiving pledge cards in the mail. We need all church members to seriously consider the appropriate amount they will be able to commit to giving. The overall estimated need is roughly equivalent to the annual general giving fund. Our subtle suggestion is that each of you carefully consider a capital pledge that is roughly equal to your current annual pledge, though the amount may be spread over a three year period. Pledge Sunday will be June 21st, so that results can be summarized by the Finance Committee by June 30.

I know that each of you understand that this is a necessity for the church, and will take the appropriate time to decide on your pledge commitment.

Kent Detweiler

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Prayer Chain

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

Praise

The birth of **Mika Rose Inouye** born to Nathan and Tanya Inouye Sunday, May 24, 2009.

New

Russel Meyer - Badly burned but stable. (Georgia Forbe's brother)

Prayers for discernment for out congregation regarding the Capital Campaign.

Verita Hooker - recovering from surgery and upcoming cancer treatment.

Evelyn Bonnema - wisdom of Doctors to find reason for blood loss. (Jan Gauwain's Aunt)

Ocean Campbell - prayers for successful surgery on his back. (Donna Doman's son)

Continue to pray for:

Anne Starr - Prayers for Dr. guidance in making health decisions.

Delores - Continued healing from recent heart surgery (Lisa Zimmerman's mother)

Charmain - Continued healing for lung complications. (Lisa Zimmerman's sister)

Joan - Declining health. (Alice Huston)

Mia Stoutenborough - Diagnosed with A-Plastic Anemia and having daily blood transfusions. Continued healing. (Paul and Judy Stoutenborough's grand daughter)

Amelia Shear - Continued healing from surgery. (Jan Shear's mother-in-law)

Bea Forbes - Continued healing from eye virus. (Kathy Holzer)

Robin Shear - Dealing with health issues. (Jan Shear's daughter)

Pray for those in cancer treatment:

Elsie Figueroa (Beth Ferguson)

Mother Shirley - (Cheryl Qualls)

Jill Smalling - (Joyce Wheatly)

Glenn Grago - (Casey Goldberg)

Tom DeCuir - (Dana DeCuir)

Carol Phillips - (Christa Lamb)

Zona Strathearn - (Chris McEachern)

Marv Whisman - (Christy Whisman)

Alex - (Detweiler Family)

Katie Floyd - (Saute Family)

Jane Cosarelli (Patti Adams)



Prayers for the Life of St. Matthew's

Please keep in prayer for St. Matthew's in seeking a leader for our youth ministry.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Weddings

St. Matthew's has a variety of venues for wedding services. If you are interested in holding a wedding service, call the office for information. We offer a full service wedding coordinator as well.

Baptisms

Contact Pastor Bob to arrange.

Housewarmings

Housewarmings are a wonderful time to have a Blessing of the Home.



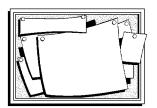
June Birthdays

- 6-03 Shawn Murray
- 6-03 Mary Maurer
- 6-04 Jim Crowdis
- 6-04 Susan Roe
- 6-07 McKenna Jacobson
- 6-09 Randy Holzer
- 6-09 Tabitha Dyer
- 6-11 Scott Spindel
- 6-11 Emily Carter
- 6-13 Jay Alexander
- 6-20 Charlene Wardell
- 6-21 David Iovino
- 6-22 Finn Murray
- 6-23 Kristin Bertrand
- 6-23 Linda Beam
- 6-25 Maile Kuo
- 6-25 Cory LeRoy
- 6-27 Marie Pettibone
- 6-28 Elsie Figueroa
- 6-28 Heather MacArthur
- 6-28 Steve Wheatly
- 6-30 Gary Kellogg

June Anniversaries

- 6-4 Charlene and Fred Wardell
- 6-7 Nancy and Doug Liedblad
- 6-13 Matt and Helen Blum
- 6-13 Ann and Mike Summers
- 6-13 Marvin and Christy Whisman
- 6-15 Jen and Ben Kuo
- 6-24 Kari and Keith Wilson
- 6-28 Pam and Sid Suggs
- 6-29 Kathy and Peter Winter
- 6-29 Christa and Charlie Lamb
- 6-29 Mary and Hal Folsom





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SNACK ITEMS FOR OUR CHILDREN'S CENTER

Our children at the center are always in

need of snack items. Due to our high enrollment of after-school age children this year, our snacks deplete quickly. So, 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 at Costco. Thank you for your help in giving to our children at the center.

MESSAGE FROM OUR SOCIAL ACTION GROUP

Food that Nourishes our People and the Planet

Here in the US, large corporations have consolidated production, squeezing out the smaller-scale farms. According to the USDA, the nation lost more than 13,000 farms between 2006 and 2007, and the average size of the remaining farms continues to rise. The large factory farms that replace small-scale family farms may not support their local communities financially or culturally, may not provide living-wage jobs, and are more likely to use toxic chemicals and create vast monocultures. In this environment, small-scale farmers often have difficulty connecting with markets for their harvest. Buying local helps support farmers in our communities and curbs global warming emissions by reducing food miles.

Organic agriculture also avoids toxic pesticides and herbicides, reduces chemical run-off into the water supply, increases biodiversity, avoids genetically modified crops (GMOs), and protects community health.

When possible, look for produce that is both local and organic. Find local and organic produce by joining a community supported agriculture (CSA) program or by shopping at a nearby farmer's market. The nonprofit Local Harvest can help you find both.

Tina Martin

<u>UNITED METHODIST DODGER NIGHT FRIDAY,</u> <u>JULY 17 AT 7:10PM AT DODGER STADIUM</u>

United Methodist night is Friday, July 17th, beginning at 7:10pm. The Dodgers will be playing the Houston Astros. There will be Fireworks after the game. Seats are in the inner reserve level from home plate along the 3rd baseline. Tickets are \$20 per person. Please contact Barbara Crowdis to purchase tickets no later than June 14th. She will pick up the tickets at Annual Conference that week.



.<u>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -</u> <u>IUNE 22-26 9:00A TO 12:00NOON</u>

"GOD AND THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT"

Is the theme for this summer's Vacation Bible School. Please register your child to join in this summer's Vacation Bible school fun as they learn about "God and the Fruits of the Spirit". Registration

forms are available in the Church Narthex as well as in the Church Office. For more information you may contact Tanya Blanck at 529-5703.



Graduation Sunday

GRADUATION SUNDAY SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2009

We will be celebrating Graduates on Graduation Sunday, June 7 at 10:00am Worship. If

you have a graduate in your family, please contact Pam Pond, 498-2719 or call the church office at 498-6910.

MUSIC APPRECIATION SUNDAY, JUNE 14 AT 10:00A



Music Appreciation

Please join St. Matthew's as we honor our Choirs and our Music Director, Kory Reid and our Pianist, Arian Galavis, for a job well done.

The Choir will be taking the summer months off which is well deserved. The choir will resume in September.



FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Celebrate Father's Day with your St. Matthew's church family at both 8:30 and 10:00a worship.



Vorship

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Worship Staffing for June

June 7 Preaching Rev. Bob Ferguson Worship Leader Jack Doman 8:30am Liturgist Lynne Hartley 10am Liturgist Carla Von Zell 10am Ushers Jay Alexander, Randy Holzer Kelly Chow, Acolyte Lark Detweiler Mary/Judy Jacobsen. Counters Loraine Randall

Georgia Forbes Nursery Flowers Tina Martin Coffee Nancy Liedblad John McDonald Sound/Recording Welcome/Greeter Carla Von Zell.

Betty Johnson SS Teachers Lynne Hartley, Pam Pond

June 14

Pastor Bob Ferguson Preaching Worship Leader Jack Doman 8:30am Liturgist Beth Ferguson 10am Liturgist Pam Pond 10am Ushers Nancy Liedblad and Mike Bertrand Acolyte Jonathan Kuo Puppeteers Taylor Bertrand,

Counters Jan Gauwain, Ceil Adler Carolyn Sylvester Nursery Flowers Please sign-up Coffee Potluck Sound/Recording Bill Hartley Welcome/Greeter Judy Saute, Tanya Blanck SS Teachers Lynne Hartley,

Charlene Wardell, Dana DeCuir

Jonathan Kuo

June 21

Preaching Pastor Bob Ferguson Worship Leader Jack Doman 8:30am Liturgist **Bob Wiles** 10am Liturgist Kathy Nubling 10am Ushers Nathan Inouve, Mike Summers Acolyte Tabitha Dver Counters Barbara Crowdis,

Nursery

Randi Berry Joyce Wheatly Flowers Please sign-up Coffee Please sign-up Ralph Matthews Sound/Recording Welcome/Greeter Doris Williams. Marion Vausbinder

SS Teachers Lynne Hartley,

Janice Kakazu Pam Pond

June 28

Pastor Bob Ferguson Preaching Worship Leader Jack Doman 8:30am Liturgist Alice Huston 10am Liturgist Rod Womer 10am Ushers Harry Lamb, John McDonald Juliet Forbes Acolyte

Puppeteers Daniel Pond, Sean Saute Counters Jason/Nancy Lethcoe,

Mike Summers

Nursery Tanya Blanck Flowers The Kuos Coffee Please sign-up Sound/Recording Randy Holzer Welcome/Greeter **Ruth Bushart** SS Teachers Lynne Hartley,

Janice Kakazu, Charlene Wardell



Worship **Participants**



June 7 - 1st Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17

June 14- 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Psalm 20 or Psalm 72 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

June 21 - 3rd Sunday of Pentecost

1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 1923, 32-49 Psalm 9.9-20 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41

June 28 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:1, 17-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43



Potluck before **Disaster Preparedness Program**

A Potluck luncheon is scheduled before our Disaster Preparedness training session with Jack Doman.

Please find the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to sign-up for a salad, main dish or desert. Beverages will be provided.



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A WORD

FROM THE

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PEACE WITH JUSTICE, SUNDAY, JUNE 7

"To do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with God." Micah 6:8

The Peace with Justice offering, taken churchwide, supports grass-roots programs that focus on the causes of injustice in the world. This year, Peace with Justice Sunday will be observed on June 7, in most congregations. However, local churches could designate another Sunday to observe Peace with Justice and collect their offering. St. Matthew's will observe on Sunday, June 7.

Half of the offering will remain in the Cal-Pac Conference for its Peace with Justice ministry. This offering helps to assist local churches in becoming a Peace with Justice Covenant Congregation. This national program by the General Board of Church and Society works to transform social relationships inside and outside the church. Church members are urged to move their faith into action of advocacy for systemic social change. It calls the church to serve others with a loving heart and to deepen their personal and corporate relationship with God.

The other half flows to the General Board of Church and Society for grants that support peace with justice ministries worldwide.

Like many prophets of the Old Testament, Micah challenged the religious practices that ignored responsibility to the poor and the outcast. The spirit of Micah is clearly present in the teachings of Jesus. As Christians, we are called to love God and to love neighbor as ourselves.

If you are interested in more information on Peace With Justice Covenant Congregation you may call JoAnn Yoon Fukumoto at (808) 371-7694.



"BE PREPARED"

A Disaster Preparedness Presentation will be presented at St. Matthew's on Sunday, June 14 at 11:30p. There will be a potluck luncheon followed by a presentation on strategies in preparing yourself, your family and commu-

nity for a potential disaster such as fire or severe earthquake. This presentation will be led by Jack Doman.

The Shepherd's Pen

Dear Friends,

These are uncertain economic times we live in. I have to admit that I tend to limit God by what I think I can do.

If I feel anything will test my ability to pay, then I am uncomfortable. Certainly the cost to refurbish our parking lot, to renovate our kitchen, to clean up our Children's Center playground and other extraordinary capital upkeep could do that. On the other hand, if something excites my spirit in a meaningful way, then I am stirred to action. I will look at my budget and make sacrifices in other areas in order to contribute.

How do I decide? As your pastor, I look at how these things will help us continue to fulfill St. Matthew's stated purpose for being. We want to grow in our relationship to God, to others, and toward each other. We want to bring spiritual seekers into relationship with Jesus Christ. We want to grow as disciples in small group communities that are part of a greater whole. We want to serve out of our calling and giftedness. So, I see each of these capital items as necessary to continue our effectiveness in these areas.

So who is responsible for all these items? Do I get a say in whether we do them? What is the process? Do I get a vote? Who or what determines whether we can do these things? The answer to the first question is your elected church representatives. We have a Board of Trustees we elected at Charge Conference in January and before. They are responsible for the property and insurance issues for our church. They are accountable to the Charge Conference for their work. They are amenable to the Administrative Board of our church, which we also elected at the Charge Conference. The Charge Conference put in place the St Matthew's Children's Center Board which reports to the Trustees and the Administrative Council. Every member of St. Matthews has a say in the election of our representatives. The Trustees brought the needs to our Council. The Council set a task Committee to pursue the financing of these special projects. It is their recommendations which have brought us to this point. The process which follows goes something like this: 1.) We follow the

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Updates and Ideas: Rod Womer & Barbara Karplus, (805) 499-3115, rwomer@verizon.net

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES AND HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

No, it's not Christmas yet, but giving gifts is not limited to Christmas time! This year, throughout the month of June, the children in Sunday School will be learning about the work of Heifer International and how it relates to what God teaches us in the Bible. For the month of June, the Sunday School curriculum will be focused on lessons about caring for people, caring for animals, caring for the environment, and the gift of sharing. We will also be conducting the annual Heifer International campaign and donation mid-year instead of in December. The children will be making coin collection containers to take home and the home collections will be added to the weekly children's offering in making a donation to Heifer International at the end of June.

Containers sent home: June 7

Containers to be returned to church: June 28 Once again, the children will be able to select which animals they would like to donate to help the needy around the world!

Heifer International helps struggling families by providing an ongoing source of nutrition, income, self-sufficiency, and hope through training, gifts of livestock and tree seedlings, and the principle of 'passing on the gift.' Heifer International focuses on sustainable, long-term solutions to poverty and hunger. For more information about the work of Heifer International ,see their website at www.heifer.org.

KNIT FOR KIDS

Members of St. Matthew's have knitted or crocheted another 12 sweaters as part of the Kit for Kids program. These sweaters will be sent to children in need who live in the United States and around the world in countries such as Romania, Turkey, Azerbaijan, and Kosovo. If you are interested in participating in the program or would like to donate towards supplies or shipping costs, please contact Kathy Holzer.

CELL PHONE COLLECTION

Since February, St. Matthew's has collected 5 used cell phones. The proceeds from the recycling of all donated phones will help to support The Coalition to End Family Violence, a local shelter for battered women and children. If you have a used cell phone that you would like to donate, please place it in the cell phone collection box located in the narthex.

BLOOD DRIVE

On Sunday, June 28th, United Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive at St. Matthew's from 8:30a.m. to 12p.m. The blood mobile will be parked in the church parking Lot. To sign-up for an appointment, please refer to the appointment sheet on the Serve bulletin board or Contact Tanya Inouye (498-3840) for a list of available times.

You may also visit the following web Address to make your appointment:

https://www.blood4life.org/index.cfm?group=op&expand=3-7348&zc=91320

A.C.T.I.O.N. DAY

Did you ever think that you wanted to be a missionary; build a church, help a person because you knew that that is what Jesus told you to do? That day is coming soon, Saturday, June 6, 2009, 9:00am until 2:00pm.

A.C.T.I.O.N, Area Christians Taking Initiative On Needs is an ecumenical effort that started in 2004. Pastor Brad was a part of the group that launched that first ACTION Day. Since that time, St. Matthew's has joined other Christian churches throughout Ventura County to reach out and serve Christ, by serving others. In the past few years, our focus has been on the needs of those living in the Vallecito Mobil Home Park here in our community.

Please put the date, June 6, 2009, on your calendar and save it for service. Details and sign-ups to follow in church. For further information, call (805) 499-6491, e-mail dsdo-man@gmail.com or see me in church.

Donna Doman

Upcoming Opportunities to Serve

Children's Hunger Fund – May 31 (pick up boxes), June 14 (drop off boxes)

ACTION Day of Caring – June 6

Homeless Dinner – June 13

Disaster preparedness presentation – June 14

Blood Drive – June 28

Heifer Project collection – June 28

Homeless Dinner – August 8

Health Care Kits – August (Date to be determined)



Don't Forget Manna!

We continue to collect food donations for Manna, the Conejo Valley Food Bank. Manna accepts both food and personal items. Please place your donations in the blue container located in the Narthex.





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schedule related on the front page of this Newsletter. 2.) If the congregation expresses their willingness to underwrite the projects by the special pledge, then we will proceed to a special Charge Conference for permission to make the appropriate loans with our Annual Conference Loan Committee. 3.) And if the Charge Conference approval is received, the St. Matthew's Trustees will proceed with the work according to plan.

While I was pondering all this and thinking of my own limitations, I was reminded of some things from the scriptures. The first came from Zachariah 4:6. It says, "Then he answered and said to me, 'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts." What God seemed to be saying to me was that it doesn't depend on my might or power, but upon God's Spirit. When God's Spirit moves in and through us it is possible. The second scripture came from Matthew 16:18. In that text Jesus is saying, "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades **shall not overpower it.**" Some one said, "It is the Lord's Church and we need to take care of it like we would our own home." The difference is we are not alone in it when together. .

Together in Christ,



Pastor Bob Ferguson

ST. MATTHEW'S EVENTS OF INTREST

We would like to congratulate Rebecca DeCuir who was in Bye, Bye Birdie at Newbury Park High School Performing Arts Center on May 21, 22,29 and 30th at 7:00pm

- Ongratulations to Juliet Forbes for making the School Dance Team.
- ♦ Congratulations to Arian Galavis, our pianist at St. Matthew's who won the Winter 2009 Thomas M. Osborn Concerto competition. Arian performed piano concerto No. 1 by Peter Tchaikovsky at Pepperdine University Master Works Concert on Thursday, April 23rd at Smothers Theater. Bob Wiles helped coordinate and make possible for 47 people from St. Matthew to attend the concert. Thank you Bob.

Upcoming Events and Past Events of St. Matthew's

- ♦ Roland Roy will be presenting The Fine Art of Zen of Roland Roy, July 1st 15th at the Thousand Oaks Community Gallery next to the Newbury Park Library. Demonstrations will be from 11am 4pm. For more information contact ROLANDROY.COM or (805) 499-2030.
- ♦ The Family Ministry Group enjoyed a potluck on May 16th at the church parsonage. Watch the bulletin and newsletters for more upcoming events. Ryan and Tanya Blanck ore coordinators of the new ministry at St. Matthew's.
- The Gad-Abouts enjoyed a train trip from Camarillo to Santa Barbara and back on Friday, May 15th. They enjoyed lunch at Moby Dicks restaurant on Sterns Wharf and a scenic bus shuttle ride helped everyone enjoy the city. More events are planned; please watch the church bulletin and monthly newsletter for upcoming events.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION MEETINGS

Monday June 1	7:00pm	Host TBD
Tuesday June 1	7:00pm	Host TBD
Wednesday June 3	7:00pm	Beth Ferguson (Home)
Thursday, June 4	7:00pm	Tina Martin (Home)
Sunday, June 7	11:30am	Jackie Heinemann (FR)

Please join one of our meeting groups our Steering Committee has set up to help inform St. Matthew's members and friends on our Capital Campaign for 2009. If you have questions, please contact Beth Ferguson at 375-8450.



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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



St. Matthew's in Ministry

Bob Ferguson Pastor All the People of St. Matthew's Ministers Rev. Dr. Mary Ann Swenson Resident Bishop Rev. Ms. Catie Coots District Superintendent Carol McClellan Administrative Assistant Kory Reid Music Director Arian Galavis Accompanist Narima Latif Children's Center Director Ashlee Walker **Nursery Attendant** Linda Norberg, Chair Administrative Council Barbara Crowdis & Jack Doman Lay Member to Annual Conf. Barbara Crowdis Lay Leader TBD, Chair Staff Parish Relations Comm. TBD, Chair Stewardship Committee Bill Hartley, Chair **Board of Trustees** Bob Biery, Chair **Finance Committee**

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BRING GROUP

Beth Ferguson, Team Leader Radical Hospitality
Carla Von Zell Wedding Hostess

Beth Ferguson, Team Leader Outreach/Communication

GROW GROUP

Rev. Joe and Dorothy Lewolt
Pam Pond, Team Leader

TBS, Team Leader

Discipleship Ministry Team

Discipleship Ministry Team

Bob Wiles, Team Leader Worship Team

SERVE GROUP

Rod Womer & Barbara Karplus Servant Ministry Team
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 in discipleship through small group community and to SERVE out of our calling and giftedness.