

May 2010



Purpose & Mission Statement Our Purpose "To Grow in our relationship with God, ourselves, and others. To carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ." Mission Statement

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Bring spiritual wanderers and seekers into relationship with Jesus Christ **Grow** as disciples in a small group community Serve out of our calling and giftedness



Remember Mom ! Mother's Day Sunday, May 9



Peace with Justice Sunday is Sunday, May 30.

A special offering will be taken at both 8:30a and 10:00a worship. Your generous gifts support Peace with justice ministries in the conference, overseen by the conference board of church and society and Peace with justice work in the United States and around the world, related to the General Board of Church and Society

Changing the World, One Life at a Time. PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Newbury

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Graduation Sunday, June 13 Categories include: Elemen-

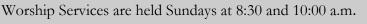
GRADUATION SUNDAY

June 13 is Graduate Recognition Sunday. If you have a graduate you want recognized, please call Pam Pond (498-2719) or let the church office know.

tary-Jr. High; Jr. High -High

School; High School to College; College Degree, School and Grad School.

Also: Teachers are needed to substitute in Sunday





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Prayer Chain

To put a request on the prayer chain, contact the church office or Lynne Hartley (341-5172), Prayer Chain Coordinator.

<u>Praise</u>

Tait Josiah Goodman - Praise for his birth and continued prayers for healing and development of lungs and kidney. (Toni Roy)

Marv Whisman - Now off cancer treatment and doing well. Praise for continued healing. (Christy Whisman)

Women's Retreat - Praise for all our women as they prepare for upcoming women's retreat.

Continue to pray for:

St. Matthew's Children's Center - Prayers to find a new Children's Center Board Chairperson to help lead our Children's Center forward. Delia Kellogg - Continued healing from back surgery. Tom MacNish Sr. - Continued healing from lung and heart problems. Tom MacNish Jr. - Continued healing from shoulder surgery. Jason Lethcoe's father - Diagnosed with lymphoma and kidney failure. (Jason Letthcoe) Toby Thorpe (8 yrs. Old) - Continued prayers after experiencing heart failure during a jog-a-thong at school. He is now experiencing blindness. (Donna Doman) Shirley Lightfoot - Now in remission, continued healing (Cheryl Qualls) Angela Schott - Admitted to the hospital and diagnosed with terminal cancer, prayers for comfort. (the Schott and Kellogg families) Dorothy Lewolt - Prayers for healing and comfort from fractured shoulder. Wil - Comfort and healing and decisions for the future. (Nancy Liedblad) **Jovie (2 vrs old)** - Prayers for comfort and healing. (Christina McEachern) Dan Overton - Prayers for comfort as he awaits hip replacement surgery and that existing tumor is benign. (Casey Goldberg)

Skylar Atkins - Continued prayers for growth development. (Bev. Atkins) Deanne - Now in Northridge Rehab center. Prayers for continued healing. (Kathy Martin)

Kathy Martin's mother - Diagnosed with first stages of dementia. Ann Chiarella - Prayers of healing for broken hip. (Elsie Figueroa) Lauren Stone - Continued healing from eating disorder. (Joanne Stone) Barbara Thaden - Continued healing from brain surgery.

Pray for those in cancer treatment: Candi Howard (Pam McDonald) Mia Stoutenborough (Paul and Judy Stoutenborough) Eddie Callens (Jim and Suzanne Ford) Jean Arndt- (Ramona Hallit) Vincent Beltz - (Carol Riggins) Verita Hooker (St. Matthew's) Elsie Figueroa (Beth Ferguson) Carol Phillips - (Christa Lamb) Zona Strathearn - (Christina McEachern) Alex - (Detweiler Family) Katie Floyd - (Saute Family) Jane Cosarelli (Patti Adams)



May Birthdays

- 5-02 Bob Wiles
- 5-12 John McDonald
- 5-12 Estelle Cavanaugh
- 5-14 Austin Zimmerman
- 5-15 Clark Lamb
- 5-16 Lark Detweiler
- 5-16 Roxanne Szafraniec
- 5-20 Taylor Bertrand
- 5-21 Kathy Martin
- 5-22 Bill Adams
- 5-26 Peter Winter
- 5-30 Jodi Spindel

May Anniversaries

- 5-12 Allen and Judy Saute
- 5-22 Mike and Kristin Bertrand
- 5-22 Tom and Gayle MacNish

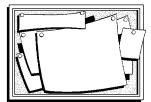


In Memory of Matt Blum

Our dear friend Matt Blum passed

away on Easter Sunday, April 4. He is survived by his wife Helen. Matt and Helen were married for 76 years and have attended St. Matthew's for approximately 20 years.

A celebration of Matt's life will be held at St. Matthew's on Friday, May 7.





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Palm Sunday Service was celebrated with the children bringing in the Palms. The Angel Dancers performed and the Dangerous Boys were recognized. Thank you, Juliane and Kent Detweiler for these children's ministries. The

Angel Dancers and Dangerous Boys will resume meeting around mid-May. Watch the bulletin for announced times.

Good Friday Service was held at 7:00p on Friday, April 2. This service was a reminder of God's love at the sacrifice of his son Jesus Christ.

Easter Sunrise Service - led by Jack Doman was a great way to start the celebration of Christ's resurrection. The Easter Services held at 8:30 and 10:00 am were blessed by two special anthems sung by the Sanctuary Choir, directed by Kory Reid and accompanied by Arian Galavis.

St. Matthew's Annual Talent Show was on Saturday, April 17th. The theme was "Cher's USO Show". We had a lot of great acts. Thank you Mike Summers, of the Stewardship Committee, for coordinating this annual event. Proceeds are one of our church's fundraising events.

Women's Retreat was once again enjoyed by the women of St. Matthew's at Aldersgate retreat center in Pacific Palisades. The retreat ran from April 23 - 25th. The guest speaker was Inga Boldt, passenger of the Ship St. Louis, telling her story about how her ship was not allowed to dock in the US during WWII. All enjoyed her moving story.

Arian Galavis (our accompanist) performed his senior recital at Pepperdine University on Friday, April 23. St. Matthew's was well represented at Arian's recital.

Women's Tuesday study on the Ten Commandments will meet through mid May at 10:30a in the Fireside room. Child care is provided.

Men's Study still meets every Thursday morning at 11:00a in the Fireside Room. The men continue the study on the Book of Revelations.

Women's Friday Study resumed on April 16th at 12:30p in the Fireside Room, after a short spring break. A new book of study, the "Parables of Passion" by John Indermark, has been started. All women are welcome.

New Neighbor Book - Our Neighbor Book is located in the Narthex. If you are aware of a new neighbor moving into your area, please enter that information in to our "New Neighbor book". Alice Huston who (continued on page 5)



SNACK ITEMS FOR OUR CHILDREN'S CENTER

Our children at the center are always in need of snack items. If you would like to help sup-

port 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.

Below is a list of items that are most needed:

Ranch Dressing (3 large bottles) Peanut Butter (3 large jars) Crackers (8 large boxes/bags) Oranges (1 large bag) Grapes (2 lbs) Mandarin Oranges (2 large jars)

Granola Bars ((200+) Raisins (l large bag a week) Bananas (3-4 bunches) Carrots (1 large bag) Canned Peaches (1 lrg can)

Costco List:

5oz. Paper cups (2 bags Cleaning Wipes (1 set) Spoons and Forks (500) Paper plates (1 box) Baby Wipes (1 case) **Trash Bags** (kitchen & yard)

OUR CHILDREN'S CENTER IS OPEN FROM 7:30A - 6:00P MON - FRI.

Pre-school ages: 3-5 years After school age: K-6th Grade

The Center is staffed with loving, caring and patient teachers. We are committed to keeping our ratios below 10 children per teacher. Our teachers work with after school age children to have almost all homework completed before going home.

If you have a preschool child or school age child or know of someone who is looking for a Center for their children, please contact our Center at 480-3805 and speak to Narima Latif, our Children's Center Director.



BUILD YOUR OWN TOSTADA and BURRITO, SUNDAY, MAY 2

We will once again have a potluck featuring a Tostada and Burrito Bar after worship on Sunday, May 2.

Please sign up to bring an item to put on the tostada or burrito, or a dessert. Sign-up sheets are available after worship or see Beth Ferguson.





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Worship Staffing for May

Preaching Worship Leader 8:30am Liturgist 10am Liturgist 10am Ushers

Acolyte Counters

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Acolyte Puppeteers

Counters Nurserv Flowers Coffee Sound/Recording

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Acolyte

Counters Nursery Flowers Coffee

May 2 Pastor Bob Ferguson Dan Overton Joan Henry Dan Overton Bill Hartley/ Mike Bertrand Lark Detweiler Dan Overton/Casey Goldberg/ Dennis Heinemann Georgia Forbes Casey Goldberg Potluck John McDonald Tanya Blanck/Judy Saute Kristin Bertrand/ Janice Kakazu

May 9

Pastor Bob Ferguson Dan Overton Alice Huston Ralph Matthews Mike Summers/ Kent Detweiler Jonathan Kuo Jonathan Kuo/ Joelle Saute Jan Gauwain/Ceil Adler Tanya Inouve Kathy Nubling Sign-up Fred Wardell Welcome/Greeter Ruth Bushart/ Sharon Brown Kristin Bertrand/ Charlene Wardell/ Dana DeCuir

May 16

Pastor Bob Ferguson Dan Overton Georgia Forbes Randi Berry John McDonald/ Vern Wojciechowski Kelly Chow/ Jordan Alexander Joanne Stone/Tim LeRoy Joyce Wheatly The Detweilers Joanne Stone

Sound/Recording Rvan Blanck Welcome/Greeter Judy/Marv Jacobsen SS Teachers Kristin Bertrand/

Preaching

Worship Leader 8:30am Liturgist 10am Liturgist 10am Ushers Acolyte Puppeteers

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Janice Kakazu/ Pam Pond May 23 Pastor Bob Ferguson Dan Overton Lvnne Hartlev Jan Gauwain Randy Holzer/ Harry Lamb Alexander Chow Taylor Bertrand/ Matthew Chow Barbara Crowdis/ Randi Berry Carolyn Sylvester Randi Berry Sign-up John McDonald Donna/Jack Doman Kristin Bertrand/ Pam Pond/ Charlene Wardell May 30

Pastor Bob Ferguson Dan Overton Lynne Hartley Tina Martin John Fletcher/ Ralph Matthews Tabitha Dyer Dan Overton/Casey Goldberg/ Dennis Heinemann Georgia Forbes Sign-up Sign-up Bill Hartley Pat/Bob Mohn Cathy Will/Pam Pond/ Dana DeCuir

Sign-ups for **Coffee Fellowship Needed**

We have sign-up charts for Flowers and Coffee Fellowship for the up-coming months, so please take a moment to sign up. This is a great opportunity to celebrate a loved one's Birthday or Anniversary.



May 2 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

May 9 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29

May 16 - 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26

May 23 - Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17

May 30 - 1st Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15





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The Shepherd's Pen

This month there are two special days we celebrate in America. The first one is Mother's Day and the second one is Memorial Day. Why do we celebrate them? What makes them special?

Mother's Day began as an attempt of Anna Jarvis to honor her mother and her mother's wish to make a celebration of all mothers. She got her first success in Grafton, West Virginia where in 1908 they established a day to honor mothers. With the help of John Wanamaker, a wealthy Philadelphia merchant, she promoted the establishment of a national Mother's Day. Finally in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made it an official national holiday. Another holiday, Father's Day, was established in 1910 when Sonora Smart Dodd heard sermons about Mother's Day. In our United Methodist Church, we have joined the two into a Celebration of the Christian Family Sunday. Still, many of our churches follow the tradition of celebrating Mother's Day in May on the second Sunday on the National Holiday and Father's Day in June on the third Sunday. Perhaps this is in keeping with the commandment to honor our father and our mother in the Ten Commandments.

The other holiday we celebrate in May is Memorial Day. It had its roots in the American Civil War. During that war many women, probably wives, mothers, or sisters began to decorate the graves of fallen soldiers. Out of that came the original holiday called Decoration Day. Out of that came Memorial Day which was first proclaimed by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order NO. 11, on 5 May, 1868 and observed on 30 May, 1868. At first, the celebration was divided because of the Civil War aftermath. It wasn't until World War I, and the honoring of Americans who died fighting in any war, that there was a move toward a national memorial. There are still some separate memorials related to the Civil War. The National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) was passed in 1971 in order to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays, changed the date to the last Monday in May. Since January 19, 1999, there has been a movement to return

the holiday to its original May 30th date. Also in recent years there has been a concern that the graves of veterans are being neglected, however; I have seen a resurgence of interest that is hopeful. The Apostle Paul wrote the we should, "Give honor to whom honor is due." Romans 13:7.

So, should we hold one day up over another? Are all days to be treated alike? What do we do? Paul comes to our aid once again. "One man regards one day above another, another regards every day alike. Let each man be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observe it for the Lord," Romans 14:5-6a NASB. So, customs and traditions are not wrong as long as they are in accord with God's Word and remember the One who gave us everyday to live and count it special. Have a blessed Mother's Day as you remember and honor your mothers. And have a blessed memory for those who served our country in times of war and gave their lives.

In Christ Together,

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Pastor Bob

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is our coordinator, sends welcome letters as well as a Children's Center flyers. Thank you Alice for this outreach into our community.

<u>Vacation Bible School</u> will be held on June 28 -July 2 from 9:00a - 12:00 noon. Registration forms may be found in the Narthex. The cost is \$5.00 per child. Age groups are older pre-school through 5th grade. Older youth and adult volunteers will be needed to help. If you are interested, please see Tanya Blanck who is our VBS coordinator.



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"A Fish Story for the Ages"

On August 20th, Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke approved an unprecedented plan to prohibit commer-

cial fishing in federal waters in the Arctic until additional scientific research shows that such activity would not harm this rapidly changing ecosystem. The Arctic Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) is one of the largest preventive and precautionary measures in fisheries management history.

Ocean Conservancy has been working on its passage for over a year. As soon as the announcement was made, Ocean Conservancy set about highlighting the importance of this landmark decision. "The Arctic is our planet's air conditioner, and it plays a key role in regulating global climate," Oceana Conservancy's Janis Searles Jones said, as quoted in The New Your Times. "Expanding industrial uses in a region that is poorly understood and already under enormous stress could have dire consequences, not only for the Arctic but for the planet as a whole."

In the future, Ocean Conservancy will use the Arctic plan's precautionary approach as a model in a region that is warming, on average, at twice the rate of the rest of the planet and is experiencing the effects of climate change today. We are calling for a time-out on the rapid expansion of industrial activities until we can put in place a smart, science-based plan to guide future decisions in the Arctic.

Submitted by, Tina Martin

For more on the Arctic plan and Ocean Conservancy's work in this rapidly changing region, please visit: www.oceanconservancy.org/arctic





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



On April 10, St. Matthew's provided a warm, nutritious meal for 23 of our bothers and sisters. We have moved back to St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church for the summer homeless dinner program. As in previous years, we are providing dinners on Saturday nights at St. Julie's. Thank you to everyone who helps make our dinners so successful. Consider helping out in the future. You can provide a dish for the dinner, make lunches and serve the meal, or both! Our next meal will be June 12. Hope to see you there!



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.

ST. MATTHEW'S BLOOD DRIVE

St. Matthew's will be hosting our annual blood drive on Sunday, May 16th from 8:30a.m. to 12:00p.m. To sign-up for an appointment, please contact Tanya Inouye (498-3840) for a list of available times. Every donation is truly instrumental in saving a life.

SAVE THE DATE

ACTION DAY 2010 will be Saturday, June 5th. We will be taking a team from St. Matthew's to the streets to help our neighbors in our community. Watch for more information on how YOU can serve.

Upcoming Opportunities to Serve

- Blood Drive May 16
- ACTION Day of Caring June 5
- Feed the Hungry Dinner June 12
- Westminster Free Clinic Dinner July
- Homeless Dinner August 14

FOR PET'S SAKE

Q. What do Haiti, Chile and Mexico all have in common?

A. Earthquakes.

With all of these damaging earthquakes, each of us needs to be thinking about and acting to prepare our homes and families for an earthquake or other disaster. When you are getting your safety net in place, don't forget your pets. Like our human family members our animal brothers and sisters need food and water.

Remember that a leash or pet



carrier is important to keep your pets from running away in a

chaotic situation. Many animals are equipped with an electronically readable chip, but these may not be helpful in a disaster with electrical outages. So keep your pets safe with "old school" ID tags. When you are rounding up medical

records for family members, include your pets. Likewise, don't forget the medications for all of your family. While the American Red Cross does not mention emergency toilet facilities for your people, they remind us that we should keep pet litter supplies in our emergency supplies.

While we have been spared from a major disaster for many years, time may be short. Prepare!

Submitted by Jack Doman

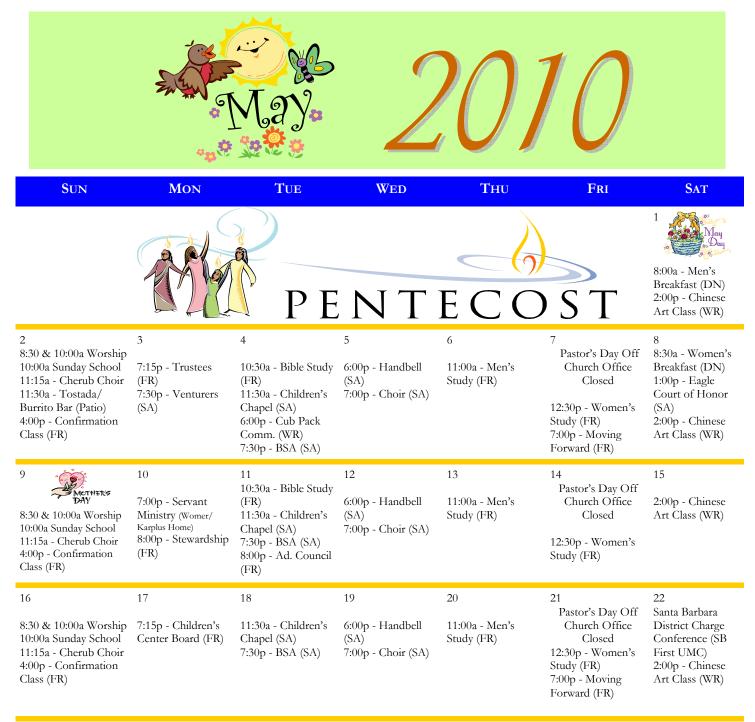


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(SA)

6:00p - Handbell

7:00p - Choir (SA)

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(SA)

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8:30 & 10:00a Worship 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a - Cherub Choir 4:00p - Confirmation Class (FR)

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6:30p - Cub Pack 11:30a - Children's Chapel (SA) 7:30p - BSA (SA)

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8:30 & 10:00a Worship 10:00a Sunday School 11:15a - Cherub Choir 4:00p - Confirmation Class (FR)

Church Office Closed 7:30p - Venturers (3/4)



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11:00a - Men's

Study (FR)

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Pastor's Day Off

Church Office

Closed

12:30p - Women's

Study (FR)

ROOM KEY (SA) Sanctuary (WR) Wesley Room (FR) Fireside (PS) Pastor Study (YR) Youth Room (CL) Classroom (DN) Denny's Restaurant,

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2:00p - Chinese

Art Class (WR)



Sunday

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

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Bob Ferguson, Pastor

Worahin	0.20 am	Informal Convice
/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



May 2010

St. Matthew's in Ministry

Bob Ferguson	Pastor	Joanne Stone	Treasurer	
All the People of St. Matthew's	Ministers	Delia Kellogg	Financial Secretary	
Rev. Dr. Mary Ann Swenson	Resident Bishop	Barbara Crowdis	Membership Secretary	
Rev. Ms. Catie Coots	District Superintendent	Ben Kuo, Chair	Children's Center Board	
Carol McClellan	Administrative Assistant	BRING GROUP		
Kory Reid	Music Director	Beth Ferguson, Team Leader	Radical Hospitality	
Arian Galavis	Accompanist	Carla Von Zell	Wedding Hostess	
Narima Latif	Children's Center Director	Beth Ferguson, Team Leader	Outreach/Communication	
Ashlee Walker Nursery Attendant		GROW GROUP		
Linda Norberg, Chair	Administrative Council	Barbara Crowdis, Team Leader	Membership Care Team	
Barbara Crowdis & Jack Doman	Lay Members to Annual Conf.	Pam Pond, Team Leader	Education & Youth Team	
Dan Overton	Lay Leader	TBS, Team Leader	Discipleship Ministry Team	
Nathan Inouye, Chair	Staff Parish Relations Comm.	Denise Curtis, Team Leader	Worship Team	
TBD, Chair	Stewardship Committee	SERVE GROUP		
Bill Hartley, Chair	Board of Trustees	Rod Womer & Barbara Karplus,	Servant Ministry Team	
Bob Biery, Chair	Finance Committee	Team Leaders		

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