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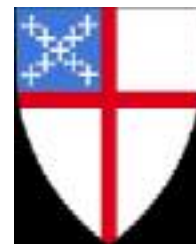
YARD SALE - OCT 14-15



So far the donations for our yard sale have been wonderful and we thank each and every one of you who have already dropped off items. We recently made room in the POD for more donations, so please do not hesitate to continue to bring any unwanted items right up until the last day of the sale. Please do make sure any electrical items are in working condition.

You can now begin bringing in "gently used" clothing items for people of all ages, to include infant, children, teens, and adults. We will be setting up tables and clothing racks on Sunday, Oct 9th, after the 10:15 service and will be looking for some volunteers to help. It would also be great if you can come in during the week of Oct. 10th to help us set up and price the items. PLEASE do try to come help us prepare, even if only for an hour or so, as this is a lot of work and requires the help of as many people as possible. We hope to beat our record from the Spring yard sale so we need your help to accomplish this!

If you have any questions, feel free to call Debby Wunderly or Patty Somers at 407/920-7827 or 407/592-9473, respectively.



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A VIEW FROM ST. MATTHEW'S

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RECTOR'S MESSAGE

It is rare when I find myself with few words, but it happens just about every time someone asks me, "So how is your new church? Is it what you thought it would be?" My response is some combination of "fantastic, incredible, unbelievable, exciting, so perfect"! And then, if the person asking me gives me a window to say something else, they soon learn how much I can say without taking a breath!

I have been blessed over and over to find myself in amazing ministry situations – not always easy, but always amazing; and St. Matthew's is certainly one of those! What I have experienced in my nine months with you is a lot of heart to care and give, a lot of soul in worship and prayer, and a lot of energy in fellowship and service. These words might seem cliché, but they are not. They are the words I use to describe you to those who do not know you, and the feelings that come with them draw me in over and over again. God's grace, present both in very small ways and in very profound ways – grace that is called forth, accepted, and responded to with thanksgiving -- is what makes St. Matthew's amazing.

In the coming six weeks, we will have a series of "Cottage Meetings." I am so excited about these gatherings that I can hardly wait! I am looking forward to sitting with small groups of you to learn from you about what draws you to our community of faith, what challenges you have encountered in our family, and what hopes and dreams you have for us. These gatherings are for **everyone** – whether you worship with us once a month or twice a week, I hope you will join us. If you slip out the side door or always stop to have conversation, I hope you will join us. We have planned the Cottage Meetings so I can attend each one. If we need to add more to fit the schedules of everyone, we will. These small gatherings are important and we want you to be able to attend. I know it is hard to fit something extra into an already busy schedule, but please, do try!

Looking forward to our time together ---



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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TREASURER'S REPORT

August 2011 Financial Report

Income:

Income for the month of August was \$18,072. Pledge income was \$9,141. Non-pledge contributions were \$4,363. Year-to-date we are \$9,398 under our revenue projections. I transferred \$3,957 in mid-August from the Credit Union Account Reserves, reducing that account to \$50. On August 31, I transferred \$15,000 from the Money Market Reserve Fund, leaving us with \$3,856 in reserves.

Expenses:

Total expenses for the month were \$19,995. While this was \$5,375 under budget, it was due primarily to having spent the second quarter

Outreach disbursements in July when they were flowed in August. Year-to-date we are showing expenses as \$2,861 over budget.

Fund Balances:

The checking account shows a balance of \$37,599 in designated funds. This includes \$13,532 in the Renovation Fund 2011. I have moved the Memorial Garden Designated Fund from the Money Market Account to the Checking Account. We cannot write checks on the Money Market Account, so this will make it easier for us to access the fund.

We have \$49,749 total in checking, with \$12,889 in the operating fund. The Money Market Account has a balance of \$46,682.

DIOCESAN NEWS



BISHOP NOMINATIONS

On behalf of the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida, I am pleased to announce the nominees to be the Fourth Bishop of Central Florida:

The Rev. Timothy C. Nunez
Rector, St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Bellevue, Florida

The Rev. Mary A. Rosendahl
Rector, Episcopal Church of the Nativity
Port St. Lucie, Florida

The Rev. James A. Sorvillo, Sr.
Rector, Episcopal Church of the Ascension
Orlando, Florida

The Nominees' biographical information, responses to questions, video greetings and more are being assembled at the Bishop Search website:
bishopsearch.cfdiocese.org.

The election of the Fourth Bishop of Central Florida will be held at a Special Convention on November 19, 2011 at Trinity Preparatory School, Winter Park, Florida.

Our delegates are Jim Taylor, Carolyn Hess, and Greg Hess.

The Rev. Gregory O. Brewer
Rector, Episcopal Parish of Calvary-St. George's
New York, New York

The Very Rev. Anthony P. Clark
Dean, Cathedral Church of St. Luke
Orlando, Florida

The Rev. R. Jonathan. Davis
Vicar, Episcopal Church of the Incarnation
Director, Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center
Oviedo, Florida

The Very Rev. Charles L. Holt
Rector, St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Dean, Central Deanery
Lake Mary, Florida

OUTREACH

Dear St. Matthews Family:

It is that time of the year again when we do a major food drive. With Thanksgiving not far away, we need to start now collecting non-perishable items and donations to help restock the Hope Community Food Bank in Seminole County and the East Learning Community Food Bank in Orange County.



With 25% of our local children living in poverty, it is imperative that we do all that we can to help as many needy families as possible. I have found that the best bargains are the "Buy One, Get One Free" specials each week at Publix.

Please help support the Outreach Committee and start shopping early. Of course, financial donations are always appreciated. Thank you for your continuing support.

Sylvia Boyd, Chairperson
Outreach Committee

Counsel for Caregivers

Let us lend you a helping hand of healing. Each month a different organization will present information and resources to help caregivers ease their workload.

Seminar Series	West Oaks Library	Orlando Public Library
	1821 E. Silver Star Rd. Ocoee, FL 34761	101 E. Central Blvd. 3rd Fl. - Albertson Rm Orlando, FL 32801
"10 Things You Should Know About Your Parent's Finances" – Cindy Price, Price Financial Services	September 13, 2011 @ 10:30 a.m.	September 15, 2011 @ 12:10 p.m.
"Caregiver Relief and Stress Management: Finding Humor in Everyday Life" – Nancy Squillaciotti, Alzheimer's & Dementia Resource Center	October 11, 2011 @ 10:30 a.m.	Only offered in West Orange
"Where do I go for Senior Services?" – Alexandra Mercier, Senior Resource Alliance	Only offered in Downtown Orlando	October 20, 2011 @ 12:10 p.m.
"Understanding the Different Stations of Senior Care: A Step-By-Step Guide to Making the Best Decisions" – Amy O'Rourke, The Cameron Group	November 8, 2011 @ 10:30 a.m.	November 17, 2011 @ 12:10 p.m.
"A Medical Look at Depression: How to Talk About It and Ways to Combat It" – Florida Hospital	December 13, 2011 @ 10:30 a.m.	December 15, 2011 @ 12:10 p.m.
	FREE Light Refreshments (for the first 50 to register)	FREE Lunch (for the first 50 to register)

OUTREACH



The Power of a Simple Gift

When you pick up a pencil and paper to jot down a quick note, stop and think about what life would be like without them. How about not being able to brush your teeth or wash your body. Things we take for granted every day, a simple gift can change the life of a child. Everyone loves Christmas! It's the most wonderful time of the year! But thousands of children never even have one. This ministry sends shoeboxes full of toys, school supplies and hygiene items to children all over the world. Please drop off your filled box or any items to fill a box at the church by November 6th. If you have any questions contact Debbi Dearolph at fdear6@yahoo.com or 407-341-2691.

GIFT IDEAS: TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.



Feed the Flock Sunday School - Outreach Project

October 16th to November 20th

It's time for these children and for all of us to remember to "count our blessings" as we approach the "Season of Thanksgiving."

This project, "Feed the Flock" will start on Sunday, October 16th when our Sunday School children will decorate a small grocery sack which they will use to carry their favorite canned/boxed foods back and forth to church each Sunday.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow-globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Please join with these young people..... when you are shopping add a couple of cans of soup or box of Mac & Cheese to your basket for this project. With your help we can feed hungry families and experience the joy of giving which is eternal.

Food will be collected for this project Oct 16th to Nov 20th. Collection boxes are located in the parish hall or under the sign in the foyer.

Suggested items:

Canned: vegetables, fruit, juices, milk, meat, fish, soup

Boxed: complete meals, rice, pasta, potatoes, cereal

Judy and Steve Hrycaj (321) 246-7600

Medieval Visions: *Angels & Demons in Word, Art, and Icon*

Rev. Dr. Clair W. McPherson
with Music and Art from GladdeningLight

All Saints Episcopal Church, 407-647-3413

Two Programs:
Friday, November 11, 7:00p.m.
and Sunday, November 13, 10:00a.m.

Free to the Public, All are Welcome

Clair W. McPherson is Chair of Ascetical Theology at General Theological Seminary, New York, NY. Dr. McPherson also currently serves as Associate Pastor at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in New York City. He is a renowned scholar in Early Medieval Studies.

GladdeningLight's mission is to celebrate the nexus of faith and art through spiritual retreat, hosted conferences and religious pilgrimage. GladdeningLight is a Christian initiative open to all faith disciplines, representatives of thoughtful spiritual seekers both inside and outside traditional religious practice.

INSTITUTE OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES

The Institute of Christian Studies (ICS) offers scripture and religion courses; as well as, special workshops. Scriptural courses include biblical criticism and the Old and New Testaments. Religion courses include church history, liturgy, the Book of Common Prayer, personal spirituality, the life of prayer, evangelism, and ethics. Special workshops are designed for Christian Education to strengthen and enhance lay and ordained ministry. Courses of study also prepare Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Lay Preachers, and Lay Catechists for licensure.

Courses are varied, interesting, challenging and inspiring. The course material is designed so courses are presented one course at a time; most courses can be completed on one Saturday. The one-day format makes it possible for the student to take for credit, or to audit, any course in any sequence.

ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY ATTEND ANY CLASS IN THE ICS CATALOG!

SPECIAL WORKSHOPS

Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death:
A Grief Training & Workshop
[The Rev. Greer McBryde](#), Oct. 1, 2011

Worship in Spirit and Truth, Part 1
[The Rev. Jon Davis](#), Oct. 15, 2011

Living Into Our Baptismal Covenant
[Dr. Carla Waterman](#), Nov. 5, 2011

Worship in Spirit and Truth, Part 2
[The Rev. Wes Sharp](#), Nov. 12, 2011

RELIGION STUDIES

An Introduction to the Life of Prayer I
[The Rev. Dr. Edward Weiss](#), Oct. 1, 2011

An Introduction to the Life of Prayer II
[The Rev. Dr. Edward Weiss](#), Oct. 15, 2011

Anglicanism
[The Rev. Dr. William Haugaard](#), Nov. 5, 2011

Book of Common Prayer:
Theology, Liturgy & Worship I
[The Rev. Danielle D. Morris](#), Nov. 12, 2011

SCRIPTURAL STUDIES

The Historical Books of the Old Testament
[The Rev. Christopher Brathwaite](#), Oct. 1, 2011

The Prophets I
[The Rev. Michael Goldberg](#), Oct. 15, 2011

The Prophets II
[The Rev. Michael Goldberg](#), Nov. 5, 2011

Wisdom Literature
[The Rev. David Peoples](#), Nov. 12, 2011

**For more information about courses,
registration, cost and location see:**

<http://www.cfdiocese.org/ics/>

VESTRY NEWS

SEPTEMBER VESTRY NEWS

(look on bulletin board for full minutes)

The Buildings and Grounds committee meets the 1st Monday of the month at 6p. They have scheduled the quarterly workday for Nov. 5. The paver installation is scheduled for Oct. 3-4. The Garden Club could use some extra help, but otherwise is doing an amazing job! New ashtrays are in place for the designated smoking area. A tree has been removed so that all loading and unloading can now take place on the pavilion side of the parish hall. The playground project continues as scheduled with a decision made to add new swings as soon as it is feasible.

An air conditioning service contract has been signed.

The Musician Search Committee will begin reviewing resumes and interviewing candidates.

The Cottage Meeting Committee is meeting frequently and planning 6 weeks of meetings with a celebration night to following.

Our Focus on Stewardship kicks off with our speaker series beginning on Oct. 16, pledge cards given out over the month and received before Thanksgiving.

The Finance Committee has met with members being Greg Hess (Stewardship), Hubert Dumas, Bob Williamson, Julie Fair, Hugh Fisher (Treasurer). They presented a Financial Policy Manual which was adopted by the Vestry.

There are 30+ kids signed up for Sunday School with 11 teachers sharing the privilege of teaching our children.

It was noted we need to make an extra effort to help with the Yard Sale as there is more stuff to sell than ever before!

SQUIRREL RELOCATION

Our project has been fully funded by your generosity! T H A N K Y O U!!! We are in the process of installing special lights in the attic of the church building which are designed to drive the squirrels crazy so that they'll find a new and less annoying place to live. This will take a bit of time so, bear with us. You may see wire running from wall outlet to ceiling tile while perfect light placement in the attic area is found. Many thanks to James Taylor for heading up this project!!

The Youth Committee is meeting every 3rd Monday of the month at 7p. Members are: Elizabeth Duncan, Shaun Campbell, Debbi Cross, Debbi Dearolph, Diane Martin, Sue DiBlanda, Kimmie DiFazio, Carol Hamblin, Mike Johnson. They are a great support system for Pastor Sonia. Detailed minutes of their meeting can be found on the bulletin board.

CVS has contacted us and is interested in offering flu vaccines on a Sunday morning. Sonia will communicate with them and make arrangements for this to take place.

The idea of having a new Pictorial Directory made was brought up, but tabled until January 2012. There is just too much going on up until Christmas.

The Vestry needs to develop a Parish Hall Rental policy. Sonia was directed to seek copies of such documents from other parishes and then present them to the Vestry so we do not have to start from scratch.

The next meeting of the Vestry will be on Sunday, October 16.

Cottage Meeting Dates/Times

You may call the office (407-657-9199) or email us (info@stmatthewsorlando.org) or sign up at church!

Sunday,	October 16,	2p.m.
Friday,	October 14,	7p.m.
Tuesday,	October 18,	6:30p.m.
Sunday,	October 23,	11:45a.m. childcare provided
Monday,	October 24,	10a.m.
Saturday,	October 29,	4p.m.
Sunday,	October 30,	11:45a.m. childcare provided
Wednesday,	November 2,	1:30p.m.
Monday,	November 7,	6:30p.m.

All Saints' Sunday, November 6

All Saints' Day is the day Christians give thanks for all the good people God has placed in their lives, especially those who have died.

It is also a day when Christians give thanks for the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives and in the lives of all people.

It is not because people are special in and of themselves that we call them saints, but it is because they are ordinary, everyday people who allow the Holy Spirit to work through them, doing the mighty deeds of the Lord.

Martin Luther writes, "the Holy Scriptures call Christians saints and the people of God. To forget that we

are saints is to forget Christ and to forget our baptism."

All Saints' is a day for remembering and giving thanks as Christians remember the good people they have known and give thanks for the unending goodness of God.

Our All Saints' Day Celebration will be enriched by parishioners bringing pictures of their loved ones who have died to set around the altar as we especially remember them and give thanks for their lives and their ministries among us. So, please begin looking for pictures that are preferably 4x6 or no larger than 5x7 to bring with you to worship on November 6.

Reflection on Communion Bread

by Louise Samuelson

As I sat in the pew watching my church family make their way to different areas of the communion rail after choosing wafers or bread, I wondered – what's the big deal about this? Why do people seem to care so much? Letting those questions settle down deeply in my heart, I began to ponder what it all means to me and how I experience taking the body of Christ. In my daily everyday life, I try to live sacramentally – that is I try to see God in all the day-to-day ordinary things of my life. Whether it is birds, a sunrise, a gentle breeze, or doing the laundry, I love finding God's presence waiting for me to catch a glimpse. I have come to see my weekly Eucharistic experience as the pinnacle of my sacramental life – the way I experience God. The beautiful thing about sacraments is that they are touch-

able. As I am handed the bread – the body of Christ - I see it, I feel it in my hand, I smell it as I bring it to my mouth, and I taste it as it becomes a part of me. This is an experience I have been having regularly since I was a young girl. And that experience, for the most part, has been with a little white disk that I only ate in this sacred space. That little wafer has represented my taking Jesus into my life for decades. So of course changing that would feel strange, foreign, and even wrong. But I know that when Jesus chose to use bread and wine to represent his own body and blood, he was using the most common everyday elements of his day. This was everyday food and drink, not some special sacred set-apart unique thing. As I looked further I realized that these little wafers are so neat and tidy – single serving size, uniform for all. On the other hand the fresh baked bread is awkward. The piece I'm asked to eat is large. Rather than

almost dissolving on my tongue, I have to deal with it. I have to chew it, and swallow and all that before the cup comes my way. Sometimes inviting Christ into my life is like that. He becomes someone I have to deal with – to chew on and then swallow. His intersection with my life is not always sweet and easy – more often it is disruptive, convicting, and life-altering. I'm often invited to deal with this big bite of Reality as I invite him into deeper and deeper parts of my life. So how then will I choose which to eat? It reminds me of the reading we had this week from Romans. "Those who eat, (whether wafers or bread) eat in the honor of the Lord." I am grateful to be a part of a church whose leadership is sensitive to the needs and desire of their members. And as I go to the table I will be open to experience Christ in whatever form he presents himself.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS UPDATE

Save the Date - November 5th

Announcing the BEST workday ever!!

Come join the excitement. Be part of "the" team.

We have something for everyone. Got a skill or a talent...we can use it. Want to learn a skill... here is your chance. Got 1 hour...we will take it. Got 5 hours...we will take that too. As always... breakfast and lunch are included.

So save the date...Saturday, November 5th the last workday of 2011.

Be there!!!

Management Opportunities Available

We are looking for a few people to be team leaders. Here is your chance be the "boss." If you can give us one hour prior to the workday and point people in the right direction on the workday then please contact David Mello at mellopainter@bellsouth.net or 321-689-7069.

PASTORAL CARE AND PRAYER CHAIN

Pastoral care, prayer chain and prayer list ministries are continuing to provide prayers and/or services to those from the parish who are in need. We can only provide if we are made aware of needs. If you know of someone who needs prayers or visits from the pastoral care team, please call or e-mail the office, 407-657-9199, stmatthews@earthlink.net; or Ann Groenendaal at 407-365-8751, (groenena@bellsouth.net), or Bill Young at 407-282-0436, (walyoung@bellsouth.net).

There are also cards provided in the pews for prayer requests. Fill them out and place in the collection plates.

We also 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.

A Prayer for the Bishop's Election

Be with us and guide us, Holy Spirit of God, as we seek your will for the future of our Diocese. Help us to discern the needs and hopes of your people in Central Florida, so that our search for a Bishop may proceed with clear vision and joyful obedience. We pray through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

We also like to hear and give thanks for good news, so pass that along as well.

We are Praying for: Sara Johnson Borner, Kasandra Holiday, Jen Latterell, Laurie Hernandez, Margaret Collison, Karen & Rodica Sears, Sherry Culp, Katy Shafer, Yarany de Edwards, Chris Lloyd, Roy Quimby, Sgt. J. Morgan Klingshin, Emily W., Andy, Hilary, Keegan, Travis, Michael Crawford, Cruz, Brady and Mykaila Sanchez, Christian Shaun, John and Lois Mitchell, Pat, DC, Paula Ellman, Gordon Bentley, Penny Morales, Paget Hultgren, Delmar Morgan and Bruce Layman.

Individual Healing Prayers are available following each service. Please approach the altar rail where Deacon Dave will be glad to pray with you.

Get your Flu Shots at Church!

CVS Pharmacists will be on hand from 9a - 10:15a on Sunday, Oct. 23rd to administer flu shots. Bring your ID, your medicare/medicaid/insurance card with you. Almost all insurance companies cover the cost of the shot. If not, the cost is \$29.99 and you are given a CVS gift card for \$5 to use on a future purchase in the store or online.



**A Time to Celebrate!
Saturday evening, December 3rd
Details to come. Save the Date!**



October Birthdays

Stacie Larson	October 1	Abigail Wooten	October 17
Doe Peppe	October 1	D.J. Hinton-Pina	October 18
Joan Mahoney	October 2	Virginia Bowers	October 19
Rodica Sears	October 4	Phyllis Davis	October 19
Bradley Holcomb	October 7	Woody Everett	October 19
Pat Sincebaugh	October 7	Claudia Garvin	October 19
Samantha Somers	October 7	Christopher Scanlon	October 19
Amanda Rivas	October 8	Ben Corbin	October 20
CeCe Miller	October 9	Tyler Ferguson	October 20
Lydia Wheatley	October 10	Edward Hornbeck	October 21
Zachary Elkins	October 11	Ethel Macaione	October 21
Wyatt Brunson	October 13	Jan-Michael Johnson	October 24
Eileen Taylor	October 13	Frank Samuelson	October 25
Jeffery Wood	October 14	Jack Groenendaal	October 26
Tim Elkins	October 15	Mardi Lang	October 26
Frances Jones	October 15	Chris Davis	October 28
Autumn Farney	October 17	Millicent Charran	October 29
Chris Johnson	October 17	Penny Miller	October 30
Malorie Newhouse	October 17	Steve Warrick	October 31
Phillip Warrick	October 17		

October Anniversaries

DiBlanda, Mike & Sue	October 8
Miller, Craig & Katherine	October 10
Latterell, Keith & Jennifer	October 16
Hultgren, Scott & Paget	October 23



PARISH LIFE

YARN WORKS

We took a break for the summer but YARN WORKS has resumed for the fall.

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 5 p.m. to 6 p.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 3 balls of homespun yarn.

Hazel, hazelforbis@yahoo.com

WOMEN'S ADVENTURE CAMP Camp Wingmann October 28-30, 2011

Ladies, are you looking for a new challenge, something to stretch yourself a bit? Would you like to learn some new outdoor skills? Or perhaps your children came home from summer camp raving about the fun they had, and you wished you could go to summer camp, too? If so, Camp Wingmann is the place you'll want to be on Oct 28-30 for a weekend of outdoor fun!

Spend the weekend enjoying the beauty of Camp Wingmann. Dine on delicious home-cooked meals that you don't have to prepare or clean up after! Sleep on comfortable bunks in air-conditioned Louttit Lodge! Make new friends as you brush your teeth in the spacious bathrooms!

Choices of outdoor activities will include: camping skills, hiking, bird watching, stargazing, archery, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, and the high ropes course. Experts in each activity will be

there to lead and assist you. If you like to fish, you may bring your fishing pole and fish on lovely Trout Lake.

We will also enjoy meditations on the beauty of God's creation (including women) led by the Rev. Mary Rosendahl, rector of Church of the Nativity, Port St. Lucie and avid fisherwoman.

Registration will begin at 4 pm on Friday, followed by dinner at 6 pm. The weekend will conclude after Eucharist and brunch on Sunday. The cost of the weekend is \$105, which includes all meals. The ropes course is an additional \$15.

You may register at www.campwingmann.org, or you may call Camp Wingmann at 863-453-4800 to request a registration form.

(Please note that the weekend activities are just that – active, so attendees should be physically able to participate.)





ST. MATTHEW'S CHILDREN—SEPTEMBER 2011

Moms and Dads, we have started a new Sunday School Attendance Award Program, so be sure that the kids are here each week AND in class no later than 10:15 a.m. In an effort to maximize our time with the kids, we ask that if your child is later than 10:25 a.m. that they spend the morning in service with you. It is imperative that we start on time so that everyone has the same advantage to learn about God, faith and have adequate time to work on the specific project for that week. We love your children and appreciate the continued opportunity to teach them!



Please find below a chart as a reminder for Family Sunday Helpers! We love Family Sunday and the kids really enjoy being such a vital part of the service. If your child would like to participate in Family Sunday, please let us know as we do maintain a list of those children that want to be a part of the festivities!

Our first day of Sunday School was a tremendous success!!! We had 29 children join us on Sunday, September 11th to kick off our new Sunday School year. We are hoping to continue to grow as we bring friends, family and neighbors to join in our weekly programs.

We are ecstatic to say that our "Armored For God" series is growing by leaps and bounds. We had 30 children at the last event on September 11th and hope to continue to add more friends for our next session on October 9th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Dinner is provided at 6 p.m. so that you have plenty of time to get your munchkins home and ready for school on Monday. We have made the decision to divide the group because of the size and age variances, so PreK through 2nd Grade will continue to meet with Ms. Jen for crafts and lessons while 3rd-5th grade will meet with Pastor Sonia! We are so excited about the growth of this group!!! We are having so much fun and can't wait for our next session!!



Date	Job	Name
10/30/11	Communion Helper	Lili Alvarez
	Communion Helper	Eleanor Young
	First Reader	Caroline Young
	Second Reader	Trinity Szynaka
	Prayers of the People	Daniel Dearolph
	Greeter	Alyssa Martin
	Greeter	Julian Alvarez
	Usher	Justin Jeffries
	Usher	Nicholas DiBlanda

YOUTH GROUP



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH (grades 6-8) are having an amazing time together! We've spent the month learning about the strength we gain in God, the ways God loves each of us in our differences, and the differences in promises of people and covenants of God. We've learned how to make bottles sing, t-shirts glow, and lots of other useless, but important stuff!

Coming up in October:

Oct. 2, 6p-7:30p – Dinner & Game Night
 Oct. 9, 6p-7:30p – Unconditional Giving (Outreach Night) – Cookie Extravaganza
 Oct. 17, 6p-7:30p – The Ugly Face
 Oct. 23, 3:30p-6:30p -- Youth Group Showdown – Video Scavenger Hunt at Canterbury
 Oct. 30, 6p – 7:30p – Pumpkin Carving (Outreach Night) – Light the Night

Middle School Mission Trip July 27 – Aug 3 to Savannah GA

While Savannah is a lovely Southern city with much to brag about, its rapidly growing population has contributed to city struggles such as poverty and homelessness. Our group will reach out to this community through partnering with local ministries to serve the homeless, the elderly and children and assist

the city with house painting and repair projects. We will join with youth from all over the southeast to carry out our work, to worship, and to play. It will be an amazing week of self discovery and faith building!

On our way home, we'll stop to play at Summer Waves and celebrate a job well done!

The total cost for the trip is \$325. This covers **everything** – no additional money (even spending money) will be needed. Deposits of \$82 are due on Nov. 30, Jan. 30, March 30, and May 30.

In order to participate in the Mission Trip, a student must attend at least half of our normal youth group meetings and a retreat weekend such as New Beginnings or Spring Retreat. The student and family must participate in fund raising activities.

What: New Beginnings for Youth in grades 7-9

When: Nov. 4-6

Where: Honey Creek (Waverly GA) www.honeycreek.org

Cost: \$55

Our youth have been to a weekend called New Beginnings at Camp Wingmann, but this is a different experience! At New Beginnings, you can expect to make new friends and to share with old ones through singing, skits, talks, videos, games, worship, and conversation. Led by a team of teenagers, adults, and spiritual directors, New Beginnings helps us discover things about ourselves, our friends, our families and our God. We also learn ways to live out our faith in our daily lives.

Be listening out for more information and if you are interested before it is available, speak to Pastor Sonia!



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (grades 9-12) are reaching out in the community! They have a full schedule of Outreach activities for the coming months.

For October

Oct. 7, 6:30p -- Bake-off at St. Matthew's (we'll make delicious goodies and then deliver them to police and fire stations in the community).
 Oct. 23, 3:30p – 6:30p – Youth Group Showdown --- we come face to face with the youth of Incarnation for a Video Scavenger Hunt like you've never seen before!
 Oct. 25, 7:00p – We will lead Bingo Night at Coalition for the Homeless.

High School Mission Trip July 1 – 7 to New York City

We will join other teen volunteers to prepare and serve meals at soup kitchens; provide recreational activities and companionship to young, formerly homeless children; distribute food and supplies at food pantries; socialize and bring snacks to people in drop-in centers.

Our teams will go a different service site each day so that, by the end of the week, the team has seen a variety of different services provided in the city and different neighborhoods in that city.

On one evening, we prepare a meal for homeless people who sleep in a shelter nearby. The shelter guests and our team come together for a relaxing dinner and social time. This relatively brief service project gives us a common experience and begins to break down stereotypes about homeless people. One afternoon we will meet with a resource person, someone involved in direct service to homeless and

hungry people or advocacy. In sharing frontline experiences and reflections, the speaker draws the students into a discussion on the causes of homelessness and hunger, society's response to homelessness, and the students own feelings about these issues.

After our work is done each day, we will take much needed showers, power naps, and then explore and enjoy the city.

The total cost of the trip is \$500 and **NO** additional money will be needed by the students unless they choose to purchase souvenirs. Deposits of \$125 are due Nov. 30, Jan. 30, March 30, and May 30.

In order to participate in the trip, students must attend at least half of our Youth Group Outreach events and a retreat weekend such as Happening or the Spring Retreat. The student and family must participate in fund raising activities.

ADULT EDUCATION

“Your Faith, Your Life”

An Introduction to the Episcopal Church

Adult education begins Sunday, October 9th and will be held between services, 9:00 until 10:00 a.m. Child-care is provided.

Have you ever been in church and wondered, “Why are they doing that?” or “What does that mean?” If so, now is your chance to have your questions answered.

This fall, we will be reading and discussing the book “Your Faith, Your Life.” This book is an “everything-

you-need-to-know” guide to the Episcopal Church. It combines user-friendly reading with substance and is perfect for newcomers, adult formation groups, and lifelong Episcopalians who want to know more about their church.

Books are available in the church office or from Frank Samuelson. Cost is \$12.00/book.

Please let Frank, frank.samuelson@ccci.org, know if you plan to join this study of the language of worship, theology, church structure, and sacraments of the Episcopal Church.