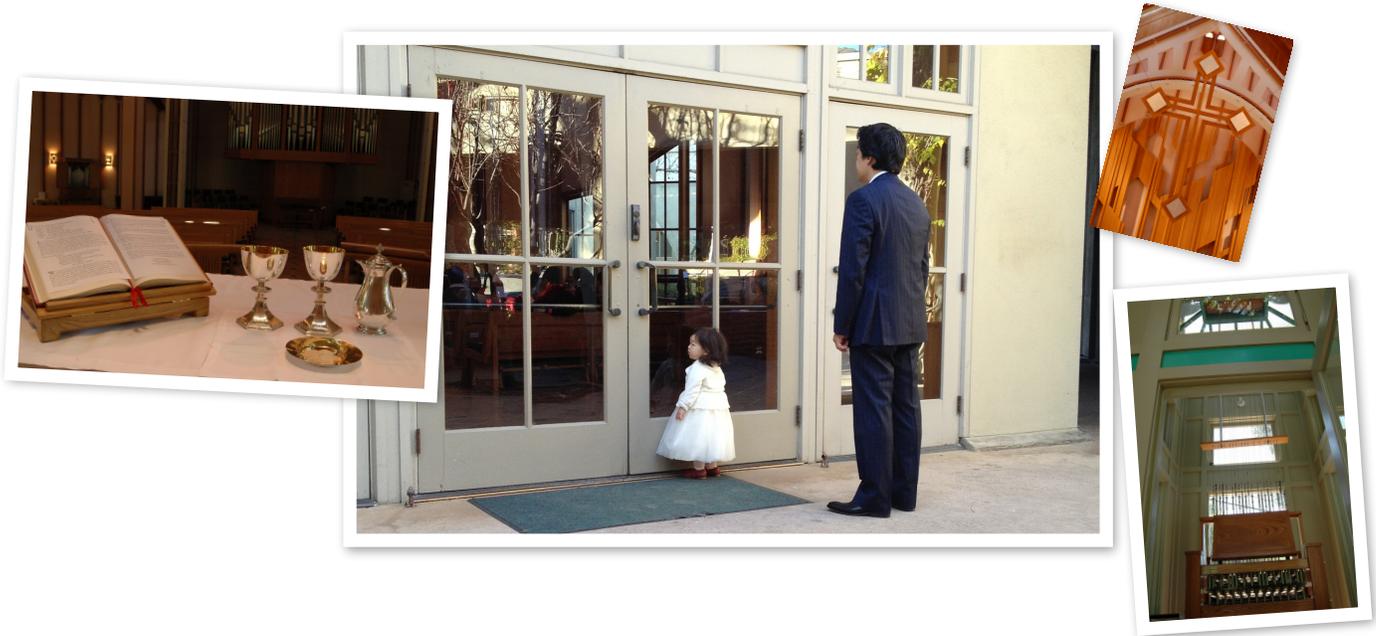


ANNUAL MEETING

St. Matthew's Parish Report January 25 2015



Annual Report

The Episcopal Church of St. Matthew

Sunday January 25 2015

Our Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of Saint Matthew, a community of faith in the Episcopal tradition, is called by God to love, serve and worship Jesus Christ. Our Mission is to spiritually nourish those who seek unity with God and each other in Christ. As stewards, entrusted with God's gifts, we are committed to carrying on Christ's work in the world.

Stewardship

Stewardship is currently composed of six areas of parish ministries. During another year of transition and with outstanding support from Interim Rectors, clergy and lay leadership all the above ministries performed with commitment, compassion and dedication. It's difficult to highlight any one area. The year 2014 opened with a Sunday dedicated to St. Matthew's Planned Giving program/Legacy Society celebration that was shared with the youth Rite 13 – Journey To Adulthood celebration; followed by the Spring Work Day in preparation for Palm Sunday; the Alleluia Offering Book, and Stewardship Community dinners. September fall 2014 began with the annual St. Matthew's Day Celebration, kicking-off parish programs and building community, followed by the October 2015 Pledge Campaign. Some special features of the campaign include the number parish volunteers (close to 100), including four outstanding Sunday speakers, new and long-time parishioners writing and sharing their stories in the Epistles and the 2015 parish brochure. The fall Work Day with the help of Troop 223 prepared the property for All Saints' Sunday. The beautiful, inspiring annual November Christmas Faire with largest number of attendees ever and generated \$106,000 for St. Matthew's Outreach Partners – all proceeds going to outreach ministries.



Stewardship: Annual St. Matthew's Day Celebration; Annual Parish Pledge Campaign; Planned Giving Program; The Annual Parish Christmas Faire; Fall & Spring All Parish Workdays; 2014 Alleluia Offering Book

Roster: All key members involved in the leadership of ministry area

Stewardship Pledge Campaign Planning Committee: Lynne Brickner, Nona Greene, Maida Hastings, Val Holwerda Kruger, Peter Mann Jr., Marcus Muncha, Paul Notaras, Becky Winding, Peter Trepp, George Martin

St. Matthew's Day Celebration: Marianne Wisner, Jana Russell, Kristin Finny, Shana Garner, Brooke Crane, Kelly Peterson, Cindy Davis, Kathy Bitting, Vesta and Ali Kia.

Planned Giving/Legacy Society: Lynne Brickner, Bill Finestone, John Martineau, Becky Winding, George Martin.

Annual Christmas Faire co-chairs: Mary Vig, Courtney Sheldon, Christel Durkin, Kirby Williamson, Advisor Amy Childress.

Alleluia Offering Book: Michelle Bitting and Phil Abrams, Susanne Howarth.

Work Days: Parish volunteers from Fellowship, Stewardship and Troop 223, Youth - Missy Morain, The Altar Guild, clergy, office staff Jeremias Mendez and the sextons.

Submitted by Kathy Bitting and with great appreciation to all!!



*The Parish of St. Matthew names New Rector
The Reverend Bruce A. Freeman*

January 14, 2015

Dear Friends of the Parish of St. Matthew,

It is my deep honor, and with great joy, that I announce to you that the Wardens and Vestry have called The Reverend Bruce Allan Freeman to be the sixth rector of the Parish of St. Matthew.

Bruce is currently the Rector of The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he has served as Rector from 2003 to the present. Prior to his call to the Church of the Redeemer, Bruce served as Rector at The Church of the Epiphany in San Carlos, California, from 1994-2003, where he followed David Miller as Rector. From 1989 to 1994, Bruce served as Rector of St. John's Church in Athol, Massachusetts. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, and a Master of Divinity from Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Further information can be found about Bruce at www.redeemer-cincy.org. Bruce and his wife Dana have three grown children, Audrey, Nat and Carl. They lost an infant daughter, Anna, in 1991. Bruce will conclude his ministry at the Church of the Redeemer in early February and will begin with us at St. Matthew's on March 1. At our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 25, at 9:15am (between our services), there will be opportunity to learn much more about Bruce! Be sure to attend.

Discerning the call for a new rector was a prayerful and inclusive process and was undertaken with dedication, deliberation and hard work by the following members of the Search Committee and the Vestry:

Lynne Brickner, John Choi, Greg Cortese, Peter Dubrawski,
Troy Elander, Lisa Goldman, Bill Greene, Maida Hastings, Elizabeth Keatinge,
Fred Kornfeind, Kimberly Ling, Pamela Mann, Lawry Meister, Paul Notaras, John Phelps, Jana Russell,
Jason Silletti, Shawn Silletti, Joan Sumpter, Peter Trepp, Becky Winding



Guiding this process in God's name were the Chaplains to the Search Committee and the Vestry. We thank Bill Wallace and Jana Russell for serving us in this capacity, keeping us ever mindful that our work was unfolding in the presence of the Holy Spirit. The Vestry expresses gratitude as well to Melanie Dwight who served quietly and discreetly as Altar Guild member for our Eucharists.

We also express once again our thanks to The Reverend George Martin, Interim, and to The Reverend Michael Seiler, Acting Rector, for leading us during this period as we have lived into the process of our search. We have learned much about ourselves at St. Matthew's over the past many months: that we are a Parish blessed with so many gifts and resources; that we are a strong, caring, loving community; and that we have maintained our deep faith and trust in God as we have anticipated the future for our Parish. And the future has arrived! We welcome with joyful hearts the coming of our sixth Rector, Bruce Freeman. Thanks be to God.

With love,

Maida Hastings
Senior Warden

Ministries with Young People at St. Matthew's continues to prayerfully create the conditions which enable the work of formation to be done by the Holy Spirit. This is accomplished by continuing to weave current ministry programs and opportunities together while filling in missing portions, and focusing on faith formation resources and support for families engaging young people in their primary faith formation learning environment, their homes. Parish based formation opportunities continue to be many and varied including; Godly Play, Boy Scout Troop 223, Rite-13, Confirmation, St. Matthew's Day Camp, and St. Matthew's Parish School. We also focus on providing resources to parents and young people for formation through faith-at-home materials. You don't have to have children at St. Matthew's to receive materials, just contact Missy Morain, Director of Christian Formation for Children and Youth missymorain@stmatthews.com and ask to join the mailing lists.

Godly Play continues as an area of Christian formation ministry to children and their families. Our Godly Play programs begin at age three and continue through sixth grade. St. Matthew's has one Godly Play sessions most Sunday mornings through the school year, beginning at 9:15 am. All stories are one of three different types, sacred stories, liturgical action and parables. St. Matthew's is lucky to have some of the finest and most dedicated Godly Play faculty including, Sarah Adams, Jim Dutka, Sue Ganz, Kim Iselin, Guilford Robinson, Debbi Tennant, Kathy Bitting, Kathleen Crookston, Peter Dubrawski, Val Kruger, Pam Mann, and Mary Martin,. Nona Greene serves as the Godly Play Coordinator leading our faculty and program and Pam Mann serves as the Godly Play Room Coordinator, slipping in and out of rooms without being seen to make sure we have the correct supplies and that our rooms recover after the summer fun of St. Matthew's Day Camp. Our annual budget has given us the opportunity to continue to have high quality art and work supplies, while also giving us the opportunity to purchase new stories to expand our lessons.

Rite-13

A Celebration of Manhood or Rite-13 ceremony was celebrated Sunday, March 2 2014, after four weeks of preparation. Rite-13 is open to all 7th graders in the St. Matthew's community.

St. Matthew's Day Camp

The 61th year of St. Matthew's Day Camp was a tremendous success under the direction of Director Erik Warren and Assistant Director Katie Wood. Approximately 250 campers entering first through fifth grade joined with forty-seven staff members for a fun-filled summer. Although the majority of campers come from within the parish community, the camp program reaches out to broader community and includes thirteen "campership" children, who participate each summer free of charge. Daily transportation is provided from the Neighborhood Youth Association community center in Venice. The six-week session included a wide variety of activities taking place across the entire property. The daily schedule includes a camper-run chapel service, swimming, arts and crafts, music, and skits. Special days involved performances, competitions, adventures, hikes, beach trips, a camper-run fair to raise money for St. Matthew's Outreach Partners, and a day to give thanks for our time together this summer. The 2012 staff included forty-eight staff members with a total of more than 200 years of Day Camp experience. So much of the mission, ministry and program of day camp exists on the shoulders of the staff and they are a tremendous gift to the St. Matthew's community.

St. Matthew's Day Camp is lead by a Board of Directors, appointed by the St. Matthew's Vestry. The current SMDC Board members include Melissa Rawlins, President, Billy Jones, Vice President, Kathy Harlan, Secretary, Michael Davis, Treasurer, David Carr, Trey Hastings, Jill Howe, Jennifer Levi, Missy Morain, Jana Russell, Ted Russell, Megan Sheridan, and Erik Warren.

Boy Scout Troop 223

Troop 223, sponsored by St. Matthews had another extremely successful year of Youth Development. Carrying out the its Vision of “Young men leading skillfully, making good choices, and serving others” the Troop’s Youth Leaders participated in over 8800 hours of leadership training and practice, 5180 hours of ethical discussions, and rendered approximately 3500 hours of service to St Matthews, its Outreach Partners, and the greater community!

Scouts join for Fun, Adventure, Achievement and Friends. The 140 boys and eighty-seven adult leaders in the Troop enjoyed ten overnight campouts, nine days at Emerald Bay on Catalina Island, canoed and backpacked over 6600 boy/adult miles, learned responsible wake boarding, shotgun, rifle, and archery shooting, rock climbing, river rafting, snorkeling, kayaking, sailing, rowing, canoeing, and Leave No Trace Outdoor Conduct.

The Troop’s Scouts achieved, earning more than 1100 merit badges and qualifying for over 210 individual rank advancements. On November 25th the Troop awarded twenty-seven Scouts the prestigious Eagle Award, bringing the Troop’s sixty year total to over 750. Eight Scouts also earned the God and Life Award after several months of study both individually and in small groups.

By the end of a Scout’s first fifteen months in the Troop, he has been trained, tested and qualified for merit badges in survival swimming, advanced lifesaving, boating safety and rescues, wilderness survival, and advanced first aid. All Scouts also earn three different citizenship merit badges, Environmental Science, Oceanography, Communications, Personal Management, and Personal Fitness. All eighty-seven Adult Leaders of the Troop and the twelve Troop Committee Members have completed Scouting’s required Youth Protection Training including online testing. All Youth leaders have completed, or are in the final stages of completing of Scout Leader Specific and Outdoor Training. All High Adventure Teams of eight to twelve have at least one person trained in Wilderness Medicine and two in advanced CPR.

The Troop will welcome new scouts in February. Michael Lanning serves as the Scoutmaster for Troop 223. Bill Wilson is the Troop Committee Chair. The Troop Committee members are Andrew Goldman, Andy Breech, Brian Webber, Brian Coughlin, Colette Taylor, Frank Jakel, Jana Russell, John Conlin, Mark Albert, Missy Kolsky, Suzanne Lowe, Tim Smith, and Missy Morain.



The Choir of St. Matthew's Parish

Ministry during 2014

The choir continues to serve St. Matthew's Parish with a dedicated group of singers.

The choir includes approximately 25 volunteers and eight stipendiary singers. The Music Director and Parish Organist are the principal leaders. The choir sings virtually every Sunday and feast day service from early September through mid-June plus three evensongs and two concerts annually. Christmas 2014 was particularly gratifying as the choir sang two new works by Matthew Brown, a staff tenor.

Sadly, Roger Daggy announced that he and his family will be moving to Virginia at the end of January, 2015. Roger has been a vital member of the staff and is much loved by the choir. He will be missed.

We welcomed John Graham as of December 2013 and welcomed back Taylor Good after her maternity leave.

Roster: All key members involved in the leadership of ministry area

Tom Neenan, Music Director

Roger Daggy, Parish Organist

The St. Matthew's Music Guild

The Music Guild had a wonderful and successful 2014. We presented eight concerts here at St. Matthew's and three outreach concerts at Valor Charter Academy in Arleta. There are 135 households subscribing to the Music Guild. Average concert attendance is over 200. We have engaged world-class soloists and are proud of the quality of music offered.

Music Director Thomas Neenan initially created The Chamber Orchestra at St. Matthew's as a cooperative venture made up of prominent professional local musicians, many of whom were church members. With support from classical music fans in Pacific Palisades and neighboring communities, the Chamber Orchestra began presenting concerts, with the musicians dividing proceeds from the door proceeds. Within a few years the Music Guild had an established a successful series of eight annual concerts featuring the Chamber Orchestra and visiting guest artists and ensembles.



The Music Guild has over 200 current subscribers who are the life-blood of the organization. The series of seven annual concerts, the outreach program and the commissions of new works are financially supported by subscriptions, individual, corporate and foundation contributions, ticket sales and private and public grants. Our annual budget has grown over 30% in the last three years despite challenging economic times. The Music Guild is a not for profit 501-C3 organization governed by the Music Director and the Board of Directors.

Roster: All key members involved in the leadership of ministry area

Tom Neenan, Music Director

Fred Doering, President

Bill Greene, Secretary

Cynthia Gannon, Treasurer

Board members:

Anne K. Costin

Gordon Dressler

Robert Finnerty

John Graham

Catherine Lanter

Patricia Massey

John O'Reilly

Glenn Ossiander

Cynthia Smith



Outreach at The Parish of St. Matthew.





St. Matthew's Thrift Shop by Jamie Madden

The volunteers of the St. Matthew's Thrift Shop are called by God to do Christ's work in the world by reaching out with compassion and assistance, providing goods, services and resources to those in need. We are a group of 100+ active volunteers assisted by many school students who volunteer their time during the summer and on weekends. We volunteer at the Shop, Marking Center, the Drop in the parking lot, from our own homes and in many varied ways to enhance Shop revenues. Net proceeds in the form of grants are given to carefully selected, local non-profit organizations.

Revenues increased this year at the shop. All related sales for 2014 were up 7.5% to \$246,969.00. Donations for 2014 increased to \$2550. This is a great accomplishment since 2013 was a record breaking year. We also have developed new income streams.

Including the Car Donation Program. Details are on the Church and Thrift shop website. Online Books and DVD Sales, and Estate Sale and items from Stacy Santos that are sold through Susan Carroll's Store "Gift Garden Antiques". We had all time high revenues from our November Ski Sale and Christmas Faire as well.

The main reason for our success is our dedicated volunteers. This is a wonderful Multigenerational ministry and we welcome all in to visit, shop, donate, or work at the Thrift shop. It is a wonderful hand's on ministry. We have families that work together on weekends, the 7th and 8th grade work with us in the summer and many high school and College students come back to work at the Thrift Shop. www.stmatthewsthiftshop.com

Our Grant Committee, headed by Tracy Metzger, meets with various agencies and Their directors in the Spring. This last year we gave Grants to Airport Marina Counseling Service, The Children's Lifesaving Foundation, Children's Place, K-9 Connection, Las Familias del Pueblo, SPY- Safe Place for Youth, St. Margaret's Center, Venice Family Clinic as well as donating to St. Matthew's Outreach Commission to support OPCC, Westside Food Bank and St. Joseph's Center.

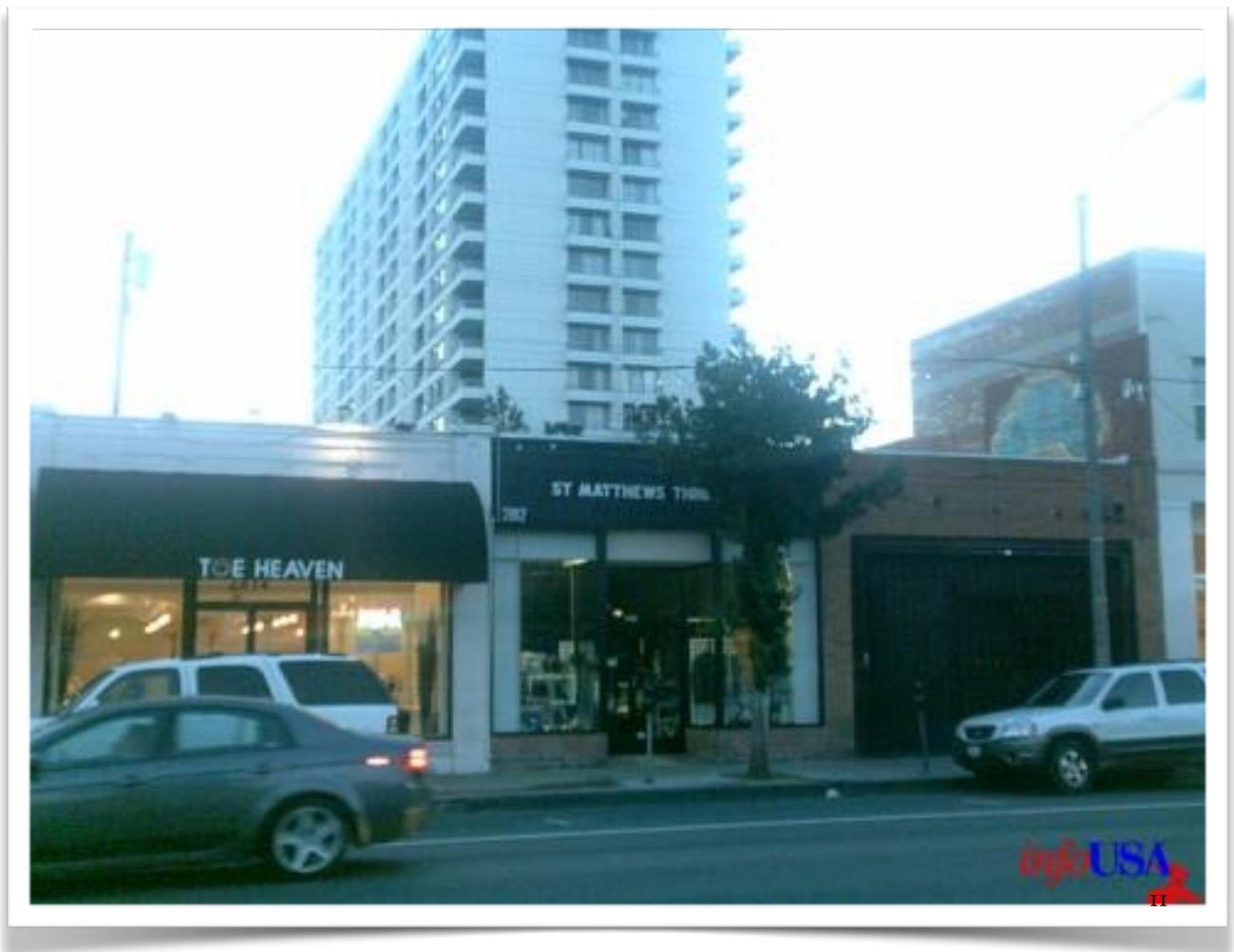
We are continually grateful to have such dedicated volunteers and to our parishioners for your generous donations. We want to expand our volunteer base so everyone at St. Matthew's realizes, this is THEIR Thrift Shop.

Roster: All key members involved in the leadership of ministry area.

Thrift Shop Board

Laura Borda
Diane Elander
Diane Hogsta
Heather Jones
Richard Kuhlenschmidt
Annabel Montgomery
Mary Naef
John Phelps
Patricia Platt
Alexandra Roosa
Stacy Santos
Jamie Madden

And special thanks to Jermeias Mendez and the Sextons



Report from the Outreach Commission

The Parish of St. Matthew demonstrated their commitment to outreach throughout the year as they served those in need. Many parishioners volunteered countless hours to ensure another successful Christmas Faire, which helped raised a portion of the funds for outreach grants. In 2014, we made grants totaling \$250,511 to our outreach partners from the Parish and \$53,000 from the Thriftshop.

Parishioners prepared and served monthly dinners to homeless youth at Safe Place for Youth (SPY) as well as holiday meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas at SPY and Common Ground. Many volunteers came together to prepare, serve and sing carols at our annual Christmas lunch at St. Joseph Center's Bread & Roses Café.

We collected hygiene products for OPCC, delivered baby items to Angel Interfaith Network, visited the incarcerated and celebrated a wonderful Prism Picnic with the families of those who are incarcerated. We donated 120 books for NYA and sleeping bags for SPY in November. Together with the school, we held canned food drives in November and March for the Westside Food Bank and donated almost 20,000 pounds of food. In addition, parishioners shared their time, talent and treasure with our outreach partners as regular volunteers, Board members and donors as they lived out God's call to serve others in His name. Thank you so much to all who offer their time, talent and treasure by serving or helping with organizations including;



- SPY dinners and Common Ground meals,
- the PRISM Picnic,
- the Thrift Shop,
- in the prisons,
- delivering baby supplies to Angel Interfaith Network,
- serving on the Boards of Westside Food Bank, Chrysalis, the CLARE Foundation, Hollygrove Adoption Services and OPCC.

2014-2015 St. Matthew's Parish Outreach Partner Grant Recipients

Angel Interfaith Network www.angelinterfaith.net

Chrysalis www.changelives.org

CLARE Foundation www.clarefoundation.org

Common Ground www.commongroundHIV.org

Episcopal Urban Intern Program www.euip.org

Episcopal Relief and Development www.er-d.org

Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance www.thegaia.org

Hollygrove www.hollygrove.org

Jubilee Consortium www.jubileeconsortium.org

Neighborhood Youth Association www.nyayouth.org

OPCC www.opcc.net

PRISM/Restorative Justice www.prism.ladiocese.org

Safe Place For Youth (SPY) www.safeplaceforyouth.org

St. Joseph Center www.stjosephctr.org

Westside Food Bank www.westsidefoodbankca.org

The 2014-2015 Thrift Shop grant list is:

Airport Marina Counseling Service, The Children's Lifesaving Foundation, Children's Place, K9 Connection (OPCC), Las Familias del Pueblo, SPY, St. Margaret's Place and Venice Family Clinic.

Roster: All key members involved in the leadership of ministry area

Lester V. Mackenzie

Kathy Bitting

Jocelyn Cortese

Jackie Ehlers

Gail Carpenter

John Carrick

Amy Childress

Eric Edmunds, Jr.

Kristen Hocking

Mar Jennings

Heather Jones

Tracy Metzger

Sujie Min

Jana Russell

Shawn Silletti

Suzanne Trepp

Dede Vlietstra

Kathy Volz



Thanks to all the members and volunteers involved in the ministry of Outreach and St. Matthew's Thriftshop. Blessings and Strength, Lester V. Mackenzie, Jackie Ehlers and Jocelyn Cortese.





Membership - Connect

Connect Events and Ministry to Newcomers

Ministry during 2014

Connect Events held in January, August and October to welcome new parishioners
New members of our parish who are Connect veterans are serving in Fellowship, Outreach, Pastoral Care, and Worship ministries

Roster: All key members involved in the leadership of ministry area.

Hilarie Green
Deb Kohler
Cindy Dunne
Catherine Lanter
John Carrick
Laura Roberts
Bill Crookston



Name of Ministry: **Altar Guild**

Ministry during 2014

- In September 2014, The Altar Guild downsized from four to three teams due to dwindling membership.
- November 2014 was recruitment month, and we gained ten NEW members who will begin training in February 2015.
- Our 2014 Lenten and Easter seasons went beautifully in spite of our lower membership.
- Advent and Christmas 2014 were also expertly handled by our loyal members.
- René Buchanan became the Altar Guild Directress, having co-directed with Mary Lou Loper during 2013-2014.
- Lynne Brickner will now be our Weddings and Funerals Captain. Staffing weddings and funerals in 2014 was particular challenging because of our dwindling membership.
- The Altar Guild now has a mission statement:
“The Altar Guild is a most beloved ministry that supports all church services at St. Matthew’s Parish. Working together, we come to cherish our closeness to Christ, and to each other, as we prepare the church and the Altar for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Our service, by the Grace of God, enables the clergy and all parishioners to feel as one in His presence.”
- We are an amazing team of women and men who, with love and respect, work together beautifully to ensure the Lord’s Table is properly prepared for the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist each week

Roster: *All key members involved in the leadership of ministry area.*

- René Buchanan – Directress
- Fran Talbert – Co-Captain Team I, Training Committee Lead
- Merelie Whited – Co-Captain Team I, Training Committee Member
- Katie Sanders – Captain Team II
- Audrey McQuay – Captain Team III, Recording Secretary
- Lynne Brickner – Captain Weddings and Funerals
- Annette McCarthy – Captain Fair Linen Maintenance
- Jane Anderson – Sacristy Supplies Captain
- Melanie Dwight – Liturgical Supplies Captain, Training Committee Member





Name of Ministry Fellowship

Co-Chairs: Courtney Sheldon and Betty-Jo Tilley

Ministry during 2014

The Fellowship Commission provides both hospitality and festivities at a variety of Church events that coincide with the Liturgical Calendar such as Foyer Suppers' Kick-off Dinner, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Lenten Soup Nights and the Easter Vigil Celebration Reception, among others.

Highlights in 2014

- Increased participation in Foyer Group Dinner
- Two new events - Advent Ornament Celebration & Eastertide Celebration
- New Fellowship members welcome to the group

Roster: All key members involved in the leadership of ministry area.

Lester MacKenzie
Shana Garner
Courtney Sheldon
Lynne Savory-Collar
Liana Martin
Brooke Crane
Kristen Becker Reed
Marlien Rentmeester Phelps
Lindy Fisher
Shannon Colwell Neiman
Leslie Geller
Monica Lacy
Kimberly Bloom
Sarah Kline
Sujie Min
Savannah Stevens

Liz Estrada-Rahn
Lisa Goldman
Katarina Hyde
Kristen Langan
Maggie Cwiertnia
Kristen Chambers
Wendy Polo
Kristen Grove
Piper
Margaret Himes
Amanda Larson
Lynne Weaver
Kristina Krofft
Elaine Paul Seidel
Alicia Ames
Callee Momtazee
Monica de Haan
Kim Millimaki-Gorry
Amy Baker
Susan Prince
Natalie Riggs
Kristen Waters
Erica McLoughlin
Susan T Comisar
Lisa Atty
Betty-Jo Tilley
Andrea Wagner Barton
Valerie Clifford
Joan Sather
Kelly Peterson
Jessica Allen
Lyndsie Cardito
Kirby Williamson
Lucy Meredith Kanner
Lindsey R. Hansen
Alexa Villen
Katie Sitter
Julia Sibley
Charlie Webster Muir
Jennifer Kanas
Margaret McCourt
Cameron Brown
Diane Hogsta
Patricia Platt
Teresa Power
Amy Beal

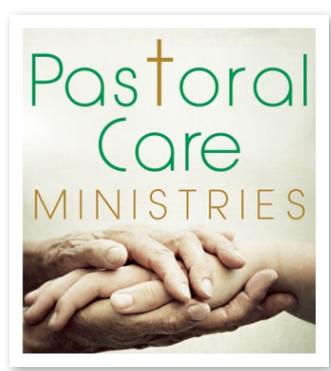


FOYER GROUPS



CONNECTING
faith **family**
and
friends

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Name of Ministry ***Pastoral Ministries***

Ministry during 2014

The theme this year in Pastoral Ministries at St. Matthew's has been one of "transitions". On Sunday, February 2, 2014, the Rev. Betsy Anderson officially retired after nearly 17 years at the helm of Pastoral Ministries. She left behind a legacy of leadership and vision out of which she shaped the formation of the pastoral ministries "machine", and her management style helped to form and solidify the organizational administration of Pastoral Care and associated ministries at St. Matt's. On Monday, February 3, 2014, the Rev. George Daisa took over the reins of Pastoral Ministries, eager to honor the legacy of Betsy, continuing the great tradition at St. Matt's of the "care of souls", while also looking to better understand the machinations of such an impactful and diverse ministry in the life of the parish, with an eye to offering even more opportunities for lay involvement in the leadership and ownership of Pastoral Ministries.

2014 was a successful year of growth for both George and the Pastoral Ministries Leadership, as they endeavored to get to know one another, and dream new dreams at the beginning of the "post-Betsy" era. The transition has been challenging and rewarding, and very successful due to the continued commitment, passion and tenacity of the Pastoral Care Commission, the group at the heart of Pastoral Ministries at St. Matthew's, ably led by Alice Simmons, Chair. Alice continues to offer insight, wisdom, and mentorship, and is a consummate, authentic and compassionate collaborator, and a true partner in the administration and leadership of Pastoral Ministries, without whom, the transition would not have been as smooth or as joy-filled. George is happy (and relieved!) that Alice plans to continue to partner with him in 2015.

The Rev. Brian Palmer has also been key to the transition process, offering his support, leadership and considerable pastoral skills in the important work of visiting, caring for, and attending to the day-to-day pastoral needs of the people of the parish, especially in the areas of grief support and end of life issues. Brian's established relationships with parishioners, and his absolute commitment to their pastoral needs made Brian a wonderful colleague and partner in the Pastoral Ministries "department" at St. Matthew's. He will be sorely missed when he takes his leave of his role here at St. Matthew's to become Priest-in-Charge at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cambria, and we all wish him all happiness and fulfillment in his new parish work.

Roster: All key members involved in the leadership of ministry area.

Please refer to Alice Simmons' ministry report for the Pastoral Care Commission (PCC).

Name of Ministry ***Pastoral Care Commission***

Ministry highlights or challenges during 2014

What seemed at first to be a challenge this year was the transition to new leadership after Betsy Anderson retired in February and the leadership reins were passed to George Daisa, Curate for Pastoral Ministries. The most difficult part of this changeover was our ability to recruit new lay leadership, as the ministry coordinators serve two-year terms and some spots needed to be filled by June. This difficulty was quickly overcome, and the rest of the transition has been smooth. George has become a dynamic leader who has shown his true pastoral heart and has led us through a full year of various ministry activities.

Some highlights of the Pastoral Care Commission ministries are as follows:

- Birthday Callers phoned approximately 1800 pledging parishioners to wish them happy birthday.
- Helping Hands provided over 104 meals, newborn prayer and grief books, and food for six memorial receptions.
- Home Lay Eucharist provided Sunday communion to about 150 parishioners.
- Intercessory Prayer, with over 20 prayer ministers, prayed for over 44 people each month, broken down to approximately 321,200 prayers for individuals during the year.
- Lay Visitors has 14 lay visitors, ten of whom visited homebound parishioners regularly, providing companionship and interacting as spiritual messengers.
- Narthex Rack (aka Tract Rack) is located on the church patio after Sunday services, providing as many as 40 different pamphlets/brochures for parishioners.
- Prayer Station celebrated its third anniversary in September. What was once a “new way to pray” for our parish has grown into an integral part of our liturgy. In 2014 over 150 people came to our stations to receive prayers during the regular Sunday services.
- Saints Alive presented eight senior luncheons with excellent speakers. The monthly lecture series has been opened to the entire adult community, not just seniors.
- Sunday Flower Delivery delivered over 125 bouquets to parishioners who were ill or celebrating a special occasion.

Roster: All key members involved in the leadership of ministry area.

Pastoral Care Commission

- George Daisa, Curate for Pastoral Ministries
- Alice Simmons, Chair

Ministry Coordinators

- Birthday Callers – Daniela Winter
- Sunday Flowers – Shana Garner (January to June)
- Courtney Sheldon (September to December)
- Helping Hands – Sarah Doering and Sarah Peterson (January to June)
Sarah Peterson and Courtney Sheldon (June to December)
- Home Eucharist – Elizabeth Keatinge and Lizzy Tooke
- Intercessory Prayer – Fred Simmons
- Lay Visitors – Diane Elander; Bill Wallace, Facilitator
- Narthex Rack – Maryann Wisner-Royer
- Prayer Station – David Landau
- Saints Alive – Christie Smith, Toni Gundershaug, and Bob Harter



Name of Ministry: **Adult Christian Formation**

Ministry during 2014

Women's Retreat with Rosalind Brown in January
The First Saturday of the Month Rosary Group meets monthly
Monday Night Centering Prayer Group
15-week Kerygma Bible Study Series "Discovering the New Testament"
Lent and Advent Labyrinth Groups
Lenten and Eastertide Psalmathons
EFM concluded its year in June
Men's Retreat with Wilkie Au in June
Stern Lecture 2014 with Bishop Guy Erwin
October 2014 Presentation For Saints Alive: "Faith, Doubt, and Christian Practice"
Fall Sunday Morning Presentation Series: "Your Spiritual Toolbox"

Roster: *All key members involved in the leadership of ministry area.*

Fred Simmons
Susanne Howarth
Ann Simmons
Helen Cooksey
Elizabeth Keatinge
Anne Jaskoski
Bill and Sally Wallace
Kathleen Heuser



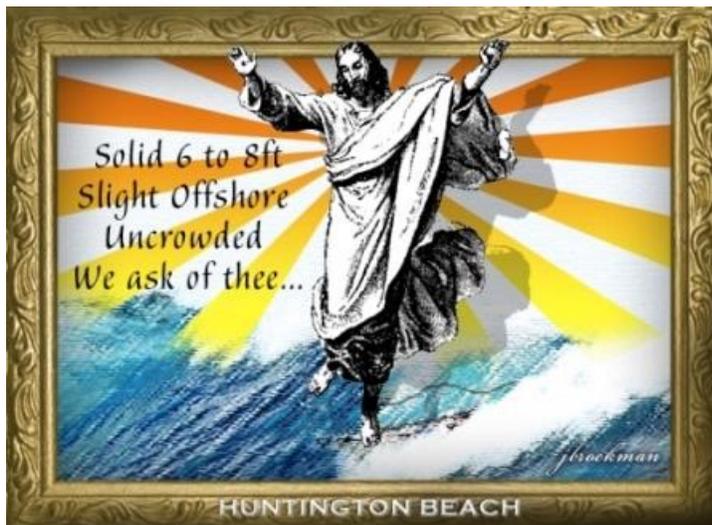
Name of Ministry: ***Emerging Ministries and Technology***

Ministry during 2014

Emerging Ministries discerns how we talk about mission, prayer, evangelism and church to new generations. We experienced several changes during 2014. After 3 years of celebrating our 9am service in the church, we moved outside to Founder's Meadow and upgraded to 9fx. We then reflected with several gatherings of people about the impact of 9fx on the community as a whole. Amidst a time of ministry transition, we concluded it best to not continue with 9fx and return to our roots. We returned to our classic, but updated Sunday schedule of 2 services with Adult Christian Formation between the services. Sacellum continued to be on the 1st Sunday of the month, gathering with a drum circle. We await the vision and direction of our new, energetic rector as we discern together future Emerging expressions. We will continue to pray about Sacellum, 1st Sunday's @ 4pm and maybe tweak that to a Saturday instead. We continue with our SMP Surf Station. we gather at Sunset and PCH point break on Friday mornings after carpool drop off. We continue to grow our presence online with increased traffic to our website. We also are growing our presence on twitter, Facebook and our online audio sermons. We encourage all parishioners to please keep subscribing to our email weekly news called MyEmma. We look forward to an exciting year with our new rector.

Roster: *All key members involved in the leadership of ministry area.*

Lester V. Mackenzie
George Daisa (9fx co-leader)
Tom Neenan, (9fx Music Director)
Shannon Reagon (9fx Lead Cantor)
The Sultans of String (our house-band)
The Altar Guild





Facilities

Victor Vargas and Jeremias Mendez

We offer these photographs as a visual reflection of our projects around the campus.

