

### From the Pastor's Desk

The other day I had a woman run up to me and ask, "What can I do for Jesus?" That was almost new to me because I do not hear that question asked very often. She was most insistent that I needed to find a place to plug her in. So, I called Sara, our Children's Ministry Coordinator. She was delighted to have someone willing to help with the children.

Just as soon as that lady left my office, I had a gentleman come in and ask if we could get a bus ministry going. He had heard that there were several people who would come to church if they had a ride. I assured him that we would love to have such a ministry, to which he replied I will recruit some other men and we will have it off the ground in less than 2 weeks.

This was beginning to be a very busy day. I got up from my chair and went to get some coffee only to run into a couple of men who wanted to know what we needed to do to get our building back into pristine condition. We looked at the ceilings in Wesley Hall, they had already been primed over where the old water spots once existed. Well, I said, here is a good place to start. The ceiling still needs to be painted and with the two of you it won't probably take more than just a week of evenings to get it finished.

"Actually pastor", one of the men said, "there are several of us who really love and care about our church so what else is there to do?" I told them about the ceilings in the hallways that needed to be painted, the curb stones that the paint was coming off, and if you really get energetic we need a storage building out back to put all the VBS props and other things away in when not in use.

"What would the cost be?" they asked. "Probably less than ten thousand dollars" I answered. "I'll bet we can make that happen also. Anything else?" they asked. "Yes, but that is a pretty good start for the moment. When you run out of things to do let me know" I told them, and off they went.

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### WORDS ABOUT WORSHIP

By Gayle Tatum

Welcome to worship your way at St. Matthew UMC! The month of October begins with Holy Communion in all three worship services as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. All around the world Christians will come to the table of the Lord together. Join us at 8:30 am, 9:45 am, or 11:00 am.

Pastor Ron's sermon series on *Experiencing God* continues this month with *In Pursuit: Created for a Love Relationship, October 3*. The Bible reading is Matthew 22:37-38. In the traditional service at 11:00 am, we will have the privilege of hearing our St. Matthew Handbell Choir, and responses during the Communion liturgy will be sung in honor of World Communion Sunday.

Sunday, **October 10**, the message is *Know God*. Scripture readings include Matthew 22:37-38, Philippians 2:13 and Amos 3:7. The ways to know God are to worship, love, and join Him. **Rev. Richard Whetsell** will join us in the 11:00 service to give an update on his and Karolann's mission in Soldotna, Alaska.

*You're Invited. Hello, Didn't You Hear Me?* is the message on **October 17**. Scripture readings are 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 and John 8:45. The plan at the time this is being written is that "**The Way**" at St. Matthew service at 9:45am will move to Wesley Hall on this Sunday. Two reasons for the move are the more informal atmosphere in Wesley and the closer proximity to the coffee machines in Fellowship Hall. Watch the announcements for more information.

Speaking of coffee, we now have coffee *and* cappuccino available on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall. Neighbor's Coffee Service has installed new machines in the entrance area to Fellowship Hall. Regular and decaf coffee will be brought to the hospitality table in the Narthex on Sunday morning, but if you would like more variety, come check out the new machine between services and visit a while.

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As I turned back to my office there was a crowd at my door and they all started asking where could they serve. I was completely overwhelmed. So much so that I got all choked up and could hardly speak.

Someone began buzzing my door bell but there isn't one on my office. I backed up and looked to see if someone was at the door wanting in but there was no one there. Then it came to me—it was my alarm clock. It was time to get up. So, I pitched over onto my back, looked to heaven and prayed, "I know that is what the church is supposed to look like Father, but only you can put that desire into the hearts of your servants. So, show me where you are working. Let me join you there to make this happen at St. Matthew. Amen."

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Ron*

**October 24** the message is *Do You Hear the Spirit Calling? God Speaks and Reveals His Ways.* and **October 31** is *Without Faith It Is Impossible: The Crisis of Belief.* Our annual **All Saints** observance will be October 31. If you have lost a friend or loved one to death since November 1, 2009, you may call the office and give the name, date of death and relationship. We will light a candle in their memory during worship services.

October is a busy month at St. Matthew. It is imperative that we take time to stop and remember who we are. God wants to be in a close and loving relationship with us. He can't do that unless we are willing to open our lives to Him. See you there!

Shalom!

Gayle Tatum

### ONE LAST REQUEST . . . ITEMS AND HELP NEEDED!!

**The Baby Shop** is in need of all things babies (except clothes) in good, clean, working condition. Halloween costumes in infant and toddler sizes are welcome. If you have a car seat to donate, we can accept it with an affidavit stating it has not been involved in an auto accident (affidavits provided at the church).

**The Toy Shop** needs *gently used clean* toys of all sizes, games, puzzles with all the pieces, and lots more! All must be in *good condition*.

**The Silent Auction** can use donated time for vacation homes, homemade food and craft items, etc. **This year we are adding GIFT BASKETS.** We also need items for our Gardner's, Children's Books and Bridal Shower baskets. Basket items are needed by *NO LATER THAN* Oct. 1. Please bring single items by Oct. 7.

**Granny's Bake Shop** is looking for your homemade goodies. We need cakes, cookies, candies, pies (NO CREAM PIES), and breads. PLEASE NO ICED CUPCAKES AND BROWNIES. Use clear plastic wrap or Ziploc bags. DONATED FOOD IS NEEDED BY FRIDAY, OCT 8 FOR PRICING.

**Mattie's Attic** needs your gently used, good quality goods. Electrical appliances, dishes, glassware, linens, knick-knacks, bedspreads, Christmas items, pictures, jewelry, and much, much more. Please make sure they are *clean* and in *good working condition*. PLEASE BRING YOUR TREASURES TO THE CHURCH BY *NO LATER THAN* THURSDAY, OCT. 7. Thank you!

**The Book Nook** needs gently used adult and children's books. Donations are being accepted now up until the day before the festival, so there is plenty of time to clear out those shelves and closets.

**Homespun Favorites and Christmas Sampler** need your handmade crafts - knitted/crochet items, wooden art, paintings, drawings, jewelry, ceramics, etc. Please bring your articles to the church early for pricing.

**Krafter's Korner** will accept those materials you've partially used to make various crafts: scraps of fabric, misc. buttons, scrapbook stickers and paper, yarn, etc. Please contact Marilyn Solomon to make donation arrangements.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF ALL THE WORK THAT GOES INTO SORTING AND PRICING THESE ITEMS. Your cooperation in donating in a timely manner, as well as making certain your items are in good, clean condition will be greatly appreciated by all our hard-working volunteers!! THANK YOU!

# Festival Fun!!!

There is a place for ALL to be part of this ONE special October day . . . **OCTOBER 9, 2010**. This is YOUR invitation to be a part of the Pumpkin Festival. All areas need assistance. Call Karren Brown, Festival Chair, to let her know where and when you want to work.

Clean-up \* Parking \* Check-out Desk \* St. Mattie's Attic \* Granny's Bake Shop \* Kountry Kitchen \* Toy Chest \* Book Nook \* Homespun Favorites \* Christmas Sampler \* Children's Tent \* Outdoor Games \* Moon Walk \* Popcorn & Drinks \* Silent Auction \* Crafty Corner \* Ticket Sales \* Telephone Information \* Greeters \* Baby Shop \* Restroom Hospitality

You can choose to work in one area for a few hours and work in another for a few; work in the morning for a short while and then return to clean-up after 4:00 pm. We are grateful for any assistance we can get!!

MOST of the booths set up several days prior to the Festival. If you won't be available to help on the 9th, you can help with set-up and pricing at any number of booths prior to that day. In addition, you can bring items/food to donate. There are many opportunities for you to serve your church and community. Please choose to help!

## Patch Opportunities

The Patch has some wonderful volunteers to take the leadership this year. And they will be needing your help!!

**Chair and Asst.** - Diana Hughes and Eddie Schriewer.

**Many spots are still available in which to work the Pumpkin Patch.** We especially need those daytime shifts covered!! Sign up early and often. Ask someone new at the church to work a shift with you. See the big board outside Wesley Hall for your place to volunteer! **EXTRA HELP IS NEEDED IN THE PATCH ON FESTIVAL DAY!!**

**Pumpkin Seed Theater needs Readers** - Area school groups come to our patch to see all the pumpkins and to have a few stories read to them. We need your help (it only takes about 45 minutes) to greet and read to a group. Sign up in the narthex, at the reception desk or call Heather Barbero, 416-0040, to volunteer.



## PRAYERS

**Ardith Larsen** - return of cancer. (Aaron Larsen's mother)

**Jerry Williams** - recovering from surgery.

**Paul Specht** - recovering from surgery.

**Amel Tatum** - hospitalized (Carl Tatum's mother)

**Robert White** - 4 yrs old; medical testing. (Diana Hughes)

**Kelly Ashton** - cancer. (Theresa Todd)

**Pattie Tanksley** - upcoming surgery. (Taryn Tanksley)

**Shelley Young** - seriously ill. (Frank & Scotty Barnett's daughter)

## SYMPATHY

**Family of Armeda Kendall.** (Beverly Link)

**Family of Dixie Knight.** (Martha Goodner's mother)

**Sean Reed's** grandmother, godmother, Rosalie Taylor, and friend, Shelby McGuinness, passed away within a short time of each other.

## Cancer and Other Extended Illnesses

Cathy Baradell, Mike Barlow, George and Pearl Bartlett, Cynthia Benson, Darrell Bieker, Ed Bodenheimer, Bonnie Bower, Barbara Branch, Hazel Burch, Beverly Caringella, Kevin Childress, Tom Crawley, Joe Davis, Peggy DeBound, Kathy DuMond, Michelle Dupuy, David Dwyer, Vivian Ellis, Jeannie Fluke, Rachelle Fullbright, Chris Gress, Joshua Hader, Steve Hamlin, Bruce & Marie Hankins, Dr. Van Henson, Lynn Hester, Janet Hopkins, MacKenzie Holman, Ron Holston, Susan Hutchinson, Mildred Jones, Joel Kaufman, Loyd Kelley, Ann Kilman, Herb Lang, Ardith Larsen, Janet Lewis, Glorianne Lovett, Kenneth Maeten, Kathy McClary, Jim Miller, Walt Nessel, Brenda Newton, Gloria Odom, Cindy Peavy, Joe Perkins, Ann Philips, Mark Robinson, Matt Rogers, Barbara Sandini, Patsy Shepherd, Joyce Sparger, Mary Ann Spragins, Steven Tanner, Don Tarigg, Loyce Tatum, Casey Maples Taylor, Roxanne Thomason, Diana Thomsen, Curt Truel, Micah Walters, James Wolitarsky

## ATTENTION PARENTS:

**Children's Christian Discipleship classes** are asked to bring in one item for the *Family Fun Night* gift basket to be auctioned at the Festival.

**Youth** are asked to bring items for a *Pamper Yourself* basket for the Festival.

These items need to be brought to the church by **no later than Wednesday, Oct. 6.**

Thank you for your cooperation!!

# Alpha Omega News



September 29, 2010

St. Matthew United Methodist Church  
Student Ministries



The purpose of Alpha Omega Student Ministries is to stand on the foundation, with a heart to worship, a mind to reach out and hands to serve and love.

## High School Bible Study Middle School Bible Study

Wednesday Nights

7:00-8:15

Youth Room



Wednesday Nights

7:00-8:00

Tom Ellis

<sup>19</sup>Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup>you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

We are currently doing an in depth Bible Study on drugs, what they do to our bodies, and what the scriptures have to say about addictive substances. We are giving our youth important information to help them win their fight against drugs, arming them with something more than "just say no!" This Bible Study is open for anyone 9th-12th grade, Hope to see you there!!



# October 3

## Patch Set up!

Directly following the 11 o'clock service we will be setting up the church for our Pumpkin Festival!! Not only are the youth responsible for setting up Mattie's Attie this year, but we also get to do some graffiti!! We will be window painting cars with the Pumpkin Festival Information! So come join the decorating and setting-up fun! You can also use this for NHS service points or community service!! The more the merrier and the faster we get set up!

Melissa Thompson ~ Director of Student Ministries  
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youth@stmatthew.org

Are you ready for some awesome videos and interesting discussion? Well, our Middle School Bible Study is the place for you!! We are currently tackling *Knowing and Doing the Will of God* in "Experiencing God, Youth Edition" by Henry T. Blackaby and Claude V. King. The cool thing about this Bible study is that it is currently being offered in several other small groups for adults too!! It's a great way for youth and parents to be on the same page! This group is open to all Middle School students grades 6th-8th. I can't wait to see you there!!



## The Pumpkin Patch

COME WORK THE PATCH! Counts as NHS

service points and community service hours!!

The youth are trying to do our part for the pumpkin sales this year! We are working Oct. 13 from 3-6 & Oct. 24 from 3-6!!

Oct. 13- I know most of you don't get out of school until 2:45 or later. THAT'S OK! Just get up to the patch as soon as you can!

Oct. 24- This is Katie Dimski's shower; we only need 1 to 3 youth and we can rotate. This way everyone can enjoy the shower!

### Alpha Omega Student Ministries

Sunday School- 9:30-10:25 am  
& 11-12 noon

Sunday Evening- 5:00-7:00

Wed. Evening- 7:00-8:15



Think Orange



# St. Matthew's Children's Ministries

Kids W.O.W. Club has started!!! Every Wednesday at 6:30p.m.  
Come join us as we travel through the Bible and learn about God's love!  
*Worship on Wednesday* is for ages 3 yrs -5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Pumpkin Festival** – October 9<sup>th</sup>  
Games, Crafts, Food, Fun, and of course.....Pumpkins!

**Family Night**  
Friday, October 15  
6:30 - 8:30  
“Hands-on” event:  
Pumpkin carving,  
Jack-O-Lantern Chili Bowls,  
Fall Crafts  
Dress to play!!  
Fun for the **WHOLE FAMILY!**



We ordered a few extra pumpkin T-shirts this year. They are available on a first-come first-serve basis. They are arranged by size on a table in Wesley Hall. If you would like to purchase one, please leave your money with the church office. Contact Gayle Tatum with any questions.

The Visiting Nurse Association will be administering **flu and pneumonia vaccines** during the Pumpkin Festival on Oct. 9. They will be located in the narthex from 8:45 am until 1:00 pm. They will return to the church on Sunday, Oct. 10 from 8:45 until 11:45 am. The cost of the flu shot is \$25.00. VNA will file with Medicare. The nasal spray will be available for those who “don’t do needles”.

### **FESTIVAL SET-UP** **October 3rd**

We need your help setting up for the Pumpkin Festival immediately following the second service on October 3rd. We will be moving tables, chairs, etc. and rearranging for the various booths. Pizza will be provided for all who stay to help.

## Words of Thanks

My mother, Ethellene Patrick, called and asked me to tell the church how much she appreciated the most recent card she received from the congregation. She was just amazed at the number of signatures, and she knows the prayers are what brought her back from the brink of death. The doctors called the family in expecting mother to not make it through the day, and now she is back at her assisted living facility with daddy. They travel side by side with their walkers to meals and activities. My God and my church are truly awesome!  
~Marilyn Solomon

We want to thank each of you for lifting Benny up in prayer. His brain surgery went well and he had excellent care at Mercy Hospital. The surgeons found two holes in Benny’s brain sack and repaired them; took part of his skull; made a bone graft to support this area. We are so thankful to God! Benny is recovering. He is getting stronger everyday. Thank you for praying for Benny. God bless each one of you!  
~Benny and Sharon Stroope

I want to thank Diane Mathis for her prayer request. I appreciated everyone who has kept me in their prayers and have sent me cards and words of encouragement. Thank you all. I have come through my knee surgery so well, so I know first hand that prayer does work.  
~Joan Smith

Thank you for praying for my mother in her time of need and thank you for praying for us on our drive back to New Jersey.  
~Jim Wilbur



# OCTOBER 2010

## PUMPKIN PATCH HOURS

Mon. - Sat. 9:00 am - 8:00 pm  
 Sunday 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10:00 Girl Scouts
3 Festival Set-up following last Service	4 6:30 The Way Band	5 11:30 RSC Luncheon 7:00 pm Lay Leadership Mtg.	6 NO CHOIR DINNER	7	8	9 9:00 - 4:00 Pumpkin Festival 8:45 Flu Shots
10 8:45 Flu Shots 2:00 Monk Mtg	11 Columbus Day 6:30 The Way Band	12 11:30 RSC Luncheon 7:00 Trustees	13 1:30 Friendship 3:00 - 6:00 Youth work patch	14	15 6:30 Family Night	16 10:00 Girl Scouts
17	18 6:30 Finance 6:30 The Way Band	19 11:30 RSC Luncheon	20 5:00 District Game Night	21	22	23 10:00 Girl Scouts
24 3:00 Youth work patch 3:30 Dimski Shower	25 6:30 Monk Mtg. 6:30 The Way Band	26 11:30 RSC Luncheon 6:00 Lydia Circle work patch	27	28 1:30 Esther Cir.	29	30 TBA Youth Lock-in

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12:00 UMW Mtg.

### RECURRING EVENTS

#### SUNDAY

8:30 Early Service  
 9:30 Christian Discipleship All Ages (formerly Sunday School)  
 9:45 The Way Service  
 11:00 Traditional Service  
 11:00 Small Bible Study  
 11:00 Children's/Youth Christian Discipleship  
 5:00 Youth

#### WEDNESDAY

6:00 Bible Study (for all)  
 6:00 Spirit Singers  
 6:00 Bell Choir  
 6:15 Praise Band  
 6:30 Kid's W.O.W. Club  
 7:00 Choir  
 7:00 Youth Bible Study

\*\*First Wednesday Schedule differs due to Choir Dinner