



# ***St. Matthew's Anglican Church***

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**The Rev. David L. Humphrey, rector/pastor**

Our goal is to know Christ and to make him known, through expository Bible teaching, liturgical worship and prayer, with a commitment to discipleship, evangelism, mission and fellowship

## **A message from the rector**

**“Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, the apostles never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.” (Acts 5:42)**

The early days of the church must have been exciting times for those first Christians! They had seen and experienced so much, but there was still so much more to learn. Though most of the believers had been raised on the Old Testament, they returned to these ancient writings as Christians with a renewed vigor. A keen interest in the Bible has always been a mark of a spiritually healthy church.

I am excited about the new small groups that are forming this summer. It seems to me that everything I ever learned about the Lord, I learned in a small group! It was in a Sunday School class that I heard the gospel explained and then became a Christian. It was in a weekday evening small group that I learned how to understand the Bible. And it was in several other small groups, over many years, that I grew in my knowledge of the Lord. I cannot imagine where I would be today—spiritually—were it not for small groups.

Some of our church members experienced a small group for the first time during our 40 Days of Discernment earlier this year. One person, who joined a group to participate in the program, said after the second week, “I am really enjoying this group!” She had never realized how fulfilling it is to read and discuss the scriptures with fellow Christians, and then pray and share together.

In addition to the Bible studies we already have, new groups will begin this month that will meet over the summer. Please talk with Audrey Warfel about joining one of these groups. All of us are very busy and assume we can't add anything else to our life, but (as one small group leader of mine often said) “There is nothing better than knowing Jesus—and we can always know him better !”

David L. Humphrey

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Angel Gray	22 Allaira Bartlett
3 Clark Ortman	23 Jaime Phelps
4 Gavin McNeil	24 Kariana Heidegger
Rachel Murfitt	25 Leigh Ammon
9 Alex DePiero	Max Murfitt
16 Jim Russell	31 Melinda Loomis
21 Greg Potter	

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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**International Students** International Students Incorporated (ISI) is a ministry outreach to international students who come to the Portland area to study. Most of them are not Christian. ISI reaches out to these students to introduce them to Jesus.

One of the ways this outreach is done is through a Friday evening supper and Bible study. The students come for the meal, the fellowship and for an opportunity to practice their English. Various churches take turns providing the meals. St. Matthew's does this three times a year. Our next turn is July 2.

The meetings are held in a home in the Parkrose neighborhood. We need people to provide portions of the meal (salad, main dish, or dessert). We are encouraged to stay and eat with the students. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know them. The food needs to be at the house by 6 pm. If you would like to sign up to bring something, please talk to me after the service, call me at 503-234-0621 or send an email to [audreyarnst@yahoo.com](mailto:audreyarnst@yahoo.com). Thanks!

Audrey Arnst

## **YOUTH GROUP**

Our Youth Group will continue to meet on Sundays at 9 am throughout the summer for Bible study and discussion. We also hope to have a few social activities. In addition, it has been our goal for some time to plan a service project and we are delighted to announce a project for this summer!

Our Youth Group will be taking part in Bridgetown Ministries' Night Strike—a ministry that reaches out to homeless people in downtown Portland every Thurs. evening, 7–10 pm. This is an extremely well organized, large operation that gives volunteers many opportunities to serve homeless people. You can find out more information at their website: <http://bridgetownministries.php?s=mn&nid=9492>

Our Youth Group will participate on the first Thursday evening of the month throughout the summer: July 1st, August 5th and September 2nd. Please pray for our teenagers as they serve Jesus by helping those in need, that it would be an experience that is a blessing to them, as well as a blessing to the homeless. If anyone else in our church family is interested in joining our group for this project, you would be most welcome. Please let Danika know if you will be coming on July 1st so she can register our group.

## **Senior Warden's Report**

St. Matthew's Vestry held its first meeting on June 12 as an all-day retreat in the Ministry Center at Gateway Baptist Church. Activities included prayer, Bible study, an informal time for getting better acquainted, lunch, and a business session.

An important aspect of the business considered was to appoint and confirm the Church officers:

Senior Warden: Ann Ehrlich

Junior Warden: Gary Johnson

Clerk: Barbara Guardino

Treasurer: Dorothy Orrell

It was decided to combine the Evangelism and Missions Commissions. This newly combined Commission will be chaired by Jon Robertson. Three new commissions were added: Small Groups, New Church, and Technology. Paul Loomis is the chair of the New Church Commission, which will begin the process of exploring possibilities of a building of our own.

St. Matthew's has purchased a Church Management software program that will benefit many aspects of our business functions as well as supporting membership, small groups, communication, and various aspects of ministry. As chair of the Technology Commission, Jim Orrell has trained extensively in this program already and will assist other members in using it. The program can be loaded on home computers and the files accessed via the internet. Confidential files are protected.

The Vestry also approved background checks and child safety training for our volunteers who work with children and youth. Stephanie Thornton is qualified to provide the training and is scheduling the first session in July. The program will be managed in conjunction with Faithful Savior Lutheran Church.

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## Second Annual Provincial Council of the ACNA

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“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” 1 Peter 1:3-5

The second annual Provincial Council of the Anglican Church in North America gather 145 delegates and representatives of the jurisdictions and ministry partners of the ACNA. With the Provincial College of Bishops and Executive Committee, we were wonderfully hosted at All Saints Cathedral in Amesbury, MA from June 7-11. In our meeting we have been conscious of both the great joy and the great responsibility that has come to us through the transforming love of God in Jesus Christ. At the scripture from 1 Peter makes clear, our focus is on the hope that comes to us through the resurrection of Jesus. We are united in our resolve to share that redeeming love of Christ as faithful Anglicans and members by God’s grace in the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ.

We are profoundly aware of struggles of others who are pressed by the global economic crisis or face devastation from the oil in the Gulf of Mexico. We pray for these issues and for Christians who face terrible persecution.

The Council joyfully marked a series of significant landmarks as we celebrated the first anniversary of the launch of the new Province.

### **Archbishop’s Address: Mobilizing for Mission and Anglican 1000**

We are grateful to the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst and for His encouragement through our worship, prayer, and meetings. We are thankful, too, for the faithful leadership of the Most Rev. Robert Duncan, our Archbishop, and his constant reminders of the of the pursuit of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. In his Provincial address he said, “We have been able to articulate a threefold accountability without which any congregation falls short of being reliably Anglican: accountable to the Holy Scriptures, accountable to the Great Tradition, accountable to the transformation of society. These understandings are, in themselves, remarkable achievements.”

Speaking of the commitment of the Province to plant 1000 new congregations in the first five years of our life, the Archbishop said, “Anglican 1000 is a symbol of who we are. A leader, David Roseberry, came forward after my investiture sermon fifty weeks ago, saying he would do whatever it takes to work with me to make the planting of 1000 new congregations in five years a reality.” That gave rise to Anglican 1000 in which “everybody is imaging congregational multiplication: little parishes, big parishes, young people, old people, black people, white people, First Nation people, Asian people. It’s catalyzing our existing congregations. It’s catalyzing undergraduates on countless campuses. This is the Anglican Church in North America.” The Archbishop reported that we have planted more than one hundred new congregations in our first year.

### **Council Landmarks**

Decision making and accountability reports were carried out in the context of worship and Bible study. Particularly poignant was the identification of a cadre of new young Bible teachers who reinforced the call to plant the 1,000 congregations and taught on the compelling call to mission and  
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and the responsibility to extend the Kingdom of God through sharing the transforming love of Christ. The following actions and decisions were affirmed:

—Formation of New Dioceses: The Council created the Anglican Diocese of the South and the Diocese of the Great Lakes. These new dioceses have exhibited tremendous energy and commitment to scriptural faith and to the vision of church planting and evangelism. The formation of two new dioceses in our first year is tangible evidence of the depth of the commitment across the ACNA to the vision of planting 1,000 churches in the first five years of our life. It brings the total number of diocese in ACNA to twenty.

—International Relations: The Provincial Council received reports of the welcome that the ACNA received at the Fourth Global South Encounter in Singapore. We were particularly heartened by the clear demonstration of full communication with our Province by the Global South Provinces gathered there, as exemplified in our Archbishop celebrating the Eucharist during the Encounter. Since Anglican relationships have been defined through Communion, this was particularly important. It was noted that Archbishop Duncan has been seated on the GAFCON/FCA Primates Council, a further demonstration of the solid relationships that ACNA enjoys with the majority of the world's active Anglicans.

—Ecumenical Relations: The ACNA Ecumenical Task Force reported wonderful progress with ecumenical partners who have been clear that they will only have conversation with jurisdictions that are completely committed to Biblical orthodoxy. Our ecumenical progress has been substantial with the Orthodox Church in America and several groups of Lutherans (some of whom are interested in linking directly with us). We are also in conversation with groups of congregations of Messianic Jews who want to pursue closer relationships with our Province, and have ongoing conversations with the Roman Catholic Church.

—Mission Partners: The Provincial Council meeting provided a mechanism for celebrating relationships with Mission Partners who share the fundamental declarations of our Anglican faith and who are united with us in reaching out with Christ's transforming love. Conversations over recent months made it clear that Mission Partner status provides the best structural mechanism for continued cooperation of the Anglican Mission, and that was approved by the Council. We share a passion to reach North America with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and will continue to pursue that together. The Council celebrated all these reports and actions as significant demonstrations of the work of the Kingdom of God and growth of our new Province.

—College of Bishops: Meeting in the days immediately after the Provincial Council, the College of Bishops approved both the creation of a new Missionary Bishop position to pursue Christ's mission among the Niobrara Sioux Native Americans and confirmed the selection of the Rev. Dr. Foley Beach as the first Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the South. The Rt. Rev. Derek Jones was approved as suffragan bishop to oversee cooperatively an ever increasing number of military and institutional chaplains and chaplain candidates.

The College also engaged a panel which presented a range of views concerning women's  
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## Summer Fun and Fellowship

One of the great things about our church family is that we really enjoy being together!

Last summer, we organized three separate day trips to different parts of our beautiful state: Silver Falls Park, Cape Meares and Cape Lookout State Parks, and Lost Lake on Mt. Hood. The purpose of these trips was twofold: to enable our friends the Kwa and Htoo families to visit these wonderful places and to provide times of fellowship for our church family. One of the highlights of my year was seeing the faces of the Kwa and Htoo children when they saw the ocean for the first time!

We are beginning to plan this year's outings and have tentative dates and destinations. If you would very much like to attend and these dates do not work for you, please let me know. There is still some flexibility! As was the case last year, we are hoping that there will be people who are willing to give rides to those in our church family who are unable to drive. Please let me know if you are interested in coming, if you need a ride or can provide space in your car.

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Monday, July 5th: Independence Day holiday—Ecola State Park and Tolvanna Beach,  
Cannon Beach, Oregon

Saturday, July 10th: Oregon Zoo

Saturday, August 7th: Lost Lake, Mt. Hood

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ordination to the priesthood. Thoughtful theological presentations were made on both sides of the issue, and conversations were characterized by conviction, but in an atmosphere of thoughtfulness. There was great encouragement from the ability to have substantive conversation with such grace.

—Mission Activity: All through the gathering of the Executive Committee, the Provincial Council, and the College of Bishops, there were reports of transformed lives and new congregations coming to live all across North America. Though there are tremendous challenges, we have taken great encouragement from the astounding progress of our first year together. Without a doubt, “The Lord has done great things for us and we are glad indeed.” Psalm 126:3

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## FACTS

The Anglican Church in North America has 614 congregations in 20 dioceses. More than 200 other congregations are ministry partners, including the congregations of The Anglican Mission.

The Anglican Church represents more than 100,000 Christians in North America.

## Long Tradition Continues

Even though we no longer meet in the Parkrose neighborhood, our church family has a long tradition of supporting Prescott Elementary school, just down the block from our old building.

A way that we can make a real difference in the lives of children in this school is by donating school supplies. We will be collecting these throughout the summer and will deliver them to Prescott at the end of August. Prescott Elementary has a Code of Dress and many families appreciate help with obtaining uniform items, which are: Khaki trousers, capris, jumpers, shorts, skorts and skirt, Plain (no logo) white, black or hunter green polo shirts, long or short sleeve.

Here is a list of needed classroom supplies:

Crayons	dry erase markers	disinfectant wipes
# 2 wood pencils	white copy paper	spiral notebooks
glue sticks	black sharpies	backpacks
boxes of facial tissue	scissors	hand sanitizer
color markers	rulers	

We will have a box at church for these items——thank you in advance for your generosity!

### From the Vestry Retreat

Terms of Vestry members were established. Four vestry members were identified for each 3, 2 and 1 year terms:

3 year term: Jacki Potter, Joe Heidegger, Bob Stai, Paul Loomis

2 year term: Danika Hill, Mary Perkins, Gary Johnson, Earlene Bown

1 year term: Carol Williamson, Jon Robertson, Ann Ehrlich, Jim Orrell.

*(Senior Warden's Report: cont'd)* As in the past, the Vestry will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. A regular meeting place has not yet been established, but will be announced soon. Parishioners are welcome to attend Vestry meetings. Please let Ann Ehrlich know a day or so in advance if you plan to attend.

The next election shall be deferred until January 2012. Thus the first term will be for 18 months rather than only 6 months. Thereafter elections will be held annually.

Commissions and Assignments: Management: Senior and Junior Warden, Treasurer, Rector; Education: Bob Stai; Mission & Evangelism: Jon Robertson; Worship: Danika Hill; Outreach: Joe Heidegger; Nurture: Earlene Bown & Jacki Potter; Stewardship: Mary Perkins; New Building: Paul Loomis; Small Groups: Carol Williamson; Technology: Jim Orrell.

St. Matthew's Anglican Church has been accepted as a member of the American Anglican Council, and has applied to be a member parish of the Diocese of Cascadia, Anglican Church in North America. Fr. David, Ann Ehrlich and Gary Johnson will be delegates to the first Synod of the Diocese of Cascadia meeting 6/25-26 in Federal Way, WA. .

## Child Safety Training

The safety and security of our children is of utmost importance as we gather on Sunday mornings. All public and private schools are required to have training for their teachers and anyone working with children. We are blessed to have a qualified trainer as a member of St. Matthew's, Stephanie Thornton. Stephanie is willing to teach a course to members of St. Matthew's. Background checks are required for persons who work with children. The Vestry recently voted to bear the cost of training books and background checks for each person involved at a cost of \$26.50 per person.

The course will be: **July 31st, 2-5 pm**

Another course will be offered sometime in the fall if you are unable to attend this training.

**Where:** Faithful Savior Ministries Dining Room, 11100 NE Skidmore, Portland, OR 97220

**Who:** All members who will be working with children in any way.

**Why:** Insurance and the Federal government require this training for child protection.

**RSVP:** To Stephanie Thornton, 503-490-1461 or [sthornton@fsmppdx.com](mailto:sthornton@fsmppdx.com) by July 18th.

**Questions:** Please contact Stephanie or Rachel Humphrey



St. Matthew's Anglican kids at Trout Creek Bible Camp, day one 6/18/2010