

## **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  
Sunday Service: 10 am held at Mt. Tabor Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1001 SE 60th Ave., Portland 97215

*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43: 18-19*

Thank you for calling me to be the first Rector of St. Matthew's Anglican Church. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you as your pastor. As I reflect back on the first month of our new life together, I am filled with gratitude. I am grateful to God for guiding and enabling us during the time of transition and for providing us with the things we need: a wonderful place to meet and a network of brothers and sisters in Christ.

I have been blessed and encouraged to receive messages of support from people in our community and around the world. We have certainly been supported by the prayers of many people. I am grateful to you, our church family, for your desire to put God first—and for your prayers, hard work, generosity, and positive attitude. It is a joy to be your pastor!

It has been an unusual (and, I trust, unique) month for me personally as our transition took place. The media attention we received, though unsought and unexpected, has had many positive benefits. We continue to pray that God will use it for his glory and bring many people to a saving knowledge of himself.

Now, as summer begins, I am excited to look forward to all the possibilities and potential that, with God's help, lie before us. Many wonderful aspects of our life together on Prescott Street have carried on seamlessly. There are other groups and activities that have taken a break, but I am eager to see them resume. We have the opportunity now to try new things as we continue to discern together how God is leading us forward and how we can best serve him in the Portland/Vancouver area.

So (to paraphrase a former president) ask not what St. Matthew's can do for you—ask what you can do for St. Matthew's. Our new church needs you: your presence among us, your prayers, your inspired ideas, faithful service and financial support. Thank you for committing yourself to this church family. I look forward to serving our Lord together with you.

Yours in Christ,

David L. Humphrey

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Paw Say Nwee      | 10 Bill Bown        |
| 2 Mary Madlem       | 11 Lynne Johnson    |
| 3 Chrissy Bottiglia | 13 Monica DePiero   |
| Joe Heidegger       | Greg Warfel         |
| 7 Mark Heidegger    | 14 Bob Stai         |
| Cathie Over         | 17 Emma Burns       |
| Kwa Htoo            | 26 Bonnie Grazier   |
| 8 Fred Williamson   | 29 Sandi Jo Goddard |
| 9 Annetta Scalberg  |                     |

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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### Vestry

Ann Ehrlich, senior warden  
Earlene Bown  
Joe Heidegger  
Danika Hill  
Gary Johnson  
Paul Loomis  
Jim Orrell  
Mary Perkins  
Jacki Potter  
Jon Robertson  
Bob Stai  
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at: [www.stmatthewsportland.org](http://www.stmatthewsportland.org)

## Change of location plus parish picnic

The 10 am service on June 6 will be at Johnson Chapel at  
Western Seminary, 5511 SE Hawthorne at Madison Street

Parking lots are available off both Hawthorne and Madison streets.  
For handicap parking, enter the lot on Madison & use ramp into the chapel.

**BRING:** Food, Chairs, Blankets, Games for the PICNIC on the lawn

**POTLUCK PICNIC \* NO COOKING, PLEASE**

## First Vestry of St. Matthew's Anglican Elected May 23

The first Vestry of St. Matthew's Anglican Church was elected by unanimous acclamation at the special Meeting held Sunday, May 23, 2010 after the 10 am service. Fr. David Humphrey presided to a full room of interested members. The first order of business was to adopt By-Laws for the parish, which was followed by the election of the slate of nominees for the Vestry.

Elected to serve are Earlene Bown, Ann Ehrlich, Joe Heidegger, Danika Hill, Gary Johnson, Paul Loomis, Jim Orrell, Mary Perkins, Jacki Potter, Jon Robertson, Bob Stai and Carol Williamson. Dorothy Orrell will continue to serve as Treasurer to the parish, a role she has held for the past year on the Board of Directors of St. Matthew's Anglican Church. Fr. David announced that he has asked Ann Ehrlich to serve as Senior Warden for the coming year and she has accepted. Junior Warden will be elected by the Vestry at their first meeting.

The third order of business was the vote to join the Anglican Diocese of Cascadia; the vote was also unanimous. St. Matthew's joins ten other parishes, all in Washington state, in the Diocese of Cascadia, a diocese-in-formation in the Anglican Church of North America (AC-NA).



*Top row (left to right):  
Ann Ehrlich,  
Earlene Bown,  
Joe Heidegger,  
Danika Hill*



*Middle row:  
Gary Johnson,  
Paul Loomis,  
Jim Orrell,  
Mary Perkins*



*Missing photo: Jacki Potter*

*Lower row:  
Jon Robertson,  
Bob Stai,  
Carol Williamson*

The new Vestry will hold a retreat soon, at which time term lengths and commission chairs will be established. Monthly meetings are open to any parishioner with prior notice to the Senior Warden. Please watch for a posting on the website for time and place of meetings.

## **Planet Zoom, Monday, June 28—Friday, July 2** **held at Faithful Savior Lutheran, together with St. Matthew's**

This year's Vacation Bible School is again a joint effort of St. Matthew's and Faithful Savior Lutheran, held at the latter's facilities. Past VBS weeks have been fun, successful times for our children in learning about God's Word to us. Mark your calendars for June 30-July 2, 9 am—1 pm.

We pray that "Planet Zoom" gives opportunities to our children to grow in their faith in Jesus and knowledge of His Word. Cost is \$10 per child to cover the costs of materials. Your help would be appreciated in the following ways:

1. Pray for the volunteers, the children and their families
2. Enroll your children or grandchildren—invite neighbor children to attend
3. Volunteer to help—there are jobs to do before the week begins
4. Donate supplies—information in the red wagon in the narthex each Sunday

### **COFFEE HOUR**

A Sign-Up list to help with Sunday Coffee Hours may be found on the counter by the kitchen each Sunday. Thank you to all who have already helped. Ideally teams of 3-4 people are needed per week. Ask Erin Robertson if you have questions.

### **THANK YOU'S**

To God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for protection and guidance.

To Audrey Arnst for the donation of new Communion vessels: two chalices and a paten.

To Lynne Johnson for creating the new folding name badge panel

To Bob Parker for making the two wood stands for flowers

To those who have donated monies for acolyte, Lay Minister and choir robes (we are in the process of determining style and fabric and will order the robes soon)

To all who have contributed to the start-up fund

To all who have prayed for the smooth beginning of St. Matthew's Anglican Church

## Glossary: The Anglican Church

**Anglicans:** Christians shaped by the English Reformation as well as the theology and worship of the Church of England. There are currently 38 autonomous Anglican member churches, or provinces, of the Anglican Communion—which spans 164 countries with 77 million members. Anglicans represent many ethnic and cultural heritages. The Anglican Church in North America of which we are members (AC-NA) seeks to be the 39th province; it is already larger than many of the provinces. A shared way of worship, called common prayer, is shared by all Anglicans. The various Books of Common Prayer give expression to a comprehensiveness found within the churches, which seek to chart a *via media*, or middle way, in relation to Catholic and Protestant Christian traditions.

**Archbishop of Canterbury:** The Archbishop of Canterbury convenes the Primates Council of the Anglican Communion and is the ‘first among equals’ of its 38 primates (heads of the independent Anglican provinces). He calls the Lambeth conference and is president of the Anglican Consultative Council.

**Anglican Communion:** The Anglican Communion is a fellowship of Anglican provinces (churches) based on an acknowledged commonality of Christian faith expressed in documents like the Chicago/Lambeth Quadrilateral and the 39 Articles, as well as on their historic relationship with the Church of England and adherence to Anglican practice—most poignantly symbolized by worship reflected in The Book of Common Prayer.

**Diocese:** An ecclesial (church) jurisdiction comprised of parishes under the authority of a bishop.

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### About the Anglican Church in North America

The AC-NA unites some 100,000 Anglicans in 700 parishes in 28 dioceses, into a single Church. It is a Province-in-formation in the global Anglican Communion, initiated by the request of the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCon) in June 2008 and formally recognized by the GAFCon Primates, leaders of Anglican Churches representing 70% of the active Anglicans globally, on April 16, 2009 after a thorough examination of AC-NA’s leadership, organizational structure, proposed constitution and proposed canons.

### What we stand for

Members of the Anglican Church in North America are in the mainstream, both globally and historically, of Christianity—the biblically-faithful way of following Jesus and being part of the “One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.” As Anglicans, this orthodoxy is defined by and centered on our church’s classic formularies: the Book of Common Prayer, including the Ordinal, and the Thirty-Nine Articles. These all point back to the authority of the Holy Bible and articulate foundational principles of the Anglican tradition throughout the world.

## 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.

email: rachel@humphrey.cc phone: 503-254-6742

Saturday, June 19th: Trout Creek Bible Camp Open House, 1 pm—4 pm

(a wonderful opportunity for anyone in our church family to visit this great place where many of the children from church attend summer camp)

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

Saturday, July 10th: Oregon Zoo

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

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## Sunday School

It's been another great year for our Sunday School. We are blessed with a lively group of wonderful children and young people and a team of enthusiastic and dedicated teachers.

We will be celebrating our Sunday School students and teachers at our annual Youth Service on Sunday, June 6 at the Johnson Chapel at Western Seminary (see announcement and directions to Western Seminary on page 2).

Please be sure to join us as we introduce each class and honor their teachers. The children and young people will be doing the readings and prayers. They will be singing some of their favorite Sunday School songs and several classes will make short presentations.

It will be a great day for our St. Matthew's family. Be sure and bring prepared food for your family to enjoy at the Parish Picnic following the service. Bring outdoor games to enjoy on the lawn of the Seminary, and chairs, blankets and your usual picnic 'stuff'. Celebrate the beginning of summer!

## Bank Scheme Feeds the hungry in Myanmar

**Poor families are avoiding the clutches of loan sharks in Myanmar due to the success of a Tearfund project**

Rural communities are getting help to feed themselves rather than rely on outside aid through the creation of rice banks.



Rice banks like this one are lifting people out of poverty. Photo: Sarah Dilloway/Tearfund

Traditionally, many poorer residents in Nyaung Chaung village run out of food for a few months while they are waiting for their new crops to grow, forcing them to take out loans from moneylenders to buy supplies to avoid hunger. One local, Daw Htoo Hpo, explained, “Due to the high interest rates, we were struggling under the debt. As a result, sometimes we didn’t have extra money to send our children to school.”

To break this poverty-inducing cycle, Daw Htoo’s village, with help from a Tearfund partner, set up a rice bank where residents pool the surplus from their crops. The rice bank acts like a community food distribution system, tiding people over in the short term and then getting replenished when new crops come through. The ethos behind the bank is to share the success with all members of the community.

Daw Htoo said, “Establishing a rice bank is the most effective activity for helping needy people in our village. The first priority is to give to the poor and vulnerable such as widows and child-headed households. “Without the support of Tearfund we could not have achieved this kind of success because we wouldn’t have received the training needed, for example in development and book-keeping.”

Tearfund is also boosting agricultural production by improving the training of farmers. U Phe Aung from Sa Kan Kyl village now knows how to create and use a bio-fertilizer called bocashi on his crops rather than a chemical one. The results has been more food and less damage to the soil. U Phe said, “I realized it’s better for my family if I can plant different kinds of vegetables. Other farmers have been impressed and are following my methods.”

From [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org)

## Women's Ministries

The new beginning of our church family last month gives us the opportunity to reevaluate everything we do.

One of these areas is our Women's Ministry. There are many wonderful things that we were able to do as St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and most of them have continued without a break: the craft workshops on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings, the Tuesday evening Women's Prayer Group, the Wednesday Evening Women's Bible study, the monthly Mom's Breakfast, and the preparations for our annual Women's Retreat. If you are interested in joining any of these groups, you are, of course, most welcome!

You are also warmly invited to share your ideas for any other groups or activities you would like to see taking place within our church family, either groups we used to have, or something completely new; for example, a daytime Mom's Bible Study, a book group, an "ACW" (Anglican Church Women). Of course, we have some limitations. We are a small church and geographically widespread. Let's prayerfully dream big and ask God to guide us as we establish a ministry to support each other in our walk with the Lord.

## Summer Prayer Diaries

This year's Summer Prayer Diary will run from Sunday, June 20 until Saturday, September 4. Please send any prayer requests that you would like to be included to Rachel Humphrey (503-254-6742 or email her at [rachel@humphrey.cc](mailto:rachel@humphrey.cc)) by June 16. This will be a great way for our church family to pray for one another over the summer.

## YOUTH GROUP BARBEQUE

**The Williamsons have kindly invited the youth group to a barbeque and games evening at their home in Vancouver on Saturday, June 12th at 6 pm.**

We will be able to arrange rides for people who need them and we hope very much that all our youth people will be able to attend this end-of-the-school-year celebration!

Please RSVP to Rachel ([rachel@humphrey.cc](mailto:rachel@humphrey.cc) or 503-254-6742) as soon as possible, so we have an idea of numbers. Please plan to bring a food item: chips, drinks, fruit, ice cream etc.....