



October, 2008

"Send out your light and your truth that they may lead me and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling." (Ps. 43:3)

A Message From Our Senior Warden

Greetings fellow parishioners:

As the autumnal equinox passes (the day when sunlight hours equal darkness), the lowering angle of the sun yields brilliant blue skies and crisp, clear colors, and we are reminded of the earth's bounty and fragility.

This past Sunday, we were also reminded of the fragility of the human body as **Eleanor Holland** (our rector) experienced a fall of her own. As she prepared for the Instructed Eucharist which was planned for the 10:30 service, one tiny misstep at the top of the chancel steps resulted in fractures of her left forearm and right wrist. The congregation who witnessed this dangerous fall, came to her aid immediately. **Denni Arrup** (our choir director and nurse) examined Eleanor and made sure it was safe for her to get up. **Helen Langa** (Eleanor's partner) along with Denni convinced Eleanor that she must go to the emergency room right away. Eleanor made profuse apologies as she left the church with ice applied to her wrist. **Bill Lambert** rose to the occasion and lead Morning Prayer. We were all stunned and saddened that our beloved rector was again visited by such adversity, but we were glad to be in our church, praying together.

Needless to say, in the coming weeks we will realize more fully the bounty of Eleanor's service to St. Matthias and the many ways **she will now need our help, especially our hands**. Please remember her in your daily prayers as she recovers.

The bounty at St. Matthias also extends into what I see as a **dawning renewal**. I feel the new energy and excitement of us all. There are many ways that the **Holy Spirit is causing the beacon of light to shine brighter through us into the community**. During the driving rain remnants of hurricane Gustav, the Vestry met and created a shower of ideas to pursue in the coming year. The new **Strategic Planning Group** (now meeting monthly) is brainstorming and can't wait to share their ideas too. The **Flea Market** was a resounding success. **Loaves and Fishes** is becoming a fixture and hopes to expand its service. **New members** have joined our church, bringing new perspectives. **Bible Study** and the **Book Club** have begun again!

This is an exciting time to be at St. Matthias! No better time to make your ideas known. Talk with me or Pris Sicard (Jr. Warden), or any Vestry member to share or hear ideas in the works. Pris and I have a recommendation for you too. The recent issue of the **Maryland Church News** has some inspiring articles on **Stewardship**, reminding us that **generosity** is a gift and part of human nature. Consider these articles as you prepare to plan your gifts to the community in the coming year.

So experience the bounty at St. Matthias, offer your gifts to the community, and join forces and lend your hands to help accomplish the work of the Church.

Yours,

Lois Phelan
Sr. Warden



Please pray for the health and well-being of those in our parish family who have requested our prayers.

We especially remember Bernard Amtmann, John Arrup, Cliff Ashe, Bob Bavman, Elaine Brown, Patricia Busby, Anita Calvert, Ernie Chmielewski, Millie Cicero, Charles Cunningham, Michelle Dowdy & Lilly Belle, Janet Fisher, Elizabeth Fox, Dorothea Gatlin, Joe Gatlin, Bettye Griffin, Maria Grande, Phyllis Grumbine, Sylvia Hooper, Chris Jackovitz, Donna Jacoby, Wilbert F. Johnson, Christa Jones, Wendie Kohn, Joe Moxham, Mary Murphy, Helene Murtha, Mary Overcash, Shirley Parks, Audine Phelan, Michele Pittelli, Raye Lynn Phoebus, Margaret Reese, Stan Sindelar, Deborah Smith-Grumbine, Skip Sowers, Bobbi Weiss, Tracey Wenzel, Mae Womer, and Gail.

October Celebrations

Wedding Anniversaries-October

- 4 - (Tuda) & Bob Whaley
- 9 -Eleanor Holland & Helen Langa
- 16 - Leslie & Bernard Amtmann
- 18 - Mary Lou & William Critcher

Baptismal Anniversaries-October

- 3 - Kathy Strickler
- 4 - Melissa Madore
- 6 - Bill Lambert
- 12 - Sue Small
- 20 - Barbara Wright

Birthdays-October

- 3 - Bob Whaley
- 6 - Hannah Elizabeth Jones
- 11 - Lindsay Critcher
- 23 - Paul Pittelli
- 24 - Cristin Arrup
- 24 - Michele Pittelli
- 25 - Grant Lambert
- 30 - Beth Andrew

November Celebrations

Wedding Anniversaries-November

- 9 - Wendy & Mark Jones
- 11 - Julia & Don Berk
- 28 - Sylvia & (Edward) Hooper
- 29 - Virginia & Chris Brown

Baptismal Anniversaries-November

- 2 - Arthur Robinson
- 3 - Sarah Chmielewski
- 3 - Hannah Elizabeth Jones
- 6 - Tim Phelan
- 7 - May Robinson
- 7 - Andrew Robinson
- 9 - Igor Limansky
- 11 - Michele Pittelli
- 24 - Mary Steelberg
- 27 - Mel Berk

Birthdays-November

- 5 - Anna Lambert
- 7 - Julia Berk
- 8 - Sue Small
- 9 - Mel Berk
- 13 - Valerie Prenger
- 14 - Mary Overcash
- 15 - Jack Jones
- 17 - Libby Ohl
- 27 - Sandy Ashe
- 29 - Earl Gray

September Flea Market Nets \$1,600

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Church Flea Market a success! Many people worked as a team to get things done and in the process helped our community neighbors find great bargains on needed household goods. Among the many helpers were **Ellen and Mel Berk, Lois Johnson, Pris Sicard, Pat Franey, Maria Grande, Linda Lingner, Jenny Brinkley, Mary Ross, Libby Ohl, Krista Korbar, Jeanne Barnes, M.C. Day, Eleanor Holland, and Helen Langa**. Thanks also to all those who donated baked goods to sell at the bake table and donated their "treasures" for resale. A special thank you to **Pat Hartmann** who worked tirelessly pricing items, generously bought lunch every day for the workers, and took charge of the checkout table. Please forgive me if I forgot to name anyone. There were many other church members who contributed behind the scenes to this successful fundraiser.



Pat Hartmann and Pris Sicard



Libby Ohl, Pat Franey, and Jenny Brinkley



Flea Market Shoppers



Ellen Berk, Lois Johnson, and Jeanne Barnes

Holiday Bazaar Update

Christa Jones is still working on the wonderful Gift Baskets that were so popular last year at the Bazaar. Please help her by donating some of the following items:

- Clear cello wrap (from craft stores)
- Red, green, or white shredded paper (from Dollar Stores)
- Sturdy Baskets
- Small boxes of coffee or tea.

Thank you!



Congratulations Marilyn!

Marilyn Mathis graduated with a MBA (Masters of Business Administration with a specialization in Leadership), from the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) on May 18, 2008.

Old Fashioned Buttermilk Pound Cake

from Ellen Berk (given to her by Joan Hettchen)

2 cups sugar
1 cup margarine
4 eggs
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1 cup buttermilk
3 cups flour
1 tsp. vanilla
nutmeg

Cream sugar & margarine. Add eggs one at a time, creaming after each addition, until light in color.

Dissolve soda in buttermilk. Add alternately, beginning and ending with flour. Add extract.

Pour into greased 10" tube pan. Sprinkle with ground nutmeg. Bake at 350° for 1 hour to 1 hour 15 minutes.

Glaze: After cake cools slightly in pan, melt 1/2 stick butter and 1 cup sugar in another pan. Add 1/4 cup buttermilk and bring to rolling boil. Pour over cake and let saturate (I prick cake all over with fork.)

Turn out of pan when completely cool. Enjoy!

Kindness

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog.

There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved.

"I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life."

"No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel.

"Is that your son?" the nobleman asked. "Yes," the farmer replied proudly. "I'll make you a deal. Let me provide him with the level of education my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of." And that he did.

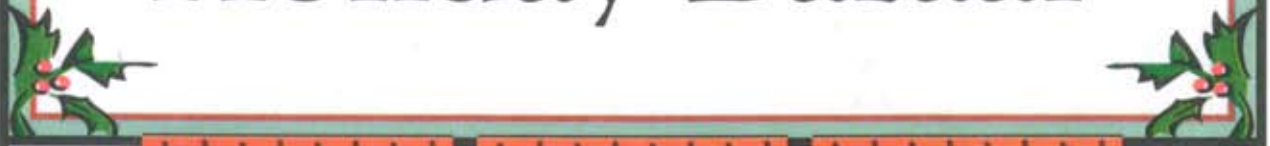
Father Fleming's son attended the very best schools and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin.

Years afterward, the same nobleman's son who was saved from the bog was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life this time? Penicillin.

The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill.



St. Matthias Church
Holiday Bazaar



Friday, November 21

4 PM - 8 PM

Saturday, November 22

9 AM - 3 PM



**Save
these
Dates!**



An International Six-Pack

by Linda Lingner

Since I've never had children of my own, I get a great deal of pleasure from receiving letters and emails from my now six sponsored or mentored children. I was inspired to an extent by the story of **Mark and Cindy Humphrey** meeting in Brazil visiting their sponsored children.



When I became a *ONE Episcopalian*, I read about *Plan USA* on the *ONE* website. I now have two girls from *Plan* — **Soua** who is sixteen and lives in Burkina Faso and my youngest, **Kiran** who is two and lives in Nepal. Soua no longer goes to school. She is learning how to crochet and helps the family farm. *Plan* helps girls get a primary education, helps discourage the spread of HIV-AIDS, and promotes youngsters having a say in their communities.



After the earthquake in Peru, I became Jhon's sponsor. **Jhon** lives with his mom, helps care for their vegetables and animals, and goes to school. He likes math and Social Studies best. He celebrated his eighth birthday in July. *World Vision* has birthday parties for sponsored children and gives them guinea pigs to raise.

Robbie and my new Navajo middle-schooler are part of the *Futures for Children Program*. This organization has a three circle focus—family, community, and mentorship to help Native Americans graduate high school and hopefully go to college. Robbie has become a poster child for *Futures*. His picture adorns calendars and brochures. He loves softball, art, his new baby brother, and has a great first grade report card. He spent the summer learning his native language.



Episcopal Relief and Development, *American IDOL gives back*, and *Charity Navigator* all commend the work of *Save the Children*. **Djenebou**, from Mali, is in third grade. I love the fact that I'm sent pictures of her smiling, holding the small gifts I've sent. I've only had Djenebou since Lent. She writes to me in French which is translated. When she went to visit a relative's village, she had her best friend write to me. Frances Jones says, "**The best think we can do if we want a safe, healthy, good world, is to invest in these children**". I firmly believe this!



Madore Family at Play



Andy, Beth, and Joey in Ocean City



Beth and Missy in Ocean City

The above photos were taken at Ocean City at the end of July. The Madores went there on vacation July 21-25. The beach is the kids' favorite place to go for summer vacation.

Beth (now 12 and attending Parkville Middle School) played for the **Parkville Thunder 12U Girls Fast Pitch Travel Softball Team** this past summer as an outfielder and back-up catcher. Their record was 44-7. They were 3 time **tournament champions** winning the Bengies Chase Invitational, Forest Hill Frenzy, and the Mid Summer Challenge. They came in first place in their Kingsville 12U Summer League and received 9th place out of 30 teams in the National Championships in York, Pennsylvania. **Joey** assisted at games as a score keeper.

In the picture below, Beth shows her batting skills. The picture on the right is her team photo. Beth is standing behind the trophy and Joey is squatting in the first row wearing his red hat.



Beth at bat



Beth's team photo with Joey

Lambert/Prenger Hawaiian Anniversaries



Bill and Barbara Lambert and Valerie, Rob, and Timmy Prenger celebrated their wedding anniversaries this past August in Hawaii.

The Lamberts were married 55 years ago August 1st by Father "Hank" Fairbrother at St. Matthias. Valerie (their daughter) and Rob were married 25 years ago on August 6th at St. Joseph's, Fullerton.

Each one enjoyed a glorious two weeks visiting Oahu, Hawaii and Maui. Ten year old, Timmy, thoroughly made the most of each day swimming, snorkeling, playing with dolphins, becoming familiar with volcanoes, learning to surfboard, and parasailing along with "mom and dad".

The very best part was being able to celebrate "together" in one of God's most beautiful creations on earth!

- Barbara Lambert

October 2008
St. Matthias Episcopal Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Rector's Sabbath Yoga 6 – 7:15 PM		1 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bible Explorers Undercroft 7 – 8:30 PM	2 Vestry Mtg. 6:30 Office Line Dancing 7 – 9pmHall AA 6:30-8:30pm Undercroft	3 Sermon Prep	4 Blessing of Animals 10:30 AM
5 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	6 Rector's Sabbath Yoga 6 – 7:15 PM	7 Rosemont Association Hall 7:30PM	8 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bible Explorers Undercroft 7 – 8:30 PM	9 Line Dancing 7 – 9pm Church Hall AA 6:30-8:30pm Undercroft	10 Sermon Prep	11 Dowdy Shower
12 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost Healing Service	13 Rector's Sabbath Yoga 6 – 7:15 PM	14 GLBT Bereavement Group 7 PM	15 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Bible Explorers Undercroft 7 – 8:30 PM	16 Line Dancing 7 – 9pm Church Hall AA 6:30-8:30pm Undercroft	17 Sermon Prep	18 Loaves & Fishes 12- 2 PM Hall Rental 6 PM
19 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost Contemporary Service	20 Rector's Sabbath Yoga 6 – 7:15 PM	21 Evening Prayers 6 PM Committees' Meeting 6:30 PM - Hall	22 Choir R. 7:30 PM Bible Expl. 7 – 8:30 PM Sons of Italy 7:30pm - Hall	23 Line Dancing 7 – 9pm Church Hall AA 6:30-8:30pm Undercroft	24 Sermon Prep	25 Book Club 9:00 AM Undercroft Day-Sicard Reception
26 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost	27 Rector's Sabbath Yoga 6 – 7:15 PM Sons of Italy 7:30 PM	28 GLBT Bereavement Group 7 PM	29 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM	30 AA 6:30-8:30pm Undercroft	31 Sermon Prep Halloween Party 7 PM (Kids & Adults)	

Regular Sunday Schedule:

- 8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:30 AM - Church School (Adults & Children)
- 10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II

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2 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost	3 Rector's Sabbath Yoga 6 – 7:15 PM	4 Rosemont Association Hall 7:30 PM	5 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM	6 Vestry Meeting 6:30 PM AA 6:30-8:30 pm	7 Sermon Prep	8 Galarza Party Hall Rental Newcomers Welcome Party 3 – 5 PM Holland/Langa Home
9 Twenty-six Sunday after Pentecost Healing Service	10 Rector's Sabbath Yoga 6 – 7:15 PM	11 GLBT Bereavement Group 7 PM	12 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM	13 AA 6:30-8:30 pm	14 Sermon Prep	15 Loaves & Fishes 12 – 2 PM
16 Twenty-seven Sunday after Pentecost Contemporary Service	17 Rector's Sabbath Yoga 6 – 7:15 PM	18 Evening Prayers 6 PM Committee's Meeting 6:30PM - Hall	19 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM	20 AA 6:30-8:30 pm	21 Sermon Prep Holiday Bazaar 4 – 8 PM	22 Holiday Bazaar 9 – 3 PM
23 Christ the King Sunday	24 Rector's Sabbath Yoga 6 – 7:15 Sons of Italy 7:30 PM	25 GLBT Bereavement Group 7 PM	26 Thanksgiving Service with Messiah 7PM Sons of Italy 7:30pm - Hall	27 Thanksgiving Holiday AA 6:30-8:30 pm	28 Sermon Prep	29 Book Club 9 AM
30 First Sunday Of Advent Bishop Sutton Visit & Potluck						

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Upcoming Events at St. Matthias Church

Bible Explorer's Group - 6 - Wednesdays, Sept. 17 thru Oct. 22 - 7 to 8:30 PM

Liturgy & Blessing of the Animals - Saturday, Oct. 4 - 10:30 AM

Loaves & Fishes Free Lunch - Saturdays, Oct. 18 & Nov. 15 - 12 to 2 PM

Book Club - Saturdays, October 25 & November 29 - 9 AM (Undercroft)

Halloween Party for Kids & Adults - Friday, October 31 - 7 PM

Newcomers Welcome Party - Sat., Nov. 8 - 3 to 5 PM (Holland/Langa Home)

St. Matthias Holiday Bazaar - Friday Nov. 21 (4 - 8 PM) & Sat., Nov. 22 (9 AM - 3PM)

Thanksgiving Service with Church of the Messiah - Wed., Nov. 26 - 7 PM (at St. Matthias)

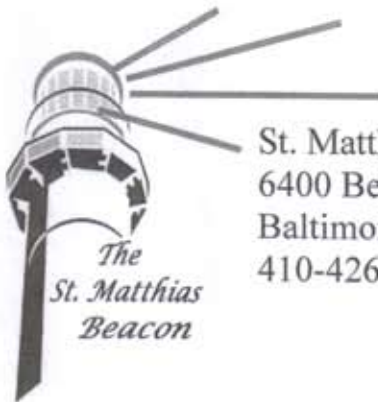
Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton Visit & Festive Potluck - Sunday, Nov. 30

Newcomer Series - Begins Tuesday, Dec. 2 - 7 PM ("What It Means To Be Episcopalian")

Church School For All Ages - 9:30 AM - Every Sunday

Line Dance Classes - Thursdays, Sept. 18 - Nov. 6 - 7 to 9 PM (Marie 410-274-6470)

Yoga Classes - Every Monday, 6 - 7:15 pm



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