



THE GOOD NEWS


May 2011

The Word

May 1

"When It Was Evening"
John 20:19-31

May 8


"Astounding Women" 
Luke 24:13-35

Guest Preacher:
Kim Redington

May 15

"Taking Stock of the Flock"
Psalm 23
John 10:1-10

May 22

"Roots and Wings" 
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

May 29

"Remember"
John 14:15-21



MEMORIAL DAY

Pastor:

Rev. Justin Fisher

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EASTER ISN'T OVER... Is it?

"The Lord has risen indeed..." (Luke 24:34a)

Here it is springtime in all its glory and we are looking ahead to outside activities like soccer and softball and hiking and mowing the lawn and cooking out. *But, just to keep the Easter spirit going,* found six unclaimed plastic Easter eggs in the church "back forty" this morning. After helping myself to the candy inside, I asked myself, "What happened to Easter?" Is it over and gone for another year? Shortly after that discovery I saw a church sign in Indy that read, "We celebrate Easter 52 weeks a year!" Do you? Do I? Do we?

On the day after Easter our Bishop wrote us these timely words. I pass them on to you to remind all of us that we are *Resurrection People*. Here's what Bishop Mike wrote: *"I have already been asked, "Did you have a good Easter?" The question implies, of course, that Easter is over. Those who ask that question mean well, and of course they are referring to Easter Sunday, but I want to affirm today that Easter isn't over.*

In terms of the Christian calendar, Easter is a season, not just one day. Easter is the season of "Great 50 Days" from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. But in terms of our Christian faith, too, Easter is not just a once a year affirmation, it is an on-going expression of faith. Years ago Avery and Marsh wrote a cute little song called "Every Morning Is Easter Morning From Now On" – and that song expresses our Easter faith. Every day is a new day, and Easter is an on-going lifestyle of faith. Easter isn't over.

In terms of our Christian worship, Easter is not just one day a year. The very fact that we Christians worship on Sunday is a reminder that "every Sunday is a little Easter" (as I was taught in seminary). Those followers of Jesus who believed in his resurrection changed the centuries-old Jewish tradition of worship on the Sabbath (Friday sundown through Saturday) and began to worship on Sunday. We continue that tradition of worship on the Lord's Day, as a way of remembering that Easter isn't over.

Most importantly, we live our life and face our death trusting that Easter isn't over. The resurrection of Christ is the first-fruit or "down payment" to assure us that our faith journey continues beyond death. Easter isn't over, and it will not be over when our human life is over.

That's the whole message of Easter, isn't it? It isn't over. God's love is not defeated. Our faith-journey continues. Our experience of God's power and grace continues ... on and on and on. Easter isn't over."

And for those of you who are interested, I know where two more "presumably empty" Easter Eggs are "hanging out" on the church lawn. Come see me and we'll take an Easter stroll for Easter people. After all, Easter isn't over, is it?!

Pastor Jake

2011 Tithes and Offerings

Received to date:
 \$ 157,041.41

Needed to date:
 \$ 152,894.93

\$1 Club to date:
 \$ 2098.00

Japan Relief Total:
 \$ 1806.00

One Great Hour
 Of Sharing
 \$ 713.94

Children's Lenten
 Collection:
 \$ 202.38

May Mission Prayer Focus

Mommy & Me

Lebanon Children's Home

Babyfold

Prayer Focus

Weather Victims -

Pray for those in our state and around the country who have suffered from tornadoes and flooding.

Graduation - Pray for those who are finishing school and stepping out into some uncertainty in their lives.

May Missions

Our fundraising goals for each of our May missions are as follows:

Mommy & Me—\$800
Lebanon Children's Home—\$1000
Babyfold—\$1000

Seventy-five percent of these goals are provided for through the church budget. We hope that we can raise the remaining 25% or more through our

Clinton County Gems

We celebrate more "gems" from our St. Matthew congregation! Those being honored on April 30 include:

Mike & Rhonda McLaughlin
 Linley & Diane Pearson



Scholarship Winner!!

Congratulations to Bethany Segraves. She has been awarded a **Lilly Endowment Scholarship** which pays tuition for four years at a public or private university in Indiana. Bethany graduates from Clinton Prairie High School this spring and will attend IUPUI in the fall and major in Spanish.

Courtyard Services

The Worship Committee announces that the courtyard services will begin July 10 and will run until Aug. 27.



congregational weekly offerings to Missions.

In addition, we will be collecting a special offering for Mommy & Me which is a local mission that uses our building for its monthly gatherings.

Stop by the Mission bulletin board by the choir room to find more information about each of these programs.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 5 AT 10A.M.

OLD STONEY AT THE NORTH DOORS

Join the Clinton Co. Ministerial Association in praying for our nation.

MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

MAY 6 AT 9AM

Join Church Women United at St. Mary's Catholic Church to celebrate Friendship Day.



Baby Bottle Campaign



During May and June large baby bottles will be on display in the church for donations to the Pregnancy Resource Center. Please give generously.

College Graduates

Please let the church office know if you are graduating this spring and include your school and field of study. Thank you!

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 Deadline for articles is Wednesday, May 18, 2011.
 Carla Keafer, Editor



Prayer Concerns

Ryan Bachman
Harold Banks
Dick Swackhamer
Stacy Baugh
Andy Ehrmann
Jim Seatter
Maurie Huffer
Madeline Schubert
Rudy Pearson
Tim Smith
David Strange
Terry Myers

Thank you so much for your very generous donation to the Open Door Clinic. We all—staff volunteers and patients— appreciate your faithfulness and concern very much. God bless you!

Jackie Kwasigroh

Thank You! We appreciate the donation of candy for our Easter Egg Hunt. And thanks to those who helped at the event. It may it go so much smoother!

Mary Kay Baker

We want to thank you for all the support and prayers for Robert over the last 7 ½ months.

We moved the rest of his stuff back to Chicago last weekend. Although he still has a couple of health issues to deal with and won't start school until the fall, he's playing again and will be taking an audition in May. God is good!!

Jack, Janeen and Robert Burrows

Person in the Military

Andrew Stewart
Kris Kennedy
Josh Laughner
Jeffery Pearson
Loren Crone
Anthony Louk

Birthdays

(for those age 90 and above)

Ruth Igney
May 22

Lena Rickert
May 24

EASTER AFTERGLOW 2011



What a Lenten season at St. Matthew! With our joyful celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, we completed our journey through the holy season. Now, during these days we call *Easter tide*, it's good to look back and rejoice in the *afterglow of Easter*. We are especially *grateful* for:

- Ash Wednesday which began our 40 day journey here in church
- Our “*St. Matthew Reads*” program that involved more than 75 church families reading “*It’s Hard to Dance with the Devil on your Back*”
- The children’s “Share” project that blanketed our walls with posters and earned more than \$200 for food coupons for those who are hungry in Clinton County
- The over 80 bags and boxes of food we donated to “Pack the Pantry” for the Ministry of Hope here in Frankfort (*through the Kokomo Rescue Mission*).
- The gorgeous decorations in the sanctuary for Holy Week, including the many flowers given in memory and honor of loved ones
- Our hosting the Community Lenten Breakfast and participation in the Community Holy Week luncheons
- The special music presentations each Sunday during Lent with guest artists at both the traditional and contemporary services
- Maundy Thursday’s dramatic recreating of the Last Supper with drama and beautiful music led by our Praise Team
- “We Remember Calvary”, our Chancel Choir choral musical on Good Friday with its Tenebrae service which left us breathless and ready to be filled with Easter’s Good News
- Holy Saturday’s Easter Egg Hunt on our church lawn that saw 200 children and adults searching for 1200 brightly colored and candy filled eggs
- The Easter Sunday brunch, hosted by our Church Wide Fellowship Committee. More than 200 of us enjoyed a delicious breakfast together
- Glorious Resurrection services with the organist, Handbells, Chancel Choir and Praise Team members lifting us up in song and spirit. Over 550 worshippers were truly blessed

Children and Youth Sunday School

- Pre-K - Kindergarten:
Room 10
- 1st & 2nd grade:
Room 6
- 3rd & 4th grade:
Rooms 8/11
- 5th & 6th grade:
Room 7
- 7th & 8th grade:
Room 23-24
- 9th - 12th grade:
Room 26

Adult Sunday School

- Seekers:
Room 4
- Faith 101:
Room 28
- Samplers:
Room 26
- Sojourners:
Room 16 (Parlor)
- Rainbow:
Room 27
- D.R.O.P. Ins
Library

Other Classes

- Sunday Evening:
Defining Moments
Feb. 6 - Mar. 27
- Wednesday:
Women's Bible Study
2pm each week
- W.O.W.** (Worship on Wednesdays)
6:30pm each week

Elementary

Summer Sunday School Teachers

Teachers are needed for the Elementary classes in June, July and August. If you can teach, see Mary Kay or email her at mkbaker46041@sbcglobal.net

Performing Arts Camp for Kids

June 27—July 1
9:30am-noon at St. Matthew
For children 2nd—6th grade. See Barbara Strong for more information

**Vacation Bible School:
Drumming Up Faith**

July 18-22 9am-noon

HELP NEEDED!

Learn to be fruitful and follow God's beat! We are now signing up volunteers for VBS. Please make plans to be a part of this exciting week!

Craft items needed: empty oatmeal containers with lids, empty metal coffee cans with lids, large cool whip containers with lids, old musical instruments.

Youth

Sr. High Institute June 26 - July 1



Students ages 8th grade - seniors are to register for camp in the church office. There are still spots available, reserve yours with a \$50 deposit. Conference scholarships are available and must be mailed in. Forms are available in the church office.

Meetings in May for Jr./Sr. High Youth:

- May 1: 4:30-7:30 - Painting! Wear old clothes.
- May 8: No meeting
- May 15: noon-2pm - Serving ice cream for Preschool Cookout
- May 22: Road Rally/End of Year 5:00pm-7:30pm
Adult drivers needed

Summer Sunday School:

Pastor Jake will teach "Jesus Loves Me This I Know, or Do I?" during June.

Adults

Look at the new class offerings:

"Forgotten God: Reversing our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit"

Sunday evenings, May 1 - June 12 6:00pm-7:00pm

This is a powerful study about the true source of power in the church and in our lives: the Holy Spirit. This study will challenge you to understand, embrace, and follow the Holy Spirit's direction in your life. Each lesson stands alone. Register by calling the church office at 654-5575.

This Summer at 10am

"When God's People Pray"

Sunday mornings, June 5 - July 17 In the Parlor

Prayer can change lives and circumstances like nothing else. Learn the keys to unlock its power and turn prayer into a vital link with God and all his resources.

"Genesis: Creation and Catastrophe"

Faith 101 in Room 28

Volunteer Opportunities

Meetings in May

- May 9
4:30pm Scholarship Committee
7:00pm Trustees
- May 10
5:30pm Churchwide Fellowship
7:00pm Staff/Parish
- May 16
6:00pm Missions
- May 17
7:00pm Preschool Board
7:00pm Martha Circle
- May 19
12:30pm Deborah Circle
1:30pm Ruth Circle
6:30pm Children's Ministry
- May 24
6:30pm Facilities Needs

Help Needed:

The Ministry Coordination Team thought it would be a good idea to try to reach out to some of our neighbors. One thought is to have a cookout this summer and invite the folks at Turtle Creek over, just to get acquainted! If this is something you'd like to help with, please call the church office, or write "Good Neighbor" on the attendance pad.

Membership Class

Pastor Jake is forming a new membership class this spring or summer. If you are interested in becoming a member or just want to learn more about United Methodism and St. Matthew, please give your name in the church office.



Change of venue:

Martha Circle

Tues., May 17

Please Note: This meeting will be at Ruth Lock's home.



Summer Donuts

Do you enjoy donuts on a summer Sunday morning? If so...volunteer a Sunday to pick up the donuts at Marsh at 8:15am, bring to church then clean up the donut table at 10:45am. The donut table will be set up and ready to go...custodians will make coffee. You serve and clean up!!! Easy as 1,2,3!!! If you can help out, see Mary Kay or email her at: mkbaker46041@sbcglobal.net

Sheltered Reality Rehearsal

May 1 following the fundraiser dinner, and May 15 at noon. We practice with Steve on Thursday, May 19th 4:30-8p.m....open house format..come when you can!!!



Library News

Read to the end of Following God's Call to find out what kind of



chopstick you are! This informative book is about individual volunteers in mission.

Enjoy fishing?

Help children learn to enjoy fishing and learn about Jesus, the fisher of men. The next outing will be **Thurs., May 12 at 6pm** at the Frankfort Lagoons. If you are over 17 and plan



to fish (not just assist a child), you will need a license. Contact Jerry Lesley for more info at 654-6563.



A Christmas Journey from Scrooge to the Savior

Now that Easter is over, it's time to think about Christmas!! A Christmas Journey at St. Matthew will be presented on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16 & 17, with a "preview" night for St. Matthew members on Tuesday, Dec. 13. This year we want to make a special effort to bring guests in to experience Christmas in a new way.

We can use your help right now:

1. Bring used Christmas cards to the church office. We need both the front and the back;
2. Plan to be here June 11 at 9am to help us organize, and repair and prepare sets and costumes.

See Janeen Burrows (659-4227) if you have questions.



**Building
Bridges
Counseling
Services**

Rev. Dr. Jim Witty, Jr. and DeAnne Kinsey, and Ruby Burris offer many counseling services. Brochures are available on table by church office. Phone them at:

Jim 317-846-5912
DeAnne 317-489-8920
Ruby 317-397-3224

Preschool Staff

Administrator:
Mary Kay Baker

Linda Anno
Jane Carter
Jacki Crum
Kim Ferrel
Deedie Herndon
Sherri Howard
Rhonda Hundley
Janet Mennen
Jannine Rule

**Preschool Sun. - Lunch on the Lawn
May 15 at Noon**

Come and celebrate with us and our Preschool Families.



Join us out on our front lawn for an afternoon of fun and games! Free hotdogs, chips and ice cream sundaes provided by our youth. Clowns, face painting, games and inflatables!!! Join us...all you have to do is bring your smile and a lawn chair!



And if you would like to volunteer to help, contact Mary Kay Baker or the church office.

Thanks!

Thank you for opening up your church facility for the preschool ministry and for its staff. This service is truly a "mission field" and blesses so many young families. Our granddaughter, Jasmine Troyer, has been a recipient of your care this year, and she has benefited in so many ways.

God bless you,
George and Jane Ann Troyer

Susan B. Miller Benevolent Fund

In 1976 St. Matthew had a vision to start a preschool. Susan Miller and Sherry Evans were the first teachers and taught eight students. Upon Susan's retirement, a benevolent fund was set up to assist those families who are facing financial hardships. If you are interested in donating to this fund, please place your donation in the envelope in this newsletter and return it to the church or drop off a donation to the preschool. Checks should be made out to St. Matthew Preschool with "Miller Benevolent Fund" written on the memo line.

**St. Matthew Community Preschool
Timeline:**

- 1976 - First year of preschool for children ages 3 –5
8 students, 2 teachers
- 1990 - Start of Parents Morning Out (PMO) run by Mary Kay Baker
Children ages 2-4 could attend one or two days per week.
- 1998 Susan Miller retires, Jane Carter becomes the administrator
- 1999 - Preschool and PMO merged and operate now as St. Matthew Community Preschool.
- 2003 Mary Kay Baker becomes the new administrator
- 2011 - Volunteers from church and the Community come to read stories to the students
Enrollment: 185 students (14 classes) are taught by 10 teachers.

Mission Statement: We wish to help each child feel good about him/herself as a child of God while preparing his/her future experiences in school. Through free-choice, interest-centered activities as well as structured activities (both indoor and outdoor) we wish to help each child develop to his/her potential socially, emotionally, physically, mentally and spiritually.

**St. Matthew Community
Preschool Public
Registration***

**WHEN: Mon., May 2
8:00a.m.—6:00p.m.**

**Enroll for 2- or 3-day classes.
Must be 2, 3, or 4 by Aug. 1, 2011**

***Registration begins on this date but families may register throughout the summer.**

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Our Vision

*Make Disciples of Jesus
Christ*

Our Mission

*Worship God and
Experience God's Love
Invite Others to Faith in
Christ
Grow in the Likeness of
Christ
Love and Care for
Others
Go Forth to Serve,
Sent by the Holy Spirit*

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Worship Opportunities

Sunday Morning

8:45 a.m. Traditional
Worship

11 a.m. Contemporary
Worship

Wee Worship

For children 3yrs-1st grade
Sundays 8:45 am & 11 am

Worship on Wednesday (W.O.W.)

6:30 p.m. in Room 16

Nursery provided up to age
3 for all worship services



Fazol's Fundraiser Dinner

Sun., May 1 Noon-2pm

Have an Italian meal for \$8/adult or
\$5/children. Salad, drink, and dessert included.



Ladies Under Construction Brunch

Sat., May 7 10am in Fellowship Hall

Learn about women's health and shop!



Preschool Sunday and Picnic - May 15

All of St. Matthew is invited to join us for the picnic on the front lawn at noon.
There will be hot dogs and chips, games and ice cream sundaes!

Graduation Sunday - May 22

Recognition at 8:45 and 11:00 services, reception in Fellowship Hall at 10am

Memorial Day - May 29

St. Matthew will be offering both services—8:45 and 11:00.