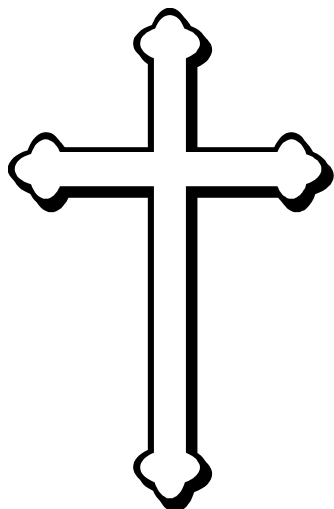


# The Messenger

December 2011



## From the Rector's Desk.....

### From the Rector's Desk...

December Newsletter offering.

OOPs!! In reviewing the recent posting for Facebook I see I gave the date November 28 as the first Sunday of Advent. Actually, it was November 27. It is November 28 today which is Monday as I write this to our parish family. The fact that I am a day behind speaks volumes as to how I often experience the season of Advent. I am lagging behind what I have intended to have done. Here it is, the last days of November and Christmas is just a little less than one month away. Christmas cards are not done. No lights on the house. Decorations are still in the boxes they were put in last January. Even our "Keep Christ in Christmas" sign is still in the garage. These are just the superficial ways that I am off my intended path. There are others that I am not about to admit to in an open letter.

I note that the very first lesson for advent is from Isaiah where we hear of our guilt and deal with our need to seek God's Grace. We are admonished to put on the

armor of light and to cast out the works of darkness.

I note also that there are still those who have not turned in pledge cards with the decision as to how we will be the church. I have tried something new this year and I fear that I have missed the mark. I pray for answers about how to best be priest and rector at St. Matthew's and seem to miss the response. So I forge ahead. I make my mistakes and hope that not all that is done is done in vain. I must admit that I too have a tendency toward a petulant attitude.

"God... If I have screwed up, it is because you did not answer my questions in the first place!!"..  
*("because you hid yourself we transgressed" Isaiah 64: 7).*

Then Isaiah offers a helping hand. We are reminded; we are God's creation. God is still available to us. We can be made new just like a potter at the wheel can remake her creation until she gets what she wants. God continues with his creation until we get it right. God is faithful always.

And so I put on the armor of light and settle down from my petulance. I begin to wake up and see around me that God is in conversation

with me. God is also in conversation with those around me and beyond. If I am awake, and watch and learn, I will see God at work in those who serve and those who are served. It is a true conversation... I don't get to tell God what I want to hear. Rather, God reveals to me what I need to know. So, as I begin my Advent journey, I get my advice from the Gospel of Mark. (*37* "What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'")

Father Jim

### In this issue

- |     |                                  |
|-----|----------------------------------|
| 2   | Ramblings;<br>Secretary Snippets |
| 3   | Calendar                         |
| 4-5 | Announcements                    |
| 6   | Server Schedule                  |
| 7   | Birthdays;<br>Anniversaries      |

## Ramblings from the Junior Warden.....

208-405-1833

### NEW – AUDIO MINISTRY

Or you can email Tim at:  
[TJLANTER-  
MAN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TJLANTER-MAN@GMAIL.COM)

Need a Ride? You can contact one of the people listed below.

AUDIO SYSTEM HELP  
NEEDED

Tim Lanterman  
Junior Warden

With the recent upgrade of the **Audio System** at the church, we have become aware of how important **good sound** during a service is to the congregation.

Tim Lanterman has been running the sound system during services, however he could use some help for those Sundays when he is not available.

If you are interested in volunteering to run the sound system, please let us know.

No matter what your age is, young or old, we could use your help.

All you need is basic computer skills.

Tim will provide the training.

If you or one of your kids are interested, please call Tim Lanterman at:

Roberta Barrie 541-889-5804

Linda Quinn 541-889-5616

Carla Sloan 208-452-6379

Julie VanMatre 541-889-9436

Glorian Crosby 541-889-6595

Wally Kinney 541-889-8016

Bob Lanterman 541-889-7313

## Secretary Snippets.....

Hello ~

I am excited to be writing my first secretary snippet. I have met a few of you, and look forward to getting to know more of the members. The learning curve has been a little hectic at times, and I appreciate your patience with me as I learn this process.

In the short time I have been here, I have met so many wonderful people, and have seen some amazing works that St. Matthews has done for people. It has been a very humbling experience.

This place has been a blessing in my life, and I would like to thank Father Jim, and Julie VanMatre for giving me this opportunity.

God Speed  
Jenny Scown

# DECEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 HE: 7:30am HE: 10:00am	5	6	7 NP: 12:00pm EP: 7:00pm MM: 6:30pm Idaho pizza com- pany	8 St. Matthew's Guild 2:00pm	9	10
11 HE: 7:30am HE: 10:00am	12	13	14 NP: 12:00pm EP: 7:00pm	15	16 EMS: 6:30pm	17
18 HE: 7:30am HE: 10:00am	19	20	21 NP: 12:00pm EP: 7:00pm	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 9:00pm
25 HE: 10:00am	26	27	28 NP: 12:00pm EP: 7:00pm	29	30	31

**St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Announcements  
December 2011**

**Advent.....**

Advent devotional books are on the table in the foyer. We invite you to take one.

December 4 - Advent theme is Peace

December 11-Advent theme is Joy

December 18-Advent theme is Love

During Advent on Wednesday evenings there will be a special Liturgy @ 7:00PM. St. Matthew's, St. Paul Lutheran, and Bethany Presbyterian Church's will be participating. Advent begins November 27th. There will be "Contemplative prayer" services on Dec 7th, Dec 14th and Dec 21st.

**December 4th.....**

Vestry Meeting @ 8:30 am There was no Vestry Meeting in November

**December 11th.....**

Rosemary Cox Birthday party 3:00-5:00pm in the Parish Hall

**Episcopal Monthly Social.....**

December 16th — EMS at Trina Sherman's 950 SW 12th St. Ontario, Oregon at 6:30pm

**Sound System**

We would like to train a back up for Tim Lanterman on the sound system. If you are interested in learning how please contact Tim Lanterman @ 208-405-1833. All ages are welcome to learn.

---

## St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Announcements December 2011

---

### **FAPA— The Foster and Adoptive Parent Association**

FAPA is an organization of foster care providers who are dedicated to the well being of children involved with Child Welfare. The Foster and Adoptive Parent Association (FAPA) has asked us to sponsor 4 children this holiday season. Please see below for the ages and items that are being requested to help these children.

#### 18 Months - Male

Stuffed animals that make noise, cars (Tonka or remote control), Leap Frog learning pad

#### 10 Months - Male

Big Leggo's, Hard texture books, Pixar Movie "Cars"

#### 17 Yrs - Female

\$50.00 Gift Card to Walmart

#### 15 Yrs - Male

\$50.00 Mastercard gift card

### **St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Christmas Program**

This years Christmas program will be on December 18th @ the 10:00am service. This will include a visit from Santa following services. Anyone wanting to participate, (adult or youth) please contact Donna Bond, or Pat Koehler for practice times.

#### **Holy Eucharist Rite II**

7:30am (No Music) ~ 10:00am (Music)

#### **Morning Prayer Rite II**

7:30am (No Music) ~ 10:00am (Music)

<b>December 2011</b>	<b>Sunday December 4</b>	<b>Sunday December 11</b>	<b>Sunday December 18</b>	<b>Saturday De- cember 24</b>	<b>Sunday December 25</b>
<b>Flowers In memory of...</b>	Marci Stefano In memory of her grandparents, Art & Letha Atherton	Waldon Kinney In memory of his wife, Mary, & the mother of Dan, Donna and Judy	Roberta Barrie In memory of her late husband Renne & Renne's late wife, Beverly: Roberta's late husband, Gale Dentinger & her great-grandson, Kody Cosby	Debbie Crosby In memory of her grandparents, uncles, and cousins	Debbie Crosby In memory of her grandparents, uncles, and cousins
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Jim Mosier	Fr. Jim Mosier	Fr. Jim Mosier	Fr. Jim Mosier	Fr. Jim Mosier
<b>Reader(s)</b>	Vickie Mosier Megan Trolard	Julie VanMatre Ken Crysler	Prudi Linda Quinn	Ken Crysler	Megan Trolard
<b>Acolyte(s)</b>	Hannah Bond Molly Bond	Paige Jones Kylie Jones	Evan Crysler K.J. Crysler	All Acolytes	All Acolytes
<b>Music Leader(s)</b>	Betty Moscrip Pat Koehler	Betty Moscrip Pat Koehler	Betty Moscrip Pat Koehler	Betty Moscrip Pat Koehler	Betty Moscrip Pat Koehler
<b>Usher (10:00)</b>	Bob Lanterman	Wally Kinney	Bob Quinn	Bob Quinn	Bob Lanterman
<b>Greeter (10:00)</b>	Roberta Barrie	Megan Trolard	Fran McLean	Linda Quinn	Wally Kinney
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Trina Sherman Vicky Wiens	Julie VanMatre Glorian Crosby	Carla Slone Joy McLean	Vicki Mosier Glorian Crosby	Vicki Mosier Glorian Crosby
<b>Sunday School: Nursery Pre/K Elementary Middle/High</b>	Vicki Mosier Christine Crysler Judy Snyder Donna Bond Molly Bond	Vicki Mosier Christine Crysler Judy Snyder Donna Bond Molly Bond	Vicki Mosier Christine Crysler Judy Snyder Donna Bond	No Sunday School	No Sunday School

If you would like to become a lay reader, usher, or greeter please contact a member of the worship committee or the office at 541-889-6943

# December 2011 Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/01/11 *Cindy Feibert*  
12/02/11 Tom Bond  
12/03/11 Tammy Stone  
12/04/11 Kim Mosier-Tracy  
12/07/11 Rosemary Cox  
12/08/11 *Nancy Hoffhines*  
12/09/11 Ann DeBisschop  
12/12/11 Jeff Wiens  
12/15/11 *Wilma Thompson*  
12/16/11 Dave Polhemus  
12/17/11 Tyler Snyder  
12/27/11 *Rebecca & Marcelino  
Garcia*  
12/27/11 *Joan Baugh*  
12/27/11 *Jenny Scown*  
12/28/11 *John & Alicia Gentry*

## **The Messenger**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
P.O. Box 788  
Ontario, OR. 97914

---

WE'RE ON THE WEB  
STMATTHEWSONTARIO.COM

---

**Urgent Prayer**

Leo Balliet	Zach & Kelsey Hundersmarch	Mitch Pettet
Gary Bowne	Bobbie Justus	Shirley Rodrigues
Lynn Elbert	Wayne Kinney	Grant Saito
Debbie Foster	Kathi Lamm	Dixie Shartner
Dan Gray	Ryan Leslie	Steward Family
Bill Hendricks	Jake Merriman	Liz Turner
Rick Hill	Don Partington	Raymond
Kathy Hoch	Matt Pettet	Scott Sloan
John Gentry	Cinda Holderman	Judy Snyder

**Blessings & Recovery**

Michael Andrews	Zona Koopman	Kody Justus	James Fowler
Jon Dentinger	Michael Mannila	Jane Sweaney	

**Long Term Prayer**

Dennis Alter	Tim & Betty Gaskill	Randy Miles	Bob & Maureen Rogers
Cathy Arritola	Michael George	Ted Molder	Safe Court Participants
Rob Beazizo Family	Clay Hart	Ricky Nickalous	Ron Seiler
Kellen Burdic	Chris Hampton	Zoe Orcutt	Kelsey Smith
Patty Burns	Wally Hinze Family	Bill Peutz	Megan Strawn
Rachael Cornett	Grace Hollansworth	Eleanor Phillips	Emily Swetland
Tish Croom	Tish Ireland	James Pinscher	Pat Tysor
Ken Sr. & Sabra Crysler	Dorothy Kincheloe	Larry Powers	Julia Villec
Larry DeHaven	Diane Locey	Alyssa Quinn	Tracie Leonard
Cathy Gardner	Eleanor Miles		

---

WE'RE ON THE WEB  
STMATTHEWSONTARIO.COM

---