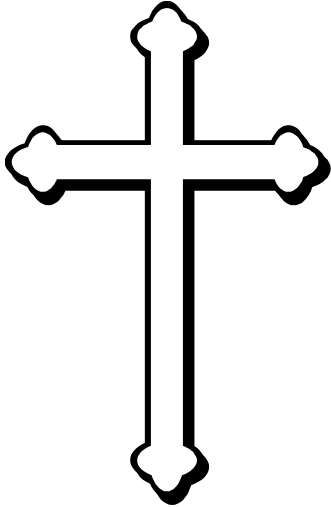


The Messenger

January 2012



From the Rector's Desk.....

We have all been to social gatherings that begin with the famous name tag. "Hello, My name is: _____"

This year the first Sunday after Christmas is exactly 8 days following Christmas. Eight days after birth is the traditional day for the Jewish celebration of blessing and naming of a male child. This is the occasion of the "Song of Simeon". Mary and Joseph have brought Jesus to the temple for the tradition of circumcision and to be named.

So what's in a name? In the case of a Jewish boy, it is nothing less than being claimed as child of Israel. Being named is an important part of our humanity, Jewish or not. It is our name that allows us to be claimed as individuals and allows other individuals to know who and what we are. It is the very first and most important garment that we will ever put on. What that name will mean to us and to

others depends upon the life we lead. It is through our name that we participate in life.

We need to be very careful about how we use our name. Our name gets defined in relationship to others. We are now continually warned against the dangers of identity theft. In your name or in my name, an unscrupulous person may hack into our bank account, make purchases and even borrow money. There seems to be an endless array of ways for one to do mischief in the name of another. These things are bad enough. But the things we lose are usually only money. Money can be replaced.

What cannot be replaced is your name being associated with wrong doing. Social boundaries are in place to honor relationships with others. The loss of a good name is the loss of a lifetime. We begin by being named and then we define the name by living our life. Jesus became man and was named. The life lived tells us who Jesus is. "Mary did you know?"

The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*
Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *

according to thy word;

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *

which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Fr. Jim

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Pledge Cards

From the Rectors Desk Continued....

It has occurred to me that there is a need to tell you all of the many ways in which we now have capacity to communicate our common life as a parish and diocese.

Word of mouth continues to work wonderfully. A telephone tree assures that people get messages if not direct word of breaking events. Email reaches many of us but not all. If you communicate by email but have not been getting information from St. Matthew's please call the office and make sure we have your correct email address.

Some of us are on Facebook and receive information through our Facebook page. If you are having trouble finding us on Facebook, please call Trina Sherman or Jenny Scown for assistance.

Some of us access our church and diocesan websites.

www.stmatthewsontario.com
(parish)
<http://www.episdioceo.org>
(diocese)

The church and diocesan newsletters continue to go out and the diocesan newsletter is posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Announcements are given during the worship service though depending on my memory to tell you what is going on is not a reliable way to be informed.

Fr. Jim

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

On the 29th of January, we will have our annual meeting. I understand that a potluck lunch will be served following the 10:00 service. During the worship service we will be placing all of the pledge slips in a sealed wooden box. This box will have a place near the altar. These pieces of paper contain our commitments of time, talent and treasure. They represent our offering from God's creation, our life and our labor. Not all of us have filled out a pledge card. Some prefer not to do so. I point out to you that we have never had everyone return a pledge card. That has not kept us from meeting our expenses. My goal this is to make our giving less about operating the church and more about what we personally offer of our life and labor to God. Those offerings come in a variety of ways and need not be written on a pledge card. The box with pledge slips sealed inside is sign and symbol of offerings named and unnamed.

- 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

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Ramblings from the Senior Warden.....

First let me begin by wishing you and yours a wonderful Happy New Year!! Is it not a relief to know that we have an opportunity to “start over” or “start fresh”? It certainly is for me...so I run down a mental check list of things to do or things left undone: paid all my bills, acknowledged gifts given, turned in my PLEDGE CARD, etc.

Speaking of pledges, are you aware that it costs approximately \$65,000 to keep the church up and running? A couple weeks ago I heard we were about \$10,000 short of our goal. We did some necessary projects this year – the sound system in the Sanctuary, the sidewalk

replacement in front of the church, and we still have shingles to replace on the roof!

The Vestry also has plans to do an advertising campaign this year. If pledging \$\$ is a problem, we always can use extra time and talent...there’s much to do to keep our church family healthy and viable.

Don’t forget our Annual Meeting and Potluck set for January 29th after the 2nd service. We hope to see you all there. This is a time for committee and guild reports, presentation of the 2012 budget, setting forth goals for the year....but most of all to celebrate

our relationship between Jesus and each other.

Speaking of Jesus, I hope you got the see the Christmas Pageant on Dec. 18th....it was delightful and many thanks to all who made it so!

Enough already!

Secretary Snippets.....

As we prepare to close the chapter on another year, I cannot help but reflect on what this past year had brought me. Although it was a rough year for me, I am happy to say that the beginning of 2012 is looking bright. It is so important to remember our loved ones. Those who are still with us, and those who watch over us from above. Instead of dwelling on the past, I am looking forward to what my future holds.

Working here at St. Matthew’s has truly been a blessing to me. I think I am getting the hang of things around here, and have truly enjoyed meeting everyone. May this newsletter find you all in good health, high spirits, and nothing but love in your hearts.

Merry Christmas, and Happy Holidays,
God Bless,
Jenny Scown

JANUARY 2012

◀ Dec 2011 Feb 2012 ▶						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HE: 7:30am HE: 10:00am	2	3	4 MM: 66:30 Idaho Pizza	5	6	7
8 Morning Prayer Scott Bentz Court of Honor @ 2:00Pm in the Parish Hall	9	10	11	12 GM: 2:00PM	13 Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet to honor members of the community at the Four Rivers Cultural Center @ 6:00pm	14
15 He: 7:30am HE: 10:00am	16	17	18 Vestry meeting @ 7:00pm Mid Day Prayer : 1:00pm	19	20	21
22 HE: 7:30am HE: 10:00am	23	24	25 Mid Day Prayer : 1:00pm	26	27	28
29 HE: 7:30am HE: 10:00am Annual Church meet- ing and potluck @ 12:00pm	30	31	Notes:			

**St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Announcements
January 2012**

**Christmas
Poinsettias**

We would like to give special thanks to those who made donations for the Christmas Poinsettias..

Kristin School

Dr. Lindsay Norman

Chet and Ann Carpenter

Dorothy Kincheloe In memory of Dan Kincheloe

Prudi Sherman In memory of Leonard Sherman

Jim and Vicki Mosier In memory of George & Edna DeHaven,
Virginia & Ernest Mosier, & Noel Knelange

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.

Season Of Lent

During the Season of Lent, a bible study conducted by Linda Quinn and Pat Koehler has been scheduled. We have not had a study of this kind for a number of years, and it is an exciting prospect. Most likely, it will only be for an hour each time we meet. We encourage everyone to attend. Dates and times to be announced.

**Annual
Chamber of Commerce
Banquet**

January 13th, the Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Banquet to honor members of the community. This will be held at the Four Rivers Cultural Center @ 6:00pm

St. Matthew's Episcopal Vestry Minutes December 2011

December 4, 2011

The meeting of the vestry took place on Sunday, December 4, 2011. It was called to order at 8:10 a.m. Julie VanMatre (Senior Warden) Prudi Sherman, Trina Sherman, Carla Sloan, John Gentry, Roberta Barrie, Tim Lanterman (Jr. Warden), and Jim Mosier were in attendance. Linda Quinn and Diana Garcia were absent. The meeting was opened in prayer.

Review of October 2011 Minutes:

The minutes were reviewed and approved.

Monthly P & L and account balances:

Profit and Loss: Overall it has been a really good year. Total year to date

income is above last year and above budget. Expenses are over last year and slightly over expense budget for the year.

Account Balances: Account balances are up from last year. Outside group funds are down because of payment for the sidewalk.

Old Business:

Advertising Information: Jim Mosier will work with Diana Garcia on developing ads, including one in the Argus for Christmas.

Stewardship Drive: 32 pledges have been turned in to date. Last year there were 38. Prudi Sherman will be making some phone calls. The pledges are at about \$52,000. Tim Lanterman will talk with Jenny about a notice in the weekly bulletin about progress toward goal. It was suggested that we present a visual aid next year.

New Business:

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting has been set tentatively for January 29th between services. The vestry will have a quick budget meeting on the 15th after the morning service.

Lenten Bible Study: Linda Quinn will lead a Lenten Bible study based on a program by Max Lacado. Time and location will be determined.

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Priest Report

Jim Mosier will be starting confirmation classes using the "Confirm Not Conform" program. He will possibly start the classes after Lent. The Ecumenical Advent services have started on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at St. Matthews'. The service this week went well.

Junior Warden Report:

Sound System: Tim Lanterman is looking for volunteers to help run the sound system. He has donated an iPod and the church now has the capability to play various types of music.

Maintenance: There is some plumbing work that needs to be done on the rectory before it can be rented. More time has been spent on demoing the fence. The church needed about \$1100 worth of plumbing work. There is build up in the hot water heater and more work is needed. Tim Lanterman will be working arranging for the shingles to be repaired.

Dates for Vestry:

There will be no January Vestry meeting. However, there will be a brief budget review on Sunday January 15th at 8:30 a.m. at the church.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m..

December 2011 January 2012	Sunday January 1	Sunday January 8	Sunday January 15	Sunday January 22	Sunday January 29
Flowers In memory of...	Mike Smith & Shari Schoenleber In memory of their parents, Jim & Bing Smith, and Mike's grandson, Kade Smith	Mike Blackaby in memory of Bill and Mary Gail Blackaby, and Mary Gail's mother Mattie Goodman	Sandy Mowrer In memory of her parents, Robert Fritz & Millie Mowrer	Tom & Jay Phillips In memory of their parents Jay & Dorothy Phillips	David & Gary Capps To the glory of God In memory of Gordon Capps
Celebrant	Fr. Jim Mosier	Morning Prayer	Fr. Jim Mosier	Fr. Jim Mosier	Fr. Jim Mosier
Reader(s)	Vicki Mosier Ken Crysler	Prudi Sherman Linda Quinn	Julie VanMatre Ken Crysler	Cheryl Q Linda Quinn	Vicki Mosier Ken Crysler
Acolyte(s)	Hannah & Molly Bond	K.J. Crysler	Evan Crysler	Tyler Snyder	Molly Bond
Music Leader(s)	Betty Moscrip Pat Koehler	Betty Moscrip Pat Koehler	Betty Moscrip Pat Koehler	Betty Moscrip Pat Koehler	Betty Moscrip Pat Koehler
Usher (10:00)	Roberta Barrie	Wally Kinney	Linda Quinn	Fran McLean	Roberta Barrie
Greeter (10:00)	Bob Quinn	Bob Lanterman	Bob Quinn	Bob Lanterman	Diana Garcia
Altar Guild	Glorian Crosby Rose Novotny	Trina Sherman Vicky Wiens	Carla Sloan Julie VanMatre	Joy McLean Vicki Mosier	Glorian Crosby Trina Sherman
Sunday School: Nursery Pre/K Elementary Middle/High	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	Judy Snyder Donna Bond	Judy Snyder Donna Bond	Judy Snyder Donna Bond	Judy Snyder Donna Bond

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
541-889-6943. If you are scheduled to serve and are not able, it is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement. If you need any information you may contact the office.

January 2012 Birthdays & Anniversaries

1/1/12	<i>Martha Powers</i>
1/8/12	Tish Ireland
1/12/12	Cliff Bentz
1/14/12	Ken Crysler
1/16/12	Ernie & Julie VanMatre
1/16/12	<i>Father Jim Mosier</i>
1/17/12	Judy Snyder
1/19/12	Dee Harriman
1/20/12	<i>Sydney Holderman</i>
1/23/12	Chuck Locey
1/24/12	Father Wayne Haas

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Urgent Prayer

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

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		

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