



MOVING FORWARD *with* GREAT EXPECTATIONS

The television series M*A*S*H made its first appearance in the year 1972, and it eventually became a staple of viewing for millions of households. In my home the show was one of several that my entire family would watch together. We quickly came to love the cast and each of us had a favorite character.

All seemed fine and well until the start of the fourth season in the fall of 1975. We discovered that two of the main characters had been replaced: Lt. Colonel Henry Blake (played by McLean Stevenson) and Capt. John McIntyre (played by Wayne Rogers). In my mind there was no way the show could maintain the same level of quality moving forward. It was with considerable apprehension that

I welcomed Col. Sherman Potter (Harry Morgan) and Capt. BJ Hunnicut (Mike Farrell) into my living room. To my great surprise (and relief), both characters were as good or better than the ones that they replaced. Over the course of the remaining seasons, I learned not to fear cast changes and was a devoted follower of M*A*S*H through the final episode in 1983.

Our community is in the midst of a change in leadership. In July Mark McKee, the Head of our Day School, will be undertaking a new professional challenge when he assumes the leadership of Viewpoint School in southern California. Unlike the sudden transition of a television series, we still have several months to thank Mark for his time with us, to celebrate his achievements and

wish him and his family well as they prepare to leave our community. From the outset of his arrival, Mark has been an enthusiastic and dedicated leader in our midst—a great asset not only to our school but to our parish community as well. As a person who grasps the larger vision of a future where both our school and church thrive together, Mark has set a very high standard of commitment to our common life. Both Mark and his wife, Cathy, have contributed to our parish life in many ways. We give thanks for their time with us and wish their family well in their upcoming move.

As I write this article we are in the midst of the search process for our new Head of School. One of the great things about participating in a search process is the opportunity to pause and take stock of our community. Without exception, every member of the search committee has been excited to share with candidates the great things that are happening in both our School and Church. Candidates in turn have shared their favorable impressions of our community and their excitement for the possibility of being a part of our future. I think what I learned during that fourth season of M*A*S*H was that one of the fruits of a capable and creative team is the ability to attract new talent. I hope that along with giving thanks for the past few years, you will join me in looking forward to our upcoming season.

+Blessings, Fr. Eric+



IN THIS ISSUE

Father Eric's Message	1	Youth News	4	Thrift Shop	7
Taize	2	Holy Week Services	5	Pentecost	7
Sunday Coffee hour	2	Sancta Canticum	5	Deanery	7
Milestones	2	Guest Preacher	6	United Thank Offering	7
Second Harvest Food Bank	2	First Friday Fiesta	6	All Parish Retreat	7
Reverend Lindsay's Message	2	Auction Items Needed	6	Upcoming Events	8
St Matthew's History	3	Family Dinner Night	7		

**TAIZÉ CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH 7:00 PM**

All are welcome for our monthly service of meditative silence, prayerful chants, and enlivening readings using materials developed by the brothers of the Taizé Community in France. The service meets in the chapel and lasts about an hour.

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR:

The rotation for bringing treats to coffee hour after the Sunday service is as follows:

- April 5: A-D**
- April 12: E-J**
- April 19: K-P**
- April 26: Q-S**

We ask you to please put the food you are bringing on a paper plate (rather than in a package) and place it on the table in Julia Beylard Hall.

MILESTONES

In Memoriam

Barbara Arnold, beloved and active longtime parishioner, passed away peacefully in her home on March 12th. All are welcome to a memorial service on April 10th at 3pm.

**SECOND HARVEST FOOD
BANK AND ST. MATTHEW’S**

When you go grocery shopping, please consider picking up a few extra canned goods or other non-perishable items. You can leave your food donations either in a basket at the back of the church or at the church office. These donations will be placed in a Second Harvest collection barrel for pick-up.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness and thank you for your donations.

TRIDUUM SACRUM
The Sacred Three Days



I didn't always love Holy Week...in fact, I usually hated it. As a child I enjoyed the "time off from school," but detested spending additional time in church. I was busy, I had people to see and places to go! I didn't have time to sit in silence, kiss a cross, pray the stations. Thinking back, I realize that one of the reasons I disliked it so much is that it seemed entirely irrelevant to my life. I didn't understand why they wanted us to wash each other's gross feet. I didn't know why you would want to kiss the hard wood of the cross. I didn't understand what fasting had to do with anything. Easter I got. But the rest of it, now that was another story.

It wasn't until seminary that I really began to appreciate the complex beauty of Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday and the joyous triumphal entry into Jerusalem and ending with the *Triduum* (*Triduum Sacrum*, Latin for "the sacred three days"). Holy Week doesn't end with Easter, it really ends with the *Triduum* or three days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil. These three days are marked by one long service, separated by time apart. When we gather on Maundy Thursday, there is no customary deacon's dismissal to send us on our way. Rather, we leave in silence, only to return the next day. On Good Friday we lament the crucifixion of Christ and again leave with a concluding prayer and no dismissal. In fact this three-day liturgy doesn't end until we break our fast with a chorus of Alleluias attached to the deacon's dismissal at the Easter Vigil, propelling us into the world forever as Easter people, changed forever by the events of Holy Week.

If you have never experienced Holy Week, I would like to invite you to break out of your comfort zone and take a chance on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, or the Easter Vigil. It's a lot to commit to all three, but explore one of them. My prayer for you as we move from Lent into Easter is that you will use the threshold of Holy Week to invite yourself to be present in a new way. The Great Triduum is a way by which we as Christians connect with Christians all over the world, and also those who have gone before us to the heavenly banquet. The sacred solemnity of the washing of the feet, the service on Good Friday, and the celebration of light over darkness all seek to enhance the Easter experience. And once you try them, it will be hard to go back to not participating in them, because they forever change our experience at the tomb.

Lenten blessings, Rev. Lindsay+

St. Matthew's 150th Anniversary Year: A Look Back in Time

**AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE:
50 YEARS OF GROWTH**



Extensive earthquake damage in 1906 precipitated demolition and rebuilding of the original St. Matthew's church structure. The five decades to follow would mark a period of remarkable growth at St. Matthew's.

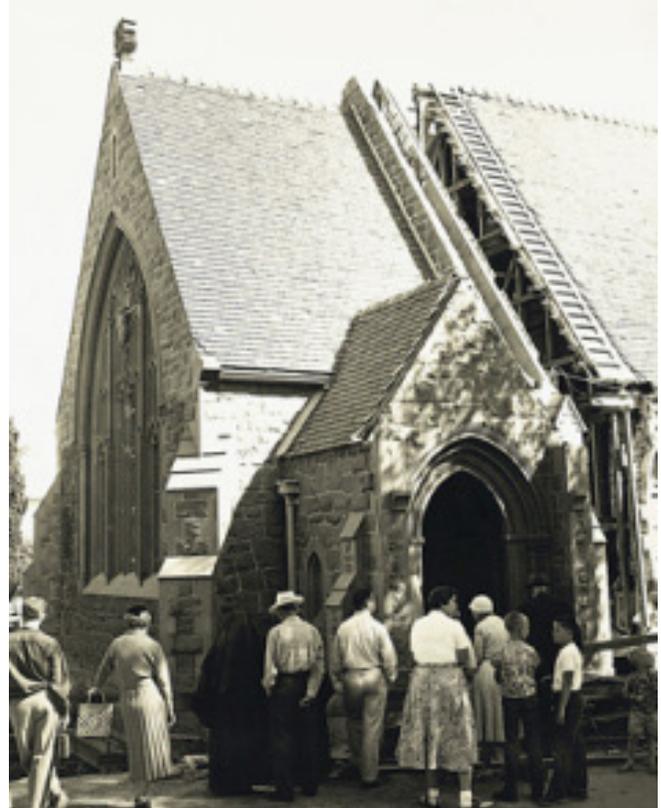
A new parish hall was erected. Julia Howard Beylard Hall was dedicated on December 1, 1923.

In 1933 the League for Service was established and became a leading women's philanthropic and social organization in the community. From that time to the present it has operated continuously to provide countless volunteer hours and funds for church ministries and charitable causes.

A new organ was dedicated on September 6, 1938. Built by the Aeolian-Skinner Organ Company, it was given as a memorial by the children of William H. and Ethel Sperry Crocker. In 1947 a large expansion was made to Julia Beylard Hall to include the entire north end of building and a new kitchen.

A Day School was re-established in 1953. The brainchild of the Rev. Lesley Wilder, Jr., it started as a nursery school for 16 children and originally was housed in the north wing of Julia Beylard Hall. A first grade was added in 1955, and new grades were added each year until it reached full elementary and middle school size.

The church's most significant building project during these years took place in 1956-7. The church building was expanded westward by 30 feet, increasing capacity from 222 to 392. The \$375,000 campaign also included the



addition of the building that now houses the school and church offices. Care was taken to maintain the same gothic architecture as the existing church structure.

The League for Service launched the Thrift Shop in 1959. The Tau Cross began publication in 1962.

Sources:

The Reverend Robert Louis Semes, *Of These Stones, An Historical Sketch of the Church of Saint Matthew, San Mateo, California, 1865-1990* (1990)

The San Mateo Times, May 11, 1956

-Beth von Emster

Have an idea for a piece of St. Matthew's history you'd like to hear more about in an upcoming Tau Cross? Ideas welcome! Please contact Beth von Emster at bvonemster@yahoo.com.

YOUTH NEWS

CELEBRATE SUNDAYS!

CELEBRATE Sundays continue to be a way in which our parish children and youth can be actively involved in our worship together. For April our CELEBRATE Sundays will be the glorious feasts of Easter! We will look forward to May 24 for our next CELEBRATE Sunday when we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, baptism, and honoring our Acolytes.

MISSION TRIPS: HUNGER, POVERTY, AND YOUTH

We are so lucky that this summer we are gearing up for not one, but two mission trips! Our Junior High youth (going into 6, 7, 8th) will be going to Oakland on June 30th for a three-day urban plunge where they will learn about homelessness and hunger issues and how the Episcopal Churches there are teaming up to do something about it. High Schoolers (going into 9, 10, 11, 12th) will be heading to Rutland, Massachusetts where they will participate in a program offered by Heifer International (a worldwide food scarcity/relief agency). Here youth will learn the ins and outs of life on the farm! We will also get to enjoy a couple days in Boston and Worcester where we will get to take in the sites. Interested youth and parents are invited to a special kick-off meeting and info-session on April 7th at 6pm, St. Matthew's Hall Conference Room. Email Rev. Lindsay with questions or to get more information- lmhills@episcopalstmatthew.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (5TH-8TH GRADE)

St. Matthew's Middle School age youth meet Sundays at 9am at St. Matthew's, in the Parish Library unless otherwise noted. Contact Rev. Lindsay lmhills@episcopalstmatthew.org with questions or concerns.

- April 5 NO YOUTH GROUP (Easter Sunday)
- April 12 All Youth Bowling! (5-7pm)
- April 19 Oikos (5th/6th grade) meet in Parish Library (No Niche)
- April 26 Niche (7th/8th grade) and youth preparing for Confirmation meet in Parish Library (No Oikos)
- May 1 (Friday) Fiesta Fundraiser for Mission Trips!
- May 1 Nightwatch at Grace Cathedral
- May 3 NO YOUTH GROUP

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (9TH-12TH GRADE)

Join youth from St. Paul's, Burlingame and St. Matthew's, San Mateo for weekly youth group. Dinner is included! See Rev. Lindsay lmhills@episcopalstmatthew.org with questions or concerns. If you would like to provide dinner for our youth please email Rev. Lindsay, your hospitality is appreciated.

- April 5 NO YOUTH GROUP (Easter Sunday)
- April 12 ALL YOUTH BOWLING! (5-7pm)
- April 19 High School Youth Group (5-7pm | St. Matthew's)
- April 26 High School Youth Group (5-7pm | St. Matthew's)
- May 1 (Friday) Fiesta Fundraiser for Mission Trips!
- May 1 Nightwatch at Grace Cathedral
- May 3 High School Youth Group (5-7pm | St. Matthew's)

GRADUATING??

It's hard to believe it's already that time of year! Have an 8th grader going off to high school? A graduating senior? We want to know about it! Please email Rev. Lindsay at lmhills@episcopalstmatthew.org so we can be sure to update our notes, and be sure to celebrate their accomplishment!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 29

8:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite I*

10:15 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

Monday in Holy Week, March 30

9:00 a.m. *Morning Prayer*

Tuesday in Holy Week, March 31

9:00 a.m. *Morning Prayer*

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 1

9:00 a.m. *Morning Prayer*

Maundy Thursday, April 2

9:00 a.m. *Morning Prayer*

2:00pm *Day School Mime - Stations of the Cross*

6:30pm *Sancta Canticum Concert*

7:00 p.m. *Maundy Thursday Service with Footwashing*

8:30 p.m. *Vigil at the Altar of Repose*

Good Friday, April 3

12:00 p.m. *Good Friday Service*

Holy Saturday, April 4

6:00 p.m. *The Great Vigil of Easter with Baptism*

Easter Sunday, April 5

8:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite I*

10:15 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

11:30 a.m. *Festive Reception, Easter Egg Hunt*

**Sancta Canticum
Concert Series
Continues**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2ND

6:30PM

The inaugural season of the Sancta Canticum performing arts series continues with a special performance of Pergolesi's stunning cantata, "Stabat Mater," on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd at 6:30pm. The work features soprano Jessica House Steward and mezzo-soprano Mary Helen Waldo singing with the women of the Sancta Canticum choir and the Golden Gate Symphony string ensemble. This concert, free of charge, is offered as a prelude to the Maundy Thursday service at 7pm.

The third concert of our series features world-class concert organist James D. Warren, Jr. playing a program of French organ music on Sunday, May 17 at 2pm. Tickets are available at www.sactacanticum.org. Please consider becoming a program sponsor by writing a check to St. Matthew's, with "Friends of Music/ Sancta Canticum" in the memo line. For more information, please contact Music Director Dr. Lee Steward at music@episcopalstmatthew.org.



**GUEST PREACHER:
THE REV. FLORA
KESHGEGIAN, PHD**

April marks the 100th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide (holocaust) in which between 1-1.5 million minority Armenians were systematically exterminated

by the Ottoman government. On Sunday, April 19th, we will have the honor of welcoming The Rev. Flora Keshgegian as preacher at both services and at a forum at 9am. Rev. Keshgegian was recently honored at the Diocesan Convention under the resolution “Pioneering Woman,” acknowledging her ordination to the diaconate in 1974 and priesthood in 1977, making her among the first female priests in our church. Currently retired, she most recently taught at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. She is the author of three books, *God Reflected: Metaphors for Life* (Fortress Press, 2008), *Time for Hope: Practices for Living in Today’s World* (Continuum Publishing, 2006) and *Redeeming Memories: A Theology of Healing and Transformation* (Abingdon Press, 2000), as well as numerous articles. Her writings focus on theological perspectives on memory, hope and redemption, especially in response to suffering, violence and trauma. Flora Keshgegian’s interest in these topics is rooted in her heritage as an Armenian American whose parents were survivors of the Armenian genocide in Turkey during World War I.

**FIRST FRIDAY FIESTA AND AUCTION
(MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER)**

**MAY 1ST, 6:30PM-9PM JULIA BEYLARD
HALL AT ST. MATTHEW’S**

Our junior high and high school youth are off to exciting places this summer as they look at the issue of food insecurity in Oakland and around the world. What better way to celebrate than a fiesta of fun! This event is for the whole family. Buy your tickets after church starting April 12th: adults \$30/Children \$10. Let’s celebrate all the great work they have done this year and help raise funds for their next adventures!

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

For the Youth Group mission trip fundraising dinner on May 1st, we need items for our live auction. Specifically, we are looking for something that you might offer to the community that somehow encourages time spent with other parishioners. Could you host a dinner, tea, or game night? Could you lead a group of people on a hike? Do you work or volunteer someplace where you could offer a private tour? Do you have a garden, boat, or somewhere to host a picnic? We would love to be able to auction off items that not only raise money, but also build community and let people share common interests. Also, we are looking for “big ticket” items, such as a vacation home that you wouldn’t mind letting someone else use for a weekend or a timeshare that you are not going to use this year. Or if you want to create something (a fancy cake, a song, quilt, an art piece, etc.) to be auctioned, that would be amazing, too. Please contact Rev. Lindsay at lmhills@episcopalstmatthew.org with any questions or if you want to make a donation. You will receive a receipt for tax purposes, as well as our eternal gratitude.

FAMILY DINNER NIGHT! APRIL 18, MAY 9, JUNE 20

Are you a parent of elementary age children (or younger) and looking to connect with others? Join us for the beginnings of a new group on the Saturday evenings of April 18, May 9 and June 20! We'll gather from 6-8pm in Julia Beylard Hall and the format is potluck. Bring a family favorite to share with others. While our children play with one another (and some middle school helpers), we will get some quality adult time. Sometimes it takes a village- let's grow ours together! RSVP for the April 18 potluck to Rev. Lindsay at lmhills@episcopalstmatthew.org.

SPRING CLEANING?

The good news: unprecedented sales have left the thrift shop shelves clean and bare. The other good news: it's spring cleaning season and good homes await the treasures you have enjoyed and are now ready to pass along.

Especially welcomed are art, collectibles, china and crystal, coffee table and art books, jewelry and small furniture. We need shopping bags, too.

The shop is open for deliveries on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11am to 2pm, or you can drop off donations in the church office. Thank you!

PENTECOST IS COMING!

Pentecost is right around the corner and nothing makes the celebration of God's presence in the form of the Holy Spirit more fun than the speaking in "tongues!" If you speak a different language and would like to participate in the reading of scripture at either the 8:00 am service or 10:15 service on May 24, please let a member of the Clergy or the parish office know. The more readers we can find the better!

WHAT WE NEED IS HERE AND IT'S FREE!

On Saturday, May 2, St. Matthew's and the Peninsula Deanery will be your hosts for a special equipping event entitled "What we need is HERE," with worship, fellowship, and workshops to enhance everyone's ministry skills. Explore the connection between the places you live and worship, public policy, and the reign of God. Author, pastor, and social entrepreneur Tim Soerens and 22nd District Assembly Member Kevin Mullin will lead a dialogue about living faithfully and justly in the San Francisco Bay Area. Training will be offered in Appreciative Inquiry and Congregational Life Cycle and Health, especially for clergy and congregational leaders, Eucharistic Ministry and Visiting, Stewardship, Godly Play, Outreach, the Ecology of Bread, Liturgical Practices and more. The event will take place between 10am and 5pm and is FREE to members of St. Matthew's. Registration is now open online at www.diocal.org. For more information, please contact Kirk Baldwin at baldwin.kirk@yahoo.com.

SPRING UNITED THANK OFFERING INGATHERING IS COMING!

On Sunday, May 3rd, grab your envelope or Blue Box. Be ready - be generous!

CHANGE THE DATE (AND SAVE IT!)

The All-Parish Retreat has been rescheduled for August 21-23! More information coming soon. Be sure to mark the dates now for a weekend of fun for everyone!



THE TAU CROSS

The Episcopal Church of St. Matthew
is a family called by Christ . . .

*to live God's Love,
to share the Gospel,
to grow Spiritually*

Come celebrate with us!

*Services are 8:00 am & 10:15 am every Sunday
Morning Prayer, 9 am, Tuesdays & Thursdays
Rite I Holy Eucharist, 9 am, Fridays*

UPCOMING EVENTS	
April 2	Day School Stations of the Cross in Mime
	Sancta Canticum Concert
	Maundy Thursday Service
April 3	Good Friday Service
April 4	Easter Vigil
April 5	Easter Services, Easter Egg Hunt
April 7	Taizé Service
April 18	Family Dinner Night
April 19	Guest Preacher - The Rev. Flora Keshgegian



The Tau Cross is the monthly newsletter of the Episcopal Church of St. Matthew. We welcome submissions that have a connection to the parish. Inclusion is at the discretion of the staff and may be edited for space or clarity. The deadline for articles is the 15th of the month and may be sent by email to Beth von Emster at bvonemster@yahoo.com or deposited in the Tau Cross mailbox in the church office. Entries should follow these guidelines: Include title of event or article; 200 word maximum description including when, where, cost and contact information as applicable; Avoid abbreviations and other "insider" lingo; Further guidelines and tips available upon request. Tau Cross Staff: Editor, Beth von Emster; Associate Editor, Cherie Hammer; Layout & Design //dadalab.com

Or Current Resident

*The Rev. Eric Hinds, Rector
The Rev. Lindsay Marie Hills, Associate Rector
The Rev. Amber Stanchiffe Evans, School Chaplain
The Rev. Robert Caughey, Deacon*

CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW EPISCOPAL
ONE SOUTH EL CAMINO REAL
SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA 94401
TEL: 650.342.1481
WWW.EPISCOPALSTMATTHEW.ORG

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
San Mateo, CA
Permit #254