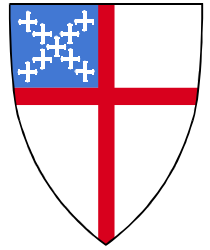


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July 2010 Newsletter

FROM THE RECTOR

ROB MEROLA



Dear Friends,

As you probably know by now, our Making Space to Share campaign is off to a great start! On June 6th, we received \$840,000 in pledges, with \$260,000 of that amount given up front in cash. With several additional pledges received on June 13, our total has risen to \$861,000. Wow!

This exceeded all our hopes and dreams for our first offering. I was hoping for \$100,000 in cash—I figured that was the bare minimum we needed to proceed with our project without have to scale it back. Scaling back would have resulted in a smaller redesign that would have been barely worth doing. And, in my wildest dreams, I hoped we would raise \$200,000. That was my high number, and I figured that would be a huge stretch for Saint Matthew's.

But I should have known that, with God's grace and by his help, you would have hit that dream number and then some. And you did!

And then \$841,000 in pledges in one day... I was hoping for \$600,000-800,000, and figured we'd have to do some work to get the rest. But again, you met that amount and then some. To have received that amount in pledges in one day... that is incredible, friends. I am so proud of you. I believe God is proud of you as well.

The reason I say that is not because of the amount given. It is because from the very start, we've said this isn't about money. It's about spiritual growth. And I know that every dollar given and every dollar pledged represents a step of faith. It represents the desire of our hearts to walk more closely with God. It represents our profound commitment to do his work.

You have showed once again one of the things I so love about Saint Matthew's - you don't just talk the talk, but you walk the walk. You don't just talk about faith, you do it!! You lay it on the line. You consistently, every time you're challenged, step up to the plate and knock a home run out of the park. I would match this church against any group anywhere.

Because "Where your treasure is your heart will be also," you've shown where your heart is. You've said, "I'm going to put God first in my life".

Of course, we are not quite there yet. We need to have \$1 million to \$1.2 million to complete this project. That means we still need \$150,000 to \$350,000 in additional pledges. If you haven't yet pledged, may I ask you to consider doing so? We invite you to join us in this great thing God is doing.

It is our dream that, if at all possible, everyone would participate in some way in this campaign. We simply ask that all of us would ask God with an open heart, a heart tender towards him, "Lord, what would you have me do?", and then respond accordingly. I can say without doubt or hesitation that you'll be glad you did. Amen.

Faithfully,
Rob+

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July



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27 - JUNE 8 am Eucharist Rite I 9:15 am Contemporary Eucharist 10:30 am Eucharist Rite II 3 pm MCVN 7 pm Prayer Group 8 pm LOL Service, Bonfire/Movie	28 - JUNE 9 am Mission Possible 7 pm MCVN 7:30 pm Free to Live - NA	29- JUNE 9 am Mission Possible 6 pm Movie T-Shirt Making 7 pm AA 7 pm Band Rehearsal 7 pm Boy Scouts 11 pm Movie Showing	30 - JUNE 9 am Mission Possible 9 am God, Goodness, and Creation Camp 12 pm AA 4 pm Middle School Youth Group	1 9 am Mission Possible 6 pm Interior Renovation	2 9 am Mission Possible 7 pm MCVN	3 7:30 am Men's Group 7 pm AA and MCVN
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BUILDING PROGRAM AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

JOHN MARTIN



To everyone participating in our “Making Space to Share” capital campaign – THANK YOU!!!

June 6, 2010—Commitment Sunday—was by all measures one of the greatest days in the history of St. Matthew’s Church in Sterling. The church asked for your support, and you responded overwhelmingly!

From the initial cash gifts and pledge cards turned in at each of the services, and even in the collection of coins from our Sunday School kids, your generosity will allow our building program to move forward!

On June 13, Celebration Sunday, we heard that on the previous Sunday, the cash gifts totaled \$260,000! The pledges (most of which included the initial gifts) totaled \$861,000! And the Sunday School kids gave \$412 in coins! So far, 95 families are participating. Again, thank you.

The campaign continues, and we still need a total of \$1 million in pledges to make our future mortgage payment manageable and so that we don’t sacrifice our other mission areas. If you haven’t yet pledged, please prayerfully consider doing so.

In the meantime, the building project is moving forward with the following activities:

- Site plan: Our civil engineer has made a second submission to Loudoun County for approval of the site plan.
- Building design: Our architect has completed Design Development (DD) drawings. We are moving into the development of construction documents (CDs), and those should be completed by the end of July. We are planning for an early August submission of the building plans to Loudoun County.
- Construction cost estimate: Our contractor has the DD drawings, and he’s completed the pricing. We are still on track for a total project cost of \$1.7 million.
- Utility relocation: We are working with Dominion Virginia Power to upgrade our power and to relocate that transformer that’s sitting in the middle of the future kitchen.

In summary, with your gracious support, we hope to start construction in late summer/early fall of our project. When complete, we’ll have a renovated and expanded facility that will include new and larger restrooms, a commercial-grade kitchen, a larger parish hall, and new classrooms, as well as space for the flower ministry, Altar Guild, choir, and other groups. Our HVAC system will be upgraded, a sprinkler system will be installed for the entire building, and we’ll see some minor landscaping improvements. A later phase may include expansion of sanctuary space.

Our capital campaign slogan of “Making Space to Share” captures the essence of our reasons to build: to make more space to know and share God’s love with our parishioners, our visitors, and the groups that make use of our space. As we complete construction documents for Phase 1, the Building Committee is keeping in mind the need to be stewards of the resources we have been blessed with—especially the funding you have provided.

If you have questions or would like additional information about the building program and capital campaign, please ask any member of the Vestry, contact the church office at 703-430-2121, or visit our website <http://www.stmatthewsterling.org/>. Please keep St. Matthew’s in your prayers. God bless you!



Southwest Rendering

During our campaign we asked folks to share thanksgiving reports. Please take a moment to read the following testimonial:

Throughout the month of May, I have tried to keep a high spirit in each day of the week. It has been an especially rough couple of weeks. At the low points, when I am most discouraged, I ask for strength to find solutions. I did that exact request Friday afternoon, and a phone call brought unexpected good news that may be a big solution sooner than I expected. Just one more reminder to ACT AS IF IT WILL ALL WORK OUT ... AS IT REALLY ALWAYS DOES!

MAKING SPACE TO SHARE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

RICHARD LEACH



I have received a number of questions regarding our capital campaign and I thought this would be a good venue to share them and the answers. Here are answers to some of the most Frequently Asked Questions.

How much have we raised?

As of June 6, 2010, we have raised \$260K in cash and have received ~\$840K in pledges. This is great and I thank everyone who has participated in the campaign.

How much is Saint Mathew's trying to raise?

Ideally we are trying to raise the entire amount of the cost for the construction/renovation - \$1.7 million. At a minimum, to keep any future mortgage manageable, we need to receive \$1 million in pledges.

What's my commitment time frame or period?

We are embarking on a 3 year capital campaign. This means we are asking you to make a 3 year pledge to help raise the \$1 million to \$1.7 million needed to cover the cost of the construction/renovation. The three year time period runs from June 1, 2010, to May 31, 2013.

May I donate stock or other securities to the capital campaign?

Yes, you may. For instructions on how to donate securities to the campaign, please contact Richard Leach (rpleach1226@aol.com).

Will we need to relocate during the construction?

No, we will conduct the construction so we can maintain our presence in the building.

Will there be inconvenience during the construction?

Yes, there will be inconvenience. We will work closely with our contractor to minimize the inconvenience. We'll provide updates to our members in advance of any inconvenience.

How long will the construction take?

The construction period is expected to take 7-10 months once construction commences.

How can I make a pledge to the capital campaign?

Pledge cards can be obtained from the church office or from Richard Leach. Please return pledge cards to the church by placing it in the plate on a Sunday morning, mailing it to the church office, or hand it to Richard Leach.

Thank you for your interest in our Making Space to Share Capital Campaign. As you have more questions, I would be happy to address them.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

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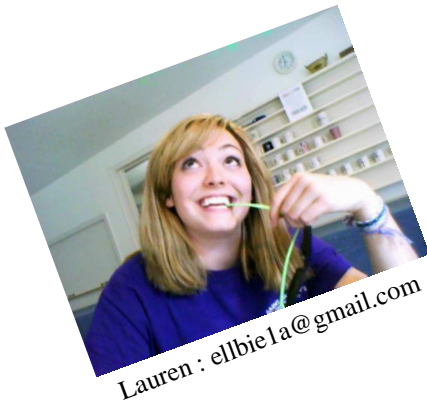


The Saint Matthew's intercessory prayer list is for those in or related to our community who are in need of prayer. It is designed so that members of our community can pray for each other on an ongoing basis. In order to pray for those on the list, simply ask God to be with them and help them in any way needed - God knows what is going on, so we don't need to. All requests for prayer may remain anonymous and will remain on the list for 60 days. After that time, they will be removed from the list but can be relisted at any time.

Please pray for the following people:

Emily, Peter, Mark, Karen, Melvin, Joy, Laura, Velma, Mel, Helen, Mrs. Jones, Charlene, Natalie, James, Sean, Kimberly, Brenda, Dana, Emily, Bill, Elbert, Fred, Jake, Tommy, Lisa, Teressa, Russell, Kevin, Arlena, Liesa, Bill, Jackie, Ruth, Ray, Marie, Bob, Dorothy, Brian, Reggie, Mabel, Jackie, Courtney, Artan, Heather, Luis, Jessica, Samantha, Roy, Mary Kathryn, Margarete, Garland, Becky, Kim, Isaac, Christina, Jackson, Karen, Robin, Ken, Katerina, Fuzzy, Omar, Aiden, Lori, Ilda, Sonia, Allison, Jenny and family, Barb, Matt, Kelly, David, Kenny, Mary Alice, Maggie, Elliott, Andy, Michael, Karin and family, Andre, Marcus, Althea, Elliott, Sandi, Andrew, Becky, Lois and Mike and Robyn.

SUMMER FUN WITH THE INTERNS CHRISTINE, LAUREN & MICHAEL



Lauren : ellbie1a@gmail.com

Get ready for an awesome summer at St. Matt's! The interns have packed in a ton of events for you to get involved with and are excited about sharing those experiences with you. Every week we will have a high school service and programs for middle schoolers and college students in addition to a service event and bible

study. We are also leading Super Hero Sunday School for preschool to elementary age children, where we will be talking about different heroes of the Bible. There will be bigger events planned throughout the summer like White Water Rafting, Road Trips, Camping, and Wacky Tacky Roller Skating. Finally, come with us to see this summer's newest movies at their midnight showings.



Michael : mavereb@gmail.com

We are looking for adult chaperones to come participate in these events and will work to accommodate as many people as possible. We are also interested in feedback from members of the church in order to make this summer's programs fun, exciting, and accessible. If you would like to stay up-to-date on summer youth events and are not already receiving our newsletter, please contact us and we can put your information in our database!



Christine : cmm26@students.calvin.edu

I know a church where they give their youth leaders the summer off, but how different Saint Matthew's is! Summer is a time when we REV UP! This summer we have more programs and involve more people. We have three summer camps: God, Goodness and Creation, Mission Possible and Vacation Bible School. We also have our summer interns offering programs and activities for our middle school and high school students.

Don't forget the two mission trips!

For those excited about what God is going in their life - there is NO DOWN TIME!

We just keep finding ways to share God's love and reach out to those without a church home who are searching for a place to belong.

~Anonymous

God, Goodness and Creation Camp



This summer, join Fr. Rob for God, Goodness, and Creation Camp open to boys and girls ages 5 - 10 years old. Held June 23 through July 28, we'll meet at the church on Wednesday mornings at 9am. From there we will go to local parks, fields, streams, or woodlands and explore the world of nature around us.

Bring a sack lunch and plan to return to the church around 12:30pm. Look for a detailed schedule to follow soon. Please call or email Miriam in the church office to hold your space.

GOOD SEARCH

RICHARD LEACH

Did you know there is a painless way to raise money for Saint Matthew's? It is called Goodsearch. Saint Matthew's will receive funds if you use Goodsearch in two ways:

- (1) As a search engine - Saint Matthew's will receive one penny for each internet search you make
- (2) For on-line purchases - if you make on-line purchases through Goodsearch, Saint Matthew's will receive a percentage of your purchase from the Goodsearch vendors.

Using Goodsearch is easy.

- (A) You can find it at www.goodsearch.com
- (B) After arriving at the home page - where it asks you to enter your charity here...type "st matthews" (no period and no apostrophe) and hit Verify.
- (C) Scroll down the list of names until you find St Matthew's Episcopal Church (Sterling, VA) and click on it.
- (D) Then search away or purchase away (the vendors are shown under Goodshop).

Please give it a try. It will not cost you anything and yet it will bring some needed revenue to Saint Matthew's.

ENDOWMENT FUND

RICHARD LEACH

The Vestry and Finance Committee has agreed to establish an endowment fund for Saint Matthew's. An endowment fund is a financial instrument whose goal is to have the principal live in perpetuity and fund ministry activity via income derived from principal investment.

You can help fund the endowment fund. Funding sources will include:

- Celebrating a special event in the life of your family with a gift
- Providing a gift as a memorial to an individual
- Making a bequest from your estate to the endowment fund

All of these endowment fund donations will allow the gift to "live forever". And, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that the income from your gift will be funding ministry work here at Saint Matthew's.

As you plan your financial future, please remember our Saint Matthew's endowment fund.

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Leach (rpLeach1226@aol.com or 703-421-6310).

SAINT MATTHEW'S DINING OUT

SUSAN JONES

When you are tired of cooking and want to go out or carry out, please remember the local restaurants that support St. Matt's! In May, Pomodoro's contributed \$120 to our missions! In June, Atlanta Bread Company contributed over \$170 to our missions! Atlanta Bread Company in Sterling enjoyed seeing several members that are regular customers, so they doubled their commitment to St. Matt's and provided 20% of every dollar spent at Atlanta Bread Company that night. They also provided a duo to play and sing to our group.

On Monday, July 12, we are returning to Famous Dave's. Last year, they provided over \$250 to our mission trips. Please remember these great local restaurants and support them whenever you want a break from cooking.





Vacation Bible School

July 26 - 30, 2010

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm Dinner Included

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201 E. Frederick Drive, Sterling, VA 20164
703-430-2121 www.stmatthewssterling.org

Child Registration Form

Individual registration cost is \$35; for each additional sibling the cost is \$30. This cost includes dinner for five nights, a t-shirt, five nights of crafts, games, drama and Bible adventure fun! (Scholarships upon request.)

Send checks to Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church, 201 E. Frederick Dr, Sterling, VA 20164
Write "VBS" in the memo section of the check.

To all Preschool Parents:

Preschoolers are welcome on our High Seas Expedition! Three year olds must be accompanied by a parent or dedicated care giver each day. Four year olds may be dropped off. All children must be potty trained. Age is based on child's age on July 26, 2010.

Questions: Email jodieleach2@aol.com

Child's Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Email Address _____

Age of Child _____ Date of Birth _____

School Grade Spring 2010 _____ Allergies/medical conditions _____

Parents/Legal Guardian _____

Name of Adult Picking Up Child _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Home Church _____

Would you like information on Saint Matthew's? _____

T-shirt size (Hanes 50/50) **Circle one**

Child XSmall (2-4) Child Small (6-8)

Child Medium (10-12) Child Large (14-15)

Adult Small Adult Medium Adult Large Adult XLarge

(Note: Shirts will be ordered on July 7, forms turned in after that date will not be guaranteed a shirt)

I give my permission for my child to be photographed during VBS with the knowledge that such photos may appear on the Saint Matthew's website, www.stmatthewssterling.org

Signature _____ Date _____

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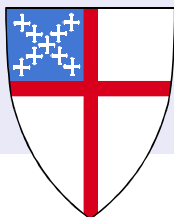
LOL Youth Service

Sunday 5:30 p.m.

Phone: 703-430-2121

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Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont



Group photo November 2009

Mark your calendar now for November 5 - 7, 2010.

Join your Saint Matthew's family for our annual parish retreat at Shrine Mont, our Diocese owned retreat center. More information will be coming in late summer.

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