

Matt's Missive

May 2025

Easter Sunday Photos



Flowering of the Cross at the 10:00 service.



We got much needed rain Easter morning so the Easter Egg Hunt was moved indoors. Fr. Cristopher helped hide eggs before the start of the 10:00 a.m. service.



PLEASE JOIN US!

Dining Out on Thursday, May 29th, at 6:30 p.m.

Salsalito Cantina Mexican Restaurant

14535 Nacogdoches Rd., San Antonio, TX 78247

RSVP by May 27th to Liz Sampson



Our Mission: We serve Jesus Christ as a community rich in the Episcopal tradition by welcoming the seeker, providing a caring family, encouraging spiritual growth, and reaching into our neighborhood and world.

Easter Sunday Photos (Continued)



SUMMER MUSIC FUN

By Ellen Yelverton

Want to learn to sing or sing better? Want to learn to read music or learn the secrets of the hymnal?

Come join me for an hour each week this summer for a little bit of learning and lots of singing. We can meet at the regular choir time - Thursdays at 4 pm, or whatever time that works for those interested. I'm flexible.

And who knows, you may even want to join the choir this fall! Don't worry...joining the choir is not a requirement.

See me at church, or you can call or text me at 210-823-6153, or email me at eyelver-ton1947@att.net. We'll start after Pentecost Sunday.

Keep on singing!

Wednesday Night Study

Please join us on Wednesday nights, beginning May 28th, for a 10-week study using the book *"Listening Hearts: Discerning Call in Community."* According to the description, "this book has been a beloved resource for tens of thousands of individual readers, retreat participants, small groups, and church leaders listening for and responding to God's call in their lives." We meet in Creasy Hall. If you are able, bring your dinner and join us at 6:00 p.m. for fellowship. The study discussion starts at 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us and we look forward to studying with you!

RACAP NEWS

By Kathy Ercoline

THANK YOU, to all who participated in the “**40 Cans for Lent Program**”. St. Matthew’s congregation contributed cash and approximately 1000 pounds of food items to the pantry during Lent. Your generosity and support help our clients with much needed food and emergency monetary assistance with rent and utilities.

HAPPY 42nd ANNIVERSARY RACAP... (A summary of RACAP’s history) ... Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP) opened its doors on May 2, 1983. Fr. Robert Creasy had the vision, light, passion, and drive to establish a food pantry. Several community leaders and church clergy joined him to establish RACAP with the goal of meeting the needs of low-income people in the community. They felt a central location was necessary to funnel resources and to refer needy people where records could be kept that would deter abuse of the system. The current location of the food pantry is provided by The Schertz Housing Authority, rent free. RACAP began with nine ‘Member Churches’ and \$600 in the bank. The funds were used to help purchase food items that were needed to assist families. In November 1983, the RACAP Board approved a motion to include rent and utility assistance to its clients. By the end of the first year in operation Racap had served 250 families.

In October 1998, there was a terrible flood in the area. The RACAP building was filled with water. Records from 1985-1998 were destroyed. The Red Cross relied on RACAP for emergency food. All the food was used ... the pantry shelves were empty! Loyal volunteers cleaned up the pantry and repaired the flood damage. During the post flood renovation, the pantry continued operating from First Baptist Church of Schertz. RACAP reopened its doors 6 months later and has been serving families in this building ever since.

RACAP has continued to grow throughout the years. We rely on the 24 Member Churches and local organizations to assist our clients within 8 different zip codes.

THANK YOU FROM A CLIENT ...(RACAP, making a difference in peoples’ lives.)

“Today me and my children came to RACAP seeking assistance for food. You all were so very kind to us and I just wanted to thank you once more. You never judged us or asked a bunch of questions, you gave me dignity, and I appreciate that so much. God bless you for being a part of such a Christ-filled service. We were reminded yesterday that HE IS RISEN and that we still need to walk in his example. That’s exactly what you all do! Again, God bless you for caring for me and my family!”

Current Pantry Needs:

Size 7 Diapers

Dish-Soap

Laundry Soap

Shampoo

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED ...RACAP will once again distribute basic school supplies to its clients. Samples of the supply bags and supply lists will be displayed on the RACAP table, in Creasy Hall, early in June. More information about the School Supply Program will be in the June Matt’s Missive.

“Thank you for helping us help others.”

RACAP Month in Review

April 2025 Assistance Results

87 Families (240 People) Assisted
68 Pantry Orders Prepared—188 People Fed
Estimated Value of Food Given: \$18,646.00

THANK YOU For Your Help!

The vestry approved the expenditure for some Door Hangers to promote St. Matthew's in a nearby new subdivision. Approximately 450 cards were delivered prior to Palm Sunday with the goal of getting them in people's hands before Easter Sunday.

This group put their walking shoes on and hit the streets (And Doors) within 5 days subdivision was covered. I want to thank this hardy group for getting it done:

Fr. Cristopher and Harmonee (Lisa's granddaughter)

Terry May

Diane Woods

Arlene Stalvey

Melody Johnson

Richard Guerrero

Mendell Morgan

Thanks for all your hard work to help spreading the word about St. Matthew's Church!

Richard Guerrero

Vestry Member

June Birthdays

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

Tish Barnhart	Larry Milton
Crystal Francis	Fredrick Uzoka
Jim Gentner	Scott Bradlaw
James Reed	Debi Clere
Karen Gordon	Rick Creekmore
Glen Clere	Sean Keane-Dawes
Ann Vellom	Shirley Moore
Athena Bryant-Wood	Jinny Smith



Always a good time at Dining Out!



Hospitality Notes

By Melissa Mudge

Many Thanks

Thank you, people of St. Matthew's. Whatever the need, you are there with unique skills, willing spirit and helping hands to complete our tasks. Thanks to all who recently participated in the "Take Them A Meal" program.

On-Going Hospitality

- ♦ Morning Coffee Fellowship after each Sunday Service.
8:00 service—morning coffee and snacks will be ready about 8:45.
10:00 service—coffee and snacks will be ready about 10:45.
Thanks, host families, for the love that goes into planning, preparation, and serving of our coffee snacks (and more) each week.
- ♦ Hospitality Committee – Volunteers are needed to prepare food, set up, serve, and clean-up at some of our church related activities. If you would like to be "hospitality on call," please let me know. I have a list!
- ♦ Deep Dive Kitchen Clean-up – Coming in June. Flexible times – We will have a day to work together, or you can pick a task and pick a day to come in to scrub and polish on your own. Choose a job to complete – refrigerators, stoves, microwaves, drawers, cabinets - inside and out, walls and baseboards, polish chrome on sinks and carts, wash trash cans, tables and chairs. Cleaning supplies are available but bring your own gloves. More details and a sign-up sheet are coming soon.

Give it – To Go

Take another look. There are bins located by the windows in the Parish Hall. Please add to the collection so we can make new give away bags for those who travel this earth with us, but just need help sometimes.

Bin 1 is for toiletry articles – shampoo, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste. Regular size, but not too big to carry around.

Bin 2 is for sturdy shoes in good shape, fit for a person whose mode of transportation is mainly walking. Also clean, new packs of black socks for adults.

Bin 3 is for sweatshirts and jackets especially with hoods and coats. Outerwear will be taken regularly to Haven for Hope.

Once toiletry articles are collected, more give away bags can be assembled.

Pray for all poor and neglected people whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who are broken in body or spirit. Turn their sorrow into joy.

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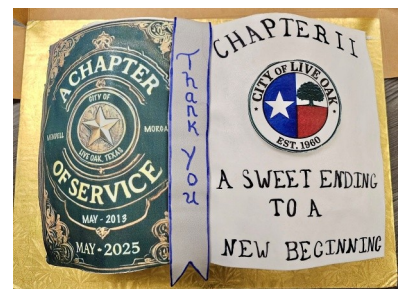
Hospitality Notes *(Continued)*

Special Days/Events

- ♦ **June 8—Pentecost Sunday.** “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” Acts 2:4
- ♦ **June 14—Flag Day.**
- ♦ **June 15—Father’s Day.**
- ♦ **June 19—Juneteenth.**
- ♦ **June 20—World Refugee Day.** The United Nations General Assembly has designated June 20 as World Refugee Day. This day is set aside annually to celebrate the strength and courage of those fleeing their homes to escape persecution and/or conflict. The annual worldwide event focuses on the rights and needs of refugees across the world and serves to mobilize resources and support, bringing global attention to the plight of refugees .

Mendell Morgan Recognized by Live Oak City Council

Live Oak gave a heartfelt thank you to Councilman Mendell Morgan Jr., Place 1, for his devoted service to their community since 2013. As he steps down to enjoy a well-earned retirement, they honored his lasting contributions and leadership.



The Randolph High School Choir performed at the Universal City VFW Post 4676 on May 9th. Patricia Francis is a member of the choir.

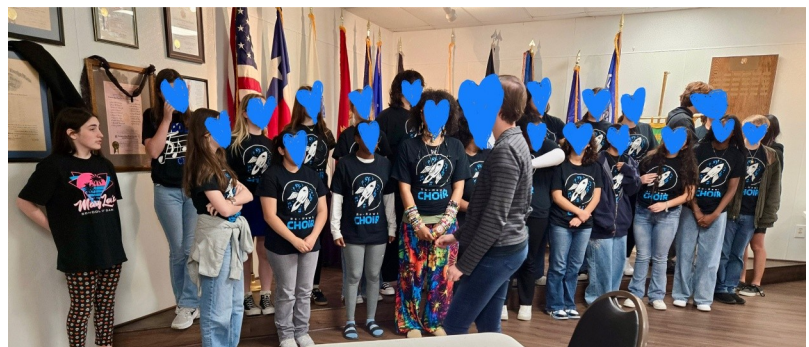


Photo provided by Susan Brown.



Happenings Around The Diocese

Summer Camp for all Ages at Camp

Capers: Various Dates June-August.

Another amazing summer at Camp Capers is almost here! From the Big Swing to kayaking on the beautiful Guadalupe River and everything in between, every day at Camp Capers is filled with faith and fun. Click [here](#) for dates and to register.

Spend the Summer at Mustang Island

Family Camp: Various Dates May-August.

Bring your family to your island home this summer for a rejuvenating beach weekend at Mustang Island Family Camp! Click [here](#) for a list of Family Camp Sessions.

Adventure Awaits at Duncan Park!

Various Dates June-July.

Explore, Refresh, Recharge! Give yourself time to live in the moment and connect with yourself and your faith at Duncan Park. Click [here](#) for a list of Duncan Park Camps.

You can find more information and registration on these & other events at <https://www.dwtx.org/events>

From The Episcopal Church

Presiding Bishop's 2025 Easter Message, "As we proclaim the resurrection in our own time and place, let us always remember that the kingdom of God is revealed to us most clearly by those who are dispossessed by the powers and principalities of this world. Let us celebrate the joy of Easter by seeking and serving the resurrected Christ in the lives and the witness of those who have been silenced, persecuted, and marginalized," the Most Rev. Sean Rowe said. Read more [here](#).



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From the Blog

St George, San Antonio Builds a Chain of Love.

St. George Episcopal School in San Antonio celebrates the twentieth edition of the Chain of Love that has made a difference for a remote Haitian Episcopal Church and School. Read more [here](#).

The Diocese of West Texas Awarded Multi-Year Micro-Grant through Iona Collaborative's Locally Grown Leaders Program.

"I'm thrilled for the Diocese of West Texas to be partnering with the Iona Collaborative in this new way. The micro-grant from Iona will allow us to create a whole renewed Iona School in and for our diocese that will not only train clergy well-equipped for ministry in our small and rural churches but so much more." said The Rev. Canon Leyla King, Canon for Mission in Small Communities. Read more [here](#).

Immigration + Refugee Ministries travels to Brownsville and Matamoros.

Flor Saldivar, Director of Immigration + Refugee Ministries, and Melanie Jakubisin, Immigration + Refugee Ministries Coordinator, traveled to Brownsville to connect with the Rev. Rose Ann Felty from St. Paul's, Brownsville, and Andrea Rudnik and Kathy Harrington from Team Brownsville. Read more [here](#).

DWTX in the News

Grace Episcopal Church, Port Lavaca was recently featured in the Victoria Advocate. The article includes interesting information regarding the history of the church. Click [here](#) to read the article.

JUNE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 8 & 10am (C) Sunday School 9:15am (L)	2 Staff Meeting 9am (L) Prayer Meeting 12pm (L) AA Meeting 8-9pm (CH)	3	4 Eucharist 11am (ARC) Wednesday Night Study 6-8pm (CH)	5 AA Meeting 8-9pm (CH)	6	7
8 Worship 8 & 10am (C) Sunday School 9:15am (L)	9 Staff Meeting 9am (L) Prayer Meeting 12pm (L) AA Meeting 8-9pm (CH)	10	11 Eucharist 11am (ARC) Wednesday Night Study 6-8pm (CH)	12 Music Fun 4-5pm (C) AA Meeting 8-9pm (CH)	13	14
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C – Church; **CH** – Creasy Hall; **VEB** – Vellom Ed Building; **L** – Library
ARC – Army Residence Community

JUNE 2025 SUNDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Ministry	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
Altar Guild	Suzanne Milton Terry May	Maggie Barnes Stephenie McBride Diane Woods	Tarawanda Howard Suzanne Milton	Cindy Hull Diane Woods	Pat Clarke-Kempf Diane Woods
8 AM Reader	Jayne Dunlap	Suzi Hopkins	Joan McClain	Max Hopkins	Jayne Dunlap
8 AM Greeter/Usher	Ron Dunlap	Suzi Hopkins	Shawn Cooksey	Ben McClain	Max Hopkins
8 AM Coffee	Suzi Hopkins	Tarawanda Howard	Joan McClain	Jayne Dunlap	Suzi Hopkins
10 AM Server	Mendell Morgan	Wayne Mudge	Sean Keane-Dawes	Sean Francis	Mendell Morgan
10 AM Reader	Susan Brown	Sean Keane-Dawes	Maribeth Likins	Melissa Mudge	Liz Sampson
10 AM Greeter/Usher	Kathy Ercoline	Wayne Mudge	Arlene Stalvey	Bill Ercoline	Melissa Mudge
Prayers of the People	Sean Keane-Dawes	Janet Clere	Bill Ercoline	Maribeth Likins	Liz Sampson
Newcomer Visits	Ellen Yelverton	Terry May Diane Woods	Ellen Yelverton	Terry May Diane Woods	Ellen Yelverton
Home Communion	No Home Communion	Janet Clere	No Home Communion	Mendell Morgan	No Home Communion
Prayer Ministry	Ellen Yelverton	Mendell Morgan	Maribeth Likins	Ellen Yelverton	Mendell Morgan
10 AM Coffee	Kathy Ercoline	Diane Woods Terry May	Colleen Hubbard Maribeth Likins	Melissa Mudge	Diane Woods Terry May
Audio Visual	Wayne Mudge	Terry May	Kristina Robinson	Wayne Mudge	Terry May
Lockup/Security	Janet Clere	Ellen Yelverton	Tarawanda Howard	Terry May	Arlene Stalvey

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The **DEADLINE** to submit Missive articles is the 15th of the month. Any late articles will be in the next month's issue.

MARCH 2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

Monthly	Pledge	Plate	Other	Total	2025 YTD	Pledge	Plate	Other	Total
Operating Income Received	\$27,432	\$985	\$780	\$29,197	Operating Income Received	\$64,997	\$3,009	\$2,733	\$70,739
Operating Income Budgeted	\$15,595	\$1,445	\$778	\$17,818	Operating Income Budgeted	\$46,784	\$4,335	\$1,408	\$52,527
	Monthly	YTD				Monthly	YTD		
Overall Operating Expenses	\$20,386	\$75,436			Outreach	\$100	\$300		
Budgeted Operating Expenses	\$21,205	\$67,691							

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