

## LONG RANGE PLANNING

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### St. Matthew's 2008-2010 Long Range Plan Accomplishments

#### **1. To develop the congregation's Biblical knowledge and application in Christian living through education for all ages.**

- NEW 2008 (2<sup>nd</sup> ½) Rector's daily devotionals (hard copy and web site)
- NEW 2008 (2<sup>nd</sup> ½) Worship and music seminar
- NEW 2008 Lenten devotional booklet featuring St. Matt's parishioners
- NEW 2008 Christ in the Passover – a presentation of Jews for Jesus
- NEW 2007 "Second Sundays" (biblical understanding of Christian living)
- NEW 2007 Middle school boys Bible study (also in goal 2)
- NEW 2007 Early bird Sunday school
- NEW 2007 Women of the W.E.L.L
- NEW 2007 College and career Bible study
- NEW 2007 Ken Langley electronic devotional
- NEW 2007 30 Days of Prayer (Ramadan)
- Shrinemont parish retreat (also in goal 2)
  - 2008 - To Seek and To Serve
  - 2007 - Finding Our Purpose
- Men's Retreat (also in goal 2)
  - 2008 - Study of Scriptures
  - 2007 - Rewired
- Preaching
  - 2008 - To seek and to serve the lost
  - 2007 - "On Purpose"--being intentional about furthering God's purposes.
- Lenten Supper Series (also in goal 2)
  - 2008-Sharing Jesus w/o Fear (adult); Heifer Project (children)
  - 2007-Created on Purpose (adults); Psalm 23 (children)
- Vacation Bible School (also in goals 3 & 4)
  - 2008-Rain Forest Adventure
  - 2007-The Great Bible Reef
- Winter Adult Sunday School
  - 2008-How to Give Away Your Faith
  - 2007-If You Want to Walk on Water
- Spring Adult Sunday School
  - 2008- The Message of Joel, Micah and Habakkuk; Prayer
  - 2007-The Message of Acts
- Summer Sunday School
  - 2008- Worship (adults) (children/adult intergenerational)
  - 2007-Sermon on the Mt. (adults); Muffins & Missions (children)
- Fall Adult Sunday School
  - 2008- Book of Daniel; Song of Solomon for young married types
  - 2007- I Believe - study of the Apostles Creed
- The Bible and Its Influence (grade 6 – adult)
- Intergenerational Sunday School (preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade/adult)
- Rector's Bible study
- Multiple youth, women's, men's Bible studies
- Visitation ministry
- Feed My Sheep ministry

- First Communion Class

**2. To provide intentional care for all persons and groups at St. Matthew's to enable them to grow as disciples of Christ.**

- NEW 2008 (2<sup>nd</sup> ½) 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and hymn festival
- NEW 2008 (2<sup>nd</sup> ½) Youth Group leaf-raking raffle
- NEW 2008 (2<sup>nd</sup> ½) Young Marrieds' Sunday school class (also in Goal 1)
- NEW 2008 New Parish Directory
- NEW 2008 Youth Choir end of year party
- NEW 2008 High School Youth exam break (ice cream outing)
- NEW 2008 Yard sale for Youth mission trip
- NEW 2008 Movie Night ("One Night with the King")
- NEW 2008 St. Matt's night at the Diamond (Parish Life Committee)
- NEW 2008 Parenting Your Child (Homebuilders one-evening presentation)
- NEW 2008 Homebuilders cookout – Cheswick Park
- NEW 2008 Birthday gifts for Rodgers children in Ethiopia (also in goal 3)
- NEW 2008 Hearing assistance during services (wireless receivers)
- NEW 2008 Homebuilders
- NEW 2008 Second Sundays (building community through praise & prayer)
- NEW 2007 Middle school boys Bible study (also in goal 1)
- NEW 2007 Early bird Sunday school
- NEW 2007 Women of the W.E.L.L
- NEW 2007 College and career Bible study
- NEW 2007 Christian Ed child care for parents' night out
- Preschool/MMO (also in goal 4)
- Wannabees (crafting, relaxing, Christian fellowship)
- Marriage mentoring, visitation, Feed My Sheep ministry
- Prime Timers, book clubs/groups, circles Bible study/fellowship
- Men's retreat (also in goal 1)
- Women's retreat (2008-Wake up, Clean up & Dress Up; 2007-Beth Shalom)
- Shrinemont parish retreat (also in goal 1)
- Middle School retreat (The Great Escape)
- Senior High retreat (Camp Eagle Eyrie, Lynchburg)
- Sr. High/Family/Adult Mission trip to Long Beach, Mississippi
- Youth 30-hour famine/Youth group meetings at various homes
- Youth bowling night, laser quest, clean-up day, scavenger hunt
- Women's small group, women's Bible study, Vachet group, Men's Monday night, Men's Tuesday night, Christian men's fellowship, Breakfast & Bible study, Sr. High girls, Sr. high boys
- Movie night in the parish hall
- Supper club
- Parish picnic; brown bag lunch on the lawn
- Parish life committee sponsored activities
- Lenten suppers (also in goal 1)
- Progressive dinner to benefit Shrinemont
- Intercessors training
- Music 101-102 & handbell basics, worship & music seminar
- Music ministry picnic
- St. Matthews golf tournament
- St. Matthew's Day celebration
- Volunteer appreciation Sunday
- Acolyte Recognition Sunday
- Visitation of shut-ins

- Private communion services
- Wedding guild, audio guild, final celebration, hospitality
- Quarterly newcomer luncheons, monthly newcomer coffees
- Christmas pageants
- Youth sponsored coffeehouse
- St. Margaret's Circle "Souper Sunday"

**3. To provide opportunities for members of the congregation to share their time, talent, and treasure in local community outreach.**

- NEW 2008 (2<sup>nd</sup> ½) Homebuilders' "Baskets of Cheer" for seniors (MCV's ElderFriends program)
- NEW 2008 (2<sup>nd</sup> ½) Sunday school food drive for area food banks
- NEW 2008 (2<sup>nd</sup> ½) Share Thanksgiving Day with an international VCU student
- NEW 2008 Tom Hendrickson serves as interim priest at Grace Episcopal
- NEW 2008 Music Ministry silent auction (proceeds for outreach)
- NEW 2008 Community Block Party by Music Ministry on Mission Sunday
- NEW 2008 Youth/adult mission trip to Belize
- NEW 2007 Northside Outreach Center (Thanksgiving meal)
- NEW 2007 First annual hymn festival
- NEW 2007 Major funding of Anglican College Ministry
  - St. Francis
  - Outreach Committee
  - Middle School mission week
  - "Second Sundays" (neighbors invited, also in goals 2 & 4)
  - Newcomers' coffees
  - Angel Tree, CARITAS, Habitat, St. Mark's Food Pantry, AFM, ISH
  - Gift Distribution & Party at Essex Village (Angel Tree)
  - Line dancing; St. Matthew's golf tournament
  - Pregnancy Resource Center/walk-for-life/baby bottle fundraiser
  - Junior High Youth Group home maintenance
  - Vacation Bible School (also in goals 1 and 4)
  - Circles support of Camp St. Clare, Rodgers' children in Ethiopia, ECW Transition House, Angel Tree Bibles
  - Gloria Deo – A Service of Lessons and Carols and reception
  - Neighborhood caroling by middle school youth

**4. To make visible the mission and ministries of St. Matthew's, as we seek to fulfill God's purpose as a church.**

- NEW 2008 (2<sup>nd</sup> ½) Bazaar sponsored by the American Sewing Guild
- NEW 2008 (2<sup>nd</sup> ½) 6th Dimension handbell concert
- NEW 2008 (2<sup>nd</sup> ½) New monthly news bulletin inserts (St. Matt's Chat)
- NEW 2008 New Website
- NEW 2007 New outdoor church lighting
- NEW 2007 Improvements/additions to website
- NEW 2007 Expanded Communications Committee
- NEW 2007 Increased editorial staff for Quarterly Link
- NEW 2007 The American Boychoir
- NEW 2007 1<sup>st</sup> Annual hymn festival
  - Newspaper advertisement
  - The Guilds (acolytes, altar, linen, flower, ushers, greeters, sewing)
  - Second Sundays (advertised to community) (also in goals 2 & 3)
  - Vacation Bible School (also in goals 1 and 3)

- St. Matthew's Blood Drive
- Preschool/MMO (also in goal 2)

Jamie Cocks Fund at Georgetown University Hospital