



*A Framework of Leadership for the Parish and the Diocese:*

## THE POLITY OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

I love polity...the good, the bad, and the ugly. Church polity is generally understood as the ministerial structure of the church and the authority relationships between churches. The Episcopal Church has an Episcopal polity; we are governed by the Episcopate, or bishops (coming from Greek word “episkopos,” meaning “overseer”). The structures seek to balance authority and power among various systems.

At the most local level, the parish leadership consists of a Vestry. The parish is also part of a larger network of parishes in a designated geographic region known as a Deanery. We are part of the Peninsula Deanery. The Deanery strives to create opportunities for collaboration among the parishioners, clergy and laity. Each Parish elects Deanery representatives. A Parish Convener (currently Kirk Baldwin) organizes the Parish’s delegation of Deanery representatives. These delegates also represent the congregation at the Diocesan level.

The Diocese of California is composed of six deaneries. Diocese business is carried out at an annual Convention in October. Our parish delegates and clergy vote at the Convention on a variety of resolutions submitted by lay people, vestries, committees of the Diocese and parishes. The resolutions span topics such as clergy compensation and benefits, structure and organization, bylaws, committee initiatives, use of resources, position stances on controversial topics, and much more. We also elect a delegation of clergy and lay people to represent the Diocese at the General Convention.

The General Convention is the governing body of the Episcopal Church and convenes once every three years. It is made up of a bicameral legislature that includes the

House of Deputies, with more than 800 members (up to four clergy and four lay persons from each diocese); and the House of Bishops, with over 300 active and resigned bishops. This summer marks the 78th gathering of General Convention, which will be held June 25 – July 3 in Salt Lake City. The principal work of the General Convention is conducted in its legislative sessions. It is also filled with activities and opportunities for mission and ministry gatherings.

To learn more about what will be covered at Convention, go to <http://www.generalconvention.org/home/bluebook>. The Blue Book contains all the committee reports, resolutions, and documents reflecting the state of the church, on subjects such as liturgy, peace and justice, ecumenical relations, and world mission. At this General Convention the next Presiding Bishop will be elected to oversee the Episcopal Church in the USA and represent us at international gatherings of the Anglican Communion, of which the Episcopal Church is a member.

Having previously been part of a church where it was clear that my voice did not matter, where I did not have a vote, where I could not be a part of change, I find the polity of the Episcopal Church a welcome friend. From the local to the national level we have a system that recognizes the voice of each baptized member of Christ. Ordinary people are empowered to be an active part of something bigger than themselves, and vote with their minds, hearts, and souls to help shape the church. If you find church politics interesting, consider learning about the decisions being made at General Convention.

*Blessings, Rev. Lindsay+*

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**TAIZÉ CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
TUESDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> 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:

- June 7:           A-D**
- June 14:         E-J**
- June 21:         K-P**
- June 28:         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.

**ADIOS, ADIEU, ARRIVEDERCI  
SUNDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Join us on June 7 for bittersweet goodbyes to the McKee/Shelburne family. They have played such an important role in our church family, and we want to be sure to send them off in style. We will offer them a blessing at the 10:15 service, followed by coffee hour reception with an opportunity to say goodbye.

**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.

**THANKS TO OUR THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS!**

Every year the League for Service makes significant donations to local charities and diocesan, national and world church organizations, as well as provides support to St. Matthews in the form of the Day School scholarship fund, the church kitchen,

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operated completely  
by volunteers*

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the music fund, youth mission trips, and certain special occasions. The income to make this possible is generated entirely by our Thrift Shop, thanks to your generous donations of gently used clothing and household items. The Thrift Shop is operated completely by volunteers. The League would like to acknowledge all of our wonderful volunteers:

*Co-Managers:*

*Barbara Ashfield and  
Diana Dykes*

*Treasurer:*

*Victoria Wolcott*

*eBay listings:*

*Susan Partlan*

*Volunteer staffers:*

- Elizabeth Blackman*
- Alex Brammer*
- Laurel Brinkman*
- Jane Dunbar*
- Kathy Erye*
- Nancy Eurotas*
- Jo Anne Gates*
- Karen Hartley*
- Carolyn Hodges*
- Jenny Mathes*
- Ann Murray*
- Karen Nelson*
- Dottie Prey*
- Whitney Simonds*
- Kitty Van Beckum*
- Daphne Williams*

Barbara Ashfield is stepping down at the end of June due to other demands on her time and the League is very grateful for the enormous amount of time, effort and creativity that she has provided over the past several years. We are also delighted to announce that Diana Dykes has agreed to assume sole management of the shop. Our Thrift Shop is important not only as a source of income for donation but also as a resource for our local community, recycling good quality items at low prices. Please continue to support us with your donations and by volunteering your time – in particular, we need more staffers on Saturday; if you could be available even occasionally, please let us know.

*Jane Dunbar  
League President*

**CELEBRATE SUNDAYS!**

CELEBRATE Sundays have been a great opportunity for our children and youth to grow in their knowledge and love of worship. Over the summer we will be working on our schedule for next year and developing these “special” Sundays even more. Stay tuned for our next dates.

**FAMILY DINNER NIGHT: SUMMER, SUMMER SUMMER!**

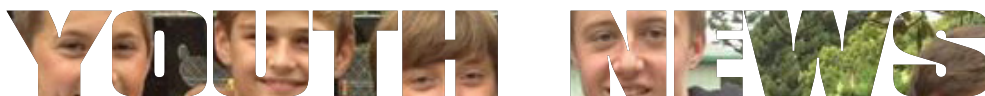
Join us on June 20 for our next Family Dinner Night from 6-8pm. Families with school- aged children will gather for a potluck dinner; bring your favorite summer dish to get us geared up for SUMMER TIME! Children and parents eat together, and then there is time for playing and talking. Catch up with friends and make some new ones!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS**

Youth are preparing for summer mission trips. The calendar for the fall will appear in the September Tau Cross. If your youth is entering 6th grade, please contact Rev. Lindsay to get your name and email added to the communications list.

**GRADUATING?**

Have an 8th grader going off to high school? A graduating senior? A soon-to-be college graduate? We want to know about it! Please



email Rev. Lindsay at [lmhills@episcopalstmatthew.org](mailto:lmhills@episcopalstmatthew.org) so we can update our records and celebrate their achievements. Also, there are a number of scholarships available to high school seniors through the Episcopal Church, and we would be happy to help you apply.

**UPDATE: MISSION TRIP!**

We are still actively raising money to help our high school youth attend their mission trip to Heifer Farm in Rutland, MA. Here’s a little more about the trip in numbers:

*Our Group*

3 chaperones (Rev. Lindsay Hills, Rev. Martha Korienek, Luc McNally)  
11 youth (5 St. Matthew’s/ 6 St. Paul’s)

2 rental vans will be used for ground transportation

4 nights in Massachusetts

1 night in a village resembling a developing country

75,712 Cumulative miles we will have flown together

180 years is the age of the church in which we will worship on Sunday morning when we arrive.

*Why Heifer*

30 countries around the world are served by Heifer

22 Generations of livestock in

countries where Heifer has a longtime presence  
850 million people around the world don’t have enough to eat  
22.6 million people have lifted themselves out of hunger and poverty with Heifer’s help.

*Trip Costs*

\$900 for a van rental (x2)

\$100 for gasoline (x2)

\$350 to participate in Heifer’s programming (x14)

\$100 for lunch (we will cook ourselves)

\$300 for dinner on the town

\$60 for breakfast (we will cook ourselves)

\$300 for brunch in Boston

\$646.88 for airfare (x14)

We still have to raise \$6,000 in order to make the trip happen. Consider benchmarking your gift for the van rental, brunch in Boston, or any other listed item. Any contribution is welcome, but if you would like to underwrite any of these specific costs, that would help us get closer to our goal. Make your donation today to “The Episcopal Church of St Matthew” with “Mission Trip 2015” in the memo line. Your generosity is always appreciated. Contact Rev. Lindsay with questions at [lmhills@episcopalstmatthew.org](mailto:lmhills@episcopalstmatthew.org).

**MILESTONES**

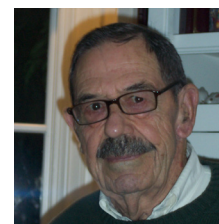
*In Memoriam*

Beloved former parishioner Joan Indermill, May 5.

Beloved parishioner Duane Dresser, April 25.

Duane and his wife Lois were parishioners for 50 years before moving to Delaware in 2012 to be near family. Duane attended UC Berkeley, served in the Navy during the Korean War and received a law degree

from UC Hastings. Duane was one of the most active parishioners in recent memory. His contributions included Vestry member, usher chairman, auction chair, office volunteer, after-school tutor, Tau Cross editor, deanery representative, and stewardship committee member. He will be dearly missed.



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

*The Nativity  
and Adoration,  
stained glass  
window facing  
El Camino  
Real*



*St. Matthew's Hall.*



*Restored organ*

## ST. MATTHEW'S IN MODERN TIMES

St. Matthew's celebrated its centennial anniversary in 1965 with the Rev. Lesley Wilder as its rector. On February 25th the Archbishop of Canterbury, Arthur Michael Ramsey celebrated the occasion accompanied by bishops and other prominent leaders of the Episcopal community in a service that was widely covered by the press.

On September 17, 1989, as the country was preparing to watch the World Series, the earth shook. The Loma Prieta earthquake was the strongest in the area since 1906. The church and other buildings survived, thanks to the wise use of construction materials to rebuild the church after the 1906 earthquake (the frame of the church is steel and concrete with a plaster façade; the plaster and concrete of the ceiling have been painted to simulate wood). But some damage was inescapable. The west wall of the nave and other parts of the church required major repairs. Parishioners, under the leadership and tireless efforts of Lance Bosschart and Phil Mitchell II, did much of the repair work themselves.

Meanwhile, years of deferred maintenance had taken their toll. The organ and its pipes were in need of restoration. The stained glass windows were discolored and, in many cases, in danger of separating from their lead frames. To address these needs, multiple fund raising and stewardship campaigns were initiated. Ross Mainor, a parishioner and craftsman, spearheaded the campaign for restoration of the stained glass windows. In

the early 2000s, many of the stained glass windows were removed, sent to Los Angeles for repair and cleaning, and reinstalled.

The church had taken on debt to conduct the 1989 earthquake repairs, and in 2003, a campaign to retire the debt was launched. Fund raising efforts continued over the next two years, and the debt was retired in 2005, setting the stage for future growth. A significant gift from the family of long-time member and Senior Warden, Ward Krebs, assured the success of the campaign.

The church's most recent expansion resulted from a capital campaign to build

St. Matthew's Hall, a mixed use three-story building plus basement gym on the north side of the church campus. The product of an unprecedented cooperative effort between parishioners and Day School families, the campaign raised over \$10 million for the construction of classrooms, meeting rooms and a church archive. The building opened in September, 2014.

Since the departure of the Reverend Wilder in 1977, the parish has been ably led by four rectors: the Reverend Jack Cornwall Graves (1979-1984), the Reverend Dr. Donald Stewart Miller (1986-1997), the Reverend James H. Billington (1999-2005), and the Reverend Eric Kimball Hinds (2007-present). The parish also has had four interim rectors in that same period.

*Excerpted from [www.episcopalstmatthew.org](http://www.episcopalstmatthew.org).*

*-Beth von Emster*



## CONFIRMATION SERVICE

Everyone is invited to Grace Cathedral on June 6 at 11 am for Diocesan Confirmation. Churches all over the Diocese will gather to celebrate. Seven members of the St. Matthew's community will be confirmed: Taylor Johnson, Sofia Quinton, Zoe Hammer, Patrick Hagerty, Nicholas Wilcox, and Erin and Dan Harrigan. Over the past year they have prepared themselves through service, worship, reflecting on their spiritual gifts, and by preparing their own "statements of faith" or creeds. If you can't join us in person, please join us in prayer.

## EQUIPPING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success — especially Kirk Baldwin, our parish Convener, Jane Dunbar, Kitty Van Beckum, Betsy McCall, Ginger Fortmiller, Albe Larsen, Patty Piplick, Janine Gerzanics, and Victoria Wolcott. We couldn't have done it without you!



### Friday

3-6pm Check In  
5-6pm Social  
6-7pm Dinner  
7-8pm Taize  
8-10pm Group Activity

### Saturday

8am Breakfast  
9am Group Photo  
9:15 Morning Prayer  
10am-12 Programming for Children/Youth/Adults  
12:30-1:30 Lunch  
1:30-5pm Free Time  
5-6pm Social  
6-7pm Dinner  
7-8pm Evening Prayer (Youth Led)  
8-10pm Group Activity/Campfire

### Sunday

8:00am Coffee/Continental Breakfast  
9:00-10am Nursery Program  
9:00am Eucharist  
10:30am Brunch  
12:00pm Depart

# 150 Years: Rooted and grounded in love

## August 21-23 St. Dorothy's Rest

Register online today at  
<http://bit.ly/1HAHhz1> or the  
parish webpage  
by JUNE 1

Actual cost is \$180/person. We  
ask that you make a  
commitment to pay what you  
are able (more or less).

We want everyone  
to come and be  
apart of this  
150th all parish  
celebration!

Join us for a weekend  
away in the woods - an  
opportunity to enjoy each  
other's company, reflect  
on the past 150 years,  
and grow as a parish  
family!

See Rev. Lindsay with questions or concerns  
[lmhills@episcopalstmatthew.org](mailto:lmhills@episcopalstmatthew.org)



*Please save the date for the*

# ST. MATTHEW'S 2015 GALA

## Saturday, October 10<sup>TH</sup>

*Details to follow!*



# 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*



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](mailto: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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- |         |                                       |
|---------|---------------------------------------|
| June 2  | Taizé Service                         |
| June 6  | Confirmation Service, Grace Cathedral |
| June 7  | Mark McKee Farewell Reception         |
| June 20 | Family Dinner Night                   |

## SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP IN JULY AND AUGUST

Starting on July 5 and continuing through August 30, we move to our summer worship schedule of one service at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. We follow Rite I (traditional language) in July, and Rite II (contemporary language) in August. Those who normally attend the 8:00 service are asked to provide coffee hour according to the usual alphabetical schedule in July, while those who normally attend 10:15 will do so in August.

*Or Current Resident*

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

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