

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

the **Keynote**

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"I am the Clay"

led by Jane Knight



A time apart for spiritual renewal that includes various aspects of working with clay and how that relates to our spiritual lives. Experience hands-on work with hand molding and shaping the clay.

July 16th – 8:30am - 2:30pm

\$15.00 person plus \$4.00 for supplies

(includes coffee, muffins and lunch)

Can accommodate up to 50

MUST REGISTER BY JULY 10TH

You can pick up a registration form in the church office.

Pastor Jeff to Serve at Grace Camp

Grace Camp will be held at Camp Istrouma this summer from Monday, July 4th – Friday, July 8th. This camp is specifically for at-risk children who have a parent who is incarcerated. Statistics show that these children have an 85-90% chance of becoming involved in crime and becoming incarcerated themselves, if some kind of intervention is not made. We try to show them there is a better way as they experience love, acceptance and understanding. Participants come year after year from elementary age through High School age. Rev. Jeff will be staying at the camp for the week and serving as camp chaplain and sharing daily devotionals with the children there. Please pray that the children of grace camp will experience the life changing grace of God.

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North Rampart Community Center

Anyone who feels the call to assist students with homework (grades 2-5), NRCC needs you. Several students need the one on one attention. If you are interested in helping out this school year, e-mail Janice Espenan at jespan86@aol.com, or call at 712-9595. Please leave a message if no one answers. Thank your for your prayerful attention.

Your Faithfulness

Our Budget through April 2011

Receipts	\$ 117,722.59
Expenses	\$ 123,297.54
Difference	\$ (5,574.95)

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Information for publication in the August "Keynote" must be submitted by: July 5, 2011!

Willie Berman, a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, is serving in his home country of Mexico as the Mexican Methodist Border Mission Coordinator based in Reynosa. During the past few years Willie has been involved in many opportunities of ministry and mission. New ministries have been started in the communities with which work teams serve: sewing classes, wood-working shops for men, medical clinics, scholarship programs, Bible distribution, construction of houses/schools/community centers, breakfast and lunch programs, craft programs, a Personal Energy Transportation (P.E.T.) Shop and many other programs. "I have seen wonderful growth of the social outreach ministries of our church and hope to see many more," Willie says.

Willie will be coming to St. Matthew's on Wednesday, August 3, 2011. He will be coming to share with all of our United Methodist Churches in the New Orleans District about the mission work, inviting people to join in support and explaining the situation in Reynosa and the surrounding area. We will share a meal together, hear the report of our Mexico Mission team, as well as listen to and meet Willie Berman. We will begin the night with a meal at 5:30pm featuring Mexican dishes (along with some American foods).

We invite you to share in this exciting opportunity! Please make your reservation for the meal, which is free, by contacting Archie Corder at ccsales@cox.net. **You must reserve your spot for dinner by July 29.**

Correction



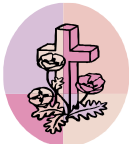
Samantha Sambola (not Courtney Rizzuto) - honor graduate of East Jefferson High School is the daughter of Pamela and Danny Sambola and granddaughter of Barbara Mittelbronn. She will attend the School of Engineering at the University of New Orleans. Sorry, Samantha, for reporting this information incorrectly in the June Keynote. We congratulate you and rejoice with you and your family on your accomplishment.

Condolences & Memorials

Condolences to John Ford on the recent death of his beloved wife Lucy Ford.

We gratefully acknowledge the generous gifts donated to St. Matthew's UMC.

Given in memory of Lucy Ford by
Jim & Betty Bennett
Jerry Gast



Endowment Sponsors Family Picnic

Picnic chairperson, Jill Fischtzur and 2011 PEC President, Michael Schild, welcomed church members and friends to our church wide family picnic and spring endowment fundraiser. Games, tasty barbeque, an egg hunt with cash prizes, and newly designed silent auctions by Auction Chair, Cornelia Adams, provided an afternoon of fun and fellowship around the Pavilion at Lafreniere Park.

Recognitions

Special thanks to the Chefs of the day Dot Cooke, Jeryl Fischtzur, and Homer Abel.

Also, special thanks goes to the UMW Circles, the Chancel Choir, and to the families & businesses that so generously support our St. Matthew's endowment legacies.

Net Proceeds

Michelle Mitra, PEC Treasurer, reported a net profit for the benefit of the Permanent Endowment Fund at approximately \$10,600.

Sponsored by: The Church Council, Board of Trustees & the Endowment Committee



Family Fun Night

Wednesday, July 27

7:00pm

The Evangelism Team is hosting another Family Fun Night. Everyone is invited for games, space walk, refreshments, fellowship and a good time. Come and make new friends, renew old friendships and just have a good time!

UMW Combined Circles Potluck & Mission Study

Tuesday, July 19 & Tuesday, August 16 at 6:30pm



St. Matthew's is a very busy place! In order to better coordinate activities taking place throughout our facilities we ask that **you** please pencil in your meeting, function or activity on the master calendar in the church office.

Please do not rely on the church staff to do so. This tool is a common resource for **all** committees to reference when planning events throughout the year.