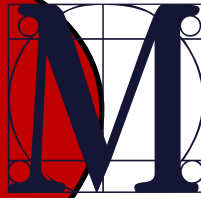
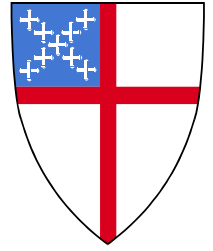


Mission Story Weekends  
July 2 and 3  
and  
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FROM THE RECTOR  
ROB MEROLA



Dear Friends,

July is going to be a great month at St. Matt's, filled with varied and exciting opportunities. There will be mission trips to places near and far. Another crew of folks will be sharing God's love locally through Mission Possible. And then all the fun of knowing and sharing God's love will come right home to St. Matt's with "Deep Sea Discovery," this year's Vacation Bible School. And, of course, you'll be able to hear more about these things as different people share their experiences at our weekend services.

And there's more! On the weekend of the July 16-17, we'll be celebrating Evening Prayer (Saturday night) and Morning Prayer (Sunday morning). Those of us who have been Episcopalians for a long time probably remember these services from our youth. I do, and as much as the Eucharist means to me, I do occasionally miss these other services. Well, here's our chance to enjoy these services once again. And if you are new to the Episcopal church, it's a chance to experience the richness of our Anglican heritage.

We have a few other surprises planned for you in July as well. There is a rumor that we will see the return of the Electric Pickle. We don't want to give too much away, so we can't say any more about that now. There will be a guest speaker, and we're pretty darn excited about who this is. And . . . well, you'll just have to wait and see!

Suffice it to say: Summer though it may be, you won't want to miss church this July!

Faithfully,

Fr. Rob+



**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 25—29, 5:30pm—8:30pm**

Dive deep into God's love at this year's  
Deep Sea Discovery Vacation Bible School.

Volunteers and Participants can register today:  
[Vacationbibleschool.com/StMatts2016](http://Vacationbibleschool.com/StMatts2016)



# English Relational Ministry

## Coming This Fall to St. Matt's

To succeed in the US, a person has to know English. Immigrants and their US born children now make up 26 percent of our population, and English lessons can be very expensive.

The church is in a unique position to help our neighbors with English. Languages exist to be used between people and are learned in relationship. St. Matt's will begin a relational English ministry this Fall. Some of our students will be beginners—people with almost no English. Others will want assistance in applying for jobs, reading contracts, making their spoken English more understandable, or preparing for the GED or college entrance exams. No fees will be charged. We will provide an individualized experience where we work with our students' goals and promote the use of English in a community.

To make this work, we require a group of volunteers—people who can commit an evening or two each month to this effort. You do not have to be a native speaker of English, know a foreign language, have a perfect command of English grammar and spelling, or speak without a regional accent. All you need is enthusiasm for sharing our language. We will furnish materials and provide training.

The relational model we will use has been successful in four other churches, one overseas and three in the U.S.

The program will be held at St. Matt's on **Monday Evenings from 6:30pm-8pm. Volunteers should plan to arrive at 6pm.**

Volunteers should attend one of three training sessions or make other arrangements to meet individually with Roz Gann (423-202-0007); [rgann@gmail.com](mailto:rgann@gmail.com)

Training will be held: Sat. Aug. 27 : 10:30 AM-12:00 PM; Mon. Aug. 29: 7:00-8:30 PM; Wed. Aug. 31: 7:00-8:30 PM

Please contact Roz or the church office if you plan to attend or contact Roz if you have questions.

## An Evening at Volcano Island Waterpark!

Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm

Are summer temperatures getting you down? Come out to Volcano Island Waterpark in Sterling on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> for an evening of splashing, slipping and sliding. Evening admission starts at 4:00pm and is \$5.25 per person. Children two and younger are free. Email Ashly at [ashly@stmnts.org](mailto:ashly@stmnts.org) if you want to join in the fun!



## A Day at the Movies!

Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

Come out to Regal Countryside movie theatre on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am for a special summer showing of *The Peanuts Movie*. Tickets are only \$1.00. Bring a friend and come hang out with Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, Lucy, and the rest of the beloved Peanuts gang! Email Ashly at [ashly@stmnts.org](mailto:ashly@stmnts.org) if you would like to join us!