

# The E-Matt



A weekly glimpse of God's People, God's Work  
at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Lisbon Maine

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## St. Matt's Sunday School children engage Scripture

The 26 children and 11 teachers are actively engaged with Scripture through the David C. Cook Anglican curriculum, focused study, or using Scripture as a way to face the challenge of growing up Christian in a secular society. Can you guess from these pictures?



Which class is acting out the Parable of the Prodigal Son?

Which class is learning about the Wisdom of Solomon?

Which class is writing a play about conversion in the First Century using Acts as their guide?



## St. Matt's women spend a quiet Advent morning together (no kidding)



Fourteen St. Matt's women were guided by Louise Lord through an Advent Quiet Morning. Louise Lord led three reflections based upon Mary's openness to God after being told by the angel Gabriel that she would give birth to God's son, and how we might see her as a model for us to be open to the Lord in our lives. The women enjoyed three times of private prayer, comprising most of the morning. The Quiet Morning closed with the women sharing some of their experiences in those times, reading of the Magnificat together, and a song of grace sung to one another.

The women then ate lunch. Special thanks to Louise Lord for her guidance and resource materials. (Two attendees are not in the picture.)

## A camaraderie of chili heads makes our cook-off a red hot success

St. Matt's first Chili Cook-off on Dec. 7 made our usual First Sunday Lunch into a *Fiesta*. Even our fellowship hall was aglow with brightly colored chili peppers.



St. Matt's six expert chili head contestants were:

- Teri Bernier's Church Supper Chili (**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**)
- Terry Howell's Moose Chili
- Carol Levesque's Unknown Chili (**1<sup>st</sup> Place**)
- Mary Maloney's White Chicken Chili
- Roland Violette's Chili Con Carne with Corn
- Deb Wagner's Authentic Arizona Chili (**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**)

All eyes were on the judges Roger Levesque, Jim





Johnston, and Arlene Couture as they savored each morsel and rated each chili.

Ryan Greene and Becket Wagner were the “junior judges” who ultimately decided the three-way tie for second place.

Everyone declared the lunch a red hot success as they made heaping plates of chilies, home-made corn chowder, sizzling hot quesadillas, salad, and desserts.

Kudos to Sherry Dentico, Cindy Cass, and Judi Dickson for organizing this memorable fiesta that fed over 100 people.



*St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, founded in 1906, is a vibrant growing congregation that brings together the four main threads of Anglican tradition: Anglo Catholic worship, evangelical preaching, charismatic expression and caring in action.*