

# 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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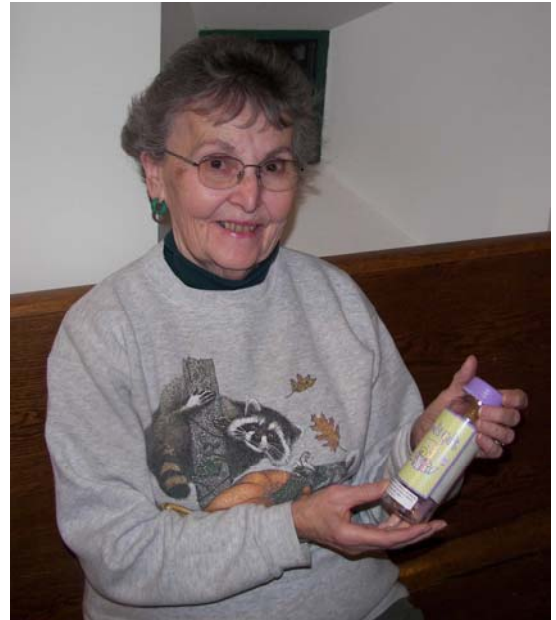
## Fill a baby bottle and support a local pregnancy care center

Pat Hammond holds a Care Net of Mid Coast Maine baby bottle fundraiser.

St. Matthew's is participating in this annual fundraiser to support Care Net's Brunswick pregnancy care center. Empty bottles are available in the church lobby.

The bottles are filled with changes, dollar bills, or checks. They should be returned to St. Matthew's on Sunday, February 15.

Care Net, <http://www.caretme.org> is a pregnancy care center, dedicated to emotionally and practically supporting women.



## St. Matt's Intersection Book Club begins *Gilead*

Mary Maloney was among the seven people at the opening Intersection Book Club meeting of the Pulitzer prize-winning book *Gilead* by Marilyn Robinson on Thursday, January 22.

*Gilead* is the story of the Rev. John Ames, the son of an Iowa preacher and the grandson of a minister who, as a young man in Maine, saw a vision of Christ bound in chains and headed West to fight for abolition. Robinson's novel is about fathers and sons, loneliness and love, and faith and family.

The Intersection Book Club meets every Thursday night from 7-8 pm at the church. Newcomers are always welcome—drop by one week or every week!

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## St. Matt's holds meeting on recent events in the Episcopal Church



About 30 people attended a special meeting after the 10 am Service on January 25. Father Beau and the vestry called the meeting to discuss recent events in the Episcopal Church.

The Anglican Communion Network has informed St. Matthew's that it will be dissolving over the next six months and will turn over its assets and members to the new Anglican Province in North America.

St. Matthew's is a member of the Anglican Communion Network (ACN) <http://www.acn-us.org/> but cannot join the new Anglican Province because that new Province is not within the Episcopal Church.

Father Beau explained options facing orthodox parishes like St. Matthew's.

One way within the Episcopal Church is to join The Communion Partners Network.

<http://covenant-communication.com> .

The Communion Partners define themselves as:

“In brief, we are a group of rectors who share a common commitment to the authority and traditional interpretation of Holy Scripture, the credal and historic faith, orthodox theology with an evangelical fervor to faithfully live and preach the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are also firmly committed to remain in the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, respecting and honoring the proper authority of our Bishops and working in concert with them to strengthen our voice within the Church.”

[http://covenant-communication.com/?page\\_id=19](http://covenant-communication.com/?page_id=19)

*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.*