

The E-Matt



A weekly glimpse of God's People, God's Work
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When the Lord asks for more, then He makes you His partner

Renee Fortin, an advocate (volunteer) at The Root Cellar spoke to 14 women at the St. Matthew's Women's Group Breakfast on March 14. She explained that The Root Cellar serves people from 52 nations. Many of them are refugees—forced to settle here because of devastating war in their homelands.

Renee's inspirational stories about her visits to Muslim homes demonstrated God's power to provide and answer healing prayers.

Renee gave this example:

Two years ago, I organized a distribution of 3,000 donated coats through The Root Cellar's then unfinished building. We asked people getting the coats to fill out forms with their names addresses and their most pressing needs. I took this huge pile of forms home and with a friend started to mark out the items desperately needed. Mattresses were one consistent need.

We prayed and the next day my friend who is the Director of

Housekeeping at The Ramada called to see if that ministry I was talking about needed mattresses. They donated 75 mattresses to us. And that was just the start of how God would continue to work his Will in this community.

If the Lord calls you to do more, then He gives you the privilege of being His partner. To be part of His work right here in Maine is an awesome experience.



Renee Fortin speaking to the St. Matt's Women's at their breakfast.



Children received free gifts at The Root Cellar's opening on Valentine's Day 2009.

St. Matt's men helped install the insulation in this Game Room at The Root Cellar.



Looking for a Fourth Day meeting?



If you are a Cursillista, then join others for a spiritual check-in every second Wednesday at 5:30 pm in St. Matthew's library for a Fourth Day Meeting.

The "after" activity of the three day Cursillo weekend is known as the "fourth day" (i.e. the rest of your life).

The renewal and energy for Christ gained over the Cursillo weekend is refreshed during these reunions. These meetings are held as a means of growth in understanding and zeal within the Christian community.

Deacon Gail White, and Pete Crafts (a St. Matt's Sunday at 7 pm regular) were part of the first Fourth Day meeting held on Wednesday, March 11.



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.