

# 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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The Rev. W. Beau Wagner, Rector

Week of Nov. 23, 2008

## Five couples renew their wedding vows



On Nov. 7, Father Beau renewed wedding vows for five St. Matthew's couples. The couples were (from left), Jeffery and Rebecca Gracie, Armand and Teresa Bernier, Arline and Robert & Couture, Jean and Brian Stowell, Mary and Thomas Maloney. Sabrina and Tom Adcock (grandchildren of Arline and Bob Couture) served as acolytes. Deacon Gail White coordinated the event.

## Girls' breakfast/Christmas shoe box wrap draws 32 Rainbow Girls & Scouts to St. Matt's





On Nov. 22, St. Matthew's Women hosted a yummy blueberry pancake and cinammon French toast breakfast for 32 area Rainbow Girls and Scouts who collected Operation Christmas Child shoe box presents. Sixteen St. Matt's women were on hand to greet, cook and serve the girls and their leaders. More St. Matt women participated by donating food, wrapping paper, and gifts. At the end of the day, 47 shoe boxes were festively wrapped. St. Matthew's raised over \$300 to ship the gifts overseas.



## New vestry members elected at Annual Meeting

St. Matt's held its Annual Meeting on Sunday, Sept. 23 following one combined Service at 9 am. The congregation passed the proposed 2009 budget, elected new vestry members (the parish's governing body), and heard reports on the state of the parish. In the Rector's report, Father Beau said that the average Sunday attendance had gone up from 87 people to 101 people. According to parish leadership, St. Matt's ministries are becoming more active and intentional. Check them out at [www.stmatthewslisbon.org](http://www.stmatthewslisbon.org) or look for flyers on the bulletin boards throughout the church.



The 2009 St. Matthew's Vestry. Seated (from left) Junior Warden Robert Couture, Senior Warden Roger Levesque, Treasurer Nancy Violette. Vestry members standing (from left): Lee Frazier, Mary Johnston, Teri Bernier, Rebecca Gracie, Gail Rogers, Mary Maloney, and Michael Adcock. Not pictured: Cindy Cass, Sherri Dentico, and John Calhoun.

## St. Matt's hosts LACO Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

At 7 pm on Nov. 23, St. Matthew's hosted the Lisbon Area Christian Outreach (LACO) Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. Pastors from the churches founding LACO as well as 100 people gathered for an evening of worship and joyful praise music. Father Beau preached and Sherri Dentico organized the delicious, overflowing dessert table. Churches represented were West Bowdoin Baptist Church, Durham First Congregational Church, Durham Friends Meeting, Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, and Lisbon United Methodist Church. LACO runs a food pantry and a clothing bank at the MTM Center in Lisbon Falls.



*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.*

