

# 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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Week of October 4, 2009

## St. Matt's new Discipleship School begins

St. Matthew's new Discipleship School classes started Sunday, Oct. 4. Three classes and a children's choir took place from 9 am until 9:45 am. If you are interested, some classes still have openings.

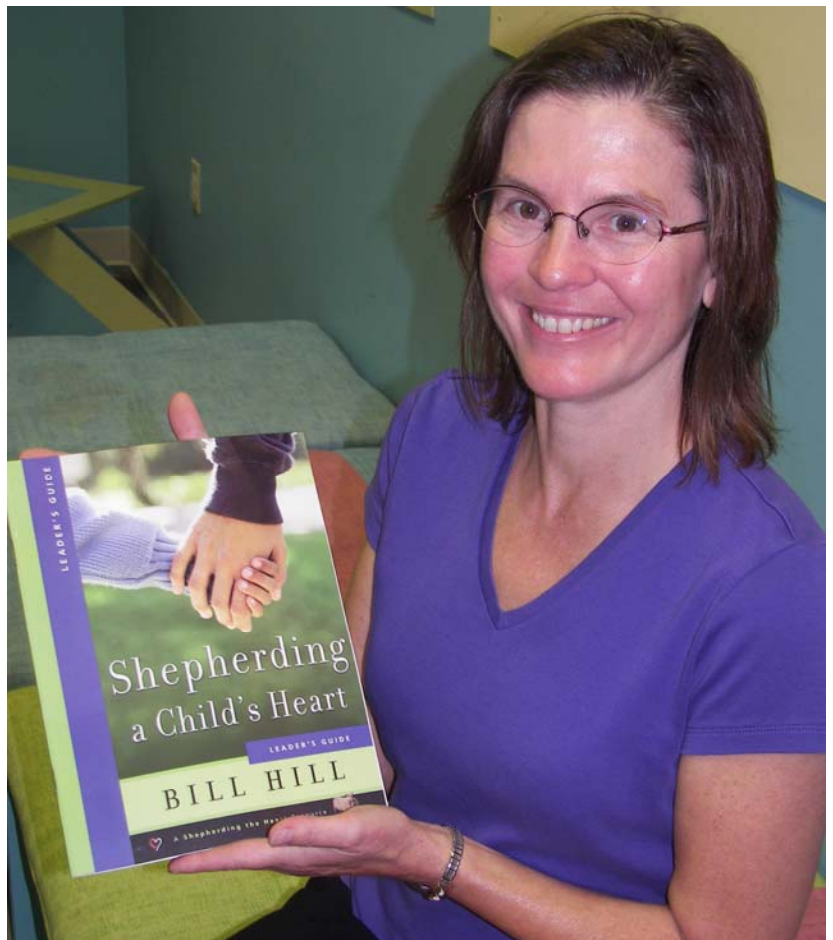
**Introduction to the Episcopal Church.** John Calhoun teaches this introduction to the Episcopal Church, its history, faith and worship. Classes focus on history, beliefs, Scripture, Sacraments, worship, and Church.

**NOOMA.** Chuck Dentico leads this course that uses short 12-to-15 minute DVDs created by Pastor Rob Bell. These videos mix real life scenarios with Bible verses to offer new insights as to how Scripture can inform and enrich our lives today. Participants watch a particular DVD and then begin guided discussion. The word NOOMA is taken from the Greek word "pneuma" meaning Spirit (as in Holy Spirit).

**Shepherding a Child's Heart.** Many parenting books are based on hit-or-miss theories steeped in secular thinking. "Shepherding a Child's Heart" draws from Pastor Tripp's seasoned experience as a father-and from God's Holy Word. Grounded in the Bible's divine plan for parenting, this course taught by Debra Wagner defines your goals as a parent and provides the Scriptural methods for accomplishing them.

**Children's Choir.** Children from 2nd to 8th grade are participating in a choir led by Karen Smith and Chris Frazier.

Still continuing in the Library .... **The Life of David:** A Bible Study led by Allison and David VanderLinden.



*Debra Wagner is teaching a parenting course, "Shepherding a Child's Heart."*



## First Sunday Service changes its look

Acolytes Desiree Norsworthy (left) and Sabrina Adcock were part of the new First Sunday 10 am service that integrates our middle and high school children into the service.

The service has a different look—Father Beau wears cassock, surplice, and an academic hood. These vestments harken back to an earlier day in Episcopal liturgy and stress our “Protestant” nature.

Watch for more multimedia presentations in the service!

What did not change on October 4 was our scheduled First Sunday Lunch.

Over 90 people enjoyed a delicious “breakfast for lunch” and terrific fellowship after the 10 am Service.



*Wilma Harmon serves biscuits and gravy.*