

# Jubilate Deo

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## Wood Elected Archbishop

By The Rev. Canon Andrew Gross, ACNA

The College of Bishops of the Anglican Church in North America has elected its next archbishop, the Rt. Rev. Steve Wood, bishop of the Diocese of the Carolinas. The College met in conclave in the crypt of St. Vincent's Basilica at St. Vincent's College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania from Thursday, June 20 through Saturday, June 22, 2024.

Bishop Wood will serve as the third archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America which was founded in 2009 and now has over 128,000 members in over 1,000 congregations across Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

The archbishop convenes the meetings of the Provincial Assembly, Provincial Council and College of Bishops, represents the Province in the Councils of the Church, serves as chairman of the Executive Committee (board) of the Church, serves as the President of the Anglican Relief and Development Fund, and undertakes other duties as prescribed by the Canons of the Church. He serves a five-year term and can serve a maximum of two terms.

The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach is completing his second term and tenth year as archbishop, after having been elected by the College in 2014 at St. Vincent's College in La-

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## Bishop Edgar Introduces New Diocesan Seal

Bishop Chip Edgar introduced the new Diocesan seal during the Diocesan Convention on March 8, 2024, at the Cross Schools in Bluffton. During his presentation each of the symbols appeared on a screen one at a time, as he described them, until the full seal appeared.

The following is an edited transcript of his presentation.

Among the many things that went to TEC (The Episcopal Church) due to the South Carolina Supreme Court's decision, was our visual identity. We knew it was coming but needed to wait until things finalized before moving on to something new.

The Jerusalem Cross — a favorite symbol of mine — stepped into the gap for us for many years. But, if you haven't figured it out yet— it's time to reveal our new seal and logo.

I wanted our look to be both classic, as a reflection of our long history, but also fresh and new, given our motto, "Behold, I make all things new."

So tonight, we want to share our new diocesan seal with you all. So how did we come to create what you're about to see?

The team began by looking at the results of our diocesan survey, reflected on our past, the current

state of our Diocese, and what we sense God's call is to us for the future.

We had the privilege of working with a masterful design team at Hook USA. Hook worked with the Cathedral, and I wanted there to be visual connection between the Diocese and our Cathedral. The principal of Hook USA, Phil Waggoner, is a member of the diocese; it was good to work with them.

The theme that rose to the top for all of us is:

"Behold, I make all things new." (Taken from the Revelation of John) Let me read from Revelation 21:

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" He who was seated on

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## 2024 Diocesan Convention Held in Bluffton

By Joy Hunter, Editor



JOY HUNTER

"To be hospitable, we have to both strengthen our existing churches and plant new ones," said Bishop Edgar in his address.

Bishop Chip Edgar called the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina to exercise hospitality in his address to the 2024 Convention. The event, which drew more than 300 clergy, delegates and guests to the Cross Schools in Bluffton, was held March 8-9.

"If we are true to our nature as the people God has called to himself, keeping our blessings to ourselves is not an option," he said.

He urged those present to be ready to welcome the stranger. "People by the thousands continue to move to South Carolina... Many are

unchurched, and study after study suggests that unchurched folks are more likely to visit a church plant than an established church," he said. "But many are churched, too, and churched folks are more likely to look for churches. To be hospitable, we have to both strengthen our existing churches and plant new ones."

He made three proposals: "One, that we continue to encourage deaneries to work together to strategize church planting, and we set the goal for ourselves to add a new

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## Fundraising Continues for Camp Jubilee Closes in August

Fundraising is an exciting time – no matter the project. But as Bishop Edgar says, "our camp is the 'evangelistic engine' of the diocese", and with those words we are energized to raise the funds necessary to purchase "the dirt" to start that engine on Lady's Island. So far, over 145 donors, including parishes, have stepped up to assist with the purchase. Though it has to be added, the closing will take place in August, and to date \$2.4M of the \$3.8M purchase price has been raised. The Diocese is extremely grateful to the first 145 donors who have joined the vision and look forward to others joining the effort to purchase land for the new camp and retreat center.

This beautiful 75+ acres of God's creation on Lady's Island just outside

of Beaufort will offer a place for the next generation to enjoy and to grow in their faith and relationship with Christ. Having our own camp and retreat center is a way to honor our call to have a special place not only for our youth but also for those seeking a place of solace and spiritual renewal, as we pay in forward for the next generation.

The first 145 donors have blessed us. Would you consider being part of the next 145 and help make this diocesan camp and retreat center a reality?

If you or your parish wish to join in assisting with the purchase or would like more information, use the envelope inside this issue of the paper, visit [www.adosc.org](http://www.adosc.org) and click "donate," or contact John Benson at [johnebenson@gmail.com](mailto:johnebenson@gmail.com).



## Camp Jubilee off to Great Start

By Molly Hare, Communications Assistant, ADOSC

The inaugural 2023 Camp Jubilee left everyone wanting more, proven by this year's waitlists! The second summer of Camp Jubilee is overflowing with... jubilee and campers! With eight sessions running throughout the summer, families were eager to register their camper for the camp experience sure to leave a lasting and positive impact. Camp Jubilee hosts campers from kindergarten through high school seniors in various summer sessions between the locations of Camp Kinard and Awanita Valley. These are the temporary homes for Camp Jubilee while the future property and permanent home for Camp are being secured. We recently checked in with Camp Jubilee Director, Justin Johnson, who let us know, "It's been a great start to the camp season. The staff is really well equipped and hungry for what the Lord is going to do. The staff and campers have been marked by joy.



ELIZA GAILLARD

Campers ride up the mountain at Awanita Valley to view the cross overlooking the mountains.

We're seeing fruit. We're doing a session in Awanita this coming week. It's been a fantastic start to the Camp Season." Please keep Camp Jubilee staff and campers in your prayers. And, if you know a potential camper, start sharing the information about next summer's Camp Jubilee. Let's Go Camping!

# An Important Camp Jubilee Message from Bishop Edgar

Brothers and Sisters of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina,

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who has saved us and called us to new life in him.

Have you heard that our diocesan camp, Camp Jubilee, received the Lowcountry Parents' Magazine's Mom's Choice Award 2024 for Best Overnight Summer Camp? That's fantastic!

Because of the results of the lawsuit, last summer we had to change our name and find a new property to rent (it seemed like it would be a long time before we could buy a new property.) We scrambled to get a staff together, and we adapted and adjusted on the fly all summer long. Every detail of how to do what we do as a camp was affected. Still, in spite of all those challenges, Camp Jubilee was recognized as the best.

I trust you know that camp is incredibly important. Camp provides a place where kids can come away from their regular routines in order to meet Jesus in new and profound ways. Ever since arriving in the ADoSC, I've heard (and witnessed myself) that our camp is the "evangelistic engine" of the Diocese. That's true. So many people in our Diocese met Jesus there. So many dedicated themselves to lives of service in the church. The number of our clergy who met Jesus at camp, were called into ministry there, even met their spouses at camp...there's a lot of

them. And not just clergy—as I travel around the churches of our diocese, there is an incredible number of lay leaders, too, who were profoundly connected to Jesus through camp.

And, of course, our old place was not just a camp. It was a conference center where all sorts of gatherings and conferences and retreats and Cursillos provided adults the opportunity to go deeper with Jesus.

Losing that place was a major blow to our diocesan life.

But here's some amazing news: we have the opportunity—already, this quickly after losing our other property—to purchase a new, permanent home for this great camp. We are trying to purchase 78 acres on Lady's Island, just to the north of Beaufort. With almost a mile of waterfront, it is perfect for kayaking and sailing, which are a big part of the camp experience.

The Standing Committee, the elected leadership council of the Diocese comprised of wonderful lay people and clergy, is all in. We are committed to buying this property. And I am confident that we can do this. We can raise the money to replace and rebuild the life-changing asset we lost.

So I need you to join us in praying that God would open all of our hearts—and, yes, wallets—so that we can move forward, and not have to struggle along without the great ministry resource that our camp and conference center was for us.

But we have to raise a lot of money, fast. In fact, we only have until August 15 to raise \$3.8 million. The good news is that we're already more than halfway there. To date we have gifts and pledges totaling \$2.4 million. If you would like more information on how you can personally be involved, please email John Benson at JohnEBenson@gmail.com or you can follow this link to our website to make a gift.

Let's move into the future, a future of gospel opportunities, together.

Blessings

The Rt Rev'd Chip Edgar



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Payable to "ADOSC," noting "Camp Jubilee Property Acquisition" to the address on the back of this paper.

# The Cross Schools Graduation A Day 25 Years in the Making

By The Rev. Dr. Nathan L. Weaver, Director of Spiritual Life at Cross Schools

On Saturday, May 18, 16 students received their diplomas as the first graduating class at Cross Schools. Having a Christian school in Bluffton that spanned 12 months to 12th grade was a vision cast by Father Chuck (Owens) over a quarter century ago. Cross Schools is a special place where every child is carefully prepared to become a world-changer, fulfilling God's unique plan for their lives. Five of the students have attended Cross Schools since kindergarten. All 16 are preparing to attend college this fall. Most of our students are heading to the University of South Carolina, but we will also have students attending Georgia Southern, Coastal Carolina, USCB, University of Colorado, and Georgetown University. We are

excited to see what these students do next!

In my Baccalaureate homily, I reminded the students what changing the world looks like.

- Changing the world does not mean becoming a famous politician ... though some of them might do this.
- Changing the world does not mean creating a life-changing invention ... though some may do this, too.
- Changing the world does not mean becoming rich ... though this might happen.
- Changing the world does not mean becoming a famous athlete ... which is good, because

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LUIS BARRERO

The first graduating class of the Cross Schools celebrates after receiving their diplomas.

# Bishop Introduces New Diocesan Seal

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the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit

screen): It's a seal. That classic vesica shape—an oval with pointy ends. And the background color is amethyst. The traditional story of the association of amethyst with bishops and therefore dioceses goes like this:

Alexander the Great used to throw great feasts for his generals and commanders. At those dinners,

other things, a bishop must be sober, "not a drunkard." And so amethyst became the symbolic color of bishops.

Slide 2 (The words, "Anglican Diocese of South Carolina" appear.) This needs little by way of explanation... We are the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina.

Slide 3 (Bible): Here's where the seal begins to grow rich with meaning. At the base of our seal, anchoring it and demonstrating that it serves as the foundation of our life together, is the Bible inscribed with our new motto "Behold, I make all things new." Echoing the diocese's historic seal, instead of Latin, the text is in Greek... Ἴδού καινὰ ποιῶ πάντα.

Slide 4 (Dove): At the apex of our seal is a dove representing the Holy Spirit descending upon Christ at his baptism, "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well-pleased." It also represents the dove returning to the ark signifying the end of the great flood.

Our diocese is committed to operating in and under and through the power of the Holy Spirit, who makes us alive in Christ Jesus.

Slide 5 (Cross): At the very center of our seal, shown as the most prominent, is the cross. You'll notice, given its equal arms, this cross hints at the Jerusalem Cross we've been using as our identifying mark. But this cross has been reworked. You'll note it has leaves at the end of each point. This acknowledges



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In addition to the primary seal, the design team also created a simpler cross version for less formal usage.

that the cross of Jesus has become the Tree of Life in the midst of the New Jerusalem. The twelve budding leaves promise the healing of the nations.

The cross divides the field into four quadrants.

Slide 6 (Slain Lamb): In the top left quadrant, we see Jesus, as St. John saw him as he looked in his Revelation: "Behold, I saw a Lamb standing as though it had been slain." The slain Lamb, Jesus, is our life.

Slide 7 (River): Below the Slain Lamb, in the bottom left quadrant, we find a river. It symbolizes both the River of Life that flows through the New City, but it also serves to locate us geographically. The Little Pee Dee, Great Pee Dee, Waccamaw, Black, Santee, Lynches, Catawba, Broad, Congaree, Edisto, Ashley, Cooper, North Fork, South Fork, Ashepoo and Salkehatchie all run through our diocese, giving our geography great character.

But more than those, the River of Life runs through our diocese as well.

Slide 8 (Sword and Crozier): Moving to the top right—the right-hand side reflecting our ecclesial life

together—the next symbols on our seal are a sword and crozier.

Hebrews 4:12 tells us that the Word of God is the living and active Sword of the Spirit. The Word of God is our sole authority, and the Bishop's primary calling is to defend the Faith which is built upon God's Word.

The Crozier is the symbol of the shepherd. Here it stands for the Good Shepherd, Christ, who leads us in paths of righteousness, but also it symbolizes my crozier, as your bishop. One thing that makes us uniquely Anglican is the presence of a bishop among us.

Slide 9 (Baptismal Font): In the final quadrant, bottom right, we find the Baptismal Font, which symbolizes the cleansing from sin and beginning of new life of baptism. As Jesus makes all things new, Paul tells us in Romans 8 that his redemption begins with the redemption of our bodies and our adoption as sons and daughters. The font testifies to this.

So, brothers and sisters, there you have it: the rich, new seal of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina.

Churches interested in obtaining a high-resolution copy of the seal or cross logo for their usage may contact Joy Hunter, our Communications Director at [jhunter@adosc.org](mailto:jhunter@adosc.org).



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all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children."

You'll see a number of these symbols represented in the seal.

Today is a new day for us as a Diocese. Freed from the past difficult season we are freed for the new work Christ has laid out for us. A season of growth and expansion, both within us as individuals and as a diocese.

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wine flowed freely. But Alexander was concerned that, in a room with powerful and often power-hungry leaders, he stayed sober. So he drank water. He didn't want everyone to know he was drinking water, so the story is that he drank from an amethyst chalice so that it would look like wine...and he would stay sober. Over time, amethyst came to be associated with sobriety.

In describing the character of a bishop, Paul tells Titus that, among

## A Church Takes Shape



PHOTOS BY MONA STURGIS

### The Parish Church at Habersham Installs Bell and Steeple

On June 12 the Parish Church at Habersham held a Topping Ceremony to celebrate the raising of their church bell, steeple and cross. They rang the church bell for the first time in celebration. What a magnificent moment!

# Making Our Churches the Ultimate Safe Spaces

A Jubilate Deo Interview with The Rev. Canon Laura Bowman, Canon for Safe Churches

**Laura, tell us a bit about your background and how it fits with your role as the new Canon for Safe Churches.**

This role, as the Canon for Safe Churches, is an answer to prayer for me, a fulfillment of my calling. I grew up in Pennsylvania and when I was 21, I enlisted in the Pennsylvania State Police. I served for 20 years and retired in 2002, about nine months after 9/11. At the time I retired, I was a sergeant supervising a criminal investigation and forensics unit around the city of Philadelphia. At that point, my husband and I moved to North Myrtle Beach, where we bought a condo on the beach. We had a couple of good years enjoying our retirement, and then he started to develop some health issues. He had previously been very healthy, but all of a sudden, all kinds of things went wrong with him. It was subsequently determined that those were due to his exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam. In 2014, he died from those illnesses.



After his death, I got re-affiliated with the church, and became active at Grace Parish, North Myrtle Beach. It was there I went through the discernment process, and I graduated from Trinity School for Ministry (now Trinity Anglican Seminary) with my MDiv in 2020. After my ordination as a Transitional Deacon, I became acquainted with the Church of the Holy Cross on Sullivan's Island and with then-rector, Chris Warner. I served with him through my time as a transitional deacon until I was ordained a priest. Then, he left (to become Bishop of Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic), but I have remained and continue to serve there today.

Last year, in 2023, Bishop Chip Edgar contacted me, and we talked about the urgent need for a safe church program and how this needed to be brought to the forefront. At the end of our discussion, he asked me to serve as his Canon for Safe Churches, to oversee the training of our people, and also to receive and

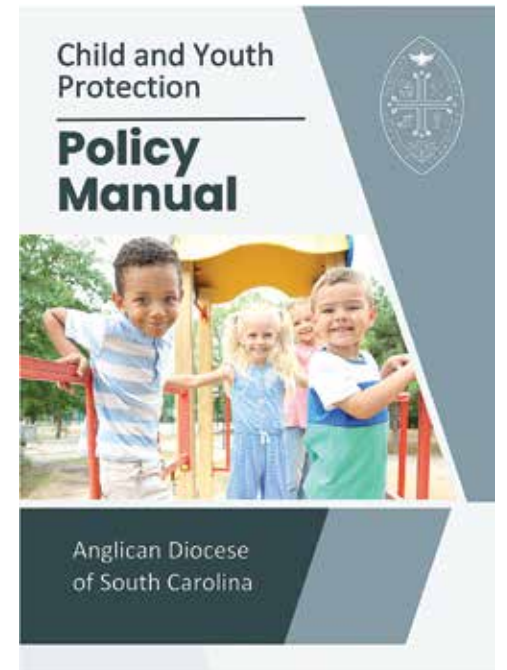
review complaints, and to oversee investigations. With my experience and training in law enforcement and organizational leadership, I was happy to step into that role. I think it's so important that we have one point person, whether it be me or someone else, so everybody knows, "This is who I call."

**You've recently released a new Manual for the Protection of Children and Youth. Why did we need a new manual?**

The last diocesan policy on Protection of Children and Youth was approved in 2005. And obviously, there have been a lot of changes since then. This new manual spells out standardized ways of taking care of the children in our care, whether it's for a camp, a day school, Sunday school, or whatever. It delineates what conduct is good and what should be avoided. How would you recognize if something is going on? What kind of behavior indicates grooming of children? If it were easy to identify a criminal of any kind or a pedophile in particular, it would be easy to lock them all up. But there is a certain element of society who, if this is their interest, are willing to take their time to groom children, to try to gain their trust and pull them into a closer relationship. And whether it's small children, vulnerable teens, young adults, or even vulnerable adults, we all need to be looking out for one another. We need to be aware of what kind of conduct we should be on the lookout for. That's the information we are providing in this new manual.

**How was the manual developed?**

About two years ago a committee was formed with our Diocesan Chancellor, Assistant Chancellor, the Bishop, our Canon to the Ordinary, and two other priests. They brought me in later. The committee worked for two full years reviewing the old diocesan policy, and then pulling in resources from other denominations and from other dioceses within the ACNA to get their best practices, discussing what this might look like in our diocese, and then looking critically at what we should be doing going forward. We had our insurance carrier look at our policy, and they made additional suggestions. Then we sent it out to all the clergy in the diocese and said, "Hey, take



a look at this 60-page book and tell us what you think. Do you see issues?" After we'd done all that, the final revisions were made to this new policy. We're pretty confident that what we've developed is our best work. There may be additional revisions forthcoming down the road. But for right now, we believe we have something strong to work with.

**What subjects does it cover?**

There is a 5-Step Protection Process which covers Screening, Training, Interacting, Monitoring, and Responding/Reporting. Each church is to identify a Congregation Coordinator who will oversee the implementation of various aspects of the manual and will work with the Rector/Vicar and with me as questions arise.

**When will the manual be available for use?**

The manual was completed and approved in May 2024 and is now publicly available on the diocesan website. We are issuing two hard copies to each church, one for the clergy-person-in-charge and one for the Congregation Coordinator. But the content of the manual

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## St. Philip's Plans to Open Classical Christian School

By Ben Hagood, St. Philip's Church, Charleston

During a May Rector's forum, the Rev. Jeff Miller announced St. Philip's intention to begin planning a new classical Christian school dedicated to raising up students as ambassadors of Christ steeped in traditional and classical learning. The school would likely begin with kindergarten and early elementary grades and then add a grade a year as the school grows. The announcement followed several years of informal discussion and planning by interested parishioners and friends; a formal discernment process evaluating various new ministry opportunities; and vestry decisions to proceed with planning the school.

For several years, St. Philip's has been engaged in a substantial capital campaign focused first on needed restorations and additions to its historic campus to provide generational stewardship for facilities where existing ministries take place. The campaign goal has always included funding for new mission and

ministry. The vestry decided, after receiving recommendations from a special discernment committee, that the new mission and ministry would be a classical Christian school located in the building owned by the church at Cumberland and State Streets. This building once housed an elementary school but has been used as commercial office space since it was acquired by St. Philip's in the late 1990s.

St. Philip's vestry has appointed a planning committee that is busy planning the many details involved in starting a school. Fundraising for the school and for needed renovations to the Cumberland and State St. building to house the school will begin after the first goals of the capital campaign have been met.

## St. Matthias Announces Partnership with Harvest Community School

In April, the Rev. Denman Isgett, Rector of St. Matthias Church, Anglican, in Summerton announced that the church is uniting in a partnership with the Harvest Community School. "We are excited to be able to announce this new partnership," says Isgett, "and for the opportunity it offers us to serve our community families in a new and creative way."

According to Angie Bruner, co-founder and Headmaster, for 10 years the school has provided "high-quality, accredited education in a rigorous and loving Christian environment.

"This partnership with St. Matthias enhances the mission set forth at our inception," says Bruner. "We will now be able to broaden our opportunities for families to experience our mission to glorify God by training children to love the Lord Jesus Christ, develop virtuous habits, and discover joy in learning by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Tammy Glazer, teacher, curriculum coordinator, and one of the co-founders of the school says it "will continue to offer a Charlotte

Mason curriculum for parents who desire their children to be in a traditional classroom full-time." Following Mason's classically based principles, they will keep preparing students for a life of rich relationships with God, humanity, and the natural world.

"A decade ago, we opened our doors to homeschooling families interested in fine arts enrichment," says Glazer. "Enrollment of full-time students filled the building, and we could no longer provide this option. Partnering with St. Matthias Church will allow us to circle back to our original vision. Harvest Community School will begin offering a hybrid homeschool program that will parallel the in-school curriculum for grades one through six. In this model, children will be in a classroom setting with instruction two days per week, and families will receive weekly lesson plans so parents can complete the remaining studies with their children at home."

St. Matthias Church leadership will join the Harvest Community School leadership on the Harvest Community School Board and pro-

vide additional and enhanced spiritual oversight for the entire school, staff, administration, and students.

"In our partnership, St. Matthias Church will enhance and further develop the current Christian education component," says Isgett, "and now adding it for both the traditional classroom setting as well as the new hybrid homeschool setting, incorporating chapel and furthering Christian formation for those enrolled students and as an extension, their families as well."

Bruner adds, "Harvest Community School and this new partnership is meant to open new and inventive ways for children in our community to learn. This new opportunity is for parents and their children to receive an enhanced, devout, and faithful Christian foundation with a uniquely supportive and developmentally appropriate curriculum. It will be a great fit for some, and it is unlike any other option available in our community."

To learn more visit <http://www.harvestcommunityschool.org/>

# Welcoming the Wanderer

Staying True to Who You Are While Meeting People Where They Are

By Zach Barton, The Cathedral Church of St. Luke & St. Paul, Charleston

The Anglican Church in North America has grown quite a bit in the last 15 years — but I didn't grow up in this tradition. And many of the new faces in my church (and likely your church, too), and many of the thousands of folks moving to South Carolina every year, also didn't grow up in this tradition (or any religion at all). And while they didn't

But the Spirit is also working in the hearts of skeptics and seekers who may have grown up without any religious memory at all. As our Bishop reminded us in his convention address, many of these “Nones” (no religious affiliation) are moving to our state by the droves. These folks are finding the cultural milieu in which they find themselves to be devoid of

My question for the parishes of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina is: do our churches have a plan to meet these people where they are? Have you thought about how your church is planning to welcome and reach those who are new to Anglicanism as well as those who are new to Christianity? Because failing to plan is planning to fail.

To do this, I believe our churches must hold reverence and relevance together.

Our tradition is beautiful, historic, steeped in Scripture and prayer, and empowered by a dependence upon the Holy Spirit. I'm here for a reason. And as a newcomer to Anglicanism, I can tell you that people like me who are drawn to this tradition need guides along the way. Imagine someone who is exploring Anglicanism, or even Christianity, is visiting your church for the first time. In many ways the service is so different from anything they've ever experienced! It can feel strange and foreign and beautiful and intriguing all at the same time. They might not fully understand why we pray the prayers we do or bow or cross ourselves but they're intrigued. But imagine they've been attending for a few months: would they understand the why of your liturgy more than when they first walked in? Will they have been helped “further up and further in”?

Does your parish ‘talk’ in a way that acknowledges the uninitiated and uninformed? Do you have a posture towards those who ‘aren't here yet’? Rectors, do your sermon applications more often apply to those who speak ‘Anglican’ or are you aware that seekers and skeptics might be in your pews? Do your church's programs resonate with folks who are just beginning the journey of exploring Christianity or are they largely for established Anglicans? Which is to say, does your church balance transcendence in worship with hospitality for the stranger? Mystery, wonder, and a sense of God's transcendence are all good fea-

tures of our tradition and they are becoming increasingly intriguing to the outside world! But are we balancing our reverence for those forms with gospel-clarity, letting the gospel be relatable to outsiders?

In light of our Bishop highlighting how many thousands of people (of faith and no faith) are moving to South Carolina, how are we planning to meet and minister to these newcomers? Having been in ministry in a post-Christian and secular context like Boston, I'd like to offer some simple suggestions to help us all begin thinking about what this might look like in our increasingly secularizing context.

It can be as simple as explaining the various movements of the liturgy (especially in verbal form throughout the service), or explaining that the “big numbers” are the Bible chapters and the “little numbers” are the verses. If someone has never opened a Bible, how would they know where Ezekiel 37:9-10 can be found? It could be hosting an Intro Class to Anglicanism or Alpha Course or curating the Prayers of the People to include prayers that resonate with what is happening in our cities and nation and around the world. It could be as simple as reciting the Lord's prayer in simpler, modern English.

We all agree that visitors are important in our churches. Each of our parishes must have a plan for how we will connect with them! My friend, author Rebecca McLaughlin, has long said that on a Sunday morning, visitors are an emergency—friends can wait a moment! Two of the most impactful ways of connecting with new visitors is by inviting them to sit with you and finding someone in your church who has something in common with their life and introducing them that same morning!

And lastly, how we minister to skeptics and newcomers to Christianity as they move from “visitor” to “attender” will involve taking

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experience the painful transition from TEC to ACNA, they have found themselves curious and intrigued by Anglicanism's “Mere Christianity.” Many of the newcomers to our church are from other denominational backgrounds and are finding a home in the ACNA because they feel drawn to this tradition. Like me, they are here at this new horizon in which the ACNA is now poised.

meaning and power in their lives. And many of them are looking to Christianity.

So here we are, a diocese poised with the potential to grow in the coming years, in part, by meeting new transplants from other large American cities, whether they are wandering in as atheists, skeptics, or Christians from other denominations.

# Joy Mast Speaks to Women at Annual Diocesan Gathering

A Time of Fellowship, Learning and Inspiration

By Nell Stone, Church of our Saviour, Johns Island

The Annual Gathering of the Women of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina was held at Christ the King Anglican Church, of Pawley's Island, on Saturday, May 4. The Gathering was a time of fellowship, learning, and inspiration for all who attended. It was planned by the Women's Board for the Diocese: Sunny Walker, Janet Stoda, Dab Dent, Brenda Rindge, and Nell Stone.

Sharon Rouse, hospitality chair for Christ the King Anglican Church, and the members of her team had decorated the fellowship hall beautifully and prepared a delicious breakfast for participants.

After greeting participants, President Sunny Walker announced that this year the Praise and Glory collection would be presented to Camp Jubilee, once again, and that she and the other board members are currently working to find a meeting place for the next Annual Women's Retreat, tentatively scheduled for February 2025. The women then viewed a welcoming video from Bishop Edgar.

Joy Mast, author of the book *Set Free and Satisfied*, served as the speaker for the Gathering. Mast, of Charlotte, North Carolina, shared with the women her experience with binge eating and her eventual break from this habit by way of God's love and healing power. While Mast shared her own experience of overeating and sense of imprisonment to this compulsion, she also challenged women to consider what interests and habits amount to immoderation in our own lives and to give these to God. She emphasized the importance of taking silent, prayerful time with the Lord, writing down our concerns and prayers for

our lives as we take this time with Him, and trusting Him to release us from these concerns and any overindulgences in which we partake. Mast also pointed out that Jesus can help us “dig deep” and address any deeper needs that exist as the root cause of our overindulgence. We must remember God's healing power and that Jesus can meet our needs and help us address and break free from such imprisonment.

Two sessions of small group time allowed women from different churches in the diocese to become acquainted, contemplate questions related to Mast's presentation, and share meaningful personal experiences tied to these questions. In one of the women's small group meetings, Mast challenged everyone to take “a gentle, honest look at ourselves



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Throughout the year, Mast runs a course for women called “Releasity.” In this course she guides women in the practice of staying healthy God's way and teaches spiritual insights she has learned from her journey to

freedom through God's grace and love.

Sunny Walker, who has read Mast's book, encourages all women in the diocese to read it. She describes the book as “excellent,” and notes that in it Mast shares two acronyms which stay in focus during her “Releasity” course: RELEASE and HELP. Walker explains, “The book goes into depth about RELEASE, which names the seven ongoing steps to freedom from overindulgence.”

Mast's acronym RELEASE is the following:

- R Remember what you want.
- E Expect the Lord to heal.
- L Live out your freedom.
- E Eat with hunger when you feel it.
- A Acknowledge your emotions.
- S Seek the Spirit every day.
- E Experience life to the full.

HELP stands for the following:

- Hunger: Wait for hunger before eating.
- Emotions: Name your emotions when you want to eat but aren't hungry.
- Lord: Take your emotions to the Lord in prayer.
- P: Pursue life: Find other activities to pursue while you wait for your physical hunger to decline.

Finally, about this year's Annual Gathering, Walker asserted that it was “a success: beautiful and inspiring, and a blessing for all of us who were there.”

# Seminary: More Than a Theological Education

By The Rev. Collin Reed, St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Sewickley



The following is an edited version of the graduation address given at Trinity Anglican Seminary on May 18, 2024 by Student Body and

Senior Class President, the Rev. Collin Reed, who is a transitional deacon in the ADOSC.

Good morning fellow graduates, board members, faculty, staff, family, and friends. What a glorious day it is to celebrate the completion of this journey to graduation with the Trinity School for Ministry Class of 2024. And what a journey it has been. I have had the honor and privilege of serving as the Student Body and Senior Class President this past year, and I have had the opportunity to sit in on board meetings and to have conversations with faculty, staff, and students alike as we have worked together to facilitate a nurturing community environment here at Trinity.

I would like to share a little bit about my experience at Trinity and how I came to Trinity that I am sure many of my fellow classmates and alumni can relate to. I began my journey here as an online student and have been a residential student for the past two years. In all honesty, I had not heard of Trinity or Ambridge, PA prior to 2018. I began discernment in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina in 2018 and it was at that point that I began hearing the name Trinity thrown around and as former students shared experiences of their time in Ambridge we were told stories about this little former steel town on the outskirts of Pittsburgh, PA. And everything they shared we have experienced as true in our journey, as well. As I progressed further in discernment, it was never a question of "where do you feel called to go to seminary?" but "when will y'all go to Trinity?"

In 2020, after being made a postulant, I applied to Trinity and one other unnamed institution on the same day and as of this very moment I have still not heard from

the other school. As I began my studies online, I was still not aware of what makes TSM such a special place. However, once we arrived and settled into our house in August of 2022 for two years of residential learning, I began to see and learn more and more about what makes Trinity such a great institution.

We attended New Wineskins in September of 2022. We were instructed to wear our Trinity swag on Friday of that weekend, and person after person would stop and engage in conversation upon recognizing the Trinity logo. It was then that I began to discover that the corner of Merchant and 11th Street in the sleepy little town of Ambridge, PA was the window to the world.

During my time at Trinity, I have found brothers and sisters with the same or similar callings to ministry. We have laughed together and cried together. We have celebrated and mourned together. We have prayed and praised God together. We have broken bread together and opened our homes to those who were strangers one day and family the next. We have anointed each other with water on birthdays. And some of us have been placed in handcuffs together.

We have sat at the feet of learned theologians, we have read books and written papers and been confused and enlightened, and those same faculty and staff who have developed our thoughts and minds and theologians have not been distant, but have been in the trenches with us caring for our hearts and souls in Christian love as they have encouraged and equipped us in preparation for our current and future ministries.

Trinity has provided the opportunity to receive brothers and sisters from around the world and in turn has given us the opportunity to travel the world and serve side by side with those same brothers and sisters. We have dined with deacons and priests and canons and bishops and community leaders and educators in foreign lands and we were welcomed and loved and treated like family.

At orientation in the fall of 2022, the new dean president Bryan Hollon shared that prior to seminary we have learned to love the Lord with all our hearts and all our souls, but now we would also learn to love him with all our minds.

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## Wood Elected Archbishop

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trobe, Pennsylvania. After transferring authority to Archbishop-elect Wood, Beach will take a sabbatical before continuing as bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the South.

Beach is looking forward to the future of the Province, commenting, "Bishop Wood is an incredible leader and the ACNA is going to be blessed in this next season of our life together."

The conclave kicks off a week of Provincial leadership gatherings and will be followed by meetings of the Executive Committee, Provincial Council, and Provincial Assembly. In addition to the business meetings, Provincial Assembly will include a mission conference for over 900 attendees that will include worship, plenary speakers, breakout sessions, and fellowship. A banquet celebrat-

ing the ministry and leadership of Beach will be held Thursday evening.

Wood will spend the week accompanying Beach in the various meetings to become acclimated to the role before taking over for him at the close of the week. On being elected, Wood said, "Who expects to be elected the archbishop of the Province? It is overwhelming, humbling, and I am in need of God's grace and mercy. I will endeavor to be faithful to the people of the ACNA and serve them to the best of my abilities. Please pray for me, my family, my parish, and my diocese."

Authority will be transferred from Beach to Wood at the closing Eucharist of the Provincial Assembly which will take place on Friday, June 28, 2024.

# A Walk in their Shoes

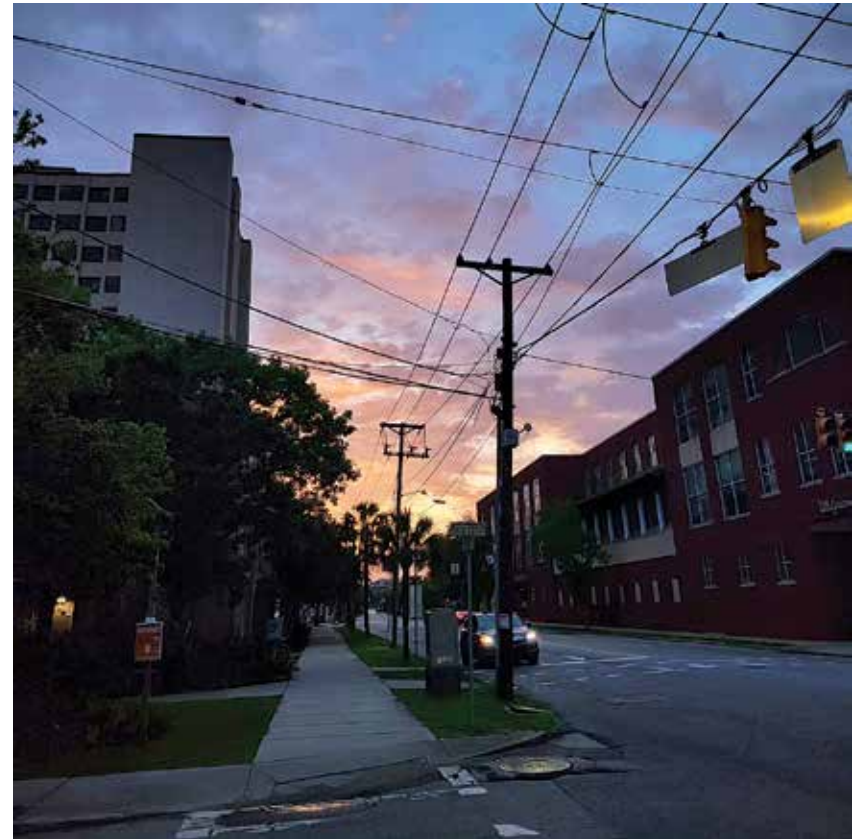
Star Gospel Mission Invites Others to Follow in the Footsteps of the Unsheltered

By The Rev. Will Klauber, Good Shepherd, Charleston

Every night, after we tuck our children in bed, I nestle up under the covers next to my wife and safely drift away to sleep. It is one of the most significant and simple blessings in this life. A safe, secure place for our family to rest. No wind or rain to battle. No temperature extremes to cope with. Nobody harasses me just for existing. It is a true blessing.

This is not the case for many of our neighbors. Every night, somewhere in the neighborhood of 300 people are shelterless on the peninsula of Charleston. I was first exposed to this truth in 2007, while teaching at North Charleston High School. On May 19, I received a refresher course. Star Gospel Mission, a local ministry to our shelterless neighbors, sponsored the inaugural "A Walk in Their Shoes." We met at 5 a.m. in a well-known parking lot at the corner of Columbus and Meeting Streets. The plan was simple. We would walk about 10 miles, traversing the peninsula, stopping at a few predetermined locations to hear from men and women who either work with the area's shelterless, or who have battled their way back from rock bottom. The goal: take a walk in their shoes. Experience just a small taste of the challenges that our neighbors face day in and day out.

We didn't have to go far to get our first taste. As we exited the parking lot and headed up Meeting Street, there was a shadowy figure curled up on a bench. As with most of the people we happened upon, they never really knew we were there. We left them a bottle of water and a bite to eat, said a silent prayer over them, and continued on. Their rest was too precious to disturb. We continued our walk, peering into some of the cracks that so many slip through in our society. We walked under bridges where few venture, explored corner pockets with rampant signs of drug abuse, and shared fellowship among our group of 30 or so adventurous and curious souls. About 8 a.m., we arrived back at Star Gospel Mission where we joined together in worship with a couple



WILL KLAUBER

As the sun rose this Pentecost, we were already about 4 miles into the inaugural "A Walk in Their Shoes," sponsored by the Star Gospel Mission. It was a 10 mile hike all across the peninsula to bring awareness to homelessness in the area. We ended the journey by worshipping with the men currently residing at Star Gospel Mission. There were two rectors from our diocese and parishioners from several diocesan churches.

dozen of the residents, a cup of coffee, and table fellowship. It was a fitting way to end our journey to see the fruits of this ministry firsthand.

To learn more, visit [www.stargospelmission.org/](http://www.stargospelmission.org/) or come to one of the open houses they host on the last Wednesday of every month from 11:00 a.m. -12:00. Call (843) 722-2473 or email [info@stargospelmission.org](mailto:info@stargospelmission.org) to book an appointment.

Growing up in Charleston, I was never in a position of need. From time to time, in the "pre-historic" days of landline phones, I

may have had to walk to get help when my car broke down. I regularly camped out on a hammock island with friends somewhere in the Low-country. I've dealt with mosquitos after a good rain.

But I have never known the true challenges of being homeless in the heat, humidity, and bugginess of Charleston. The unsheltered in our midst are real people, who face great challenges from many angles. Projections are that this population will double by 2030 simply due to our current economic situation. To truly understand our neighbors, and respond effectively and compassionately to the challenge, it's important to understand exactly what they are going through. The best way to do that is to take a walk in their shoes.

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## Wanderer

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time right now to assess our current parish ministries and parish specific traditions. Would our programs and various parish-specific traditions make sense to complete newcomers? We need to ask ourselves the hard questions. Are the programs as effective as they were in the last decade? Are they meeting needs? Or are they simply nice to have around? Would our church be better without some programs and better with others? The summer is a great time to begin having these conversations as rectors, vestry members, and parishioners before the influx that is always so common in the fall.

At bottom of all of this is not, 'How do we become more sensitive to seekers?,' but 'How do we retain

our sacramental understandings of worship and being in the world while acknowledging that our cultural moment demands that we be light on our feet and able to more fully incarnate the gospel in our time and place?' Jesus in his incarnation took on our form and came and spoke our language while still retaining his identity. That's what incarnational ministry is: staying true to who you are while being able to meet people where they are.

The future is bright for ADOSC and many newcomers are already in our pews. Let's plan to meet this new challenge together in the power of the Holy Spirit!

## Graduation

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none of them were going to do this.

These kids will change the world as they decide to follow God's call to know and love Him, to love their neighbors, and to follow God's path.

We are called to change the world by serving others, helping the lonely, the sick, and the poor. We change the world when we advocate for justice and peace. We change the world when we raise a God-fearing family and pass on God's love to a new generation.

Never underestimate the difference you can make when you follow God's plan.

# Small Church – Big Outreach

## St. Matthew's Impacts Community Through Purple Fish Coffee House

By Joy Hunter, Editor

The impact small churches can make on their communities should not be underestimated. Just look at St. Matthew's, Darlington, whose average Sunday attendance is 100.

They have numerous outreach efforts, but the crown jewel is the Purple Fish, a community gathering space and coffee shop run entirely by volunteers. It was born of a vision cast in 2012 during a vestry retreat led by then-rector, Andrew O'Dell.

The original vision was to open a men's shelter, but that morphed into a coffee house where young people could gather in a safe environment and listen to music. With continued guidance from rectors (in succession) O'Dell, Hunter Jordan and Rags Coxe, the current rector, and an enthusiastic staff of dedicated volunteers the laundromat-turned-venue became even more.

"The plan had to be God's," says Coxe. "Clearly what the churches (in Darlington) needed was a centrally located, safe, welcoming place for conversation and refreshment where we could engage people in all walks of life in all circumstances.

Jane Early, a volunteer manager/barista says, "The Purple Fish is a community gathering place for Darlingtonians of all ages. On



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Volunteer barista, Stacey Griffin, loves to serve because of the grace God extended to her through the Purple Fish.

an average Friday night, we'll have patrons from six months of age to 90 and everything in between. On weekdays our regulars enjoy their favorite latte along with fresh-baked scones and muffins and great company. We offer a relaxing atmosphere for Bible studies, support groups, and private events."

The group gatherings aren't just led by St. Matthew's members. "Pastors from different churches, different denominations use the space," says Coxe. It's even available for private

events, with suggested donations accepted to reserve it.

What makes the Purple Fish more than just a venue, though, is the intentionality the volunteers have for loving their neighbors as Christ's hands and feet – and listening ears.

"This is a place where people can say whatever's on their mind and heart," says Coxe. "They're entering our lives in the church, but outside the church. Those who come in feel an ease, a comfort and that's who the Holy Spirit is – the comforter. We don't disguise our faith but we're not in their face with Christian symbols either. It's a place where people can be heard."

"Listen, love, pray," a phrase picked up from Christian Healing Ministries, undergirds their work. And they add to that – "respond." All the proceeds, including tips, go to outreach and evangelism. The small board, made up of Coxe, his Senior Warden and two Purple Fish managers meets regularly to talk about what they've heard from those coming to the Purple Fish and how they can use the proceeds to respond and serve their neighbors.

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## The Purple Fish Clothes Closet

By Stacey Griffin, St. Matthew's, Darlington

I have always wanted to do something to help our community. Running a clothes closet has been on my mind because people are always giving me clothes which I take to Habitat. While sitting in the Purple Fish one day last year, I brought it up in a conversation and since then I, along with a few others, have worked to gather clothes, bins, and racks to make this possible.



We have had two successful closet days so far, during which we've witnessed just how much people really need and enjoy being able to come in and pick out items for free.

My hope is that it continues to grow and one day to have a building or place where I can keep everything out so we can just open the door and allow people to come in twice a month to get whatever they need.

I am grateful to St. Matthew's Church and the Purple Fish for providing a place for this ministry to begin. I say ministry because I believe anything we can ask or imagine, God can make happen; and when people see the free gifts being offered at the clothes closet, we can start a conversation about the free gift of new life in Jesus that comes by His Grace.

# Updates from Churches in Transition

By Joy Hunter, Editor

Following our diocese's separation from the Episcopal Church (TEC) in 2012, eight of our 54 churches were ultimately required to turn their properties over to TEC. One of those, St. Matthew's, Fort Motte, was able to purchase their property back. Here are updates from the remaining seven parishes. As you read through their stories we ask that you hold them in prayer and look for ways to come alongside to offer support.

## Holy Trinity Anglican to Begin New Season with St. John's Chapel

Beginning August 18, the congregation of Holy Trinity Anglican, Windemere, will begin worshipping with the community of St. John's Chapel on Hanover Street on the eastside of downtown Charleston. The Rev. David Dubay, the Rector of Holy Trinity, will lead the united congregations in discerning a new future together that will include outreach to the Hispanic community in downtown Charleston.

In addition to serving as Holy Trinity's Rector, Dubay serves as the ADOSC Canon for Hispanic Ministries. "God is blessing us in this new season," he says. "Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

The Bishop and Standing Committee have worked with all parties to discern a path forward that it is believed will lead to renewed and fruitful ministry for all. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this next season of life together. Until the move, the congregation will continue to meet in the property used by St. James Anglican Church at 1101 Camp Road on James Island.

## New Home Site for St. David's Anglican Church

St. David's Anglican Church in Cheraw closed on property for their future church site in April. The two-acre tract is directly across from Cheraw's fastest growing park, Arrowhead, and is at the end of Cheraw's bike trail. The land is paid in full, and the building fund has nearly \$200,000 in contributions and pledges. St. David's is planning to rebuild a modest parish hall and traditional sanctuary, roughly 4,000 sq. ft in total.

"We can't wait to have a new building," says the Rev. Jason Varnadore, Rector. "Lord willing, we'll be able to construct it in the next two years."

"We're growing numerically," he says. "New people are coming, and we'll have four baptisms at the end of June. I'm not putting my faith in numbers, but I am grateful."

In the short term, their property adjoins the funeral home in Cheraw which has agreed to let them use their chapel for morning worship.

## St. John's Parish Church Continues to Grow

St. John's Parish Church on Johns Island continues to meet at Haut Gap Middle School. They purchased "Church Place," a 20-acre parcel on Main Road on October 3 and are developing a campus master plan with engineers and architects, continuing in the permitting process prior to beginning construction.

"The outlook of the congregation is forward-looking," says the Rev. Jeremy Shelton, Rector. "We are confidently assured that the



TIMOTHY GRIGGS

Above, members of St. John's Parish Church, Johns Island, stand outside the Haut Gap Middle School, ready to process in on Palm Sunday.

Lord is directing all our steps in the building of His kingdom on Johns Island. The Lord continues to grow the congregation in both numbers and faithfulness — families, young couples, singles, and retirees have joined in seeing God's work with us while worshipping at Haut Gap." Shelton has asked for prayers that the permitting and development process would be Spirit-led and efficient.

## Christ Church Anglican Working with Civil Engineers and Architects

The congregation of Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant, which meets in Jennie Moore Elementary School, purchased land for a new church with an anonymous, generous donation from a member of the congregation at the end of 2022.

"We are working with civil engineers and architects on site preparation and permitting and on the design of the new church," says Rector, the Rev. Ted Duvall. "Our goal is to begin construction by mid-late 2025. We are also preparing a Capital Campaign to be run in the fall of 2024.

"The congregation that has come with and stayed with us is united, and joyfully anticipatory about once again having our own church home. There is good participation in all areas of the current life of the church including worship, discipleship, fellowship and pastoral care, and outreach. The mood — the Rector's, staff's, and congregation's — regarding the building of a new church is "patiently impatient." We understand the season we're in, aren't panicking, have a full congregational life, and at the same time are super-ready to have our own church home."

Duvall asks that we pray for wisdom and unity in the design process for the new church and for sustaining and persevering faith during this practically and spiritually challenging time — and that God would send them new members they can bless and be blessed by.

## St. James Anglican Church on James Island

St. James Anglican Church, meets in the original First Baptist Church on James Island. First Baptist allowed them to completely renovate the building to accommodate their needs.

"I am so encouraged when I see how the laity have stepped in and stepped up, to make sure that ministries continue, that pastoral care remains at the top of the list, and that gathering for worship and fellowship is central in our life together," says the Rev. Richard Grimball, Priest-in-Charge. "I have watched the Holy Spirit, again and again, bring people into the life of the parish and provide in areas of need and mission that on a human level we believed would be impossible. At the forefront of this is the relationship with First Baptist Church James Island, and how that relationship has kept one ear to the Holy Spirit and one ear to each other, discerning God's call on our lives as a people of God, in community, on James Island.

Grimball asks for prayer as he starts a counseling center at the church this summer. For the congregation he asks that we pray "for continued healing and to transform

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# Aidan & Hilda's Coffee Pub

## A Different Kind of Christian Community

By The Rev. Elizabeth Bumpas

Have you ever felt a strong call to do something you knew was impossible unless God was in it? Moving forward into doing the impossible takes daily doses of courage. I have a print hanging in my living room by Jean-Francois Millet called *The Sower* (1865). I was strangely attracted to it as it hung over my brother's fireplace during a Christmas visit in 2022. So, I purchased a copy and have been meditating on it ever since. Every day the Lord encourages me with the same message. He reminds me that



He is the One in the background behind the plow, going before me, tilling the soil, preparing it for planting.

I've been scattering the seed of the gospel for the

last 28 years, mostly in very traditional settings. But lately I sense an urgency from the Lord to sow seed outside the box...in a way that will reach people who would never step foot in a traditional church building, even if invited.

What began as an interesting dinner conversation just before Christmas in 2022 has evolved into a full-blown vision for a very untraditional Christian community to reach "nones and dones." These are people who have either never been affiliated with church or have decided (for many different reasons) they are done with church. You may have some in your family.

Statistics show these two groups of people have grown significantly in the last decade. I long to reach out to them. But to do this, a safe, neutral space, is needed. A coffee house makes the most sense given our culture today. It's risky (new wineskins always feel that way), but there is a growing need for fresh expressions of church—different ways of sowing the seed of the gospel—to continue carrying Jesus' mission out into our broken world. Aidan & Hilda's Coffee Pub will be just that!

### Who are Aidan & Hilda?

St. Aidan was a 7th century Irish monk who is credited with converting the pagan people of Northumbria (in England) to Christianity. He went among them and lived out Christ in front of them. In humility and without judgement, he took the time to develop friendships with them, work alongside them, listen to them, and learn their language and culture as he served them. By doing so, he gained their trust and the right to speak into their lives. In his book *St. Aidan's Way of Mission*, Ray Simpson says Aidan created little "colonies of heaven" that modelled something of the Kingdom of God on earth."

St. Hilda, a student of Aidan's, founded and served as Abbess at Whitby Abbey, a great center of spiritual learning for both men and women. She is credited with spiritually forming the next generation's leaders by teaching



WILLIAM MORELAND

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them Aidan's way of mission. Perhaps returning to this ancient way of mission, so wonderfully modeled by Aidan and Hilda, is one thing that might be needed in our post-Christian culture. Aidan and Hilda are our patron saints. It's my hope that the community developed around Aidan & Hilda's Coffee Pub will be a



*The Sower, By Jean-Francois Millet 1865*

"colony of heaven" that will feel like coming home for those who wander in for a cup of coffee as they experience the love, grace and compassion of Jesus.

### Just Imagine...

...a warm, inviting space where everyone feels welcome and accepted, regardless of their beliefs or backgrounds. Unlike traditional churches with pews and pulpits, the coffee pub will offer a different kind of sanctuary: a space where "nones and dones" can find

community and acceptance no matter where they are on their spiritual journey. I envision a hub of activity all throughout the week, not just for caffeine enthusiasts or students and freelancers working on their laptops, but for those seeking comfort in conversations over hot cups of coffee and shared meals. On the walls will be the work of local artists, expressing their faith through the creative process. We will host open mic nights on a range of relevant spiritual topics. We will provide private meeting spaces for AA and NA meetings and be a resource for those needing affordable professional counseling to deal with the traumas of this world. As the community develops, we will be a resource for spiritual direction and healing prayer. With our net profits, we will identify the needs of the poor in our community and begin serving them as we seek to model the values of the Kingdom and invite others to join us. We will all be on the journey together, moving towards becoming apprentices of Jesus who do our best to live the Sermon on the Mount as we are transformed into His likeness.

The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner, our Board President, sees the coffee pub as a means through which we can reach young people who are simply not interested in church: "I invite parents and grandparents who ache to see their children and grandchildren come to personal faith in Christ to support this ministry with their prayers and financial support. This coffee pub will be a place where these young people will encounter the living Jesus!"

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## 1837 Gift to Saint James Makes Impact in 2024

By Virginia Bartels, Saint James Anglican, James Island

In 1837 Mr. Josiah Harvey, one of the Rev. Trapier's first vestrymen, willed 48 acres of beautiful, wooded land and 50 acres of marshlands known as Parrot Point to Saint James. Over several decades this land was leased for various purposes, generating funds to sustain the church's budget.

In 1999 the land was sold so that Saint James could build the Ministry Center adjacent to its sanctuary; it opened in 2004. For years the Ministry Center provided for Sunday worship, Alpha trainings, diocesan gatherings, receptions following weddings and funerals, the church's day school, Christmas pageants, James Island's multidominational Thanksgiving services, and much, much more. In fact, Saint James' 300th anniversary ceremony was hosted in the Ministry Center.

One unsold lot in Parrot Point remained in the care of Saint James. This lot, along with the rectory, remained with Saint James Anglican following the settlement with the Episcopal Church.

Thanks to the professional realtor skills of Charles Holliday and the unanimous support

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and be a witness to God's presence in our broken but faithful walk with Him with every breath and step we take."

### Good Shepherd Prays for a New Church Home

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston meets in the Northbridge Baptist Church on Sunday evenings. They are in the process of evaluating their ability to raise funds and keeping an "eye to the horizon for a new home." They are optimistic. "Having been the last to leave our facilities, we learned a lot from our brothers and sisters who went before us," says the Rev. Will Klauber, Rector. "While we certainly aren't happy with the

indefinite nature of this season, we rest in the knowledge that God has already prepared a new home for us. We get to seek and discern where that new home is as we press on in Gospel ministry."

In an effort to clearly articulate their desire, and petition the Lord, the church's vision committee and vestry have added the following petition to their Prayers of the People. They ask us to join with them in this prayer. "Father, we humbly ask that you would provide us a new home, a place in which we might worship on April 6th, 2025. We pray that this place would be marked with a sign along the roadside, acknowledging this land as the location of our new home. We pray that you might enable us to first put a playground on this new land, that it would be a sign of the life to come, and that

from day one our new home will be a place where children and families from the community might come, fellowship, and know the love of the Father by the way they themselves are loved."

Klauber adds, "We would really just like to thank those from around the diocese who have reached out from time to time over the past nine months. Their intentional loving kindness and prayers are a great encouragement as we press on in faith through this season of uncertainty and challenge."

### St. Bartholomew's, Hartsville, Active in Outreach

St. Bartholmew's Anglican Church in Hartsville is actively

involved in outreach efforts. "We've been busy," says the Rector, the Rev. Bill Oldland. "We've served 1,500 meals in the last year and provided meals two times now for poll workers. We've raised funds for Camp Jubilee and in response to a request from our Bishop contributed funds for the Anglican ministry on the College of Charleston campus.

Even though they're a relatively small church, with an average Sunday attendance of 45, they've given away almost \$30,000 in outreach this year.

"We're getting more visitors every week," says Oldland. "Our membership has grown a little."

The congregation meets in the Hartsville Physical Therapy building. "We joke that we're the spiritual therapy building," says Oldland. "It's

working out well. It's turned out to be a Godsend."

### Corps of Discovery

We've collectively referred to these parishes as the Corps of Discovery (a term used to describe those participating in the Lewis and Clark expedition) because they are exploring new territory for all of us. What they learn on their journeys can help prepare the way for what others will do in the future. We give thanks for God's providence at work in each case and pray the evidence of His loving care will continue to be manifest for each congregation as they continue in faith.

# A Day in the Life of the Canon for Prayer & Healing

By The Rev. Dr. Canon Sandi Kerner, Canon for Prayer and Healing, ADOSC

What could be more fun than meeting with Camp Jubilee Staff during their spring training to teach on prayer, to pray with and prepare them for giving their testimonies this summer? Their enthusiasm for the Lord, and their love for one another and for the campers soon arriving, are contagious! So, here is a day in the life of this Canon...

ration or intercession; crying out in lament or sorrow; in listening as our Abba speaks; and in repentance and confession, to name only a few.

We shared experiences of prayer, profound and luminous—and times when we despaired that our prayers even reached the ceiling above, let alone the heart of God. How do you pray in anger, in pain, or great sorrow, or disappointment? How do you bring anxiety

preparing to give a testimony or witness. Each staff member will offer a testimony during the course of Summer Camp, a story of how they saw God at work in their life. These stories recount the faithfulness and love of God and invite campers to a personal encounter with God. We give testimonies primarily to glorify God and give him thanks. We share our testimony to encourage others in their faith response to God. With our witness, we point others to Jesus as the Way, Truth, and Life. When we give a testimony, we remember who God is and who we are; sharing the story with others causes Truth to be even more firmly anchored in us. I shared with the staff that the word for witness in Greek is *martureo*, which means to bear witness. So many who have given witness have done so with their lives, hence the word martyr derives from the Greek, meaning to lay down one's life.

the tangible Presence of Jesus in a life-giving community. Now, that's what I call a healing ministry! Let's go camping!

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Canon Kerner with Camp Jubilee staff.

Leaving Johns Island at "O-dark-thirty," I arrive at Camp Kinard just southwest of Columbia, just in time for Monday morning prayer with worship beautifully led by Lily O'Dell and her team. I wonder as I listen to their heartfelt offerings: These staff members already know so much about prayer—what can I hope to teach them?

I was invited to speak on personal and corporate prayer for the morning session. "Prayer is the cry of our hearts to God," I shared with them from the writings of Charles de Foucauld, a soldier, explorer, ethnographer, priest, hermit in the Saharan desert, and martyr who lived in the late 19th early 20th century. He wrote, "Prayer is your will spread out before your Father true, naked, sincere, simple, and presented before Him by you. This is what prayer should be. This needs neither a long space of time nor many words, nor many thoughts."

We explored many ways to pray: with scripture in meditation; using written prayers; pouring out our heart to God; in silent communion; lifting heart and mind to God in a singular moment of thanks and praise, adoration

and fear to God? What about prayers that seem to go unanswered? How do we persevere in prayer? When is it time to release and let go? Is prayer as simple as saying "sorry," "thank you," and "please?" How do we hear God's voice above all the other competing voices and noise in and around us?

How do we attune to God in prayer? In quieting ourselves (Psalm 131:2); coming into his presence with thanksgiving (Psalm 95:2) and entering his courts with praise (Psalm 100:4); becoming aware that God gazes on us with loving attention (Psalm 67:1). Look at God...gazing upon you...and smiling. We become aware that God hears what is in our minds and on our hearts (Psalm 34:17).

We practiced these ways of praying by using Immanuel Journaling, a way of listening to God, who is very near, with prayer prompts and written responses. (Example: [Immanuel-Journaling-Process.pdf](http://Immanuel-Journaling-Process.pdf) ([deeperwalkinternational.org](http://deeperwalkinternational.org))). Thirty minutes of listening prayer and journaling yielded rich encounters with the Lord.

Following a tried-and-true Camp lunch (with the ever-popular "We Will, We Will Praise You" blessing and pizza!), we turned to

Our afternoon stretches out into a quiet time for each one to consider and draw a timeline of pivotal life events, both highs and lows, where God met them. Drawings ranged from simple and linear to creative and quite colorful. Staff members paired up with each other to share their stories, practicing attentive listening, deepening relationships with one another, and preparing to choose from these stories what they might share with campers during Compline, in small groups, or one-on-one. The Lord will use their testimonies to open campers to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ and to respond by giving their lives to him and by asking for prayer for whatever they are carrying and facing. I have been privileged to hear many staff testimonies at Camp and see how those stories are tailor-made for a certain camper who needs to hear it.

Of course, by this time I did not want to leave Camp Jubilee (whoever does?!), but I knew I must get back on the road to home (or be stuck in afternoon traffic). What a joy to step into the Camp world for a day and see the face of God beaming at me and witness his work in the lives of young leaders! What a welcome awaits whosoever will come...

## Purple Fish Continued from page 6

Joe Ervin, one of the volunteer manager/baristas shared some of the ways their proceeds have been used. "We've provided assistance to three families to bury loved ones. We've helped two other families obtain cars. We partner with the Darlington County Schools to provide back-to-school supplies and temporary lodging for families in need. As part of St. Matthew's Angel Tree ministry, we furnish \$100 food cards to each of the families that participate in the program."

Just recently they helped a woman who came into the Purple Fish and shared that because of her illness (Stage 4 cancer) she had fallen behind in her rent.

"When we called to tell her we would pay two month's back rent we caught her at the infusion center, getting her chemo," says Coxe. "She just wept. When these kinds of things happen, somehow you know God is pleased."

"So many folks come in, share what they're going through, get help and then want to be a part of it so they can help others," says Coxe. "We're a refilling station."

"This is a perfect example of how we're fulfilling our church's mission 'Disciples making disciples,'" says Coxe. "We don't do it for the money. We do it because we're seeing fruit."

"All I am is a witness to what God is doing and what God started through my predecessors and the volunteers. I'm a recipient of grace, an encourager and a cheerleader. I tell people, 'If you can't find me in my office in the church, you'll find me in my office at the Purple Fish.' I love that place."

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# Seeing the Cross for the First Time

By Anthony Pelloni, Postulant in the ADOSC, Serving in the Anglican Church of Cambodia

Greetings from Cambodia! Many of you know that our family is serving with the Anglican Church of Cambodia planting a church in the suburb of the capital city Phnom Penh. Our family was blessed by so many of you in the diocese through prayer and giving to be able to return in time for the launch of the church plant in November 2023. Since returning, it has been a whirlwind for us and our teammates as we focus on our Sunday services, language learning, and weekly ministry duties.

Being in a church plant, there are a lot of 'firsts' that happen that need to be taken care of. One of the firsts that our church plant needed, and I had the privilege of doing, was making a cross for our Good Friday service during Holy Week. I want to share a story with you of what it took for me to have a cross made here and how a Cambodian reacted to hearing about the cross for the first time.

Here in Cambodia, making something of wood can be challenging. There are hardware shops to buy tools like hammers and nails, but there are not shops where you can go and buy good quality wood like you can at a Home Depot or Lowe's.

I was tasked with having a cross made for our Good Friday service, and thankfully because we have lived in Cambodia for so long I knew exactly where to go to have this made. We have a furniture shop very near our house that makes high-quality wooden furniture with wood from the province. The shop owner has made many pieces of furniture for us, so I knew we could trust her to make this cross. I set out to go and ask for this cross to be made, knowing this would be a strange request for her.

When I asked the shop owner to make a cross for me, she asked what a cross was, so I showed her a picture. While she did not know what a cross was or what it was for, she did recognize that it was associated with churches, which was



Anthony and Anna serve with SAMS in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, with their five daughters.

encouraging! I talked her through the dimensions of the cross and what size we needed. I explained that it needed to be thick (10 cm by 10 cm) and 7 ft. tall. As we worked through the dimensions she was a



## Church Plant Trailer Stolen

Good Samaritan Anglican Church, Summerville, a mission congregation and church plant from St. Paul's, Summerville, had their trailer stolen the first week in June. The church, which meets at Beech Hill Elementary School, is figuring out a way forward without their hand-crafted altar, sound equipment, and communion vessels.

"It's been discouraging to think through some of the items we lost, like the altar table, that had significant meaning to our congregation," says the Rev. Tyler Prescott, Vicar. "However, the Lord was so encouraging even as we gathered Sunday morning immediately after discovering the loss. We had no speakers, but still loudly praised the Lord; no table, but still were nourished by the sacrament. We were reminded again of the presence of God with his people, even in the midst of difficulty." The trailer had been parked in the back parking lot of St. Paul's, Summerville and the Summerville Police Department has been notified.

If you would like to contribute to replenishing Good Samaritan's supplies, please contact Tim Lowry (timlowry@bellsouth.net).

## Clergy: Be on the Lookout for Deacons

By Joy Hunter, Editor

One of the three priorities Bishop Edgar highlighted in his 2024 convention address was increasing the number of vocational deacons.

"I propose that we, as a diocese, continue to raise up and emphasize the ministry and work of deacons in our diocese," he said. "If you look at Acts chapter 6, what results from the establishment of the diaconate? Both the Word of God (which the Apostles were freed to focus on), and the number of the disciples increased."

So how does one know who is called to be a deacon? We may think it begins with an individual looking inward, asking, "Am I called to the diaconate?"

Bishop Edgar sees it differently. "The call to diaconal ministry, as I understand it, or as I take it from scripture, begins outside of oneself," he said.

"If you look at Acts 6, when the diaconal ministry began, the church is having trouble meeting the needs it sees around it. In this case, it's an internal need taking care of Christian widows, Hellenists and Greeks, who were all part of the church. That was the problem the apostles were trying to solve by raising up deacons."

"In one sense, we're all supposed to be doing that – every single Christian," he said. "Unfortunately, not everybody does, and some people do it better than others."

"I've had five deacons serve my churches over the years," said Edgar. "And in each case, I tapped them on the shoulder and said, 'Hey, I want you to consider diaconal ministry.' For a couple of them, they were like, 'Oh, that's so weird because I've been wondering about ministry.' But for a others, it was, 'Whoa, what?'"

Following Bishop Edgar's prompting each one began exploring and discovered a call.

"I think deacons are the icon of what a layperson is supposed to be," said Edgar. "When we raise up deacons, we're saying, 'Look, here is a person who models what the church serving the church and the church serving the world is supposed to look like. Follow this person.' That's why we lay hands on them and put the church's imprimatur on those folks because they're doing what it is the deacons do."

### Current Diaconal Ministry

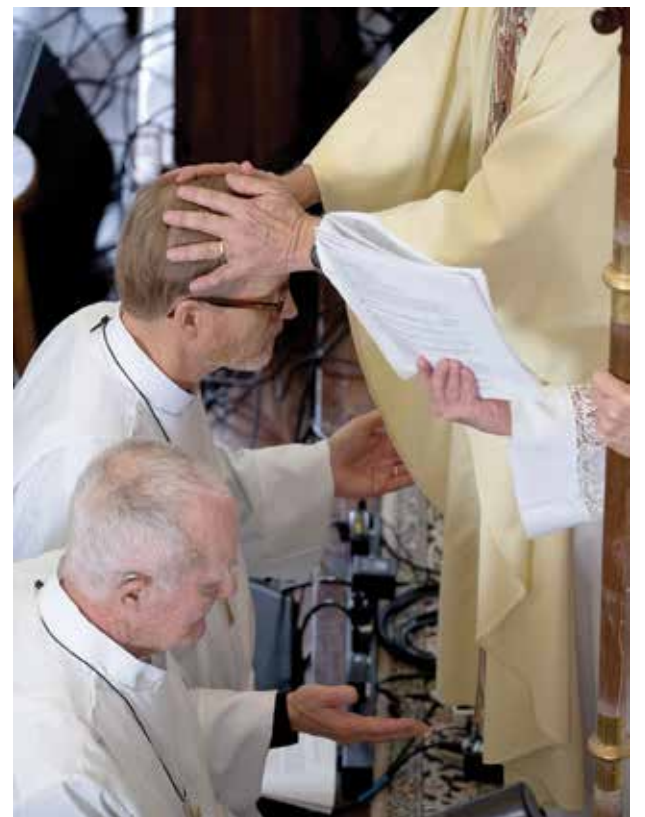
Currently, there are 26 men and women serving as deacons in our diocese. And this past January five more individuals began the two-year process of training for the vocational diaconate. The Rev. Janet Echols, Rector of St. Matthew's, Fort Motte, who oversees their training, brings in a variety of clergy and laity to provide the teaching. They meet once a month, for a full day, engaging with topics of theology, Old Testa-

ment prophets, Paul, the Gospels, church history, spiritual development, mission, liturgy, preaching, evangelism, and more.

The current class includes John Davis of St. Helena's, Beaufort; Lee Cox from St. Michael's, Charleston; Roland Skinner of St. John's, Florence; Anna Bruner from the Cathedral; and Walt Miller from St. John's, Johns Island.

"A strong, engaged, active diaconate will only serve to strengthen the church," says Bishop Edgar.

"I think that's what happened in Acts. So, clergy, just like the apostles



JOY HUNTER

Above, Bishop Edgar lays hands on the Rev. Scott Poelker, a Vocational Deacon who serves at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Summerville.

did, look around your churches and ask, 'Who are the exemplars? Who are the folks 'full of the Spirit and of wisdom?' Let's raise them up, call them to diaconal ministry, and give them the imprimatur."

## Could Your Church Open a Lending Room?

By Mary Ellen O'Neal, the Parish Church of St. Helena, Beaufort



The Lending Room, Inc. (TLR) in Beaufort, SC is a nonprofit that offers used, durable medical equipment to the community. Staffed entirely by volunteers, TLR receives donations of gently used equipment and lends it to those in need. Equipment available for lending includes hospital beds, walkers, rollators, bedside commodes, scooters, crutches, wheelchairs, shower chairs, orthopedic braces, and much more.

"Through the generosity of the Beaufort community, The Lending Room has an excess of crutches, walkers, bedside commodes, and back braces," said Amy Banks, Community Liaison for The Lending Room. "Rather than disposing of this equipment we'd like to find someone who can use it and perhaps start a lending ministry in their community."

Several TLR volunteers are members of the Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort and the idea was born to encourage churches in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina to consider starting a lending room for their communities. If you or your church might be interested in starting a durable medical equipment lending ministry, TLR has equipment to get you started! Contact Amy Banks for more information at (854) 212-0862.

## The Intersection of Faith and Mental Health; A Conversation with Youth

By Anna Bruner, The Cathedral Church of St. Luke & St. Paul, Charleston

The poet Mary Oliver wrote a piece called "The Uses of Sorrow," and it's short enough to quote in its entirety here. She says, "(In my sleep I dreamed this poem) / Someone I loved once gave me / a box full of darkness. / It took me years to understand / that this, too, was a gift." From what I know of Oliver, she does not mean this sentiment in a way that bypasses the difficulty of suffering, as we all are often prone to do. Oliver was a survivor of early childhood abuse, and primarily writes about the sober beauty of life, death, and change in nature. No, I think in this small poem she is hinting at an important idea about suffering—that it opens up things about life and about God that may be hard to see and understand otherwise. Oliver was not a professing Christian, but she saw things that God seems to have woven into the world around us like a golden thread.

Recently I had the pleasure of sharing with the youth group at the Cathedral about the intersection of faith and mental health.

We asked a few big questions, like:

• **Who are we?** We are image bearers created for communion with God. We live in a world where all is not as it should be, especially our own minds and bodies.

• **What is mental illness?** Mental illness is complex. It can be awful at times, and easier at other times. It can wax and wane, like any other chronic condition. Explanations for it are myriad, but its disruption and distress often affect more than one of the capacities God has given us as humans. Everyone is different, but on the spectrum of mental wellness to illness there are a number of factors to consider; things we are born into, things done to us and around us, and things we personally contribute all factor into the equation. Be careful with assumptions, heavy-handed in compassion, and open to good help available.

### • Where is Christ in our suffering?

Through his own suffering, Christ has laid a thread, a pathway for us to follow. This is an idea that writers touch on in stories like George MacDonald's fairytale *The Princess and the Goblin*, or a more recent book, *A Quiet Mind to Suffer With*, by John Bryant. In MacDonald's fairytale the great-grandmother gives the Princess, her namesake, a thread to follow on her adventures, and especially through the dark mountain. She instructs the princess, "...Remember, it may seem to you a very roundabout way indeed, and you must not doubt the thread. Of one thing you may be sure, that while you hold it, I hold it too." The thread is not there because we spun it—it is there because Christ himself laid it through his death and resurrection, and he will not let go of the thread. The thread leads somewhere, not nowhere—it has a direction.

### • What can we do for friends who suffer?

We can take up the thread with them, walking closely and with great patience. Friendship can be sacred here, sometimes representing the very presence of Christ with us in these hard places.

Our young people are some of the most curious people I've ever met. They are also bound to be burdened with mental health challenges that are new and particular to their generation. Our youth and college students need not only older Christians who will teach them true things, but also older Christians who will show them what it might look like to follow Jesus through suffering. It is something we can do together, embodying what it means to follow the thread where it leads. It leads somewhere, and not nowhere, because we are following in the way of our Savior.

## Seminary

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Trinity School for Ministry is a world-class seminary where one can gain an excellent education in preparation for the call to ministry and learn to love the Lord with our minds. However, it is so much more. Nestled along the banks of the deceptively beautiful Ohio River and bookended by two of the most spectacularly different but equally appreciated coffee shops, Trinity offers more than a theological education, it provides family and lifelong friendships. It offers a community of like-minded believers in an ecumenical atmosphere. It is a place to learn and to live and worship and to develop into well-rounded leaders in Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic church.

So, to the board, in this ever changing world, thank you for maintaining the Christ-centered vision of our founders, to the faculty, thank you for your wisdom and for pointing all things to the Cross of Jesus Christ, to the staff, thank you for keeping the wheels turning so that we and those to come can learn in a top-notch environment, to my fellow graduates and students, thank you for sharing your lives with us, may the Lord bless you in your future ministries, and to our families, thank you for your endless prayers and support, thank you for your sacrifices made in walking alongside us on this journey, our spouses who have held down the fort and financially supported us, to our children who unselfishly moved away from friends and familiarity to start new schools and make new friends, and to the spouses who worked hard and took care of the families so our Majority World scholars could travel halfway around the world to answer God's call to furthering their ministries, thank you.

As we graduate today, I want to send us out with a prayer: 76. *For Guidance* Go before us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, through your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Why a Parish Retreat?

By The Rev. Kyle Holtzower and Madison Kuzia, Christ-St. Paul's Church, Yonges Island

The air was cool, and the sun was just beginning to set on the Frederica River as the first night of the Christ-St. Paul's Parish Retreat got underway. Parishioners had packed their bags and made the drive to Ep-

we can re-enter our daily lives with renewed purpose, focus, and peace. This often takes effort, intentionally creating holy space where the Spirit can work on us in these special ways. We see this rhythm of work/retreat modeled for us in the life of Jesus.



MADISON KUZIA

Being away for a full weekend of teaching, meals together, activities, and gathering around the Lord's Table only amplified our bond of peace and passion for works he has prepared for us to walk in. Beyond that, new friendships were formed, memories were made, and relationships deepened.

worth by the Sea in St. Simons Island, Georgia. For the second straight year, Christ-St. Paul's has benefited from a parish-wide retreat.

But why have a retreat?

We all have a need for refreshment and rest that runs deeper than the physical. We were created with a dependence on our God to sustain us—to pour out His Spirit upon us afresh. In that place of receiving from Him,

ers living in a land that is not our own. This three-day retreat was just such a time to be still and receive from the source of life.

It was an honor having Bishop Chip Edgar as our guest speaker for the beginning of the weekend. Not only was this a great opportunity for our parishioners to meet and fellowship with him, but they were also able to listen and receive the teaching of God's word

from the chief pastor of our diocese. Our focus was on the foundational identity we have as the Image of God and our new covenant calling to be transformed into the Image of Christ. The bishop's teaching reminded us that only in our abiding in Christ and Christ abiding in us by his Spirit can we hope to become what we were made to be and produce the fruit we were made to produce.

The weekend retreat also strengthened Christ-St. Paul's as a body of believers on a mission. When we worship as the body of Christ, we commune with our Father and our brothers and sisters in the Lord, leaving edified and encouraged. Being away for a full weekend of teaching, meals together, activities, and gathering around the Lord's Table only amplified our bond of peace and passion for works he has prepared for us to walk in. Beyond that, new friendships were formed, memories were made, and our relationships deepened.

Finally, our parish retreat provided the space to be unified with the vision of the parish. The final session's teaching was entirely focused on the launching of the "Practicing the Way Course" and the introduction of "practices" that foster the transformation into Christlikeness we desire. With time to hear the vision, ask questions, and express excitement about what the next year might hold, the parishioners left the session ready to champion this vision themselves and get started on the journey of transformation. As we settled into the presence of Christ the final night with a powerful time of worship and prayer, we all knew that God had moved in our hearts and had set us on the journey to deeper life together with him. To God be the Glory!

# ADOSC Spring Men's Hike



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On May 2 - 5, 2024, 15 men from seven different churches joined together at Table Rock State Park for a Kings Camp hike. The Rev. Canon Newman Lawrence led us in spiritual teachings on what it means to be a man of God. Four pairings of fathers and sons were on the hike blessing us with a multi-generational group. We summited Table Rock mountain and Sassafras Mountain (due to weather, we drove to the top), and hiked to several waterfalls. We ate like kings with barbecue, fried chicken, fish, shrimp, and beef tenderloin. And we found Jesus walking alongside us on the trail and being present with us on the mountain. Join us in the fall for the next Men's Hike.

# Is Your Church Ready? Join ARDF In Domestic Disaster Response! Zoom Call July 29

By Tommy Lamb, ARDF Disaster Response Network Director



BRIAN STEWART

Above, a team from St. Peter's Cathedral, Gulf Atlantic, assists a family with tree cutting and debris removal following a tornado.

In my meetings with churches over the past two years, a subject which frequently comes up is how to prepare churches for emergencies such as natural disasters. We never know when disaster will strike, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't be prepared. Whether you are responding within your parish or sending aid to your neighbors, ARDF is gathering resources, training, and awareness tools to help you equip your congregation to serve in times of need. ARDF's vision is that the church will be known as a resource for your congregation and a refuge for your community.

## Start Small

Want to join, but don't know where to start? Start small! St. John's Anglican Parish on John's Island, SC, started small and has been growing ever since. Stephen Haynsworth, Diocesan Disaster Response Coordinator, shares how much having a supportive network has helped their church prepare for disasters such as hurricanes. When a hurricane tore through the area several years ago, Stephen recounts that, "We had done what we thought was needed but nobody had a plan for contacting parishioners who needed help evacuating. Now, I tell churches to make a contact list in case of another event." Starting with

a simple contact list, the church has gone from having no set plan to confidently following step-by-step procedures in an emergency. This has inspired even greater participation, and St. John's now has a warehouse dedicated to disaster response supplies and an active response team ready to help others!

## Churches Need Parish Disaster Response Coordinators

Parish Coordinators are a key part in making all of this happen. They help families and churches prepare for emergencies including natural disasters (starting with those small steps like creating contact lists) and they know that the goal is to show Christ's love to their community. Being prepared to help others starts at home, because when families and churches are prepared to face a natural disaster, they then have the tools necessary to reach out into their community when the need arises. Ellie Peterson, the Parish Coordinator for Resurrection Anglican Church in Minneapolis, MN, says one of her main priorities is catching and sharing a vision of loving others well. "It starts in your church, ministering to your own people, and then to your community and to your country. God, show us how to love better!"

Coordinators help to facilitate this preparation and inspire others to get involved as well.

## Come Join Us!

Maybe you have volunteered to help in disaster response with the Red Cross, Samaritan's Purse, or another organization. You might be a first responder, a veteran, or someone who has been trained in emergency response. Our churches have many experienced individuals in this field. It would be a blessing to utilize your gifts in service to others in time of need. Or, maybe you have a heart to help others when things seem hopeless and you are willing to gain knowledge and training in this area. You may be good at administration and organization. Whatever your skills, if you feel like this is where God is calling you to serve your church and your community, ARDF is here to help. We are honored to come alongside churches who are reaching out with the love of Christ through tangible acts of compassion. Contact me, Tommy Lamb, ARDF's Disaster Response Network Director, (tommy@ardf.org | ardf.org/volunteer) for more information on joining this growing network of like-minded people ready to serve.

## Have Questions?

ARDF is hosting an upcoming Zoom Event on Monday, July 29 at 8pm ET to answer questions about how you can get started with Domestic Disaster Response in your church. Visit <https://ardf.org/volunteer> to learn more.

# Youth Retreats Planned for Fall

Registration for Regenerate and Mondo is being handled through group leaders. If you are a parent of a high schooler looking to register, please register through your home parish church. If you do not have a home parish, or your church doesn't have a youth group, contact Canon Hunter Myers our diocesan Canon for Student Ministry at hunter@your-cathedral.org to register!



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little skeptical about why it needed to be so big. She kept expressing to me that she thought this cross would be too heavy and she did not think one person could carry it. I explained that we needed it to be that big because it needed to be big enough to hold a person.

I explained to her that in the Bible a man was hung on this cross and if the cross was too small or too thin it would break. As I was explaining this to her, she stopped me and meekly asked, "Are you going to hang a person on this cross at your church?" I was flabbergasted! "NO! Of course not!" I said, "But we want it to be like it would have been back then." We both laughed at the misunderstanding. We finalized everything and she set out to have it made. As I left, I was laughing inside at the idea that she could believe even for a moment that I would put someone on this cross.

I later told my friend Luke about this story and he reminded me that that's exactly what happened. As atrocious as it is, we put our Lord Jesus on that cross, nail by nail because of our sin. And Jesus in his infinite goodness saw fit to hang on that cross on our behalf.

This woman who has never heard the Gospel, and never been to a church, understood how grossly awful it is to hang someone on a cross. And yet this is the Gospel of Christ: that he takes that which is deplorable and he makes it beautiful.

Would you join me in praying for Cambodia, that as the church grows in this country, Jesus would take all the hardships and make beauty from them? Would you pray with us that Cambodians would come to know Jesus as LORD and savior and see the beauty in the cross? Lastly, if you would like to support our ministry or hear more about our life in Cambodia, would you prayerfully consider partnering with us in ministry? You can reach out to our family via email at [anthonypelloni@sams-usa.org](mailto:anthonypelloni@sams-usa.org) or by searching for us at the SAMS website: <https://give.samsusa.org/missionary/anthony-and-anna-pelloni>

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of the vestry, that lot was sold in April 2024. Likened to a "talent buried in the ground," this land has once again generated funds to support our church's mission to proclaim God's grace in Jesus Christ.

Little did Mr. Harvey ever imagine the long-lasting impact of his gift of land in 1837. Generations of church goers have benefitted from his extraordinary generosity.

# One Acorn



By the Rev. Jonathan Bennett,  
The Church of the Cross,  
Bluffton

"It has been said, 'The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.'"

In 2010, an acorn aptly named God's Goods Thrift Store was planted. Fourteen years later, and through the efforts of thousands of volunteers, nearly \$3 million has been given to ministries around the world. Churches have been planted, wells have been dug, missionaries have been sent, orphans have been housed, children have been fed, and there are surely thousands of untold stories whose impact is known only by God.

Of course, none of it would be possible if it wasn't for those who planted the acorn, all those who watered it, and the Lord who has grown it. It is one of the mysteries of God how He raises the right leaders at the right time in just the right place. One acorn, God's Goods, and a thousand forests ... there will never come an end to the good it has done.

*You are like a city built on a hill that cannot be hidden ... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. ~ Jesus*

# Diocese Holds 2024 Convention in Bluffton

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congregation to our diocese each year going forward; two, we reestablish our Congregational Development Committee to help our existing congregations; and three, that we, as a diocese, continue to raise up and emphasize the ministry and work of deacons in our diocese." (See article, pg. 9)

The Bishop also highlighted the strategic ministries occurring on our college campuses and Camp Jubilee, and called on those present to support them with their prayers and financial gifts.

On Friday night, in addition to hearing the Bishop's address, which was given during the service of Holy Eucharist, attendees shared a dinner together and saw two videos. One told the inspiring story of the launch of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Daniel Island. Holy Spirit is the new name of a congregation which had been a satellite campus of the Church of the Holy Cross, Daniel Island. The second video gave an update on the construction of the Parish Church at Habersham, which was planted by the Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort.

Also, on Friday night Bishop Edgar presented the new diocesan seal, which was received enthusiastically. As he described each individual element in the seal they appeared on the screen until the full design was revealed. The symbols include a cross, Bible, dove, slain lamb, river, sword and crozier, and baptismal font.

## Business Meeting

During Saturday's business meeting the convention passed the \$2.6 million 2024 budget, heard a report from the Rev. Canon



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*Above, Convention delegates respond enthusiastically following the presentation of the new Diocesan Seal.*

Laura Bowman on the implementation of new processes for protecting our youth and children from sexual abuse, and received an update on Camp Jubilee from the Rev. Canon Ken Weldon and Justin Johnson. The Camp Jubilee video showed the exciting, joyful, and much-needed work being accomplished through that ministry.

## Elections

The following individuals were elected to serve the diocese:

Standing Committee: The Rev. Bill Clarkson, Holy Apostles, Barnwell; The Rev. Jeremy Shelton, St. John's Parish Church, Johns Island; Bob Kunes, St. Philip's Church, Charleston; Shirley Wiggins, Church of the Redeemer, Pineville

Diocesan Council: The Rev. C. J. Ausmus, Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant; The Rev. Taylor Daniel, Campus Communion at College of Charleston; Joanna McMurphy, St. Philip's Church, Charleston; Elizabeth Tezza, Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island

Ecclesiastical Court: The Rev. Brian McGreevy, St. Philip's Church, Charleston; Lori Moore, St. John's Parish Church, Johns Island

Provincial Assembly: The Rev. David Booman, The Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter; The Rev. Canon Laura Bowman, Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island; The Rev. Janet Echols, St. Matthew's, Ft. Motte; The Rev. Dr. Charles



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*Clergy gather for procession prior to the service of Holy Eucharist Friday evening, March 8.*

Echols, St. Matthew's, Ft. Motte; The Very Rev. Ron Greiser, Resurrection, Surfside Beach; The Rev. Canon Dr. Sandi Kerner, The Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston; The Rev. Dr. Jady Koch, St. Luke's, Hilton Head; The Rev. Canon Bob Lawrence, The Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston; The Rev. Jim Lewis, Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant; Zach Barton, The Cathedral Church of St. and St. Paul, Charleston; John Benson, Prince George Winyah, Georgetown; Janis Breazeale,

St. Matthew's Parish Church, Fort Motte; Anna Bruner, The Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston; Mallory Gum (youth), Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant; Joy Hunter, Good Samaritan, Summerville; Cathy Jacobs, St. Paul's, Summerville; Justin Johnson, Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant; Mark Kanaparthi, All Saints' Church, Florence

## Resolutions

Nine resolutions were brought before the convention for consideration. Three were second votes amending the constitution regarding the legal name of the Diocese, the role of the Standing Committee, and references to the

The convention also approved a resolution revising our canons regarding the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct in the Diocese. The revised canon provides that each parish and mission in the Diocese will adopt the new ADOSC Child and Youth Protection Policy Manual. The convention approved a new canon defining the bishops that may serve in our diocese to assist the Diocesan Bishop and updated our episcopal election processes to make our rules consistent with ACNA protocols. A first vote on a change to the constitution regarding the election process was also approved.

Three resolutions which would have revised our diocesan canons, constitution, and standing resolutions to include gender-neutral language were not approved. A resolution allowing canonically resident deacons active in local ministry to vote at convention was tabled.

## Vote to Welcome Church of the Holy Spirit

One of the highlights of the convention was the welcoming of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Daniel Island. The congregation was welcomed on Friday and their new status was officially voted on during Saturday's business meeting. The clergy and representatives of the parish received a standing ovation.

## Additional Business

Bishop Edgar recognized the new clergy of the diocese, inviting them to come forward where he prayed for them. The new clergy are: The Rev. David Rowe, The Rev. Joel Billings, The Rev. Thad Bullock, The Rev. Chet Houston, The Rev. Scott Poelker, The Rev. Doug Ringer and The Rev. Earl Sease. He also recognized and prayed for those transferring into the diocese: The Rev. CJ Ausmus, The Rev. David Cumbie, The Rev. Kelly O'Lear, The Rev. Jacob Rogers, The Rev. Stephen Scarff and The Rev. Chip Strickland.

The Bishop also remembered the clergy who have died in the past year: The Rev. Rick Belser, The Rev. Eddie Driggers and The Rev. Canon Mike Malone.

## Conclusion

Before adjourning the meeting, Bishop Edgar thanked the youth commission and the staff and volunteers of the Church of the Cross, Bluffton, for hosting the convention. He announced that the 2025 Convention will be held March 14-15 at St. Philip's Church, Charleston.



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*Clergy pray during the service of Holy Eucharist on Friday.*

treasurer. Two subsequent convention votes are required to amend the constitution. These resolutions had been approved during our previous convention and were approved again.

## Sutcliffes Provide Pastoral Care to Retired Clergy and Spouses

The Rev. David and Paula Sutcliffe have a special ministry providing pastoral care to retired clergy and their spouses.

"It is not always easy adjusting to life after retirement," says David. "It certainly can be difficult if there are health issues, losses or other situations that prove to be isolating or challenging."

He and Paula oversaw this ministry in a previous diocese and are now connecting with the retired clergy of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina.

If you know of retired clergy and/or spouses who might benefit from a visit, a phone call, or a written note, please contact the Sutcliffes.

"We want to be sure our retired clergy and spouses know they are not forgotten," says Paula. "Please contact either of us if you know of anyone who might appreciate this ministry. We want to connect with anyone who may need our presence."



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The Sutcliffes are happy to provide pastoral care and support wherever needed. Contact the Rev. David Sutcliffe at Frsutcliffe@gmail.com, cell (518)-897-6048, or contact Paula Sutcliffe at paulasutcliffe1@gmail.com, or cell (518) 637-2277.

## Wheeler Retires After 60 Years at the Organ

By Helen Wheeler, Church of Our Saviour, Johns Island

It was January, 2010: Mike Clarkson, the Rector of Church of Our Saviour, Johns Island had just asked me if I would be willing and available to do a one-month interim stint as the organist-choir director at his church. Not substituting at the organ anywhere else right then, I agreed. Turns out Easter was about 6-7 weeks later so I ended up staying for that. That one month ended up being 14 years. Musicians aren't good at math.

2024 is a special time for me. It is a time of retirement after 14 years at Church of Our Saviour and a total of 60 years on the organ bench playing for churches and directing choirs. It almost did not happen. After beginning piano lessons at the age of nine, a recalcitrant middle schooler ready to give up music completely was introduced to the organ. It was love at first hearing—never looking back and starting to play for church at the ripe old age of 15.

After majoring in organ at Newberry College and getting a master's degree in music history and literature with a minor in church music at Florida State University, it was time to launch out into the world of church music. Time on the bench has included directing choirs and playing at multiple churches and a children's home in the upstate and Lowcountry and studying at Westminster Choir College and with organ professors at USC, Presby-

terian College, and the College of Charleston. In my spare time, I participated in community theatre, served as the Dean of the Greenwood Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and as the Chairman of the Southern Region IV of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers (for Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina).

The last two years have been ones of celebration at Church of Our Saviour as we celebrated the ending of COVID restrictions and marked the 150th anniversary of the church's pipe organ. The organ was built in 1873 in Connecticut. The organ spent 100 years in New England before coming to The Citadel and making its way to the Church of Our Saviour for its rebuilding and re-dedication in 1992. We celebrated my 10th anniversary at this church and the birth of this lovely organ in 2022 with a recital. You can listen to it here: <https://www.youtube.com/live/ft88tleWbts?si=pYQ469Mt7o2fNxEE>



## People News

The Parish Church at Habersham near Beaufort recently welcomed Carter Berry as their new Parish Administrator.



Carter comes to the parish after spending 18 years as a case manager for a nonprofit in Greenville, SC that provided permanent and emergency housing for

chronically homeless men and women living with disabling health conditions. Carter retired to Beaufort this past year to be closer to her mom, Ann Poe, and her sister, Claudia Carucci, who serves as a deacon at the Parish Church.

In a recent parish email the Rev. John Burwell, Rector of Redeemer, Orangeburg noted, "It was exactly



40 years ago that Sylvia and I flew down from seminary to meet with Bill Snow, the Rector of Redeemer, to interview for the position of Associate Rector. It was

early April and we left two inches of snow in Pittsburgh. When we landed, it was 75 degrees. Is there any wonder why I prefer my home state over the North? We met Bill on a Saturday. He took us to lunch at Duke's Barbecue. He made the offer, and of course we accepted." Burwell started on June 1 that year.

"It was 40 years ago that we fell in love with Orangeburg's Church of the Redeemer, and we still love you just as much today! I thank God for sending me here originally and then sending me back here as your Rector 10 years ago this August. Here's to God's good future!"

Quinton Buyck recently joined the staff of St. John's, Florence, as their Facilities Manager. The Rev. Corey Prescott, Rector, introduced Quinton in a church email, "Quin-



ton Buyck is a native of Florence and a 2019 graduate of Francis Marion University. He has a background in construction, most recently working

for a custom cabinetry company in Rock Hill. He has strong references that speak highly of his character and work ethic. With his hiring, the role of Facilities Manager will change slightly. While Quinton will still be responsible for basic maintenance, room setups, etc, he will also take responsibility for our independent contractors and all contracted services related to buildings and grounds. This role has previously been split between the Jr. Warden and Rector, and it required a significant time commitment for gathering quotes, managing contracts, overseeing labor, etc."

The Rev. Richard Grimball, who serves as the Priest-in-Charge at Saint James, James Island, graduated from Charleston Southern University on May 3 with a graduate degree in Clinical Counseling. He was also recently recognized with the 2023-2024 CSU Outstanding Student in Clinical Counseling award. Way to go, Richard!



Please continue to keep the Rev. Jason Hamshaw, the Rector of All Saints' Anglican Church in Florence, and his family, in your prayers. Jason is undergoing treatment for stage 4 colorectal cancer and had major surgery on June 4. In a note following



the operation, Chelsea, his wife wrote, "I am more thankful than I can say for your support and prayers for our family. I am overjoyed to say that Jason's surgery went well today, and the surgeon feels confident in his margins. Jason's strength through all of it has been stunning. I am filled with the utmost gratitude to call him my husband. Thank you for continuing to pray through healing from surgery and any next steps that we may face in this battle against cancer. To Him who is able be all honor and glory! We press on."

St. Helena's, Beaufort, recently welcomed Katie Johnson as their new Small Groups Coordinator. A Charleston native, she comes with experience having led small groups with Camp Jubilee, (of which her husband, Justin is the Camp Director), but also,



most importantly, caring tenderly for their two children, Samuel (7) and Audrey Mae (5). "I love relational ministry," says Katie, "and am looking forward to helping leaders continue to disciple our current groups and equipping leaders to start more groups here at St. Helena's." "We are excited for Katie to step into this role and partner with the Lord in his ministry of small groups," says Rector, the Rev. Shay Gaillard.



We rejoice with Canon Hunter Myers (our Canon for Youth Ministry) and his wife, Karina, on the birth of their son Anthony Lev Myers. An-

thonny was born March 15 and was 21 inches and 8 lbs 7 ounces. He's named after St. Anthony the Great. Both mother and baby are doing well. Canon Myers also serves as the Youth Minister for the Cathedral Church of St. Luke & St. Paul.

Collin Reed was ordained to the transitional diaconate by Bishop Chip Edgar on



April 14 at St. Paul's, Anglican Church in Summerville. Reed, who now serves on staff at St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Sewickley, PA, received his Master of Divinity from Trinity Anglican Seminary on May 18, where he served as both the Student Body President, and President of the Senior Class. Prior to answering the call to full-time ministry, he worked in the retail beverage industry for 20 years, and he holds an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Southern Wesleyan University. Collin and his wife, Shannon, have been married for 21 years, and they have two children in college, Jackson and Olivia. (Read Collin's address to the graduating class beginning on page 5.)

Christ the King (CtK), Pawleys Island, recently welcomed the Rev'd Skip Reitmeier as their new parish deacon. Bishop Chip approved this redeployment at the end of 2023. Skip and his wife, Ellin, relocated to Georgetown County in 2023, after living for many



years in Mt Pleasant. During that time, Skip served at Holy Cross on Sullivan's Island, where his wife, Ellin, also worked as the parish administrator. Skip's service as a deacon has unfolded alongside many years of work in the engineering and construction

sector. At CtK, Skip assists with Sunday services, Christian Education, and leading the church's Pastoral Care Team. Commenting on this appointment, Rev'd Roger Revell (CtK's Rector) noted that "Skip's arrival comes at an apt and opportune moment, as the parish moves into its next season. His presence among us is an answer to prayer. How grateful we all are!"

The Rev. Jacob Rogers, who had been serving as the Curate at Old St. Andrew's, Charleston, has accepted a call to serve as an Associate at St. Luke's, Hilton Head. In a note to OSA, the Rev. Marshall Huey wrote, "We have been blessed during this school year by Fr. Jacob's ministry as Curate here at Old St. Andrew's. Jacob's wife, April, along with daughters Lydia and Zoe, have been a joy to have as a part of our Church family. Jacob, April, Lydia and Zoe welcomed baby Phineas to their family just after Easter, and we wish them Godspeed in this next chapter in their lives. Fr. Jacob goes to St. Luke's with my blessing, along with the blessing of our Bishop Chip Edgar." Jacob began at St. Luke's on June 1.



Bishop Chip Edgar ordained the Rev. David Rowe to the Sacred Order of Priests on Friday, April 19, 2024, at St. Michael's Church in Charleston. David is the Lower School Chaplain at Porter-Gaud School. His life pilgrimage began in Britain and has so far included a Biblical Studies BA (from the University of Sheffield), several years serving with Youth



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## Sponsor an International Guest for New Wineskins 2025

The Rev. Canon Robert S. Lawrence, Canon for Global Missions

The tri-annual mission conference sponsored by the New Wineskins Missionary Network is scheduled for September 17-20, 2025 at Ridgecrest, North Carolina. This gathering of mission-minded Anglicans and others from throughout the world continues to be one of the largest gatherings in North America focused on international mission and proclaiming Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. It has long been en-



riched by the participation of many Anglican bishops and clergy from around the world. Over the years, our diocese has helped to foster the participation of international guests by giving generous grants to New Wineskins specifically for scholarship assistance to international participants. In doing so, many of the scholarship recipients arranged their international travel to arrive and depart from Charleston in order to allow them time in the diocese as guests of churches and ministries before and after the New Wineskins Conference. Additionally, several diocesan congregations have also taken it upon themselves to fund the full costs of hosting international guests during the time of the conference, and also made their guests available to a wider audience within the diocese. Many of us have been blessed by the presence of these international guests and have been made all the more aware of the global presence of Anglicanism as a force for spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

While the diocese is no longer able to give grants in support of international guests to attend the New Wineskins Global Mission Conference, it is hoped that more and more of our congregations will assume this responsibility as parishes. Where existing relationships already exist, this is a natural opportunity to host those who would be blessed mightily to share in the conference experience of worship, teaching and fellowship. Additionally, time in the diocese before and after the conference to possibly preach or teach in a local congregation fosters all the more the relationships we share in Jesus that nourish us all.

Through its past involvement of sponsoring international guests for New Wineskins, and through its ministry of the Anglican Leadership Institute, the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina has established mutually supportive, life-giving relationships with proven and effective Anglican leaders from well over 40 countries. Many of these leaders would welcome additional opportunities to further these relationships with the parishes and congregations of our diocese.

Might this be the time and opportunity to sponsor an international guest to be in your midst for New Wineskins 2025? You will be mightily blessed if you do. As an additional incentive for parishes to host international guests, New Wineskins also intends to waive the conference registration fee for hosted international guests. Transportation and Ridgecrest-provided food and lodging would remain the responsibility of the hosts.

If this opportunity sounds appealing, it isn't too early to extend an invitation. The process of obtaining a visa for international travel is taking over a year in some countries, so it isn't too soon to begin making plans. Additionally, suggestions for international guests that would welcome an invitation to be hosted are easily available from the Committee for Anglican Missional Partnerships and the Canon for Global Missions, who can be reached at blawrence@adosc.org or 843.276.1758.

## Anglican Leadership Institute Begins New Season

The Rev. Canon Dr. Frog (Francis) Orr-Ewing, Director, Anglican Leadership Institute

This year marks a new season for the Anglican Leadership Institute, the global leadership training pathway for the Global Anglican community, which started its life in a series of conversations and partnerships in South Carolina around 2015, and will hit a new stride by the start of 2025.

The central idea of A.L.I. is that leadership formation happens best within a well-curated context of excellent input (theology and mission/personal development/technical skills) alongside time spent away from weighty responsibilities. This allows the fellows to really learn, but also to reflect on their leadership experience to date, form new resolutions for the future, and importantly, to form lasting Christian friendships which they might call upon in the following years.

The ministry was formed and led by the Rev. Dr. Peter Moore, who turned his extensive experience and commitment to theological formation, leadership and discipleship to serve successive cohorts of Christian leaders from around the world. Sadly, he passed away after an illness, and the ministry was unable to carry out its normal activities until Bishop Mark Lawrence stepped in, in 2022/3 to run two more institutes, in South Carolina and in Martha's Vineyard.

### Upcoming Institute February 2025

The Board appointed me as the new Director in 2023. I was so struck by the rich heritage and the exciting possibilities for the future, and I am thrilled to be able to tell you the plans for the next year.

We will continue to run at least one three-week institute in Charleston each year. The next Carolina institute will be in February 2025.



Above, Samy Shehata, (left) chats with the late Tom Cameron during an ALI gathering. When the photo was taken, Shehata was a priest. He has since become the Archbishop of the province of Alexandria. He is hosting the gathering of the Global South fellowship of orthodox dioceses of the Anglican Communion in June.

Hosted on the Isle of Palms, approximately 16 key leaders, nominated by their Bishops or Archbishops, will arrive to begin a course of study, equipping, retreat and fellowship. They will have access to world-class input in theology, business skills and personal development, including how to become trauma-informed as leaders. We have already accepted Anglican leaders from Europe, North America, Asia, Africa and South America, as some have been on the waiting list since before the COVID crisis. Our aim is to provide all they need for their course, including their flights to and from South Carolina, and in previous years several churches and individuals have agreed to sponsor the costs of one or more of the Fellows.

### ALI Alum Consecrated Archbishop

I would love to give you the story of one key leader called Samy, who attended one of the first Institutes after he was nominated by his Archbishop in Egypt. Within a matter of weeks after his return, he had been invited to become a

Bishop and now Samy Shehata is the Archbishop, Primate of Alexandria, and will be hosting the gathering of the Global South fellowship of orthodox Dioceses of the Anglican Communion in June of this year. (<https://www.thegsfa.org/>) ALI has been invited to be an official observer of this gathering and I feel privileged to be able to go and renew our commitment to supporting the next generation of leaders. The need to support and equip the next generation of leaders has never been more urgent. Within a few years 40% of the world's Christians will be from Africa.

### Global Summit Planned for 2024

The second commitment we have made, as a team and with the support of the Board, is to respond to the requests of the Alumni to meet together and start to make plans, and to collaborate to tackle some of the largest issues that Anglican leaders around the world are wanting to tackle. These include

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With A Mission (in Zimbabwe, England, and New Zealand), and writing a book called *The Proverbs of Middle-earth* about the wisdom and worldviews of JRR Tolkien's invented peoples. David and his wife, Maria, have three children. He graduated from Trinity School for Ministry last summer with an MDiv, and has led worship music for 25 years, including at St. Michael's, Charleston; St. John's, Johns Island; and Good Shepherd, West Ashley. He presently serves as a deacon at Holy Trinity, Charleston.

Aaron Schnupp has accepted a call to serve as a Curate at St. Michael's Church, Charleston. An Anglican Curate typically describes a new priest coming right from seminary into their first church. At St. Michael's, Aaron will train in all aspects of



the liturgy, and work in collaboration with the Director of Family Ministry and Director of Men's Ministry with a special emphasis on discipling young fathers and young adults. Aaron is an accomplished guitarist and singer, and has a 2021 album out on Spotify called: "Don't Lose Your Laughter." Aaron is a 2019 graduate of the University of South Carolina Honors College in Columbia with a BA in Religious Studies with minors in Business and Counselor Education. He will graduate from Beeson with a Master of Divinity with a certificate in Anglican Studies. Aaron is married to Emma and they are expecting their first child on August 17.

Deacon Martha Toney has accepted a call to serve at St. Michael's Church, Charleston. In a note to his congregation, the Rev. Al Zadig, Rector of St. Michael's, wrote, "It is a joy to welcome the Rev. Dr. Martha Toney to our parish family as our Deacon for Pastoral Care and Healing Prayer Ministry. Dr. Toney trained as a hos-



pital chaplain and in 2014 was ordained as a deacon in the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Central Florida. She enjoys writing and is a certified speaker with the John Maxwell Team." Martha joined the staff on June 4.

Please keep the family and loved ones of the Rev. Al Zadig in your prayers. Al's mother, Ina Solveig Williamson died February 16. In a note to his congregation Al quoted Bishop FitzSimons Allison who said, upon the death of his daughter, "Grief is the cost of love." An excerpt from Ina's obituary reads: "She was truly a Deuteronomy 6:6 woman: 'These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children...' It was her faith that was

the glue to the Zadig family. However, this didn't mean she was boring, self-righteous or predictable! Ina had a great sense of humor, often sending out clippings of jokes and stories. And though never to be confused for a good cook, this actually stood her children well as they can eat anything, are the last to complain and the easiest to please when it comes to food. She was amazingly colorful, both in language, passion and in her often politically incorrect ways..."

Josh Wills has accepted a call to serve as the Director of Youth Ministries at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Summerville. Josh has been serving in youth ministry since 2017, most recently serving as the Youth and Young Adult Director of St. Peter's Luther-



an Church in Lexington, SC. He holds a BS in Youth Ministry, Family and Culture from Columbia International University and is getting his MDiv from the same university. He loves playing the guitar and piano, soccer, ultimate frisbee and spike ball. He also likes reading, journaling, and most of all loves Jesus. In a note to the congregation, Wills wrote, "I'm excited for the opportunity God has given me to be at St. Paul's, and cannot wait to meet everyone there." He began at St. Paul's Anglican in June.

Please keep the Rev. Canon Ken Weldon, Canon for Clergy Care and Executive Director of Camp Jubilee, and his family in your prayers. Ken's father, William "Eddie" Weldon died on April 9. A memorial service was held Saturday, April 13, 2024, at Unity Presbyterian Church in Fort Mill, SC.

# Tenacious Grace Provides Home for Formerly Incarcerated Women

New Season for ALI

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By Cookie Cawthon, St. John's Church, Florence

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I ate at my kitchen table with my phone face-up—a usual no-no, but these were special circumstances. My phone rang, but it wasn't the number I expected. I answered, prepared for the characteristic pause and then distant voice of a telemarketer.

"Hey, Miss Cookie. I'm ready." "Aaaaaahhhhh!! I'm so excited and can't wait to give you a big squeeze. I'm really proud of you! A Tenacious Grace staff member will be there in a few minutes to pick you up. She'll take you through a drive-thru to pick up dinner and then to Walmart to get anything you need. I will stop by the house to see you after my nephew's tee-ball game."

And with that call, a dream stepped into reality. Five Sparrows had its first resident.

Five Sparrows is a free, comprehensive, two-year residential recovery program for formerly incarcerated women who are survivors of abuse, addiction, poverty, and prostitution.

That phone call on May 27, 2021, can be traced back to the evening of June 3, 2015—the first time I went to jail. The first time I stood before sliding steel doors. The first

time I was patted down in booking. The first time I made the quarter-mile trek to H-pod in the Florence County Detention Center.

I was there to participate in revival services for the inmates, and I was terrified.

At that time, Tenacious Grace was a new women's ministry, creating spiritual growth resources and providing speakers for local women's events. I had recently announced to the team that I felt we needed to carry our resources and teaching to women in our county jail. The mission of Tenacious Grace has always been to engage hurting women from all walks of life with the message of truth, strength, and hope in Jesus; encouraging and loving women in jail was definitely within the scope of our ministry.

So I joined the Florence County Detention Center Ministry Team under the leadership of Chaplain Buddy Rainwater. That first night he told me, "You will quickly know if this is your thing or not." When



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I reached H-pod, I fell completely in love with the women I met. They were gracious and strong and vulnerable and beautiful and kind and real. There was no pretense about their desperation....unlike how we mask our brand of desperation with flattering filters and selective cropping.

This was *my* thing.

After a year of weekly jail visits, I began to see ladies re-arrested. As I began to wrestle through the causes for cycling through the system, I came to learn it was foolish to expect new lives from women forced to return to the same destructive

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reimagining theological education, developing skills for mission and innovation, and finding ways to create a Christian vision for sustainable and land-based economies. So, I am delighted to announce the first Global Summit of ALI will be held in Egypt in the fall of this year.

And we are inviting a wider group to join in, especially from South Carolina, church leaders and church members. It will start in Cairo, then we will pass the springs of Elim, and spend two days up Mount Sinai in a monastery. We will greet the dawn on the top of the mountain with prayer and worship, have a Bedouin dinner in the desert, and spend time exploring the most ancient manuscripts stored in the libraries. Then we will go to a beautiful hotel in Sharm El Sheik at the Red Sea for three days of conference, with world-class speakers from the UK, USA, Egypt and Africa, and then return to Cairo, with a chance to see the pyramids before flying home.

Please consider if you would like to attend this global summit. You can find details and apply to come through the website, or email [christina@anglicanlead.org](mailto:christina@anglicanlead.org)

*Find out more about the ministry on our website [www.anglicanlead.org](http://www.anglicanlead.org). Thank you for your continuing support and prayer.*

# Year-Long Boat Trip Leads to Ministry of Caring: Heart 2 Help

By Pamela Lee, Christ the King, Pawley's Island

"Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale, a tale of a fateful trip..." You may be wondering how the theme song of a 1960s-era, made-up television show, Gilligan's Island, ties in to the 2020s-era, real-life mission of Heart 2 Help, a growing ministry at Christ the King in Pawleys Island. Here is our faithful report.

In March of 2021, parishioners Rick and Marie Ahlert boarded their 28-ft, hard-top-cabin boat and headed out on a year-long waterway adventure—Traveling America's Great Loop. When docked alongside a town on Sundays during the expansive journey, the friendly and outgoing Ahlerts worshiped at local churches. They saw what congregations of varying denominations were doing in their communities. Back on the boat they had a lot of time to talk about their own lives. "As we looped around the United States, we were trying to find a way we could give back to our community when we came home," Marie said, echoing the mission of the church. "And we wanted to be a part of making it happen."

At Christ the King, we strive to be a community of Christ-followers who are being transformed and renewed by God in order to love and serve our neighbors in Pawleys Island and the wider world. We are an alive and growing church with a warm-hearted, welcoming feeling of faith and family. In fact, on Sundays we are sometimes so friendly that we require a few extra nudges from the pulpit to get seated and prepare our hearts for worship. Defining a new ministry that builds on the connections seems a natural fit.

Marie went on to explain, "The idea (for Heart 2 Help) really blossomed in the final years that my parents were with us. The older my parents got, the bigger the responsibility of caring for them grew." Many of us have life situations similar to what the Ahlerts experi-

enced, but we don't all have families with the closeness they had who are willing and able to share in caregiving.

Before Heart 2 Help had its name, our church family worked together on projects like preparing a home for downsizing and organizing items for a tag sale. Today, the ministry provides services as simple as giving rides to the doctor, beauty salon, or airport; going grocery shopping or watching a child; and much bigger jobs. Team members volunteer to serve different needs, wherever they feel led to help on large and small tasks. "One of our first big projects in Heart 2 Help was to build a ramp at a woman's home. Most recently, we did a massive yard cleanup for someone having health problems," Rick said.

One of the team members who gives their time to the ministry said it well. "It is a privilege to serve with God where He is already at work in the world. I find such joy in helping others see how much He loves them and cares for them. I always come home feeling I am the one most blessed."

Now three years into the work of the Heart 2 Help ministry, our biggest challenge is getting folks to recognize it is okay to reach out and to receive help. And although we at Christ the King live on or near Pawleys Island, God doesn't want His children to live as castaways,



ANGELA GALLUP

*Team members volunteer to serve different needs, wherever they feel led to help on large and small tasks. Above, Rick Ahlert assists with yard work.*

stranded and alone like the seven people on Gilligan's Island. Maybe that sounds overstated and dramatic, but life brings significant changes for us all, whether over time or after a sudden setback. And those are the times God calls us to serve one another.

When those times of need come to each of us, let us hear God's word in Proverbs 11:25 (ESV), "Whoever brings blessing himself will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered." Knowing that we allow others to serve God by receiving the gifts of their service is comforting. Depending on Him first and then on each other is creating a community of God's love, and we are all being blessed by living it.

# Summer: Ideal Time to Gear up for Operation Christmas Child

By Duval Acker, St. Michael's, Charleston

Friends, consider Operation Christmas Child as an opportunity for your Church. It's an:

OPPORTUNITY for families to serve & give together.

OPPORTUNITY for children to learn how to share with others, especially kids their own ages.

OPPORTUNITY for older people to help the less fortunate, meaningfully.

OPPORTUNITY for proven, effective evangelism worldwide.

OPPORTUNITY for everyone you know (near and far away) to give a gift shoebox they build themselves online!

OPPORTUNITY to reach out to your community in the love of Christ.

OPPORTUNITY to have fun while giving, serving, and helping.

When? Summer is the ideal time for a Church to gear up for the season for OCC—just three months of involvement for your congregation, starting at Labor Day and finishing before Thanksgiving. Promotional materials are provided to us, free of charge.

Who? A trained volunteer can help you set things up, starting small, to see what the Lord will do in your midst this year. Where else could a Church gain in so many ways with a 30-year-old, established program that works so wonderfully?

How? What does it take to get started? A pair of committed volunteers, less than \$100 for materials, and a heart for unreached children to meet Jesus, is all it takes to get OCC underway for your Church. When would you like to meet for more info?

Call me! Duval Acker (843) 693-0690 or [duval.acker@carolinaone.com](mailto:duval.acker@carolinaone.com)

## Clergy Collars and Bibles Needed for Partner Diocese in Uganda

By the Rev. Canon Laura Bowman, ADOSC Canon for Safe Churches



Incoming students with their new Bibles.

LAURA BOWMAN

In early August of this year, the Rev. Cindy Larsen will travel to Uganda to represent the ADOSC at the consecration of the new Bishop in the Bunyoro-Kitara Diocese. Cindy served in that diocese from 2009-2016 as the Principal at Bishop Ruhindi Theological Seminary, and she eagerly awaits the opportunity to re-engage with her many friends and co-workers in that region.

For context, the Bunyoro-Kitara Diocesan Headquarters is located in Hoima, which is a four-hour drive from Kampala, the nearest large city. There are about 110 priests serving in the Bunyoro-Kitara Diocese, and they serve approximately 500,000 church members there. The clergy are spread very thin, and are paid very little. When the churches were forced to shut down for an extended period during COVID, the clergy were not paid at all.

As she prepares to make this trip, Cindy is asking all clergy in our diocese to look for extra clerical collars that no longer fit or that they no longer need or want. She would like to take as many collars as she can, to distribute to their clergy. Please note that many of the clergy there have been making collars for themselves by cutting old bleach bottles to fit. These makeshift collars

are uncomfortable, and they also retain the smell of bleach.

If you have collars you would like to donate or you would like to purchase new collars at \$12 each, please contact the Rev. Cindy Larsen at vicar@graceanglicanparish.org or call/text her at (843) 475-2772.

Checks may be made payable to Grace Anglican Parish, with "Uganda Mission" in the memo line and mailed to 9911 Highway 90, Little River, SC 29566.

Also, Grace Parish, where Cindy currently serves as vicar, has traditionally purchased hard-bound English Bibles for the new seminary students there. These Bibles cost \$15 each, and are purchased through the Uganda Bible Society. (Cindy is a life member of that group.)

Finally, Cindy will be taking funds to purchase food for the hungry families in the villages and churches where she will be preaching during her stay in Uganda. Bishop Samuel Kahuma is arranging opportunities for her to preach at churches where her former students are currently serving as rectors. It is Cindy's prayer that our clergy and laity will show the love the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina has for our sister diocese in Hoima, Uganda.

## The Bountiful Harvest of Student Ministry

By Patrick Wieber, Saint Luke's, Hilton Head Island

Four and a half years ago I began serving in middle and high school student ministry. Right from the start it became evident to me that ministering to 12-18-year-olds is quite the bountiful harvest. A student's life is pivotal. As adolescents, they face challenges and trials they never experienced as children. During those years they go through a crucible of sorts. Whether a student is prepared for it or not, aware or oblivious, they are in desperate need of the grace and love of Christ to aid them every step of the way. This is the duty of the Church.

I am grateful to God that I was chosen to be a laborer in this harvest, and particularly in this diocese for as long as I have. When I look back on my tenure as a student minister, Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 3:6 have resonated with me. "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." In numerous cases I have been blessed to water where others have planted, and plant where others are now watering. Yet, throughout it all it is the Lord Almighty who gives, as He always has and always will, the growth.

One of the most profound lessons I learned over the last few years is that teenagers desire love. The greatest, most fulfilling, and only true love we can offer is the love which comes from the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This requires studying the truth of the Scriptures together, intimate small group discussions,



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countless coffee meetups, and thoughtfully curated dinners in our homes and beyond. In these special and often unplanned moments, students realize we truly love them and want nothing more for them than that they surrender their lives to our Creator. Through our love, time, prayer, and actions, the eyes of these young men and women are opened wide to the truth that Christ desires their hearts. It has been beautiful to witness these individuals come to the realization that they are wanted by the King of Kings.

Jesus taught in Luke 10:2, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to

the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Student Ministry is just a small portion of the greater harvest that we, the body of Christ, find ourselves in. Therefore, I encourage you to pray to the Lord for the harvest, both for the laborers that are already at work in it and for future laborers who would have a heart for bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to middle and high school students of our diocese and beyond.

Patrick will begin a new chapter this fall when he becomes a seminarian at Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Wisconsin.

## Ultimate Safe Spaces

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is applicable to anyone in our churches who volunteers or is a paid staff member who interacts with children.

### How will people be trained?

Praesidium is the company providing our online training. The content is essentially the same as what we had from Safeguarding God's Children. It is paid for by the diocese. When you become employed or become a volunteer worker within one of our churches, the Congregation Coordinator can sign you up to receive the training.

You can complete the training in your own home on your computer. There are about four half-hour videos (depending upon your assigned duties), and each ends with a multiple-choice quiz. Praesidium maintains a record of the videos each trainee completes. We require update training every other year. But after you pass the initial training, the update training is comprised of one video - a refresher - which summarizes all of the previous work.

### What if you see something that seems a bit "off" in your parish or sets off red flags. Who do you call?

The simplest response would be to simply report it to your supervisor, but if for some reason you don't feel comfortable doing that, you could report it to your priest, or a lay supervisor, or to me.

We don't want anybody to ever say, "I'm not going to report this because I don't know how to report it or who I would even report it to." That's why we have a Canon for Safe

Churches. If you don't feel safe reporting it to someone in your church, feel free to contact me. If it's not something I should be involved with, I will be happy to pass it along to whoever should be involved. The important thing is if you see something that concerns you, or that's suspicious, let somebody know. Because you know what? If you report it to your supervisor or to your priest, and if they don't know what to do with it, they will call me.

### Suppose you make a report, but the person you report to says, "Oh, that's nothing, just let it go," but you're still uncomfortable. Can we call you?

Absolutely. Not everybody is from the same generation or culture. Not everybody views things the same way. Not everybody has had the same training or life experience. If we receive a complaint and then we look at everything and it turns out there is no real cause for concern, then so be it. The important thing is we don't want to create or allow any dead ends. We want to know if there are concerns.

Our churches have to be the ultimate safe spaces, and we are going to do everything we can to make that so.

You may contact the Rev. Canon Laura Bowman at (843) 272-6339 or lbowman@adosc.org. Download the new Child and Youth Protection Policy Manual at <https://adosc.org/resources/parish-management/child-protection/>.

## Aidan & Hilda's Coffee Pub

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The Rev. Taylor Daniel, Anglican campus minister at the College of Charleston, enthusiastically responded to news of Aidan & Hilda's this way, "I would love to find ways to collaborate. Working with Gen Z full time, I've seen firsthand how challenging it can be to invite young people to church. That's why creative initiatives like this are so important," he said. "I'll be excited to drive out of my way to get my lattes there and will point college kids to a cool new place to study and hang out."

### Our Progress So Far

A faithful group of people have agreed to serve on the Board of Directors: Jennifer Woodworth, Kelli Hample, Anna Bruner, and The Revs. Louise Weld, Dr. Rob Sturdy, David Rowe, Henrietta Rivers, and Canon Sandi Kerner. They bring a variety of gifts and experiences to this ministry and I'm grateful for their leadership and wisdom.

We've made substantial progress in moving the vision forward. We are a recognized public charity in South Carolina and are awaiting approval for 501(c)(3) nonprofit status from the IRS which should come soon. We have raised \$50,000 of the estimated \$200,000 needed to launch the coffee pub. As we continue to fundraise, we are searching for the perfect location to establish this outpost of God's Kingdom.

I am especially grateful to have the support of Bishop Edgar and the Standing Committee of the Diocese. The Diocese is contributing \$10,000 towards Aidan & Hilda's Coffee Pub. Of the coffee pub, Bishop Edgar comments, "Gospel hospitality requires more

than just opening your door and hoping people walk in. It requires going out and trying to find the folks who don't yet even know that they're looking for what you have. I love the risk-taking initiative that Aidan & Hilda's Coffee Pub represents. I'm a fan, and will be a customer-supporter, and I encourage everyone to join me in supporting this innovative gospel effort."

Every day that passes, my excitement grows as I think about Aidan & Hilda's Coffee Pub becoming a reality. I am reminded daily as I gaze at The Sower hanging in my living room that the Lord is working with us to prepare the soil for this fresh expression of Christian community. As we welcome people with hospitality and kindness and demonstrate the love of Christ, we will draw them into community and into His transformative presence and into an understanding of the good news of the Kingdom of God.

Please pray for us and if you are so moved, partner with us by making a financial contribution to help us launch this "colony of heaven." The great thing about this community of faith housed in a nonprofit organization is that once it's up and running, it will be completely self-sustaining. Go to <https://givebutter.com/CoffeePubSeedMoney> to make a donation. If you have questions or want to learn more about the vision, please reach out to me at [elizabeth@aidanandhildas.com](mailto:elizabeth@aidanandhildas.com).

## Taking Cursillo on the Road

Cursillo Weekends to Be Held in Local Parishes

By Jim Huntley, *The Well By the Sea*, Diocesan Lay Coordinator for Cursillo

As I was at the Convention listening to the Bishop's speech about the new seal, I realized that the verse he share for our motto, "Behold, I make all things new!" spoke to what the Holy Spirit has inspired as we plan the new direction of the Cursillo ministry in our diocese. Starting with the upcoming Fall Weekend, Cursillo will go on the road.

Some may remember Faith Alive weekends held in local parishes. The Faith Alive model will now be applied to the Cursillo Weekend. Cursillo #195 will take place at St. Bartholomew's in Hartsville on October 10-13.

The reaction we've received from the folks at St. Bartholomew's has been enthusiastic, with many volunteering to assist with ways to support the weekend. Some members have already volunteered to open their homes for the team and participants, including a B&B that sleeps four. Others have volunteered

to be on cooking teams and cleaning teams and to contribute financially.

The Rev. Bill Oldland has received offers from churches in the deanery to offer assistance as well. In addition, Fr. Bill has secured a block of rooms at the Fairmont Inn at a reduced price and procured other items for the weekend. Bishop Edgar has contributed funds to further defray the price of the hotel rooms.

During the weekend we will evaluate this new model to streamline it and then take Cursillo to the other deaneries in the Diocese. We are already in talks with another parish interested in hosting a Cursillo Weekend. If your Parish is interested in hosting a weekend, please email me at jimmydeux@scoast.net or Fr. Bill Oldland at stbartrector@aol.com so we can get in touch with you.



## Trinity School for Ministry Now Trinity Anglican Seminary

Same Vision, Same Mission, New Name

On June 3, 2024 Trinity School for Ministry announced that it had changed its name to Trinity Anglican Seminary.

According to the Very Rev. Canon Dr. Bryan C. Hollon, Trinity's Dean & President, "Our new name does not suggest a break from the past but was chosen after careful study to better reflect the scope and focus of our work in the 21st century. We continue to be a global center for Christian formation in the evangelical Anglican tradition, producing outstanding leaders who can plant, renew, and grow churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ."

Trinity Anglican Seminary was founded in 1976 to help renew biblically faithful Anglicanism within The Episcopal Church. It has since played a leading role in the creation of the Anglican Church in North America and in the renewal and realignment of the Anglican Church on a global scale.

"When Anglicanism remains biblically faithful, evangelical, cath-

olic, and reformed," said Hollon, "it offers an excellent way to be a Christian. Thus, we are unapologetically Anglican and entirely committed to forming Christian leaders who can communicate the gospel in a broken world and plant, renew, and grow churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ."

While most of Trinity's students are Anglican, Presbyterian and Lutheran students study alongside their Anglican colleagues in programs overseen by the North American Lutheran Church and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

In line with Trinity's priority to serve the leadership needs of churches and dioceses in the Anglican Church in North America, the seminary's traditional 'residential pathway' is now complemented by a 'church-based pathway'. Students pursuing a master's degree along the 'church-based pathway' do not need to relocate to Ambridge but can complete their studies using

online courses, week-long Intensive courses on campus, and accredited mentored courses. Their formation for ministry is guided by churches and clergy in their locations.

To support its renewed emphasis on training students to lead Anglican worship, Trinity recently acquired a 100-year-old Presbyterian church adjacent to campus and is refurbishing it as a 600-seat state-of-the-art worship space for liturgical training, daily prayer, and campus assemblies.

Trinity Anglican Seminary is located in Ambridge, PA, and has nearly 1,500 alumni around the world. It offers a diverse array of programs, including master's and doctoral degrees, as well as non-degree programs, all designed to equip leaders for ministry and mission. For more information about Trinity Anglican Seminary and its programs, please visit [www.tsm.edu](http://www.tsm.edu) soon to be [www.tas.edu](http://www.tas.edu).

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## Christian Men's Conference

February 7-9, 2025

Bishop Trevor Walters will be the speaker for the 2025 Christian Men's Conference. He has a background in providing spiritual healing for burn-out in adults, conflict resolution and mediation and clergy care. He works regularly with the Anglican Leadership Institute.

The conference will be held at the Lutheridge Camp/Conference Center, near Asheville on 160 acres of scenic land great for hiking, canoeing, rock climbing and more.

Additional information will be available soon.

## Upcoming Events

View full calendar at [adosc.org/events/](https://adosc.org/events/)

- ACNA Provincial Assembly, June 25-28
- Cursillo #194, July 11-14
- ADOSC Night at Riverdogs, August 23
- Mondo Middle School Retreat, October 11-13
- Behold the Man Pilgrimage, October 15-27
- Regenerate High School Retreat, Nov. 8-10
- Clergy Retreat, November 11-13
- Christian Men's Conference, Feb. 7-9, 2025
- ADOSC Convention, March 14-15
- New Wineskins, September 17-20

## Easter Sunrise Service on Beach Draws 1000+

By The Very Rev. Karl Burns,  
Church of Our Saviour, Johns Island

The Church has long celebrated the Easter sunrise service. There is something extraordinary about proclaiming, 'Alleluia, Christ is risen,' as the sun rises on the horizon, and the beauty of experiencing this on the beach is stunning.

In the mid-2000s, the Church of Our Saviour began holding a sunrise service on the sea islands, which has become an event vacationers look forward to attending. Planning for this service starts in January and depends on the participation of 25 to 30 church volunteers, including greeters, altar guild, set up and take down crews, tellers, and eucharistic ministers. We advertise through local social media and advertising, but most people say they have heard of our service by word of mouth. This year, the service was in front of the Sanctuary Hotel on Kiawah Island, and the weather was spectacular. We estimated that 1300 attended, worshipped, and proclaimed our risen Lord this year. In addition to the service, we invite all who want to proclaim Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and to receive the sacrament of Baptism to join me in the surf at the end of the Easter service. This year, a crowd of 300 came down (low tide) to the water and cheered on the newly baptized.

One of my favorite parts of this day happens in the following weeks and months as our visitors and vacationers return to worship at Our Saviour and say, "We loved the Easter service and wanted to come and worship with you again."

## Tenacious Grace

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environments and relationships they left when arrested.

Over time it became clear that this reality was not okay with our Heavenly Father. He meant to use His resourced children to help those without. He meant for His sons and daughters, who had been given many chances to grow and thrive, to help their sisters, many of whom had never been given a real chance. He placed a divine compulsion upon Tenacious Grace to provide a safe place for our sisters to find healing and health, a place conducive to the gospel, a place called Five Sparrows.

After establishing our 501(c)(3) status, we began to raise money for this vision in 2016. By 2020, thanks to the generosity of many faithful donors, we were able to purchase a charming, 2,300 square foot home with an oasis of a backyard.

We can lock arms with five residents at a time for a period of two years of intense healing and growth. Many of our ladies bring decades of complex trauma and abuse to their stay, and there is no shortcut through the pain they have carried for a lifetime. It takes a long time to unlearn unhealthy survival skills when they are no longer needed. Building trust is a fragile marathon, and rest is vital. Time is our partner.

These ladies are the bravest, strongest, most resilient women I've ever met. They have survived a hell many of them had no part in creating. I was recently asked if addiction is the root of the incarceration of women. It is not. Pain is. Substance abuse is the coping mechanism that keeps them from being swallowed up by it.

Obviously, this is a beautiful endeavor only possible as a collaborative effort—empowered, equipped, and assembled by God Himself. The Tenacious Grace board believes in this work and supports us with their wisdom and expertise. Our donor base is the instrument of divine provision that keeps these expensive offerings free to the ladies we serve. Our community partners (i.e., HopeHealth, Mercy Medical Free Clinic, Poynor Adult Education, Equine Intervention, the Florence County Sheriff's Office, many area churches, and the strong Florence recovery community) provide the services that are helping our residents build their new lives.

I am blessed to journey beside the warriors in the house and the heroes on the Tenacious Grace team; they are the boots on the ground, in lockstep as we keep our hearts open and our souls sensitive to the Lord's leading. Because we ourselves are beneficiaries of a grace that won't quit, we are honored to be extensions of His love in dark places.

In February of this year, we were gifted a second program home, so Tenacious Grace will be increasing its capacity to serve women in our community once we make repairs, upfit, and furnish the new residence.

If you would like to follow our story, you can check out [tenaciousgrace.cc](http://tenaciousgrace.cc) and/or follow us on Facebook and Instagram. If you would like to purchase items for the houses, you can find our registries at [tenaciousgrace.cc/fivesparrows](http://tenaciousgrace.cc/fivesparrows). If you are part of a group that would like to schedule a service project or if you would like to invite us to share about the ministry, you may email us at [howdy@tenaciousgrace.cc](mailto:howdy@tenaciousgrace.cc).

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