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The best thing about the assembly was attending with my wife and being poured into for two days. The worship was great and the break-out sessions were challenging, strategic and another reminder that we’re never done learning! And it’s nice going to a conference that is uniquely Anglican, where we don’t have to translate into our paradigm. Oh, and yes, the Assembly brings home once again that we are a global church. I would love to see every priest and spouse use the Assembly as their continuing education get-away!

Catherine Jacobs, Executive Director, Pass the Legacy

This is an event anyone in our Diocese would enjoy! I’d love to encourage everyone to consider attending. The worship alone is worth the trip. I felt like I was experiencing a foreshadowing of Heaven! But also, the speakers, the plenary gatherings, the break-out sessions, the bookstore, the exhibits are all amazing. More than anything, it is such a blessing to meet Anglicans from across our country and even the world! I think the higher the title, the humbler the person. I treasured shaking hands with archbishops, bishops etc. I will always remember my experience in Texas, 2019.

Delegates and guests from the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina gather for dinner on the last evening of the Assembly.

Above, worshippers join in praying for Archbishop Foley Beach during the opening service of Holy Eucharist on Friday night. Archbishop Beach was elected to serve a second term as the Province’s Archbishop.

The most recent Provincial Assembly of the Anglican Church in North America truly was a family reunion. When Kim and I arrived, we thought we were just there to enjoy the event and do my little part with the Liturgy Task Force. Bad weather forced a different situation. When the delegates for South Carolina got stranded in Charleston, Bishop Lawrence asked Kim and I to step in. Although I had served as a delegate to the last Provincial Assembly, it was a double honor to serve this time. First, it was unexpected, and second, I got to serve alongside my wife on behalf of this diocese we both love so much.

Still, for me, the most powerful part of Assembly was simply the ‘in between’ times. The worship was so engaging and transcendent. The plenary speakers were great. The unified message was clear and biblical. But it was the time in between things that convinced me that we serve a wonderful church, for it was in those times that the family reunion happened. That is where I met new family members. That is where I got to hug brothers and sisters I hadn’t seen in a while. That is where I got to chat for a moment with the wise old patriarchs who have so shaped local parish. Many even have an idea of how lucky we are to belong to a wonderful diocese. But I fear too few of us know well enough how blessed we are to call ourselves a part of the Anglican Church in North America. Our Church is young, and there are still growing pains ahead, but at a national meeting like this, one can really start to get an idea of just how beautiful our province is and how much God is doing through her. Kim and I both left Texas knowing exactly what I wanted to say to anyone who would listen: If you have the chance, you simply must attend a Provincial Assembly!

Joy Crouse, Men’s Ministry Coordinator, The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

It was such a delight to host our Diocesan “Men and the Church” exhibit booth along with Richard Moore in Frisco, TX. For us it was a total schmooze fest with interest in what we were doing through the Church equipping Summit. The best part. Everyone in the ACNA is on the same biblical and theological page. Praise God. The cuisine highlight was our diocesan delegation dinner at Hard 8 BBQ. No doubt! Joy Hunter has the photo to highlight this meal. Where are the TUMS?

Assembly Media Now Available Online

Main Sessions

- Video recordings of the following main sessions from the ACNA Assembly are available at: https://subsplash.com/acna/media

- **Opening Eucharist Sermon**
- **Plenary #1**
- **Plenary #2**
- **Plenary #3**
- **Plenary #4**
- **Closing Eucharist Sermon**
- **Breakout Sessions**

Disciple-making Through Worship and Music

- Philip Percival and Alanna Glover, St Ebbes’ Oxford
- Navigating the Book of Common Prayer (2019)
- The Most Rev. Robert Duncan with a Panel of Liturgy Task Force Members
- The Place of Technology in the Story of God
- Mr. John Dyer

Disciple-Making Through Word and Sacrament

- Bishop Stewart Ruch and Team

Forming People and Pastors into Christlikeness of Life

- The Rev. Geoff Chapman

ACNA Benefits Discussion

- Gray Stephenson, Kirk Patterson, & Linda Mathesius


- The Most Rev. Robert Duncan with a Panel of Liturgy Task Force Members

Fostering and Protecting Our Missional and Relational Unity

- Bishop Steve Bredlove, Bishop ClarkLowenfield, Bishop Terrell Glenn, Bishop Trevor Walters

For all the Saints: Engaging, Equipping and Empowering Women in Leadership

- Bishop Clark, Deacon Lisa Schwandt and Katherine Ruch

Grandparents Making Disciples: Awakening a “Retired” Generation

- Catherine Jacobs, Founder and Executive Director of Pass the Legacy Ministry
Do You Suffer from Christian Tunnel Vision?
Expand Your Worldview. Come to the Cathedral, Charleston
October 3: Meet Anglican Leaders from Around the World

"It Has Transformed Our Parish"

Our (International) partnerships have been one of the driving forces growing our church,” said the Rev. Gary Beson, speaking of St. Timothy’s relationship with the Rev. Fred Onyango, a priest serving in the Anglican Diocese of Maseno South in Kenya and the Rt. Rev. Qampicha Wario, Bishop of Marsabit in the Anglican Church of Kenya. It’s like Ruth and Esther: your people will be my people, and your God my God. I can’t imagine not having a relationship with someone from another part of the world, both for my sake and for the growth of our church. You have to be partnered with someone else in the world to keep from getting tunnel vision. It’s easy to sometimes think Jesus is only alive and well in the Diocese of South Carolina. Well, He is alive here, but he’s also alive in a million other places around the world.

By The Rev. Canon Jim Lewis, Canon to the Ordinary

...but Christ is faithful over God’s house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope. (Hebrews 3:6)

The Legal Landscape: Clear Vision

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I’m an avid reader, always having at least one, and sometimes several, books on my nightstand. I choose books based on friends’ recommendations. Perhaps in reading this you’ll be challenged, as I was, to rethink your choices before selecting your next book.

Joy Hunter, Editor

**Bishop, sense you’re a voracious reader. Would you use that term to describe yourself?**

I would say as a parish priest I was, but as a Bishop less so, because the schedule and demands – which are voracious – have truncated that.

**How many books do you read a month?**

Far less than I wish, unfortunately. About two a month.

**What are you reading right now?**

This summer I’m rereading Hamlet. King Lear, Macbeth. I’m also listening to two lecture series on the tragedies of Shakespeare and looking for others to attend performances of those plays. Remarkably, we’ll be at the Utah Shakespeare Festival in August, and they’re performing Hamlet and Macbeth. There’s also a haunting performance of Lear by Anthony Hopkins in a movie version.

I’m also reading Landscape and Inscape: Vision and Inspiration in Hopkins’s Poetry by Peter Milward and The Man Who Went into the West: The Life of R.S. Thomas by Byron Rogers. (Thomas was a Welsh Poet and Anglican Priest). So I’ll reread his poems along with this recent biography.

**How do you go about deciding what to read?**

Often I will choose a reading project. When I was in parish ministry, I did this all the time. I’d read books in three areas: preaching and teaching, leadership, and pastoral ministry.

For preaching and teaching I would read 8 to 12 books per year in theology, commentator, in the scripture, homilies or sermons. For leadership I’d read books from the secular world whether it be a book by Stephen Covey, Warren Bennis, Peter Drucker, James Burns, John Maxwell, etc., as well as in the Christian world and certainly biographies of leaders in various walks of life. The other area was books on pastoral care, what’s known as pastoral theology. That was for many years what I did in terms of my calling or vocational reading.

**You’re very strategic in your reading.**

I just don’t always read the latest thing. I make a reading plan for the year.

One year I did a study of the artist Winslow Homer. That summer I was asked to do the wedding of the son of a parishioner. It was on Long Island. While there, I went to the Met and of all things, they had a temporary exhibit on Winslow Homer. His paintings were brought from all over the world. And, serendipitously, there I was. It was astonishing!

The year I did Grant Wood we were traveling cross-country and our route took us through Cedar Rapids, Iowa where Wood lived. There’s a whole museum dedicated to the work of Grant Wood, Marvin Cone and other Midwestern painters of that school. I could go on with many other such “coincidences” such as the year I did Frank Lloyd Wright. Another year I listened to symphonies of Tchaikovsky and read a biography on Tchaikovsky. I won’t bore you with more.

What made you decide on Shakespeare this year?

One reason is that I had lectures on audio books by the renowned critic Harold Bloom and Prof. Clare Kinney, so I could listen to the lectures. And what good is listening to lectures on the Tragedies of Shakespeare if you’re not going to re-read the plays?

I’m surprised to discover how many people just kind of drift through their life, the month, the year, whatever, without any strategic thinking about intellectual, emotional, or spiritual growth. This spring I listened to a lecture series on the Biblical Wisdom Literature... “Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out.”

I also remembered something Loren Eiseley wrote years ago about Charles Darwin. He said that later in life Darwin picked up a Shakespeare play, began to read it, and discovered he’d lost the capacity to read and appreciate it. He’d been studying in such a focused way for so long, he had lost some thing. Imagine not being able to appreciate the breadth of the human condition. I don’t want to get that place. So let’s delve back in.

I hadn’t read Shakespeare seriously since I was in college, and he has a lot to say to someone my age. It’s a shame when one only reads great literature in college and then only gives oneself to read the latest novel that’s been published and talked about on the New York Times best seller list. Should Brothers Karamazov or Crime and Punishment only be read by someone in college?

I do delve into books that may be popu lar at the time, like What’s so Amazing About Grace by Philip Yancey. I’ve read books by Dallas Willard and Lewis Smedes. I guess on that level, I do read books that would be called semi-popular—Soul Keeping, for instance, by John Ortberg.

Do you get books from the library or buy? Print/Kindle?

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What advice would you give someone who says, “I’ve got no time to read... after work I’ve got personal email, Instagram, Facebook, TV... and I’m bushed by the end of the day. Reading takes too much energy.”

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I can't be gone for a whole weekend." "Who will take the kids to soccer?" "...My husband hates it when I'm gone. It's not worth the hassle."..."It's out of my comfort zone and a little scary.

By Lori Hatcher

W e have a hundred rea-sons why we shouldn't go to the women's retreat. Some years the voices win out, and we stay home. Later, when we hear the glowing reports from others about how great it was, we feel a pang of regret, but it doesn't last long. If you say, "may-be next year," then other reasons why we make the extra effort, and we're the ones sharing happy stories and telling how glad we are that we attended.

I've been a Christian for over 30 years. I allowed God to have a small role in my life, and it was, I feel a pang of regret, but it doesn't last long. If you say, "may-be next year," then other reasons why we make the extra effort, and we're the ones sharing happy stories and telling how glad we are that we attended.

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1. Because it's hard to hear God's voice above the noise of everyday life.

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"To retreat" means to leave our normally occupied positions and go to a place of safety, quiet, and seclusion. By going to a retreat, we physically remove ourselves from life's distractions, the call of chores, and the demands of people in order to move space for God. If you think you're less spiritual because you struggle with "doing it all," sometimes you are too involved in life's busyness to hear God's voice that is whispering to you. When we quiet our lives and give space for God to be heard, we hear His voice and understand His will better.

For these and many other reasons, I place a high priority on women's retreats.

When my children were young, it took a great deal of planning and preparation to be away from my family. I prepare meals in advance, swap carpool duties, and cash in savings, or apply for scholarships. Some years, our getaways were financially challenging, and I had to find creative ways to finance my getaways. I'd save my birth-day money, squirrel away coupon savings, or apply for scholarships. Other years I'd struggle to scrape together enough money and had to push myself to go even though I wasn't sure I'd be able to. I'd invite a friend to join me so I couldn't back out or commit to carpool with friends. But on every occasion, I returned refreshed, strengthened, inspired, and closer to the Lord and my sisters in Christ.

I've never regretted attending a retreat, but I've often regretted not attending. If you've never been on a retreat, or you haven't in a while, why not make plans to attend one? You'll be glad you did.


By Joy Hunter, Editor

Ladies, flip your calendar to Octo-ber 25-27 and mark the Anglican Women's Retreat at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. This year Bishop Mark Lawrence, whose messages received recent reviews last year, will be speaking on "Gift and Giver: Life in the Spirit." On Saturday, in ad-dition to the teaching sessions, we'll have time set aside for a nature walk with one of St. Chris-topher's Naturalists, an opportunity for soaking/ healing prayer ministry, a chance to express your creative side making a Christmas ornament keepsake with acrylic paints reflecting the theme of the retreat and two workshops, the first being "Doing It All: A Young Mom's Burden, An Older Woman's Opportunity" with Carrie Davis, Christal delboer and Cathy Jacobs, and the second "Discerning Your Spiritual Gift" with Patricia Smith.

The retreat begins at 4 p.m. on Friday, October 25, with supper served at 6:30 p.m. and ends Sunday morning, October 27, following a service of Holy Eucharist.

Not sure whether you should attend? Say a prayer asking God if you need both a rest and time for learning more about "life in the spirit." This will be time for both. While you're at it, ask if there's another woman in your life who would benefit as well and when that name pops in your mind, make a phone call. Still not convinced? Give the article, left, "Four Reasons We Need Women's Retreats," and then join me in clicking the "Register" button on the Diocesan website, www.adosac.org.

Rooms and cabins are available, as are commuter reservations for those who aren't able to stay at the camp overnight.

If you aren't able to attend without scholarship assistance, contact your rector and the leader of your parish's women's ministry. If you still need help, contact Mary Kaiser at (843) 814-4035 or by email at mary.kaiser@gmail.com. The scholarship kitty for the Anglican Women's Retreat was depleted last year and so this year we're unable to provide retreat scholarship assis-tance but don't want anyone to miss the retreat for financial reasons.

To learn more and register visit www.adosac.org.

Saturday Offerings at the 2019 Anglican Women's Retreat

Doing It All: A Young Mom's Burden, An Older Woman's Opportunity With Carrie Davis, Christal delboer and Cathy Jacobs

Living in a fast-paced, world, young moms struggle with "doing it all." Sometimes survival is the only achievable goal. The 21st century mind-set is to live out integrated lives. God's vision is for community. In this workshop, we'll hear from two young moms who will share their struggles and tell how older women and other moms came to their aid.

Discerning Your Spiritual Gift With Patricia Smith, President, Anglican Women, The Anglican Church in North America. "Each of you has at least one of these. Which is yours? God has created one out of each of these, and will equip you with a unique giving of grace to function effectively, with a unique giving of grace to function effectively, with a unique giving of grace to function effectively, with a unique giving of grace to function effectively, with a unique giving of grace to function effectively in the Body of Christ!" This workshop will clarify characteristics related to the seven gifts of grace outlined in Romans 12:6-8. (There will not be a ques-tionnaire.) Understanding how you and others are motivated differently can reduce conflict and build apprecia-tion. Greater glory to God and deeper joy in life, marriage, family and church awaits.

Craft: Ornament Making With Cathy Crawford

Join in this hands-on workshop with local crafter Cathy Crawford. Using acrylic paints she'll lead us in making a Christmas Or-nament keep-sake based on the theme of the weekend, the Holy Spirit.

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Nature Walk With St. Christopher Naturalist

Put on your walking shoes and ex-plore the maritime forest. During this hour-long hike, you will view oak, southern magnolias, loblolly pines and cabbage palmettos. You'll search for the forest for its wildlife, and will gain an appreciation and understanding of the forest and how it relates to us.

Beach Elected to Second Term Continued From Page One

He has certain responsibilities and duties beyond that of other bishops in the province but does not hold unilateral authority.

Beach was recently installed as the Chairman of the Anglican Can-tatale Future Conference (Gafcon). Gafcon is a global movement of orthodox Anglicans representing over 70% of the denomination's active members.

Beach expressed his excitement in continuing in this role: "It's truly a blessing to be chosen by this amazing group of godly bishops to serve the Church. I'm honored and humbled by the con-fidence that they have placed in me, and I'm excited to be a part of what God is doing through the Anglican Church in North America."

As for the future, Beach says he is "committed to seeing this Church fulfill its mission to reach North America with the transforming love of Jesus Christ. We've seen such great growth over the last few years, with new congregations and mem-bers in the US, Canada, and Mexico. We are reaching people from all different walks of life and we need to continue doing that."
Saint Matthew’s Outreach Leads
International Student to ‘Second Family’
“It made me feel stronger, less homesick and protected.”

Submitted by The Rev Janet Eshol, Rector, Saint Matthew’s, Fort Motte

My name is Viktoria and I would like to share with you a story I am from Strovolos, Cyprus, and am a recent graduate of Benedict College.

About two years ago in October I was introduced to a group of international friends if I would like to go on a trip to Saint Matthew’s Parish Church, a local church in Fort Motte. The purpose of this trip was to meet new people, create friendships and to spend quality time together. At the beginning I was not sure if I should go since that was my first time to go to another church. When I arrived, I was planning to celebrate with friends, but circumstances or maybe destiny made me change my mind.

Looking back now it was a great decision. I got to spend two days around wonderful people. We had a great time, a lot of fun, and last, but not least, we met new people and enjoyed the traditions.

This trip lasted two days which meant we got to spend the night in Ft. Motte. I arrived on the second day, so I got to spend the night at their house. Since day one they were so nice to me. Looking at the pictures is the One year for the Saint Matthew’s. In a weekend we spent time together and help each other. Some- times they are not twins, they are siblings; not yet ensuring each church retains its own individual identity. I liken it to two children. While they are not twins, they are siblings, not identical, but with a need to work together and help each other. Some- times it’s bumpy, just like sibling relationships can be, but like family, we are learning to work through it, to live and grow together.

As a result of this trip, the International Student to “Second” Family program was born. I also want to encourage other international students to take advantage of these trips because you never know who you can meet and how they can affect your life.

The people from Saint Matthew’s are very nice, and every time I go back they always welcome me with open arms. They are great people, and I am happy I got to meet them.

The next International Students Weekend is October 5-6. See story on Page 16.

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To see the full picture, it is also necessary to consider the landscape in the Federal courts.

St. David’s, Cheraw

Moving to Cheraw was not without its adjustments. After all, we are celebrating our 21 year anniversary. Our girls were raised in our house on James Island and graduated from the high school there. Our friends and support group were deeply planted in my life. I knew where everything was, the history of most things, what times of day to avoid folly Road, and what restaurants we enjoyed the most.

When people asked about our adjustment in moving to this area, usually responded with a joking, “Who needs grocery stores any- way?” In reality, moving to a small town showed me so much more.

In a small town, many of the people have grown up together. They know each other’s history, which each other looked like in those “awkward” teen age years. They’ve celebrated the marriages of each other’s children, mourned the loss of each other’s loved ones, sometimes they’re tough enough to be able to join in with those memories or to know enough to say “Yes in the old building” or “They moved into the Smith’s old house” as a loca- tion reference. Within a few months here, I realized that much of what I thought I knew about how to do things does not apply.

Social convention is slightly dif- ferent in a small town. Not that this does not happen in larger towns, but here, they live every aspect of life together. In joy and in sorrow, they con- nect with each other, whether they have ever seen.

People show up when you need them and prayers almost immediately. Rather than dinner out, we spend dinner in— in each other’s homes spending time together. (Al- though dinner out turns into a social event, too.)

Being at the most northern point of our Diocese presents its own interesting challenges. The Dioces- est clergy support to me is approx- imately 30 minutes away. Many of the Diocesan events are three hours away, and, to be honest, it is easy to feel quite alone up here. We are far from the main concentration of the churches in our Diocese, which is why I am so thankful for the support from my Deanery and our Dean, Ken Weldon.

We also have much to cele-brate here. For the first time these two churches have been yoked together—one rector, two different churches, two campuses. What we have been doing over the past year is learning how to work together yet ensuring each church retains its own individual identity. I liken it to two children. While they are not twins, they are siblings, not identical, but with a need to work together and help each other. Some- times it’s bumpy, just like sibling relationships can be, but like family, we are learning to work through it, to live and grow together.

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The Rev Mary Ellen Doran, Rector, St. David’s Church, Cheraw and St. Paul’s Church, Bennettsville

By The Rev Mary Ellen Doran, Rector, St. David’s Church, Cheraw and St. Paul’s Church, Bennettsville

This week I said words I wasn’t sure I’d ever be able to say: “Let’s do it just like we used to do it.” I had a frame of reference as to how things are done something in the past! And then reality hit. I had passed my one-year anniversary. One year? Can it really only be one year? How did it go so quickly?

July 29, 2018 was my first of- ficial preaching Sunday as Rector of both St. David’s, Cheraw and St. Paul’s, Bennettsville. It has been quite an eventful year with hurri- canes, building repairs, loss of ones dear to us, joy at new beginnings, massive growth to St. David’s Day Care/School, a building break-in, celebrations—so many challenges and so many blessings.

“We Love Being a Part of Their Lives”

New Rector of Rural Parishes Looks Back on First Year with Gratefulness

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hroughout the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ... (1 Peter 1:3)

Legal Landscape

And through that lens, we can look clearly at the legal landscape as it stands today.

In the State Court, the case was remitted back to the Circuit Court and several motions are being heard by Judge Edgar Dickson. He con- ducted a hearing last full addressing the question of what he needed to decide to interpret the Supreme Court’s ruling. This Spring, TEC and TESC filed a petition for a Writ of Mandamus in an attempt to force him to rule in a fashion that was consistent with their interpretation of the Supreme Court’s five separate opinions. This June, the high court denied that petition, leaving him free to complete his work.

This July, Judge Dickson held a hearing on our conditional filing for relief, based on the state’s “Bet- terments Statute.” The Betterments Statute allows 48 hours for a party to file when a ruling against them becomes final. We did so, condi- tionally, when the Supreme Court denied our request for a rehearing.

The statute provides that any party which in good faith made in- provements to property they believe they own, may seek compensation from that court if a court rules another party is the true owner. While we believe this matter should be stayed for now because we believe that neither the Diocese nor any parish created a trust, Judge Dickson held this hearing to con- sidering the arguments from TEC and TESC that our complaint should be dismissed. That question is still under his advisement.

In the meantime, he has ruled that all parties must mediate all the matters currently before his court. A mutually agreed upon mediator (Mr. Tom Wills) has been selected and a date of September 4th set for those conversations. A medi- ated resolution would avoid what Judge Dickson foresees will be a continued lengthy journey through the courts. To date, every public statement by TESC has indicated their only interest is in discussing the timing and the terms for the transition of property to TESC. That is not a resolution that is sub- ject to mediation. Events of that day will demonstrate whether they are now open to meaningful negotia- tions that could mutually benefit all parties or whether they continue to maintain the only thing that can be discussed is how to implement their claimed victory.

To see the full picture, it is also necessary to consider the landscape in the Federal courts.

Shortly after the State court litiga- tion began in 2013, TESC (via Bishop VonRoseberg) filed a fed- eral trademark complaint against Bishop Lawrence in the Federal courts. Based on the Lanham Act, it alleged that we were ce- living others into believing we were still the Episcopal Church. The complete story was expanded in 2018 to include TEC as well as the Diocese, Trustees and all the parishes and their treasurers. The same-time transferred came the case the to the hands of Judge Richard Gergel, who has completed all pre-trial actions and notified the parties that they are to be prepared to go to trial. He has filed no further orders since this spring.

Two further actions before Judge Gergel must also be noted. The first is a complaint filed by TESC against their own Church in Christ (CIC), seeking further damages from the same carrier they sued and settled with earlier for a sum of $5 million to cover their litigation costs. The current complaint is a result of CIC covering legal expenses of a few of our congregations who still had a valid policy with them at the time litigation began. As a consequence, CIC has also filed in the Federal court seeking a declaratory judg- ment that would clarify their legal responsibilities for coverage. Our parish who sought coverage ben- efits from CIC are named parties in that litigation as well.

While the Diocese and its legal counsel are appropriately confi- dent in our legal positions in all these situations, there will always be the possibility of a strategic decision to constantly shifting, sometimes subtly, sometimes significantly and a summary judgment can capture glimpses of that. But of one thing, we are certainly confident... Blessing Blessed by the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. ... (1 Peter 1:3)
No “Junior” Holy Spirit
Holy Cross Middle Schoolers Make Impact with Outreach
By Melissa Bennett, Associate Youth Pastor, Church of the Holy Cross

P art of our vision at Church of the Holy Cross is to “go home” to serve family and friends, “go out” to serve the church and the local community, and “go off” to serve those in our nation and the world. Next Gen Ministries (the youth ministry of Holy Cross) hopes to help our students make the vision of “going out” by giving them opportunities to serve others throughout the year. Possibly the students’ favorite opportunity to serve is “The Noise,” which happens three to four times during the summer.

The Noise comes from the idea that we want to live out our faith, not only within our church walls or homes, but in the world. We want to put our faith into action and make a “joyful noise” to the Lord so that others may “see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

A typical “Noise” day looks like this: middle school students gather in the morning to hear what we’ll be doing and to pray over the day. We then go to a local organization (Lowcountry Orphan Relief, Lowcountry Food Bank, ECOO food drive, Windwood Farm, or even our church campus) to serve in whatever way is needed. We work for a couple of hours and then break for lunch. After lunch we have a Bible devotion and then head off for a fun activity. Each Noise day is a complete surprise to the students!

When asked what she likes about The Noise, Hannah Bennett, a rising 8th grader, said, “I like the service project part.” But, she says that “my favorite part of the Noise” is her friend Elly. “Elly brings her transformation to the Noise.”

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the biblical value of generosity.” The Project’s website is www.theyeveryevangelproject.org

So many of the workshop topics were compelling that it was difficult to choose. One delegate described them as an “expression of ministries, projects and deep theological thought.” Most were recorded and are on the ACNA App media center. Because I was excited when I first learned that ACNA was developing a new Catechism with a Task Force led by J.I. Packer, I chose two workshops on this topic. The structure and content of the final Catechism exceed expectations. It is the first written Catechism for a church that exists in a post-Christian cultural context. It aims to be accessible to a non-Christian raised in this context but also is designed to restore the Catechism to an integral part of church life as a tool for life-long group and individual study and formation.

The release of the new Catechism which has undergone significant improvements as a result of several years of effort by the Bishop, they hold and manage assets on behalf of the Church and meets at least once every five years.

Although the Nominating Committee, chaired by the Rev. Karl Burns, has not yet convened, if you do have a suggestion to share with the committee we invite you to contact Beth Snyder in the Diocesan Office at bсудner@adoc.org or (843) 722-4075 to request the nominating forms. Please remember, the names you submit are suggestions, not actual nominations. Also make sure those you suggest are actually eligible and willing to serve. The Nominating Committee will then choose a slate.

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been an adjustment for us. I cannot imagine being part of any other communities. If someone had told me two years ago how much I would love these people, I don’t know that I would have believed it. I am grateful to God for all of them. I love being a part of their lives and am so thankful they are in mine.

We look forward to what God is going to call us to do in the days, weeks, months and years to come—especially with St. David’s and St. Paul’s.
I called it Black Saturday, the day my daughter was arrested. It felt like a tornado had passed through my life. My family was forever shattered. I wondered, “What had I done wrong?” How could I have said differently? How could I have effectively intervened?” My nights felt as if they were being eroded away with pain and guilt. “Would we ever be happy again as a family?” I wondered. “How could I have survived this tragedy?”

It wasn’t until I attended a Kairos Outside event held in Pickens, SC, in 2017, that I realized I wasn’t alone in my feelings. This room was filled with women who understood me, who knew the depth of my loss and understood the loneliness of losing a dear family member to prison. They were allowed to touch her, to hug her. To “be” to her—something they were unable to do while she was in prison. My church family loved me wonderfully. They were there for me that I might want to consider starting a Kairos Inside event to start a Kairos Outside event to start a Kairos Inside event to start a Kairos Outside event to start a Kairos Outside event to start a Kairos Inside event to start a Kairos Outside event to start a Kairos Inside event to...

Remembering happier times, Doris holds a picture of her daughter as a little girl.

I wondered, “What had I done wrong? What could I have said differently? How could I have prevented this tragedy?” A pastor who was serving as an interpreter at the festival, one of our team members, translated the ministries of the sermons by prayers and services, indi- vidual prayer is offered for anyone and everyone who desires prayer. We held six Festivals of Hope in five towns during our recent trip. Overall, we traveled to nine locations by planes, trains, and cars across thousands of miles. We visited six children’s hostels (safe houses) for children, held three children’s festivals, taught many sessions for adults and children and even dedicated a new church.

Ten intrepid travelers from St. Michael’s Church journeyed to West Bengal, India, on a 13-day mission trip after Thanksgiving in late November, 2018. We saw God at work transforming lives in a place that many folks in the Holy City of Charleston have never heard about. And we learned about the power of prayer at a whole new level.

Our team leaders, Johnnie and Jean Corbett, have deep relationships within the Anglican Diocese of Durgapur in West Bengal and have a long successful partnership with the Diocese of Durgapur in West Bengal, India. We went to pray with people – some Christians and many non-Christians. We prayed with people we didn’t know and who speak languages we don’t understand. But God was there when we prayed for these people and we saw his work.

It was astonishing to us, as a team, to see God restore sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, speech to the mute and limbs right in front of us. It was like living in a New Testament story about the apostles. Many healings occurred at the service at Kumro. Two team members prayed for several blind women who had their sight restored. In one instance, after several prayers, the team mem- bers put their fingers on the eyes of the blind woman and prayed again. When she looked up, she said, “I can see you!”

A blind twelve-year-old orphan girl, Mary, was also miraculously healed. Many of our team noticed that when we first arrived at the site for the Festival. She was obviously blind, and whenever she walked she was assist- ed by her friends. After prayer with members of our team she literally looked up and smiled. She was so joyful and began to look around. Her expression changed completely. It was obvious that she could finally see! She walked out of the tent without any help; her friends took notice, and they became excited too. We later discovered that one of our team members had been so touched by seeing her at a service the year before that he had prayed for her all year from America.
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I consider these people my family. When I came to camp for the first time as a kid, I was very nervous, anxiously waiting for my turn to go off camp while my friends were already playing out right in front of us. I watched their stories and toured the slum where they lived. I recognized how we take for granted the luxuries many people in America, are huge blessings. They add up to a basic thing, that many take for granted in other ways through the ministries of the Diocese of Durgapur.

We saw God at work rescuing children from lives of abject poverty, in some cases trafficking and slavery. We saw the hope and joy on their faces because they now had a safe place to sleep, clean clothes, good food and a school where they could learn. These most basic things, that many take for granted in America, are huge blessings. They add up to hope and a future that is not possible without them. We spoke with two young women, Shanti and Manju, who as children were rescued from a slum in Durgapur. We heard their stories and toured the slum where they had lived. Shanti had been sold into slavery by her addicted mother and was later taken back from the traffickers by the Diocese. They were cared for and educated through the girls’ hostel at the diocesan compound. Manju is now married and working as an assistant optometrist. They are beautiful, joyful young women today whose lives were transformed by God and blessed by the ministries of the Diocese of Durgapur.

We saw God transforming the lives of other underprivileged young women through the KSN nursing school where young women who qualify on their university level exams can pursue a three-year course to become a licensed nurse. Other young adults have learned valuable sewing skills at a Sewing Center at the diocesan compound. Manju is now married and working as an assistant optometrist. They are beautiful, joyful young women today whose lives were transformed by God and blessed by the ministries of the Diocese of Durgapur.

I have a pretty good understanding of the freedom of being parentless for a few days, and you’ve got a pretty good understanding, Camp was my haven.

As I continued my annual visits, my love for this place only grew. I accepted the Lord here and nurtured my faith with the help of counselors and staff, and when I became old enough to counsel, these mentors nurtured my leadership. Finally, the time came to apply for summer staff.

Application day was comical. I had been very nervous, anxiously waiting to see how my comparison application for the open position came in. I filled it out carefully, reading over and over my responses to the many questions. I had been awaiting this day for a very long time—practically my entire childhood—and now that my time to be on summer staff had arrived, it was going to be incredible.

After being out here for about two months, I can say that summer staff is, in fact, incredible. I have never experienced a community like this. My fellow staff are perhaps the kindest and most genuine people I have ever had the pleasure of meeting.

Justin Johnson, our director, has been such a strong leader, one of great faith, wisdom, and most important, grace. In our off time, the staff go sailing together, hold impromptu worship nights in the Chapel of the Palms, and constantly engage in refreshing conversations. I consider these people my family.

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In preparation for next summer, St. Christopher is seeking 30-plus college-age staff members, eight post-high school interns, and over 80 counselors who will be 16 or older by the summer of 2020.

I feel like this is going to be incredible. For me, that place is Camp St. Christopher. For me, that place is Camp St. Christopher.
It’s Not Too Late to Register for the New Wineskins Conference!

Why come early to attend a pre-conference?

To go deeper. Many people have already discerned that God is calling them to a specific area of mission or have had their hearts broken for a particular group. Attending a pre-conference can take you from being interested in mission to being actively involved. You can register for any of these pre-conferences (most are free) by clicking on the topic of your choice at https://newwineskinsconference.com/preconferences and following the instructions on the landing pages about registering for a specific pre-conference. You don’t want to miss this special opportunity to dive deeper into Kingdom ministry!

Pre-conferences:
- Reaching Muslims
- Reaching Hindus
- Reaching College Students
- Reaching Millennials
- International Student Ministry
- Unreached People Groups
- Refugees & Immigrants
- Always Forward Church Planting
- United Adoration
- ACNA Communications Workshop
- Setting Your Parish from Maintenance to Mission
- From Status Quo to Healthy Mission Motivation
- Praying for the Nations
- Discerning a Long-term Mission Calling
- Missionary Care
- Third Culture Kids
- Healing As Mission
- Persecuted Church
- Business As Mission
- The Arts In Mission
- Global Theological Education
- South East Asia Symposium IV (post-conference)

Annual Fund Reaches 10Years

This year of 2019 marks a 10-year milestone since the inauguration of an Annual Fund appeal on behalf of St. Christopher Camp and Conference programs. With a line-up of 18 plenary speakers, 26 breakouts, and multiple plenary sessions, many students, RE:MIX is a student mission conference that runs alongside the New Wineskins Conference! For high-schoolers and college-aged students, RE:MIX is aimed at engaging the hearts and minds of the youngest among us. With a line-up of 18 plenary speakers, 26 breakouts, and multiple plenary sessions, many students, RE:MIX is a student mission conference that runs alongside the New Wineskins Conference! For high-schoolers and college-aged students, RE:MIX is aimed at engaging the hearts and minds of the youngest among us.

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If you have never given in support of St. Christopher’s ministry, please do so this year.
Giving Thanks Daily During a St. Christopher Thanksgiving

At noon on Thanksgiving Day, the guests at St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center’s annual Thanksgiving retreat will not be focused on who carves the turkey. Instead, they will gather together for the Holy Eucharist, Anglicanism’s central service of giving thanks to God. Thanksgiving dinner begins at 3:00 p.m.

This year’s retreat will not lack the North American traditions in the celebration of the holiday, but rather, it will expand on them. The Macy’s Thanksgiving Day parade and multiple football games will be available as well as movies, bingo, flag football on the beach, a hayride, and evening s’mores around a bonfire. And how many Thanksgiving celebrations offer free tours of an aquarium and herpetarium?

The aquarium and herpetarium? Educators know the value and benefits of going outdoors! When a teacher who has worked with a challenging student for months observes this same student opening up and taking part in nature games out on a trail, the question is natural: Why the change? It’s simple. Being outdoors has the power to heal.

Being in God’s creation has the strength to heal the body physically, the mind emotionally, and the soul spiritually. Nature is for everyone. Studies have shown that being outdoors—breathing in the fresh air—can reduce stress levels. Studies have also shown that students who spend time playing and learning outside are more focused, have higher grade-point averages and cause fewer classroom disruptions. They are better students.

The role of the Barrier Island naturalist is vital in initiating these experiences. The naturalist can take something ordinary and turn it into something extraordinary. A naturalist can show a child how to play in the outdoors and that being outside can be fun and enjoyable.

A naturalist can show the value and beauty of a dried magnolia leaf rolled up on the ground on the forest floor that is offering protection to a young toad from the heat of the sun. A naturalist can point out a fiddler crab’s energetic wave as we walk by on the wet, mucky trail through the salt marsh.

An outdoor experience can calm the heart, bring healing and a desire to share that with others, who choose only to look, can be touched by the bravery of a neighbor into reaching one finger out to the very tip of a tail. They pull back their hand with a satisfied smile, pleased by their ability to face fear.

Our program cultivates curiosity, bravery, and wonder in the lives of young students as they learn biology, ecology, astronomy, and more. For many of these students, a Barrier Island field trip is their first close experience with the Lowcountry’s local reptile and amphibian species. Students may often encounter reptiles and amphibians they are unable to identify. Yet this skill is crucial not only for the students’ safety but for the conservation of wildlife.

The naturalists at Barrier Island engage students in experiential educational programs that result in increased knowledge of local wildlife and habitats while promoting stewardship of the environment. Sharing the joy of discovery with our students, we base our teaching philosophy on these words: “But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or let the birds in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.” (Job 12:7-12)

For more information, visit stchristopher.org/events/thanksgivingretreat or call Bennett Love at (843) 768-0429.

Mary Whyte’s Watercolor Workshop Benefits Barrier Island Environmental Education

By Anna Gervais, Assistant Director of Environmental Education, local outreach coordinator, and outdoor encounter coordinator for St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

Watercolor artist Mary Whyte, a member of the board at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, recently led a watercolor workshop for the benefit of its Barrier Island Environmental Education Program’s local outreach.

WhYTE coached participants in the art of watercolor portraiture. To conclude the workshop, she and St. Christopher hosted an Art of Outreach Gathering. The event was a chance to show the watercolor portraiture of Mary and her students. Throughout the evening, tours of the herpetarium and aquarium were led by students attending Haut Gap, St. John’s High School, and Our Lady of Mercy Community Center.

Students discussed what they learned about the reptiles and amphibians of the Barrier Island program. The evening concluded with the singing and storytelling of Anna Gervais, who performed a blend of a watercolor portraiture and herpetarium program.

“By being outdoors, we are irresistibly drawn to the beauty that surrounds us,” Whyte said in her biography. More Than a Likeness. The same is true of being a naturalist at the Barrier Island Environmental Education Center.

Young or old, we are irresistibly drawn to the beauty that surrounds us, “Whyte says in Barrier Island. The very question is natural: Why the change? It’s simple. Being outdoors has the power to heal.

Being in God’s creation has the strength to heal the body physically, the mind emotionally, and the soul spiritually. Nature is for everyone. Studies have shown that being outdoors—breathing in the fresh air—can reduce stress levels. Studies have also shown that students who spend time playing and learning outside are more focused, have higher grade-point averages and cause fewer classroom disruptions. They are better students.

The role of the Barrier Island naturalist is vital in initiating these experiences. The naturalist can take something ordinary and turn it into something extraordinary. A naturalist can show a child how to play in the outdoors and that being outside can be fun and enjoyable. A naturalist can show the value and beauty of a dried magnolia leaf rolled up on the ground on the forest floor that is offering protection to a young toad from the heat of the sun. A naturalist can point out a fiddler crab’s energetic wave as we walk by on the wet, mucky trail through the salt marsh.

An outdoor experience can calm the heart, bring healing and a desire to share that with others, who choose only to look, can be touched by the bravery of a neighbor into reaching one finger out to the very tip of a tail. They pull back their hand with a satisfied smile, pleased by their ability to face fear.

Our program cultivates curiosity, bravery, and wonder in the lives of young students as they learn biology, ecology, astronomy, and more. For many of these students, a Barrier Island field trip is their first close experience with the Lowcountry’s local reptile and amphibian species. Students may often encounter reptiles and amphibians they are unable to identify. Yet this skill is crucial not only for the students’ safety but for the conservation of wildlife.

The naturalists at Barrier Island engage students in experiential educational programs that result in increased knowledge of local wildlife and habitats while promoting stewardship of the environment. Sharing the joy of discovery with our students, we base our teaching philosophy on these words: “But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.” (Job 12:7-12)

For the students who attend our immersive field trip, the learning is unforgettable. While the information we share is not spiritual, the experience draws many closer to knowledge of the Creator.

The cost of this field trip can be unattainable for many schools in our community. The local outreach program is a Barrier Island initiative that began in 2009 with the goal of reaching and creating opportunities for all elementary schools of the Charleston community.
Death of the Rev. Fred Berkaw

Please keep the family and loved ones of the Rev. Bergen Frederic (Fred) Berkaw, Jr. in your prayers. Fred, a long-time member, and later deacon, at St. Philip’s Church in Summerville, died June 26, 2019, following a brief illness. Fred had a passion for social justice issues and played a leading role in the Multi-Cultural Reconciliation in Summerville,” said the Rev. Mike Lamplugh, Former Rector of St. Philip’s. “He loved the Lord Jesus and loved his church. In pursuit of addressing underlying issues of race and later deacon, at St. Paul’s Church in Summerville for the past three years. He and his family decided to Naples, Florida for the past three years. Prior to his death, he was serving as a deacon in two churches, Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Mountain Home, Arkansas, and St. Paul in Rosone, VA. Letters of condolence may be sent to Mary at 1414 Mitchell Valley Dr., Marion, VA 24354. The funeral was held on July 3 at Ebenezer Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be given to the two churches listed above.

Death of Molly Greene

Please keep the family and loved ones of Molly F. Greene, co-founder, chair and past President of Water Mission in your prayers. Molly passed away on July 17 after a tragic funeral service. The funeral service was held at St. Philip’s Church, Charleston, July 29.

“You can write this heartbreak away because for our family. We know that a larger global family mourns with us and celebrates her life as she blessed so many around the world,” said her son, George Greene, IV, President and CEO of Water Mission, in a statement from the family on July 18. Molly’s love for people was felt both locally and worldwide — she made a personal impact on so many locally. Shortly, she took time with countless people to assist with anything from career counseling to personal encouragement. Through her ministry at Water Mission, she touched millions of lives. Together with her husband, George, she led a worldwide staff of more than 350 people, individuals whom she prayed with, and prayed for. Molly truly believed that her work with Water Mission was fulfilling a calling from God and was designed to do all things with love, excellence, and integrity.

Memorial contributions can be made to Water Mission, in memory of Molly’s heartfelt service to others. To give, visit https://www.waterrmission.org/remembermolly. Memorial contributions can be sent to: Water Mission, c/o Molly Greene Memorial, 4055 S. Main St., Columbia, SC 29203.

Death of Sallie McCall

Please keep the family and loved ones of Sallie McCall, the 16-year-old daughter of the Rev. Suzy McCall, Founder and Spiritual Director of LAMB, in your prayers. Sallie took her own life on May 12. In a note to the LAMB family, board, Susan Keller wrote, “As many of you know, Suzy McCall is a beautiful 16-year-old, Sallie, died suddenly on Sunday, May 12. Experiencing a heartbreak and loss is very painful and difficult. Suzy McCall, her Rector, the Rev. Karl Burns, wrote, “As many of you know, Suzy McCall’s death has been a high point of pain and grief for the LAMB community and has been quite a challenge for me as a Pastor. When I first heard the news, I felt a sense of shock and disbelief. I knew that Suzy was a special person, and I knew how much she loved her family and her friends. I was also aware that Suzy had been struggling with some personal challenges in recent weeks. I knew that she was facing a difficult time, but I never imagined that she would end her life in this way.

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Miracles in Our Midst
As I Prayed, I Watched God Do Wonders: People Healed, Lives Transformed, Hope Restored
By Travis Todd, St. Paul’s Church, Conway

I f you would have asked me at the beginning of my walk with Jesus if miracles happen today, I would have said, “no.” I don’t want to be the one that people think that I was only stories in the Bible because I was taught that healings and other gifts ceased with the Apostles and we have the Bible now to reveal all that we need to know about God.

It wasn’t until about six years ago when I experienced the overwhelming love of Jesus and was baptized in the Holy Spirit that I began to understand the Spiritual gifts and began to witness healings and miracles. My faith grew and I had the boldness and compassion to pray for people. I began to see a world of hurting people, which propelled me to pray for them. As I prayed, I watched God do wonders, people being healed, lives transformed, and hope being restored.

One cannot base it on what I was told but on what I read in Scripture and the mighty works of God that I experienced firsthand.

In July of 2018, my wife Venessa was pregnant with our third child, but her pregnancy was anything but normal. She was very pregnant and had developed Polymyositis, which is an excessive amount of muscular fluid around the baby. It only occurs in about 1%-2% of pregnancies and could be life-threatening to the infant and the mother. He then told us that there seemed to be a growth on our child’s back about 2-3 inches long, there was growth near his kidney, and both of his feet were clubfooted.

Our hearts dropped and we did the only thing we knew to do, and that was to pray and inform everyone we knew to pray for our baby boy and Venessa. As we prayed and prepared for his arrival, our son was no longer moving. We space or prayer-time space, but we planned to us that Venessa had Polyhydramnos, which is an excessive amount of amniotic fluid around the baby. It only occurs in about 1%-2% of pregnancies and could be life-threatening to the infant and the mother. He then told us that there seemed to be a growth on our child’s back about 2-3 inches long, there was growth near his kidney, and both of his feet were clubfooted.

We did all we could do and we decided to end Ellis suffering by removing the ventilator from him and allowing God to work. If it was God’s will for Ellis to break his breath, he would breath; if not, it wasn’t God’s will.

Charles became a fierce protector of her living at her beach house while we dated. She even made 600 biscuits for our wedding reception. When God called us to India, it was Ethel who arranged a grant from DOS to help send us. Years later while visiting Grace was surprised to see so many pictures of our family on Ethel’s refrigerator – a sign of her commitment to pray with and for us over the years.

Ellie, thank you for “hanging out” or as Jesus might say, abiding. So many good memories. I love you and miss you. (Dear Friends, please let this be a lesson, don’t let hair or grandness or poverty or age differences get in the way of building relationships, get in the way of love.)

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Sights and Sounds of GrandCamp
By Sherry Schumann, St. Paul’s Church, Summerville

For the past four years, I’ve had the joy of serving on the diocesan staff for GrandCamp. One of my responsibilities is to document the camp with still photography. This year’s theme was “The Great Adventure: Knowing and Following Jesus as the Good Shepherd.”

In flipping through the photographs I took this year, I was drawn not to actual pictures but to the sounds they invoked. I remembered four things in particular.

I recalled Peter Rothermel’s voice teaching the grandparent and their grandchildren the tribal call. “He leads…He guides…He walks.” I recalled the laughter when Dylan Reafer, dressed in an overabundant, inflated, sheep costume, stumbled into Temple Lodge. Dylan was playing Carlyle, a “cast” sheep. He lay on the floor, turned onto his side, and kept rolling until he was stranded flat on his back, his “leg” wiggling in the air.

According to Phillip Keller, author of A Shepherd Looks at the Twenty-third Psalm, a cast sheep will die when hours. When Jesus asks, “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?” (Luke 15:4) He is talking about a cast sheep.

Carlyle was hysterical. Despite our laughter, another biblical principle was conveyed: “The enemy comes to steal, kill and destroy, but Jesus comes so we can have abundant life.” (John 10:10, paraphrased)

I recalled a sharp clam of lightning, the roll of thunder.

On Thursday evening, everyone returned from giving the spoken blessing and filed into the chapel as a massive storm broke overhead. The grandchild raced to the window behind the altar, watching in awe as God displayed His majesty in the wind, lightning and pelting rain. A deep blue sky appeared, somewhere over Botany Bay beyond the edge of the storm. As the sun sunk beneath the horizon and we sang “How Great Is Our God,” the storm cloud turned brilliant shades of orange and red.

One grandparent remarked, “God just stamped His approval on the blessings we gave.”

While memories fade and my descriptions pale in comparison to the reality they represent, the impact of GrandCamp is far reaching. In closing, I’ll share a portion of a letter I received from a granddaughter after camp:

“I wrote each of our grandchildren a personal and rather long note (after GrandCamp), recapitulating the beauty of being with each of them as we learned more about the relation ship we have with our Good Shepherd. I said that we loved how we worked together, played together, ate and together. I also reminded them of the words in the blessing we gave each of them, and I asked that they keep my letter and put it in a pocket of their album along with their coin, the photo of the Good Shepherd that Deb gave us, the bookmark, a scrap of their green team scarf and the sheep they made the first day which I took off the post.”

“I asked my grandchildren to look for their envelopes in the mail and find a quiet place when they arrive to read each letter to themselves. I wanted them to focus on their mothers’ love and for a closer look into our GrandCamp experience and to help with reinforcing the messages. I also wanted them to feel more comfortable about bringing God into their own homes and into their children’s lives in a much more meaningful way. The door has opened for all of us, my husband and I feel so grateful that we are able to start talking about and sharing where we are now with both generations…”

Though GrandCamp itself lasts only five days, its impact will last long into the future.

I’m so grateful to play a part in this wondrous ministry which—in fact, engaging ways—helps grandparents pass their faith onto their grandchildren.

For more information about GrandCamp, contact Cheryl Gargill at (843)276-1427 or cggargill@gmail.com.

Blood Crying from the Ground
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who rescue from darkness not those susceptible to it. And so my own devastating portrait of apparently innocent English schoolchildren stranded upon an island who fall into the need to learn themselves. What begins gradually turns ever more gray and dark, and then uglier and uglier until it spins into rage and even murder of one brother murdering another.

We are not simply rebels from the inside out—we have within us violent impulses and jealousies that can flower, given the right circumstances. And the issue of the availability of guns and our legal process for handling them. We cannot bypass the common good in the context of guns and our legal process for handling them. We cannot bypass the common good in the context of the availability of guns and our legal process for handling them. We cannot bypass the common good in the context of the availability of guns and our legal process for handling them. We cannot bypass the common good in the context of the availability of guns and our legal process for handling them. We cannot bypass the common good in the context of the availability of guns and our legal process for handling them. We cannot bypass the common good in the context of the availability of guns and our legal process for handling them. We cannot bypass the common good in the context of the availability of guns and our legal process for handling them. We cannot bypass the common good in the context of the availability of guns and our legal process for handling them. We cannot bypass the common good in the context of the availability of guns and our legal process for handling them. We cannot bypass the common good in the context of the availability of guns and our legal process for handling them. We cannot bypass the common good in the context of the availability of guns and our legal process for handling them. We cannot bypass the common good in the context of the availability of guns and our legal process for handling them. We cannot bypass the common good in the context of the availability of guns and our legal process for handling them.

We have to realize that politics is the art of the possible, and that in this area actually the best is the enemy of the good. There must be some kind of achievable national bipartisan compromise whereby we can make the present intolerable situation at least somewhat better. If we actually succeed in taking a small step, then we can talk about bigger ones. But let us at least pray and ask our parishioners to seek to find ways to influence our common life so that some kind of better public policy is at hand.

If we are reminded of our capacity for evil and violence, if we cry to God to have mercy on America, if we seek to be good stewards of social media and use it wisely, and if we find a common public step by which we can more carefully limit extreme weapon availability, maybe some good will come out of the El Paso and Dayton massacres—our God can redeem anything.

Calling Local Writers!
Word Weavers International Starts Local Chapter

Are you a writer? Would you like to join a group of other writers for support and feedback? Charleston has a new chapter of Word Weavers International, a non-profit organization started in 1997 in Florida. Originally a small group of friends who met to encourage each other in their writing endeavors, WWI has grown to some 600 international members and offers both traditional (local; face-to-face) and online chapters.

Word Weavers International encourages clean, wholesome writing in every genre (fiction, non-fiction, Bible studies/devotionals, magazine articles/newspaper articles, poetry/ songs, memoirs, short stories, etc.). Whether you are a published profes sional or you’ve just started dabbling, WWII would love to offer you something to feed your writing soul. Contact Bonnie Anderson, St. John’s Church, Johns Island (843) 594-4755 (leave a message) or via email bonnieanderson0706@bellsouth.net
Anglicans are Making a Difference at the Border and They Need Your Help

For the two last years, the Church of St. Clement (Anglican) in El Paso had opened its doors to around 300-700 asylum seekers pouring into El Paso, TX in search of safety. Once a month they pick up several vans full of those requesting asylum and provide them three days of a safe place to sleep, food to eat, showers, clothing and even toys for the children. They help these individuals and families connect to their sponsors and to the place where they can find legal hearings. While the seekers are at the church, they are given Spanish New Testaments and receive prayer from on site intercessors. If they are still there by Sunday morning, they attend the Holy Eucharist at Rey de Paz, St. Clement's Spanish-language congregation.

When St. Clement's began this ministry, they were helping meet a practical need. Today, they are trying to address a crisis. Each day, 300-700 asylum seekers pass legally through the US Border checkpoint in El Paso's downtown, and drops of migrants come in El Paso. Then Immigration and Custom's Enforcement (ICE) loads migrant population already in our diocese, the Rev. David Dubay at fr.dubay@gmail.com.

To help with St. Clement's or to learn how you can min-ister to the Spanish-speaking migrant population already in their Spanish-speaking congregation.

 Venessa was feeding him a bottle. Ellis threw up his milk and then stopped breathing. He had no pulse and his body was limp. My wife started screaming for me and I grabbed him and began CPR. Every time we would go visit him, I cried out to God to save him. I finally heard a faint cry. My son was alive. He was rushed to Conway Hospital and airlifted back to MUSC. We were then notified that he was in his chest and was blocking his airways, his left lung was collapsed, and his right lung was partially collapsed.

A bronchoscopy was performed on Ellis and we were informed that the results showed a 95% blockage in his airways due to the mass in his chest pushing on his trachea. The doctor came out and informed us that surgery was needed to be done. During the MI they located another mass above his right lung pushing on his trachea. And the one that was located on his back contained a large pocket of blood, and if they operated on him, he could bleed out instantly.

We opted to do the surgery two days later, and once again we were stuck in a place of prayer and preparation, expecting a miracle. The doctors stated that the mass happened when we fully surrendered our son over to Jesus. The doctors stated that the mass happened when we fully surrendered our son over to Jesus. The doctors stated that the mass happened when we fully surrendered our son over to Jesus. The doctors stated that the mass happened when we fully surrendered our son over to Jesus. The doctors stated that the mass happened when we fully surrendered our son over to Jesus. The doctors stated that the mass happened when we fully surrendered our son over to Jesus. The doctors stated that the mass happened when we fully surrendered our son over to Jesus. The doctors stated that the mass happened when we fully surrendered our son over to Jesus. The doctors stated that the mass happened when we fully surrendered our son over to Jesus. 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e one of the world’s least evangelized countries for spending the best and brightest, their future leaders, to our state. Here’s your chance to do strategic missions! It doesn’t take a big budget or a big church, just a big heart. If you would like to volunteer/serve with the intent of bringing Interna-
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Materials are available to LMnow several opportunities to the youngest to the oldest Church members. Easy to implement, heart-filling and full of joy, OCC gives every

one a way to help children in need.

The amazing journey of a shoebox gift begins with each of us, caring enough for someone else to share our plenty with them. Operation Christmas Child shows how gifts lead to evangelism, discipleship, and the multiplication of believers and churches.

Let’s meet to discuss how this is a


Calendar Notes

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Sept. 4, Mediation, Pg. 1 and 3
Sept. 20-21, Steadfast Marriage Retreat, Pg. 16
Sept. 21, DOK Fall Assembly, Pg. 16
Sept. 25-Oct. 4, Behold the Man Pilgrimage
Sept. 26-29, New Wineskins 2019, Pg. 10
Oct. 3, We are One; International Guests, Pg. 3
Oct. 5-6, International Students’ Weekend, Pg. 16
Oct. 10-14, Monday, Pg. 14
Oct. 19, Hearing God Speak Conf., Pg. 16
Oct. 21-23, Clergy Conference
Oct. 24, LAMB Dinner Party with A Purpose, Pg. 16
Oct. 25-27, Women’s Conference, Pg. 3
Nov. 8-10, Regenerate Youth Event, Pg. 16
Nov. 22-24, Kairos Outside, Pg. 8
Nov. 27-30, Thanksgiving
Dec. 7, St. David’s Tour of Homes, Pg. 16
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ation, and stewardship of local habitats and wildlife through a hands-on presentation of live reptiles. The program provides a unique learning experience to students and residents at minimal or no cost for participating schools and groups.

This past year, the local outreach pro-
gam made 24 different field trips possible for schools throughout Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester counties. Visits also included trips to local libraries, community centers, and afterschool programs. We reached over 1,800 students in grades K-12 at no cost to the schools we served. This work was made possible through grants, generous donations, and fundraising.

We’re looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming events for the year! For more information, please contact your local church or visit the website www.barrierislandeducation.org.

Upcoming Events

LAMB Dinner Party with A Purpose with Suzy McColl, Saint James, Island, October 24

Saint James Church on James Island will host the annual LAMB’s Dinner Party With A Purpose with Suzy McColl on October 24. The event begins at 5:30 pm with a silent auction. The dinner and program will begin at 6:30 pm and include entertainment and refreshments. All proceeds will benefit Operation Christmas Child. Tickets are $20 per person or $30 per couple and may be purchased at www.holycross.org/lamb or by calling 843-722-4075.

St. David’s, Cheraw, Tour of Homes, December 7

St. David’s School Tour of Homes will be held December 7 from 2 to 6 p.m. The tour begins at 5:30 pm and includes a tour of the historic church and parts of the school campus. Tickets are $5 per person or $10 per family and may be purchased at the church or by calling 843-722-4075.

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