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“Shopmas,” Advent & Christmas

An Advent/Christmas Interview with Bishop Mark Lawrence

In late November, I had an opportunity to chat with Bishop Lawrence about Advent and Christmas. What follows is a condensed version of our conversation.

Joy Hunter, Editor

Bishop, how do you observe Advent?

It's different now from how I observed it as a parish priest. As a priest I lived through it with a congregation. We'd begin by making Advent wreaths. Sometimes we'd put lights on trees and bushes around the church. We put out the Christmas crèche and each Sunday add one more figurine.

During Advent I'd begin the services saying: "One candle lighted." I'd look at the crèche, "No baby Jesus in the manger! It's the First Sunday of Advent! Good morning!" Then the next Sunday it would be: "Two candles lighted. No baby Jesus in the manger. It's the Second Sunday of Advent." And so on. Then on Christmas Eve or Day I'd say: "Five candles lighted. Baby Jesus in the manger. Must be Christmas. Merry Christmas!"

Those were things we did as a community. They build the sense that this is a season of expectation. But as a Bishop I'm in a different church every Sunday. So I don't go through the season with a community. I look forward to getting back to it someday!



JUDY WETMORE LOGAN

What do you think of the secularization of the season, all the commercialism?

I like to call the season between Thanksgiving and Christmas the "Shopmas" season. Santa Claus is everywhere. The lights are sparkling. Christmas trees are aglow. Everything's out for Christmas. But it's really focused on and driven by shopping and nostalgia.

Some clergy rage against it, but I actually like Shopmas. I'm nostalgic about it. I love going through the stores hearing "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire," or "The weather outside is frightful." I like the songs. I enjoy them.

My problem is right in the middle of that secular, nostalgic season: the church pulls out of the mothballs John the Baptist. He's raging like a furnace, calling us to repentance. He kind of ruins the whole thing, but he's there in a good way. He's kind of the spiritual

Scrooge. He works against the secularism of the culture.

So two warring factions?

Advent is filled with paradoxes. There's the paradox of the works of darkness and the armor of light; mortal life and immortality; humility and the glorious majesty; the second coming of Christ in glory and his coming in humility at

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DAVIS GOULDEN

Intergenerational diversity always means creating space for the single, widowed, or solitary. "We depend on every parishioner in every age and life-stage to make our parish what it is," says Myers, "so, we want to keep the groups odd numbered so nobody in the group feels odd."

Dinners for Nine Urban Church Fosters Intergenerational Community

By Hunter Myers, Student Ministry Director
The Cathedral Church of St. Luke & St. Paul, Charleston

When was the last time you shared a meal with someone of a different generation, someone who is not a member of your family? At the Cathedral Church of St. Luke & St. Paul we are realizing that who we share meals with matters — whether that meal is shared at your dining room table or a booth at McDonald's. Yet, the very form and structure of our lives often relegates intergenerational relationships to a nice bonus rather than consistent inter-dependence. The truth is, we need spaces for all generations to gather and depend on each other, and the world is less and less willing to provide that. So, in the summer of 2018 our parish began a

new practice designed to create intergenerational space around dinner tables. We call it "Dinners for Nine."

This is what Dinners for Nine looks like in practice: Parishioners register to either attend or host a Dinners for Nine group. We compile all the registrations, create groups no larger than nine (based on age and life-stage diversity), then we task the hosts with coordinating a time and location for their group to meet twice for dinner over the course of the next few months. Some groups opt for a potluck, others for a meal out, and some brave hosts take on the whole meal themselves! To make this more accessible for

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Advent Legal Update: Where Are We?

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

As I write, it's a crisp, clear winter day in Charleston — the kind of beautiful day we all long for in August. And from countless steeples across the "holy city," church bells ring out the noon hour. This goes on for some time and there's simply no excuse for not knowing where you are in the day, despite all the many distractions that clamor for our attention.

In similar fashion, the Church each year reminds us of the hour with the Advent season. It's an annual call to remember, whatever our circumstances, good, bad or indifferent, where we are in the progress of God's time.

The same Jesus whose birth we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the One whose Resurrection is the source of all hope, will return to judge and reign as King. The fulfillment of that promise is not here yet, but like a ringing steeple bell, Advent reminds us, that's where we are heading. Its closer now than ever. And

that is cause for both hope and confidence in the midst of all that would distract us from these truths.

This is the essential backdrop for viewing where we are in our litigation as a Diocese. There have been significant events this fall that clamor for our attention. In July, state Judge Edgar Dickson ordered a further attempt at mediation (which the mediator declared an impasse on Sept. 26). On August 28, Judge Dickson denied TEC's petition to dismiss our possible claims under the state Betterments Statute. Then on Sept. 20, Federal District Judge Richard Gergel released his ruling in the trademarks complaint against the Diocese, issuing an injunction against our use of the historic names and seal of the Diocese. He did, however, affirm the continued use of all parish names and made no requirement for the removal of the seal from these historic

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Loving Our Neighbors:

St. John's Chapel Purchasing Neighborhood Security Cameras

By The Rev. Matthew Rivers, Vicar, St. John's Chapel, Charleston



I believe this is our time to make a mark in our community and help lead not only in a spiritual way, but also by providing help for the whole community. Safety and security belong to all of us!

I am writing to ask for your support and prayers for the community we serve in and labor among. Because of current and past gun violence, fear and emotional trauma continues to plague the residents and business owners in the Eastside community. We here at St. John's

Why we are taking a stand?

Over the past month, we have attended several community meetings where residents cry out for help to simply live in safety and unity. St. John's family and my wife and I have heard the cry from our church community, and we are willing to put a stake in the ground to answer the crisis.

After meeting with many of the local leaders including the Mayor's office and the Charleston police department, we are mounting an effort to purchase Ring security cameras for residences in the community. We have committed to a five-year plan to raise funds through community functions

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St. Timothy's Shares Christmas Spirit and Backpacks with North Charleston Elementary

By Rita Conley-Pitts, St. Timothy's, Cane Bay

Sometime before Thanksgiving 2018, a young teacher from North Charleston Elementary School, Vanessa Oldland, made a request during a St. Timothy's church service. She suggested anyone thinking of replacing an artificial Christmas tree might want to donate it to her school. She, and other teachers, thought having lit trees in the school throughout Advent might be a wonderful experience for the students, many of whom would not have Christmas trees in their homes.



St. Timothy's members quickly donated trees and lights, which were displayed in the main hallway of the school. The students were excited to decorate the trees and expressed their appreciation for being able to see them as they walked through the halls to class.

That December, Vanessa attended a Christmas party, which some St. Timothy's parishioners also happened to attend. She ex-

pressed the joy she had as she watched her students hang Christmas balls and garlands on the donated trees St. Timothy's had provided. When asked, she shared her wish for the New Year—to see the St. Timothy's church community become involved with students of North Charleston Elementary, on a regular basis. Her special concern was for the students from low-income families. As a starting point, Vanessa suggested St. Timothy's consider providing backpacks filled with essentials, which, on average cost about \$60.00, an amount out of reach for many of her students' families.

Since that Christmas party, the people of St. Timothy's have embraced this opportunity to bless the children of North Charleston Elementary. By August 2019, they had collected

enough money to provide 10 fully equipped backpacks. Although the school year is now well underway, they continue to gather money for additional backpacks and needed clothing for new students who arrive mid-year, as a result of foster home placement or family relocation.

St. Timothy's saw a need and acted to meet it—and a new ministry, “Vanessa's Locker,” was born.

As this ministry continues to grow, St. Timothy's encourages church members to pray daily for students, teachers, and staff. There are also opportunities for parishioners to assist students with remedial reading and math, class trips, storytelling, and holiday parties—roles which require time, training and commitment. Although a volunteer team has not yet been formed, several church members share the goal of becoming equipped and qualified to serve these students in the new year.

The people of St. Timothy's are excited to see how God is using them to reach children and families in their community. With God's grace, 2020 will be a year of exciting prospects for the students, and this congregation will continue to be blessed, as they serve the children of North Charleston Elementary.

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properties. While the Standing Committee acted immediately to change our operating name to “The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina” (which you now see in all our communications), an appeal of this decision was filed in October in the Federal 4th Circuit Court.

Since that time, the local TEC diocese has filed a further petition with Judge Gergel asserting, among other similar complaints, that the name “The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina” also infringes upon their identity. This comes despite this naming pattern going unquestioned with any of the other departing dioceses that separated from TEC. That complaint awaits further action by Judge Gergel.

Most recently, Judge Dickson conducted a hearing on November 26 to consider all the petitions before him in the state court. At the conclusion, he asked for proposed orders from both parties (essentially our recommendation for what he should say in his final ruling), indicating his readiness to now decide the central questions of the case. The agreed date for the submission of these proposed orders is December 23.

Some of these many turns of events are clearly favorable to us, others less so. “Where we are” now is certainly closer to the end than we were before. But like the return of Christ which Advent calls us to prepare for, the road is full of twists and turns.

The only true certainties are the final destination and the One who leads us there. The path in between will certainly contain surprises. But we journey on with hope – for that is certainly central to the message of Advent.

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Each year Bishop Lawrence reads “The Night Before Christmas” to the Diocesan staff at their Christmas party, pausing to invite the staff to chime in words he omits in the well-known story.

Christmas. For those who like paradox, it is a glorious season that we don't want to sweep away too soon with Christmas. The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent encapsulates it well.

The church year always begins with Advent, right? And the lessons focus on the second coming of Christ at the close of the age. We begin with the end in mind.

If you know how all of human history ends, you know where to put your weight. You know how to live your life. And the Church says it all ends with the second coming of Jesus, his Parousia—the coming of Jesus in glory to restore all things and judge the living and the dead. It's a brilliant thing the church has done. If we jump too soon to preparing only for Christmas—and Jesus coming among us in great humility—we miss that.

The business world understands this. They could have gotten it from the church year because we begin with the end in mind, then go right into Jesus coming in great humility—which of course lasts for 12 days. With that we're counter cultural, because the world has already moved on after Christmas day, but we continue with it for 11 more.

So I'm guessing you don't do any decorating until Christmas Eve?

Oh, no! Here in Charleston I usually put out greens along the wrought iron fence the

first Sunday in Advent. And decorating inside is a long process because we've collected all kinds of things over the years. Allison has a whole collection of Santa Claus figurines. I carry down all the boxes from the fourth floor to the second or first floors. I put up the Christmas

tree and decorate it, but Allison does all the rest. It's a big job. It's part of our ritual.

Will you be using an Advent devotional this year?

I pray Morning Prayer every day, but in Advent I'll also pick a Christmas or Advent book to read during that month. Last year it was *Advent with Evelyn Underhill*. The year before *Waiting on the Word: A Poem a Day for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany* by Malcolm Guite. And the year before that, *The Meaning is in the Waiting: The Spirit of Advent* by Paula Gooder. That's the usual thing I do.

Allison and I usually watch our favorite Christmas movies like “The Muppets Christmas Carol.”

You've got to be kidding me!

No! It's one of the best Christmas Carol productions. Michael Caine as Scrooge and Kermit the Frog as his clerk. They really keep to the heart of the story and do it well. And there are wonderful songs in it. When the grandkids are here, we watch “Home Alone,” “Polar Express” and “The Santa Clause.” Allison and I will watch “While you were Sleeping” among others.

That's not a Christmas movie! That's a rom-com.

It takes place at Christmas! It's all about the loneliness at Christmas and how important family is at the holidays.

Any Christmas memories from your childhood you'd like to share?

Oh, many, many. I remember when I was a kid, and it started to get cold, I'd lie next to the floor heater behind my father's lounge chair and figure out odd jobs I could do to earn money to buy presents for my brother and sister and mother and father. I'd rake yards, deliver newspapers, mow lawns, collect bottles. My advent devotion was looking through the Sears catalog for things I wanted for Christmas (though sometimes my mother had an Advent Calendar on the fridge).

And I'd clean out the fireplace because I always liked fires. That's one thing I miss, there's no fireplace in the Episcopal Residence.



BISHOP MARK LAWRENCE

Snow-covered fence in front of the Bishop's Residence.

How is the celebration you grew up with different from the one you and Allison created with your own children?

Clearly the one our kids grew up with was far more focused on the community of the

church, decorating the church as well as our house. And our kids growing up always had parishioners around, and were performing in Christmas Pageants, singing in the Jr. Choir or acolyting at midnight Eucharist or the New Year's Eve Vigil and Party at the Church.

We might go to church on Christmas morning, and Allison would ask someone, “What are you doing today?” If she'd hear, “Oh, we're not doing anything” or “We're alone,” she'd invite the person to our Christmas dinner. That might also happen on Christmas Eve, too. Our kids always grew up with people from the church at our home and family gatherings.

Favorite holiday food?

Allison makes galettes and raisin cookies and a spinach casserole that's just delicious.

Do you have any words of advice for new parents on how to celebrate Christmas well?

I would say it's important to build family traditions—give your children a heritage and rituals but don't get hyper about them. Build in a rhythm of seasonal expectation and joy. You balance the season of Advent with Christmas. Don't make Christmas day alone the thrust of everything. There's a reason why the church has 12 days of Christmas. One day cannot live up to the expectations we put upon it.

What do you look forward to most?

When we lived in Pennsylvania, it was getting a fire going in the fireplace, a cup of coffee and a good book especially on a snowy day. Everything slows down. Everything is quiet. Just enjoying the season. I was also on the board of the local Salvation Army and rang the bell at the kettle.

But now I look forward to our family coming, which as you know is quite large, and having a few days after Christmas to do things with grandkids or our adult children, and the good holiday food. I look forward to the Advent season with all its paradoxes. I look forward to the literature of Advent and Christmas (George MacDonald's *Gifts of the Christ Child*, Dylan Thomas' *A Child's Christmas in Wales*, Truman Capote's *A Christmas Memory*, W.H. Auden's *For the Time Being*: A

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and donations. This initiative is in conjunction with the Charleston Police Department's effort to install additional security cameras on the streets of the Eastside.

In recent meetings, the residents and business owners have committed to partner with St. John's and the police department in this fight. Future plans include soliciting aid from state officials. I feel strongly that the city cannot "arrest its way" out of this epidemic. But as one

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community unified to the cause, guided by the Spirit of God, our residents may soon find safety again; our children can walk to school without fear and live in love—one for another. We pray that this effort sparks excitement of togetherness with no racial barriers but hearts living in harmony.

We need your help and support in several ways. First, we need your prayers. We need all prayer warriors on deck to support this effort in bringing the community together. Second, please spread the word. The more people joining us in this endeavor the better. Third, we are seeking donors for some of the cameras to be installed. The cost of the cameras are \$260 each. We are asking if you or your congregation would be willing to donate two cameras. Our goal is to give out 15 to 20 cameras to residents. We have partnered with a local company that will install the cameras for our residents at no charge to them. All cameras will be registered with the Charleston police department before given to each resident.

In light of the latest gun-related death just two weeks ago, our community needs to see love in action. Will you join us? To learn more contact me at stjohschapel878@gmail.com.

Sabbatical "Greatest Gift Ever Received"

A Young Priest Reflects on a Well-Spent Season

By The Rev. David Booman, Associate for Family Ministry, St. Michael's Church, Charleston

This article was adapted from one which first appeared in the newsletter of St. Michael's Church.

The past 12 weeks of sabbatical have been one of the greatest gifts I have ever received. I am profoundly grateful to the clergy, vestry, and the people of St. Michael's for blessing me so generously and joyfully. The sabbatical went beyond what I had even hoped and was a summer I will always cherish.

In the months leading up to the sabbatical, my prayer for this time set apart was taken from Psalm 36: that the Booman family would be able to feast on the Lord's abundance, drink from His delights, and see the light of His glory—all while sheltered under the shadow of His wings. Little did I know how critical the last clause of that prayer would prove to be.

In late June, on our very first trip out of Charleston, while staying in the cool majesty of the mountains near Clyde, NC, little seven-week old Ezra spiked a fever one afternoon. We quickly called our pediatrician at MUSC who advised heading to the nearest ER as soon as possible. After six hours of tests in the local hospital, they diagnosed him with pneumonia necessitating a midnight ambulance ride to the children's hospital in Asheville. Fortunately, after running more tests that night and drawing more blood and spinal fluid, they ultimately concluded that the pneumonia diagnosis had been premature and that something else was going on. Mercifully, after three more days of testing, waiting, and consulting with infectious disease experts at UNC, they concluded that Ezra had somehow contracted Salmonella (very unusual in a newborn), and that the right medicine would deal with this bacterium. Exhausted but grateful, we returned to Charleston.

It was a sobering reminder of the brokenness of this world, the



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fragility of life, and the preciousness of the time we have with our loved ones. There was also a remarkable theological dimension to the ordeal in that the day before the fever spiked: I had felt led to spend my quiet time meditating on the various passages in the gospel of Luke where someone (usually Jesus or the angel Gabriel) says, "Fear not." It was those simple words of assurance (as well as the prayers of the body of Christ) that carried us through.

Fortunately, the Lord helped us to regain our equilibrium, and

the rest of the summer was marked by great joy. We had so many sweet times together as a family: from a weekend with Caity in Savannah to camping with the boys in Embree; from canoeing in the mountains to fishing on James Island; from the water park in Myrtle Beach (Daniel just made the 48-inch requirement) to playing catch with a couple of Riverdogs players before a baseball game. Beautiful memories were made throughout.

In addition to relational renewal, I was able to devote significant

time to my physical health and feel better than I have in years. I exercised regularly, played frisbee golf regularly with some friends, and was able to receive physical therapy and massage therapy for a back injury (sustained, of all places, while playing basketball at a clergy conference four years ago). The therapy did wonders, and I'm now able to play with the boys almost pain-free!

Rediscovering a Love of Reading

From family and physical renewal to the intellectual, this summer I also rediscovered a love of reading and learning. Somehow in the busyness of raising a family I'd forgotten how much I enjoy learning new things. This summer I was able to immerse myself in good books more than I have in years. While I didn't complete my goal of reading 18 books, I knocked out 14 including the following (with a brief commentary):

1st and 2nd Kings by Dale Ralph Davis. A couple of fun and fascinating commentaries by one of the most engaging Old Testament commentators writing today. If you think the Old Testament is boring, spend an afternoon with Davis!

The Pursuit of God by A.W. Tozer. A classic work by one of the great spiritual writers of the 20th century; a book to ignite or rekindle one's prayer life.

You and Me Forever by Francis Chan. A unique marriage book that challenges many assumptions about marriage, especially in the church. Chan provocatively suggests that marriage itself is often made into an idol and that the secret to a Godly marriage is focusing less on the

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Christmas Oratorio, and so many others), the CSO concerts, and the movies of Christmas.

Oh, and as a clergyman I looked forward to a few days off after Christmas and still do. There's a thousand things to do between Thanksgiving and Christmas when you're in parish ministry and for your parishioners too. And though I had lay Eucharistic ministers and

deacons, I tried to get to our shut-ins between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

What about the services?

I always used to look forward to the Christmas Eve service. It's one of my favorite services, but it's complicated. It's not always an easy

sermon to preach. And sometimes I put too much expectation on it. You're trying to balance all kinds of things and all kinds of expectations. But it can also be just wonderful.

So managing expectations is important?

You have to let each season fit in with what happens that year. If you try to relive everything, you just make yourself frustrated and unhappy trying to make the perfect Christmas. Christmas is rarely perfect. And it's always going to be different, but you may look back upon it and think, "There was something quite lovely about that year."

You remember January 3, 2018? It snowed in South Carolina right during the Twelve Days of Christmas—what a gift for us in the lowcountry!

Grandparenting Ministry Heads to England; Short-Term Mission

This coming March, Catherine Jacobs, founder of Pass the Legacy Ministry, who is a member of St. Paul's Church in Summerville, will be heading to England to spend two months as a short-term missionary through SAMS (Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders), sharing about the influence faithful grandparents can have on the faith of their grandchildren.

She has been invited by the Rt. Rev. John Fenwick, the Bishop of the Diocese of Northern England and will be based out of St. David's Anglican Church in Preston, England. From there she'll continue the work of Pass the Legacy Ministry and share God's vision for grandparents many of whom feel lost and forgotten.

"I am excited to go to England," says Catherine. "I have had a 'tug-

ging' on my heart for the British people for over 10 years. I look forward to working with Bishop Fenwick as I lead devotions in senior homes and guide studies on my book, *Pass the Legacy: 7 Keys for Grandparents Making a Dif-*



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ference." Catherine will also have opportunities to minister one-on-one to grandparents as she speaks throughout the Diocese.

To learn more about this mission to England, and to join her prayer and financial support team contact her at cathy@passthelegacy.com.



CHELSEA HAMSHAW

Bishop Mark and Allison Lawrence gather for a Christmas photo with some of their many grandchildren.

Anglican Women Enjoy Spirit-Filled Retreat

By Catherine O. Jones, St. Philip's Anglican Church, Charleston



LISA GREENSLIT

"I felt the Holy Spirit's comfort and guidance the whole weekend," said Patricia Smith, current President of the Anglican Women, reflecting on the retreat.

As in years past, the blessed haven that is Saint Christopher welcomed sisters in Christ from throughout the diocese to an inspiring weekend, October 25 to 27, 2019. The Anglican Women's Retreat, with the theme "Gift and Giver: Life by The Spirit," offered rich, encouraging, and challenging teaching by the Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, as well as worship, music, workshops, fellowship, rest, and refreshment.

Planned and carried out by Diocesan Women's President, Patricia Smith, and board members Sunny Walker, Mary Kauser, Anne Walton, Lynn Allen, Tracy Sutphin, Cathy Jacobs, Cynthia, Hiott, Janet Stoda, and Joyce Grabowski, it was a time full of blessings. The Rev. Rich Giersch led music and worship each day as old and new friends joined in praising God. Leaders and staff at St. Christopher with many volunteers helped to create a time of spiritual renewal and joyful fellowship.

Powerful teaching came right away. Bishop Lawrence presented a vivid introduction to the third person of the Trinity: the Holy Spirit. Who is He? How is He known? What is His role? Pointing to Old and New Testament scripture, especially Christ's life, teachings, promise, and the fulfillment at Pentecost, questions were answered.

The Bishop highlighted examples of the Spirit's work in the book of Acts, in the epistles, and today. Then he presented his own "credentials"—personal experiences as the Spirit of Truth changed his life and the lives of others—miracles from yesterday and today! He shared recommended readings and unforgettable quotes such as Charles Spurgeon's "I looked to Jesus and in flew the Holy Spirit."

Bishop Lawrence detailed the gifts of the Spirit that the Lord wants to give to all believers, how each is seen and applied. He referred to Christ's words in the gospels, especially John chapter 14 and in Luke's Book of the Acts of the Apostles, Paul's letters in Romans (chapters 8 and 12) and in First Corinthians (chapter 12.) He noted that joy is found in discovering and using what is one's true gift. There may be combinations of gifts, too—literally thousands of possibilities! "All gifts," said the Bishop, "are to point to the Lord, the giver, and are for the building up of the body—the Church."

All sessions, being undergirded with the prayer, "Come, Holy Spirit," the Bishop contin-

ued with teachings on the fruit of the spirit and how fruit must be cultivated—removing bad influences and replacing them with good. He spoke of the importance of forming holy habits of life, referring to Paul's letter to the Philippians and to Peter's "Letter of Love." He urged everyone to ask for God's help in discerning gifts, nurturing fruit and for these to be seen in the Church—her clergy, the diocese, each parish, and each Christian. All teachings were sprinkled with delightful humor, memorable stories, and the caring of a true shepherd. The Bishop was gracious in always highlighting the gifts of many women from yesterday and today, including those this group knows and loves, such as his dear wife, Allison, and daughter, Chelsea. As listeners looked around the large group, each recognized many who demonstrate the Spirit's gifts in their daily lives. Suzy McCall was there. How many lives have been and are being saved through her missions of mercy! Bishop Lawrence praised clergy and laypeople who demonstrate gifts for the glory of God and His Church. His listeners nodded, smiled, and laughed as his words brought familiar faces and scenes to mind.

There was much happy sharing, too, in the opening "Getting to Know You" game and the diverse, artistic, and helpful workshops. There was peace and comfort in the prayers

and worship, joy in the music and fellowship, education in nature and everywhere, refreshment in walks on the beach, and nourishment for body, mind and spirit. As hoped for by Patricia Smith, the retreat was indeed helpful, healing, holy, and (at times) hilarious. It was a blessed time. Thanks be to God!



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Overheard at the Anglican Women's Conference

There was a keen sense of excitement and joy throughout our recent Women's Conference weekend. God touched and healed women in personal ways, and holy moments happened in small groups and in walks along the beach. A key focus of the weekend was instruction on the gifts and fruit of the spirit, and the Titus 2 command.

Here are comments from some of the women in attendance:

"Through the Bishop's testimonies, we learned the ways the Holy Spirit works through the gifts, as we release them, how He can clearly direct us to our place of service in the body, and unmistakably reprove us, when needed. These all magnified the bigness and creativity of our God."

"During the opening prayer, in my small group, I experienced a definite warming in my chest and recognized it as a touch of the Holy Spirit."

"During Soaking Prayer—although no one was praying over me or laying hands on me, at the time—I felt a heat pour down over my head."

"The weekend was life changing. I have been suffering silently with depression, and the Holy Spirit impressed on me my desperate need for fellowship. I also came to recognize my spiritual gift."

"I am struggling to have victory over an addiction. The insights on developing 'holy habits' really encouraged me in my journey."

"I felt so blessed and honored that the Bishop would share personal stories about how the Holy Spirit has demonstrated His love and direction over the years. His stories had wonderful illustrations and always had a point."

"I went on a walk along the beach, pleading for God to give me some sign of His presence. As I walked, my eyes fell upon two random pieces of wood in the shape of the cross. That really spoke to me of His love. He heard my prayer."

Praise & Glory Jars Foster the Sacrament of Giving

2019-2020 Funds Collected for Ministry at the Citadel, St. Alban's Chapel

By Libussa Huge, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville

The Bible is full of verses urging us to give God praise and glory because He alone deserves it. This act of humble gratitude is fundamental to our Christian walk. It gets the focus off ourselves and onto the One from whom all blessings flow. Giving becomes a sacramental act of worship when offerings to advance the Kingdom of God flow out of a thankful heart.

The Anglican Women of our diocese introduced "Praise & Glory" jars in 2012 as an intergenerational way to teach and practice generosity.

It's so simple, even a small child can participate! Simply take a jar and set it somewhere visible, whether on a windowsill or where you charge your phone. When you see the jar, count your blessings, drop some change into it, and, "Sing praises to the glory of God's name." (Ps. 66:2 CEB) An ingathering of all jars across the diocese takes place after Easter, and all funds are distributed to a ministry voted on the previous year at

the Anglican Women's Conference.

The current collection will go to St. Alban's Chapel at the Citadel where Anglican Chaplain Rob Sturdy ministers to the Corps of Cadets. Sturdy had a life changing experience after entering the Citadel in the fall of 1999. The angry young atheist encountered Jesus during the boot camp phase of his freshman year. His conversion radically changed the trajectory of his life. After gradu-

ating—and with a recommendation from St. Alban's Chapel—Sturdy trained for ministry at Oxford University. He returned to the Citadel in 2017 to offer young cadets the spiritual guidance he had received there. Since St. Alban's relies solely on the prayers and contributions of students, alumni and friends to carry out the ministry, all Praise & Glory funds will go toward keeping the life-giving hope and encouragement of the Gospel shining from St. Alban's Chapel.



Diocesan Convention March 13-14, 2020

All are welcome to attend the convention which will be held at the Church of the Cross in Bluffton. Information about workshops and teaching offerings will be available soon on the diocesan website. To learn more and register visit <https://adosc.org/news-events/convention/>

Asante Sana!

Kenyan Partner Expresses Appreciation

By The Rev. Fred Ochieng, Vicar, Emmanuel Church, Shaurimoyo Parish, The Anglican Diocese of Maseno South, Kisumu-Kenya

I am writing to let you know I got home safely after my three-week trip in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you did to make this trip not just the most memorable since I started visiting the diocese but also the most fruitful in terms of cementing old partnerships and friendships and making new friends.



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The Rev. Fred Ochieng spoke about his work in Kenya at the October 3 event at the Cathedral.

I am grateful to Bishop Mark Lawrence and the leadership of the diocese for making it possible for me and other Anglican leaders from the Global South to attend the New Wineskins conference in Ridgecrest, North Carolina. The gathering at the Cathedral in Charleston (organized by Bob Lawrence) was, to say the least, a milestone in positioning the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina as a leader in Global missions within the ACNA. I am particularly grateful that alongside other prominent Anglican leaders we were accorded the privilege to talk about the work of God in our dioceses/provinces and invite members of the diocese to prayerfully consider partnering with us.

In one way or another, all of you played pivotal roles in ensuring that I had a blessed wonderful time in South Carolina. More than ever, I felt at home—away from home. From the hospitality of your homes and the rides from one place to another to ensure I kept my appointments to the Southern delicacies

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Diocese Hosts International Partners

“There’s not another diocese in the US as interested in what’s going on in the world as you are.”

By Joy Hunter, Editor

For the fourth time in a row, The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina provided funds enabling international guests to participate in the tri-annual New Wineskins for Global Missions Conference held September 26-29 at the Ridgecrest Conference Center in Ridgecrest, NC. The gathering, one of the largest Anglican mission-equipping conferences in North America, brought 1,200 Anglicans together for plenaries and brief “MAP” talks on issues surrounding global missions.

Members of the Diocese, who accounted for 10 percent of the total number of attendees, funded 16 international guests paying either in part or in whole for their travel, meals and all of their conference participation.

The Rev. Bob Lawrence, a member of the diocese’s Anglican Missional Partnership Committee (who recently stepped down as its chair) organized the visits arranging for housing, travel and helping to connect those who didn’t have previously existing relationships with churches in the diocese seeking to make connections. Many had the opportunity to preach or teach in local churches while they were here. (See article “Better Together” on Pg. 8).

October 3 Event Opportunity to Initiate Relationships

In addition, on Thursday, October 3, the Diocese hosted an event at the Cathedral of St.

in their own areas.

Prior to introducing the panel, Bishop Lawrence said, “If you are from a congregation and are here tonight either as a layperson or as a priest that does not have a missional relationship with a diocese or province somewhere in the world, you’ve got an opportunity right here before you to form a relationship with one of them.”

Archbishop Elect, Stephen Kaziimba, of the Anglican Church of Uganda, spoke first sharing about the challenges he faces in a diocese of 740 churches. Providing clean water is a focus for the diocese, and education is a priority as well. His diocese has 450 elementary schools and 22 high schools. “We

must always visit the schools and preach the gospel,” he said. “Once you have neglected the school you have neglected the nation.” As a bishop he confirms from 100–200 each Sunday, giving each new confirmand a Bible. When he is consecrated as the ninth Archbishop of the Church of Uganda March 1, 2020, he will oversee more than 10 million Anglicans, “And the church is still growing,” he said.

The Rev. Fred Ochieng, Vicar of Emmanuel Church in the Shaurimoyo Parish in the Anglican Diocese of Maseno South, Kisumu-Kenya (see article, left), invited those



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Anglican leaders thank Bishop Lawrence for his partnership in the work of the Gospel at brief meeting before the larger gathering on October 3.

present to take steps to form relationships with brothers and sisters in his area. “Pray for us,” he said. “Be our friend. Relationships are more important than anything. Consider coming for a mission. Be a sender. Consider supporting us financially.” Ochieng stressed that while his congregation is seeking to be self-sustaining, they need assistance to move in that direction. He invited attendees to support theological training for their clergy. “Support one of our clergy to go to (the theological training in) Marsabit.”

“I’ve got to give our bishop credit,” said the Rev. Gary Beson, Rector of St. Timothy’s, Cane Bay, after the evening presentation. “He’s really emphasized ‘Biblical Anglicanism for a Global Age.’ (My wife) Sue and I were having dinner with Fred (the Rev. Fred Ochieng of Kenya) and Qampicha (Bishop Daniel Wario Qampicha The Bishop of the Diocese of Marsabit, Kenya) the other night. They said, ‘There’s not another diocese in the US as interested in what’s going on in the world as you are.’”

The Rev. Wey Camp, Rector of Trinity, Edisto, whose church helped sponsor guests from Peru said, “I’m thrilled to be a part of a diocese that would sponsor so many Anglican leaders coming to New Wineskins. I was very sinfully proud of The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina.”

To listen to the audio presentations visit https://adosc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/ang_leader_gather_19_10_3_reduce.mp3 To learn how you can get involved in supporting missions around the world click “Ministries,” and “Anglican Missional Partnerships” on the diocesan website.

Thirteen guests spoke October 3, 2019 including:

- Bishop Probal Dutta, Bishop of Grace Trust, India
- The Rev. John Chol Daau, Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- Bishop Daniel Wario Qampicha, Diocese of Marsabit, Kenya
- Bishop Stephen Kaziimba, Diocese of Mityana, Uganda
- Bishop Seth Ndayirukiye, Bishop of Matana, Burundi
- Bishop Francis Matui, Bishop of Makueni, Kenya
- The Rev. Bernard Bisoke Balikenga, Provincial Youth Coordinator, Anglican Church of the Congo
- Bishop Johnson Gakumba, Diocese of Northern Uganda
- The Rev. Fred Ochieng Onyango, Vicar, Emmanuel Church, Shaurimoyo Parish, Diocese of Maseno South, Kisumu-Kenya
- The Rev. Canon Dr. Rebecca Nyegenye, Provost of All Saints Cathedral, Kampala, Uganda
- Bishop George Kasangaki, Diocese of Masindi-Kitara, Uganda
- Bishop Joseph Kibucwa, Diocese of Kirinyaga, Kenya

Luke & St. Paul, Charleston, where a number of those sponsored by the Diocese as well as those sponsored by individual churches, shared about the work they’re involved in

rect, then we are individually members of one another in Christ. As a student ministry director, I long for students to be disciplined at home and in the local church. Every generation needs to learn the slow, patient walk of dependence from those who have gone before. Perhaps we value independence more than we value living in dependence on one another. When I am recruiting leaders to walk with and disciple our students, the first places I look are our Dinners for Nine Groups. That’s where I find parishioners who, I trust, are answering “yes” to this haunting, intergenerational question:

“So, shall I plant sequoias
And revel in the soil
Of a crop I know
I’ll never live to reap?”

The Road, The Rocks, and The Weeds
by John Mark McMillan

If our friend Saint Paul is cor-

Dinners for Nine

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households with children, we also offer childcare reimbursement.

After several iterations of Dinners for Nine, we have seen bonds of community formed over meals extend out into everyday life. Gathering and sharing a meal is just one method our community has explored to foster intergenerational dependence. When my wife and I hosted a Dinners for Nine group in our small Charleston apartment, we enjoyed an abundance of food, fellowship, and life experience with older couples, college students, singles—both young and old, and parents of elementary school kids all gathered around the table. There is no space in my life, apart from Sunday morning worship, where I can gather with a group this diverse over a meal.

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Now, you may be wondering, “Why nine?” Nine is a large enough group to feel full and small enough to be intimate. Just as importantly, part of intergenerational diversity always means creating space for the single, widowed, or solitary. We depend on every parishioner in every age and life-stage to make our parish what it is. So, we want to keep the groups odd numbered so nobody in the group feels odd.

We know that the Eucharist is the ultimate Table to gather around, the true meal for all generations. At the Cathedral, we desire for the unity we experience at that Table to take root in our lives every day, including Monday through Saturday. Our Dinners for Nine groups are making a way for us to live into that.

Looking to be Renewed, Inspired and Challenged?

Alpha Convention 2020 in Mesa, Arizona

By Charlie Septer, Church of our Saviour, Johns Island

Last January a group of us were blessed to attend the Alpha USA Conference at Hillsong Church in Mesa, Arizona, with approximately 1,100 people from across the USA representing many Christian denominations. We had great worship, fellowship, and prayer time as well as wonderful talks by a number of influential thinkers and church leaders across all denominations. The themes were Kingdom Transformation and Building an Invitational Culture.

Some of the areas discussed included: How can our churches and cities be renewed through prayer? How do the new trends in evangelism reveal the challenges and hope-filled approaches to reach

a lost generation? How do we reclaim the culture of hospitality and listening? How do we forge kingdom friendships for greater unity across dividing lines?

David Kinnaman of Barna Research shared their latest research survey on millennials and evangelism in a book *Reviving Evangelism* which was produced in partnership with Alpha USA. The information was quite interesting and well worth the study.

The 2020 conference will be held January 30-31 at Hillsong Church in Mesa, Arizona. The main stage speakers include Francis Chan, Sandy Millar, Margaret Feinberg, Fr. James Mallon, and more. Learn more and register at www.alphausa.org/tac20.

St. Helena's "Spirit-Run" Treasure House Clears \$100,000 in Seven Months

By Marge Barber, Treasure House volunteer, The Parish Church of St. Helena's, Beaufort

What enables a small town, non-profit thrift shop to ring up \$100,000 in sales in its first seven months of operation at a new location? What brings more than 10,000 shoppers through the doors during that same time?

This is the wondrous story of the Treasure House, operated by the Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort.

The keys to this success story?

Could be the new location at Boundary and Charles streets on the edge of downtown, a clean, well-lighted space with ample parking and a dedicated entrance for donations.



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Besides clothing, shop offerings include housewares, art, jewelry, books, linens, some furniture, home décor and toys.

Could be the 49 volunteers, most from St. Helena's but not all, including some students and parents from the shop's top beneficiary, Holy Trinity Classical Christian School.

Could be the manager, Sandy Foster, who has a heart for people, a head for business, a

soul for the Lord and a gift for making every person who enters the Treasure House feel special and loved. Compassion and hospitality head her list of priorities.

Could be all this and more, but anyone who spends any time at the Treasure House will tell you the answer is simple: it's the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit brought the spark of the idea of a thrift shop to Roz Dixon, Patty O'Leary and some other St. Helena's women back in 2012 or so, and they opened the Mission Treasure House in an out-of-the-way shopping center on August 3, 2013. Three years later, the Spirit was with Stellena Mumma the day she drove over the downtown bridge and realized 203 Carteret Street was available for rent. It was the perfect place to move the shop to, and Gordon Mabie opened the renamed 2or3 Treasure House downtown on June 1, 2016.

Then in December 2018, Treasure House volunteer Sandy Foster visited the Boys and Girls Club Thrift Shop at 914 Boundary Street which was closing and had fixtures available. She noticed the large open space inside and ample parking outside, and as she got back into her car a voice said, "Call Todd" – twice. Todd is the Rev. Todd Simonis, St. Helena's clergy assigned to shepherd the Treasure House—and she had no doubt

whose voice she'd heard. Just weeks before they were to sign a lease renewal for 2or3 at a greatly increased rent, agreement was reached to make 914 Boundary the new address of the Treasure House. Following a colossal outpouring of volunteer labor and contributions from church, school and community, the Treasure House opened at the Boundary Street site on February 15 of this year.

Three locations and three different names in five years, each change brought renewed growth and success to a thrift shop that is so much more.

The Holy Spirit still is in daily attendance. It has happened at least once to every Treasure House volunteer: the recycling bins are overflowing and the volunteer who removes them walks in without being called; a heavy piece of furniture needs to be moved and the next person through the door is a college football player on summer vacation; a customer needs a bed and one was donated that morning; the front yard needs maintenance and a volunteer takes it on as his personal ministry. Just recently a young woman rushed through the door to ask if we had a wedding dress in size 12—she needed it that week. We had one; it



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fit her perfectly; it cost \$40. Her prayers were answered.

Donations come from everywhere. One man drives his and his neighbors' things 30 minutes from Bluffton because he likes the way the Treasure House operates. The most unusual item to date—a pig pregnancy test still in the box with the notation "probe missing." Volunteers put it in the Man Cave, and it sold in two hours to a man looking for a gag gift for his friend's birthday party! The shop accepts most items; notable exceptions are electronics and prescription drugs. Furniture and other large items are okay if the donors can get them to the shop.

Prayer remains a constant throughout the business day. A credenza displays free Bibles

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marriage itself and focusing more on the mission God is calling you to as a couple.

Misquoting Jesus and Jesus Interrupted by Bart Ehrman. Two New York Times bestsellers by a brilliant scholar and perhaps the world's leading 'underminer' of the authority of scripture. Ehrman has popularized the scholarship of the liberal academy like no one before him. Consequently, he is a far greater threat to the faith than the more flamboyant "new atheists." If you have children or grandchildren, it good to be aware that Ehrman's works are in countless college classrooms around the country. He merits the sober consideration and thoughtful response of church.

The Meaning of Marriage by Tim Keller. A rock-solid biblically rooted treatment of marriage by one of the great communicators of our day. Keller notes how the Bible emphasizes the importance of friendship in marriage and calls us to pursue the holiness of our spouse with all that we are.

Canon Revisited by Michael Kruger. How do we know that we have the "right" books of the Bible in the Bible, and how do we know that the "right" criteria were used to choose them? Kruger examines a variety of models (throughout history and across the conservative-liberal spectrum) for understanding the formation of the canon and argues

that they all fall short. Instead, he invites us to look to scripture itself for the divinely sanctioned criteria of canonicity. While his arguments may feel circular to some, I found them to be scripturally rooted and philosophically compelling. This was probably my favorite book of the summer.

Letters from Dad by Greg Vaughn. An inspiring book that launched a national movement. Through scores of testimonies, Vaughn notes how simple, honest, and loving letters have a remarkable capacity to transform lives and relationships. An especially relevant book for grandparents.

Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions by George Barna. Barna has been called the "most quoted Christian in America" and is one of the chief researchers of American Christianity today. In this work, Barna examines the data and identifies the primary factors which lead to spiritual growth in children.

Paul: A Biography by N.T. Wright. If you've ever felt frustrated knowing how to integrate Paul's letters with the account of his life in Acts, this is the book for you. Reads like a novel and inspires like the best devotional literature. Paul's letters have come alive for me in way they never had before.

The Family Life of a Christian Leader by Ajith Fernando. A humble and insightful work by one of the leaders of Christianity in Asia for the last half-century.

The Princess and the Goblin by George Macdonald. One of the classic works of fantasy literature by the man C.S. Lewis called "The Master." A vivid treatment of the nature of true faith, I read it aloud to five-year old Daniel, and we were both engrossed.

Parenting Toward the Kingdom by Philip Mamalakis. The

best parenting book I've ever read. Mamalakis calls us to see our children through the eyes of Christ and move beyond mere "behavior modification" to the cultivation of kingdom virtues. While we may not see quick fixes or immediate gratification, the fruits of this approach—rooted as they are in the kingdom—are eternal.

Beyond the reading of books, one of my desires this summer was to also grow in my call to preaching by listening to good preaching. I chose to focus on Tim Keller and listened to about 25 of his sermons (listening to each sermon twice so as to more fully grasp how he crafts them). This discipline deeply nourished my soul.

One of the high points intellectually was meeting with Dr. Michael Kruger, President of Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte. Dr. Kruger is one of the leading experts on the formation of the canon. I especially wanted to chat with him about Dr. Bart Ehrman (see above). Dr. Kruger confirmed that I was asking some of the right questions, recommended further areas of study, and encouraged me to continue seeking ways of resourcing the church in this area.

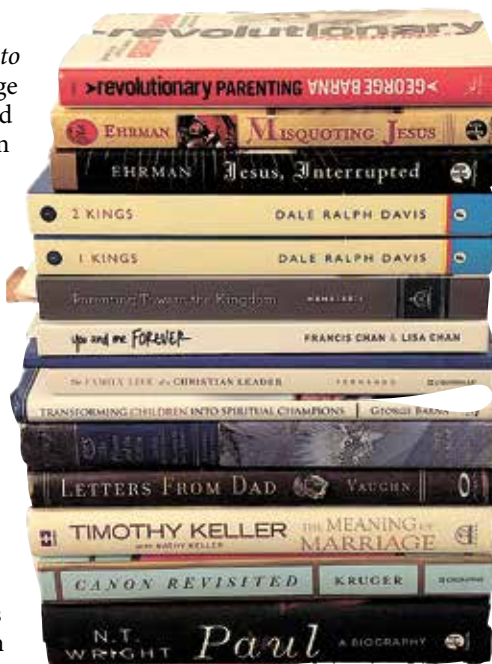
Finally, and most importantly, this summer I was blessed with significant spiritual renewal. I had several excellent times of conversation and

prayer with my spiritual director, had an appointment with Bishop Thad Barnum (who oversees clergy care for the Anglican Church of North America), was able to get away for a couple of quiet days of prayer and fasting at Camp St. Christopher, and had a profound prayer appointment at Presbyterian Reformed Ministries International in Black Mountain, NC.

This prayer appointment perhaps merits further mention. Leading up to the prayer appointment I had been led by the Lord to read through old journal entries from 10-12 years ago. (I had never revisited them before). Those years (the late 2000s) were the darkest of my life. My parent's marriage was falling apart, I myself had experienced a painful relational break-up, and for many months I literally felt like I was dying from Lyme's disease. Reading those dark entries led me to a place of thanksgiving for God's faithfulness. In some sense, I had forgotten how bad things were and how far the Lord has brought me. Even better, opening up these old memories ultimately led to a prayer appointment at PRMI where the Lord brought significant healing and comfort to places of unresolved pain.

I should also mention that I had the rare opportunity (for a pastor) to visit other churches. We tried to visit a different church every Sunday, including Baptist, Presbyterian, and

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Favorite Part? The Conversations with Other Clergy

A First-Timer Reflects on the Diocesan Clergy Conference

By The Rev. Newman Lawrence, Assistant Priest, Church of Our Saviour, Johns Island

As a first-time attendee to the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina Clergy Conference, I was not entirely sure what to expect in regards to programming, fellowship, down time, etc. and to be honest, I wasn't sure there would be enough time to take it all in.

I did not want to return to Church of Our Saviour, or my wife and kids, exhausted from an overwhelming conference. I wanted to hear from God, I wanted to connect with other clergy that I did not know already, and I needed some rest. Having been on the periphery of the clergy conference for a few years while working at St. Christopher and being related to just a few of the participants, I had seen the conference evolve a bit over the years.



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Our time together did not disappoint, and I was certainly refreshed heading back to Church of Our Saviour later in the week. God certainly worked through the conference in my life and did not disappoint.

John Yates was very engaging, and hearing more about his story and time at the Falls Church was inspiring. As I think about ministry, the first thing that comes to mind is relationships, which obviously take time to build and must be nurtured. John certainly had time to do that in his 40 years at the Falls Church. In his time as rector he witnessed families grow, going through both joyous times and difficult times as he walked alongside them. In all of this, he grew as well, in his faith, wisdom, and leadership ability as

their church went through a difficult time but came through it stronger than ever. It stood out to me that he became the rector at the Falls Church, after serving in Pittsburgh, at the same age I was when I began seminary. While I certainly value the life experiences I had in the years prior to the ordained ministry, how they have shaped me and made me into the person I am today, I can't help but think about how God may have been trying to use me if I had simply said "Yes!" to Him earlier.

One of my biggest takeaways from John Yates's talks was the image of a soldier, a marathon runner, and a farmer. So often, we get stuck in one mindset in ministry, and we forget this threefold image. There is a time to be a soldier, fighting for the Church, for the truth, in the spiritual battle that is ongoing. There is also a time to endure as a runner does in long distance training. We must put our heads down, breathe in deeply, push on, and endure. Lastly, the image of the farmer, which for me personally can be the most difficult image to live into, we must be patient and wait

for the seeds to grow. If we have cared for the soil, planted the seed, watered and fertilized the fields, then the rest is up to God, the Holy Spirit. We cannot make plants grow overnight, and that means our churches may not grow overnight—a new program may fail, we may have to reassess what we're doing in ministry, re-till the soil, plant new seeds. If we are in this for the long haul, as I believe we are called to be, then we will find ourselves as soldiers, runners, and farmers throughout our lives in ministry; we need to be prepared for this.

One of my favorite parts of the conference was the conversations I was able to have with fellow clergy. Of course, some of these conversations were catching up with my seminary classmates and other close friends, but the



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ones that stand out the most to me that were some of the most meaningful were the conversations with clergy I did not know well (or at all) prior to the conference. The opportunity to share what I'm doing now, how God is using me, and where I see him taking me long-term with other clergy who have been in similar positions was incredible. These conversations happened throughout the conference, at meals, late

at night on porches, and even walking to the closing Eucharist. It was these conversations that helped breathe refreshing life into me after these first few months of drinking from a fire hose as a transitional deacon.

While none of us know what the next year holds in store for us as individuals, as parishes, and as a diocese, I do know one thing: I am excited and humbled to be a member of



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the clergy of The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and am looking forward to growing together with and serving alongside this fine group of fellow believers.

Gifts to Diocesan Periodical Club Lighten Load for Seminarian

By Catherine Jacobs, St. Paul's, Summerville, Chairman of Diocesan Periodical Club

Do your donations to the Diocesan Periodical Club make a difference? Read what one seminarian, Jeffrey Jacobs, a senior at Trinity School for Ministry (who happens to be my son), has to say:

"In July of 2017, I quit my job; we moved to Ambridge, bought our first house, and had our firstborn almost simultaneously. The thought of spending \$300 on one semester's worth of textbooks in addition to all our family's needs seemed like a huge luxury we could not afford. So for the first year, I used our library's three-hour textbook loans on repeat. It meant longer hours in the library, and as deadlines approached, textbooks often had to be shared with others.

"Receiving a scholarship, specifically to be used on books, gave me the freedom and peace of mind to purchase textbooks guilt-free, which has also allowed me to spend more time with my family. Thank you to all who have contributed to lighten our load in seminary. It is a huge blessing."



JEFF JACOBS

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Jeff Jacobs, Seminarian

The Diocesan Periodical Club of our Anglican Women's Ministry has the privilege of providing textbooks for seminarians as well as Bibles, prayer books, and other printed Christian materials churches need for spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. As the mother of a seminarian, this ministry is near to my heart. I know the importance of the DPC donations, especially to the seminarians, but it also makes a big difference to smaller churches that need help purchasing prayer books and other materials for worship and study.

As 2019 draws to a close, please consider donating to this Diocesan ministry. If the Lord is tugging on your heart to contribute, stop reading this article and write out a check right now. Make it payable to the Diocesan Periodical Club and mail your donation to:

Diocesan Periodical Club
C/O Catherine Jacobs
105 Lowndes Lane
Summerville, SC 29483

It is an honor to serve the Lord! May He bless you as you prayerfully share your financial resources with others for the sake of His Kingdom.

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non-denominational (as well as a couple of Anglican churches). We were blown away by the vitality of the Lord's body across the denominations, and especially in Charleston. Regardless of liturgy, style of music, shape of the building, etc., Charleston churches are brimming with young singles and young families enthusiastically worshipping the God of the Bible and celebrating the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

As I returned to St. Michael's, I was filled with a deep sense of gratitude for this time away, a greater affection for the family of faith we have at St. Michael's, and a reignited desire for the gospel ministry we share. My hope, prayer, and expectation is that this coming year will be a year of great rootedness and fruitfulness, as the Holy Spirit shepherds us to places of greater faith, hope, and love in Christ.

In closing, I want to thank my exceptional sabbatical committee: Nancy Hardwick, Harriet Harris, Bill Hyer, Ted McNabb, and Linda Prince, who helped me discern my sabbatical vision, a healthy sabbatical rhythm, and, most importantly, covered me in prayer. Thank you, Team, for your support and wise counsel throughout; thank you for helping me keep first things first.

My beloved brothers and sisters, I look forward to seeing you all soon!

News from Roger and Joanne Griffin

First Priest Ordained in Mexico by the ACNA

By The Very Rev. Roger Griffin, Dean of Mexico



Above, the children of the Church of the Great Pastor pray for their newly ordained pastor, Farhid Adabache.

On Sunday, November 10, 2019, we celebrated a historic day for the church in Mexico. Deacon Farhid Adabache, pastor of the Church of the Great Shepherd, was ordained into the priesthood (or presbytery as we prefer to say here). Fr. Farhid is the very first Mexican national to be ordained in Mexico, in his own church, in the ACNA.

Farhid has done an outstanding job as the lay pastor of his congregation for the last five years. He and his wife, Monica, along with their congregation, have passed through some very trying times and are thriving, praise God!



"I was honored to perform the Examination of my good friend and fellow minister," said Griffin, above, right.

Like any effective work, all of this has been a group effort among which are: Fr. Doug, the missionary church planter who founded Great Shepherd, led Farhid to the Lord, and mentored him; Meredith, a missionary of 20 years who has worked faithfully with Farhid and the church; and Fr. Elias, who reached out to Farhid when Fr. Doug returned to the states and who, for several interim years, had been traveling to Great Shepherd every month providing Eucharistic oversight and encouragement to Farhid.

Joanne and I are also blessed to be a part of this story. Besides providing pastoral oversight as the

Dean, I have been working with Peter Sholl of MOCLAM (Moore College in Latin America), bringing quality theological training and formation to Farhid and others for the last two years.

Griffins Appreciate Support

In all these things, we are thankful to God. We are also very thankful for you, our supporter. Here's a few of the things your support helps us do:

- Secure the basics of housing and food
- Travel around town and across Mexico to visit the churches of the Deanery
- Provide support in part for two national pastors in training
- Provide support in part for one of the churches
- Provide financial help for church members in need
- Provide time and materials for me to study, prepare, and teach
- Bring quality seminary formation to church leaders who are unable to attend or afford a brick-and-mortar seminary
- Secure residence visas to live in Mexico

Thank you so much! Through your prayers and support, you are also a part of Farhid's story and God's story in Mexico, and we really couldn't do very much without your help.

Roger and Joanne Griffin are SAMS missionaries. If you would like to communicate with them or make a contribution to their ministry you can do so at: <https://give.sams-usa.org/missionary/roger-and-joanne-griffin>

"We Are Better Together!" St. Christopher Hosts International Guests

By The Rev. Robert S. Lawrence, Executive Director, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina through the ministry of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center has been mightily blessed to offer hospitality to many international guests throughout the years. Over a particular three-week period in September and October, international guests from among worldwide Anglican leaders and missionaries graced us by their presence and faithful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Visitors from Uganda, Kenya, Burundi, Egypt, Jordan, South Africa, Pakistan, South Sudan, Nigeria, Myanmar, Honduras and the Democratic Republic of the Congo were all among us. St. Christopher was particularly blessed to host these Anglican leaders all at one time because they were in the Diocese as scholarship recipients for attendance at the New Wineskins Conference 2019.



BOB LAWRENCE

International guests from Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria and Egypt enjoy table fellowship at the Rectory with Lynn Lawrence.

and at the Rectory. Their thanks and appreciation for their experiences in our midst are characterized in numerous "WhatsApp" messages that continue to be received. Archbishop

appreciate the wonderful hospitality you and your team accorded us at St. Christopher... Thank you. I left the place rested, restored and renewed."

Similarly, Bishop Seth Ndayirukiye, Diocese of Matana of the Anglican Church of Burundi, wrote, "It has been a great joy to be with you and thank you so much for your prayers and hospitality."

The relationships that were fostered and nurtured throughout the visits of our international guests are those that will continue to provide mutual encouragement and support as we all continue in a journey of faith in trying times. While the experiences of many of our guests in their own context are shaped by vicious persecution and death threats for proclaiming Jesus, their assurances of their steadfast prayers and support for The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina in its stand for Biblical authority and its vision for making Biblical Anglicans for a global age is of immeasurable worth.

Using the theme of the New Wineskins 2019 Conference, we truly are "Better Together."



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Jenny Noyes, Executive Director of New Wineskins Missionary Network, enjoying a walk on the beach with guests from Nigeria and Pakistan.

While all attended the conference at Ridgecrest in North Carolina, some arrived in advance of the conference for a time of both visitations and rest, some returned following the conference for the same, and some were with us both before and after. They were made available for preaching and speaking opportunities throughout the diocese with all having that opportunity. All told, 20 different congregations of the diocese welcomed guest preachers from among our diocesan and parish-hosted guests. Additionally, others visited schools and homes, small groups, Bible studies and Water Mission.

While at St. Christopher, they enjoyed walks on the beach, golf cart rides and driving lessons, visits to the Herpetarium, prayer time at The Prayer Center, speaking at the weekly staff chapel, and ample table fellowship in both the dining rooms

Elect Stephen Kaziimba, soon to be the Ninth Archbishop of Uganda wrote, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow... This is to sincerely



BOB LAWRENCE

Visitors from Uganda, Kenya, Burundi, Egypt, Jordan, South Africa, Pakistan, South Sudan, Nigeria, Myanmar, Honduras and the Democratic Republic of the Congo were all among us.

Job Opening at St. Christopher

Assistant Director of Environmental Education Sought for St. Christopher

St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center seeks an assistant director of environmental education. This is a mid-level management and teaching position that shares responsibility for the Barrier Island Environmental Education program. It includes assisting the director in the hiring, training and management of a team of 14 naturalists. Applicants for this position should have

an undergraduate degree focused on fields related to the environmental sciences, as well as prior experience as an environmental educator. He or she must be a mature Christian with gifts of wisdom and discernment, and the interests and abilities to teach and disciple others. To learn more visit <https://stchristopher.org/who-we-are/employment-opportunity/>

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Work at Camp This Summer

Staff and Counselor Openings

By Justin Johnson, Summer Camp Director, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

The chilly weather may not currently have you thinking about a day at the beach, but here at Saint Christopher we are busy preparing for another summer of fun in the sun! There is a lot that has to happen to get ready for summer camp to begin. We have to register campers, prepare teaching curriculums, and repair boats (just to name a few), but one of the biggest tasks is hiring the staff, counselors, and interns we need to make camp happen.

As we prepare for another amazing summer at Camp Saint Christopher, we are in search of 31 college-aged staff members, eight post-high school interns, and over 100 high school-aged counselors. We are looking for folks who love Jesus Christ and are actively living out their faith, have a passion for working with youth, and are willing to share their love of the Lord with the campers who will attend Camp Saint Christopher this coming summer.

Our paid staff is made up of a team of passionate college-aged students who will spend their entire summer living and working at Camp. They will attend a three-week training session starting in mid-May and work all the way through the final session of camp ending the first week of August.

Volunteer Summer Camp interns spend half of their summer living and working at camp. Along with helping our staff lead camp activities, worship, and teachings, our interns serve at camp by performing behind-the-scenes work that, if not done, would otherwise make camp impossible. This extra experience is perfect for individuals hoping to be on staff in the future.

Finally, our volunteer counselors serve for a week at a time, with the option of serving multiple sessions. Counselors help their staff member in the campers' cabin and assist the staff during activity periods throughout the week. In order to qualify to be a counselor this summer, individuals must be 16 years of age or older (at the time of the first session at which they'll serve) and attend one of St. Christopher's two overnight counselor training sessions, which will be held March 6-7 and April 3-4.

If you or someone you know would like to apply to work or volunteer at Camp Saint Christopher this summer, visit our website at www.stchristopher.org/summer-camp/work-here/ to apply. Come be a part of the legacy of sharing the love of Jesus with the campers who will attend Camp Saint Christopher this summer, and along the way build friendships and memories that will last a lifetime!

St. Christopher Seeks Naturalists

By David Green, Director of Environmental Education, St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center

St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center seeks Christian naturalists each school year to work with its Barrier Island Environmental Education Program. There are openings in February for the program's spring season and in August for the beginning of the 2020 year's session.

Naturalists, who live on campus and receive room and board in addition to a stipend, teach and lead day and evening classes on beach, dune, salt marsh, and maritime forest ecosystems. Other topics of study include herpetology, sharks, marine mammals, birding, orienteering, and team building.

A bachelor's degree or equivalent further education or experience is required. A focus in education or biology and environmental science is preferred but not necessary. For more information contact David Green at (843) 768-1337 or dgreen@stchristopher.org or visit stchristopher.org/barrier-island/employment.

A Summer of Harvest

Director Reflects on the Holy Spirit's Work this Past Summer

By Justin Johnson, Director of Summer Camp, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center



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Staff member Hixon Copp and Counselor Christopher Newnham enjoy being with their campers during canteen time at Camp Saint Christopher.

"Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest."
(John 4:35)

These are the words of Jesus to His disciples immediately following His conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well. It is His call for the disciples—and now us—to join Him in laboring for the harvest of God's kingdom here on earth.

This section of scripture is what was at the center of our theme "Living Water" this past summer at Camp Saint Christopher. As we worked through these verses, we discovered how truly broken we are while also encountering our Savior, Jesus, who is intentional about coming in contact with us to establish a relationship that leads to freedom, healing, and eternal life. Jesus tells the woman at the well, "Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14)

While this summer, like those that preceded it, was full of all the fun and excitement that come with a week spent at camp, it was the reality of this Gospel truth that defined the experience of so many of our campers this summer. The movement of the Holy Spirit was palpable at every moment.

Through worship and teaching, authentic relationships developed between campers and their staff members; small group and prayer time or simply hearing the words of scripture, campers again and again were transformed when they encountered Jesus and chose to drink

of the Living Water He offers all of us.

There were two moments that stand out from this past summer. The first was witnessing nearly 100 campers give their lives to Christ in a single evening in response to hearing how much Jesus loves them. Another is a phone conversation I had with a parent whose son expressed that he would like to be baptized. Upon sharing that exciting news, his mother shared with me that they

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are non-believers, but her other son had come to camp earlier in the summer and, to her surprise, he too had become a follower of Jesus while at camp and had spent the rest of the summer sharing the Gospel with his friends and family – A disciple who is already making disciples. Wow! Praise the Lord!

These are just two of a myriad of stories of baptisms, healings, forgiveness, and new life that occurred this past summer. In a ministry where campers come and go every week, you do not always get to see the fruit of the harvest. However, the harvest was abundant this summer, and the Lord was gracious enough to allow us to witness much fruit being produced for His Kingdom in a single season.

It is not unique to this past summer or summer camp in general to experience the power of the Holy Spirit moving in such a transformative way. The Lord is alive and offers Living Water to all who thirst. The fields are indeed "white for harvest," and for that we say, "Praise the Lord!"

As we prepare for next summer, we rejoice in what the Lord has already done and will continue to do through Camp Saint Christopher. You can visit us at www.stchristopher.org and browse the Camp Saint Christopher tab for more information about summer camp. Our early registration period will run from 9:00 am on January 13 to 5:00 pm on January 25. General registration for all campers will begin at 9:00 am on January 31. If you have any questions about registration, you can also reach us by email at summercamp@stchristopher.org or by phone at (843) 768-1337.

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No.	Dates	Nights	For Completed Grades	Cost
1	Fri-Sat, June 5-6	1	K-2 (Buddy Camp)+	\$245
2	Mon-Sat, June 8-13	5	6-8	\$545
2 OAC	Mon-Sat, June 8-13	5	8-12 (Outdoor Adventure)*	\$555
3	Mon-Fri, June 15-19	4	3-5	\$450
3 OAC	Mon-Fri, June 15-19	4	6-8 (Outdoor Adventure)*	\$455
4	Mon-Sat, June 22-27	5	9-12	\$545
5	Mon-Fri, June 29-July 3	4	5-7	\$450
5 OAC	Mon-Fri, June 29-July 3	4	6-8 (Outdoor Adventure)*	\$455
6	Mon-Thu, July 6-9	3	2-4	\$395
7	Fri-Sat, July 10-11	1	K-2 (Buddy Camp)+	\$245
8	Mon-Fri, July 13-17	4	3-5	\$450
9	Mon-Sat, July 20-25	5	6-8	\$545
10	Mon-Tue, July 27-28	1	K-2 (Buddy Camp)+	\$245
11	Wed-Sat, July 29-Aug. 1	3	2-4	\$395
12	Mon-Fri, Aug. 3-7	4	4-6	\$450

+Buddy Camps are for a child and a same-sex parent/guardian to attend together. The total cost is \$245 (\$122.50 per person).

*For Outdoor Adventure Camp details, please visit stchristopher.org/summer-camp/camp-faq

Early registration runs from 9 a.m. Jan. 13 to 5 p.m. Jan. 25.

General registration begins at 9 a.m. Jan. 31.

Visit stchristopher.org/summer-camp for registration qualifications, online booking, and downloadable forms.

Ministry to the Hidden, Marginalized... Undocumented

The Uncomfortable Ministry at our Doorsteps

By The Rev. David Dubay, Rector, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Charleston and Vicar, La Iglesia Movil (The Church on the Move)

Church leadership is sometimes daunting. A term on a vestry, a run as a volunteer ministry leader, a call to be part of a church staff, or God forbid, the pastor of a church are all calls that bring particularly deep and sometimes unexplainable blessings. Ministry also carries a personal burden that only those so burdened understand.

Jesus said, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matt. 11:30) Later on He said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me." (Matt 16: 24).

So, the answer to the question "Is serving Jesus awesome and wonderful?" The answer is, "Yes, of course it is, even when it's not."

That is the great spiritual struggle swirling around my head as I leave my temperature controlled and faithful, in-town congregation and drive off into the jungles of Johns Island (not an exaggeration). Every Sunday afternoon I physically cross cultural boundaries, weather the extreme cold and the southerner-wearing heat to try to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people who barely know me and who have a hard time understanding my attempt at speaking the language of their childhoods. Not to mention the current political environment. As a conservative person, I am all for strong borders and legal and orderly immigration policies. However, I weekly meet and pastor people who are new to the U.S. and who did not pass through any border checkpoint. They are the current "easy to hate" people. Our government is doing a terrible job managing our borders, and our two-party system is now not willing to work together to benefit the country and the migrants with legislation that will protect the truly persecuted and curb human child trafficking. Okay. I'm stepping down from my soapbox; if you want to talk to me about what's going on at our nation's southern border, please call me.

Now to what is happening here and now in our diocese:

The vast majority of the Spanish-speaking people who come across our border legally or illegally are hardworking, family oriented, intelligent and loving people. Thousands of them live in our towns, work in our communities and farms and go to our schools.

I don't know this because I assume it; I



DAVID DUBAY

Above, two men from the work camp learn English from the Gospel of Mark. There are about 25 men in this work camp, most of whom do not speak in English, who are in need of a little kindness and Christian fellowship. If you would like to join us in this ministry contact me, the Rev. David Dubay, at david.dubay@gmail.com.

know this because I know many of them like I know the people of my own parish. You already know some of this because you have seen them repairing your roofs, cleaning your yards, or walking with their families in Walmart. Your children may have more and more friends named Juan or Esmeralda. (Please note I am not talking about Latino people of means who have come here with a visa to go to college or to fill a professional position.)

I'm speaking about the people in our towns and cities who were, at some point, at our southern border and swam or walked across it. Thousands and thousands have crossed in that manner. Reports are that tens of thousands have died trying. Hundreds of thousands have been deported in the last 30 years (choose your President's name and insert here), but many thousands are living close by, surviving, some even thriving, despite very low wages and terrible living conditions.

They are here. They are living next to us, and very few of them have anyone outside of their culture saying, "Jesus loves you and so do I. How can I pray for you? How can I help you? Please come to church with me." Illegally here or not, they are here, and they are as much in need of Jesus' grace and transformational power as you or me. If they are ever deported and sent back to their countries of origin,

ment and certainly hard to understand, migrants in your area is way less fun sounding than a coat drive or Vacation Bible School or Angel Tree or even a mission trip to South America. Because it's not as easy to escape when it's over.

When you minister to the migrant population, you will witness the poverty in which they live and will be embarrassed to invite them to your comparatively mansion-like house. You will see them in worship and make a spiritual connection, and then you will see them at Walmart and the context will change, and you will be equals. And God forbid, you will spend more than the eight days in a row you spend with people of another culture on an overseas mission trip and you will be forced, if you allow it, into a deeper personal relationship with a Samaritan, and that is uncomfortable. No, it's

wouldn't it be better if they left here knowing the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ in a personal way?

In the words of the Rev. Janet Echols, "They are the Samaritans among us."

Ministry to the hidden, marginalized, sometimes un-

true. That can be uncomfortable. Discomfort is the main reason we stop doing things, even good and godly things. I mean, why don't you go to church more than two times a month? Comfort.

And yet Jesus' own example, and that of the disciples, is to cross the clear cultural boundaries around us and bring the Good News to a hurting world—baptizing, healing, and befriending them.

God tricked me into this, and it was good. Without knowing it, I was led by God through training and experience and given a certain temperament that would make this very small ministry possible. From high school on through seminary, He brought me people and teachers who would encourage my learning of the Spanish language. He gave me an ability to hang around people whom I didn't always understand (when I was a Youth Minister it was teenagers), and He got me on the soccer team in high school (a surprise to most) which ended up becoming my first entry into the lives of the men at the work camps. I "let them" thrash me on the soccer field; it was a great ice breaker. And once I was launched into it, it was a blessed surprise

to me. I hope you get that same surprise.

If you are reading this, the Lord may be calling you to minister to the Samaritan in your midst, Spanish speaking or otherwise; minister to them until their status—in your heart—changes from Samaritan to brother or sister.

In Christ Jesus all is possible including your ministry to the migrant workers nearby, so find your Samaritans and run toward them. If God is in it, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit will provide.

May the Lord bless, keep, and inspire you to dangerous compassion and uncomfortable ministry. Including taking yourself and your family to church every Sunday.

Undocumented Migrants: They are here. They are living next to us, and very few of them have anyone outside of their culture saying, "Jesus loves you and so do I. How can I pray for you? How can I help you? Please come to church with me." Illegally here or not, they are here, and they are as much in need of Jesus' grace and transformational power as you or me.

Treasure House Clears \$100,000

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and offers sticky notes for special prayer requests. Spontaneous prayer is offered when someone needs it, and shoppers often join the prayer circle.

Many volunteers and the manager are lifelong Beaufortians so "Beaufort connections" abound. A retired painter offered a rock-bottom price for painting the inside. He lives near Holy Trinity and said he wanted to help because the students are "smart and polite and look you in the eye when you speak to them."

A recent windfall came from a Charleston connection. Beth Snyder, assistant to Bishop Mark Lawrence, found out about Treasure House from the bishop's wife, Allison, who is a faithful Treasure House shopper. So when the Snyders decided to clear out their river cottage in Okatie, Beth insisted that everything go to the Treasure House.

Half the Treasure House profits go to Holy Trinity Classical Christian School, the other half to local charities as determined by the Treasure House board. The shop is a 501(c)(3) non-profit allowing donors to deduct the value of donations from their income tax.

The staff makes an effort to display only quality merchandise—nothing ripped, stained or with a

button missing. Prices are standardized, and a boutique area features high-quality clothing at slightly higher prices. Pop-up sales keep merchandise moving. Partnerships with local charities provide destinations for lesser quality merchandise, and two local consignment shops bring their expired items to the Treasure House. Circle of Hope, the local homeless shelter, gets gently used outerwear and all sleeping bags.

Besides clothing, shop offerings include housewares, art, jewelry, books, linens, some furniture, home décor and toys. The Man Cave houses CDs and DVDs, sporting goods, luggage and do-it-yourself gadgets. There's even a space for gently used Holy Trinity uniforms. Students can swap their outgrown items for larger ones. (Moms and older students maintain the area).

"The complexion of thrifting has changed," Foster says. "It used to be just finding some special bargain; now people are doing it to be fiscally responsible."

Shoppers range from nearby neighbors to visitors from all over the U.S. They're encouraged to tell their stories and often find unusual things in common. Volunteers form friendships too, often meeting peo-

ple they wouldn't otherwise. "Our volunteers are like a little family," Foster notes. Not all volunteers are from St. Helena's, and at least one longtime volunteer is a non-believer, yet they all tell Foster they feel the love and compassion in the Treasure House (and she hopes maybe as time goes by it will bring them closer to God).

What makes the Treasure House such a success? An old hymn by Doris Akers tells it best:

"There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place, and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord... Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love. And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place."

Treasure House Thrift & More is located at 914 Boundary Street, Beaufort, SC 29902, and is open Monday through Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturdays 10:00 am to 1:30pm; and closed on Sundays. They may be reached by phone at (843) 525-0058 or email at treasurehouseft@gmail.com. Visit Treasure House Thrift & More on Facebook.

What was New Wineskins Like?

This past September more than 100 people from the Diocese attended the New Wineskins for Global Missions Conference in Ridgecrest, North Carolina. Here's what a few of the attendees thought of the experience:

"I don't think I have ever been to anything more meaningful, and I was so proud of the fact that our diocese was able to fund so much of it." **Ginny Biddle, St. Paul's, Conway**

"The whole conference was wonderful, but I was especially awed by the courageous and joyful testimonies of those wearing the red bands whose lives were in immediate danger because of their Christian faith—how much we take our freedom for granted. May God forgive me and let me be useful in His Kingdom by His Grace!" **Catherine O. Jones, St. Philip's Church, Charleston**

"It is so easy in my everyday walk to keep my eyes fixed on the things that affect me, my family and my community. This conference helps me re-orient my vision to get a glimpse into how the Lord sees the world, how His heart is broken

for those who are lost and for those who are suffering and persecuted in His Name."

Beth Snyder, St. John's Parish Church, Johns Island

"It was all so powerful—the teachings, the talking, the music. This might sound a little strange, but one thing I really enjoyed was mealtime because everybody just sat at the table and there was instant community. We were all there for the same purpose—to raise an awareness within the Anglican community of how important it is to reach people who have never heard of the Gospel of Jesus."

Guv Gottshalk, St. Philip's Church, Charleston

"The plenary sessions had powerful speakers with strong messages, but the most moving was the Saturday night session on the persecuted church, which was indeed an eye opener with graphic and haunting photos of human persecution around the world. We urge anyone interested in furthering the Church's impact in the world to plan to attend the next conference in 2022."

Frank and Lindy Kirk, Trinity, Edisto

“We’re Happy You’re Here”

The Importance of Presence Cannot be Overstated; A Report from Peru

By The Rev. Jeremy Shelton, Curate, St. John’s Parish Church, Johns Island

Lima, Peru, is a city where greenery equates to wealth. It’s the proverbial “greener grass on the other side of the tracks,” only literally. There is a wall in Lima that separates one of the wealthiest areas from one of the poorest. The graffiti-clad wall is adorned with a crown of spiraling barbed wire. One side of the wall is full of lush green trees, lawns, and beautiful flowers; the other is a sprawling wasteland of dust and dirt. One side has beautiful homes with swimming pools; the other doesn’t have running water.



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Such is life in Lima. There are many stark contrasts there. The draw to visit the people of Lima was immediate from my first Sunday serving as Curate of St. John’s Parish Church. We prayed for Bishop Jorge Aguilar and the Diocese of Peru during the Prayers of the People, and my interest was piqued. I wanted to find out more.

When I first stepped foot there a few months later, in November of 2018, I immediately fell in love.

St. John’s has a mission partner in one of the poorest parts of Lima: the barrio known as Nueva Esperanza—New Hope—a providential name indeed. This is one of those barrios with no running water and no plumbing. Water is trucked in and kept in tanks. The landscape is rugged and dusty. A cement factory produces a great deal more dust that affects breathing. In Nueva Esperanza we serve a church called Sagrada Familia (Sacred Family). Padre Aurelio is the rector. He has a big personality and looks like a big teddy bear. Padre Aurelio offered to take our group on a prayer walk through the barrio.

While walking along the boundary of the second-largest cemetery in the world, a young man of about 13 or 14 years of age approached two of us. He said, in his very broken English, “We’re happy you’re here.” He continued to walk with us for about 30 minutes and then disappeared. We didn’t see him again the entire time we were in Nueva Esperanza.

I’ll never forget those words, “We’re happy you’re here.” They’ve become more and more significant as time goes on. Those words affirm what is so incredibly important in world missions: our presence is crucial. As broken and imperfect as we are, when we go in the name of the Lord to our brothers and sisters around the world, we bring hope and encouragement—simply by being present.

Bishop Johnson Gakumba from Northern Uganda was at St. John’s in September for a visit. He shared some wisdom that affirms what the young man in Nueva Esperanza had to say. Bishop Johnson said our presence in Northern Uganda provides hope for the people. Other missionary partners said they would come, but did not.

We came—and without realizing it—brought suitcases packed full of hope. In 2010, during a time of civil unrest and insurgency in the nation of Uganda, a church from the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina made a commitment to go. When people see others who truly care and are invested, hope rises.

Sometimes there is only hope: hope in the risen Lord Jesus Christ; hope in eternal salvation; hope in the resurrection of the dead.

Bishop Jorge Aguilar, Bishop of the Diocese of Peru, also visited St. John’s in September to give a presentation. In that presentation, he talked about the importance of being present. Financial support is needed, but even



JEREMY SHELTON

A team from St. John’s enjoying refreshments and fun with Sagrada Familia at the end of a great week. Shelton pictured foreground, left.

more importantly he urged us to come to Peru.

He talked about one city, La Rinconada, high in the Andes mountains. La Rinconada is the highest altitude permanent settlement in the world. Many of the people there suffer from Chronic Mountain Sickness, a disease brought on by the high altitude. It is a place where there is little hope. The city and its inhabitants are dedicated to the gold mines. The conditions of the mines are unsafe, dangerous, and the people work in near slave-labor. The women aren’t allowed to work in the mines so many of them turn to prostitution to earn money. La Rinconada is a place of deep despair. Alcohol, drug addiction and violence

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Age No Barrier to Service or Fun

Old St. Andrew’s Seniors’ Ministry Fosters Fellowship; Enlivens Church

By Joy Hunter, Editor

Something extraordinary is going on at Old St. Andrew’s, Charleston. Their Seniors’ Ministry is not just alive with activity, but the organization and energy they put into the ministry makes those who are not yet seniors wish, for just a moment, that they were.

They host fun events: This year they held their 4th annual Sports Kick-Off, a dance where everyone wears a t-shirt of their favorite sports team and, following a brief talk (the Rev. Karl Burns, Rector of Church of Our Saviour, Johns Island, spoke on “Before they Called me Father they Called me Coach”), the DJ takes the floor to get the line dancing

Interested in Starting or Reinvigorating a Seniors Ministry in Your Church?

Margaret Gossett and members from the OSA Steering Committee are willing to come alongside parishes interested in stepping up their seniors’ ministries. If you’re interested in learning more contact Gossett at ron.margaret@comcast.net.

started. (Nearly 60 attended that event.) In the past, 41 joined in for a cruise to the Bahamas. Their annual bingo game is a lively, well-attended event, and they have a monthly lunch at a local restaurant as well as potluck suppers throughout the year.

But it isn’t just fun the group focuses on. They also do service projects benefiting Meals on Wheels, Canterbury House and the nearby Springfield Elementary School. Eleven of their members serve as mentors at the school. They have a team who visits and writes to senior adults who are in the hospital or shut-in.

“Just because you’re 55 or 70 or 80 doesn’t mean you don’t have something to contribute,” says Margaret Gossett, the ministry’s chair. “Our hope is to take people who are mostly retired and invite them to use their talents, knowledge and gifts and give them a purpose.”

The group got off the ground about five years ago when Gossett, a newly retired marketing and advertising salesperson, approached the rector, the Rev. Marshall Huey, with an observation holding just a touch of complaint.

“Seniors are the very heart of every church, Father Marshall,” she said. “They have time, talent and expertise, and a lot of them have money, as well. But they’re not doing much around here.”

Marshall turned the question back on her, “Why don’t you start something, Margaret?”

Having learned the importance of organization and planning throughout her 38-year career, Gossett took the challenge and began by creating a Seniors’ Ministry Steering Committee. She didn’t simply invite friends (though she does consider them friends now); instead, she looked for people who had an interest in the ministry, energy, and skills or an education/work background that made them useful.

“Everyone on the steering committee has another interest or ministry,” says Gos-

sett. One member is over the elementary school mentor program; one is in charge of decorations and meal planning for events; another oversees publicity; another serves on the “Sunshine Committee” which keeps in touch with seniors who are in the hospital or shut-in, communicating those needs to the church’s pastoral care team.

“Everyone doesn’t participate in every activity,” says Gossett. “Some don’t want to drive at night so the luncheons appeal to them. Others are still working, and the more active evening events appeal to them.”

“One of the secrets to everything is having time to plan and prepare,” says Gossett. The steering committee began work on the sports team dance about four months before the event occurred, and the group often learns through trial and error. “You have to be willing to learn,” says Gossett. “Sometimes you fall on your face, but you pick yourself back up.”

“Margaret and her Seniors Steering Committee have an amazing ministry of shepherding our seniors at Old St. Andrew’s,”



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says Huey. “Our seniors attend all three of our services, so it is important to bring our church family together for social events and outreach ministries outside of Sunday mornings. Acts 2:42 lists ‘fellowship’ as one of the cornerstones of the Church, and certainly our seniors help foster fellowship, and service, in our Church and in the community around us. Old St. Andrew’s is a ‘parish’ church, and as such, we believe we have a responsibility to the community around us. Our Seniors Steering Committee demonstrates what is possible through lay leadership and shepherding, and our seniors have responded to the development of this vibrant ministry.”

Family Joins with Old St. Andrew's to Sponsor Third Annual Blood Drive

By Lindsay Myers, Associated with Old St. Andrew's Church, Charleston

On October 27, 2016, my mother went in for a procedure that was supposed to take a few hours; 12 hours later she was still in surgery. My name is Lindsay, and I am one of Sally Humbert's children. Sally and her husband, Michael, are devout Christians and have been members of Old St. Andrew's for six years.

It was not until midnight of that scary day that we found out exactly what happened in the surgery room. The doctors and nurses



To learn more about hosting a blood drive contact the Red Cross at www.redcross.org. Above a young woman donates with her children's support.

worked hours on end to try and get my mom stable. She bled out over and over again. Throughout the surgery, she needed 118 pints

of blood. They continuously gave her blood just to keep her alive. To give you an idea of how much blood that is, our bodies are made up of 10 to 12 units; she received 118.

Everyone in that operating room walked out saying it was nothing short of a miracle she was still alive. The head anesthesiologist said, "The hand of God saved your mother." There was no medical reason for how she survived. When MUSC and Roper hospitals ran out of blood to give her, the Red Cross stepped in. The road was long to recovery for my mother, but with her faith, family, and church community, she was going to fight her way back.

From that day forward, we vowed to raise awareness about the importance of donating blood and giving back each year. This year we held our third annual blood drive in honor of my mother. With



"You never know when you or someone you love is going to need saving," said Lindsay Myers, above, right, with Jenny Fogle. Lindsay's mother required 118 units of blood during surgery in 2016. The drive is held in her honor.

the Red Cross, we collected 84 pints of blood over the three years. One pint of blood donation can go to help three people. With our 84 pints, we have been able to help approximately 252 people.

Not many people think to donate blood. We tend not to think about vital things that keep us alive until they are the only things keeping us alive.

If you're interested in hosting a blood drive, know that the Red Cross works with you the entire time to help you recruit donors and gets you organized for the event day. Old St. Andrew's has hosted our blood drive each year. With their love and support, we can continue to make a difference because you never know when you or someone you love is going to need saving.

Head to www.redcross.org to find out how you can donate at your closest blood drive and to ask for information on how you can host your own!

Ordinations to the Priesthood Scheduled

Editors Note: At press time several ordinations to the priesthood were in process. Each candidate was to be ordained by Bishop Mark Lawrence. By the time you read this they should, God willing, all be ordained. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this new season of ministry. Look for more about the candidates' ordinations in the next issue of the Jubilate Deo.

The Rev. Luke Deman

Ordination December 5, 2019. Deman is serving at St. Timothy's, Cane Bay.

The Rev. Will Klauber

Ordination December 7, 2019. Klauber is serving at St. John's, Johns Island.

The Rev. Corey Prescott

Ordination December 8, 2019. Prescott is serving at St. John's, Florence.

The Rev. Newman Lawrence

Ordination December 12, 2019. Lawrence is serving at the Church of Our Saviour, Johns Island

The Rev. Peter Levasseur

Ordination December 15, 2019. Levasseur is serving as the Rector of the Historic Church of the Epiphany, Eutawville.

People News

Please keep the family and loved ones of Joan Boynton, wife of the Rev. Dana Boynton, in your prayers. Joan passed away on Thursday, October 3 after an extended illness. At the request of the family, please consider memorial contributions in lieu of flowers to www.Haiti-Micah.org as 100% of your gifts of kindness, go directly to the care of children in need. A celebration of Joan's life was held at Church of the Resurrection, Surfside, on October 12.

The Rev. Kevin Cook joined the clergy team at The Church of the Cross, Bluffton, October 1. Kevin came to the Church of the Cross after



previously serving in St. Peter's Anglican Church in Birmingham, Alabama. He earned BA and MBA degrees from Florida State University before receiving his Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary. Kevin and his wife, Nicole, have two children: Jesse and Abigail. Once settled, Kevin will become a member of the preaching rotation, facilitate and oversee all facets of the church's programs for children and youth, build an expansive program for young families, and serve as Chaplain for Cross Schools.

David Rowe has accepted a call to serve as the new worship leader at the Church of The Good Shepherd, Charleston. David is currently a seminarian at Trinity Seminary reading for Holy Orders. He has served as a worship leader in numerous contexts, is a published author, a prolific songwriter, a fine preacher, and interested in commu-



nity group development as well as the development of a Street Pastoring ministry in Charleston. He is originally from Sheffield, England, but grew up near London. David is married to Maria who is a nurse in the Mother and Baby unit at St. Francis; they have two children: Samson, age five, and Charis, age two.

The Rev Mike Sheedy, who serves as a deacon at St Paul's and Church of the Redeemer in Orangeburg has been appointed by the South Carolina Commander of the American Legion to the position of Chaplain for the 20th District of the American Legion Department of South Carolina. Sheedy will be a member of District 20's Executive Committee working alongside the District Commander, promoting programs and objectives of the American Legion Department of South Carolina. He also serves as the Chaplain of American Legion Post 12, located in St. Matthews, SC. His duties include pastoral care for Post 12 members who may be ill, hospitalized or residing in senior care facilities. His duties also include leading spiritual ceremonies and events for Post 12 and now District 20. The motto of the American Legion is "For God and Country" All honorably discharged Veterans are welcome to join.



Please keep the family and loved ones of The Rev. Edwin M. Walker in your prayers. He died peacefully on November 11, 2019 at the age of 86. Walker was ordained a priest in the Protestant Episcopal Church after receiving a Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary. He served at St. David's Episcopal Church in Roland Park, MD, before becoming a missionary to Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Colombia. After six years in South America he returned to the United States and earned his Master of Arts degree in sociology and taught at Vanderbilt University. He taught sociology at the College of Charleston and served at Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant; St. Michael's, Charleston; St. Mark's, Charleston and on the National Episcopal Cursillo Committee, before being called to St. David's, Englewood, FL. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Margaret Hodges Blackman; a son, two daughters and seven grandchildren. Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant, held a celebration of Ed's life on November 18.

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Please keep the family and loved ones of The Rev. Edwin (Ed) Michael Ward in your prayers. He died on October 29, 2019 at the age of 92. Born on October 13, 1927, Ward received his Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1955. He was ordained a priest December 15, 1955. He served as the Associate Rector at St. Luke's Hilton Head from 1993 until 2001. St. Luke's, Hilton Head held a memorial service for him on Saturday, November 23.

I enjoyed in your company, everything was unparalleled, and you did it out of loving service rather than out of compulsion. I truly felt loved and cared for.

Simonis Named Canon for Church Planting

Bishop Mark Lawrence recently appointed The Rev. Todd Simonis, who serves as an Associate at St. Helena's, Beaufort, as the diocesan Canon for Church Planting. "Church planting is one of the most effective ways to evangelize our changing culture," said the Bishop, "and my dream is for church planting not to be an exception but to increasingly be the normative mindset in our diocese. In order to make that a reality, I wanted to recognize the leadership role Todd is playing amongst our diocesan church planters and formalize his role as it relates to the diocese."

The Rev. Shay Gaillard, Rector of St. Helena's said, in a note to his congregation, "As the diocese is seeking to establish some structure and support for church plant-



ing and planters, a need for a point person was identified. Todd and I anticipated that he would be called to be a resource beyond St. Helena's for this very purpose. As such, Bishop Lawrence appointed Todd as his Canon for Church Planting at the clergy conference last week. The term Canon is used for ordained persons who assist the Bishop with a specific purpose and does not necessarily designate a new calling or vocation. This new title recognizes what Todd is already doing and is not a new job. I can't help but be thankful for this vision-sighting. St. Helena's is becoming a resource for raising up worshipping communities—in Beaufort and beyond. We celebrate what God continues to do in our midst, in the diocese, and beyond."

Asante Sana!

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I have utmost respect and love for my brothers in the clergy at St. Timothy's, Cane Bay; St. Paul's, Summerville; St. Matthew's, Darlington; Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant; Prince George Winyah, Georgetown; and St. Helena's, Beaufort—all who not only took time to have dinner or lunch, talk, pray, and listen to me share about my work but also gave me the honor of preaching during Sunday services or teaching

Bible study. I am also grateful for your financial gifts which will go a long way in supporting my ministry in the Diocese of Maseno South. I can't thank you enough.

I look forward to continued friendship and mission partnerships. I am happy to continue with follow-up conversations regarding tangible ways to continue building these relationships. Please keep us in your prayers, and whenever you are able, you are welcome to come alongside us to meet the needs of your brothers and sisters here in Kenya.

EQUIPPING TODAY'S MEN TO BE TOMORROW'S DISCIPLE MAKERS



The Rev. Rob Sturdy to Speak on “The Father’s Blessing” at February Christian Men’s Conference

Men: Now’s the time to register yourself, members of your family and friends for the 2020 Christian Men’s Conference. The Rev. Rob Sturdy, Chaplain at St. Alban’s, the Citadel, will speak on “The Father’s Blessing” at this popular men’s gathering at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, February 21-23, 2020.

Speaking at a men’s gathering recently, Sturdy shared the core of his Conference message. “Men, we have wrongly been led to believe that masculinity has to be acquired

or earned,” he said. “The truth is our masculinity is a gift from God.”

Conference Structure

The Men’s Conference is designed to address the issues facing all men in today’s fast-paced world, and to provide insights and ideas for dealing victoriously with the constant stress men suffer.

It is our prayer that you will be able to use the conference teachings to bring you closer to God, through a greater love and understanding of

His son, Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and to make the world a better place in which to live.

The Conference staff and the staff of the St. Christopher Conference Center are looking forward to serving you. If there is anything you need over the weekend, please let us know. Every attempt will be made to make your weekend a positive experience in this special place.

Both the Conference leaders and the chaplain will be available for pastoral counseling, should you so desire. There are conference

staff who are spiritually gifted and trained to help in matters that may need or require counsel. Please let one of the conference coordinators or your small group leaders know of your wishes, and arrangements will be made.

We have attempted to create a comfortable and relaxed schedule. We suggest you participate fully in all that the conference offers; however, if you wish for a more “solitary retreat,” please advise your small group leader or one of the coordinators if you wish to have some time apart from the rest of the group.

About Our Speaker

The Rev. Rob Sturdy is the Anglican Chaplain to the Corps of Cadets at The Citadel, where he is also an alumni of the class of 2003. It was at The Citadel, in the fall of 1999, while reading John’s Gospel that he first began to follow Christ. In his senior year he was recommended for the ordained ministry by St. Alban’s Chapel and trained for ministry at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University where he earned a B.Th. Rob holds a ThM from Reformed Theological Seminary and is a PhD candidate at the Evangelische Theologische Faculteit, Leuven. He is a junior researcher at the Institute of Post-Reformation Studies. Rob is married to his high school sweetheart, Stephanie. They have two children, David and Genevieve.

For additional information and to register visit <https://christianmensconference.org/>



Christ St. Paul’s Hosts Quarterly “Mini Men’s Conference”

A Model for Other Churches to Follow

By Jay Crouse, Diocesan Coordinator for Men’s Ministry

Men of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, if you would like to create an inspired, quarterly gathering, let me highlight just one example in our diocese available for modeling in your church. Peter Rothermel and I attended Christ St. Paul’s second “Mini Men’s Conference” on Saturday, November 16, and I ask you to consider this one.

Where to start? Well, that is an easy question to answer: breakfast! Men’s ministry leaders have known

“Men, we have wrongly been led to believe that masculinity has to be acquired or earned. The truth is that our masculinity is a gift from God.”

2019 Behold the Man Men’s Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

By Jay Crouse, Coordinator for Men’s Ministry, The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina



Behold The Man polar bear club takes a dip in the Sea of Galilee.

MARTIN OLANDO WESONGA

Twenty-five men from the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and beyond recently returned from our 12-day men’s pilgrimage and spiritual retreat to the Holy Land. Our 2019 leadership team included Dr. Peter Walker, Pilgrimage Leader; the Rev. Dr. John Barr, Chaplain; Scott Poelker, Point Man; and Jay Crouse, Coordinator. Again this year, we were able to include two priests from Kenya.

Each year we begin our pilgrimage in the wilderness for two nights

of glamorous camping. But, more importantly, the wilderness allows the men to disconnect so they can reconnect with God. And it works, because we are truly in the middle of a wilderness desert. With this centering experience we are then ready to step into the footsteps of Jesus and begin our chronological journey of Jesus’ life in Israel: from Bethlehem, to Nazareth, the Jordan River, the Galilee region and then up to Jerusalem.

teaming the men up as two-by-two buddies, providing six small group times to go deeper and help the men process all they are experiencing: the father’s blessing, affirmation and foot washing to name a few.

We are planning our 2020 Behold the Man men’s pilgrimage with our dates set: October 10 to October 23. For more information contact Jay Crouse at (941) 320-0271 or jaycrouse@aol.com.

Looking for a Men’s Hike? Planning a Men’s Hike? Let’s Connect!

In our highly technological interconnected world, there is a place you can unplug from it all and reconnect with God through fellowship and worship on the trail. If you are interested in going on a journey in faith through the outdoors, reach out to me. I’m looking to connect guys who want to go on a Christian Men’s Hike and need a group to go with. If you are planning a Men’s Hike for the Spring of 2020, please connect with me as well. Les Sease, lsease@coloursandpapers.com or (843) 287-9009.

Two New Study Resources for Men

Being a Strategic Father

A seven-week program to equip men in our churches to be the fathers God has called us to be. Available January 2020. Curriculum developed by Jay Crouse, Coordinator of Men’s Ministry, and available at no cost: (941) 320-0271, jaycrouse@aol.com.

Identity Theft

A challenging response by Christians to the siren call of the secular world of political correctness, revisionist history and theology, and gender politics, as they attempt, in tandem with much of the media, to steal and recast our God-given gender roles to their desires. A monograph co-written by the Rev. David Barr and Jay Crouse. Due out by March 31, 2020.

for centuries we can reach men spiritually through their stomachs—and what a breakfast that was. Just use your culinary creativeness and always include bacon.

Following breakfast, their worship group cranked us all up with two terrific songs. Then we moved into the heart and soul of the gathering: coming together as men of faith to hear a powerful testimony and word of insight and challenge.

Beaufort Drum brought his testimony, which was powerful in itself, then the word of insight and challenge was presented by the Rev. Rob Sturdy, Chaplain to Anglican Cadets and Pastor at St. Alban’s Chapel at the Citadel.

Rob, who will serve as our 2020 Christian Men’s Conference leader, February 23 and 24, at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, gave us an inspired overview of the talks he will be giving on our theme of “The Father’s Blessing.” The core of his message: “Men, we have wrongly been led to believe that masculinity has to be acquired or earned. The truth is that our masculinity is a gift from God.” After hearing Rob’s message, 39 of the 40 men present are now registered for the Christian Men’s Conference! Oh, and remember to invite your sons to attend.

The Men of Christ St. Paul’s are intentional about covering their gathering in prayer and beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 10:30 a.m.

Let me repeat, we have some terrific men’s gathering models for you to consider. For more information on this model contact Les Sease: lsease@coloursandpapers.com

Anglican Leaders Gather to Make Ministries Effective, Impactful

Anglican Leadership Institute Holds its Eighth Institute

By The Rev. Dr. Peter Moore, Director of the Anglican Leadership Institute

Seventeen leaders from countries around the world gathered this past September at the FOCUS Study Center on Martha's Vineyard at the invitation of the Anglican Leadership Institute (ALI) for a three-week course in how leaders can make their minis-

tries more effective and impactful. encouraging to see leaders living out servant leadership on every level. You and the speakers and staff not only talked about it but also lived it out, and for that I am grateful. Thank you for changing my perspective of what servant leadership looks like on a global scale."



Above: Anglican Leadership Institute session eight with not only the participants (all in clerical collars) but also the staff that served them in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

tries more effective and impactful.

There were five bishops among them, and the rest were ordained Anglicans representing the breadth of the global Anglican Communion: Nigeria, Tanzania, Mozambique, Uganda, Kenya, Ireland, Ethiopia, Australia, Rwanda and the USA.

Two weeks after the Institute, one leader wrote to me, "To be honest, I went to Anglican Leadership Institute very sceptical about the idea of servant leadership." Then he added, "That was until I spent time at ALI. It was very

The back and forth we've received since the end of September has been exciting. The "What's App" communication these men and women have had with each other and with us indicate that something deep is happening in them.

Before they left, they worked on a joint statement which was presented at our final dinner together. These people didn't know each other before they gathered on Martha's Vineyard Island on September 5; here's what they said as they parted:

Joint Statement From the Anglican Leadership Institute #8

WE LEADERS in the worldwide Anglican Communion declare that in the power of the Holy Spirit we have the necessary vision, courage, competency and character to uphold the teachings of Jesus Christ and see His church flourish.

While many commentators view the traditional global leadership of the Anglican Communion as teetering on a knife-edge of being a credible Christian witness and perceive this part of God's church as being in turmoil and torn apart, we Anglican voices from five continents speak clearly and confidently about a better future—a future we are living today.

Drawing on the determination of St. Paul not to see the Gospel message of Good News for all diluted in the well-spring of popular culture, we church leaders from Africa, South America, North America, Australia and Europe have gathered in Martha's Vineyard in the United States over three weeks in September for the Eighth Anglican Leadership Institute.

Catching God's vision and initiated by Bishop Mark Lawrence (from the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina) and by Dean Peter Moore (founding director), ALI seeks to equip clergy and lay leaders with the necessary skills to be a unified witness in a world where traditional Anglicanism is straying from—and dangerously flirting with—the veracity of God's word as received in the Bible.

Learning from each other's particular ministry cultures and contexts and from renowned Christian speakers over the duration of the institute, we have been challenged to lead God's people from a position of humble servanthood, cognizant of the prevailing culture yet remaining true to the word of God.

We are thankful for the opportunity to meet faithful men and women from cultures outside our own. We have learned to live together, eat together, wash dishes together, pray together and work in faith collaboratively, developing a unity of vision and mission.

Indeed, for all of us it was as if the global Anglican Communion had come alive, no longer a concept or a remote idea held by others, but something vital and urgently needed in the world today.

We inspired and taught each other about the impact of Jesus Christ in our communities. Our collective expectations of what He will do in our lives and in His church where we live and work has been raised and transformed.

We praise the work of the volunteers at the institute for the servant leadership they portrayed and the friendliness and good humour with which they went about their commitment and service to Jesus Christ.

In a world that values the worker who works themselves to death on the treadmill of so-called progress and largely to the detriment of others, we determined to work with integrity, speaking the truth to all with compassion and in faith and love, while committing to a regime of self-care and effectiveness.

The global Anglican fire has been rekindled for all involved in ALI # Eight: participants, leaders and volunteers. Wherever we reside in the Anglican family, the message fermenting in Martha's Vineyard is this: You are not alone.

Upholding and clearly communicating the truth of the word of God in a world facing an identity crisis is a mission enjoined by us all—as one!

Let us pray for men and women like this who will lead our global church for the next several decades.

Popcorn, Card Games and Family Devotions

Faith-filled Grandparenting Makes an Impact

By Catherine Jacobs, Executive Director of Pass the Legacy Ministry

I love having my grandkids at my house for an overnight! We watch movies, eat popcorn and stay up late playing card games. It brings joy to my heart to love on these children, but I know my "job" as a grandmother goes far deeper. I have been called by the Lord to impact their young hearts for Him. I cannot assume they will follow in my footsteps in the faith.

Do you know that 75 percent of children raised in Christian churches leave the church by the age of 25? (Barna, *Transforming Children into Spiritual Champions*) These are the children who go to Sunday school every Sunday and become the leaders of their church youth group. Yet, statistics show once they live independently from their home, often they abandon their church and their faith.

Studies reveal that parents modeling and teaching their faith in the home are the number one influence in encouraging their children to keep their faith. Grandparents are a close second. Surprisingly, youth pastors are a distant third.

The question for grandparents is: How do we effectively impact the hearts of our grandchildren? One of the most powerful ways is reading the Bible together or having family devotions. These moments include reading a Bible story followed by prayer time. Oh, I know life is hectic and busy. It is easy to think we cannot cram one more thing into a day, but time together in the presence of the Lord is invaluable. It is worth every minute and every effort. It builds a legacy of faith.

What do Family Devotions look like?

We begin our family time with one or two familiar songs. Next, we read our story. (As my grandchildren age, I transition from Bible storybooks to the Bible; with advance planning, I choose an appropriate story from either of them.) We talk for a few minutes about the meaning of the story. Usually, I ask

three questions: What does this story (or passage) say about God's character? What does it say about my character? What does it say about my relationship with God? In the closing moments of our devotion, we grab hands and pray. Our prayers consist of some "thank you's" followed by some "Please help us, Lord, with ..." (the children often fill in the blanks).

It sounds easy, doesn't it? Actually, it is.

Family devotions don't have to take a long time. Usually, shorter is better. We have an enemy who will

diligently attempt to thwart the time between you and your grandchild in the presence of the Lord. I know! Personally, I struggle with this discipline. Often, I'm the one who's nodding off—not my four or five-year-old grandchild.

However, I am determined to stand strong. I long to leave to my children and grandchildren a legacy of loving God's Word. For that day when I am in the full presence of the Lord and my family remains on the face of this earth, my prayer is that they will pick up their Bibles. That they will choose to gather with their own families for family devotions remembering the sweet moments we had together when I read and prayed with them.

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

To learn more about the Pass the Legacy ministry, please contact Cathy Jacobs at cathy@passthelegacy.com. See article on Pg. 3 about Jacobs' upcoming mission to England.



This January Join in the Anglicans for Life Summit and

Walk for Life in Washington D.C.

Anglicans for Life is holding their fourth annual Life Summit at The Falls Church Anglican in Falls Church, Virginia, the day before the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

The Summit will take place on Thursday, January 17. Participants will then join in the March for Life in our nation's capital on Friday, January 18. The Summit starts at 8 a.m. on Thursday morning, so you should plan to arrive on Wednesday evening. The program includes outstanding keynote and workshop speakers, all providing



tangible action ideas to equip you to advocate for life. (See box below for list)

Friday morning starts with a prayer and worship service at 9 a.m. at The Falls Church Anglican. Afterward, participants will board buses (pre-purchased ticket required) and head into Washington, D.C. to march and bear witness to the sanctity of life.

To learn more about the event, to register and purchase your bus ticket visit <https://anglicansforlife.org/summit-2020/>.

Anglicans for Life Summit Keynote Speakers

Dr. Charmaine Yoest **Abortion and Public Policy**

Tom Glessner **Understanding The Case That Changed Everything**

Ryan Bomberger **Planned Propaganda**

Brad Mattes **What's So Bad About Getting Old?**

Bishop Charlie Masters **What Does The Church Do?**

Catherine Davis **Abortion In The Hood**

Workshops (attend two)

Helping Women Choose Life In Your Church; Understanding Advanced Care Planning; Abortion And Sex Trafficking; Understanding RU-486 & What We Can Do To Reverse It; Adoption and Foster Care

Why Do Anglicans Use Formulaic Prayers?

By The Rev. Peter Levasseur, Rector, The Historic Church of the Epiphany, Eutawville

Have you wondered or have been asked why it is that we Anglicans use formulaic prayers in our Sunday Service instead of extemporaneous prayers (prayers that are spontaneous and derive from an individual)? If you have not pondered the question, I am sure there are others, who are not Anglican, who may have asked you this question.



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So, what are the reasons for formulaic prayers?

First, Formulaic prayers in corporate worship is about the “we” and not about the “me.” It is our prayer and not the prayer based on the subjectivism of an individual. Our worship is corporate so our prayer is corporate. It is not just about the corporateness of the congregation, but there are other congregations praying these same prayers throughout the world. As such, it is a means in which we express our unity.

Second, formulaic prayers actually reflect and teach the Christian faith. They have been tested and tried so one can truly say “amen” to these prayers because they are theologically sound. “Lex creandi lex Orandi” is the Latin expression

which means the law of belief is the law of prayer—what we believe is what we pray.

Third, formulaic prayers were commonly utilized by the church universally for the first 1,600 years. So, there is a oneness that we have with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ, in the ancient world, that transcends time and space.

Fourth, and the most important reason, is that it is biblical to have formulaic prayers. The Book of Psalms itself is the collection of formulaic prayers. The worship of temple and synagogue utilized formulaic prayers. The New Testament Church did not abandon that liturgical tradition.

One can find an example of an early formulaic prayer in the very beginning of the church’s life (Acts 4:23-31). The formulaic prayers are grounded on biblical principles or come from the Bible itself (ex. Sanctus, the Lord’s Prayer).

It is objected by some that formulaic prayers can easily become rote, and thus, many will say them without sincerity of heart. It is true that Jesus rebuked those who worship God with their lips, but their hearts were far away from him (Matt 15:8), but this is the problem of the heart, not of the formulaic prayers. This is why it is so important to prepare our minds and hearts when we begin worship.

Formulaic prayers are a blessing, and we should share that blessing with our Non-Anglican friends.

Postulant Weaver Named “Officer of the Year” By Fire and Rescue

St. Timothy’s postulant for the Vocational Diaconate, Nelson Weaver, was unanimously voted for by the Whitesville Fire and Rescue Department as their officer of the

is the first Chaplain to be given the award!

During the awards ceremony Cecilia Stewart a woman who he has partnered with, who knits



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Above, Tim Stephenson, Chief of Whitesville Fire and Rescue, the largest volunteer fire company in Berkeley County, presents the “Officer of the Year” award to Weaver.

year at their annual Fireman’s Ball on November 9. The Rev. Gary Beson, Rector of St. Timothy’s, said, “Nelson tirelessly serves as the chaplain to this group specifically and shows up at emergencies of all types in Berkeley County to offer counsel and prayer. His ministry of presence over the last two years made the decision by the Department an easy one, I’m sure, and he

colorful vests for stuffed animal bears, was given an award and recognized for her service to the grieving children in the community. The children are given the bears at traumatic moments and are typically victims of fire, domestic abuse or auto accidents.

Nelson has been instrumental in the success of

this program of love to Berkeley County.

“We all should take pride and celebrate how our Lord through His Diocese, His local church and His people is reaching the world with love and compassion in Jesus name,” said Beson. “Please join me in congratulating and encouraging Nelson in His Vocational calling.”

Sea Island Glory:

Jim Booth Painting of Saint James to Celebrate 300th Anniversary

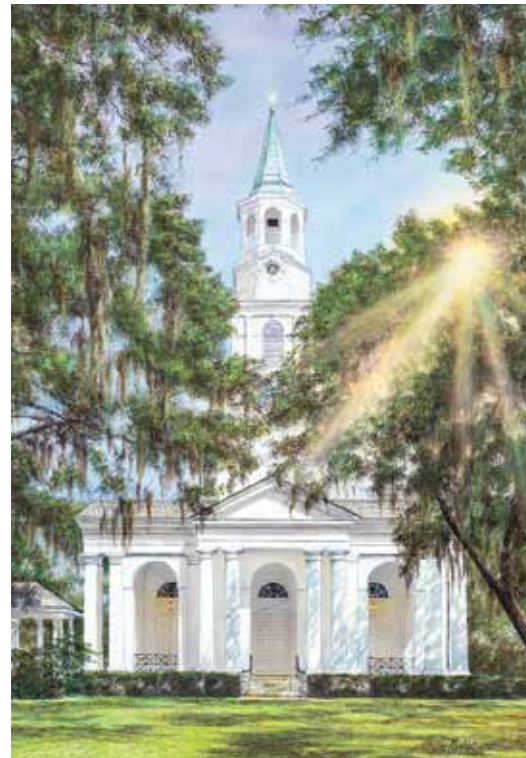
By Virginia Bartels, Saint James Anglican Church, Charleston

A renowned South Carolina artist completes his artistic journey with a tribute to his creator. To honor the 300-year anniversary of Saint James Church, James Island, Jim Booth painted a realistic image of his boyhood church, Saint James, on Camp Road. Describing the painting as his “gift to God,” he completed the work to be a treasure to all who love the lowcountry.

Booth’s considerable artistic talent captures the beauty of Saint James’ architecture, set among massive moss-draped oaks and the natural and spiritual light that has shone on this place of worship for three centuries.

Throughout his long career over five decades, Jim Booth created realistic images, masterfully using color, detail, and lighting. He completed thousands of paintings, most which depict the lowcountry at its best—the harbor, wildlife, beaches, marshes, lighthouses, bridges, famous landmarks, and local college campuses. His works portray a variety of historic and current settings, diverse weather and seasons, nature’s splendor and man’s workmanship. Booth retired in May 2018.

Saint James Church is special to Booth. He attended there as a youth, his parents, Lewis and Mae Booth, worshipped there, and he



and his departed wife Virginia were married there. Senior Pastor Arthur Jenkins, reflecting on Jim Booth’s gift, stated, “All who cherish Christ and are devoted to faith, for whom our South Carolina coast region is special, will treasure Jim Booth’s expression of God’s glory manifest in a place of worship nestled in our Lord’s creation.”

Sea Island Glory will be offered primarily as a benefit for Saint James

Anglican Church. Beginning November 8, 2019, the following may be purchased, with an additional charge for taxes:

- 150 Limited Edition, Artist’s Proofs Paper Prints—image size 12 ½ x 18 1/8 inches (\$110) or as Canvas Prints—image size 24 x 36 inches (canvas print available only up to Easter 2020) (\$735)

- 750 Limited Edition, Signed and Numbered Prints, available as: Paper Prints—image size 12 ½ x 18 1/8 inches (\$75); Canvas prints—image size 24 x 36 inches (canvas print available only up to Easter 2020) (\$700)

- Unlimited Mini

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“Identity In Christ” Theme of Fall Youth Events

By Dave Wright, Diocesan Coordinator for Youth Ministry

Mondo & Regenerate both focused on our identity in Christ for this years fall theme. Our goal was to challenge students to be consistent and true to their identity online and in face-to-face relationships. It is far too easy to express one identity online and another in reality. We want students to find

Nate Morgan Locke formerly a youth pastor in Bath, England and currently a student at Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia was our speaker at Regenerate. He focused on Philippians 2:12-13 and our memory verse was 9-11. Nate has spoken at several events for us in the past and proves to be among



JANE WRIGHT

Small group time is an important part of the youth events at St. Christopher. Above, a group from the Church of the Resurrection, Surfside, gathers during Mondo.

their identity in Christ and not in the issues of the world.

David Gilbert, Youth Minister at St. Philip’s Charleston was our speaker for Mondo. He did an excellent job communicating the need for students to root their identity in Christ. He taught from Ephesians and emphasized to students that the question is not who you are but whose you are.

the best communicators we have had at events.

The Birdsongs led music at both events including a good number of hymns mixed with more modern songs. The Birdsongs have a passion for music that is rich in sound theology and that speaks to the concerns of the world today. They are always a hit with our students!

Report from Peru

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are rampant. Bishop Jorge said they go into La Rinconada teaching and preaching the Gospel, and through that (something I’ll never forget) they help the people there find their humanity.

Friends, the power of presence cannot be overstated. There are people all over Peru who are in need of hope, in need of finding their humanity and eternal worth in Jesus Christ. There are people in the dusty barrios, the high mountains, the low valleys, and everywhere in between who are searching for hope.

When we go, we bring hope. We go because Jesus sent us when He said, “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8) We go because we want to help people find their humanity through Jesus Christ. We go because the love of Christ compels us to go.

If you are compelled to go, I can help facilitate. The Diocese of Peru is in need of missionary partners. There is need in the large cities like Lima, Cusco, Arequipa, and Puno. There is also a potential for partnerships in the more rural areas.

Bishop Jorge, in his presentation to St. John’s, made a plea that I now extend to you. He implored us to “come to Peru.” He then asked for a show of hands, “Who will come to Peru?” Several hands shot up immediately. The words from Isaiah echoed in my mind, “Here I am! Send me!” (Is 6:8) and “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news.” (Is 52:7)

Will you partner with Peru? St. John’s Parish Church, Johns Island, Trinity Edisto, and St. Paul’s, Conway, already have partnerships. To learn more contact me at frjeremy@stjohnsparish.net.

Everyone is Called—from the Home, Across the Street, Across the Sea!

St Michael's Global Impact Celebration 2020

By Lisa Holland, St Michael's Church, Charleston

The St. Michael's Mission Task Force is gearing up for the 2020 Global Impact Celebration (GIC). This year's keynote speaker for the Gala International Banquet, which will be held Friday, January 31, is Keith Wheeler. He has carried a 12-foot wooden cross more than 24,000 miles through more than 175 countries on all seven continents since 1985. Wheeler, who has many inspiring stories to share, calls himself a "Pilgrim of Peace," bringing the message of God's love to the broken world. He shares the gospel openly wherever he travels including places like China, Iran, Iraq and former iron curtain countries. He simply trusts God and goes where he is called—even to countries that are traditionally hostile to the Christian message.

GIC 2020 will be held Sunday, January 26, through Sunday, February 2, 2020.

The GIC is a time set apart each year at St. Michael's to rejoice in the growth of the Kingdom of God in the world, catch a glimpse

of what God is up to in all corners of the globe and in our own backyards, and hear the call to join the mission of God in Christ. GIC celebrates the work that God has carried out through St. Michael's Mission Partners over the past year, and it is a time to discern where and how we are being called individually and collectively as a congregation to serve in the year ahead.

There are activities on both the opening and closing Sundays as well as throughout the week. This year the international mission partners invited are: Bishop Probal Dutta, Bishop of Grace Trust in West Bengal, India; Mr. Onesphore Manirakiza, National Director of Great Lakes Outreach, Burundi; Freddy



Keith Wheeler, above left, who has carried a 12-foot wooden cross more than 24,000 miles, will be one of many speakers at St. Michael's GIC 2020. Above, he greets a resident in Bulgaria.

Tuyizere, President of Burundi Youth for Christ; Bishop Abraham Nhial, Bishop of South Sudan; and Ms. Margaret Merritt, Executive Director, LAMB Institute, Honduras. Local mission partners are also being invited to participate.

To learn more about the GIC visit www.stmichaelschurch.net.

Voices Worth Listening To

Ninety Citadel Cadets Attend Fall Retreat

Ninety Citadel cadets were challenged to consider "Voices Worth Listening To" at the St. Alban's Fall Retreat led by the Rev. Rob Sturdy and his team, October 11 through 13.

The teachings covered The Voice of the Father, The Voice of Friends, The Voice of Romantic Interests and Resisting the Voice of the Devil.

The Church of the Cross, Bluffton, hosted the gathering providing space for the teaching sessions and providing meals. The church also organized boats for all of the cadets to be taken to Jack Rowe Island where Sturdy, along with cadets who had played an important part in leading the new believers to Christ, baptized 11 new believers.

Afterward, the group returned to Bluffton, where the newly baptized took their first communion on the bluff at the historic church.

To view a brief video from the retreat visit: <https://vimeo.com/368892321>



Eleven Citadel cadets were baptized at the October retreat.

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Upcoming Events

A Christmas Carol, St. Paul's Church, Summerville Dec. 22

On Sunday, December 22, 2019, at 3:00 p.m., nationally acclaimed storyteller, Tim Lowey will perform a one-man show of this Charles Dickens classic, A Christmas Carol. The St. Paul's Zoe chapter of Anglicans for Life is hosting this fundraising event to benefit the Abba Fund. The proceeds from this performance will help the Abba Fund (<https://www.abbafund.org/>) support Christian couples seeking to adopt children. For more information, visit www.stpaulssummerville.org.

Diocesan Convention
March 13-14, 2020

Church of the Cross, Bluffton; All are welcome to this gathering. Mark your calendars. Information on workshops to come.

St. Paul's Tea Room, St. Paul's, Summerville, March 16-27

The annual Tea Room and Gift Shop at St. Paul's Anglican in Summerville will be open March 16-27, 2020, Monday through Friday only, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Doar Hall on the St. Paul's campus, 316 W. Carolina Ave.

The Tea Room will serve tomato pie, she-crab soup, okra soup, a variety of salads and sandwiches, and many homemade desserts. The Gift Shop will showcase the work of local artisans, native plants and estate items.

All proceeds of the Tea Room and Gift Shop are donated to local, national, and global ministries. Some of the beneficiaries include Impact Ministries Food Distribution at St. Paul's, Dorchester Habitat for Humanity, Dorchester County Community Outreach, Salvation Army, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Water Mission, and dozens more helping organizations at home and abroad. Since the first event in 2005, the ministry has raised more than \$700,000 for St. Paul's outreach programs—locally, regionally, and globally.

Guests may make reservations for groups of eight or more for the 11:30 a.m. seating by calling 843-873-1991 beginning February 10th. All other seating will be first come, first served. The Tea Room will also provide takeout orders.

Epic High School Retreat
March 20-22

Combining quality expository Bible teaching with small group study and contemplative reflection, Epic provides an opportunity for high school students to dig deeper into scripture and hear from God. It's designed to stir the soul and renew the mind.

A highlight of the weekend is the space we create at Epic for time alone to reflect on God's word. In a world filled with noise and constant media, students value the opportunity to hear from God through his word and reflect on that in silence.

This Retreat, for 9th-12th grade students is held at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center.



Anglican Women's Spring Gathering, April 25

The Anglican Women's Spring Gathering will be held April 25, 2020 at Christ Church in Mt. Pleasant. Look for additional information as it's released on the diocesan website.

GrandCamp, St. Christopher
June 15-19

Grand Camp is an amazing five-day adventure designed to transport grandparents and their grandkids (grade school age) away from the distractions of everyday life to a place where God can do powerful work, building a legacy of faith generation to generation. This year the camp will be held June 15-19. On-line registration will not be available until mid January, however, if you are interested in giving the gift of GrandCamp to a grandchild for Christmas, email Cheryl Cargill, ccargill49@gmail.com to be put on the early pre-registration list. The cost is \$349 per person.



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Old St. Andrew's celebrated its annual Blessing of the Animals for St. Francis Day on Sunday, October 6. All God's creatures enthusiastically welcomed their blessings! Proceeds from the event and collections of supplies benefitted the Charleston Animal Shelter. All were blessed by the enthusiastic turnout, especially the clergy! Above, the Rev. Marshall Huey, Rector, is thanked for his blessing by a participant.

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