

ArizonaLife

'Tools to the task' provided at Diocesan Ministry Fair



The Rev. John Maher of Prince of Peace, Peoria leads music during prayer at the 2008 Diocesan Ministry Fair at Grand Canyon University. This year's Ministry Fair is scheduled for Washington High School in Phoenix. *Greta Huls/Diocese of Arizona*

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have all experienced the frustration of not having the right tool for the job. None of us likes to find ourselves in the middle of a home fix-up project and discover that we need a Philip's screwdriver instead of a flat-headed one, or to realize that we have the wrong size wrench or drill bit.

The same need to match "tools to the task" applies to the work we do at church. If our congregations are to grow and flourish, we need to educate and equip ourselves with the skills we need to do our job.

Those of us at Diocesan House have done our best over the years to help to fill your "spiritual toolbox" with the information and training that you need to do effective Christian ministry in your congregations. This year, we are happy to be creating a veritable "Home Depot" of information with a record number of offerings including everything from workshops for new Vestry members, to the latest proven techniques for youth work and stewardship.

The expanding size of our Ministry Fair has meant that we have had to find a larger venue. Washington High School in north central Phoenix has made their facilities available to us.

Not only are the rooms better equipped, but the campus is more compact, and closer to the freeway.

I hope that you and the lay leadership of your parish will make attendance at our fourth annual ministry fair a priority. With the right tools, who knows what you will build!

J. Maher

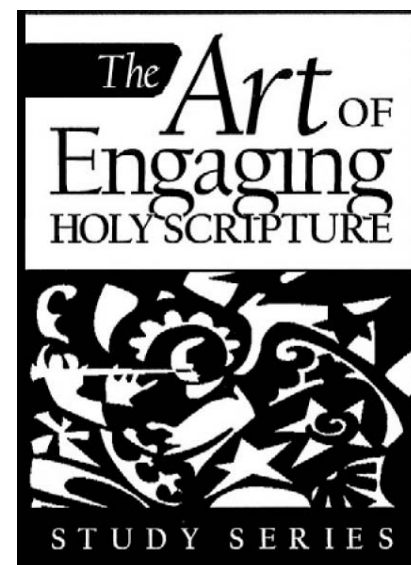
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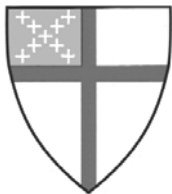


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80 million members in 44 regional and national member churches around the globe in more than 160 countries. Established in 1534.

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Chapel Rock summer schedule provides spiritual and physical growth for kids



Dave White
Chapel Rock Executive Director

PRESCOTT - Plans are well underway for Chapel Rock Camps in the summer of 2009! Campers in grades 3-12 (and beyond!) will have the opportunity to encounter Christ and grow deeper in their faith through programs developed specifically for them! Check out the program descriptions below, then head to our website to download registration materials. Questions? Call us at 877-445-3499.

Chapel Rock 2009 at a glance

June 7-13	Chapel RockS (9th-12th)*
June 14-20	Chapel RockS (6th-8th)
	W.I.L.D. 1 (9th-12th)
June 21-25	The Well (11th-12th+)
	W.I.L.D. 1 (9th-12th)
June 28-July 4	The Gift of Love (3rd-5th)
	W.I.L.D. 2 (10th-12th)
July 5-11	The Gift of Love (3rd-8th)
	W.I.L.D. 2 (10th-12th)

*denotes grade completed spring 2009

Chapel RockS!

Grow closer to God. Build great friendships. Come have a blast! Experience God's love in a beautiful setting removed from your day-to-day routine and distractions. Chapel Rock's program is designed in a way that will engage you. You have questions - this is a great place to ask them. Your questions, discussion, feedback, and participation in worship are what make the Chapel Rock experience so powerful. At camp, as in life, we are not observers but active participants in what God is doing. When you come to camp you can expect the wild and fun "stuff" - games, adventure, group competition and recreation. Even more, you will have the opportunity to experience God, respond to Christ's love, and be challenged and amazed.

W.I.L.D.

W.I.L.D. is Chapel Rock's Wilderness Introduction to Leadership Development program. Participants in W.I.L.D. will receive training in how to use effective leadership skills throughout their lives. These skills are taught while backpacking, rock climbing, kayaking, working as a team on the low ropes course, challenging personal limits with support from friends on the high ropes course, living in a close Christian community, and helping summer camp happen without a hitch. Skills strengthened include communica-

tion, teamwork, goal setting, making decisions, persistence, initiative, responsibility, respect, handling problems, and problem solving.

W.I.L.D. 1 is open to high school students who have completed grades 10 and 11, and is an introduction to leadership and group awareness. Students who have completed W.I.L.D. 1 and sophomore, junior or senior year are welcome to attend W.I.L.D. 2, which is aimed at developing leadership skills with a greater emphasis on camper needs and program delivery.

"The Well"

The ancient desert fathers and Celtic monks went to the wilderness to seek God's presence. "The Well" is a five-day spiritual retreat that follows their methods and the monastic prayer cycle - come away with us on this unique experience. The week is based on a series of shared experiences, talks and small group discussions framed by the

rhythm of the monastic day. Your week will be led by spiritual directors who will model keeping the cycle of morning, noon, evening and compline prayer cycles. As individuals and members of a spiritual community, you will learn about and explore a new depth in your relationship with Jesus Christ. The atmosphere of the week makes it easy to develop new friendships, discover ancient Christian practices and experience being part of a loving and supportive community. It is five days of worship, great contemplative music, play, prayer, good food, fun and fellowship.

When you arrive you will be greeted by your hosts for the weekend - a team led by ASU Canterbury Chaplain Gil Stafford, with music by Chad Sundin. You will take part in a variety of experiences both on property and in the surrounding communities of Sedona and Flagstaff designed to help you be in a place to go deeper, draw closer and drink more deeply from the wellspring of God's presence than ever before. Spend a week seeking God with us.

"The Gift of Love"

This summer at Chapel Rock children who have completed third through sixth will travel to Bethlehem and meet the many persons of the Christmas story. Campers will hear the stories of Gabriel, Mary the Mother of Jesus, Elizabeth, Joseph, a shepherd, and the magi. They will also visit the manger, see King Herod and enjoy many other surprises. What an experience this is going to be! Each morning will be filled singing, games, creative and keepsake arts and crafts, stories and delicious snacks that will delight everyone. After a week in Bethlehem the children will look at the story of Jesus' birth in a whole new way.

Seventh and eighth grade campers will experience their own program, "Seeking the Sacred" each morning. Through activities and discussion, we'll search for holiness in nature, service, daily life, worship, and each other.

Afternoons will be filled with Camper's Choice, and the evenings with creative and fun activities such as counselor hunts, bingo, swimming, mock rock, serenades, carnival and lots more.

Added this year will be opportunities for prayer, meditation and worship throughout the day. The camp chaplains will be an integral part of the worship experiences of the week. The children will actively participate in the worship services and help create their times of prayer together.

On the Net: <http://www.chapelrock.net/>

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ARIZONA'S 2009 MINISTRY FAIR

The workshops are organized by subject for your convenience. You are welcome to attend any single A, B, C, and D workshop. Some workshops are offered more than once, and some workshops have multiple sessions which you must attend.

Workshop #	Workshop Description	Presenter(s)
BUSINESS		
A-05	Embezzlement? It can't happen to us! – Why internal controls are important in churches of all sizes. Participants will learn how to put into place measures to protect the church and people who are handling the finances of the church.	Jack Colaric, Treasurer of The Diocese of Arizona; Matt Chew, past Treasurer of The Diocese of Arizona; Paul Severs, CPA; and Vicki Hohnbaum, Canon for Finance of The Diocese of Arizona
B-05 C-05	Stewardship in Troubled Economic Times – Learn approaches to congregational stewardship that addresses real concerns in troubled economic times, as well as real ways to fund current and future ministry. Bring members of your stewardship committee and begin now to reach your congregation with the liberating message of generous giving. <i>Offered two times.</i>	The Rev. Timothy Dombek, Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Arizona
B-11	How to Develop a Digital and Physical Inventory for Your Church – This workshop will be hands on demonstration of how to digitally and physically archive a church inventory. Various forms will be developed in the workshop for participants to take back to their church. The different software that can be used will also be covered.	Tim O'Malley, Diocesan Construction Consultant
C-04	Handling Insurance Claims on Holy Grounds – This session will take a look at different claim scenarios and will walk through the steps you need to take to mitigate a claim and notify the appropriate people for the best and most effective claims handling to occur.	Deanna Chew, The Diocese of Arizona Finance Committee
D-03	Investing with the Diocese – A discussion of how the Diocese invests its money and how churches may participate in the program.	Richard Gillons, Chair of the Diocesan Investment Committee
CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES		
A-02 B-02 C-02	Safeguarding God's Children Parts 1, 2 & 3 – Diocesan sexual misconduct prevention training. This workshop fulfills the diocesan policy requirements. <i>All three parts must be attended.</i>	The Rev. David Davidson-Methot, Chaplain to the Clergy for The Diocese of Arizona
A-06	Preparing For Children With Disabilities – Families of children with disabilities are actively looking for church homes that will include their kids; are your Sunday School classes ready? In this workshop, you will discover practical, tested methods of including children with disabilities in your Christian Education program.	The Rev. Canon Timothy and Beth Dombek, parents of a teenager with Down Syndrome, and Nancy Shumaker, Canon for Children's Ministries for the Diocese of Arizona
A-09	Mission Focused Youth Groups – Don't have 100 kids in church? No problem, develop a strategy for the youth in your neighborhood	Matt Marino, Canon for Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Arizona
B-09 C-09	Preaching the Scriptures to Youth – A two-session participatory seminar in which participants will prepare and deliver a message/sermon. Focus is on teaching the Scriptures and having action-oriented conclusions. <i>Must attend both sessions.</i>	Matt Marino, Canon for Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Arizona
B-10	Music in the Classroom – Nothing fills a Sunday School classroom better than fun, easy to sing, joy filled music. Back by popular demand Bruce Phillips will share the basics of how to work with children and spread the story of Jesus through song. Come sing and smile with Bruce and take home great resources for this delightful ministry.	Bruce Phillips, Member of the Children's Ministry Program Group
C-10	Nursery Guidelines – This workshop is a review and update on the diocesan policy of nursery standards, procedures and child care in your parish. Are you sure your nursery is meeting the requirements for safety, cleanliness, CPR training, Safe Church Practices and background checks? For example, what are the minimum age requirements for nursery personnel?	Nancy Shumaker, Canon for Children's Ministries for the Diocese of Arizona
D-09	Young Adult Worship – This presentation will be an actual St. Brigid's Community ancient/future worship service. Participate in a young adult worship experience. Attendees will receive a copy of the worship service.	The Rev. Gil Stafford, Chaplain at the Arizona State University Campus Ministry
D-10	Sunday School Teacher Recruitment – Recruiting, sustaining, ministering to and keeping teachers, nursery workers and Children's Chapel Leaders. Practical, realistic and workable ways of establishing a teaching staff. We will discuss how to approach a person to teach, who to approach, who not to approach, analyzing the personalities that will work together, and how to assimilate the use of their individual talents that you have assembled.	Children's Ministry Program Group
COMMUNICATIONS		
A-12 B-12	How to design and maintain a Diocesan website – A two-part workshop. A Diocesan website is available for churches, program groups, and other ministries within the Diocese and it's free and user-friendly. Password-protected, web-based content management allows easy site management and updating. <i>Must attend both sessions.</i>	Greta Huls, Canon for Communications for the Diocese of Arizona
C-12	Can't you just Photoshop it? – How to use Photoshop for better looking websites and newsletters.	Greta Huls, Canon for Communications for the Diocese of Arizona
D-12	How to market your church or ministry – What works and what doesn't.	Greta Huls, Canon for Communications for the Diocese of Arizona
ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRIES		
A-10	Adventures in Grace – Learn how churches around the country are using the new Adventures in Grace green formation curriculum to explore the mysterious territory of how God is at work in today's world, from ecology to the economy and the Millennium Development Goals. Scripture, science, music and fun are all part of the adventure!	Nature and Spirituality Program Group

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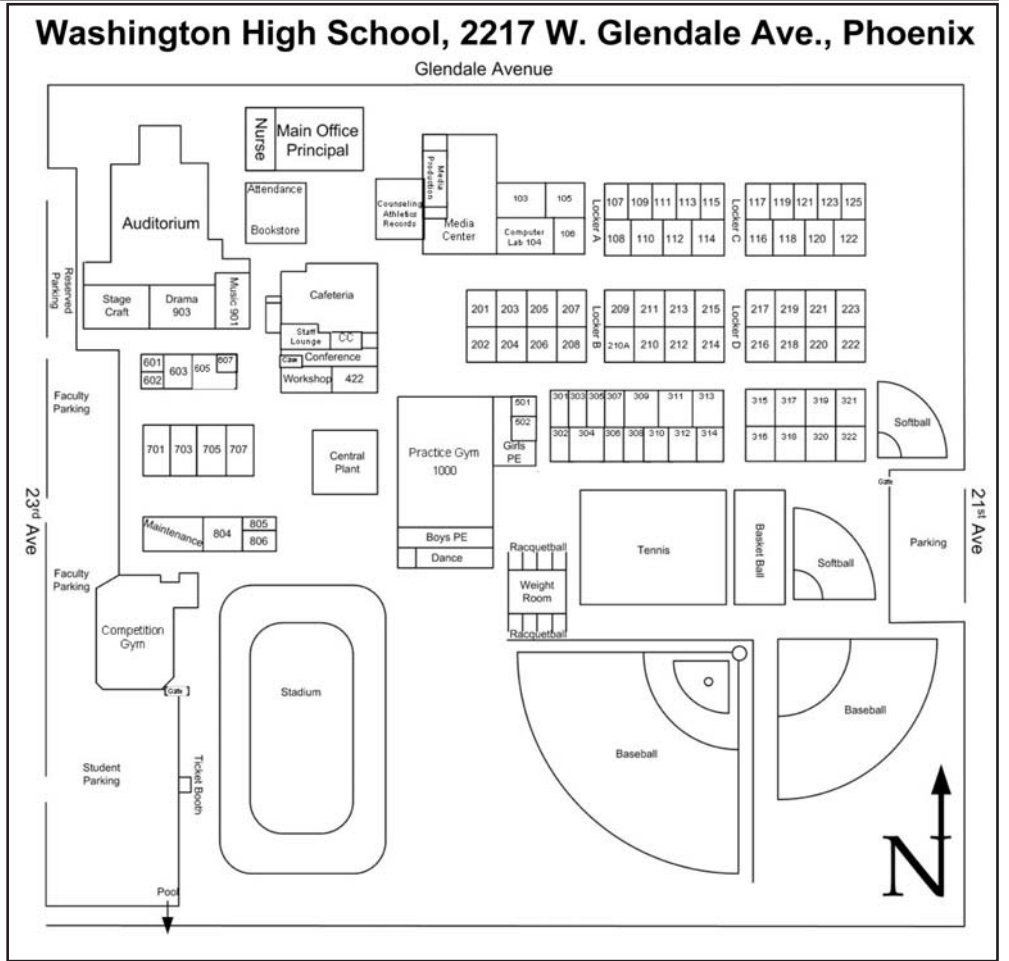
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HEALTH RELATED MINISTRIES		
B-06	What do I say to the gravely ill or dying? Communication in Crisis – An interactive discussion of visiting with the seriously ill-what to say and what not! Fear sometimes keeps us from getting with or remaining in contact with friends or parishioners. This workshop will explore the discomfort that affects many of us in these circumstances and blocks us from visiting the sick and dying.	The Rev. Pat Huls, RN, BSN, CHPN, Deacon at St. Stephen's, Phoenix
B-07	How Do We Start and What Do We Do: A Panel Discussion on Being in Charge of Disability Concerns in Your Parish – Forming and leading a disability concerns group, exploring accessibility issues and solutions, defining and understanding the concept of inclusion; these matters will be examined in a panel discussion format. Learn about low cost ways to make your church accessible.	Diocesan Disability Concerns Program Group
LEADERSHIP		
A-01 C-01 D-01	Bishop's Forum – An opportunity to be in conversation with your Bishop. <i>Offered three times.</i>	The Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith, Bishop of Arizona
A-03 B-03 C-03 D-03	Anti-Racism – This four-part workshop fulfills the training requirements of the General Convention Resolution. All four parts must be attended. <i>Must attend all four sessions.</i>	Anti-racism committee
A-04	Introduction to Daughters of the King – The Order of Daughters of the King (DOK) is organized as a religious order whose members undertake a Rule of Life incorporating the Rule of Prayer and Service by reaffirmation of the promises made at Baptism and Confirmation. This workshop is for women interested in learning more about the DOK and clergy interested in sponsoring a new DOK chapter	Diocesan Board of the DOK and The Rev. Victor Sarrazin, Rector of St. Stephen's, Sierra Vista
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B-01	New Vestry Members – An opportunity for new vestry members to meet with the Bishop and explore their roles and responsibilities.	The Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith, Bishop of Arizona
B-04	Daughters of the King Round Table Discussion – This workshop is for Daughters of the King and for clergy sponsoring a DOK chapter and will address whatever topics or issues related to DOK that participants wish to discuss.	Diocesan Board of the DOK and The Rev. Victor Sarrazin, Rector of St Stephen's, Sierra Vista
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D-02	How to Develop a Mission Focused Congregation – This workshop will address the five main ways every parish can be mission focused.	The Rev. John Maher, Vicar of Prince of Peace, North Peoria
D-05	Wardens Workshop – Explore the roles of Senior and Junior Wardens in your Church; for newly elected wardens, or returning ones. Bring your questions and learn from the collected wisdom in the room.	The Rev. Timothy Dombek, Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Arizona
MUSIC MINISTRIES		
A-08	Congregational Music in Hispanic Congregations – We will present the various hymns that are most used during various seasons of the liturgical year for the celebration of the Eucharist conducted in Spanish. Also presented will be examples of a sung Eucharist in Spanish using Mariachis.	The Rev. Carmen B. Guerrero, Canon for Peace and Justice for The Diocese of Arizona
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A-07	Diocesan Lay Preacher Roundtable – Lay Preachers serve under the direction of the local clergy and are licensed by the Bishop for their office. In this workshop for currently licensed lay preachers, we'll share resources for sermon preparation and have open discussion to see if there are ways that the Diocese might be able to better support the diocesan lay preachers in their ministry. Anyone who is licensed as a Lay Preacher at this time is expected to attend this session.	The Very Rev. Nicholas Knisely, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix and member of The Commission on Ministry
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C-06 D-06	The ART of Engaging Holy Scripture: small groups curriculum – A two-part workshop. Much more than a typical Bible study, this unique approach teaches a lively method of reading, studying, and praying the Scriptures that is thoroughly Episcopalian. This new method has been used in many parishes with great results. We've presented this workshop previously, but today's longer format allows us to display the features of the curriculum more thoroughly. Come and see whether this is just what your parish has been looking for. Must attend both sessions.	The Rev. Jim Clark, Rector of St. Barnabas on the Desert, Scottsdale
C-07	Washington National Cathedral: A House of Prayer for All People – This multi-media presentation will include photos and video of the Cathedral's art, architecture, music and history. Attendees will learn how the Cathedral's many ministries and programs are relevant in our lives today and will also see that much educational information is easily accessible via the Cathedral's website.	Sue Norton, Co-chair of the National Cathedral Association for Arizona; and Herb Norton, Church of the Advent, Sun City West
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D-08	Mission and Ministry: A Call to Licensed Lay Pastoral Care Leader – The introductory session is designed to assist participants in living out their Baptismal Covenant as Licensed Lay Pastoral Care Leaders. Participants will gain understanding of the personal qualities, skills and knowledge desirable in a Lay Pastoral Care Leader as we lay the groundwork for study of scripture, tradition and reason as they apply to pastoral care situations. Discussion will include the importance of establishing and maintaining personal boundaries and the limits of pastoral care (as opposed to counseling). Participants will leave with an understanding of the importance of this vital ministry in the parish, an outline for further study, a guideline for working with their Rector or Vicar towards applying for licensing and the requirements for annual license renewal. A resource list of suggested reading materials will be included.	The Rev. Kimball Arnold, Deacon at St. Luke's, Prescott and member of the Diocesan Commission on Ministry
SOCIAL ISSUES		
A-03 B-03 C-03 D-03	Anti-Racism – This four-part workshop fulfills the training requirements of the General Convention Resolution. All four parts must be attended. Must attend all four sessions.	Anti-racism committee
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A-11	Jubilee Ministries – This presentation will talk about the theology and philosophy of Jubilee Ministries with question and answer time as well as assistance with completion of the application form.	Evie Smith, Diocesan Jubilee Officer
B-08 C-08	Crossing Cultural Boundaries in Ministry – The workshop will address the challenge for the Episcopal Church to remain open and welcoming to an increasing population from other cultures and religious backgrounds. The Latino population challenge and the "popular religiosity of the people of Mexico". Offered two times.	The Rev. Enrique Cadena, Vicar of Iglesia Episcopal de San Pablo, Phoenix
D-07	Strangers in Our Midst – This workshop will explore the theological, economic, and historical issues regarding the current immigration crises. Specific attention will be given to the legal issues surrounding illegal immigration. Time will also be given to assisting diocesan members who would like to bring border issues to their respective parishes.	The Rev. Seth Polley, Vicar at St. John's, Bisbee and St. Stephen's, Douglas and Diocesan Border Mission
D-11	Native Ministry – This workshop will inform the participants of Indian moral values, beliefs, traditions and the spirituality of Indian people.	Vivian Winterchaser and The Rev. Dorothy Saucedo, Diocesan Native Ministry Program Group Chairpersons

The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona's 2009 Ministry Fair
 Washington High School, 2217 W. Glendale Ave., Phoenix
 Saturday, March 7 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Time	Event	Location
8 a.m.	Registration & Coffee	Auditorium
9 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Auditorium
9:30 a.m.	Session A Workshops	See workshop schedule
10:45 a.m.	Session B Workshops	See workshop schedule
11:45 a.m.	Lunch Break	Cafeteria
1:15 p.m.	Session C Workshops	See workshop schedule
2:30 p.m.	Session D Workshops	See workshop schedule



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Registration Form

Name: _____ Contact phone: _____

Mailing address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

E-mail address: _____ Congregation: _____

NOTE: You may take up to four workshops. Please select your first three choices for each session by Workshop Number. For example: Native Ministry is #D-11. You would put D-11 as one of your three Session D choices. You get three choices for each time slot, subject to availability.

Session A (9:30 a.m.):	Session B (10:45 a.m.):	Session C (1:15 p.m.):	Session D (2:30 p.m.):
1st choice _____	1st choice _____	1st choice _____	1st choice _____
2nd choice _____	2nd choice _____	2nd choice _____	2nd choice _____
3rd choice _____	3rd choice _____	3rd choice _____	3rd choice _____

Registration fee: \$20 per person **Lunch? Yes No**
 (Lunch is included in the registration fee. However, we need an exact lunch count so your response is appreciated.)

Amount included: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:
The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona

Send this completed form with your payment to:
Lay Ministry Fair
 c/o The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona
 114 W. Roosevelt St.
 Phoenix, AZ 85003-1406

Your registration must arrive no later than February 10.

Childcare Available

Childcare for the children of participants in the Ministry Fair is available this year. The age range for the children is completely potty-trained to 6th grade. Please contact Nancy Shumaker at 602-254-0976 no later than February 10th if you are interested in having your child(ren) participate. There is a non-refundable \$10 fee per child to cover the cost of lunch.

We are sorry but walk-ins cannot be accommodated.

Questions? Contact Shantae Carver (shantae@azdiocese.org) or Cathy Black (cathy@azdiocese.org) at 602-254-0976. Please note significant health concerns or food allergies here. We will make a good faith effort to accommodate them:

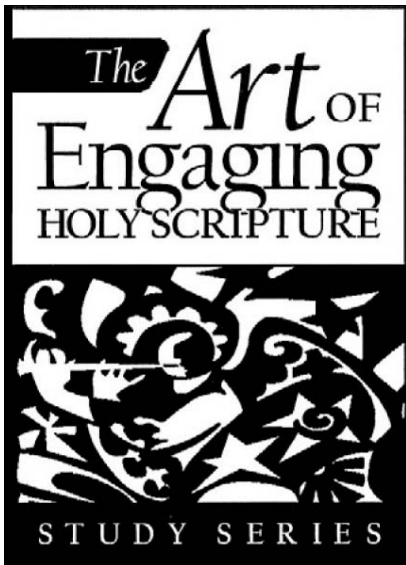
Rector, St. Barnabas develop new bible study

Ann Hott
St. Barnabas on the Desert, Scottsdale

SCOTTSDALE - The idea for development of a different kind of Bible study curriculum came to The Rev. Jim Clark, Rector of St. Barnabas, and his colleagues shortly after he entered parish ministry. He noticed that even though Episcopalians placed high value on the Bible, they did not seem comfortable approaching the Bible on their own. On the one hand he saw people looking to scholars to tell them what the Bible said, and on the other shying away from the over-literal approach they observed in the "Bible churches."

The ART of Engaging Holy Scripture is a small group Bible study curriculum developed by Clark in association with clergy colleagues, parishioners, and Bible scholars. They worked together in parish settings for more than 10 years refining the curriculum, currently used by St. Barnabas and several other Episcopal churches in Texas, Arizona, and California.

More than 150 parishioners have been involved in TAEHS at St. Barnabas since the parish began using the curriculum four years ago. One long time participant in the program shared: "The 'engaging' is what I enjoy most about the curriculum. Instead of 'studying' the book we are learning to have a conversa-



tion with the Living Word. We respond honestly (which may be confusion, surprise, anger, joy, doubt, or comfort), take those questions and thoughts to God and seek to perceive a response. It's amazing what we learn from listening to each others' experiences. Each group member has become my comrade on a journey. We may be stumbling along, but we are not alone and God has not been silent."

"Our goal developed from that experience. We wanted to put the Bible back in the hands of the people as a foundational source for their spiritual journey. What was interesting to us was that Episcopalians value the Bible so highly yet people seemed afraid of it. Then, as the idea of a curriculum developed, we noticed a great hunger not just for the Bible but also for small groups. As a result, TAEHS developed over time as a small group curriculum for Episcopalians. It is the result of extensive research in small group dynamics, adult learning models and methods, small group leadership, and Benedictine spirituality."

TAEHS curriculum is designed for Episcopalian small groups. Groups are led by trained facilitators in weekly sessions based upon Study Guides that all partici-

pants use. The Study Guides also provide careful directions for participants to engage in reading, praying, and studying the Bible on their own. At weekly meetings, participants begin with prayer, share responses to theme questions, engage Scripture texts together, and report their experiences of engaging the Scriptures on their own.

Clark will be presenting an information session on TAEHS at the Arizona Diocesan Ministry Fair on March 7. Clergy, lay professionals, and lay leaders who would like to start a TAEHS program in their church are invited to attend one of two 'Training the Trainers' workshops that will be held in June in Texas and Arizona. In addition to training on use of the study guides, participants will be trained in the Bible study method used in TAEHS and in the essentials of small group dynamics. All participants will learn to facilitate small groups. Clergy and lay ministry professionals will also be fully prepared to train other facilitators and to launch a TAEHS small group program in their church. Workshop participants receive the first full year of TAEHS curriculum and a facilitator's manual.

Further information regarding TAEHS is available on the St. Barnabas web site: www.saintbarnabas.org, click on the TAEHS button on the home page. To register for a TAEHS Training the Trainers Workshop or for more information, please contact Ann Hott (480-355-9733 or Ann@saintbarnabas.org.) Jim Clark may be contacted at 480-355-9755 or jlark@saintbarnabas.org.

Native American youth find Spirit in the Journey

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St. Paul's, Winslow

WINSLOW - Picture these different scenarios: The young men are bending over small children helping them to paint a frog in the vacation bible school at St. John's in La Verne, Calif.

Sitting in the Holy Trinity Church hall in Covina, the girls are chatting about having a purpose and how to know if this is the purpose God had in mind.

Helping each other climb a 15-foot wall by stepping on each other at Camp Stevens, Calif., and the boys are all laughing at their own efforts.

Everyone is talking at once about taking a hike up San Francisco Peaks in Flagstaff and being flat out depleted.

Wait, this isn't normal. What happened between this summer and the last one? Was there an upheaval that turned everyone inside out and I missed it? These youth are having fun.

That was not the case in August of 2007 although The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona has supported the Spirit Journey Youth group in Northeast Arizona as an outreach program for eight years. Bishop Kirk Smith gave his blessing to the trip--and our first venture did not go well. The mission trip of 15 young people to Los Angeles to serve the homeless turned 10 days into a hodgepodge of constant correction, nagging, shoving, fights, running away, disrespect, and near despondency of the three counselors. Does everything have to turn into a battle of "what can we get away with?"

Yes, there were high points as we worked in the soup kitchen or cleaned up the shelter. The climax was going to the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles and watching our kids see on a world scale what prejudice and derision can do. Playing in the ocean is always a winner as our youth have the pleasure of being knocked down by waves and coming up with a mouth full of sand and laughing.

These at-risk, unchurched Native American youth from 12 to 18 had never given me trouble before. I had been warned that working with this age group meant that I would be dealing with hormones, relationships and God, in that order. What I didn't know was that these

children would also keep testing the limits to see how far they could go before I would give up on them. Our rule is that no one gets kicked out of youth group. There may be time-outs and "come back in a week with an apology" but we can always work things through. These 10 days were a big time test of that policy.

By August 2008, it was a different story. We took three mission trips for the homeless this year to California and numerous short trips around Arizona. Six youth per trip (men and women groups at separate times) turned their four days into complete delight. Within one short year, I heard this: "Everything was fun this time." "These were really good conversations. Can we have more?" "We should do this again." When the sprinklers soaked them on the grass where they were sleeping, they handled it without waking me. I was baffled. Issues were resolved; social conversations were enjoyed; they went out of their comfort zone; they participated in the planning, in the menu, in the budget, and expectations were igniting dramatically. The girls even filled in rat holes without complaint. How did this miracle sneak in?

It would feel so good to claim that a major crisis brought us together or even that I did something so wonderful that hearts changed. No, that wasn't it. We had the usual number of youth on probation, in Juvenile Detention, being arrested, skipping school, having babies, being beat up, being evicted and friends and families being killed in drunken accidents. No, their circumstances had not changed.

I think their defenses crumbled. Somewhere along the line, they got it. They figured out that good and



bad is not their whole world, with themselves on the evil side. Maybe they finally heard that no matter how much they mess up, they can start again. Perhaps it is just having someone who keeps the connections open.

Once, while visiting "Juvie," one young man was struggling to write to the judge asking that he be released. My suggestion was that he give the Judge a strong reason on why he could now go home. The next week at my jail visit, he was beaming. He figured it out. His letter said: "Judge... I know now why you can release me. Somebody who loves God loves me."

My heart could not open wide enough to encompass the reverence in this declaration. This was a mammoth leap of faith for a boy who had had none.

What materialized this year were the youth taking the next tentative step on their journey and realizing that they can connect to a source larger than themselves. This infinite source lies at the center of their lives cherishing them for their own unique footprints on this earth. I can only whisper and hope that no one mistakes it for triviality: perhaps they know they are loved.

Around the Diocese

ERD supports hospital in Gaza

Since the recent upsurge on Dec. 27th, the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict has left more than 550 people dead, and 2,500 injured. Episcopal Relief & Development's partner, the Ahli Arab Hospital, reports devastating civilian casualties and a rising death toll in Gaza City.

During this time of crisis, ERD remains in close contact with its partner the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. ERD has responded to an urgent appeal from the Diocese by sending initial emergency funds to the Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza.

"We continue to monitor the needs of the Diocese of Jerusalem and are preparing to send additional emergency funds. Please pray for the people of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Ahli Arab Hospital as they risk their own lives to provide lifesaving emergency care to people injured in the ongoing conflict" said Rob Radtke, President of ERD.

Ahli Arab Hospital, located at the heart of Gaza City, has treated more than 100 injured civilians since the beginning of the December attacks. The hospital continues to provide essential emergency health care to injured civilians. Ahli Arab Hospital has not turned anyone away despite increasingly dire conditions. The staff and volunteers at the hospital desperately need medicine and emergency supplies to continue their life saving work.

To help people impacted by the conflict in Gaza, please donate to Episcopal Relief & Development's "Middle East Fund" online at www.erd.org, or call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to: Episcopal Relief & Development, "Middle East Fund" PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

Deacons ordained

God willing, The Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith ordained Susan Cihak of St. Anthony on the Desert, Scottsdale, Grant Gilfeather of St. Anthony on the Desert, Michael Halle of St. Alban's, Tucson, Myra Kingsley of Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix, and Chuck Milhoan of St. John the Baptist, Glendale to the diaconate on Saturday, Jan. 24 at Trinity Cathedral.

Lunch with Bishop Smith

PHOENIX - Bishop Kirk Smith will be hosting one lunch per month with three people and you can

be one of them! These eight lunches are an opportunity for Bishop to hear your thoughts about what is happening in the church on a local, diocesan, and larger scale. The remaining dates are Feb. 13, March 10, April 23, and May 22. The lunch begins at noon in Phoenix at a location to be determined.

There are only three openings for each lunch date so you must have a reservation to attend. If you are interested in attending one of these lunches, please contact Shantae Carver at Diocesan House, 602-254-0976 or shantae@azdiocese.org to make your reservation.

Taizé and Evensong services

Several churches around the Diocese are holding Taize and Evensong services. Please check the Diocese Events page at <http://azdiocese.org/events/> for dates, times, and locations.

Free personal finance course

LITCHFIELD PARK - Dave Ramsey's 13-week "Financial Peace University" will be offered free to the public at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. On-site childcare will be offered (donation requested). Pre-registration is requested by calling the Church Office at 623-935-3279. St. Peter's is located at 400 S. Old Litchfield Road, Litchfield Park.

Diocesan youth events

A Diaper Dance is scheduled for Feb. 7 from 6-8 p.m. at Church of the Nativity, 7010 E. Chauncey Lane, Suite 100, Phoenix. Students don't wear diapers - for admission they bring a bag of diapers for needy children. **Purpose:** Service project & dance- what could be better!

The second annual high school Dodgeball Tourney is scheduled for March 22 from 4-6:30 p.m. at All Saints' 6300 N. Central Ave., Phoenix. **Purpose:** group builder

Mission Convocation meeting

The first Mission Convocation meetings is scheduled on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at Trinity Cathedral, 100 W. Roosevelt St., Phoenix. Please contact your program group convener for more information.

Cathedral hosts blood drive

PHOENIX - A blood drive is scheduled to be held at Trinity Cathedral, 100 W. Roosevelt St., Phoenix on Sunday, Feb. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A blood mobile will be in the parking lot. Call Cathedral Health Services at 602-254-7130 or visit www.bloodhero.com (sponsor code: Trinity Cathedral) to schedule a time to donate.

Tea reopens St. Luke's Home

TUCSON - A Celebration and Silver Tea will be held on Sunday, March 22 from 3-5 p.m. at the newly-renovated St. Francis Chapel on the grounds of St. Luke's Home at 615 E. Adams Street, Tucson.

In 1917 St. Luke's Home began as a tubercular sanitarium for seven male patients; it was funded and established under the auspices of the Episcopal Missionary District of Arizona. After serving many purposes over the years, a groundbreaking was held in 2000 to renovate and expand the Home to accommodate 64 male and female residents.

For information please call Joanne Bennett, Chapel Restoration Chairperson 520-299-4010.

Communications request

If you are interested in serving the Diocese as part of the Communications Program Group, please contact Greta Huls at either greta@azdiocese.org or 602-254-0976.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

February 2009

- 1 St. Peter's, Casa Grande
- 8 Good Shepherd of the Hills, Cave Creek
- 15 St. Matthew's, Chandler
- 22 St. Thomas of the Valley, Clarkdale

March 2009

- 1 St. Michael's, Coolidge
- 8 St. Stephen's, Douglas
- 15 Church of the Epiphany, Flagstaff
- 22 NAU Canterbury Fellowship, Flagstaff
- 29 Epiphany on the Desert, Gila Bend



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Wednesday Eucharist at 11:45 a.m.

Special Events

"First Friday" Mini-Concerts

with Canon Alan K. DePuy, organist, and guest musicians
February 6th and March 6th at 7 p.m., 8 p.m., and 9 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

February 25th at

7 a.m., 11:45 a.m. with Bishop Smith,
5:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. in Spanish