

# Connections

*linking diocesan leaders*

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## Around the Diocese

• **Congratulations to St. Peter's, Altavista, for winning the Outstanding Philanthropic Company or Organization Award from the Virginia Piedmont Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.** The award represents St. Peter's demonstration of an exemplary record of civic responsibility in support of philanthropic causes; generous contribution to nonprofit organizations to substantially impact programs or capital projects; and significant assistance in providing encouragement to a nonprofit cause(s). St. Peter's was nominated for their contribution to the YWCA for "Frannie's House," a shelter for victims of domestic violence planned to give those affected a place of hope and security.

• **Everyone is invited to the ordination of David L. Dixon, III, M.D., to the Sacred Order of Deacons.** The ordination will take place on Saturday, September 6, at 11 AM, at St. John's, Roanoke (corner of Jefferson St. and Elm Avenue, Roanoke). A reception will follow the service.

• **Christ Church, Blacksburg, is hosting Festive Choral Evensong as part of their 150th anniversary celebration on Sunday, September 7, at 5:30 PM.** All are invited. A reception follows. For more information, contact the Rev. Scott West ([saw764@yahoo.com](mailto:saw764@yahoo.com) or 540-552-2411).

**R. E. Lee Memorial Church, Lexington, is remembering the Rev. Marc Nikkel and Sudan in several ways this fall.** An adult education series on Sudan begins September 14; an African liturgy, Dinka reading, and music will be used at the 10:30 AM service on September 21; and an art show and sale to benefit the Marc Nikkel School will be held Friday, October 3, from 5-8 PM. Any artists in the diocese who would like to participate should contact R. E. Lee Church: ([hornerk@releechurch.org](mailto:hornerk@releechurch.org) or 540-463-4981). The official

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## DATES AND UPDATES

### Looking Ahead in September

- 2 Deans Meeting, Evans House, 10--2
- 2 EdCon, BMRC, noon--2:30 PM
- 4 Finance Committee, Evans House, 10:AM--1 PM
- 5 Higher Education Committee, Evans House, 3--5 PM
- 10 Parish Secretaries Day, Evans House, noon-2 PM
- 11 Commission On Ministry, Evans House, 10 AM--2 PM
- 13 Executive Board, Evans House, 9:30 AM--2 PM
- 19 Parish Webmaster Training, Evans House, 9:30 AM--4 PM,
- 20 Parish Staff Musicians Brunch; Evans House, 10 AM--2 PM
- 23--26 Bishop's Walkabout: Abingdon Convocation
- 27 Companions for Mission, Evans House, 10 AM--2 PM
- 30--October 3 Bishop's Walkabout: Lynchburg Convocation

**Reimbursement checks will be written in the diocesan office on the following dates:**

Sept. 10, 24    Oct. 8, 22  
Nov. 12, 24    Dec. 9, 19

**"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."**

~C.S. Lewis



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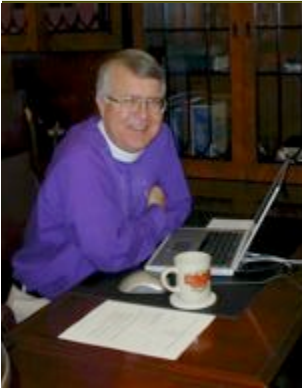
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# Stewardship

*"We are the users, borrowers, renters, and stewards of God's creation."*

*--The Rt. Rev. Neff Powell  
Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia*

Dear Friends in Christ,

September is the month for many parish leaders to be thinking about stewardship, leading up to the Every Member Canvass. In this spirit, the second annual Stewardship Development Institute was held at Phoebe Needles on Saturday, August 16. There were twenty-four participants from thirteen congregations throughout the diocese who spent the day learning more about stewardship in the Bible, planned giving, stewardship with children, and new stewardship resources available from the BMRC.

The words steward and stewardship do not appear often in the Bible. The Oxford Concise Concordance offers only five references, all in the New Testament. Yet the theme of stewardship is on every page of scripture. God is the creator, owner, and sustainer of all that is in creation. We are the users, borrowers, renters, and stewards of God's creation.

Stewardship touches every aspect of our lives.

At the Lambeth Conference I was talking about global warming with a bishop from the Solomon Islands, in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. He said, "The ocean used to always be thirty yards from my house. Now, in a storm, the ocean comes up to my doorstep. And the mango groves have been flooded, destroying the trees with saltwater." This bishop worries that his diocese may physically disappear within the next ten years. We are stewards of God's creation. Ensuring environmental sustainability, Millennium Development Goal #7, was an important issue at Lambeth.

Psalms 127 says, "Children are a heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is a gift." We are stewards of our children. We do not own our children; they are loaned to us by God for our care. How are we doing as stewards of our children: at home, at church, as a nation, and as a world community?

The stewardship of possessions is probably the most challenging spiritual issue we face. If you read the gospels through stewardship lenses, you will see how often Jesus cautions us about the dangers of possessions and wealth.

The surest way to keep a right relationship with God is to practice generous giving. The Biblical standard is the tithe, returning to God 10%, off the top, from the first fruits, back to God through the Church. The other 90% is made holy by returning the first 10% to God. If you work towards and practice tithing, I assure you that your heart will stay firmly oriented toward God, for, as Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Grace and Peace,



## Remembering and Reflecting

*"I don't really know what the next chapter of this story will tell."*

*-Alan Boyce  
Deputy for Administration*

August 6 started like any other day, but by noon the Evans House staff found ourselves reflecting in unexpected directions.

From time to time, we've found signs that someone has been on the grounds after hours. That morning, I was told that someone was still there, sleeping. Unable to wake him, I called 911. EMTs arrived quickly and determined that the man had died.

In the midst of all of the ensuing confusion—police, ambulance, TV crews, news reporters—our young visitors from Bradford, their chaperones, and their hosts were at Evans House for one of our Lunch & Learn series featuring Fiona Beevers, of Bradford, sharing stories of her visit to Sudan, complete with depressing photos of some of the very sad conditions in which the Sudanese find themselves. I offered prayers for our youth, for our Bradford guests, for our bountiful lunch . . . and for those struggling with addictions, who find themselves hungry and frightened and living in the streets. Listening to Fiona, looking at her pictures of

the children of God in a land far, far away, I was realizing that not fifteen feet from where she was standing was another child of God, whose name we did not know, now deceased.

All of us on staff here were deeply moved by this event. Diocesan Communications Officer Christie Wills did an outstanding job with the media that day. She was able to share the dimension of the church's compassion for this man and his struggles. As a staff, we resolved to plant a tree on the grounds of Evans House so this unique individual would be remembered.

A week later, the diocesan staff held a memorial service designed and led by The Rev. Stephen Stanley (Christ, Roanoke) in the chapel at Evans House. Ten family members attended. Sam Darby (St. John's, Roanoke) played hymns on his guitar. We dedicated a special tree that our volunteer master gardener, Dr. Bob McClanahan (St. Paul's, Salem) purchased and planted for this occasion. Ann Garst and the ladies of St. John's, Roanoke, organized

a reception for the family following the service and the dedication of the tree. Parishioners from some of our churches who heard what had happened and wanted to support the family attended the service. In this way, and in the prayers of those around the diocese, the community honored the memory of the man who died.

I don't really know what the next chapter of this story will tell. We have just discovered new signs that someone else is periodically taking up transitory residence in the bushes on the south side of Evans House. I'll keep driving up the alley and taking a look first thing every morning. Perhaps I will again be given the opportunity to make a connection, to help. We know that much is being done across our diocese for those who are homeless and alone—but we also see, most poignantly, that there are those who slip through the cracks.

May the newly-planted tree serve as a reminder. May we not forget about this child of God, and may we not lose sight that, given a personal storm, we could find ourselves feeling just as hopelessly lost and alone. And finally, may we continue to stay in the community of our friends and neighbors in the common realization that we need one another to make it safely across to the other side of where we are going.



# 2008 Diocesan Events Calendar

The Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

As of August 16, 2008

## September 10

### Parish Secretaries & Administrators Luncheon

Evans House Diocesan Office, noon-2 p.m.

**This event is for:** Parish secretaries and administrators

**Focus:** An appreciation luncheon for the ministry of parish secretaries.

**Cost:** Free

**Contact:** Lynn Robertson, [Lrobertson@dioswva.org](mailto:Lrobertson@dioswva.org)

## September 19

### Parish Webmaster Training Day

Evans House Diocesan Office, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

**This event is for:** Parish webmasters

**Focus:** The diocese has negotiated the opportunity for parishes to host their church web sites at no additional cost to parishes. In order to utilize this benefit, parish web masters must attend this training workshop. Space is limited but all those involved in parish web site maintenance are encouraged to attend. *A communications ministry of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia.*

**Cost:** \$40 per parish

**Contact:** Christie Wills, [cwills@dioswva.org](mailto:cwills@dioswva.org)

## September 20

### Parish Staff Musicians Brunch

Evans House Diocesan Office, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**This event is for:** Parish staff musicians

**Focus:** An appreciation brunch for the ministry of parish music staff. The brunch will be followed by an optional planning session for Council 2009's music.

**Cost:** Free

**Contact:** Lynn Robertson, [Lrobertson@dioswva.org](mailto:Lrobertson@dioswva.org)

## November 1

### Diocesan Art Day

St. John's, Roanoke

**This event is for:** Everyone

**Focus:** Whether you're a novice or a skilled artist, enjoy a day of community and reflection-centered art. Workshops to include digital photography and textile arts, among others.

**Cost:** \$20 includes lunch and materials

**Contact:** Christie Wills, [cwills@dioswva.org](mailto:cwills@dioswva.org)

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## Moving On

*"It has never been easy to change our perceptions of how God intends us to love and be loved by the world."*

—Gene Anderson  
Diocesan Transition and Congregational Development Officer

It has always puzzled me that some people in the church have this idea that the church is a fixed, never-changing creation of God, one that should resist “newness” in many things--especially in worship, statements of belief, and acceptance of those unlike us.

The puzzlement comes from a suspicion that many Episcopalians have a poor understanding of the Christian faith, let alone the history of the Christian Church and its interpretation of the Bible. In almost any understanding of the history of the church, it is obvious that our history clearly shows that the Christian faith has never been a static, unyielding perception of who God is and what God intends, let alone how people have interpreted the Bible.

I believe that the current, almost fundamentalist idea that the words of the Bible have always been interpreted **only** in a certain way exists only in the minds of people who are locked into a limited understanding of Church history. Church history demonstrates quite clearly that, as a matter of fact, the church has been engaged since its beginning in trying to clarify what the faith is really about and how it affects human beings at a particular moment in history.

And usually the ‘final statements’ of almost every church, as years have passed, have been seen as very narrow and limiting in an understanding of how God calls us to love one another and care for one another in an ever-changing, often bigoted, world. To mention just a few, the idea in the Inquisition that it was better that a heretic be killed (sometimes by torture) and sent to God for judgment; the idea that Thomas Aquinas has written the final and complete understanding of the Christian Faith; the idea that birth control, *per se*, is a violation of God’s intent for human beings; the permissibility to see and maintain black people as second class citizens whom it was okay to utilize as slaves; the permissibility of using children as young as six years old to work in factories; the concept that women could never be intelligent enough to vote; and, finally, the practice in the middle ages of forcing naked Jews to run through the city on Good Friday and be beaten for being the killers of Jesus. All these are examples of the idiocy of thinking that “the church is a fixed, never-changing creation of God that should resist ‘newness’ in many things.”

All of this is to try to illustrate that

the church has always been ‘moving on’ to a broader and more loving understanding of what it means to be a Christian and how to live out our lives with others who are like, and unlike, us.

**Let us make no mistake** and think that the church has always moved on with ease, agreement, or even loving acceptance of those who have not wanted to “move on.” There have always been people who have not wanted to succumb to the idea that ‘the unloved among us are as acceptable to Jesus as **we** are.’ It has never been easy to change our perceptions of how God intends us to love and be loved by the world.

Too many times we have not wanted to ‘move on.’ Too many times we not loved those who were unlike us. In every example I have mentioned above, there were leaders in the Church against those changes encouraged by some.

### **So, what should our attitude be?**

I think we should learn to live and love one another with a posture of waiting, trying hard to see Jesus in those around us, whether they agree or disagree with us. We need to be encouraging everyone to love all those who disagree with us and not be mean-spirited and judgmental. Jesus said, “Judge not,” and that’s not bad advice for all in the church. We also need to be willing to love each other and to allow and encourage those who cannot love us as we try to ‘move on,’ to move on themselves to a place where they will be comfortable and happy. If we cannot grow in Jesus’ love where we are, then we should be allowed

and encouraged to 'move on' to a place where we can grow, as we are able.

We love in this waiting because we know inside that 1) Jesus will be the ultimate judge of what the church must become, and 2) that in a hundred years it will be clear what Jesus intended. Who knows, maybe even one of the people reading this will be around to say, as good righteous Christians have always said, "I told you so!"

Then again, maybe not! But we have never been in the wrong by trying to love more those who are unlovable and who disagree with us. That is, after all, why we are here, isn't it? So, let's move on!

*Gene*

## Parish Transitions

--The Rev. Gene Anderson  
Diocesan Transition and  
Congregational Development Office

† **St. Thomas Church, Abingdon**, is seeking a part-time youth coordinator.

† **Ascension, Amherst**, is seeking a part-time priest.

† Bishop Powell will install **The Rev. Craig Dolack** from Savannah, Georgia, to be rector of **St. Mark's, Fincastle**, on September 9.

† **St. Stephen's, Forest**, has decided to seek a Priest-in-Charge. **The Rev. Christopher Heying** has accepted a call to St. Peter's Church in the Diocese of Northwest Texas. September 7 will be his last Sunday at St. Stephen's.

† **Christ, Pearisburg**, is seeking a new priest.

**Mark your calendar for  
Fall Mission Days**

**Oct 5 ~ Lynchburg Convocation**  
St. Paul's, Lynchburg, 2:30–4:30 PM

**Oct 12 ~ Roanoke Convocation**  
Trinity, Moneta, 2:30–4:30 PM

**Oct 19 ~ Abingdon Convocation**  
St. Thomas, Abingdon, 2:30–4:30 PM

**Oct 26 ~ New River Convocation**  
Christ, Blacksburg, 3:00–5:00 PM

**Nov 2 ~ Augusta Convocation**  
Emmanuel, Covington, 3:00–5:00 PM

**Fall convocation meetings, by canon, are designed:**

- to facilitate the expression of delegates' and parishioners' views on the needs and opportunities of the diocese for the upcoming year;
- to elect, or to nominate for election at Council, candidates for certain diocesan leadership positions;
- and to hear the Bishop's Vision for the Diocese.

Fall Mission Day materials will be emailed to clergy delegates, lay delegates, and alternates in advance of the meeting so that they may become familiar with these in advance. Printed copies will be available at each convocation meeting.

† **Christ Church, Marion**, has called **The Rev. Dr. Chris Mason** as their part-time priest.

† **All Saint's, Norton**, and **St. Mark's, St. Paul**, have called **The Rev. Robert Beauchamp** as their Priest-in-Charge.

† The **Grace Church, Radford**, vestry is planning conversations with rector candidates.

† **Trinity, Staunton**, has called **The Rev. Dr. Paul Nancarrow** from St. Louis Park, MN, to be their new rector beginning September 1.

† **David Dixon** will be ordained to the diaconate at 11 AM, on Saturday, September 6, at **St. John's, Roanoke**.

† A Celebration of New Ministry will take place at 3 PM on September 20, at **Church of the Good Shepherd, Galax**, as they welcome their new rector, **The Rev. Helen Beasley**.

† **St. John's, Wytheville**, welcomes their new rector, **The Rev. Kent Tarpley**, with a Celebration of New Ministry on September 21 at 10:00 AM.



# "...That They All May Be One."

*Fruitful Expression of Ecumenical Living*

*--The Rev. Becky Crites  
Diocesan Ecumenical and Inter-religious Officer*

Ecumenical work is thriving in most of our parishes though shared mission work, Vacation Bible Schools and clergy groups. Participation in ecumenical and interfaith work often comes about in surprising ways. When Clyde Shepherd, of St. Paul's, Lynchburg, was living in New England, occasionally he would visit other denominations for Sunday morning worship. A couple of years ago, he realized that since his move back to Lynchburg, he had not visited other churches in this area. About the same time, he read that Sunday morning was the most segregated hour in American life. These two thoughts led him to investigate a downtown ecumenical Bible study class that would meet on Sunday mornings. By last year, seven churches had joined together for Bible study, with hosting rotated between the member churches. Joining with St. Paul's are Jackson Street UMC, Court St. UMC, Holy Cross RC, Court Street Baptist, Diamond Hill Baptist and Jericho Mission Baptist. The program also included two larger celebratory gatherings, one at Christmas and another as the

program ended for a summer break. This fall Westminster Presbyterian will join the fold. Aside from posting announcements of each other's events, a number of spin-off activities have occurred. The group is working on a pamphlet about each of the downtown churches. A neighborhood street clean-up has gathered the young people from each church to adopt and work together to clean up neighboring streets. A monthly dinner is on the horizon for those in the area who are lonely or in need of a meal. This fruitful expression of ecumenical living is just one example of many in our diocese. If you would like to talk with Clyde about this program, you may contact him through St. Paul's.

Please let the ecumenical/interfaith commission know what your church is doing in these areas. In the Roanoke convocation, the contact person is Walter Moretz at [ksmwjm@yahoo.com](mailto:ksmwjm@yahoo.com). In the Lynchburg Convocation, please contact Tom Mills at [tmill24141@verizon.net](mailto:tmill24141@verizon.net). In the

Augusta convocations, please contact The Rev. Becky Crites at [beckett605@cox.net](mailto:beckett605@cox.net). If you are a member of a church in the New River or Abingdon convocation, please contact me if you are interested in reporting on this work in your area.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The Lutheran, Episcopal, Roman Catholic, and United Methodist Churches are holding their annual conference Nov. 14th /15th in Portsmouth, Virginia. The topic this year is St. Paul: Church Unity and Conflict. The conference begins Friday afternoon with The Rev. Dr. Katherine Grieb speaking on UMC History. Dr. Grieb is an engaging, thoughtful, and energetic speaker. Friday night she will speak about how Paul contributes to our thoughts on baptism and how baptism gives us our identity. Saturday morning, her presentation will focus on Paul and justification and how justification affirms our Christian identity. A second presentation will focus on how Paul contributes to unity and disunity in ecumenical debate. Between talks there will be the opportunity for round table discussion with those of other denominations. Please consider attending this conference and the opportunity to gather with others who are also striving to walk faithfully with Christ.

Registration information for this conference will be available in October. I will deliver the forms to Evans House when I receive them.





## Help Me Help You

*Fall Convocation Meetings are a chance to learn more about the wonderful ministries going on all over the diocese and interact with members of other parishes in your area.*

*--Jenny Dye  
Diocesan Services Coordinator*

Dear Friends,

After a summer off tending to a new baby (and an increasingly independent toddler), I'm back at Evans House and ready to serve! Please bear with me as I readjust. I'm jumping right back in preparing for Executive Board meetings, Fall Convocation meetings, and Council. It's hard to believe it's already time for us to start thinking about Council!

As we prepare, I encourage you to contact your Deans, Presidents, Delegates and Alternates, and members of Executive Board and other committees. These

representatives are elected to serve you and they will be attending the Fall Convocation meetings to hear ministry requests (where committees/groups request money to support their ministries), learn about Council business, and discuss other business before our diocese. Find out what will be happening at Fall Convocation meetings and ask your representatives to let you know about the meetings after they are over. All parishioners are invited to attend convocation meetings--you will get a chance to learn more about the wonderful ministries going on all over the diocese and interact

with members of other parishes in your area. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our diocese!

In addition to attending the meetings, you can find out more about them by visiting [www.dioswva.org](http://www.dioswva.org), the diocesan website. BaseCamp, an interactive website, is another useful way for parish officers to learn more.

Clergy, Officers of the Diocese, Delegates and Alternates, committee members, and parish secretaries/administrators will receive emails with the information to be presented at all of the meetings leading up to Council. If you want to find out more, please contact our office or your representatives and parish staff.

If there is anything I can do to answer questions or help you prepare for these meetings, please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Please keep diocesan volunteers in your prayers during*

### September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Please pray today for Karen Moretz	2 Please pray today for Ruth Morrison	3 Please pray today for Bill Williamson	4 Please pray today for Avis Aheron	5 Please pray today for Esther Williamson
8 Please pray today for John Hall	9 Please pray today for Suzan Anderson	10 Please pray today for Abby Welsh	11 Please pray today for Jackie Arthur	12 Please pray today for Holly Mills
15 Please pray today for Carey Harvey cutter	16 Please pray today for Bob McClanahan	17 Please pray today for Judy McCartney	18 Please pray today for Jim Robertson	19 Please pray today for Pam Wiegandt
22 Please pray today for Elizabeth Nichols	23 Please pray today for Ellen Agner	24 Please pray today for Frances Stebbins	25 Please pray today for Dorothy Powell	26 Please pray today for Scott Agner
29 Please pray today for Camille and Bill Senter	30 Please pray today for all volunteers, past and present			

# Partners in Prayer

Three times a year, parish offices and clergy receive a printed copy of the diocesan **Prayer Calendar** for the upcoming four-month period. As part of our mutual life in Christ, Bishop Powell has directed that the prayers in this Calendar, including those for our brothers and sisters in Bradford and in Sudan and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, be used at each Eucharist in every parish of our diocese. In addition, I hope that you use the Calendar as part of your daily prayers. Remember that we are being prayed for in Bradford and Sudan in the same way.



The prayers for our diocese follow the bishop's calendar closely, specific parishes and convocations being named in the week in which the bishop makes his official visitation. Prayers for seminarians, postulants, and candidates for holy orders are placed near Ember Days. Other events are included according to their occurrence in the diocesan calendar. I fit in prayers for the various organizations, institutions, and committees of our diocese where space is available.

The prayers for our companion diocese of Bradford, England, come to me from Richard Bailey, who edits a publication similar to this one. A list of parishes in our diocese which are linked to parishes in Bradford (see sidebar) is also included in the **Prayer Calendar** booklet. If your parish is interested in re-establishing a former link or forging a new one, please contact the Companions for Mission at [c4m@dioswva.org](mailto:c4m@dioswva.org).

I extract the prayers for The Episcopal Church of Sudan, with whom we also have a companion relationship, from **Sudan Church Review**, a magazine published by the Diocese of Salisbury, England.

I consult the Anglican Cycle of Prayer website (found at ([www.anglicancommunion.org/acp/](http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acp/))) for those prayers, and I recommend that you consult that site often to verify the information in this Calendar since the Calendar has to be prepared well in advance of the dates of the assigned prayers. Changes in diocesan leadership throughout the Anglican Communion do occur!

An online edition of the Calendar can be found on the diocesan website ([www.dioswva.org](http://www.dioswva.org)) in the Ministries section. If additions or corrections need to be made after the Calendar is printed, I will make them there, with deletions struck through and additions formatted in bold type.

May we all continue to pray together regularly through the use of this Calendar, to the strengthening of our spiritual lives, and may God bless each of you in your various ministries.

Yours in Christ,  
Lynn Robertson  
Bishop's Secretary and **Prayer Calendar** Editor  
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## Parish Links with Bradford

Altavista-St. Peter and Bedford--St. Thomas AND Langcliffe-St. John and Stainforth-St. Peter  
Bedford-St. John AND Cross Roadscum-Lees-St. James  
Blacksburg-Christ AND Haworth-St. Michael and All Angels  
Buchanan-Trinity AND Hellifield-St. Aidan  
Forest-St. Stephen AND Oxenhope-St. Mary the Virgin  
Glasgow-St. John us linked AND Silsden-St. James  
Lexington-R. E. Lee AND Eccleshill-St. Luke  
Lynchburg-Grace AND Harden-St. Saviour and Wilsden-St. Matthew  
Lynchburg-St. Barnabas AND Cullingworth-St. John  
Lynchburg-St. John AND Ilkley-All Saints  
Lynchburg-St. Paul AND St. John the Evangelist, St. James, and St. Hugh  
Massies Mill-Grace AND Leathley-St. Oswald  
Moneta-Trinity AND Coniston Cold-St. Peter and Kirkby in Malhamdale-St. Michael the Archangel  
Nellysford-Peace in the Valley with Rathmell AND Wigglesworth-Holy Trinity  
Norton-All Saints AND Heaton-St. Barnabas  
Pulaski-Christ AND Kettlewell-St. Mary  
Radford-Grace AND Menston-St. John the Divine  
Roanoke-St. Elizabeth AND Great Horton-St. John  
Roanoke-St. James AND Giggleswick-St. Alkelda  
Roanoke-St. John AND Bradford-Cathedral Church of St. Peter  
Rocky Mount-Trinity AND Mitton-All Hallows  
Salem-St. Paul AND Skipton-Holy Trinity  
Waynesboro-St. John AND Woodhall-St. James the Great  
Wytheville-St. John AND Settle-Holy Ascension

# Imagine This

a day for art and reflection in the diocese  
of southwestern virginia

Saturday, November 1  
9:30-3:30 p.m.  
St. John's, Roanoke  
\$20 registration

Keynote Address by  
Dr. Pamela Simpson  
Professor of Art History, Washington & Lee  
"Art as Spiritual Expression"

**Among the workshops:**

- Painting with renowned local artist  
Harriett Stokes
- Finding the Sacred using Digital  
Photography with the Rev. Ray Moore
- The Gift of Music with RoseAnn Burgess
- Knitting/Textile Arts
- Anglican Rosaries with Aimee Bostwick
- ...and more

**Comments from 2007 participants:**

"This was a wonderful day. It was such a blessing to me."

"The workshops were excellent— I could not choose which to attend."

*To register, email Christie Wills at [cwills@dioswva.org](mailto:cwills@dioswva.org) by October 25.*



# Youth Ministries News and Updates

*Every Picture Tells A Story*

*-Aimee Bostwick  
Diocesan Youth Coordinator*



*Diocesan youth and Bradford guests*



Every picture does tell a story-- and there are many stories to be told after such a busy summer!

Our Bradford youth arrived safely on July 18 in Washington, DC, where, thanks to the help of Joe and Laura Harden, they received an amazing tour of our nation's capitol. The Brits had hardly caught their breath from their international flight before we were off to see the sights of the city. Marsh Baker, Emily Harden, Hunter Hart, and Sarah Bentley joined us in sharing DC. We visited the Spy Museum, the Native American Museum, the Air and Space Museum, the National Cathedral, took a walking tour of the monuments at night, and worshipped at St. Alban's parish (thanks to Sam and Erin Hensley for such a warm welcome). The zoo was our last stop as we left the city. I must say, I have never known DC to be so hot, yet there were no complaints from our companions.

From DC, it was off to Staunton, where Kate and Constance Harrington took charge of our activities. We began with a wonderful potluck supper at Trinity, Staunton. Host families greeted our visitors and whisked them away. While in Staunton, they toured Monticello and spent a day in Charlottesville.

Lynchburg was the next stop on their tour of Southwestern Virginia. They were offered the opportunity to shop while in Lynchburg. A day was spent with our Monacan friends at St. Paul's, Bear Mountain. Many, many thanks to Vera Trant for her efforts in making arrangements for a memorable visit.

There is someone I must thank for handling such a large part of this trip and for being a constant guide along the way and that is Laura Harden. She helped with

chaperoning in DC, stayed with our Bradford guests in Staunton, offered to take care of their laundry, drove the van (Percy was its name) all around Southwestern Virginia and, to top it all off, accompanied us on our trip to New Orleans. Laura is a true servant and serves with such energy, patience and joy. She is an inspiration to me and to all who come in contact with her.

One third of the Bradford exchange was a week spent in New Orleans as part of the 42-person team we sent to work with the Office of Disaster Response to assist in their rebuilding efforts. As a group we worshipped together at Trinity New Orleans, visited the French Quarter, experienced Preservation Hall, and zydeco danced at the Rock-n- Bowl. Alongside our British brothers and sisters we worked every day in 90+ degree temperatures laying tile and laminate flooring, building ramps, painting, hanging sheetrock, and mudding. Not one complaint was heard from the youth and the work they accomplished was amazing.

I can think of no better way to forge relationships in our exchange than working alongside one another on a mission trip. Our last week in Roanoke was more the richer for our time spent together serving others.

About fifty people from around the diocese attended the Bradford Bash held on August 5 at St. John's, Roanoke. Sam Hensley joined us from DC and led us in incredible music. Sam's concert was followed by our Monacan brothers and sisters dancing and sharing some of their traditions with us. They began our Eucharist by leading us into the sanctuary

**Watch This Space!** *Diocesan youth have a lot to look forward to!*

**September:**

- 6: YMT meeting at Evans House; 9 AM--5 PM
- 7 : Stop Hunger Now Event with Emmanuel, Staunton
- 14: Aimee leads music for Mass on the Grass in Altavista

**October**

- 2-5 Province III network meeting. Four YMT youth and two adults needed
- 5: Lynchburg Convocation meeting; 2:30--4:30 PM at St. Paul's, Lynchburg.
- 12: Roanoke Convocation meeting at Trinity, Moneta, 2:30--4:30 AM
- 17-19: Mass on the Mountain at Bear Mountain in Amherst. Join our Monacan brothers and sisters as we camp, hike, and participate in a sacred sweat to prepare for the Eucharist, to be held atop Bear Mountain. This will prove to be an unforgettable weekend. We will finish early on Sunday morning so people can return home for other activities.
- 19: Abingdon Convocation meeting at St. Thomas, Abingdon, 2:30--4:30 PM
- 26: New River Convocation meeting at Christ, Blacksburg, 3:00--5:00 PM

**November**

- 1: Diocesan Art Day at St. John's, Roanoke. Youth are very much encouraged to attend workshops on photography, painting, making Anglican rosaries, and more.
- 2: Augusta Convocation meeting at Emmanuel, Covington, 3:00--5:00.
- 14-16: Fall Youth Event for all in grades 8-12 at Phoebe Needles.

**December 27-January 1:** Winterlight at Kanuga for all in grades 9-12. Visit [www.kanuga.org](http://www.kanuga.org) for more information and to register for this unforgettable event.



with a dance of unity. The Rev. Barkley Thompson (St. John's, Roanoke) was the celebrant. Lewis Flatt, a youth from the Diocese of Bradford, delivered an inspiring sermon about unity in the church. It brought everyone to their feet in applause. It was a wonderful and memorable event in so many ways.

As we said goodbye to our Bradford friends in DC on August 7, there were tears of joy, sadness and thankfulness to God for allowing our paths to cross in such a meaningful way. In a time in the Anglican communion when being unified seems to be a challenge, it is the youth of our church that lead the way in showing that our differences do not divide us, but unite us closer together as the body of Christ. We thank our Bradford friends for enriching our diocese with their beautiful spirits these past three weeks.

One last note about the summer: It is with great joy that I share with you about the renewed relationship with the Monacan youth and adults at St. Paul's, Bear Mountain. Five Monacans participated as part of our diocesan delegation to EYE. There they had the opportunity to meet with other Episcopal Native Americans and share what is going on with their own tribe. By the end of the trip, it was evident that we were deeply touched by the presence of our Monacan friends. A new relationship has begun for the youth of our diocese and nothing could make me happier or prouder as your diocesan coordinator. Please save the date of Oct. 17--19 for Mass on the Mountain at Bear Mountain and become a part of this wonderful relationship.

*Aimee K. Bostrick*

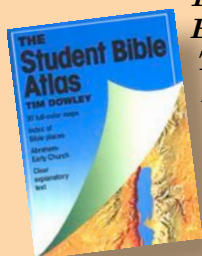
## Building the Classroom

Along with craft supplies, there are some other things that are useful for church school classrooms.

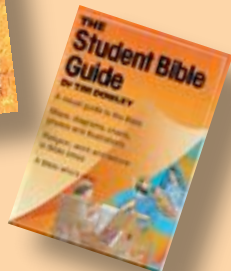


\* **Bibles:** Make sure there are bibles in good repair that children can use--and will want to pick up.

\* **Bible Dictionary** or some kind of Bible handbook. Tim Dowley has written some good books for kids:

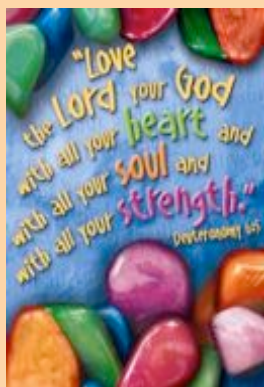


**The Student Bible Atlas and The Student Bible Guide**



\* **Maps:** Remember the power of a map! Upper elementary students are especially hungry for knowledge and fitting things into place. Seeing maps on the wall for the places they hear about in the Bible helps to make lasting connections in students' brains.

\* **Posters:** In the same way, attractive posters with the Lord's Prayer, the books of the Bible, or specific verses, help by being constant reinforcements of words and knowledge they are learning in church.



## Turn! Turn! Turn!

*"To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose, under heaven. . . ."*

--Kate Garcia

Bishop Marmion Resource Center Coordinator,  
Editor, *Connections*  
Insurance Contact for Active Clergy and Lay Employees



Curricula and Stewardship are popular requests in the BMRC, as summer winds down and the church-school year begins.

The Second Annual Stewardship Development Institute, held at the Phoebe Needles Center in August, introduced a Share-Save-Spend curriculum called "Financial Sanity." Designed to help youth and adults think, talk, and act about money in ways that honor their values, the curriculum is divided into four one-hour learning sessions. A Leader's Guide and DVD enable each session to be thought-provoking and interactive, suitable for ages 8 to 80.

The cost of the DVD and Leader's Guide is \$200. Thanks to the generous bequest of Ann Sherman, the diocese is able to offer matching funds in purchasing this curriculum. Two or more parishes may purchase the curriculum together to share, if they choose. A copy of these materials will be available in the BMRC for review, and I invite you to drop in and take a look. With questions like, "What would you do with \$200?" and "What's the difference between your room as child and a child's room today?" discussion crosses generations and invites participants to discover if their treasure and hearts are in the same place.

**Episcopal Life** reports that one of the most frequently visited areas on the Episcopal Church's website is **Lesson Plans for Small Congregations**. Here, parish educators will find sets of lesson plans that follow the Revised Common Lectionary for the entire year. There is a set of three lesson plans for each Sunday: one for young children, one for older children, and one for adults. Each lesson includes a list of materials and preparation needed, a prayer, an activity, and discussion opportunities. Under "Development" is a series of intergenerational lesson plans for the major feast days. These are designed to bring together the entire parish with a variety of activities. Many of these lesson plans already are available on the site, found at [http://www.episcopalchurch.org/50534\\_ENG\\_HTM.htm?menupage=51914](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/50534_ENG_HTM.htm?menupage=51914), with more to come.

Here's a special request: If you're receiving **Connections** because you're in a leadership role in your parish, please remember to post and pass on helpful information.

Let us know how we can help you! We're here to serve, in the BMRC and throughout Evans House.

*Kate*



# CHILDREN'S CHARTER



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## FOR THE CHURCH

### Nurture of THE CHILD

**Children are a heritage from the LORD, and the fruit of the womb is a gift. — Psalm 127:4 (BCP)**

#### THE CHURCH IS CALLED:

- ◆ to receive, nurture and treasure each child as a gift from God;
- ◆ to proclaim the Gospel to children, in ways that empower them to receive and respond to God's love;
- ◆ to give high priority to the quality of planning for children and the preparation and support of those who minister with them;
- ◆ to include children, in fulfillment of the Baptismal Covenant, as members and full participants in the Eucharistic community and in the church's common life of prayer, witness and service.

### Ministry to THE CHILD

**Then Jesus took the children in his arms, placed his hands on each of them and blessed them.— Mark 10:16**

#### THE CHURCH IS CALLED:

- ◆ to love, shelter, protect and defend children within its own community and in the world, especially those who are abused, neglected or in danger;
- ◆ to nurture and support families in caring for their children, acting in their children's best interest, and recognizing and fostering their children's spirituality and unique gifts;
- ◆ to embrace children who seek Christian nurture independently of their parents' participation in the church;
- ◆ to advocate for the integrity of childhood and the dignity of all children at every level of our religious, civic and political structures.

### Ministry of THE CHILD

**A child shall lead them — Isaiah 11:6**

#### THE CHURCH IS CALLED:

- ◆ to receive children's special gifts as signs of the Reign of God;
- ◆ to foster community beyond the family unit, in which children, youth and adults know each other by name, minister to each other, and are partners together in serving Christ in the world;
- ◆ to appreciate children's abilities and readiness to represent Christ and his church, to bear witness to him wherever they may be, and according to gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world, and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the church. (*Ministry of the Laity pg. 855 BCP*)

For more information: [www.episcopalchurch.org/myp](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/myp) 1-800-334-7626 ext 5212

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observance of Marc Nikkel Day this year is September 7. Materials to use during services that day are available to parish leaders in the Clergy Corner and Parish Officers areas of Basecamp.

Please remember to send in information about how your parish is observing the Feast of Marc Nikkel!

• **The Outreach Committee of St. John's, Roanoke, is pleased to present The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry as our speaker on Tuesday, September 23, at 7:00 PM.** Bishop Curry has had extensive involvement in social justice ministries. Join us in the Gathering area at St. John's, Roanoke, located at 1 Mountain Ave SW in Roanoke, VA--and be prepared to be inspired!

• **Active and retired clergy and spouses are encouraged to attend the Planning for Tomorrow/Enriching Your Retirement conference at Hotel Roanoke on October 24-25.** Visit [www.cpg.org/productsservices/conferences.cfm](http://www.cpg.org/productsservices/conferences.cfm) for answers to questions like "why attend?" "cost," etc. Contact Stokes Liles at (800) 223-6602, weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern), ext. 6278, for more information.

• **St. John's, Roanoke, invites all who are interested to the 2008 Dodson Distinguished Speaker Program, on Monday, October 27.** At noon there will be a luncheon for Episcopal priests, and everyone is invited for a dinner and lecture at St. John's that evening. This year's speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Dan Matthews, rector emeritus of Trinity-Wall Street in Lower Manhattan.

• **Anthony Santoro** (see August

issue of Connections, page 17) **will be in Virginia through January 31 and would be available to host a topical study/discussion concerning the death penalty.** If your parish is willing to host such a study, or would like to hear more about the project before making a decision, please do not hesitate to contact him with any questions you might have. He can be reached via email ([ams2fx@gmail.com](mailto:ams2fx@gmail.com)) or cell phone: 757-338-5755.

• **St. James Episcopal Parish in Roanoke is leading the "Vote Out Poverty" campaign in connection with the national elections in November.** Sponsored by Sojourners, a non-profit, non-partisan agency, the campaign is a nation wide effort to make political office seekers aware of the large number of voters who want to make poverty a central issue in the political campaigns of congressional and senatorial office seekers. The central goal is to register un-registered potential voters, and to obtain signatures on pledge cards of as many registered voters as possible, thus "getting their attention." Sojourners will ask the same thing from presidential candidates.

Sojourners is a faith based organization, believing that we as various denominations have more in common than we have differences, and that there are certain issues that transcend denominational boundaries, such as poverty, war and peace, health care, environmental issues, and others. Churches are asked to set aside a Sunday, preferably September 21, as "Poverty Sunday," in which poverty issues are discussed in

sermons, adult education classes, and other such opportunities.

The central elements of the campaign include pledge cards asking candidates how they plan to reduce poverty in the U.S. by half in the next ten years, and how they expect to help meet the Millenium Development Goals, a world wide emphasis. VOP Campaigners will deliver the cards and lists of signers to candidates in late September, asking candidates, in turn, to sign pledge cards of their own. In doing so, campaigners will expect candidates to outline how they plan to meet the goals. Voters, upon hearing what candidates will have to say, may vote as they choose.

The campaign is non-partisan, with the hope of enlisting candidates of all parties to understand the urgency of poverty issues, and showing candidates the numbers of people who have signed on to push for solutions to poverty issues. Other than printing pledge cards, which are available to copy and distribute, there is little expense.

The Biblical teaching is clear. Jesus talked often about helping the poor, the vanity of wealth for its own sake, and the requirement that we as followers of Christ's message give of ourselves for those less fortunate.

The hope is that other parishes, or at least individual parishioners, will either plan to conduct their own campaigns, or sign pledge cards to be delivered to candidates. For further information, interested churches or individuals may contact Sam Campbell, a St. James parishioner, at [shcampbell@jetbroadband.com](mailto:shcampbell@jetbroadband.com); phone 540-489-4536; or 145 Cromwell Drive, Rocky Mount, VA 24151.



## SPONSOR-A-DAY

To support diocesan ministries, consider sponsoring a day out of the year that has special meaning to you. Each sponsorship is a \$200 donation to diocesan ministry. You can give the donation in honor or in memory of a birthday, anniversary, death, or other occasion. (This donation is in addition to your annual voluntary pledged giving to your parish).

Parishes and small groups are also encouraged to consider sponsoring a day.

Date I/we wish to sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark your check "Sponsor-A-Day: month/day/year"

Person making donation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Occasion: \_\_\_\_\_

In Celebration of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to sponsor the same day each year, please fill out a new form each year.

May we acknowledge this gift in the diocesan publication Connections?

Yes  No

Thank you for your donation to our Sponsor-A-Day Campaign.

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PO Box 2279 ~ Roanoke VA 24009  
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at [www.dioswva.org](http://www.dioswva.org).

☺January 5: Kate Garcia; in honor of Executive Board members and in celebration of the work they do on behalf of all 5800 Episcopal households in our diocese

☺March 28: The Rev. Jim and Nancy Henry; in celebration of their granddaughter's birthday.

☺May 26: Denis and Theresa Brion, in celebration of their wedding anniversary

☺June 22: Bishop Powell in celebration of the anniversary of his election as bishop, 1996

☺July 6: Church of the Good Shepherd, Galax; in honor of the anniversary of the church's consecration

☺July 18: Mike and Jennipher Lucado in celebration of Nathan Thomas Lucado's second birthday

☺August 3: Ellen N. Bouton; in memory of her parents on their anniversary

☺**August 26: Frances Stebbins; in memory of Charles H. Stebbins, on his birthday**

☺November 21: Dennis Case

☺December 13: Yates and Ida Forbis; in celebration of Cynthia Donnelly's birthday

☺December 21: Anonymous; in thanksgiving for the people of St. Thomas, Abingdon

☺December 26: Ruth Morrison; in memory of Joseph and Alice Magee, on their wedding anniversary

☺December 27: The Rev. William R. and Mary Ann Pickels; in memory of their grandson, Zachary T. Pickels

More than \$5000 was donated in support of diocesan ministries through the 2007 Sponsor-A-Day opportunity.



## Will Our Children Be Stewards?

*Suggestions for Congregations*

*Part One*

**The Children's Offering:** Make sure children have an opportunity to participate in the regular offerings of the congregation. If they leave worship services after the Gospel reading and return to see the offering precede them down the aisle, make offering part of their Sunday School experience. Make sure they have something in which to place that offering that looks like real church equipment and not an afterthought. This is not the time for used mason jars and shabby baskets. And let the ushers present that offering at the altar along with the rest. Even better, let one of the children carry the children's offering to the altar alongside the usher carrying the other offering plates. The children's offering can come during Sunday School, children's church, or the morning worship--but it should be an event, part of the liturgy.

**Envelopes and Commitment:** Give everyone offering envelopes and invite everyone, regardless of age, to make a financial commitment to God's work through their congregation. The company who sells you your regular envelopes probably has special ones for children. You might give smaller children plain ones and let them create their own designs. Or you can simply get the usual envelopes for everyone. Children rarely complain about having some

things that are just like mom and dad's.

Do not be dismayed by the uses children will find for these envelopes. I will never forget the morning we had to find an extra envelope for a child who had found it a convenient place to put the tooth which had come out during Sunday School. Yes, it is a good idea to tell parents what you are doing and give them veto power, though I have never known a parent to refuse or complain.

If you have an annual financial commitment program (pledging), let anyone participate. As someone who began making pledges at age 10, with an allowance of a quarter a week, no one is too young and no amount too small. This is one of the best ways to encourage a financial habit of sharing in a planned, systematic, disciplined way.

**Honor Every Gift:** Record children's offerings and give them regular statements along with adults regardless of the amount they contribute. If the cost of keeping the records and generating the statements exceeds the amount of the contribution, so what? This is an investment in formation and is well worth the cost.

**Teach Stewardship:** Incorporate a discussion of stewardship into confirmation class. One priest I know includes it in preparation for baptism which is an even better idea.

**Honor Your Own Experts:** Include Christian Education volunteers in planning for your annual stewardship program. They

are valuable allies and may bring some fresh ideas along with them. Encourage them to look for stewardship teaching opportunities in whatever curriculum your church is using. There are a number of resources available, but your own people may have ideas as good or better.

**Think "Share, Save, Spend" :** This alliterative financial management mantra comes from Nathan Dungan and his book. Encourage adults and children to adopt it. It is also an excellent way to organize the congregation's own spending. Remember the old adage "Practice what you preach"? Pointing out the ways in which the congregation has shared, saved, and spent makes it a model for the household. It is also a very interesting financial/budget presentation at the annual meeting.

**Share Fair:** One way to encourage sharing as a household activity is a Share Fair. Perhaps different households can sponsor the various table displays featuring good places to share. Whether these are local, national, or international organizations, this is an excellent way for members of the congregation to explore opportunities for sharing. Don't forget, a household may be just one person.

--Terry Parsons

*Next month:  
More suggestions for teaching  
children to be stewards from  
[www.episcopalchurch.org/stewardship](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/stewardship)*

**A big THANK YOU** to all parishes who have already returned Parochial Reports, Parish Audits, Certificates of Election, Parish Officers Reports, and VPG forms to the diocesan office. Check the chart to see who you are!

(Chart reflects materials received prior to August 15, 2008.)

Parishes in need of copies can find them in the Diocesan Paperwork notebook.

For more information or other assistance, contact [LRobertson@dioswva.org](mailto:LRobertson@dioswva.org) or call 1-800-DIO-SWVA.

Parish	2008 Parish Officers Report Due 2/01/08	2007 Parochial Report Due 3/1/08	2008 Certificate of Election Due 3/31/08	2007 Parish Audit Due 8/31/0	2009 VPG Due 12/15/
Abingdon, St. Thomas	yes	yes	yes		
Altavista, St. Peter's	yes	yes	yes		
Amherst, Ascension	yes	yes	yes		
Amherst, St. Paul's	yes	yes	yes	yes	
Arrington, Trinity	yes	yes	yes		
Bedford, St. John's	yes	yes	yes		
Bedford, St. Thomas	yes	yes	yes		
Big Stone Gap, Christ	yes	yes	yes		
Blacksburg, Christ	yes	yes	yes		
Bluefield, St. Mary's	yes	yes	yes		
Blue Grass, Good Shepherd	yes	yes	yes	yes	
Bristol, Emmanuel	yes	yes	yes		
Buchanan, Trinity	yes	yes	yes		
Buena Vista, Christ	yes	yes	yes		
Callaway, St. Peter's	yes		yes		

Parish	2008 Parish Officers Report Due 2/01/08	2007 Parochial Report Due 3/1/08
Christiansburg, St. Thomas	yes	yes
Clifford, St. Mark's	yes	yes
<b>Clifton Forge, St. Andrew's</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>
Covington, Emmanuel	yes	yes
Fincastle, St. Mark's	yes	yes
Folly Mills, Good Shepherd	yes	yes
Forest, St. Stephen's	yes	yes
Galax, Good Shepherd	yes	yes
Glasgow, St. John's	yes	yes
Hot Springs, St. Luke's	yes	yes
Lexington, RE Lee	yes	yes
Lynchburg, Grace	yes	yes
Lynchburg, St. Barnabas	yes	pp. 1 & 3 inc.
Lynchburg, St. John's	yes	yes
Lynchburg, St. Paul's	yes	yes
Lynchburg, Trinity	yes	p. 1 inc.
Marion, Christ	yes	yes
Martinsville, Christ	yes	
Martinsville, St. Paul's		
Massies Mill, Grace		p. 1 inc.

2008 Certificate of Election Due 3/31/08	2007 Parish Audit Due 8/31/08	2009 VPG Due 12/15/08
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Parish	2008 Parish Officers Report Due 2/01/08	2007 Parochial Report Due 3/01/08	2008 Certificate of Election Due 3/31/08	2007 Parish Audit Due 8/31/08	2009 VPG Due 12/15/08
Moneta, Trinity	yes	yes			
Nellysford, Peace in the Valley	yes	p.1 inc.	yes		
Norton, All Saints	yes	yes	yes		
Pearisburg, Christ	yes	yes	yes		
Pedlar Mills, St. Luke's	yes	yes	yes		
Pocahontas, Christ	yes	yes	yes		
Pulaski, Christ	yes	yes	yes		
Radford, Grace	yes	yes	yes		
Richlands, Trinity	yes	yes	yes		
Roanoke, Christ	yes	yes	yes		
Roanoke, St. Elizabeth's	yes	yes	yes	yes	
Roanoke, St. James	yes	yes	yes		
Roanoke, St. John's	yes	yes	yes		
Rocky Mount, Trinity	yes	yes	yes		
St. Paul, St. Mark's		yes	yes	yes	
Salem, St. Paul's	yes	pp. 1 & 2 inc.	yes		
Saltville, St. Paul's	yes	yes		yes	
Staunton, Emmanuel	yes	yes	yes		
Staunton, Trinity	yes	yes	yes		
Tazewell, Stras	yes	yes	yes		
Waynesboro, St. John's	yes	yes	yes	yes	
Wytheville, St. John's	yes		yes		

## Clergy Supply

The following clergy have indicated availability for supply work in our diocese. Please contact [kgarcia@dioswva.org](mailto:kgarcia@dioswva.org) with changes.

Additions and changes are italicized.

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**Our Lutheran partners are excited to expand our opportunities together by sharing clergy supply lists.**

**If you feel called to work in ecumenical ministry and would like to be listed with the Lutheran Virginia Synod supply clergy, please email The Rev. Becky Crites, Diocesan Ecumenical Officer, at [beckett605@cox.net](mailto:beckett605@cox.net).**

## **Bishop's Visitations**

Bishop Powell will visit every parish in the diocese over the course of fourteen months.

### **January 2008**

06 Trinity, Rocky Mount  
13 Good Shepherd, Galax  
20 Christ, Pulaski  
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### **February 2008**

03 St. James, Roanoke  
10 St. Elizabeth's, Roanoke  
17 St. John's, Roanoke  
24 Snow make-up

### **March 2008**

02 Liberia  
09 House of Bishops  
16 Grace, Lynchburg  
19 Virginia Episcopal School  
23 St. Paul's, Salem  
30 R. E. Lee, Lexington

### **April 2008**

06 Emmanuel, Bristol  
13 St. Thomas, Christiansburg  
20 St. John's, Waynesboro  
27 St. Stephen's, Forest

### **May 2008**

04 St. Peter's, Callaway  
10 Peace in the Valley, Nellysford  
11 Nelson Parish  
17 Tazewell Cluster  
18 St. Thomas, Abingdon  
25 St. Paul's, Martinsville

### **June 2008**

01 Trinity, Staunton  
08 Vacation  
11 St. Thomas, Bedford County  
15 Christ, Blacksburg  
22 St. Luke's, Hot Springs  
29 Christ, Marion, & St. Paul's, Saltville

### **July 2008**

06 Independence Day  
13 Bradford, England  
20 Lambeth Conference  
27 Lambeth Conference

### **August 2008**

03 Lambeth Conference  
10 York, England  
17 Vacation  
24 Vacation  
28 Blue Grass, Good Shepherd

### **September 2008**

07 All Saints, Norton, & St. Mark's, St. Paul  
14 St. Peter's, Altavista  
21 St. John's, Wytheville  
28 St. John's, Lynchburg

### **October 2008**

05 St. Paul's, Lynchburg  
12 Trinity Ecumenical, Moneta  
19 Christ, Big Stone Gap  
21 St. John's, Glasgow  
26 Trinity, Buchanan

### **November 2008**

02 Emmanuel, Covington  
09 Christ, Martinsville  
16 St. Andrew's, Clifton Forge  
23 Christ, Buena Vista  
30 Thanksgiving

### **December 2008**

07 Emmanuel, Staunton  
14 St. Barnabas, Lynchburg, & Trinity, Lynchburg  
21 Christmas  
28 New Year's

### **January 2009**

04 Grace, Radford  
11 Trinity, Richlands  
18 Christ, Roanoke  
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### **February 2009**

01 St. Mark's, Fincastle  
08 St. Paul's, Bear Mountain  
15 Good Shepherd, Folly Mills  
22 Christ, Pearisburg

### **March 2009**

01 Ascension, Amherst, & St. Mark's, Clifford

## **Looking Ahead at Evans House**

### **October**

5-Lynchburg Convocation, St. Paul's, Lynchburg, 2:30--4:30 PM

12-Roanoke Convocation, Trinity, Moneta, 2:30--4:30 PM  
16 Fall Clergy Day

17 Mass on the Mountain, Bear Mountain

Oct 19-Abingdon Convocation, St. Thomas, Abingdon, 2:30--4:30 PM

23 Province III Council Meeting, Martinsburg, WVA

24--25 Planning for Tomorrow Conference, Hotel Roanoke

26 Twelfth anniversary of Bishop Powell's consecration

26-New River Convocation, Christ, Blacksburg, 3:00--5:00 PM

### **November**

1 Diocesan Art Day, 9:30--3:30, St. John's, Roanoke

1 Daughters of the King Assembly, 9:30--2, Evans House

2-Augusta Convocation, Emmanuel, Covington, 3:00--5:00 PM

4--9 Bishop's Walkabout: Roanoke Convocation

Executive Board, Evans House, 9:30--2

18--22 Bishop's Walkabout: New River Convocation

27--28 Thanksgiving Holiday; Evans House Closed

### **December**

20 Finance Committee, Evans House, 10--11

24--Jan. 1 Christmas and New Year's, Evans House closed

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## Lift High The Cross

Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim,  
Till all the world adore  
His sacred Name.

Led on their way  
by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in  
conquering ranks combine.

Each newborn servant  
of the Crucified  
Bears on the brow  
the seal of Him Who died.

O Lord, once lifted  
on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised,  
draw the world to Thee.

So shall our song of  
triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified  
for victory.

--George Kitchin and Michael Newbolt

*Almighty God,  
whose Son  
our Savior Jesus Christ  
was lifted high upon the cross  
that he might draw  
the whole world to himself:  
Mercifully grant that we,  
who glory in the mystery  
of our redemption,  
may have grace to take up  
our cross and follow him;  
who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, in glory everlasting.  
Amen.*

*Holy Cross Day  
September 15, 2008  
—Book of Common Prayer*