

# Connections

*linking diocesan leaders*

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## Around the Diocese

• **Bishop Powell invites all who are interested to a Post-Lambeth Conference meeting on Thursday, August 21, at St. Paul's, Salem.** From 2-4 PM, clergy and spouses will meet with Neff and Dorothy Powell. From 7-9 PM, lay members (plus any clergy who missed the earlier session) have an opportunity to hear the bishop reflect upon his experiences at Lambeth. Bishop Powell will gladly schedule similar parish forums upon request.

• **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 more information. The site also has links for questions like "why attend?" "cost," etc. Invitations will be sent directly from Church Pension Fund 8 weeks before the event. Stokes Liles is the Church Pension Fund contact. He can be reached for questions/comments at (800) 223-6602, weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern), ext. 6278.

• **Christ Episcopal Church, Roanoke, invites all who are interested to the 2008 Summer Festival of Organ Music, held at 7:30 PM on Tuesdays in July.** Five distinguished recitalists will offer varied and entertaining programs.

- July 8: Thomas Baugh and Marianne Sandborg, Soprano
- July 15-Neal Campbell
- July 22-Susan Keck Foster
- July 29-Bruce Stevens

The church is located at 1101 Franklin Road, in Roanoke. Admission is free. Donations are gratefully accepted.

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## DATES AND UPDATES

Keypad combinations have recently been changed at Evans House. If your group is planning to meet after business hours or on weekends, please phone ahead that week to verify that you have the most current combination for the keypad lock.



### Looking Ahead in July

01 Celebration of New Ministry, St. John's, Bedford  
04 Evans House closed  
08— 13 EYE  
16—Aug. 3 Lambeth Conference  
20—Aug. 9 Bradford Youth Exchange  
26—Aug. 3 Youth Mission Trip

### The Bishop in July

06 Salisbury, England  
13 Bradford, England  
20 Lambeth Conference  
27 Lambeth Conference

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

July 9, 23	Aug. 13, 25
Sept. 10, 24	Oct. 8, 22
Nov. 12, 24	Dec. 9, 19

**"Your calling is that place where your true joy and the world's great need meet."**

-Frederick Buechner

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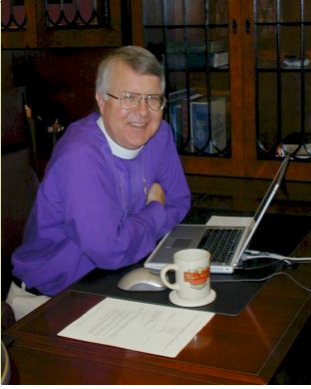
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***Connections*** is a monthly diocesan publication connecting those who serve in similar or related leaderships positions around the diocese with the Evans House staff and with each other. Those who receive it are asked to share it with others in their congregations. The submission deadline for ***Connections*** is the fifteenth of the preceding month.



## Bishop and Deans Together for Ministry

*"...this new direction in the use of the gifts and skills of the deans is helping me be a more effective bishop for you and is making us an even better and stronger diocese."*

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

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each of our five convocations has a clergy dean. The list of deans is found on our diocesan website in the governance section. Until recently, the role of the deans was modest, primarily limited to opening the convocation meetings with prayer.

For a while Alan Boyce and I sought to meet with the deans and convocation presidents prior to the Fall Mission Days convocation meetings to share information with them. About a year ago I decided to try to make better use of the deans' gifts to assist me in leading the diocese. I began to meet with the deans quarterly for mutual support, to receive feedback on what is going on in the diocese that I might be missing, and just to talk. I began to ask deans to represent me at occasions or events that I was unable to attend.

The Long Range Plan approved at Council commended this expanded role for the deans and recommended that the meetings be held monthly. To signify the newly expanded role of the deans, the plan also recommended that we use the title "The Very Reverend" for the deans and that the deans process at the opening Eucharist of Council as a group.

So, I now meet monthly with the deans (except we are taking a break for July and August this summer). We meet at Evans House from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. The typical meeting begins with prayer and agenda building, followed by "check in" with the deans. They report to me and to each other about what is going on in their convocations and sometimes their congregations, as well as on milestones in their personal and professional lives. I get feedback on how particular diocesan events or programs are shaping up or being received. For example, following the spring convocation meetings this year we reviewed what worked well and what was challenging. We debriefed my week in Augusta Convocation and worked together on plans for my time in the other convocations as called for in the Long Range Plan. Sometimes a member of the staff joins us to discuss a particular matter.

After lunch I share what is on my mind, including particular issues or pastoral concerns. The mutual support and collegiality of working together on issues and challenges is rewarding.

I am pleased with the way this new direction in the use of the gifts and skills of the deans is helping me be a more effective bishop for you and is making us an even better and stronger diocese.

Grace and Peace,

P.S. Dorothy and I leave for the Lambeth Conference on July 6 for pre-conference meetings in Salisbury and Bradford. We will take a few days after the conference for some continuing education time and will arrive back in Roanoke on Friday, August 15. Please hold the Anglican Communion, the Lambeth Conference, and Dorothy and me in your prayers, as you are in mine.



## Stewardship is a Family Affair

*"We need to seek a balance in our personal notions of time, talent, and treasure. Our church needs all of these in good measure."*

*--Alan Boyce  
Deputy for Administration*

"Stewardship is the main work of the Church," Bishop William Burrill, Diocese of Rochester, emphatically stated twenty years ago while he was the keynote speaker for a Fall Mission Day that was held at St. John's, Lynchburg. (This was back in the day when the diocese put on a fall convocation meeting in one location and EVERYBODY came to the gathering. I bet many of you were not aware of that part of our past.)

Over time, I have come to believe that stewardship IS the main work of the church.

There are many facets of stewardship. These days, I am more in tune with stewardship of my body. My recent experience with prostate cancer has really made me think about my diet and exercise plan. I need to lose twenty pounds and do so sensibly. Beth and I are becoming much more aware of what we choose to eat and how it might affect our health. It

is the same with exercise. We are trying to walk as much as possible.

I am also trying to exercise stewardship of the environment. Recently, I have begun taking public transportation to Evans House. From my home in Salem, I walk a half mile and catch the Smart Way Bus to downtown Roanoke. Then I walk the half mile to work. This saves on burning gasoline and helps me to burn a few more calories. At Evans House we are trying to be a "green" diocesan office with our recycling, cutting back on heating and cooling, and using china and silverware rather than paper and plastic.

On August 16, at the Phoebe Needles Center, we will put forth our Second Annual Stewardship Development Day. Last year was a tremendous success with Terry Parsons as our guide.

This year, we will explore the concept of stewardship as a family affair. If we believe stewardship is important, we

need to model it for our families. I am convinced that we collectively find it easier to talk about sex than to talk about money. I think the money aspect of our personal stewardship represents the final frontier of issues that the Church will face.

Stewardship is a family affair.

This year's Stewardship Development Institute will provide concepts and resources for us to teach others in our parishes about how to have healthy conversations about our money—conversations about a balanced approach to what we give, what we save, and what we spend.

We all know it is important for us to be good stewards. We all know that as a parish and as a diocese we need to have healthy understandings about stewardship. Yes, this does mean more than money, but it also means money. We need to seek a balance in our personal notions of time, talent, and treasure. Our church needs all of these in good measure.

Your diocesan staff has worked hard on putting this day together for you. We hope that you will prayerfully consider attending this resource-full day with us.



# 2008 Diocesan Events Calendar

The Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

As of June 16, 2008

## July 30

### Parish Communications Day

Evans House Diocesan Office, 9:30-3 p.m.

**This event is for:** Clergy and parish communicator staff and volunteers

**Focus:** A development day for parish communications workers and volunteers. Guest speaker: John Jackson, webmaster for The Roanoke Times/Roanoke.com.

**Cost:** \$20 includes lunch

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

## August 5-6

### Bradford Bash Lock-In

St. John's Roanoke, 6 p.m.-11 a.m.

**This event is for:** 8th-12th graders

**Focus:** Curious about what it is like to be a teen in England? Celebrate the chance to meet teens from England and show off Southwestern Virginia flair.

**Cost:** \$15 includes dinner and breakfast,

[dioswvayouth.wordpress.com](http://dioswvayouth.wordpress.com)

**Contact:** Aimee Bostwick, [abostwick@dioswva.org](mailto:abostwick@dioswva.org)

## August 6

### Diocese of Bradford Lunch & Learn

Evans House Diocesan Offices, noon-1 p.m.

**This event is for:** Everyone

**Focus:** Learn more about our teenage and adult friends in our companion diocese of Bradford, England. Bring a bag lunch.

**Cost:** Free

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

## August 16

### Stewardship Development Institute

Phoebe Needles Center, 9:30-4 p.m.

**This event is for:** Parish stewardship officers, Christian education leaders, clergy

**Focus:** A development day for parish stewardship leaders. This year's topic: "Building Households of Faith – Stewardship is a Family Affair." Learn how parishes can strengthen families by talking about money.

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

**Contact:** Alan Boyce, [aboyce@dioswva.org](mailto:aboyce@dioswva.org)

## September 10

### Parish Secretaries Luncheon

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

**This event is for:** Parish secretaries

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

**Cost:** Free

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

# Parish Communicators Day

Evans House Diocesan Office  
Wed. July 30 ■ 9:30 - 3:00 p.m.



Featuring  
**John Jackson**  
Online Editor  
The Roanoke Times/roanoke.com

Join diocesan communication officer Christie Wills and parish communicators across the diocese to network and share best practices.

Discussion to include:

- ◆ Making choices to reach people: Web vs. print communication
- ◆ How to solicit local press coverage for your church
- ◆ On-line tools for staff and parishioner communication

Cost: \$20 includes lunch

Open to all volunteers, church staff, and clergy who share information with parishioners. Contact Christie Wills at [cwills@dioswva.org](mailto:cwills@dioswva.org) or 540-342-6797 for more information.

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**Yes-** I'd like to register for Parish Communicators Day.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

What tools do you use as a parish communicator (i.e. Word, PageMaker, Publisher, ACS database, scissors, etc.)?

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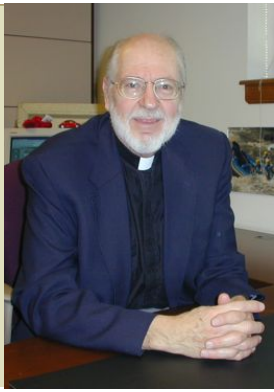
What questions or issues are you wrestling with in your communication ministry?

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\$20 Registration is required by July 23 in order to have sufficient materials and lunches.



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## Parish Transition Wondering

*"Live and love your lives fully today; trust God's promises for your future, and wait with hope and expectation of the Lord's coming."*

*--Gene Anderson  
Transitions and Development Officer*

As I've trained both search committees and vestries for meetings with their new clergy candidates, I've changed the language from an "interview" to a "conversation." The reason has to do with all the baggage that comes with the word "interview." It implies so many things that do not really reflect on the relationship between a priest and the people of the church. An interview means hiring someone to work **for** you. It means an employer/employee relationship. In the church, the priest is not hired to work **for** the church. He or she is called to work **with** the people of the parish to assist them in doing their ministry the best way they can. It is a relationship that is not based on doing something "for" someone. A priest relates **with** many different people who do many different ministries (I am intentionally not calling what parishioners do "jobs"). Their ability to do ministry should not be confused with employer/employee language. So I encourage people to have "conversations" with the priests to see if they can have the kind of relationship that fits the people of the parish. The whole process is based on discernment: discerning how a priest does things, discerning the way the priest has related to people in the previous parish, discerning the leadership the priest has (or has not) evidenced in the previous parish.

Since it is not an adversarial process, I have encouraged "conversations" instead of "interviews."

**Will the next priest be like any other priest you've known?** A simple answer: yes and no. All priests are different. All priests have some skills and not others. Depending on the skills you most want, you will be pleased/displeased because your new priest is like/not like a previous priest you known. I suggest you keep one thing in mind: don't make snap judgments. Grow to know your priest; grow to love the gifts he or she does have, and assist the parish leadership in finding/creating the gifts that the parish needs which the priest does not have. I remind you again: Jesus has already come. There was only one Jesus Christ. Like you, your next priest will need to be loved. Avoid snap judgments. Your future will not be exactly what you envision/want, but God/Jesus/Holy Spirit will be present if you can have the patience to look.

**When will he or she be here?** God knows. Not a facetious statement, simply a statement of God's truth. Always remember, you only get one day at a time; the past is gone, and the future **never** arrives. When tomorrow comes, it is now the present. Live and love your lives fully today; trust God's promises for your future, and wait with hope and expectation of the Lord's

coming. Incidentally, remember the next priest isn't the Lord for which you are waiting in faith. It may be June, it may be July, it may be August . . . so do Christ's work today. It's the only chance you'll ever get because tomorrow never comes!

**Will his/her spouse be active in our church?** Define active. Most clergy spouses now work, so their activity in their spouse's parish church is often limited to the gifts they wish to share. By a very strange (?) coincidence, this is the way every spouse in your (and every) church is active. So do not expect more from the clergy spouse than you do from your own. Maybe not even as much. If you are blessed to have a priest with children, remember how busy spouses are with their children in today's world, and don't be surprised if their family is like all other families with children. Encourage your priest to spend time with his/her family. After all, don't (or didn't?) you want to spend time with yours?

**Why should I do this kind of reflection?** Our expectations so many times determine what we see and what we get. Jesus was crucified because He wasn't what was expected. Those who recognized His gifts to us were those who could look beyond their expectations and see God at work in the world. We call them disciples and apostles. This type of discipleship/apostleship is what we are called to do, so doing it with our priest(s) assists us in not missing the Trinity's work in the world. Each transition is an opportunity to see the Trinity anew in our lives and our world. What a wonderful opportunity! May all your transitions be an opening of the gifts of the Holy Trinity to your life!

*Gene*



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

*Of Synods and Statements*

--The Rev. Becky Crites  
Diocesan Ecumenical Office



**A great joy in ecumenical work is the invitation to attend other denominations' annual meetings.** You might call me an "annual council groupie." I just love them, and so being an "ecumenical guest" at the Virginia Lutheran Synod was an invitation I joyfully received. Some see council meetings as necessary work, but they are more than that for me. They are a time to celebrate our communal life so that we are empowered to further God's work in the world. The chance to observe the Lutherans' assembly was appealing to me. And there was the added bonus of--guess what--another discussion on sex. But as an observer, this was a time for me to watch the thoughtful process of others and to pray for them, for we all struggle to live faithfully as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Gary Scheidt, pastor of Trinity, Moneta, and I were assigned to the same discussion group on the draft social statement on Human Sexuality. [To download, go to [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org). Click on "What we believe"; on "social issues"; at the bottom is the Human Sexuality tab that leads to the download.]

The discussions were thoughtful and respectful. There was the very familiar thread of seeking an answer yet remaining together. The ELCA formed in 1988 and so memories of its recent past are a present reality. They understand, perhaps in ways we don't, what a fractured communion looks like. It was a joyful time and as I left evening worship service, I was, as when I leave ours, refreshed and awash in Koinonia.



**One of the topics for the Bishops at Lambeth, will be the recent Orthodox-Anglican statement, "The Church of the Triune God."** This dialogue began in 1973 and has previously produced two other statements. This work continues earlier ecclesiological thought but adds a deeper conversation on aspects of the Trinity, specifically in light of the ordained ministries of the Church. Members of the Commission note that although there are still fundamental differences on holy orders, "...it has been our experience that the theological realm is where both Anglicans and Orthodox discover

a surprising degree of consensus." It is offered for study and reflection. After Lambeth, it will be brought to each province for further reflection. Those interested in the Doctrine of the Trinity, a good discussion on the Diaconate, or a thoughtful reflection on heresy might want to pick up this book. This statement shows the wider church a process where those who are of differing minds can search together, not to prove one another right or wrong, but to affirm the unity that is God's will for us.



**Coming Up:**  
July 10-12: The Virginia Lutheran Synod presents **Power in the Spirit**, a workshop at Roanoke College. This year's theme is **Stewardship – God Gives! We Care. We Share.** The Rev. Charles Lane, keynoter, is the author of **Ask, Thank, Tell**, a book about congregational stewardship. For more information, please visit the Virginia Synod website: [www.vasynod.org](http://www.vasynod.org). The link will be found on your left.

## 2008 Summer Camps at Phoebe Needles

Since its beginning, Phoebe Needles has served almost 200 young people each summer with a staff of eight to ten college-aged counselors. Each member of the staff receives training in basic camp counseling, certification in first aid and CPR, high and low ropes course facilitation, and rock climbing and rappelling certification for a variety of camp experiences.



High Ropes Course

Summer Camp 2008 @ Phoebe Needles celebrates its tenth summer! This year there are eight residential camp programs for youth who are rising fifth to twelfth graders. The camp facility and program is fully accredited by the American Camp Association. Programs include, games, high and low ropes course, swimming, arts and crafts, rock climbing and rappelling, worship, hiking, caving, outdoor cooking, music, camping, tubing, backpacking, tie-dying, and lots more. In addition to three weeks of general camp, there are four specialty camps: Outdoor Expedition, Nature Camp, Outreach Camp, and "Youth for Peace" Camp. All camp sessions begin on Sunday afternoon, end

Saturday morning, and cost only \$150 per week-- this includes meals, program fees, t-shirt and insurance. "It is the hope of our board of directors to make a residential summer camp experience available to any young person who wants to come to camp," according to John Heck, executive director. "We have need based scholarships available for that reason." This summer we have four international staff coming from England, Scotland and Sweden, to add an element of diversity and cultural exchange. For more information contact the Phoebe Needles Center at 540-483-1518, email [PNCenter@gmail.com](mailto:PNCenter@gmail.com), or check the web site [www.PhoebeNeedles.org](http://www.PhoebeNeedles.org).



Outreach Camp 2007



## The Center for Lifelong Learning at Phoebe Needles

*offers monthly seminar with lunch. The cost to attend is \$7 for members and \$15 for non-members. Advance reservations are requested.*

June 17: "The Writings of Fredrick Buechner" Cynthia Donnelly

July 8: "Roanoke Wildlife Rescue" Dorothy Runion

August 12: "The Blue Ridge Parkway" Mindy DeCesar, district ranger

September 9: "Myths of An Aging Mind" Al Hagy, MD

October 14 "Connecting for Change" Jim Bier

November 11 "The Dead Sea Scrolls" Bill Lindsay

December 9: TBA

# St. James', Roanoke, Grounds Becoming a Nature Sanctuary

*This initiative came about as a part of St. James' participation over the past two years as one of several churches in the Williamson Road area meeting monthly to consider the church's role in environmental issues.*

## St. James' Grounds Becoming a Nature Sanctuary

At the May meeting the Vestry approved a proposal by the Gardeners Committee that St. James apply to have its grounds registered as Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. Though our lot is fairly small, it possesses several large trees, various shrubbery and a diversity of perennial and annual plants. Further, it has the potential for such things as bird houses, bat houses, a bird feeder, small animal shelters, even a small water garden. Soon you will see a new sign on the property that indicates that we will strive to make and keep our property friendly to wildlife.

Currently the Gardeners Committee is recruiting new members. If these ideas for turning St. James into a nature sanctuary appeal to you, please contact Lawton Casey or Michael Bentley. We promise: no long meetings, and no particular gardening skills required. We would also welcome the skills of anyone with woodworking tools and skills so we can put up one or more bird and bat houses. Simple plans for such things are readily available on the Internet.



## The Benefits of the Certified Wildlife Habitat Registration

Well, first, the cost of registering a property that qualifies as a National Registry of Wildlife Habitat sites is only \$15 through the National Wildlife Federation. This is a real bargain because several benefits accrue to our parish. One benefit of registering is recognition we receive for our corporate effort to become "more green." To recognize our registration, St. James will receive a personalized certificate and a recycled aluminum sign. We also receive a parish membership in the National Wildlife Federation, and we will get two subscriptions, one to the **National Wildlife**® magazine and the other to the quarterly e-newsletter **Habitats** with tips and

information on gardening and attracting wildlife. The magazine and the newsletter will be made available in the Parish Hall for everyone to enjoy and learn from.

Among the most important benefits of registering, however, is that the conspicuous posting of our sign on the property will encourage a fresh new attitude among parishioners about the potential of our grounds. Everyone who visits St. James will have an opportunity to become more aware of the value of our grounds for watching birds, butterflies and other small neighborhood creatures that dwell in or pass through our wildlife-friendly haven. This is an educational benefit.

A final benefit of registering as a Certified Wildlife Habitat is that we will end up helping the environment when we are providing the essential elements wildlife need to survive, that is, food, water, cover and places to raise young. By using gardening practices that help wildlife, like reducing chemicals and conserving water, we'll also help to improve air, water and soil quality for our neighborhood.

## What we will be doing

On the St. James property we will be aiming to provide elements from each of the following areas:

1. Food Sources. For example: Native plants, seeds, fruits, nuts, berries, nectar
2. Water Sources. For example: Water garden
3. Places for Cover. For example: Thicket, rock pile, bird house, bat house

4. Places to Raise Young. For example: Dense shrubs, vegetation, nesting box

5. Sustainable Gardening. For example: Mulch, compost, rain barrels, chemical-free fertilizer

If you have ideas and/or can help with any of these elements, please let the Gardeners know.

### The Bigger Picture

This initiative came about as a part of St. James participation over the past two years as one of several churches in the Williamson Road area meeting monthly to consider the church's role in environmental issues. This group, led by Tom Cain, a retired architect, goes by the name Impact + Amplify. The group evolved from a creative pre-disaster mitigation initiative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As a "civil society institution" (an NGO), Impact+Amplify participants explore the creative and the destructive potential of the edge between nature and culture. The group works with and through existing institutions (faith communities, environmental groups, government agencies, etc.) to avert disasters ("natural," health, and social) or to mitigate their potential for harm. Floods, droughts and wildfires are each water quantity related disasters. Low-impact development of forest and farm land and of the built environment necessarily implemented to preserve, restore and enhance the hydrology of watersheds for life, safety, and property protection should

simultaneously result in a cleaner environment. The benefits of low-impact development include enhanced photosynthesis and the hydrologic cycle, and cleaner air, water and soil.

Impact + Amplify, its partners and stakeholders in the Lick Run and Trout Run Watershed, where St. James resides, are working to establish a model creation care program. One of the goals is to mitigate the potential for flooding of downtown Roanoke and the surrounding neighborhoods. Case-studies and models of diverse successful proactions, such as St. James' certification on the National Registry of Wildlife Habitat sites, can form the core of local interfaith sustainability education.

Tom Cain consulted with the Gardeners in examining our property for rainwater collection by rain barrels. We will begin with two locations. The next step will be to select, purchase, and install the rain barrels, which will prove rain water for use in the garden plots.

### Finally...

You might want to consider registering your own property as a Certified Wildlife Habitat. We did. For more information and to apply you can contact the National Wildlife Federation, 11100 Wildlife Center Dr., Reston VA, 20190, and by phone at 800-822-9919, by email to [info@nwf.org](mailto:info@nwf.org) or online at <https://secure.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat/certify/signOrder.cfm> .

--Michael Bentley  
St. James, Roanoke



**GREEN HOUR**

Discover the Wonder of Nature...



*As a society, we are raising the first generation of Americans to grow up disconnected from nature.*

*The good news is that the steps that got us here are easily traced, and the way to work toward reversing them is clear.*

*Most importantly, by giving our children a "Green Hour" a day--a bit of time for unstructured play and interaction with the natural world--we can set them on the path toward physical, mental, and emotional well-being.*

*The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) has created [GREENHOUR.ORG](http://GREENHOUR.ORG), a website rich in family-friendly content and which hosts a supportive virtual community where families can learn, explore, and share their outdoor experiences and backyard adventures.*



*Celebrate a backyard birthday;  
<http://nwf.forumone.com/content/activity/detail/4149>*



## Youth News and Updates

*"Youth and the adults who work with them ask for your prayers this summer in our fellowship, travel, and work."*

-Aimee Bostwick  
Diocesan Youth Coordinator

**Things are busy, busy, in the diocesan office this month as we gear up for a very active summer of youth events.** Already we're preparing for Youth Week at Kanuga, Episcopal Youth Event in San Antonio Texas, and our mission trip to New Orleans with our Bradford youth exchange friends.

**In the last issue of *Connections*, I promised more details about SYE.** This year's theme was *Curious George--Who's to Say What's Impossible?*

First of all, we had an incredible musician, Sam Hensley, who was with us the entire weekend and who brought so much to the program. Our theme was based on the adorable, childlike character of Curious George, but more specifically on the words of the song ***Upside Down***, written by Jack Johnson for the soundtrack of the movie ***Curious George***.

We took the following phrases, and different YMT members shared about how those applied to their lives:

"The world keeps spinning" was shared by Tyler Watkins of St. John's, Bedford. He had us spin around for each thing in our life that keeps us busy and out of control. Some of us were quite dizzy by the time he finished!

The second lyric was "I can feel a change in everything." Caroline Loveland of St. Peter's, Callaway, shared her life experience of a time when her friends were her stability during a long time of change.

The third lyric was "Things aren't always just what they seem." Catherine Mohr of St. Stephen's, Forest, shared a very heartfelt message about God's hand in her life and how things were turned upside down, turning negative things into positive ones.

The last lyric, shared by Sarah Boyer of St. Paul's, Salem, was: "I wanna turn this whole thing upside down."

It was an inspiring way for us to leave our safe place of SYE and prepare to return to real life. The underlying scripture of the weekend was "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phillippians 4:13).

More than likely the highlight of the weekend for just about everyone was the massive messy games that occurred. Imagine around 70 people covered in shaving cream and the craziness involved in such organized chaos! It was an afternoon that will not soon be forgotten.

We cannot forget to thank our wonderful design team for the weekend, many of which were what we affectionately call "newbies," meaning the 8th grade members of YMT. Great job, newbies!

**YMT will be saying goodbye to three seniors this year: Sarah Bentley (St. James, Roanoke), Laura Johnson (St. John's, Roanoke) and Aimee Mahler (Trinity, Staunton).** The creativity, energy, and humor of these ladies will be greatly missed. We wish them well on their way and thank them for their incredible contribution to the Youth Ministry Team of this diocese.

**The Bradford youth are coming!** Please pray for the six youth and two adult chaperones that will be visiting us from our companion diocese in Bradford England. They will arrive in Washington, DC, on Friday, July 18. After some time in our capitol city enjoying the sights, they will travel on to Staunton and Lynchburg. They will join the rest of our diocesan group on our summer mission trip to New Orleans July 26-August 3.

## "Bradford Bash"

Upon their return from the Crescent City, our Bradford guests will abide in Roanoke, where a "Bradford Bash" is planned on **Tuesday, August 5, at St. John's, Roanoke.**



Musician Sam Hensley joins us again to offer inspiration and laughter through his music. Come welcome and get to know our friends from across the Big Pond at this lock-in on August 5, in celebration of their presence with us.

Through worship, music, small group time, and--of course--lots of laughter, playing, and food, we will get to know our Bradford friends. All youth entering grades 8--12 are welcome. Adult chaperones will be needed also.

Registration forms and further details are available on the youth website at [www.dioswvayouth.wordpress.com](http://www.dioswvayouth.wordpress.com).

The deadline to register is Monday, August 4.

**Many thanks to all who will be helping with hosting our Bradford friends while they are here!**

## New Orleans Mission Trip '08

Aside from the eight Bradford friends that will be traveling with us, there will be a contingent of 34 youth, young adults, and adults from DioSwVa offering their week to help New Orleans continue to rebuild.

One member of our group, Erin Harden, has just returned from four months of working with the Office

## Lunch and Learn Opportunity

Wednesday, August 6

12:00-1:00 PM

Evans House

*Fiona Beevers, of the Diocese of Bradford, will be sharing with us about the third leg of our companion dioceses--the Sudan. She has traveled there with her fellow Bradfordites to see firsthand the work of DioSwVa and the Diocese of Bradford in the Sudan.*

*Come see her pictures and hear her stories.*

of Disaster Response rebuilding New Orleans. Thanks to all that Erin learned from her time down there and the lifelong relationships she formed. Our experience will be enriched by her good work.

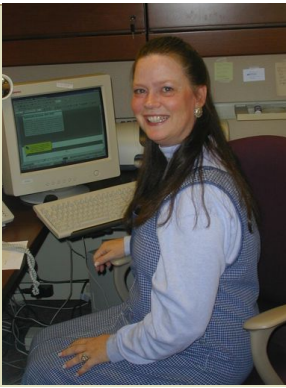
Youth and the adults who work with them ask for your prayers this summer in our fellowship, travel, and work.

Look for details and stories of this year's Bradford Exchange and Youth Mission Trip in your August edition of **Connections**.



*Proceeds from the "Taste of New Orleans" dinners will help fund the diocesan youth mission trip to New Orleans this summer.*





## 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

I must have been a little young for the Pete Seeger version, but The Byrds released **Turn! Turn! Turn!** just after my ninth birthday. My momma's maxim, "Everything in its *place*," never quite took hold with me, but the idea that everything comes 'round in its own *time* resonated very early. Beginnings and endings were both meant to be experienced--picking out glossy-new penny loafers for school, retiring them in favor of holey red Keds for the summer; arranging a vase of sweetheart roses to welcome my visiting grandmother, putting the loose petals in a ceramic box on my dresser when she'd gone home; savoring the final few pages of **The Last Battle**, anticipating beginning **A Wrinkle in Time**.

At 50% of Annual (as we say in vestry meeting when reviewing the budget), I am astounded at the variety of times I've experienced already in 2008.

First, it has been the season of becoming the BMRC Coordinator--in part a time to cast away some outdated materials but also a time to gather more of those resources that will feed diocesan ministries and interests. I've reaped the benefits of previous coordinators' work and begun to plant some seeds of my own.

As **Connections'** editor, it has been a time to give up the software I've used for the last ten years and to create a new look for **Connections**. This opportunity to build up our communications has had its accompanying breakdowns--my own--as I wrestle with learning new ways to lay out publications. I hope the result is a cleaner, easier to follow format. I'm always open to suggestions for **Connections**.

As Insurance Coordinator, this is the season of getting out the word from Church Pension Group that those parishes who are offering lay employee insurance coverage need to do so through CPG, just as they do for clergy. Open Enrollment is coming in the fall; I'll be working with parishes to comply with CPG's policy by January 2009, but I'm happy to answer questions about it now.

Months of planning ended with the March celebration of my daughter's wedding--a new beginning in her life and in our relationship, with not only a son-in-law for me but an eight-year-old grandson as well!

In May, just three weeks before the end of school, my son unexpectedly became a senior--walking with this year's seniors in June and officially graduating a year ahead of schedule in August. Endings and beginnings, all over again!

Whether this summer is a season for you to relax with a good book or a time to plan ahead for Christian formation, drop in, visit, and browse. We're here to serve, in the BMRC and throughout Evans House.

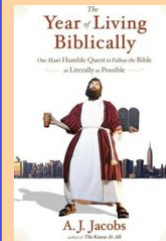
## New at the BMRC



**Three Cups of Tea:  
One Man's Mission  
to Promote Peace...  
One School at a  
Time**

by Greg Mortenson &  
David O. Reelin

*"In 1993 a mountaineer named Greg Mortenson drifted into an impoverished Pakistan village in the Karakoram mountains after a failed attempt to climb K2. Moved by the inhabitants' kindness, he promised to return and build a school. **Three Cups of Tea** is the story of that promise and its extraordinary outcome. Over the next decade Mortenson built not just one but fifty-five schools--especially for girls--in the forbidding terrains that gave birth to the Taliban. His story is at once a riveting adventure and a testament to the power of the humanitarian spirit."*



**The Year of Living  
Biblically: One  
Man's Humble  
Quest to Follow the  
Bible ~ as Literally  
as Possible**

by A. J. Jacobs

*"Raised in a secular family but increasingly interested in the relevance of faith in our modern world, A. J. Jacobs decided to dive in headfirst and attempt to obey the Bible as literally as possible for one full year. The resulting spiritual journey is at once funny and profound, reverent and irreverent, personal and universal, and will make you see history's most influential book with new eyes."*



# Charter Chat

## Helping Children Write Liturgy

One way to include children in worship is to encourage them to write a Collect, a Eucharistic prayer, Prayers of the People, or a Liturgy to be used during a service. This process allows the children to learn more about what it means to be an Episcopalian while ministering to the congregation.

### Writing a Collect

- Address: opening salutation to God
- Ascription: naming God; ascribing to God certain qualities (this can be decided upon when studying the biblical texts of the day)
- Request: asking for something that we would like God to do
- Consequence: what we expect will be the result of our request (Please do this, so that...)
- Doxology: a closing that reminds us of our relationship to God (a hymn of praise to the Holy Trinity)

For example:

.... God, You are .... We hope ... So that .... In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Writing a Eucharistic prayer

- The following must be included:
- Praise to God for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ
  - Words of institution of the Lord's Supper (based on I Corinthians 11:23-26)
  - Words of memorial (what we are remembering)
  - Invocation of the Holy Spirit (asking God to be present in the bread and wine, which are the body and blood) asking the Holy Spirit to be present in the Sacrament and the people's lives as they serve the Lord.
  - Concluding doxology

### Writing Prayers of the People

Brainstorm what you wish to pray for, using the following categories to help organize thoughts:

- The Universal Church, its members and mission
- The nation and those in authority
- The world
- The local community
- The departed
- Those who suffer or are in trouble
- Our own needs

Compose short prayers and/or sentences combining thoughts from what was brainstormed, and decide how the prayers will be presented:

- All said by one person
- Each person taking a line
- How the congregation will respond: (i.e. Lord, have mercy or by a different response to each prayer)

### Steps Toward Planning and Writing a Liturgy

1. Divide into as many groups as you would like (according to grade, age level, interest) and have each group be responsible for one of the following:
  - Propers for the day: collect, Old & New Testament readings, Psalm, Gospel)
  - Hymns
  - Prayers of the People
  - Sermon/homily
  - Eucharistic Prayer
2. Once lessons have been chosen, each group should have these to refer to in designing their part of the liturgy. Each group should do some Bible study as to what particular lesson should be focused on, or a

theme that they wish the entire liturgy to embrace. This means having groups come to a consensus so that all are working on the same idea.

3. Hymn group; Use **Hymnal 1982, Lift Every Voice and Sing II**, or **Wonder, Love and Praise II**, or **Wonder, Love and Praise II**, or **Wonder, Love and Praise II** to find songs that are appropriate and complementary to the lessons being read.

4. Prayers of the People group; Brainstorm and write...use lots of newsprint and edit frequently.

5. Sermon/Homily group: This can take the form of a skit, readers' theatre, personal testimonies/thoughts & reflections on the Gospel or other lessons. This takes rehearsal and many weeks of preparation, especially if the group is going to write its own as opposed to using a pre-written drama.

6. Eucharistic prayer: This too is a series of brainstorming of children's responses using lots of newsprint. Questions to ask to get kids thinking are:

- Who is God?
- What are you thankful for?
- What has God done for us and the world?
- Why are we here?
- What do we do in church?
- What are we remembering when we celebrate Eucharist?
- What did Jesus do and say at the Last Supper?
- What do we want to remember?
- What do we want for the future?
- How can we ask the spirit of God to be present with us?
- Why are we doing this?

[http://www.ctdiocese.org/resources/christianed/christianed\\_children\\_worship.shtml](http://www.ctdiocese.org/resources/christianed/christianed_children_worship.shtml)

## Building Households of Faith Stewardship is a Family Affair



Saturday, August 16, 2008  
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Phoebe Needles Center  
Callaway

How can parishes  
strengthen families  
by talking about money?

Additional workshops to include:  
• Stewardship ideas that work  
• Legacy stewardship

This event is for all parish stewardship chairs, Christian educators, and clergy. Mail in your \$20 registration (includes lunch) by August 8 to Evans House, Diocese of SW VA, P.O. Box 2279, Roanoke, VA 24009

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• **St. Elizabeth's, Roanoke, is holding their 8th Annual Used Book Sale on Saturday, August 23, from 8 AM-12 noon.** The church is located at 2339 Grandin Road SW in Roanoke. Donations of CDs, tapes, DVDs, and books (other than textbooks, encyclopedias, and Readers Digest Condensed Books) are welcomed. You may call the church office at 540-774-5183 to arrange a time to have books picked up or dropped off. Our email address is [secretary@stelizabethsroanoke.org](mailto:secretary@stelizabethsroanoke.org). Book lovers are special people and our books go to good homes! Even the unsold ones move on to the Friends of the Salem Library Book sale.

• **The Rev. Barkley Thompson wants to share an opportunity at St. John's, Roanoke--the 2008 Dodson Distinguished Speaker Program, on Monday, October 27.** That day at noon there will be a local Pastor's Luncheon to which Episcopal priests will be invited. That evening everyone is invited for a dinner and lecture at St. John's. St. John's is extremely excited that this year's speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Dan Matthews, rector emeritus of Trinity-Wall Street in Lower Manhattan.

• **The updated Diocesan Directory has been posted on BaseCamp.** The web-based posting is a "greener" option and offers the opportunity to make corrections in real time. If you've forgotten your login information, contact [Lrobertson@dioswva.org](mailto:Lrobertson@dioswva.org).

• **St. Elizabeth's, Roanoke, is seeking a part time music leader.** The ideal candidate will work eight hours a week (including one Sunday morning service). He/she would be responsible for providing instrumental music, leading the congregation in singing, and selecting music. Familiarity with the Episcopal **Book of Common Prayer**, hymnal, and modern Christian music is needed. Interested candidates should contact the church at [stelizabethsroanoke.org](http://stelizabethsroanoke.org) for more information.

• **St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Abingdon, Virginia, is seeking a part-time youth coordinator.** This person will plan and implement a program for youth that is consistent with the mission and vision of St. Thomas Church. To learn more about the parish, visit [www.stthomasabingdon.org](http://www.stthomasabingdon.org). If you wish to be considered for this important job, please submit a copy of your philosophy of Christian education, resume, and references to:

Emma Brabson  
28016 Fairhaven Road  
Abingdon, VA 24211  
[ebrabson@nTelos.net](mailto:ebrabson@nTelos.net)

• **Trinity Ecumenical Parish, Moneta, is seeking a full-time Coordinator of Christian Formation.** This is not specifically designed as an ordained call position; all interested deacons, clergy, and lay applicants will be considered. For details, see Trinity's website at <http://smltep.org> and choose "CCF Search" from the menu on the left.

● **Episcopal Relief and Development continues to provide emergency assistance to families impacted by the severe earthquake in China.**

To help people affected by the earthquake in China, please make a donation to Episcopal Relief and Development's "Emergency Relief Fund" online at [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org), or call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Old envelopes may have an old address on them, and the new address is not yet on the ERD website. Gifts should be mailed to: Episcopal Relief and Development "Emergency Relief Fund" P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

● **Children as God's Stewards: A workshop for clergy, church educators, Sunday School teachers, and Christian parents, will take place on Saturday, July 19, from 9:30-12:3 at St. James, Leesburg.** Participants will learn about an elementary-level curriculum designed to foster children's understanding of how they are called to be God's stewards of their lives and possessions. Participants are invited to bring children ages 5-11 with them, and workshop leaders will teach the curriculum to the children present. During lunch, adult participants will have an opportunity to ask questions, discuss the curriculum, and share stewardship education ideas from their own parishes. The cost of the workshop is \$15 for each adult and there is no charge for children. To register, call or email Marjorie Claybrook at the Diocese of Virginia, 800-DIOCESE x 17, or [mclaybrook@the diocese.net](mailto:mclaybrook@the diocese.net).

## *Parish Transitions*

--The Rev. Gene Anderson  
Diocesan Transitions and Development Officer

† *St. Thomas Church, Abingdon, is seeking a part-time Youth Coordinator.*

† *Ascension, Amherst, has formed their search committee.*

† *Emmanuel, Bristol, is calling **The Rev. Dr. Mark Frazier** from DeWitt, New York, as their new rector starting July 13.*

† *St. Mark's, Fincastle, has called **The Rev. Craig Dolack** from Savannah, Georgia, to be their new rector beginning August 15.*

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

† *Good Shepherd, Galax, has called **The Rev. Helen Beasley** to be their part time rector beginning in July.*

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

† *All Saint's, Norton, and St. Mark's, St. Paul, are in conversation with a candidate for the position of part-time rector.*

† *The Grace Church, Radford, search committee is in conversation with rector candidates.*

† *St. Paul's, Salem, has called **The Rev. R. Bradley Laycock** to be their Priest in Charge.*

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

† *St. John's, Wytheville, has called **The Rev. Kent Tarpley** from Belfast, ME, to be their new rector, beginning July 27.*

as of June 17, 2008

## 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.

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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?

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☐ 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

☐ October 8: Charles and Frances Stebbins; in honor of their granddaughter, Kellie E. Bordelon's 19th 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.



## Year Round Stewardship

### Significant Questions We Want Everyone (adults, youth & children) To Be Able To Answer:

- \* What does it mean to be a steward?
- \* Of what are we stewards?
- \* What is the role of money in my life, as a member of the body of Christ?

### Key Concepts We Want Everyone To Know

- \* God loves us and wants us to have all that we need to live a joyful and productive life.
- \* All that we are and all that we have are gifts from God.
- \* Regularly giving of our time, abilities, energy, and money is a spiritual practice.
- \* Tithing is an important spiritual practice. It helps establish a healthy regard for money. It helps us to live the life God hopes we will have.

### Key Truths

- \* Persons in the United States possess considerably more wealth than the majority of the people in the world.
- \* We make decisions to use this wealth generously for good or selfishly for our own indulgence.
- \* Jesus has a lot to say about our use of money.

### Practical Suggestions

- \* Write a vision statement for the stewardship committee. Then set goals to be accomplished over a three-year period. The goals should answer the question, "How do we plan to teach key concepts and key truths? How do we plan to hold up the key questions?" Fewer than one-third of the goals should involve the financial commitment program. Do not keep either the vision or the goals secret. Ask for vestry/bishop's committee approval of the goals and plan and then let the congregation know.
- \* Review your three-year plan annually. Evaluate the previous year and revise the plan in the light of new information or circumstances.
- \* Use what you have. Look for opportunities to incorporate the themes and truths above in existing activities. Occasional adult forums or Lenten studies are only two obvious possibilities.
- \* Look for real needs that are opportunities for lively stewardship discussions. Financial planning, what makes a good will, current events, and how to talk to children about money are just a few topics that come to mind, along with what is the best use of our building and property.
- \* Incorporate a discussion of stewardship into confirmation class and in preparation for baptism.
- \* Include Christian education volunteers in your annual stewardship program.

*--[http://www.episcopalchurch.org/stewardship\\_2036\\_ENG\\_HTM.htm?menupage+](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/stewardship_2036_ENG_HTM.htm?menupage+)*

**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 June 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		
Anherst, St. Paul's	yes	p. 1 inc.	yes	yes	
Arrington, Trinity	yes	yes	yes		
Bedford, St. John's	yes	yes	yes		
Bedford, St. Thomas	yes	yes			
Big Stone Gap, Christ	yes		yes		
Blacksburg, Christ	yes	yes	yes		
Bluefield, St. Mary's	yes	yes	yes		
Blue Grass, Good Shepherd	yes	yes	yes		
Bristol, Emmanuel	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	p.1 inc.
Clifford, St. Mark's	yes	yes
Clifton Forge, St. Andrew's	yes	yes
Covington, Emmanuel	yes	yes
Fincastle, St. Mark's	yes	yes
Folly Mills, Good Shepherd	yes	yes
Forest, St. Stephen's	yes	yes
Galax, Good S	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	
Lynchburg, St. John's	yes	yes
Lynchburg, St. Paul's	yes	yes
Lynchburg, Trinity	yes	
Marion, Christ	yes	yes
Martinsville, Christ	yes	
Martinsville, St. Paul's		
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Moneta, Trinity	yes	p.1 inc.			
Nellysford, Peace in the Valley	yes	p.1 inc.	yes		
Norton, All Saints	yes	p.1, 2 inc.	yes		
Pearisburg, Christ	yes	yes	yes		
Pedlar Mills, St. Luke's	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		
Roanoke, St. James	yes	p.1 inc.	yes		
Roanoke, St. John's	yes	yes	yes		
Rocky Mount	yes	yes	yes		
St. Paul, St. Mark's					
Salem, St. Paul's	yes		yes		
Saltville, St. Paul's	yes				
Staunton, Emmanuel	yes	yes	yes		
Staunton, Trinity	yes	yes	yes		
Tazewell, Stras	yes	yes	yes		
Waynesboro, St. John's	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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Clergy Supply Rates: The diocesan standard for Sunday Supply as GuestCelebrant and/or Guest Preaching is \$125 for one service; \$175 for two services; \$225 for three services. The diocesan standard for Assisting is \$75 for one service; \$125 for two services, \$175 for three services. The diocesan standard for Guest Retired Bishops confirming is \$150. All amounts are plus \$.505 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2008. The cost of any meals and/or lodging involved is to be negotiated with the vestry.

**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 Wytheville, St. John's  
28 St. John's, Lynchburg

### **October 2008**

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

### **November 2008**

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

### **December 2008**

07 Emmanuel, Staunton  
14 St. Barnabas, Lynchburg, & Trinity, Lynchburg  
21 Christ, Buena Vista  
28 Christmas

### **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**

### **July**

01 Celebration of New Ministry, St. John's, Bedford  
04 Evans House closed  
08—13 EYE  
16—August 3 Lambeth Conference  
20—August 9 Bradford Youth Exchange  
26—August 3 Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans

### **August**

03—09 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training, Emmanuel, Bristol

### **Mark your calendar for FALL MISSION DAYS**

**Oct 5-Lynchburg-St. Paul's,  
Lynchburg, 2:30 pm**

**Oct 12-Roanoke-Trinity,  
Moneta, 2:30 pm**

**Oct 19-Abingdon-St. Thomas,  
Abingdon, 2:30**

**Oct 26-New River-Christ,  
Blacksburg, 3:00 pm**

**Nov 2-Augusta-Emmanuel,  
Covington, 3:00 pm**

The main business of Fall Mission Days is to hear the Bishop's vision, to nominate candidates for elections to be held at Annual Council, and to discuss the needs and opportunities of the diocese for the upcoming year.

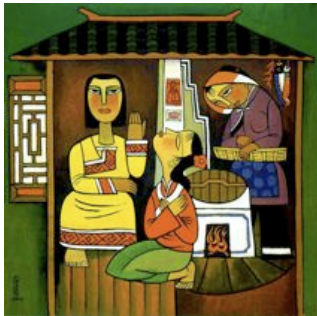
Fall Mission Day materials will be emailed to clergy delegates, lay delegates, and alternates in advance of the meeting so that they may become familiar with these in advance. Printed copies will be available at the meeting.

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Mary and Martha lived with their brother Lazarus at Bethany, a village not far from Jerusalem. They are mentioned in several episodes in the Gospels.

On one occasion, when Jesus and His disciples were their guests (Luke 10:38-42), Mary sat at Jesus' feet listening to Him while her sister Martha busied herself with preparing food and waiting on the guests. When Martha complained, Jesus said that Mary had chosen the better part.

When Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha, died, Jesus came to Bethany. Martha, upon being told that He was approaching, went out to meet Him, while Mary sat still in the

house until He sent for her. It was to Martha that Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:1-44).

Again, about a week before the crucifixion, as Jesus reclined at table, Mary poured a flask of expensive perfume over Jesus' feet. Mary was criticized for wasting what might have been sold to raise money for the poor, and again Jesus spoke on her behalf (John 12:1-8).

On the basis of these incidents, many Christian writers have seen Mary as representing Contemplation (prayer and devotion) and Martha as representing Action (good works, helping others), or love of God and love of neighbor respectively.

On some calendars, Lazarus is commemorated together with his sisters; on others his resurrection is remembered separately on December 17.

O God,  
heavenly Father,  
your Son Jesus Christ  
enjoyed rest and refreshment  
in the home of Mary and  
Martha of Bethany:  
Give us the will to love you,  
open our hearts to hear you,  
and strengthen our hands to  
serve you in others for his  
sake; who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

Mary and Martha of Bethany  
July 29

—James Kiefer

<http://satucket.com/lectionary/Mary&Martha.htm>