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Events Around the Diocese

April

April 2
AZ Welcomes Refugees Meeting | Grace St. Paul’s, Tucson

April 3
First Fridays | Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix

April 4
Produce on Wheels With Out Waste | St. John the Baptist, Glendale

April 7
Renewal of Vows Service and Luncheon | Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix

April 10
Good Friday - Diocesan Office closed

April 11
Free Food Mobile Pantry | St. Mark’s, Mesa

April 14
Food Pantry | St. Mark’s, Mesa

April 18
Godly Play Practice Group | St. Barnabas on the Desert, Scottsdale

April 20
Arizona Faith Network Annual Meeting | AZ Jewish Historical Society, Phoenix

April 25
Ordination to the Priesthood of The Rev. John Caleb Collins | St. Mark’s, Mesa

April 26
Allieus Fund Sunday

Greatness Circle | St. Peter’s, Litchfield Park

April 28
Food Pantry | St. Mark’s, Mesa

Food Sharing | St. Thomas, Clarkdale

May

May 1
First Fridays | Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix

May 2
Produce on Wheels With Out Waste | St. John the Baptist, Glendale

Diocesan Youth Field Day | St. Peter’s, Litchfield Park

Ladies Afternoon Tea | St. James the Apostle, Tempe

May 7
Installation & Celebration of New Ministry of The Rev. Scott McComas | Church of the Nativity, Scottsdale

May 9
AZ Welcomes Refugees Meeting | Grace St. Paul’s, Tucson

May 10
Diocesan Confirmation & Reception | Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix

Free Food Mobile Pantry | St. Luke’s at the Mountain, Phoenix

May 12
Food Pantry | St. Mark’s, Mesa

Information about these and other events online at azdiocese.org

May 23
Free Food Mobile Pantry | St. Luke’s at the Mountain, Phoenix

May 25
Memorial Day - Diocesan Office closed

May 26
Food Pantry | St. Mark’s, Mesa

Food Sharing | St. Thomas, Clarkdale

May 31 - June 6
Youth Summer Camp (Session II) | Chapel Rock, Prescott

June

June 4
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June 5
AZ Welcomes Refugees Meeting | Grace St. Paul’s, Tucson

June 9
Food Pantry | St. Mark’s, Mesa

June 13
Free Food Mobile Pantry | St. Luke’s at the Mountain, Phoenix

Diocesan Ordination Service | Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix

June 14 – 20
Children’s Summer Camp (Session II) | Chapel Rock, Prescott

Wildness Introduction to Leadership Development (W.I.L.D.) Camp | Chapel Rock, Prescott

Youth Summer Camp (Session II) | Chapel Rock, Prescott

June 21 – 24
Ankle Biters Camp (ABC) | Chapel Rock, Prescott

Children’s Summer Camp (Session III) | Chapel Rock, Prescott

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June 26
Food Pantry | St. Mark’s, Mesa

June 28
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Food Sharing | St. Thomas, Clarkdale

June 29
Mini Camp | Chapel Rock, Prescott

June 27
Free Food Mobile Pantry | St. Luke’s at the Mountain, Phoenix

Submissions

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A Summer of Transformations

Family Camp 2020

There Are Angels Among Us

Deacon Beach

Christ Church of the Ascension Music for Ascension Day

Trinity Cathedral Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

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Episcopal Congregations Serving Veterans

Jazz at Twilight

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CHASE FIELD, PHOENIX

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See everything. There is so much to see. The flow of data through my office is insane. A story for every clergyperson, a story for every congregation, a matrix of relationships and histories to learn and recall pastorally and administratively. An entire world of news, policies, and theological issues to be wrestled with and—sometimes—commented upon.

Overlook a great deal. I have never felt so finite. Which means that much gets overlooked—sometimes deliberately, and sometimes inadvertently. My fear is always that the good things are being overlooked—congregations and communities that are thriving get comparatively little of my attention, compared to those which are in crisis. But in general, even when I see something that is not ideal, as it gets triaged in my mind and heart, I realize that if no one’s salvation depends upon amending this, and if no people are being actively harmed...better to just let it go. If the people doing it want to change, they will, and we will be ready to help.

Correct a little. There have been relatively few decisions this year that I would view as a correction. Each of them has come with a good bit of contemplation, fear, and trembling.

I continue to be grateful for mentors past and present helping to shape me into a bishop who is caring yet firm, prayerful and playful, one who can inspire both members of our diocese and those outside our churches towards faithful action and closer relationship with Jesus.

Coronavirus Resources
NOTE: This magazine edition was in process before the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. We’ve created a COVID-19 resources page on our website at azdiocese.org/coronavirus.html.

Faith & Family Night With The Phoenix Mercury!

Dallas Wings vs Phoenix Mercury
June 26th, 2020 @ 7 pm

Join us as the Mercury highlight the Christian community in Arizona and honor Bishop Jennifer Reddall during the game. Watch for more event details to be released!

Purchase Your Discounted Tickets Here:
https://groupmatics.events/EpiscopaldioceseMerc

To learn more please contact Connor Sprague:
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STAFF CHANGES

NEW DIOCESAN CANON FOR CREATION CARE

Bishop Reddall is thrilled to announce that she has called the Rev. Pam Hyde as the Canon for Creation Care. Canon Pam joined the diocesan staff on January 1. She does not have an office at Diocesan House, but will be "on the field" visiting congregations and providing theological and practical resources to our church communities on how to be better stewards of God’s creation. She will split her residential time between Flagstaff and Tubac.

Lauree Birchmeier from St. Luke’s (Prescott) was named to succeed Sharon, and began as the new Safeguarding Administrator on January 1.

Lauree was born in Iowa, graduated from Iowa State with a Bachelor’s Degree in Education and taught school in Australia for two years. Upon returning to the U.S., she moved to Michigan, got married and had one son, Alex, who lives and works in Chicago.

She has been involved in church work since high school, first as a volunteer, and later as a full time employee as Director of Youth Ministry, in the largest Catholic church in the Diocese of Saginaw.

Lauree has lived in Arizona since May 2018. Upon arriving in Prescott Valley, she was invited to attend St. Luke’s and found a home there. She experienced the welcoming environment at St. Luke’s as a breath of fresh air. She immediately became involved and volunteered as an Office Receptionist. She has worked closely with the Parish Administrator, Beth Parkowitz, stepping in to cover for her while she was on medical leave beginning in May 2019. Lauree was received into The Episcopal Church in October 2019.

Lauree Reddall met Lauree at New Ministry Orientation last year and had a chance to talk with her at length. After learning more about Lauree and her background, Bishop Reddall asked Lauree if she would be willing to step into the Safeguarding Administrator position. "Lauree has the right combination of organizational skills and good humor to interact with all of our congregations as we ensure compliance with our Safe Church Policies, keeping our congregations safe places to worship, learn, and work for all God’s people."

LAUREE DOES HAVE AN OFFICE AT THE DIOCESAN HOUSE, BUT WILL WORK REMOTELY FROM PRESCOTT. SHE CAN BE REACHED AT LAUREE@AZDIOCESE.ORG.

TRANSITION IN DIOCESAN CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

After serving five years as the Canon for Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Jesse Villegas, Jr. is taking the next leap in his career. Jesse will be the owner of “The Porch” Coffee Shop in downtown Prescott. The Porch values quality coffee, meaningful conversations, and great community.

She will have the ability to do that because Bishop Reddall called Deanna Fair to a part time position as Summer Camp Manager. She joined the diocesan staff on Monday, February 17, and took on some administrative responsibilities that were shared by Jesse and Jana in scheduling, counselor training, and camper recruitment.

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Deanna has spent the last several years working in youth, children’s and family ministries, as the Director of Children’s Ministries at St. Matthew’s (Chandler) and as Director of Youth and Family at Church of the Epiphany (Tempe). Both communities and their leadership were incredibly supportive of her time at summer camp, which started as a two-week commitment, but quickly grew to five! Deanna says, “I also have a VERY supportive husband whom after 21 years of marriage can tell you that for sure, Camp is my jam! (You will find that I use that phrase a lot!)” Deanna feels that Summer Camp is a time and space where the Holy Spirit dwells, campers see that they are a part of God’s perfect creation and that all who come are forever changed.

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Beloved in the Desert, an Episcopal Service Corps program located in Tucson, provides an opportunity for young adults to pray, serve in community non-profits and churches, study, and live in intentional Christian community together for 10.5 months. One of the Beloved in the Desert Corps Members designed a unique Ash Wednesday experience as a part of their service placement at the Episcopal Campus Ministry at the University of Arizona. Jess and their fellow Corps Members constructed a coffin as a primary component of their Ash Wednesday station outside the ECM at the University. Jess reflects on this project here:

As projects often begin these days, my housemate sent me a Twitter post: a campus ministry at a university in the Netherlands had dug a grave where students could lay in and think about their life, their death, and their vulnerability.

As an intern at the Episcopal Campus Ministry at the University of Arizona and a person always looking for ways to make people talk about death, I really wanted to dig a grave. Given that the campus ministry doesn’t quite have the land to dig, we decided to build a coffin. And that we did.

On Ash Wednesday, we spent the day outside of the Campus Christian Center, with our built coffin, an altar, and a space for people to pray. Throughout the day, students and community members stopped by to engage with the coffin, talk to us, and receive ashes.

I became interested in how we talk and think about death when I worked as a veterinary technician. After several conversations about quality of life and how the pet was to be buried, I realized that many of us have thought more about our pet’s deaths than our own.

While we have hope in the Resurrection, we still die. Ash Wednesday calls us to confront and sit with the truth that we are dust and to dust we shall return.

After setting up the space, UofA Chaplain, Rev. Ben Garren, and I each took a few minutes to lay in the coffin. Unplanned by us, the view from the coffin was open sky, a small olive tree, and the cross on the top of the Campus Christian Center.

This is what is at the heart of Ash MEMENTO MORI, ASH WEDNESDAY Wednesday. We are asked to lay in our own mortality, to lay in our own sin, to realize that the wages of sin are death. While lying in our own mortality, we look up. We see the cross and ask, O Death, where is thy victory?

IDE YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT BELOVED IN THE DESERT, PLEASE VISIT HTTPS://STPHILIPSTUCSON.ORG/BELOVED OR FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK OR INSTAGRAM (BELOVED_TUCSON.)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, PLEASE CONTACT ECMTUCSON@GMAIL.COM.
A SUMMER OF TRANSFORMATIONS

BY JANA SUNDIN, CANON FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Summer camp will be full of growth and innovation this year! While we will still have the fun camp classics and the deep, intentional spiritual formation that keep our campers coming back to Chapel Rock summer after summer, some exciting changes are ahead.

First of all, we will have not two but three weeks of camp for both youth and children. Second, two of these weeks will overlap, so Sessions 2 and 3 are open to campers of all ages between 3rd and 12th grades. That means you can send your elementary-aged and high school-aged campers the same week! Campers will get to participate in worship and fun activities all together, and they will also engage in age-specific Christian formation and adventures. We are so excited for our campers to reap the benefits of mixed-age camping that might even save families a couple trips to Prescott! Building on last year’s theme, Path to Peace, our theme this summer is the Way of Love, and we will spend each week of camp practicing different ways of grounding ourselves in the love of God so we can love our neighbors as ourselves.

We will also be hosting our third summer of Camp Genesis, whose mission is to create a safe space for children of incarcerated parents to have fun, grow in self-esteem, and encounter Christ. Camp Genesis is offered at no cost to families and is funded by generous donations from churches and individuals. And new this year, we will also partner with Winged Hope, a family advocacy center, to host Camp Hope, a camping and mentoring program for children and teens impacted by domestic violence (visit: wingedhope.org and camphopeamerica.org to learn more). We are thrilled to expand the ways Chapel Rock is a place of healing and growth for young people.

And don’t forget Summer Family Camp for families with children of all ages, or families with no children! You can use your family vacation time to unplug from the busyness of daily life and reconnect with your family and with God.

Finally, we welcome Deanna Fair as our Summer Camp Manager. She would love to come talk with your church about all of our camp programs! Contact Deanna at deanna@azdiocese.org.

Our policy is that no camper is turned away because of inability to pay full tuition, so please tell every young person you know about camp, and please help us fund this generous policy. You can fully sponsor a camper for $415, or give any amount at www.chapelrock.net/donate.htm. It’s going to be a great summer at Chapel Rock!

See you at camp!

Come experience all that Chapel Rock has to offer at the Diocesan 2020 Summer Camps! Friendship, prayer, music, arts & crafts, nature, and fun for every age, from Kindergarten to 12th grade and beyond! Prices vary by camp; visit the Chapel Rock website for details and to register.
THERE ARE ANGELS AMONG US: A STORY OF HOW THE “ANGEL QUILTS” MINISTRY WAS STARTED

BY SHARON MOONEY WELKER, ST LUKE’S (PRESCOTT)

“For it is God that works in us, both to will and to do of His good pleasure.” — Philippians 2:13

Phoenix Children’s Hospital (PCH) is truly amazing! Linda Leal and Sharon Welker, from St Luke’s Episcopal Church in Prescott, have taken two carloads of brightly colored quilts in gift bags for the children at PCH since the beginning of the exciting “Angel Quilts” ministry in May of 2019. And we are ready to go down again soon with another car load this month. We want to share with you our vision of love and comfort for these children in hopes that we might expand this ministry to include many of our other churches throughout the Diocese of Arizona.

The “Angel Quilts” program began after Sharon had written a report for her Education for Ministry (EFM) class in March 2019 about her friend, Allison West, and Allison’s “Justin Bags” ministry. Allison’s son, Justin, died at UofA Medical Center on December 9, 2000 after being diagnosed with neuroblastoma cancer two years before. After Justin’s death, Allison took comforting quilts to the children with catastrophic illnesses at St. Joseph’s Hospital, PCH, and UofA Medical Center. You can read a short article from the University of Arizona about Allison’s amazing ministry online here: https://uanews.arizona.edu/story/mom-who-lost-son-cancer-showers-gifts-children-unc. Allison had delivered her “Justin Bags” for many years, but she had to give this up because of acute arthritis.

After reading Sharon’s EFM report, Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson, the Rector of St. Luke’s, wrote Sharon an email and said that he would love to have a ministry like Allison’s “Justin Bags” right here at St Luke’s! This was the Tuesday before Sharon was to give her report on a Thursday.

Sharon dismissed this as an impossible dream, only to find out after her Thursday talk that there was a new family at St. Luke’s, Hank and Linda Leal. Linda had only the Sunday before expressed a desire to be part of a quilting ministry for children! Linda is a master quilter and loves to teach others as well.

If that’s not God’s “willing and doing” for His good pleasure, I don’t know what is! Phoenix Children’s Hospital is built to appeal to a child’s eyes. Every wall at PCH is brightly colored, and whimsical murals are everywhere. As of last November, there were patients with catastrophic illnesses from many states of the U.S., plus children from nine other countries.

Since many of the children come to PHS from other cities, states, and countries, the parents of these very sick children must leave their precious ones and go home. They have to work.

Allison learned from seeing these vulnerable children without their families, that when she gave them a brightly colored quilt to wrap around their shoulders and to call their own, they were comforted. There is always a need, and we are praying that many of you will want to join us.

Instead of our labels saying, “Made especially for you, from St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Prescott, Arizona”, the labels could say, “Made especially for you, from [insert your church name and city].”

There ARE angels among us, and we are thinking that you are that angel who God is nudging “to will and to do of God’s good pleasure”.

As E.J. Montini, Arizona Republic writer said in his 2001 Mother’s Day article about Allison West, “It’s funny how that works. You give a kid a blanket and it keeps you warm.”

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN STARTING THIS MINISTRY AT YOUR CHURCH, PLEASE CONTACT US: LINDA LEAL, 928-717-1647, OR LEAL.TRAILSEND@GMAIL.COM OR SHARON WELKER, 928-541-1074, OR AT SHARON.WELKER.98@YAHOO.COM.
DEACON BEACON

BY THE REV. KIM CRECCA
This monthly feature in the E-pistle e-newsletter highlights one of our deacons and their ministry.

THE REV. CHRIS CHRISTY
The Rev. Chris Christy was ordained as a Deacon in 2016 and currently serves at St. Luke’s in Prescott.

After ordination, I took on oversight for the Pastoral Care ministry that had been languishing at St. Luke’s for some time. Deacon Kimball Arnold and I went through the church directory to identify those who were not coming to church or coming irregularly and discussed what we knew about these people.

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The VMFCA was started to help veterans and their families find a sense of community and support. For the past six years, military veterans in Arizona have embodied the mission and principles of this organization. Monthly home-cooked meals are prepared, delivered, and served veterans in transition to make life just a little easier. In talking with the veterans at the Friday meals delivery, the most common response is, “it is great to get a hot meal at least once a week. So much better than the sandwiches we get the rest of the week, it really feels special.” Another response is, “I’ve been here eight months and have eaten your hot meal nine times. Thanks, they’re really special.”

Five Episcopal congregations serve the U.S. Vets Center on Grand Avenue. Every Friday, veterans receive a hot meal provided by a different Episcopal congregation. Churches participating include: All Saints of the Desert (Sun City), St. John the Baptist (Glendale), St. Andrew’s (Glendale), St. Peter’s (Litchfield Park), and Church of the Advent (Sun City West). Over the past six years, it is estimated the congregations have provided more than 10,000 meals to veterans living at the U.S. Vets Center.

Those who serve the meals get just as much out of serving and preparing as the residents: “Our Vets have done so much for us, this is one way we can let them know we appreciate the sacrifices they have made for us.” Several of our Veterans ministry team members feel this is what God is calling them to do: “I am called to be a listener, to let the Vets know that we love them and that God loves them. Some have asked us to pray with them, and that is what we do.”

Many of those at the U.S. Vets Center are in transition, may have recently been homeless, out of work due to disabilities, or require more time to transition from the hardships of war to a more sedate civilian environment. In short, veterans serving veterans is a goodwill means to thank them for their service and to encourage each to continue to strive to move on to a life of self-fulfillment.

For more info on how to start a Military Veterans’ Ministry in your church you are invited to contact Richard Brown at All Saints of the Desert (r brown26@cox.net) or Buz Isban at St. John the Baptist (buzisban@cox.net). Or visit the Brotherhood of St. Andrew website ministry page under Veterans Ministry: https://brothersandrew.net/Ministries/veteran-friendly-congregation.html.

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Pandemic restrictions affect worship, Holy Week, Easter

By David Paulsen

Episcopal News Service

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry issued a letter to the Episcopal Church on March 17 stating in his clearest language yet an unsettling truth that many Episcopalians already had begun to acknowledge: Lent, under the threat of global pandemic, will culminate in a Holy Week and Easter Sunday unlike any before — with churches closed and pews empty.

“... the church, alluded to the COVID-19, the respiratory disease caused by a new coronavirus, as of March 21 had spread to 167 countries and caused more than 12,000 deaths, with 290,000 cases worldwide, the World Health Organization reported, including 20,000 cases in the United States. Curry, in his letter to the church, alluded to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s recommendation against gatherings of more than 50 people at least until May 16.

After voicing his support for bishops who move to cancel in-person worship services, Curry reaffirmed and strengthened that encouragement, as well as efforts underway to offer Episcopalians ways of worshipping together online.

“It is important to emphasize that suspension of in-person gatherings is not a suspension of worship. I very much encourage and support online worship,” Curry said.

The presiding bishop’s latest statements, coupled with the myriad directives and pastoral letters issued over the past several days by bishops across the church’s 111 dioceses and mission areas, underscore how the coronavirus outbreak and efforts to slow its spread have thoroughly upended normal parish life and the liturgical practices that Episcopalians previously took for granted.

Public health officials stress that until a vaccine is developed and available — possibly not for another 12 to 18 months — larger gatherings could accelerate transmission of the coronavirus at a pace that would overload hospitals, as has happened in Italy. Episcopal bishops across the church, starting in mid-March, asked congregations in their dioceses to cancel in-person worship.

Many churches in early March initially planned worship by asking parishioners to sit apart from each other, avoid contact at the Peace and refrain from passing the wine.

However, as the pandemic’s progress continued on page C
Churches postpone funerals, weddings

By David Paulsen
Episcopal News Service

When Page Lea Sr. died last late month at age 69, funeral planners at St. Mary’s Church in Eugene, Ore., knew to expect a big turnout. Lea had been an active and beloved member of the community and his Episcopal congregation, where he previously served as a warden and sang in the choir. Normally, the Rev. Andrew Buchan would have planned for an overflow crowd of about 600 people at Lea’s funeral on March 16. But days earlier, Southern Virginia Bishop Susan Haynes had called for suspension of worship services and other church activity in the diocese in response to public health efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus that has become a global pandemic.

Congregations like Galilee are rethink- ing nearly every aspect of parish life as the coronavirus spreads across the country and funeral services are no exception. A majority of bishops joined Haynes in canceling in-person worship services and gathering size, the diocese said.

When public health authorities warned the virus could be transmitted at large gatherings, leaving the virus could be transmitted at large gatherings, leaving some church planners caught off guard about how to respond to grieving families.

For future funerals, Galilea likely will ask those families to wait it out. “We can’t fulfill their dreams, but we can do something so their loved ones won’t be completely forgotten,” Buchan said. “Families will hold the funerals that we committed to hold,” Buchan said. Galilea’s rector, tells ENS. So for Lea’s funeral the Galilea had a graveside service for families unable to attend.

Lea was a 69-year-old black woman whose death on March 16 due to COVID-19, according to the Washington Post. Lea was a well-known and beloved member of the community, and her death marks a tragic milestone in the ongoing pandemic that has claimed thousands of lives.

In this case, the Galilea’s rector, the Rev. Andrew Buchan, said, the church was able to hold the funeral with a small service. “That’s the only way we can do it,” Buchan said. “We held this service in the church’s narthex.”

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of "Common Prayer for Children and Families." She also co-authored the book, "Faith Practices, Routines, and Rituals that We Engage in, Right Here, Right Now," as an invitation to draw near as families.

Gamber suggests creating a family altar at home, where you can light a candle and tell family stories, read the Bible, read picture books, or look at family photos with your children. She also encourages having conversations in which parents ask their kids about their feelings without judgment, and without rushing them to a resolution.

"We cannot have hope without also being able to name the pain," she said. "And so in a way, it's okay to feel whatever they're feeling. That goes for us, too," she said, cautioning parents not to project their own feelings onto their children.

During this time without in-person church, prayer is a simple practice that everyone can try, even those "for whom prayer at home doesn't come easily," Barrie said. "It's also a time to get creative in your prayer life. Anything that can be done with intention, such as taking a walk, is an opportunity to pray."

Miriam McKeeney, development director for Forward Movement and a writer for Grown Christians, suggests that people pray spontaneously if they're so moved. "If it feels awkward in the beginning, God is fine with that," she said.

For his part, the Rev. Nate Bostian, head chaplain at TMI Episcopal, a day and boarding school in San Antonio, Texas, recommends setting up regular times for prayer alone and as a family. The Book of Common Prayer is available for kids to remember and use, "especially in all times, and especially in our fear and in our anxiety, God is there too," Parents, he emphasized, are their kids' first, and most influential, religious teachers.

Even schools that aren't yet online may be in the weeks ahead. Chaplains are figuring out how best to re-create that experience virtually. Churches are streaming services, and youth groups are meeting via Zoom. Families should use those resources, and allow kids to do the same. It's important for kids to remember that they're part of a larger community of care, Gamber said. At the same time, people could think about how to help those who don't live in the same household.

When families have victories with spiritual practices, McKeeney encourages them to share those on social media.

The rhythm of prayer and other spiritual practices can provide a foundation for a new routine. Bostian also encourages "a structure for the new normalcy," with expected times for sleep, school and exercise. In addition to checking in emotionally, he suggests staying alert to non-verbal signs that your child or partner might be struggling, such as changes in hygiene or sleep.

If parents are praying at home, it's important to watch for judgment, get outside, or create a sustaining routine, the experts said. "I think we are all given a lot of grace by God right now to try to make mistakes, and to know that we can turn again and try it again. As long as we are on this path to-gether, following Jesus, it's hard to mess this up as far as God sees it," said McKeeney. "We can see it as a mess-up, but God doesn't see it that way." Barrie underscored this point, cautioning against perfectionism. She reminded parents that for children, "home is already holy."
Episcopal churches continue food, shelter efforts
By Lynnette Wilson

Episcopal churches nationwide continued in mid-March to operate homeless shelters, food kitchens, food pantries and other outreach ministries even as buildings begin to close to in-person worship and gatherings.

"One of the reasons I’m glad that we suspended [worship] services is that it allows our leaders who have these really important ministries to focus their energies there," Diocese of Washington (D.C.) Bishop Mariann Budde told ENS.

"And that’s what’s happening. ... It was really important that we maintain those ministries, but also enter into them with with us about in terms of how we’re going to serve people in environments in close proximity."

The dioceses of Washington and Virginia went among the first to suspend in-person worship services for at least two weeks as a precaution aimed at stemming transmission of the coronavirus. The World Health Organization declared a global pandemic on March 11. The dioceses’ action came after more than 250 congregations in Washington, D.C., and suburban Maryland and Virginia. Other dioceses took similar measures.

Across the Diocese of Washington, groups of clergy and lay members self-organized to share ideas, practices and resources of clergy and lay members self-organized to share ideas, practices and resources in the context of their diocese’s announcement affected more than 80 parishes. The CDC also includes specific recommendations for faith communities.

President Donald Trump declared a national emergency in mid-March, allocating $50 billion in funds to fight the epidemic in the United States and its territories — all areas where the Episcopal Church has a presence. Coronavirus-related restrictions varied widely across rural, urban, suburban areas served by the church.

In Kansas City, Mo., a soup kitchen run by an Episcopal-affiliated nonprofit continued serving free meals every weekday, with a few potential changes. Kansas City Community Kitchen now offers meals in Kansas City’s midtown location downtown. Kansas City’s mayor declared a state of emergency on March 12, banning all gatherings of more than 1,000 people, but the kitchen doesn’t cross that threshold.

Still, the kitchen is making changes to reduce the risk to its clients, including setting up hand sanitizing stations and changing shifts. It usually serves meals restaurant-style, but that may change to single-serving meals to go, to avoid having hundreds of people gathering in the building. Bringing food trucks in has been discussed as a possibility, Demo said.

"Since we’re serving a primarily home-less community, we are extremely vulnerable to the [COVID-19] because most of them don’t have access to medical care or testing and are also actually pre-existing conditions. It’s a really vulnerable community," Demo told ENS by phone.

So, on the one hand, our service is absolutely critical right now, because it’s the [only] food that they’re getting to continue on page 6

Six conference attendees later found with COVID-19 attended same event
By David Paulsen

A t least seven people who attended the mid-February annual gathering of the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (CEEP) have tested positive for COVID-19, the respiratory disease caused by the new coronavirus, and all six had participated in the same pre-conference event, the network said March 14 in an email update to attendees and on its website.

The conference was held Feb. 19-22 in Louisville, Ky. CEEP leaders have been working with Louisville public health officials, who are following up with other individuals who attended the pre-conference session with the six people who were infected with the virus. The session was intended for rectors and deans.

They are conducting this outreach out of an abundance of caution," CEEP Executive Director Joe Swimmer said in his email to conference attendees. "Since it has been more than 20 days since our conference ended, we are well outside the incubation period. The health officials believe that anyone who was likely to contract the virus at this session would have shown symptoms by now."

Anyone experiencing symptoms of the virus, such as coughing, shortness of breath and fever, are advised to contact a health care provider, Swimmer said.

"I know this is a trying time for all of us as we put our energies toward caring for our congregations and communities, who are experiencing the repercussions of the public health crisis," Swimmer said in his update. "Know that we are here to support you as we get through this together."

At least five Episcopal rectors were identified last week as among those to receive a COVID-19 diagnosis after attending to page 1
Chaplains in health-care facilities blend comfort, caution

By Egan Millard

Hospitals and nursing homes are among the first on the front lines of the march of the COVID-19 pandemic, with doctors and nurses struggling to keep health care systems running amid a lack of equipment, space, tests and consistent policies. Through it all, health care providers like Hicks do what they do best — consoling and comforting patients and staff alike — even as they risk becoming infected themselves.

The Rev. Janice Hicks, a vocational deacon, works in a facility that exclusively serves people at the higher end of the risk spectrum. Hicks is an Episcopal chaplain on staff at Asbury Methodist Village in Gurneysburg, Md., a retirement and assisted living complex that is home to about 1,400 seniors in persons. The Rev. Tim Ransom, one of her colleagues, is focusing on supporting the rest of the Life Care Center nursing home in Kirkland, Wash., where 29 people had died of COVID-19 as of March 16 and most of the remaining residents have tested positive.

Hicks was not aware of any confirmed COVID-19 cases at Asbury, although in the absence of widespread testing, health care workers are aware that the virus gets into the community, it could be disastrous, as it was at the Life Care Center nursing home in Kirkland, Wash., where 29 people had died of COVID-19 as of March 16 and most of the remaining residents have tested positive.

“Now that we’ve gone to livestreaming back, they have to wear protective gear and do what she can. I really worry about people going to the hospital, becoming isolated, not getting any visitors, dying alone. Most of the hospitals around here are not allowing chaplains in, not even at the end of life.”

Staff are screened daily when they enter the facility. Hicks said their temperatures are taken and they are asked if they are experiencing any symptoms associated with the virus. Hicks expects that if COVID-19 shows up in the facility, she will have to wear protective gear and eventually may not be allowed in. But until that happens, she is determined to do what she can.

“For the past 30 years, the church has been a chapel for a year. ’I’ll go as long as they allow us to.’”

Some chaplains have already been sidelined because of the illness. The Rev. James Ransom has been a chaplain at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H., for four years. The other Episcopal chaplain who works with him at the hospital is unable to work because her daughter is in quarantine for COVID-19, and Ransom himself has been out with a different illness since early March, so the Episcopal chaplain’s coverage program is stringing down works, however, the hospital has other chaplains on staff.

The hospital had the first documented case of COVID-19 in New Hampshire when an employee was confirmed to have the virus on March 2. At age 76, Ransom is at high risk for serious complications if he were to contract it.

“I don’t have any greater anxieties that anybody else. I’m doing the same thing. No one wants to get the virus, but if you do, we’ll just have to cope our best. … All the health care workers, including the chaplains, are being very brave. It’s their job to be there.”

The Rev. Susan Roberts, president of the Assembly of Episcopal Health Care Chaplains and director of spiritual wellness at St. Luke’s Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., is trying to prepare her staff for whatever comes next. She supervises four staff chaplains and five clinical pastoral education residents, who are training to be chaplains, clergy or other spiritual care providers.

As an administrator, she is planning for the possibility of patients overwhelming the health care system, which has led to rationing care in places like Italy.

“We’re planning for that — I’m on an ethics subcommittee that’s planning for that — setting up policy and criteria,” said Roberts.

“Health care providers are overwhelmed, so we’re overwhelmed too,” said Roberts.

“I became a chaplain late in life; it was a real call for me, after taking care of my mom for so many years and finding that I really liked the work,” said Hicks, who has been a chaplain for a year. “I’ll go as long as you allow us to.”

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Bishop Barbara C. Harris, first female bishop, dies at 89

By Tracy Sukraw
Episcopal News Service

Bishop Barbara C. Harris, the first woman to be ordained and consecrated a bishop in the worldwide Anglican Communion, died on March 13 in Lincoln, Mass., at the age of 89. Bishop Alan Gates of the Diocese of Massachusetts announced her death.

Harris served as suffragan (assisting) bishop in the diocese for 13 years, from her historic consecration on Feb. 11, 1989, until her retirement in 2002. She was known as an outspoken advocate for, in her words, “the least, the lost and the left out.”

“Our hearts are truly heavy at the loss of one who has been a faithful and altogether irrepressible companion, pastor and inspiration to us in the Diocese of Massachusetts for 31 years. At the same time our hearts are truly buoyed by the hope which she preached and the conviction she embodied for us throughout all these years,” Gates said.

“Bishop Harris was not large of physical stature. In fact, the opposite,” Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said. “But she was larger than life. She was larger than life because she lived it fully with her God and with us. She did it by actually living the love of God that Jesus taught is about. She did it walking the lonesome valley of leadership, paving a way for so many of us whose way had been blocked. She did it lifting her voice for those who had no voice. She did it with a joke, a whispered word, a secret joy in spite of anything that got in her way, including death. No wonder she titled her memoir, Hallelujah, Anyhow!”

“Barbara was always completely and totally Barbara,” said the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, president of the House of Deputies. “She never pretended to be anyone other than who she was, and she told the truth no matter what the cost. Often that cost was paid with the comfort and dignity of institutional leaders who were, in her view, insufficiently interested in standing with the marginalized and the vulnerable. They learned quickly that her passion for justice was matched only by her wicked and fearless sense of humor.”

Arrangements were pending for a public funeral service to be held at Washington National Cathedral and a private service at the Church of the Advent, Boston.

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Faith traditions converge to share a centuries-old experience

By Jerry Hames

Fifteen people of different spiritual backgrounds traveled from six states to Delaware’s eastern shore in mid-March for a week-long experience with an experienced Byzantine-style iconographer of 25 years from San Miguel, Mexico. Mary Jane Miller returned to St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Lewes to offer instruction in how to create an expression of sacred art that dates back to ancient times, using paintbrush, egg tempura, pigments and gold leaf on a wooden board panel.

“We will paint the famous image of Christ which dates back to the sixth century,” she told the class of 13 women and two men.

“The divine image is a spiritual transmission of Christ’s incarnation transferred to something as common and ordinary as a piece of cloth. During our time together it is my hope that we can unpack the importance of this image.”

What is the value of our belief in [such images] in this day and age? Each workday was structured to include morning and evening prayers. On the fifth day, St. Peter’s rector, the Rev. Jeffrey Ross, blessed and anointed each artist’s work.

Miller said icons are not seen as idols and not worshiped. “Rather, they are recognized as sacred objects, blessed with devotional energy generated by those reverent prayerful followers who have used them from generation to generation.”

The first time I ever saw an icon I felt a strong spiritual connection,” said Deborah Gensch, a St. Peter’s parishioner, who would create her first icon by the week’s end. “Icons are so calming and beautiful, and each speaks to me about a different story. During Lent, God reminds us to focus on our parishioner, who would create her first icon by the week’s end. “Icons are so calming and beautiful, and each speaks to me about a different story. During Lent, God reminds us to focus on our spiritual and historic origins.”

Douglas Patterson of Baden, Pa., said his interest in icons was sparked 20 years ago during retreats at an Orthodox monastery and rekindled by travel to Russia where he discussed icons with Orthodox priests. Two years ago he contacted a Pittsburgh iconographer who agreed to serve as his private instructor and with her help created an icon of St. Thomas.

“I’m attracted to the spiritual and meditative components that are central to icon writing — the concepts of the lights and veils and how this translates into, or reflects, the idea that we as humans are always moving towards the light from our personal and universal darkness or shadow. “This week spent in Lewes writing an icon is always something I look forward to. The prayer, camaraderie and contemplation nurture some part of my soul.”

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Sara L. Wasserman of Ohio participates in the class for the third consecutive year.

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Sara L. Wasserman of South Euclid, Ohio, returning to Miller’s class for the third year, said she considered herself an amateur and a student of iconography. “I’m attracted to the spiritual and meditative components that are central to icon writing — the concepts of the lights and veils and how this translates into, or reflects, the idea that we as humans are always moving towards the light from our personal and universal darkness or shadow. “This week spent in Lewes writing an icon is always something I look forward to. The prayer, camaraderie and contemplation nurture some part of my soul.”

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graveside service in Philadelphia, followed by a memorial service at the Ca-
thedral Church of St. Paul in Boston. Be-
cause of the coronavirus pandemic and restrictions on travel and group gather-
ings, service dates and details will be set at a later time.

Barbara Clementine Harris was born on June 12, 1930, in Philadelphia. She graduated from the Philadelphia High School for Girls and the Charles Morris Price School of Advertising and Journal-
isms and in 1949 joined Joseph V. Baker Associates Inc., a national public rela-
tions firm headquartered in Philadelphia.

She was president of the firm in 1968 when she joined the Sun Company (for-
merly Sun Oil) as community relations coordinator. She headed Sun’s efforts in the City and was a member of the church’s Stand-
ards department from 1975 until be-
coming a senior staff consultant in 1977.

Harris was active in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, through the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Ra-
cial Unity (ESCRU), and the National Council of Churches’ Delta ministry, traveling in 1965 to Greenville, Miss., to help register black voters and taking part in the Selma to Montgomery march.

She was an active lay ministry in the Episcopal Church, in Christian educa-
tion, prison chaplaincy and leadership at parish, diocesan and churchwide lev-
el, before discerning a call to ordained ministry. She was ordained a priest at age 50, in 1980 — when the ordination of women had been officially recognized in the Episcopal Church for only four years.

Harris was priest-in-charge of St. Au-
gustine of Hippo Church in Norriton, Pa., from 1980 to 1984. She also served as chaplain to the Philadelphia County prisons, and as counsel to industrial cor-
porations on public policy issues and so-
cial concerns. In 1984, she was named executive director of the Episcopal Church Publishing Company and pub-
lisher of the social justice magazine The Witness. In 1988, she was interim rector of the Church of the Advocate.

She was elected suffragan bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts on Sept.
24, 1988 and consecrated on Feb. 11, 1989, before a congregation of 8,000 in Boston’s Faneuil Hall, a ceremony viewed on live television that received inter-
national media coverage.

She preached and worked continuously for inclusion, for racial and gender英格, for indigenous and gay rights, and for help bringing about the full inclusion of all people in the life and sacraments of the church.

Harris was a member of the Union of Black Episcopalians and a founding member of the Episcopal Urban Caucus. She represented the Episcopal Church on the board of the Pris-
oner Visitations and Support Committee and was a member of the church’s Stand-
ding Commission on Anglican and Inter-
national Peace with Justice Concerns.

In 1999 she received the American Academy of Political and Socio-
logical Sciences’ Distinguished Service Award and was a member of the TWAC (Theological Worker’s Association of Canada) Commission on Women’s Ordination.

Before her retirement, she served from 2003 until 2007 as an assisting bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington (D.C.). She continued to volunteer and preach at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston during her retirement, even while continuing to be in demand worldwide as a preacher.

In 2003 the Episcopal Diocese of Mas-
sachusetts dedicated in newly built Bar-
bara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., in her honor, and in November of 2019, the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta launched the Bishop Barbara C. Harris Justice Proj-
et, aimed at strengthening the church’s efforts to address social injustice.

Harris published two books, the memoir ”Hallelujah, Anyhow” and the ser-
mon collection “Parting Words: A Farewell Discourse.”

Jerry Harris is survived by her brother, Thomas Harris, and his wife, Jennifer, of Homestead, Fla., and their family, and friends, including Dorothy Cousins and goddaughter Pat Cousins Smith of Philadelphia and their families.
One flaw in Beck's analysis is that he overestimates Cash's uniqueness in writing songs shaped both by Gospel hymns and murder ballads. I immediately thought about the recently released podcast “Dolly Parton’s America,” in which this other folk-country music characterizes many of her early works as “sad ass songs.” Some of those, including murder ballads, were traditional, while others are original compositions.

I think that’s a fair appraisal for much of Cash’s music as well. Indeed, “trains, Jesus, and murder” could summarize swaths of bluegrass, old time, folk andAmericana music. And yet, Beck does have a point. Cash may not be the only artist to sing about these things, but as an artist, he’s more fully defined by them than anyone else, distilling, and perhaps perfecting, this broader lyrical tradition.

Cash’s association with these themes evokes a kind of nostalgia, but one shot through with solidarity, and pointing toward the Christian hope. Parton and Cash are different in this. Parton mostly left behind her “sad ass songs,” connecting toward new audiences through a more jubilant vision of hope.

But as his life and career advanced, Cash seemed to double down on the tradition. He delved deeper, especially in his late career revival with “American Recordings,” evoking this history, its identity, roots and place, and especially his faith, offering a sometimes apocalyptic hope from the Old Testament.

In “Dolly Parton’s America,” Parton is asked by the host Jan Abumrad where they’re from, but the streams flow like a spring from the rocks of the places where they’re from, but the streams flow in different directions. And yet, Germans and Poles still show up in Hendersonville looking for Johnny Cash's grave. For all its rootedness, Cash’s music clearly tapped into deep human experience.

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April
  4/5 | Church of the Good Shepherd, Cave Creek
  4/5 | St. Thomas, Clarkdale
      (Bishop Smith on behalf of Bishop Reddall)
  4/11 | Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix (Easter Vigil Services)
  4/12 | Trinity Cathedral, Phoenix (Easter Services)
  4/19 | Christ Church of the Ascension, Paradise Valley
  4/22 | Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry, Flagstaff
  4/26 | St. Stephen’s, Sierra Vista

May
  5/3 | Resurrection Church, Gilbert
  5/17 | St. Peter’s, Litchfield Park

June
  6/7 | Trinity Church, Kingman (100th Anniversary)

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