

DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD FEBRUARY E-NEWSLETTER



ECW Lenten Retreat



ECW SAVE THE DATE

The Episcopal Church Women will have their Lenten Retreat March 24-26, 2023. The retreat will be held at Toddhall (320 Todd Center Dr, Columbia, IL 62236). Bishop Brian K. Burgess will be the keynote speaker and Claudia Byrne will be the guest worship leader on Saturday evening. There will be discussions about changing women's roles in the church, time for exploring, and opportunities for conversation with new or experienced faces! We hope you will join us. To register please [click here](#).



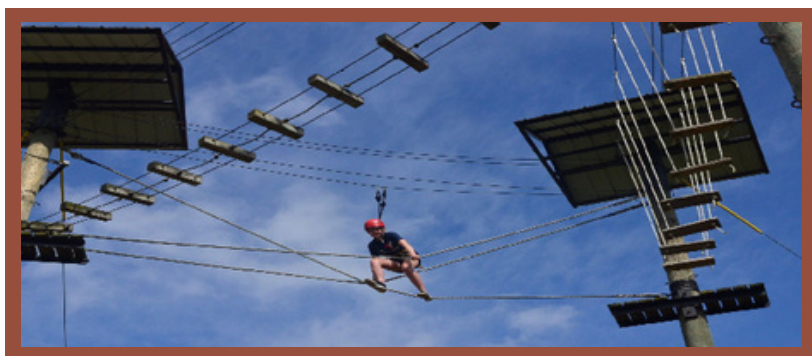
Epiphanytide Springfield Current 2023

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EPISCOPAL SUMMER CAMP 2023

The Episcopal Church Camp of Illinois 2023 will be held on the campus of Camp Wartburg in Waterloo, Illinois from June 17th through June 24th. This year's summer camp will take on a new look with a new direction including plans for fellowship, worship, learning, games, challenges, and growing in God's grace. More information is to follow as the Camp Board finalizes the plans for camp this year. Although heavy winter jackets and snow shovels are the order of the day today, it won't be long until shorts and t-shirts are packed for our time together at Camp Wartburg. "We'll see ya in Waterloo."



ST. GEORGE'S HEALING SERVICE

St. George's (105 E. D. St, Belleville, IL) will be holding a service of public healing including healing for physical, emotional or spiritual matters on February 17 at 7 PM. Refreshments and fellowship to follow after the service.



NASHOTAH HOUSE WEBINAR

Nashotah House is hosting a webinar with the Church Pension Group on Thursday, February 23 beginning at 12:00 PM. For more information and the link to the webinar please email The Rev. Deacon Rebecca Terhune at rterhune@nashotah.edu.



NASHOTAH HOUSE SUMMER COURSES

Nashotah House Theological Seminary is offering a variety of classes in biblical studies, ascetical theology, liturgics, church music, and more this summer. Poet-priest Malcolm Guite, evangelist and best-selling author Becky Pippert, and New Testament scholar Wesley Hill are among the distinguished visiting faculty scheduled to teach courses at Nashotah House's historic, lakeside campus. Offered for credit or audit, the summer classes are designed for individuals who are looking to engage more deeply in these theological disciplines, including new students, current students, and returning students seeking continuing education. Scholarships are available for church groups, alumni, and those who bring a friend with them. More information is available at nashotah.edu/summer-2023.



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Executive Council of The Episcopal Church will convene Feb. 9-12 in San Francisco, California. It will be the council's first meeting this year. All are welcome to watch the plenary sessions live on YouTube [by clicking here.](#)



FROM ST. MATTHEW'S "STICHIN BEES" (BLOOMINGTON)

The Stichin Bees mission is to make and supply our sick and homebound parishioners with handmade lap quilts to keep them warm and provide a little comfort in their time of need. To have new mothers, within our parish, receive a handmade baby quilt, provide fellowship on Tuesdays, and to reach out to others in our community with our blankets.

In 2020 we changed our name to "The Stitchin' Bees" as we don't really quilt anymore we tie knots in blankets that we have already put together.

This year we have given out 1 quilt to a new baby and contributed 75 baby quilts to "Stuff the Bus". The division of the blankets was 22 quilts, 46 polar fleece blankets, and 7 receiving blankets. Stuff the Bus supports The Children's Foundation. We have given 42 polar fleece blankets to Fostering Dignity which serves the fostered children in our county. There are 250 foster children in Mclean County last we knew. We also gave Home Sweet Home 3 scarves and 16 hats.

During the Christmas season, members of St. Matthews have had the opportunity to donate to the two Mitten Trees that have been placed within the church building. The trees are decorated with knit stocking caps and scarves, and gloves. The Quilters placed 22 knit stocking caps and 12 scarves on the Mitten Tree. Other members of the church community continue to fill the trees with more hats, scarves and gloves. We are also working on fidget mats. We gave 4 fidget mats to Arcadia Nursing Home and 10 mats to Oakland School's Special Education Dept, and 4 to Kelly Albin Headstart teacher in Canton, IL.

The quilters now have blankets all over the world. In the past years, we have sent blankets to:

Moscow, Russia, Mexico, Kuwait, Afghanistan
Burundi, Africa, Tanzania, Africa, Peru, St
Vincent, Tabora, Tanzania (2017), Puerto Rico
(2018), Ganidia, Spain (2019), San Juan, AND
Puerto Rico (2019).

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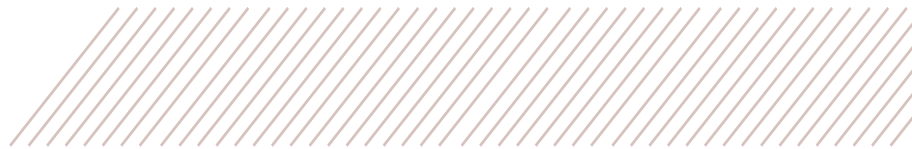
With these shipments of blankets, our small quilting group has touched the lives of children all over the world in addition to our own country and community.

We would love to have you come on Tuesday morning and join us. You can help with these projects or even bring a craft or project of your own. If you don't quilt or sew, just come and visit with us. We would love to have you.

Co-Chairman

Pamela Laws and Kathryn Morris

St. Matthew's Bloomington



PROVINCE V EVENTS

Province V is sponsoring a conference for sustained creation care called "Rooted in Soil and Grounded in Faith." The conference will be held at Nazareth Retreat Center in Nazareth, Kentucky. It will be focused on deeper theological study, sharing of resources (pertaining to creation care ministries), ideas, and an opportunity for fellowship, nature contemplation, and spiritual renewal. For more information please follow [this link to their website.](#)

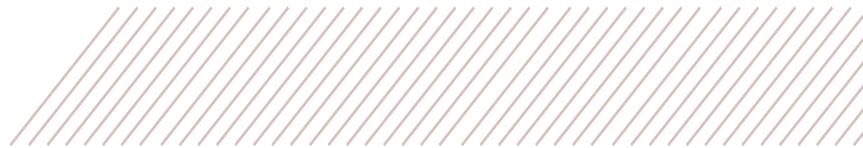
PROJECT RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP TRAINING

The College for Bishops is offering spring training on stewardship called Project Resource. "Project Resource trainings equip stewardship teams to plan and develop year-round stewardship ministries that can be replicated and adapted for years to come. Churches that get the most out of Project Resource have been intentional about including their clergy, stewardship committee members, staff, and other committed lay leaders. It is not a curriculum. Project Resource is a way of understanding stewardship as a ministry, essential for the spiritual health of individuals and communities. It is a way of learning to be in right relationship to the resources in our hands (project-resource.org)."



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For more information please visit <https://project-resource.org/spring2023>



FROM ST. ANDREW'S EDWARDSVILLE

On February 5, St. Andrew's Edwardsville said goodbye to The Reverend Mark Klammer and his wife, Jane Klammer. Bishop Burgess assigned Deacon Klammer to St. Andrew's last June. Deacon Klammer was sent to St. Andrew's to be mentored by Father Hankinson, as part of his preparation for eventual ordination to the priesthood. However, in an example of the unpredictable nature of life as we

know it, within three weeks of Deacon Klammer's arrival, Father Hankinson announced his departure from St. Andrew's. Deacon Klammer's role at St. Andrew's changed and grew in ways that none of us had expected. For the past six months, he has served, in effect, as our resident clergyperson. His contributions over that time have included....





- Leading formal lay Christian education and formation, including preparing the first candidates for confirmation and reception in many years;
- Starting daily observances of Morning and Evening led, primarily, by lay members of the congregation;
- Providing pastoral care;
- Organizing and coordinating the forms of liturgy, and providing a consistent ordained presence at Sunday worship;
- Delivering a three-part sermon series which became the focus of our Annual Stewardship campaign;
- Providing guidance to the lay leadership, including a sometimes wayward Senior Warden.

We have also been blessed by the gracious and lively presence of Jane Klammer, who has become a cherished member of our community. Deacon Klammer's presence among us was always intended to lead to a transition to his ordination to the priesthood, and most likely to his service in another congregation. Even so, we are sorry to see him and Jane leave us.

Deacon Klammer has been assigned as deacon-in-charge at St. Thomas-Glen Carbon. I know that all the members of St Andrew's join me in thanking Deacon Klammer and Jane for their service to us, and wishing them a happy and fulfilling ministry at St. Thomas.

Kevin Babb, Senior Warden, St. Andrews Edwardsville, 2020-2023

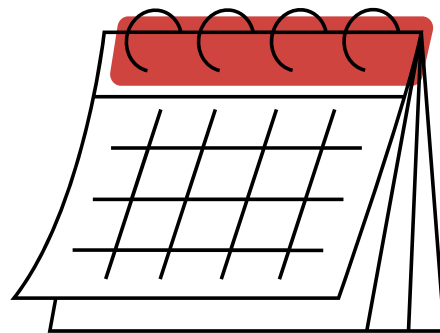
The Very Reverend Dr. John Liston Hall, rector of St. John's-Decatur in the late '70s/mid-80s, died Friday, January 27, in Iowa. The Rev. Hall left Decatur when he became Dean of the Cathedral in Davenport, Iowa. His funeral will be Saturday, February 25 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral in Davenport, Iowa with the Bishop of Iowa celebrating. We thank Father Hall for his service to this Diocese.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. And may life perpetual shine upon them.



For our most up-to-date calendar information please [click here](#)

For our newest first-quarter prayer calendar information please [click here](#)



**Please include those in our
Diocese who are pursuing
Holy Orders in your prayers:**

Parker Asplin, Postulant - Trinity, Lincoln

Pete Sherman, Postulant - St. Luke's, Springfield

Danny Shuler, Postulant - St. Thomas, Salem



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