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## Celebration in Accra

By MARY GLASSPOOL



Archbishop with President of Ghana

The drums began to beat, and trumpets played a rhythmic fanfare, and the long procession moved out onto High Street in downtown Accra. Thousands of Laity, Deacons, Priests and Bishops from as far west in Africa as The Gambia and as far east as the missionary Diocese of Cameroon had gathered for the Enthronement of the Eighth Archbishop of the Province of West Africa, The Most Reverend Dr. Justice Ofei Akrofi, who is also the Bishop of the Diocese of Accra, our Companion Diocese! It was a Tuesday evening in September – the 21st, Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, and I was honored and delighted to be representing the Diocese of Maryland and participating in the service.

The three-hour-long Evensong Service was filled with singing and dancing; laughter and cheering; preaching and prayer; oath taking and commitment. One of the most moving parts of the service for me was seeing the President of Ghana, John Kufour, come forward to the altar, kneel down, and receive the prayers and blessings of all the Anglican Bishops gathered. President Kufour is Roman Catholic, but in Ghana the personal and the religious seem to blend in a way that crosses the “barriers that separate us.”

Of course the highlight of the evening was witnessing Archbishop Justice Akrofi, a true Man of God and Servant of Our Lord Jesus Christ, be acknowledged and empowered in his leadership of the Province. In his Enthronement Message, Archbishop Akrofi played down the power and authority aspect of the event, and instead, said this:

“Jesus always used the model of a servant and that is why in this preface I have not used the image of enthronement. I implore you to surround me with faithful prayers and selfless advice so that the tenure of my office as leader of CPWA will be modeled on the true servant of the Lord who will help create an atmosphere in relationships in which God is praised for ever and ever.”

I express my profound gratitude and deep indebtedness to The Rev. Dr. George K. Neequaye, Rector of St. Stephen’s Church and his wife, Esther, and sons George Jr., Alan, and Kofi, who took me in for the entire week and offered such loving hospitality as I have ever experienced in life. It is my hope that you will all get a chance to meet them in the not-too-distant future!

St. Stephen’s Church, Tema and St. Bartholomew’s Church, Baltimore, are now in the beginning stages of developing a companion relationship between the two churches. A companion relationship between two parishes could include many opportunities for the exchange of ideas and the sharing of different cultures, histories and traditions. This would be done by email and letter exchange, and

through visits of representatives of one parish to the other, and vice versa! If you or your parish is interested in exploring the possibilities of such a relationship, please contact The Rev. Betsy Van Aucker, Chair of the Companion Diocese Relationship, at 410.326.4948.

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## Your Time to Soar – Impact 2005 Youth Conference to be held in Ocean City

By EDIE BERNIER

Olympic Weight Lifter **Shane Hamman**, considered the strongest man in America, will speak about his life experiences to more than 4,000 high school students and youth leaders from Maryland and adjoining states at the **IMPACT 2005 Your Time to Soar** High School Youth Conference. **IMPACT Your Time to Soar** will take place from **Friday, Mar. 18 through Sunday, Mar. 20, 2005**, at the Ocean City Convention Center in Maryland.

Hamman will be joined by National youth speaker **Laurie Polich**. Polich’s greatest desire is for teens to see how God can use their experiences, struggles, weaknesses and talents to make a difference in the world. “My goal is to empower people to see what they CAN do, rather than make them feel guilty about what they can’t do,” said Polich. **Hamman and Polich** will be joined by a variety of national speakers, entertainers and leadership trainers, among them:

- ❖ National recording artists **The David Crowder Band**. The David Crowder Band’s unique sound is an eclectic blend of personalities and instrumentation. The band believes in working together to be a positive agent of change in our culture and to give hope to many by connecting with the Creator through music and singing.
- ❖ **The Sandtown Children’s Choir**. Out of one of the most impoverished neighborhoods in the country, hope arose. The Sandtown Children’s Choir, named for its community in Baltimore, is comprised of 40 third to eighth grade students who make up this energetic urban/hip-hop/pop/gospel group. They have won national awards and released the *Based on a True Story* CD. The Sandtown Children’s Choir is not only about music, but also about community, transformation and how authentic faith in God changes people.
- ❖ **Mark Cable**, an accomplished acoustic guitarist and songwriter who has released more than 17 albums, most recently “Come Out with Your Hands Up,” has shared the stage with top Christian bands such as *DC Talk* and *Big Tent Revival*.
- ❖ Comedians **Ted and Lee**. Ted Swartz and Lee Eshleman, a Mennonite comedy duo, have been seen coast-to-coast and in Canada onstage, in videos and in workshops. Their emphasis, besides being extremely funny, is on creating good art and being people with heart.
- ❖ Fellowship of Christian Athletes’ **Adam Hansford**. Hansford has a history of outstanding accomplishments in sports and youth ministry, and has directed 12 FCA high school and middle school programs.
- ❖ Author and Lecturer **Richard Hagstrom**. Coming from an international research and consulting background specializing in employee selection and training, Hagstrom started his own consulting group. He developed the *Green Light* concept, which helps people understand their unique combination of strengths and limitations with the goal of helping them understand which job(s) will best enable them to be effective, productive and satisfied.
- ❖ **Ken Gire**, author of more than 20 books including “Windows of the Soul,” “The Weathering Grace of God,” and most recently “The Divine Embrace” will offer seminars for parents and youth leaders.

In addition, approximately 15 workshops will be available that focus on providing teens with tools to help them with their spiritual growth and to deal with issues that they face daily.

The **IMPACT 2005 Your Time to Soar** Conference is only \$70 per person with hotel rates additional. An early registration discount is available before Feb. 28, 2005. For registration information, call (toll free) 1.877.896.3802, go to [www.mmyfc.org](http://www.mmyfc.org) or send an email to [impactalive@impactalive.net](mailto:impactalive@impactalive.net).

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## Computers for Kids

By PHILIP SHAW

St. Peter's Computers for Kids program installed its first computer with learning software on Mar. 29, 2001. As of Jul. 11, 2004, they have provided a total of 50 computers to good causes. 41 computers have gone to families in the Ellicott City/Columbia/Baltimore area who might not otherwise be able to afford Pentium computers. They also donated a computer to the Homework Club, for elementary school children in the Hilltop community, and another to the St. Peter's After School Program. Six other computers were donated to various non-profit causes. A parishioner of St. Peter's made a special request, and a computer was donated to help him in his work for the Diocese to maintain cemetery records at St. Mary's, Hampden. The Computers for Kids program also helps fix computers that are not working properly.

The goal is to even the playing field for low-income families in the technology arena. With the learning software that is included with each computer, the hope is that the children will be able to not only learn new things but to realize the joy of acquiring knowledge. Also, most children in middle and high school are assumed to have a computer at home to finish their assignments. Without these computers, homework doesn't get done, and children fall further behind their classmates. Computers also give children and families the capability to access the Internet, which provides boundless opportunities for homework research and learning possibilities. The Internet is one of the major developments of the last ten years and should be available to all.

A typical installation includes a computer with CD ROM, computer desk, HP color printer, 56K modem, speakers, mouse, keyboard, ream of paper and appropriate learning software (depending on the age of the children). Philip Shaw, Christopher Shaw and Armand Kinslow are donating their time to make this program work.

If you are interested in making a donation or learning more about this program, please call Philip Shaw at 410.313.8915.



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## wants to spread the news of its work

By BETSY VANAUKER

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) would like to tell of its work to parishes and regional councils in the Diocese. Its primary focus is in the areas of food, security, primary health care programs, comprehensive HIV/AIDS programs, and emergency relief and building programs. ERD is committed to helping make the Millennium Goals of reducing poverty worldwide a reality.

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) has recently responded to emergencies in the United States and around the world.

### Fire in Ohio

In Columbus, Ohio, ERD is assisting 50 immigrant children and adults left homeless after a deadly fire at an apartment complex killed 10 people. ERD is working with the Episcopal Community Service Foundation of the Diocese of Southern Ohio to provide humanitarian needs such as clothing, food, and vouchers to help the bereaved and homeless families rebuild their lives.

"The terrible fire, which killed the main breadwinners of several families, has made a much wider segment of the state aware of the challenges immigrant families face, and their courage and dedication to their families," said Bishop Herbert Thompson Jr. of Southern Ohio. "ERD's assistance will enhance our ability to serve the Hispanic population in a crisis and encourage local congregations in early efforts to reach out across differences of language and culture."

### Drought in Honduras

ERD is providing emergency assistance to the help families struggling through a drought in Honduras. "Crops are again failing in Honduras — a condition that the country has struggled with over the past four to five years," said Bishop Lloyd Allen, III, of Honduras. "Currently in 24 of the nation's poorest municipalities, it is conservatively estimated that 150,000 families are suffering from famine. Not just hunger, but famine."

ERD is providing emergency supplies to the Diocese of Honduras for families affected by the famine. ERD's assistance will help purchase and deliver rice and maize to the most vulnerable populations, such as children and the elderly, in the provinces of El Paraiso, Francisco Morazan, Santa Barbara, and Copan.

### Terrorist Attack in Russia

ERD is providing emergency assistance to families of children killed in the tragic school killing in Beslan, Russia, in early September. In partnership with Church World Service and the International Orthodox Christian Charities, ERD is providing grief and trauma counseling to approximately 100 families in Rostov and Beslan. ERD's assistance is supporting medical assistance to families of children who will require long-term rehabilitative care.

If you are interested in having a presentation about the work of ERD at your parish or regional council, or if you are interested in receiving information about becoming a parish representative, please contact Betsy Van Aucker by email at [mvanauker@direcway.com](mailto:mvanauker@direcway.com) or by phone at 410.326.4874.

**All are Welcome to a festive celebration of  
Advent Lessons and Carols at the Church of the Advent,  
Federal Hill, December 12, 6:30 PM. The Church is  
located at 1301 S. Charles Street in historic Federal Hill.  
Please call 410-539-7804 for further details.**

## Episcopal Public Policy Network

By DON SCHROEDER

As part of the Diocesan Justice and Peace Ministries, Don Schroeder serves the Bishop's Deputy for Public Policy and, in effect, the "Faith's voice" in Annapolis before the Maryland General Assembly during the 90-day legislative session that begins in January.

He and Deacon in Training, Madeleine Beard, manage the Legislative Alert webpage of the Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network. The webpage can be found by going to the website of the Diocese, [www.ang-md.org](http://www.ang-md.org), and clicking on Councils and Committees.

The principal issues that the faith community becomes involved in vary, but generally cover such topics as state agency programs for the poor, the disadvantaged, senior citizens, and health and safety.

Any clergy or lay member wishing to be brought up to date on legislative bills or regulatory issues on the above and other issues may do so by going to the Diocesan website or by contacting Don at his email address, [donandhope@comcast.net](mailto:donandhope@comcast.net), or by entering the General Assembly's website, <http://mlis.state.md.us/>.

## PANAMA – A FREDERICK REGIONAL COUNCIL PILOT MISSION TRIP

*The Story of the Abundant Heart*

By THE REVEREND SANDRA KAY RICE, DEACON

Panama Medical Mission Team



In the words of a great spiritual teacher, The Right Reverend Julio Murray, Bishop of Panama, said to his congregates, "You will prepare yourselves to live out your baptismal vows." His words, not mere suggestions, but spoken with the clarity of one anointed by God were:

- ▶ That the congregations of the Diocese of Panama would become missionary churches
- ▶ What they lacked in financial means to raise themselves up as missionary churches would be compensated for by their faith that God would send them abundant spirits to help them
- ▶ And, perhaps most profoundly, they were told that they were never so poor as to have nothing to share

The Frederick Regional Council's (FRC) Panama mission advance team was the beneficiary of these pearls of wisdom. Last March, as the advance team traversed their way through the interior of Panama, they were invited to rest at the home of a local parishioner. Hours later, when they passed this home on their way back to Panama City, the Bishop stopped to say goodbye. As he returned to the car he had a twinkle in his eye and simply said, "We are having our dinner with this gracious family tonight." The family had gathered root vegetables from their garden, picked beans from their meager bean harvest and killed chickens to make a wonderful meal of chicken, rice and beans for 11 guests.

It was here, among the spirit-filled community of Arenosa, that God called the FRC into a pilot missionary trip this last August 2004. Representing the region was: Dr. Sandy Fowler, Dr. Debra Fedor, Tim Hentgen, Marty Hildebrand, Dan Lajewski, JoEllen Nutter, R.N., Cam Overs, Julia Overs, Clayton Putnam, The Rev. Kay Rice, Wil Rice, The Rev. Jim Seale, Robin Taylor, P.A., David Taylor and Jose Velazquez. The multi-level pilot mission partnership objectives were: to begin to build a mission partnership with the Diocese of Panama and the Panamanian Ministry of Health while providing medical care to the 31 communities that surround the Arenosa Medical Station; and, to support the vision of Bishop Julio Murray's Operation Nehemiah, to rebuild selected structures to strengthen the church's presence. It is within this context of partnership that the *Ground Missionary Team* provided medical care to over 1000 patients and added a much-needed addition to Iglesia Episcopal San Andrés.

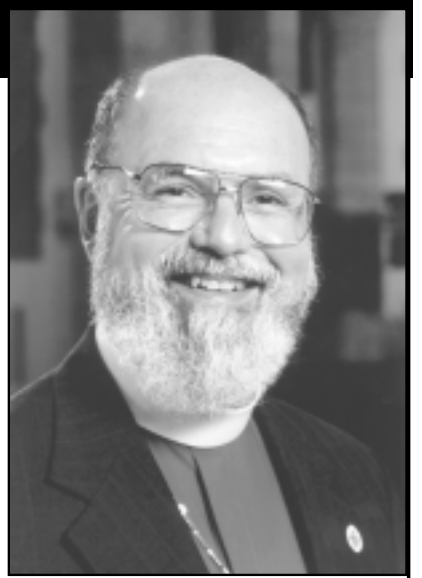
Critical to the success of the mission was the incredible *FRC Home Missionary Support Network*. This network of Frederick area Episcopal churches raised the money for the clinic pharmacy inventory and the construction materials. In addition, the regional churches along with The Bishop Claggett Diocesan Center collected a cornucopia of school supplies and toothbrushes. They collected so much that Panamanian Customs delayed the processing of the supplies until they received verification that these indeed were gifts for the people of Panama. They could not believe that any one community could have such an abundant heart!

Our pilot mission trip is prayerfully only the beginning of a long-term partnership with the Diocese of Panama. Robin Taylor, P.A., perhaps summed up the experience for many of the team. "It is impossible to share in a single statement how my personal experience affected me. How do you describe how profoundly a group of people has changed how you regard the world? I feel blessed to have been a part of this group; to have worked with all of you (team); to have met the patients and their families; and to see how the partnership between the church and the community can be lived out. Thank you for this incredible opportunity."

FRC participating members: All Saints', Frederick, Catocin Parish, Thurmont, Church of the Transfiguration, Braddock Heights, Grace Church, Brunswick, Grace Church, New Market, Saint James, Mount Airy, Saint Paul's Point of Rocks and The Gathering, Walkersville. Another participant was The Bishop Claggett Diocesan Center.

## From Bishop Ihloff

### A Comment on Moral Values



I am encouraged that exit polls from the recent presidential election indicate that many Americans were motivated to vote on the basis of their moral values. All Christians are called not only to live by these values but also to work in a variety of ways to make sure that sound morality triumphs in our communities and our nation. I am less pleased with the tendencies of some commentators to habitually talk about moral values in narrow and very personal ways.

To be sure, Christian morality should inform every aspect of life: how we treat one another in families, how we spend our time and invest our money, how we work for justice and peace in society. There are moral values, which have a lot to do with our families and our personal behavior. Basic to Christian morality is the ethic of love. Jesus reminds us that we are to "love others as we love ourselves," a value which goes deep into our Hebrew roots. In John's Gospel, Jesus makes an even greater demand on us: we are to "love others as he has loved us." We know Jesus loved us self-sacrificially; therefore, we are called to love others by truly respecting them and giving up some of our own will for the good of the other. This is the basis of all Christian morality.

Turning to specifics, many issues of the recent election are moral issues: family values, abortion, and prayer in schools, just to mention a few. Moral values do not stop at these (although some commentators and some want to). Christian include alleviation of justice and equality, wage war, and a host of Jesus does talk about and personal morality. to say about issues of ing of our resources, good of communities, war.

I believe it is true Americans went to the November because they Christian moral values. feelings about this elec- from my sense of moral cation as a Christian gion seriously. Let's not

moral values are not limited to one or two issues. It is clear that people in both major parties voted on the basis of their Christian moral values. What is obvious is that Christians are not united in our country in interpretation of how Scripture and our Lord Jesus Christ informs us about these issues. We need to honor one another and each individual's diversity of interpretations. In the Episcopal Church, we have seemed to do this with some strength. I hope we can do this as a nation as well.

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## Some Thoughts on the Windsor Report

By THE RT. REV. BISHOP ROBERT IHLOFF

I am often reminded of the sage advice of my seminary New Testament professor: "From time to time read the Bible; it sheds wonderful light on the commentaries." While it is possible to read a lot of reactions and responses, there is no substitute for reading the Windsor Report, itself, a fine and careful document crafted by Anglicans from all over the world. It is a study document that will be used here in the Episcopal Church and around the Anglican Communion for years to come, and it offers concrete advice on how we understand our unity and how we live with our diversity. While the Archbishop of Canterbury in the face of diverse reactions to the ordination of Bishop Gene Robinson commissioned it, the Report has many implications for the numerous other issues that divide us as Anglicans in a worldwide Church.

Among the best parts of the Report, I believe, are the sections on "The Authority of Scripture," and "Scripture and Interpretation," (paragraphs 53-62).

The Report recognizes that Scripture is dynamic, not static: "From the first, the New Testament was intended as, and perceived to be, not a repository of various suggestions for developing one's private spirituality, but as a collection of books through which the Spirit who was working powerfully through the apostles would develop and continue their work in the churches," (paragraph 56). Thus scripture has authority not so much in the particulars of the written texts but through the timeless process of interpretation of these texts in the Christian community. The Report encourages biblical scholarship and invites us all into recognizing how texts have been interpreted in the past as an important dimension of interpreting these texts in the present. "The current crisis thus constitutes a call to the whole Anglican Communion to re-evaluate the ways in which we have read, heard, studied and digested scripture. We can no longer be content to drop random texts into arguments, imagining that the point is thereby proved, or indeed to sweep away sections of the New Testament as irreverent to today's world, imagining that problems are thereby solved," (paragraph 61).

The middle sections of the Report help to clarify the autonomy we enjoy as national churches and our need to be sensitive to the ways in which actions in one part of the Communion have effect on other parts. Quoting the Lambeth Conference of 1920: "It is right and proper that the one faith and discipline of the Church should be 'incarnate' in varied cultural forms...the Gospel of Jesus does not come to people in the abstract, but to specific men and women," (paragraph 85). In this respect, the Report calls for the Church to listen to the experience of gay and lesbian members as part of the ongoing dialogue.

The Report calls for apologies to be issued by bishops who ordained Bishop Robinson and bishops who have presumed to cross diocesan boundaries without the permission of the local diocesan bishop. Both apologies are seen as a way of saying that these bishops wish to remain in the Communion, and they acknowledge the pain caused to others by their actions. Although apology from bishops who voted for the ratification of Bishop Robinson was not called for in the Report, I have already stated publicly that I am sorry for the pain caused here in this Diocese and beyond it by my vote (which I made on the basis of my interpretation of Scripture, as a matter of conscience, and given my understanding of the Constitution & Canons of the Episcopal Church). I look forward to discussing a broader apology with my sister and brother bishops in January, and I believe an appropriate apology will be forthcoming. We do need as Americans to recognize that our actions inevitably have global consequences, and we often give too little thought to this reality.

The Report calls for our churches to not authorize services for the blessing of same-gender relations until such time as the issues can be more fully discussed with our Anglican partners. Bishop Rabb and I have for some years indicated that we would not authorize such services. The Report also calls for no additional consecrations of non-celibate homosexual bishops until the Church has greater opportunity for dialogue. For many in the U.S. who have been dialoguing about issues of homosexuality for more than thirty years, this may seem an unfair restraint. It certainly behooves other parts of the Communion who have tended to avoid discussion to enter into genuine study of this issue.

No one I know is totally happy with the Report, but I am content that it is a very fine document to move us forward productively. What we do with it and how we discuss its implications will determine how we can productively live together as Anglicans, worshipping the same Lord, bound together by Word and Sacrament, yet holding very different perspectives on a variety of important subjects.

## A Reflection on the Windsor Report

By GUY H. WOLF II, PH.D. BISHOPS' INFORMATION OFFICER FOR GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER CONCERNS

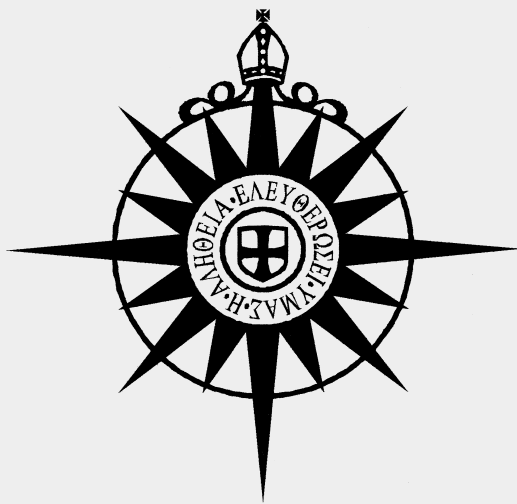
The discussion concerning the inclusion of sexual minorities continues to create unwelcome divisions in the Anglican Communion. The debate often focuses not on what is a Christian response to the inclusion of all persons in the Church but rather on how to exclude some people from full participation in their churches.

If we examine our baptismal covenant, we see that we are enjoined to love one another as ourselves and to work for justice and peace among all God's children. If we truly do this, then the questions concerning sexual orientation become secondary to our shared beliefs in our role as Christians. If we truly believe that Christ died for all then GLBT persons are included. Jesus admonishes us to prevent no one from coming to Him. How do devising plans to exclude persons from our communion further Christ's work here on earth?

From my perspective, it is better to strive to assist those who are struggling with their beliefs and affirm their self-worth in light of God's concern for all His creations than to deny people their place in God's kingdom. When we baptize infants, those children become members of the Christian community. At the time of their baptisms, most of the aspects of personhood are moot, yet one thing is certain; these children are a part of Christ's flock. After many years, when they ascertain their sexual orientations, how can we turn aside some of these members of our community because of their respective sexual orientations? Adopting a loving response to each person is the standard by which we and the whole Church will be judged. Yet this appears to be the conclusion that is avoided by the Windsor Report.

In the Anglican Communion, we have lived with dissonance in the past and continue to do so today. The discussion concerning the role of GLBT persons in the Church will continue and yet it appears that we will continue to agree to disagree for some time to come. However, I think it is far better to spend our time figuring out how to maintain and support current members while reaching out to bring others into the Church than to suggest ways to bar people from participation in the Church.

Let us strive to follow Christ's example. Are we willing to bear our crosses while striving for justice and peace among all God's children? Let us take time to pray, contemplate and listen to the how the Spirit is making itself known to God's people.



### The Windsor Report 2004

In October 2003, The Most Revd. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury established a Commission to make recommendations to the Primates of the Anglican Communion on how to maintain the highest degree of communion possible following developments in North America. The Commission's mandate was to establish how the Communion makes decisions and not about the issues themselves. The Most Revd. Dr. Robin Eames, Archbishop of Armagh and Chairman of the Commission, said, "The Commission has been greatly challenged in this task and I have been privileged to work with such a dedicated team. I have no doubt that their collective insights and recommendations can and must make a profound and practical impact for good in the life and mission of the Anglican Communion. This has been a labour of love in the faith that Christ is our guide and strength in working for peace and healing."

## Morehouse to Publish Lambeth Commission Report

The Windsor Report 2004 from the Lambeth Commission on Communion will be available in printed form in mid-November from Morehouse Publishing.

The 96-page report will be available through Episcopal bookstores or directly from Morehouse for \$8.95 per copy. Direct orders may be placed at 800.877.0012 or [www.morehousepublishing.com](http://www.morehousepublishing.com).

Only a limited number of copies will be printed, so advance orders are encouraged.

The Lambeth Commission, established by the Archbishop of Canterbury, was charged with examining the legal and theological implications flowing from the Episcopal Church's decision to appoint a priest in a committed same sex relationship as a bishop and the Canadian Diocese of New Westminster's authorization of services for same sex unions. It was also charged with examining and making practical suggestions about how the provinces of the Anglican Communion may relate when they feel unable to remain in full communion with one another.

The report focuses on reconciliation. The Primates' Standing Committee of the Anglican Communion called the commission's unanimous endorsement of the report "a sign of hope."

"If there is a real desire to walk together in our discipleship of Christ," the Primates' Committee said in a statement, "then a course can be plotted to maintain the highest degree of Communion possible, in spite of differences about the way in which Christ's Gospel is to be interpreted in a diverse and troubled world."

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The Bishop Claggett Conference Center in Historic Buckeystown, Maryland

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is my experience that September is to the Church what January is to the world, a time of new beginnings. We don't just pick up where we left off any more than the Baltimore Orioles, on opening day, pick up where they left off last season. No, it's my experience that they and we begin each season with **renewed hope!** This year will be better. We will perform markedly better than last year and finish in a much "higher standing." go unanswered. Praise God!

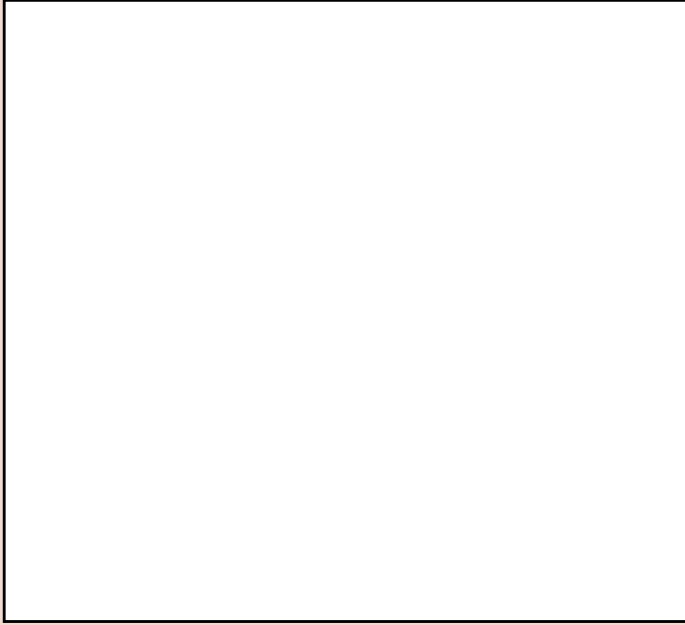
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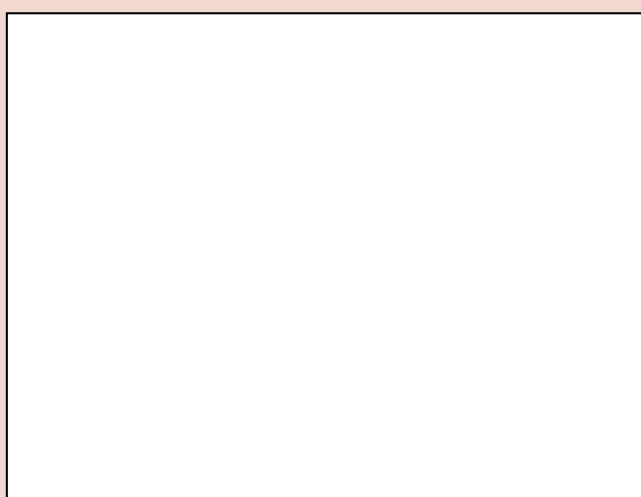
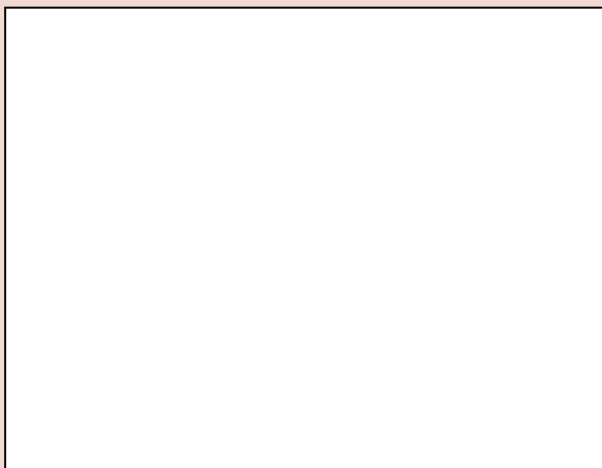


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Upcoming Events at Claggett  
2004 - 2005

**YOUTH Ministries**

Winter Jubilee –December 29–31, 2004 Grades 6–8 & Grades 9–12

Kids Kaleidoscope – January 7–9, 2005 Grades 3–5

**ADULT Ministries**

Multi-Parish Women’s Weekend - January 14–16, 2005

Theme: *“Nurture My Soul, Lord: Cultivating Intimacy with God”*

Multi-Parish Women’s Weekend - January 21–22, 2005

*“Women in the Bible”* performed by Anita Gutschick

Multi-Parish Men’s Weekend of GOD.

\*\*Fees for these two winter programs are reduced due to gifts from Claggett and Diocesan Missioner.

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Canterbury Cathedral



## A message from Canterbury

I have been asked to share in the *Maryland Church News* what I am doing on my sabbatical. I am here in Canterbury, England, U.K. at the Franciscan International Study Centre. We are on the hill overlooking the historic city and cathedral and are adjacent to Kent University (location of the 1998 Lambeth

Conference). The Centre

is primarily a continuing education venue that is a collaborative effort by the Franciscan orders. There are 40 of us here for the Michaelmas term in continuing education, evenly divided between men and women, from 21 different countries. Some of us are on sabbatical and others are in programs of Franciscan studies, Franciscan formation, spiritual direction training and some training to be formation leaders. There are also several others here in ministry formation, and there are two permanent communities of brothers and one community of sisters. We live in eight houses surrounding a central core of classrooms, a library, a computer center, offices, common rooms and a refectory.

My first experience has been to acclimatize to a new sense of community. The sense of community is powerful as we study, eat, worship and have fun together. There are many cultural and language differences, and, while all classes and programs are in English, we learn a lot about each other's language and culture. The varied experiences and stories of my colleagues are rich. In my house we are from India, South Africa, Italy, England and the United States. Some of us are in active hands-on ministries such as education, health care and congregational work, some are contemplatives, some lay, most religious (in orders) and some ordained. To truly understand the Franciscan tradition is to live in Franciscan community! One fascinating aspect of this community, consistent with Franciscan belief in *humility* (from which they get friars minor or lesser) is that all of us, faculty, students and all residents, are called only by our first names with no reference to ordained or lay rank or position. This experience of community has also given me an even greater appreciation for the Anglican-Roman Catholic dialogue. I am not an outsider. When we talk and share stories of ministry, they are about many of the same critical issues, from HIV/AIDS prevention, to world peace, to justice, to erasing racism, to combating hunger and to our common passions of service.

I have chosen to take four classes: Franciscan history, Franciscan rule and life, Franciscan sources and one on St. Bonaventure. In addition, I am working on the Enneagram in a weekly seminar. My main work is research and writing and is on a Franciscan model of preaching that is tentatively entitled *Imaginative Preaching*. I have a tutor, Philippe Yates, O.F.M., who is also the Principal of the Centre, guiding me through this work. Another faculty member, Seamus Mulholland, O.F.M., is also reading my material. I would be most remiss, and incur the wrath of my friends here, if I did not note the importance given to Clare. The classes open up an even greater appreciation of Francis and Clare. My goal is still to have something ready for publication in 2005. In addition, the Centre has opportunities for trips and participation in local events. On Sunday, Oct. 31, All Hallows Eve, the Centre community was given a special candlelight pilgrimage of Canterbury Cathedral directed by the Canon Pastor, The Rev. Clare Edwards. It was a most moving experience!

There is an active Anglican order of Franciscans, the Society of St. Francis, the Grey friars, housed here in Canterbury. They are present frequently at the Centre, active in much of the life. As a community, we have been to their house for hospitality and worship. They have graciously had me to supper, and I am deeply impressed with their work and ministry. The Centre is active in the work between Anglicans and Roman Catholics, and indeed our lecturer for the annual Duns Scotus lecture in November is The Most Rev. and Rt. Honorable Rowan T. Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury. (Who is John Duns Scotus you may ask? One of the great Franciscan theologians — that is who!)

On Sundays, and at some other times, I usually worship at Canterbury Cathedral, officially known as the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ, Canterbury. My original plan had been to visit various churches, but the richness of the worship with fine preaching, liturgy and music and the warm welcome by the Dean, chapter (here, this is the senior clergy) and members of the congregation draws me back regularly. I love just being in the pew, although there are no pews as such. The Right Rev. Stephen Venner, Bishop of Dover and Bishop in Canterbury have also warmly received me. There is interest in the United Kingdom, of course, regarding the Windsor (Lambeth) Commission Report that was issued on Oct. 18. There appears to be a general appreciation of the report in the Church of England. The Church of England essentially is facing many of the same issues as the Episcopal Church. I do have a renewed and deepened sense of being part of the whole Anglican Church and being a worldwide communion.

I take time for some side trips, and I treated myself to a trip to Scotland for my 60th birthday. In November, Sharon, Alison, Jennifer, and my brother and his wife are coming over, and we will all celebrate Thanksgiving here.

It is a very rewarding and rich time, and I thank the Diocese of Maryland for making it possible for me to have this sabbatical. I thank +Bob who is shouldering the work for both of us, Bishop John Smith, retired, of West Virginia, who is taking some visitations, Mary+, Mark+, Ashby, Juanita and the whole staff who are doing the extra work. I trust that I return on Dec. 12 renewed as a bishop, inspired as a preacher, deepened in my prayer and able to offer the church some new and helpful ideas on preaching.



+John Rabb



## Fall Firsts at UMBC

By LETTIE MYERS, DIOCESAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

During September, UMBC students in a newly formed Episcopal/Lutheran Ministry group collected school supplies for Iraqi elementary school children. The donated crayons, markers, pencils, paper, glue sticks, notebooks and binders were delivered to the Johns Hopkins University Interfaith Center on Sept. 27 as UMBC's contribution to a project inspired by Alexander Kuhns (JHU 97). Serving as an Arabic translator in Mosul, he contacted Sharon Kugler, JHU Chaplain, and asked for help to overcome the desperate shortage of basic supplies in Iraqi schools. The UMBC contribution was not only welcomed, but it motivated the JHU students to subsequently contribute more themselves. As October arrived, members of the UMBC group began work on Habitat for Humanity houses in the Sandtown section of Baltimore.

This generous participation in several service projects early in the semester has heartened Menalcus Lankford, the new Episcopal chaplain, and The Rev. Sandra Alexis, the Lutheran chaplain, who lead the

Thursday "lunch bunch" weekly. Their meetings include light lunch, discussion, Bible study and prayer. Once a month, they vary their program with study of other spiritual texts or tapes. Future activities planned for this semester are a Sunday night-at-the-movies and a field trip to a Taizé service.

UMBC's growing on-campus population affords Menalcus and Sandra increased opportunities for ministry within group settings as well as individual counseling of students. Recently retired from Harford Community College, Menalcus feels his experience as a professor has given him an abundance of tools to assist students in an academic setting. His familiarity with students' needs also has a more personal aspect—he and his wife are proud of their two children, both recent college graduates. If you know any residents or commuter UMBC students who might be interested in any of these activities, please contact Menalcus at 410.771.0038 or menalcus@hotmail.com. He'll contact them and invite them to join in.

A committee recruited by the Diocesan Campus Ministries Committee will guide further development and formation of the Episcopal Ministry at UMBC. Recently elected President of the UMBC Campus Ministry Committee, Paul Beares looks forward to a busy academic year in which he and the other members of his committee will guide its growth. Other members and officers are James Ketler, Carolyn Koehler, David McClellan (Treasurer), Deborah McClellan, Thelma Smullen (Chaplain), and Alma Woolley (Secretary). Pleased that the many Fall activities have been so inspiring and fruitful, Bishop Ihloff praised the commitment of the UMBC students, chaplains and committee as they continue the UMBC tradition of campus ministry once led by Bishop Rabb when he was rector at Holy Apostles.



## Appeal Profile: Holy Family House

**H**oly Family House was founded as transitional housing for homeless families with children in Harford County. It grew out of recognition by the Episcopal Regional Council that

there is a persistent crisis of homelessness in the county. Evaluation of this condition by the Council showed a need for short-term housing for one or two parent families to allow them time to get back on their feet and to find more permanent shelter.

In Jan. 1989, Holy Family House became incorporated as a non-profit organization in Maryland, and the committee became the Board of Trustees. A two-bedroom apartment was found and furnished with donations by Episcopal parishioners.

A second apartment was leased in 1990. The ministry expanded further in 1994 with the addition of a four-room house, removed from the county's surplus property rolls and renovated for homeless purposes. An additional house was granted in 1996. Both were leased from Harford County government for one dollar a year.

In March 1997, the Board hired the services of the first executive director, whose purpose was to stabilize funding resources and to assist the Board in developing a vision for the future. Patrick McCarty was hired half time at a modest salary. An office was opened on the lower level of the Holy Trinity Church Parish House. During the summer of 1997, in an attempt to save money and to move services closer to the need, the apartments in Bel Air were moved to Aberdeen. In 1998, Holy Family House was required to leave one of the homes because of the expansion of the Edgewood Library. In an attempt to preserve the number of beds lost in the closing, two more apartments were opened in Aberdeen. Case Manager Alma Schwanke was hired in December 1998 to oversee the increased client load.

The original house, located on Moore's Mill Road in Bel Air, closed Dec. 31, 2000 after nearly nine years' service. All Holy Family House services were effectively consolidated in Aberdeen at that time. The management of Baldwin Manor provided a two-bedroom apartment for a formal office.

A HUD grant was received in 2001 to provide six additional permanent residences for homeless families with mental illness issues such that they cannot work and could benefit from case management. To date, Holy Family House operates twelve apartments and four houses in pursuit of its mission.

*Holy Family House is supported in part by the Episcopal Appeal's Ministry of Community fund.*



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## Bishops' Crozier Society Celebrates Appeal Success

By THE DEVELOPMENT STAFF

**O**n Oct. 24, members of the Bishops' Crozier Society gathered at Clover Hill, the Bishop of Maryland's historic residence, to celebrate the success of the 2004 Episcopal Appeal. More than \$158,000 has been collected for programs and ministry around the Diocese. Of this amount, \$71,000 was given by members of the Crozier Society (donors who have given \$1,000 or more to the Appeal). With 45 members in 2004, up from 38 in 2003, the Crozier Society represents a growing core of support.

The continuing support of Crozier Society members, and the many others who give to the Appeal, benefits programs for people of all ages throughout the Diocese. Youth programs include after-school programs, ministry to children with serious illnesses such as HIV/AIDS, and youth scholarships to camps at the Bishop Claggett Center. We reach out to people of all ages with ministry at Johns Hopkins Hospital, shelter and support at Samaritan Community, and research at the F. Garner Ranney Archives.

These programs would not exist without the support of individuals throughout the Diocese. We wish to offer our sincere thanks to our dedicated supporters who have contributed to the Appeal's success thus far, with a special emphasis on the members of the Bishop's Crozier Society, who represent the foundation of our fundraising efforts.

*The 2004 Episcopal Appeal continues through the end of the year. Please consider giving a gift to the Appeal this Advent and Christmas Season. A gift envelope is included in this issue of the Maryland Church News. Your generosity will help many throughout the diocese.*

## Appeal Profile: The Samaritan Community

By THE REV. STEWART LUCAS, ASSISTANT TO THE RECTOR,  
MEMORIAL CHURCH, BOLTON HILL

**T**he Samaritan Community is a Christian outreach program rooted in respect, hope and healing for people in crisis. We provide assistance to meet the needs of families and individuals who wish to improve their lives. Our staff and volunteers are committed to helping those we serve take control of their lives. Most prominently, this help comes through counseling, emergency food, provisions and financial assistance.

We provide advocacy and referral assistance to help people access government services. We receive referrals from these same services when those in need are ineligible for government aid. Our own eligibility criteria are nothing more than the vital needs of the families and individuals who come to us.

The operative word in our mission is "community." Ultimately, we assist those in need by building connections and facilitating relationships among diverse families, individuals and institutions. We welcome — and need — volunteers, and contributions from all sources, to meet the increasing number of requests for our services.

For more information, call 410.669.1229 or email [info@samaritancommunity.org](mailto:info@samaritancommunity.org).

*The Episcopal Appeal helps to support ministries like Samaritan Community through the Ministry of Community fund.*

## Excuses numerous for postponing estate plan

Commentary by ALAN S. NOVICK

**T**he thin files in an estate planning lawyer's office are for clients who have postponed their estate planning.

The last letter in the file may typically be one that says the lawyer is still waiting for the client to make an appointment to sign his will, or to tell the attorney what he wants his will to say. The lawyer will also write something to make it clear it is not her fault there is no current will or trust in place.

Readers who find themselves depicted by this scenario should consider that they have received the following letter:

"Should you die before preparing your estate plan, your family may well wonder why you failed to take advantage of the benefits of estate planning and why you left them without final instructions for handling your affairs. There is some chance your family may feel that I am to blame for your lack of planning, and that is one of the reasons I am sending you this letter.

"I hope you will rethink your decision. When you think the time is right to proceed with your estate plan, please contact me.

Yours truly, Your Lawyer"



Why do well-meaning and intelligent people abandon or postpone estate planning? The "usual reasons" include:

- "I don't need to do it now." (Translation: "I expect to live forever.")
- "I don't like lawyers, accountants, insurance agents, etc." (Translation: "It costs too much.")
- "It costs too much." (Translation: "Let my kids pay for the extra tax bill and costs of administration.")
- "We have not chosen a guardian, trustee, etc." (Translation: "I definitely don't want my brother-in-law.")
- "I don't know how to provide for my children." (Translation: "One of the kids really can't handle money.")
- "I don't have time." (Translation: See number 1 above) The reasons may not be good reasons, but they are real.

The translations may be a little caustic, but they are realistic.

## A Feast fit for Kings and Queens on Twelfth Night at The Cathedral

By ANN LOAR BROOKS

What does “Incense and peppermints, the color of thyme” bring to mind? Is it the Strawberry Alarm Clock song from the 1960’s? For folks who have been to The Cathedral of the Incarnation’s annual Twelfth Night celebration, it is reminiscent of the grandest of Christmas activities. That night, amidst incense, sweets, feasting and games, parishioners and friends of The Cathedral mark the end of the Christmas season.

Jan Hamill, The Cathedral’s Canon for Christian Formation, believes that this festival has been held for more than a decade. She declares it to be a “wonderful, wonderful party” that is a cornerstone of The Cathedral’s community-building efforts and attributes its success to the fact that “people just like to have a good time together.”

The evening begins with worship in the sanctuary. At the start of the service, as the aroma of smoldering incense fills the sanctuary, three children carry the Magi figurines to the crèche at the front of the church. (Canon Hamill explains that these children may be girls or boys. Although the Bible uses the masculine form for plural word “magi,” the group of wise persons visiting the Christ child could have been a mixed group of men and women). A short homily is offered, and a rousing rendition of *We Three Kings* is sung before the gathered crowd is led to the feast by a bagpiper playing *The Boar’s Head Carol*.

And what a meal this is! No mere potluck supper! Dedicated parishioners take days to prepare a real boar’s head, roast pork, salad, soup and vegetarian dishes that would satisfy the most hungry of medieval knights. A wide variety of beverages to please all tastes accompany the banquet.

The culmination of the meal is the coronation of the King and Queen. Each of the men and boys receive a King’s (cup)cake and, likewise, the women and girls receive a Queen’s (cup)cake. Hidden within one of the King’s and one of the Queen’s cupcakes is a crown. The two people who find the crowns are given a distinctive royal cape to wear for the rest of the evening that is theirs to keep.

Following the feast, the gathering is treated to formal entertainment. In past years, there has been a presentation of a parody of the *Twelve Days of Christmas*, appearances by area a cappella choirs and dramatic readings of seasonal poetry. The evening ends with some of the gathered singing Christmas carols while others play board games.

No tickets are sold; rather, a free will donation is requested, and people are encouraged to sign a reservation sheet so that adequate food can be prepared. (In some years, the event has been so oversubscribed that numbers have had to be limited!) Newborns to 90-year-olds, teens and college students, parents and grandparents are all active participants in this lively event.

Canon Hamill sees this night as an opportunity for the congregation to be educated about Epiphany and to bring the light of the world to its neighborhood. The Cathedral encourages other parishes of the Diocese to celebrate the Epiphany and extend the light of the world to their neighborhoods. When Christian formation is this inclusive and pleasurable, the whole community benefits.

## Remembering Chris Peiper

By KINGSLEY SMITH, rector of Trinity, 1969-1995

The Rev. Dr. John Christopher Peiper, rector of St. Christopher’s, Linthicum, died of cancer on Mar. 19, 2003 at age 47. A few days before he died, Suzy Shaw, a parishioner who is a professional videographer, went to his house and taped an interview in which he spoke clearly and movingly about his life, his family, his ministry and his faith. He faced death with bravery and serenity, saying “Cancer strips away the games that I was playing.”

His friend and pastor, the Rt. Rev. Charles Longest, says of the video tape, “What a magnificent and courageous facing of the end of life and looking forward to the beginning of a new life—the Easter message!”

A graduate of Lebanon Valley College with a PhD in physical chemistry from Berkeley, he taught at the University of Arizona, where he met and married his wife Patricia Ross. Their children are Katie and John. He went to the Virginia Seminary and was ordained a priest by Bishop Longest in 1991 at Trinity Church, where he served until 1995.

A copy of the 42-minute tape is available at the diocesan archives and may be seen by arrangement with the archivist, Mary Klein.

## St. Margaret’s “Third Sunday Band” releases first CD

By AL TODD

If you arrive for worship at St. Margaret’s Church in Annapolis on the third Sunday of each month, you will find a different musical offering. On this day, guitars, keyboard, harmonica, mandolin, flute and percussion join five-six vocalists in an energetic blend of traditional hymns and folk, rock, country and blues-styled contemporary music. Begun in 1998 as an expression of contemporary worship, the “Third Sunday Band” is a group of parish vocalists and musicians on a journey to share God’s love through music. Third Sunday is composed of Parish members: Al Todd, Cathy Dea Code, George Hazen, Ernie Tucker, Leah Droof, Mary McKiel, Norm Mayfield, Jeanne Burton, Emilie Stafford, Josh Chapman and John Sutton.

Earlier this year, Third Sunday members decided to work in the studio to capture the spirit of their music and document the unique blessing of their experience together. The self-titled CD includes 16 selections of their favorite praise songs and some old favorites as well. Also included is the Band’s original Blues Sanctus – offered at the 2003 Diocesan Convention. The CD is now available. If you can’t make it to St. Margaret’s on the third Sunday, you may want to buy one of their CDs!

Proceeds from the sale of the Third Sunday CD will be used to support the installation of a new sound system at the church. For information on this project, or if you would like to purchase a CD, contact [altodd@comcast.net](mailto:altodd@comcast.net) or call 410.626.7949. The cost is \$15 (includes shipping).

The Third Sunday Band



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Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Essex seeks a lively, creative and enthusiastic musician/choir director to enhance our one Sunday Eucharist at 10 a.m. and continue to develop a small adult choir. Holy Trinity Episcopal Church is a pastoral-sized church with an average Sunday attendance of 110. Instruments include an Ahlborn Galanti organ, which is less than five years old and a Baldwin upright piano.

Primary responsibilities include working with clergy and the ministry community on liturgy to plan music to be performed within the liturgy, and directing, rehearsing and expanding the existing choir.

The work schedule will be up to eight hours a week and also includes Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Principal Feasts of Our Lord and other Holy Days (approximately seven). Choir rehearsal is currently held on Thursday evenings.

Salary is commensurate with education, AGO and experience, and benefits include continuing education and vacation. Please contact the Vicar, Eric Zile, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 410.687.5531 or e-mail to [vicar.zile@verizon.net](mailto:vicar.zile@verizon.net).

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Dr. Boender, a member of St. Peter’s Parish, Ellicott City, was born and raised in the Baltimore area.

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## December

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### 23rd Annual HollyDaze Bazaar

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### St. John's Episcopal Church

South Road &amp; Kelly Avenue, Mt. Washington

Exquisite hand-made jewelry, wreaths and flowers, hand-painted pots and floor cloths, watercolors and pictures by local artists, jams and jellies, clothes and collectibles, Secret Santa, awesome silent auction and so much more. Also open: our own Vestry Café, Bake Table, HollyKidz (crafts), and Treasure Alley (thrift and gift shop). Fresh Christmas Trees for sale out on the parking lot. Get your shopping done early, and enjoy the charm of Mt. Washington!

For more information, or to be a vendor, please call Elizabeth at 410.664.0304 or 410.367.7287, or email [saintjohn@charm.net](mailto:saintjohn@charm.net).

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### 10th Benedictine Experience at the National Cathedral College Washington Cathedral

Sponsored by the Friends of St. Benedict and the Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage at Washington National Cathedral, participants take part in a day divided among prayer, study, work and leisure. The framework of each day is the Opus Dei — the daily corporate worship of God — including prayer offices that begin with Morning Prayer, followed by the Eucharist, Evensong and Compline to close the day. Presenter will be Sr. Donald Corcoran, OSB, Cam, Prioress of Transfiguration Monastery, Windsor, NY, a well-known teacher, writer and retreat leader. Other leaders include Milo G. Coerper, Lawyer/Episcopal Priest and Benedictine Oblate and The Rev. Barbara D. Henry, Assisting Priest, All Soul's Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C.

For more information, contact The Friends of St. Benedict, 5150 Macomb St., NW, Washington, DC 20016, 202.363.8061, or email: [SaintBenedict@prospect-tech.com](mailto:SaintBenedict@prospect-tech.com) — [www.benedictfriend.com](http://www.benedictfriend.com).

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### Annual Christmas Bazaar

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### The Church of the Messiah

5801 Harford Road

The bazaar will feature our famous home-made candy, crafts, holiday greens, bake sale, and Aunt Millie's Tea Room for lunch. Parking is available in the back of the church off of White Avenue, and we are handicapped accessible.

For further information, call 410.426.0709.

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### A Festival of Lessons and Carols for the Season of Advent

#### The Choirs of St. David's Church David Lawrie, Organist and Master of Choristers

#### Randall Mullen, Assisting Organist

5:00 p.m.

#### St. David's Church

Note: There will be no Choral Evensong on this day.

Like the Christmas Eve service broadcast worldwide, the beloved tradition of a Service of Lessons and Carols for the season of Advent is handed down to us from the Chapel of King's College in Cambridge, England. Lessons anticipating the birth of our Savior are interspersed with carols both for the choir and for the people. The service includes centuries-old, well-loved carols, canticles, and responsories, as well as more recent interpretations of the carols and sacred texts.

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### A Christmas Noel with the Columbia Pro Cantare Chamber Singers

4:00 p.m.

#### Memorial Episcopal Church

1407 Bolton Street, Baltimore

The Chamber Singers will perform their eighth annual concert of Christmas music, some familiar... some new ... all lovely, and mostly sung a cappella. This year's featured work will be Conrad Susa's Carols and Lullabies, an arrangement of ten Hispanic carols accompanied by marimba, harp and guitar. Be inspired by the sound of 30 voices selected from the Pro Cantare for their musicianship and vocal blend

as well as the settings, especially chosen for their fine acoustics.

TICKETS: Advance: \$15, \$13 for seniors/students. \$2 more at the door.

For information, call 410.465.5744 or 410.669.0220, or email [office@memorialepis-copal.org](mailto:office@memorialepis-copal.org).

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### Classic 1662 English Choral Evensong

4:00 p.m.

#### St John's in the Village

3009 Greenmount Ave., Baltimore, in Historic Waverly &amp; Charles Villages

Followed immediately by **The Village**

**Music Series;** Thomas Smith, organ. No admission charge.

For more information, call 410.467.4793.

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### Organ Recital

4:30 p.m.

#### Trinity Episcopal Church

120 Allegheny Avenue, Towson

Presented by organist R. David Huggins.

Mr. Huggins is Organist and Director of Music at Trinity Church. Free parking is available. The recital is free, and the public is invited.

The Program includes:

Num komm, der Heiden Heiland - J. S.

Bach

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme - J. S.

Bach

Choral Fantasia on "Veni Emmanuel" - W.

MacNutt

Prelude on "The Holy and the Ivy" - H.

Sumsion

March on a theme by Handel in F, Op.15 -

A. Guilman

Grand Choeur - W. Faulkes

Jesus the Christ is Born - Arr. J.J. Niles

Variations on "Adeste Fideles" - M. Dupré

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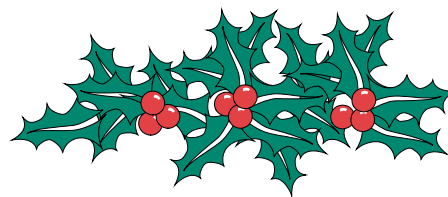
### Christmas Eve Service

7:00 p.m.

#### St. Paul's School Chapel

11152 Falls Road, Brooklandville

For more information, please call the Chaplains' Office at 410.821.3053.



## January

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### Classic 1662 English Choral Evensong

4:00 p.m.

#### St John's in the Village

3009 Greenmount Ave., Baltimore, in Historic Waverly &amp; Charles Villages

Followed immediately by **The Village**

**Music Series;** Annette Hestres, composer.

For more information, call 410.467.4793.

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### Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Celebration

9:00 a.m.

#### St. Paul's School Chapel

11152 Falls Road, Brooklandville

The celebration will be followed by a Unity Breakfast (buns and drinks). A service full of his spirit: readings of Dr. King's interspersed with letters from our second graders to Dr. King; musical and dance performances; gospel, jazz and folk music, choirs and food. Very fun!

For more information, please call the Chaplains' Office at 410.821.3053.

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### Diocesan Committee on the Environment (Justice and Peace Ministries)

7:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.

#### Holy Comforter

130 West Seminary Avenue, Lutherville

All are welcome.

For information, contact Paulette Hammond at 410.747.3811 or email [plumm001@earthlink.net](mailto:plumm001@earthlink.net).

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### Chase the Winter Blues Away Spaghetti Supper and Concert

6:00 p.m. Spaghetti Supper, 7:30 p.m.

Concert

#### Memorial Episcopal Church

1407 Bolton Street

The Catonsville High School Steel Drum Band will warm us up with their island beat. Last year's concert was a huge success, and this year will be no exception. The concert is free and open to the public. Reservations required for dinner.

For information, contact [office@memorialepis-copal.org](mailto:office@memorialepis-copal.org) or 410.669.0220. [www.memorialepis-copal.org](http://www.memorialepis-copal.org).

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