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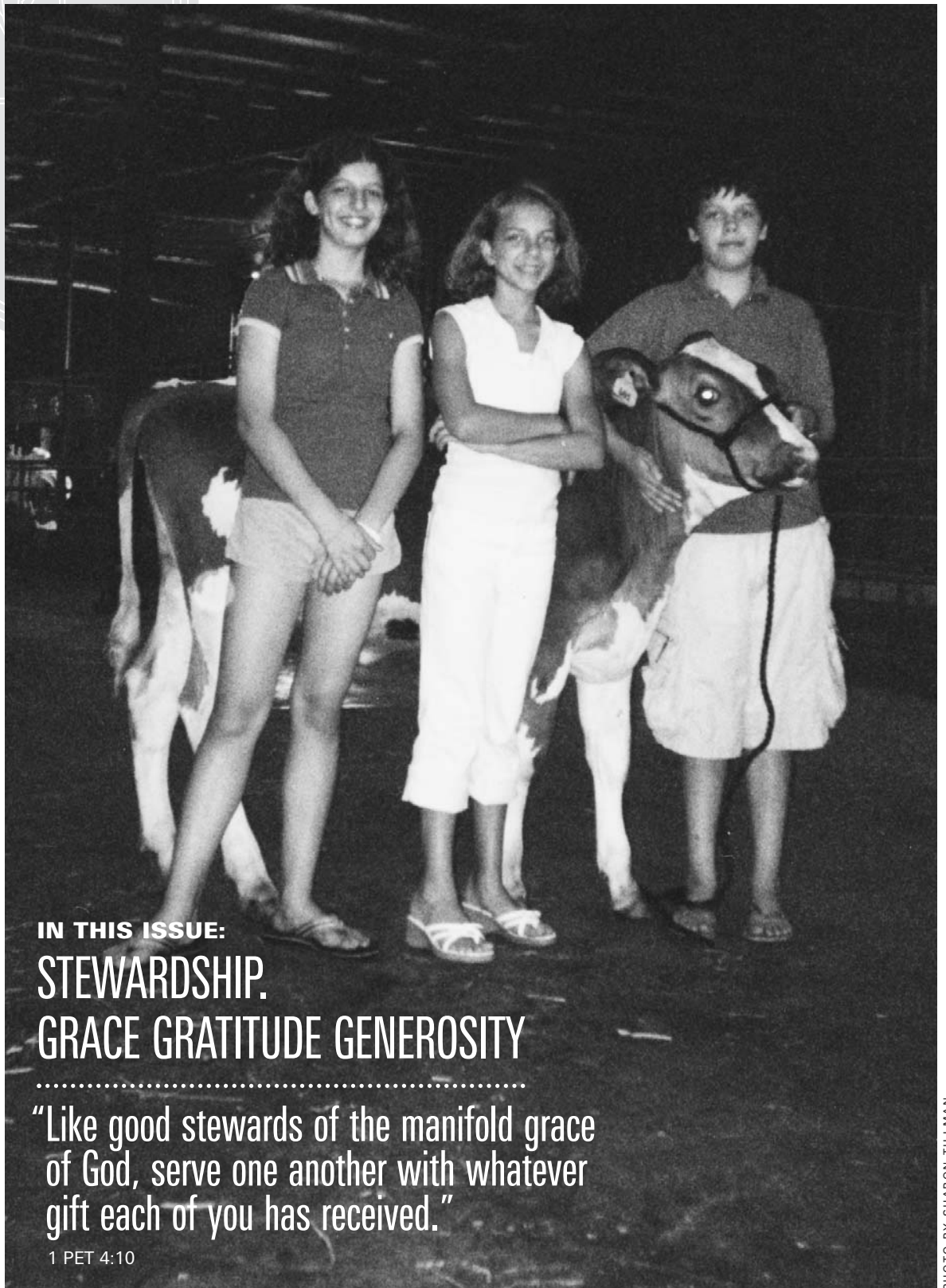
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"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

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[from the editor]

I don't know about you, but just say the word "stewardship" and I think of pledge drives, envelopes and tax deductions. I can hear the treasurer now, "Our available pledging units are up, but responses are down ... Start the phone-a-thon." Of course, that was before this issue.

HAVING BEEN IMMERSSED IN THE SUBJECT, I now have a much deeper understanding of the act of stewardship. The bottom line is that stewardship is about far more than the giving of money. A common theme throughout this quarter's features is Time, Talent and Treasure. Each of these distinct elements is explored, providing you with practical knowledge and ideology that can help you prayerfully consider your use of God's gifts.

There are articles meant to inform: "Funding the Budget" and "Seeing the Face of God in Each Other;" inspire: "The Legacy of Mrs. Cheshire" and "Dream Builders," and enlighten: "Stewardship of Creation" and "Sabbath: A Key to the Stewardship of Time." Don't forget to check the Date-book for a wealth of events and activities happening this fall throughout the diocese.

I would also like to thank everyone who took the time to write or call about the new format. The reaction has been overwhelmingly positive, with comments on the new size: "very manageable" and the design: "very professional" and "love the new look." But just changing the look wasn't enough. Just as important is bringing our readers quality content: informative, thought-provoking, well-written material. So, keep the comments coming, and please let us know if *Maryland Church News* is as smart as it is pretty.

Peace,



Communications Editor



Sharon Tillman

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God Uses a Different Economy

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE AMONG THE PARABLES OF JESUS? I suppose the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan would rank among the most popular. One of the least favorite parables of Jesus (*and one of my favorites*) is the *Laborers in the Vineyard*, MATTHEW 20:1-15.

YOU KNOW THE ONE: The vineyard owner goes out early and hires laborers for the usual daily wage; he goes out again at 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., and even 5 p.m. and hires additional workers. When they come in at about 6 p.m. to be paid, the owner starts with those who have worked only an hour; they receive a full day's wage. The others presume that they will get more, but, all of them, even those who have worked a full 12-hour day, get the same day's wage. They are infuriated. They think they should have been paid more. However, the owner chides them for their lack of appreciation of his generosity.

Jesus maintains God is like the vineyard owner. He does not tell this story as a guide to employer-employee relations. It may not be obvious that this is a parable about stewardship. If we think of the vineyard as our world and God as an owner of our world and all that is in it, perhaps this unpopular parable will remind us that the time we have (our life span), the work we do (as a result of God-given talents), and the rewards for our work (money) all belong to God. We call all these things our own: "my time," "my hard work," "my money," "my possessions." Occasionally we sing or say, "All

things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee." *All things...*

The vineyard owner was fair—he gave the expected amount to those who had worked the longest. Out of his generosity he also gave the others a day's wage. Life is not always fair by our standards. Some people seem lucky, endowed, and blessed. Others lack many things and seem to be at a disadvantage. This parable does not address this inequity, but it does remind us that God is the owner of all things, even the things we call our own.

Other parables remind us that to those who have received much, much will be expected in return. Understanding that we hold all these gifts (our time, talents, and our resources) in trust from God is central to Christian faith. Becoming generous in our response to God's many proofs of love is our lifetime Christian endeavor. God is generous and calls us to give generously, not on the basis of the usual values of human economy but as a reflection of the startling economy of God. ☩



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(left-right) Sharon Rabb, Bishop John L. Rabb, Bishop Robert W. Ihloff and Nancy Ihloff at the CMEC award ceremony.

Distinguished

THE CENTRAL MARYLAND ECUMENICAL COUNCIL (CMEC) awarded Bishops Robert W. Ihloff and John L. Rabb the 2005 Rev. Dr. Bryce Shoemaker Ecumenical Leadership Award in May for their "long-lasting contributions to promoting ecumenism through leadership and example."

Both bishops are active members of the Ecumenical Leaders Group, which promotes dialogue among the leaders of member Christian denominations as well as interfaith dialogue.

The DePauw University Alumni Association Board of Directors has chosen Bishop Rabb as the recipient of the 2005 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award for Professional Achievement. He will receive the award

The Need to Give

THE CHURCH DOES NOT NEED MY MONEY OR YOUR MONEY. Seriously, the work of the church will continue and God's mission will go forward with or without your money or my money. *But* you and I need to give. I need to give generously of my treasure and give it for God's good work.

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ND YOU NEED TO GIVE GENEROUSLY of your treasure as well. Stewardship starts not with what is needed; it starts with the necessity of giving.

In Creation all is from God and all is given to us. Human persons are given "dominion" over "every living thing that moves upon earth." (Gen 1:28) Dominion is stewardship and we are called by God to be good stewards of all that is given to

us. We must give because God has created us as stewards and not as possessors. All that we have is gift and is not possession. Unless we are willing to share generously of our treasure, we fall into the trap of believing it is really ours. To have dominion is to name or to control. When we exercise stewardship, using our treasure for God's greater good, we name, control and have dominion over our resources and treasures. When we do not exercise stewardship, then treasure controls us and we are not stewards but possessors.

Over and over we are challenged to be stewards. In II Kings 4:1-7, we have the incident of Elisha and the widow, who fears losing everything as she only has one small jar of oil. Elisha persuades her to pour her oil into a barrel and soon she needs many vessels to contain

all of the oil. We usually fear not having enough and, like the widow, have far more than we need. As stewards we are called to share and not to hoard.

Jesus teaches stewardship in two specific ways. First is in the often-told miracles of the feeding of the multitude and/or the five thousand. There will be enough, *God does provide*. Unfortunately, we behave as though God does not and, fearing not enough, we withhold. We

must have a theology of abundance and not scarcity. Second is in the specific demands of discipleship best exemplified in Matthew 25:14-30 where the three servants are given talents; one hides what he has and two use them. The latter two are rewarded because our Lord expects us to be generous and to use what God has given us. This includes our treasure.

I resist stating that one's time and talents are also stewardship. Why? Money generates fear and resistance more than time and talent. We are to be stewards over all we have. I want to pay special attention to money because it is where fear, resistance and power lie.

So while we give because it is necessary for our salvation, it is also true that the work of mission does not happen without treasure. It may sound paradoxical, but the serious work of God's mission means the serious investment

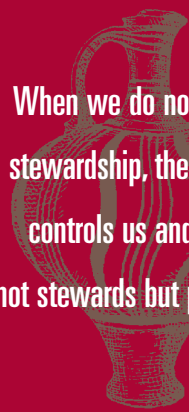
and use of our treasures and the seeing of mission as a critical priority. When we use our treasure for God's greater good, then we are stewards. When we hoard our treasure as possession or entitlement, then we are controlled by resistance and fear.

The church does not need your money or my money. But you and I need to give, and to give generously. We are called to be stewards and disciples. As stewards we are to take care of all God has entrusted to us, for it is not possession but gift. As disciples we are to share from our abundance and to use what God has given us. ☩



John L. Rabb

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Honors

in October during the school's "Old Gold Weekend" festivities. This award is "one of five bestowed annually to recognize the uncommon success of [the] University's graduates," noted Robert Bottoms, DePauw president, in a letter to Bishop Rabb. Bottoms went on to say that his "distinguished career in ministry and leadership in the Episcopal Church" makes him especially deserving of this award. Bishop Rabb graduated from DePauw in 1966 with a B.A. in history. ☩



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John Rabb from the '66 *Mirage*

+John L. Rabb
+John L. Rabb

THE STEWARD: Beloved and Thankful

BY THE REV. KIRK ALAN KUBICEK

Stewardship is not an annual event. Stewardship is fundamentally not something that we “do.” Stewardship can be said to be a state of grace. It is an acceptance of who we are and whose we are. To be God’s appointed Stewards of all creation, to have been created in the image of God (*imago Dei*), a God who loves the world and gives (reread John 3:16 a few times), means that it is of our very essence to love the world and give for the sake of the world.

AND AS WE ARE ALL AWARE BY NOW, God gives significantly more than 10 percent. In Jesus, God gave everything it is possible to give. When we ask people to give for the spread of the kingdom of God (BCP p. 856) we are simply asking them to be the people God created them to be.

The Silver Bullet

I am frequently asked, “What is the ‘Silver Bullet’ for Stewardship?” For years I said there was no Silver Bullet. Stewardship is an ongoing process of deepening one’s relationships with God, others and one’s self.

But over time I have discovered that there is one Silver Bullet that does work: Tithe and Talk about it. Parishes that have individuals who tithe and are willing to talk to others about their experience do tend to have more generous giving throughout.

For places a bit shy about The Silver Bullet approach, there is the time-honored bromide that says Stewardship concerns the management of our Time, Talent and Treasure. Time and talent generally are understood to be the same thing—using our time and talents on behalf of the church, whether that means feeding the poor or cutting the church lawn. But most parishes are vexed with the Treasure problem—there does not seem to be enough of it to go into the parish budget.

Whose Money Is It Anyway?

Of course, another problem with money is the question of ownership. In American culture it is broadly assumed that whatever money I have is mine; I earned it and I can do what I want with it. That, however, is just one view. Declaring in Psalm 24, “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof,” the prevailing view of Scripture is that everything is God’s, including our money.

This has moved some like Richard Foster to say things like this: God’s ownership of everything calls us to ask ourselves, “Instead of how much of my money will I give to God, how much of God’s money will I keep for myself?” The difference between these two questions is monumental. To live into our *imago Dei* means to look at life from the perspective that everything is God’s.

The Life of the Beloved

Enter Jesus onto the scene, in the River Jordan being baptized by John. As he comes up out of the water the heavens open, the Holy Spirit descends upon him like a dove, and a voice from heaven declares, “You are my beloved Son, I am well pleased with you.” On page 298 of the *Book of Common Prayer* it says that by water and the Spirit we are incorporated into the body of Christ. This has led me to believe that when one of us is baptized there is a voice that says, “You are my beloved, I am well pleased with you.”

The life of the Steward is to accept one’s belovedness. That sounds easy, but often we harbor doubts. Yet, when we do feel ourselves to be the object of God’s pleasure, a spirit of generosity emerges. We begin to love the world and give to the spread of God’s kingdom out of thanksgiving for God’s love and pleasure.

Enter A135

For those times when we are having difficulty accepting our belovedness, how wonderful it is that at the 2003 General Convention we were all given the gift of Resolution A135: On Holy Habits. A135 commends all members of the church to adopt four personal disciplines of the Spirit or “Holy Habits.” They are (1) Regular Corporate Worship, (2) Daily Prayer and Study, (3) Tithing and (4) Keeping Sabbath Time.

These Holy Habits are essential to the life of God’s Stewards. I believe that without

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them it seems almost impossible to imagine how one would even discover that he or she is God’s Beloved. I suggest that parish vestries spend time investigating and studying ways to make these Holy Habits the very core of parish life. In doing so the life of the whole church will be enriched as each individual enters into a deeper relationship with God in Christ.

The First Rule

I conclude with some words from the Rule of Saint Benedict as it has been reinterpreted by John McQuiston in his book, *Always We Begin Again* (Morehouse, 1996). “The first rule is simply this: live this life and do whatever is done in a spirit of Thanksgiving. Abandon attempts to achieve security, they are futile, give up the search for wealth, it is demeaning, quit the search for salvation, it is selfish, and come to comfortable rest in the certainty that those who participate in this life with an attitude of Thanksgiving will receive its full promise.”

The more of us who read this little book each day as we reorder our lives with the four Holy Habits, the more we will see Christ in our midst, and the more we will hear and believe the words spoken to us in our Baptism, “You are my beloved, I am well pleased with you.” There is nothing that can be said or done about Stewardship that is not already summed up in those few words that mean to remind us who we are and whose we are. ☒

The Rev. Kirk Alan Kubicek is rector of Saint Peter’s, Ellicott City.

Connect Our Gifts

BY THE REV. CHARLES CLOUGHEN JR.

“Stewardship is the main work of the church.” Those words will get any group of Episcopalians talking and many disagreeing! I do support this statement passed by our General Convention many years ago. Isn’t the main work of the church praying, preaching, teaching, and healing? My answer is that certainly all of this is work of the church, but nothing happens without the commitment of time, talent and money. God acts through us to get God’s work done.

Our responsibility as Christians is to live a life of stewardship including all of our time, abilities, money and careful attention to our environment. We are called to live a life that attempts to model God’s grace and compassion as shown in Jesus Christ. God is an abundant God, giving us an abundant creation, abundant resources, abundant love. It is through our church that we are able to grow our Christian community.

At St. Thomas’ Church, Towson, we share one-minute stewardship sermons at the time of the gathering of the offering. These one-minute stewardship sermons connect what persons are giving to the work of the church. They focus on how we are using our time, abilities and money to change the world. If you were to attend church at St. Thomas’ over the course of a year, you would be thanked

often for the many ways your giving works to impact the lives of others; you would have no doubt that your gifts do make a difference.

We structure these one-minute sermons around the various ministries of St. Thomas’: *Worship, Caring for Each Other, Welcoming the Stranger, Changing the World (outreach), Education, Administration and Stewardship*. These six areas of our parish life can only continue with the resources provided by the stewardship offerings by our parishioners. Linking the actions to the givers and their critical role in their continuance is so important. Of course our outreach is not limited to St. Thomas’ but also allows us to assist in the support of American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, the Bishop Claggett Center, Diocese of Maryland, Episcopal Relief and Development, our seminaries, etc.

Good stewards are generous people and thankful people for they know that all we have is a gift of God. Our family, our work, our food, our home, our world: all of it is God’s gift to us, entrusted to us and for which we are held accountable.

Stewardship is not one Sunday a year, or a six-week campaign, but a way of life for every Christian. At St. Thomas’ we have a Stewardship Campaign every fall, with a Stewardship Sunday for the gathering of pledges, but we depend on a year-round weekly teaching and sharing of the stewardship message to be the foundation of our giving.

I am privileged to be rector of a congregation that takes the teaching of stewardship seriously, yet with a sense of humor. We send out a welcoming brochure to everyone who buys a home in some four surrounding zip codes. In it we state we believe in the “three Ps” of Christianity: praying, preaching, and partying! The partying always gets a chuckle, but Jesus, as far as I can read in the Gospels, never turned down an invitation to dinner or a party.

Thirty-six years of ordained ministry has taught me that God will give a congregation the resources the congregation needs to get God’s work done. I thank God that through the generous, thankful, compassionate parishioners of St. Thomas’ we are able to be faithful to God in continuing to grow our community and reach out to others. ☩

The Rev. Charles Cloughen Jr. is the author of One-Minute Stewardship Sermons and rector of St. Thomas’ Church in Towson.

THE LAST TABOO: *Money Talk*

BY JUDITH MCFADDEN

When asked which subjects were banned from the dinner table of their childhoods, most adults say politics, religion and money—politics and religion because the differences in belief could cause arguments. Talk of money was banned for a different reason: the subject seemed too distasteful for polite conversation

Unfortunately, many church members remember these lessons only too well. We are happy to talk about stewardship of time or talent, but talking about money is not considered polite, not “churchy.” In *A Workbook on Biblical Stewardship*, Richard Rusboldt points out that in the Gospels, Jesus speaks “more about money and possessions than about any other subject.” Rusboldt notes that “some church members think of stewardship narrowly as a matter of obtaining and managing funds

and properties.” He argues that Jesus understood the power of money: that money and possessions can come between otherwise faithful people and God. Faithful people can demystify money’s power by talking openly about giving and spending.

But, many still don’t want to talk about money. So here’s the question: if we cannot talk about money, how can we understand the power of money, both in our own lives and in the lives of our congregations?

The Rev. J. Hugh Magers, interim rector of St. Andrew’s, Bryan, Texas, and former stewardship officer for the Episcopal Church, provides context: “Money is the way we in the Western world store energy, food, labor, water, shelter and time. It seems to me that unless one lives in an economy based on bartering, the conversation about money is essential. If a family doesn’t talk about money, the children are being taught that magic is the source of what we need for survival.”

Many stewardship activities available to Episcopalians include sufficient time and a safe place for parish leadership to talk about money. These programs ask parish leaders to come to terms with their own relationship with money, perhaps by writing a Vestry Stewardship Statement. Most participants acknowledge the (see *Taboo*, p.22)

Funding Mission Budgets

BY THE REV. ALAN KIRK KUBICEK

On the heels of my eight-day CREDO experience, having reflected on my financial, health, spiritual and vocational life, I found myself spending another two days on the grounds of our Washington National Cathedral with a roomful of people appointed by our church's 2003 General Convention called the Budgetary Funding Task Force.

I WILL TELL YOU, I did not drive down to this meeting with a great deal of enthusiasm, but rather from a sense of commitment to the church. Was I ever surprised! Nine individuals (three bishops, four clergy and two laity) from across the country had been brought together to address issues around budgeting and funding the mission budget of the Episcopal Church.

Out of our conversations it occurred to me that not all of us know how the Episcopal Church is funded in the first place. First, it helps to know that the official name of our church is the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (DFMS). This name is a perfect description of what we are all about: mission work at home and abroad. It is also more accurate than saying "the National Church" since our over 100 dioceses are not all in the United States: some are in Central and South America, and some are overseas. Everyone who is a member of our church is a member of DFMS.

When we call ourselves the Episcopal Church, or Episcopal Church USA (ECUSA), however, we point to one other important reality of who we are: our common life revolves around the leadership of


bishops (Episcopal literally means "bishop"). Bishops tend groups of parishes organized in dioceses. So, we are DFMS (or ECUSA), we are the Diocese of Maryland and we are individual parishes. We are all a part of each one of these dimensions of Christ's one Holy and Apostolic Church. They do not exist apart from us.

Why I find this important is just this: Jesus says in John 14 that we are to do the things he does, "and greater things than these." In Matthew 25 he makes clear that these "things" include feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the prisoner, satisfying the thirsty and welcoming the stranger. And the New Testament understands that we are to do these "things" at home and abroad.

To carry out his mandate we need the cooperative effort of a network of others dedicated to the same Lord who invites us to be One body, One spirit in Christ. And elsewhere the Bible is quite clear that when one cannot be at the place where there is the deepest need, we can send money to help those who are. Thus the importance of DFMS and the diocese.

For better or for worse, the system that has evolved to support Jesus' mandate at home and abroad has been for each of us to make an annual pledge commitment to support the work of the church in all three manifestations: DFMS, diocese and parish. A portion of each dollar we give at the parish level passes through to the diocese, and a portion of that to DFMS.

This means that a portion of each dollar you give supports local outreach efforts including Older Adult Ministries and at-risk churches, as well as national and worldwide missions including Native Americans in the Diocese of Navaho Land and the Diocese of Accra, Maryland's companion diocese in Ghana.

Now is a good time for all of us to do one of two things if at all possible: (1) those who have not made a pledge for 2005 still have time to make a contribution to the greater ministry of Christ in the world, and (2) those who have pledged can always consider increasing their pledge for the rest of the year. To make one or both of these commitments today will enable us to fulfill our commitments beyond our selves to the greater Church and the greater world for which our Lord gave his life. 

The Legacy of Mrs. Cheshire

BY THE REV. T. STEWART LUCAS

Mrs. Cheshire was my seventh grade Sunday school teacher at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Macon, Ga. She always had a great way of bringing us into Bible stories, and the Parable of the Talents was no exception. One Sunday, at the end of class, she gave us each an envelope with \$10 in it. She said that in one month we would meet again and discuss what we had done with the money. You should have seen our faces.

We had a million questions for her, but she wasn't talking, much to our chagrin!

WE CAME BACK IN A MONTH with our proceeds, or lack thereof. Some of us had actually prospered. Some made arts and crafts and sold them, some bought rakes and did yard work, and some baked goodies to sell at coffee hour. A few had made close to \$100 and some hit about \$50. Some brought back \$10 that our parents had given us to save face, having already spent it all, and a few didn't even show up.

I will never forget what I learned from that exercise. Some of us took great risks with what we had been given, and some did not, but we all answered Mrs. Cheshire's question, "What did you do with what you were given?"

This was part of my Episcopal stewardship education. I'm not convinced that as a church we do a very good job of teaching our children and youth how to give. Certainly the story of Mrs. Cheshire is just one method. As a priest working with children and youth, I continue to look for the magic answer. I have not found it yet, but I do know that some of the responsibility lies with the leadership of the church.

I also believe that lessons about stewardship should come from parents and role models. Mrs. Cheshire influenced me, but my parents were the ones who taught me to tithe. It was what we did on Saturday

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Stewardship of Creation

BY THE REV. PAT UNDERWOOD

The “Stewardship of Creation” is essentially a movement of the heart ... falling in love with all that God has made.

THE WORD “STEWARDSHIP” suggests a focus on action and program (recycling, simpler living, cleaning up polluted rivers, etc). Yet, unless these actions are grounded in fresh understandings of the human presence on this planet, they will not bring about deep social changes. They must be empowered by our love and reverence for the beauty, creativity, and inner wisdom unfolding in Creation ... and our growing sense of kinship with all life.

As we fall in love with Creation, being led by the Spirit, our understanding will grow. The three most important invitations to “conversion” for environmentalists are: connections, spiritual empowerment and Sabbath promise.

Connections

IF WE BELIEVE that everything in the cosmos comes from the heart of God, then everything is connected to everything else. As Native Americans say, the animals and plants are “our relatives.” Scientists have discovered that we share more than 70 percent of DNA with earthworms. Perceiving the interconnections between species is basic to ecology. And, quantum physicists tell us, relationship is the key to understanding the universe. St. Francis was right when he honored birds and beasts for their intrinsic value and spoke of “Brother Fire and Sister Water.”

The biggest challenge for humans today is an inner movement from seeing the Earth as primarily resources to welcoming it as “kin.” A renewed intimacy with Earth will reshape our patterns of living and recast our institutions.

night. After dinner and the Lawrence Welk Show, my father would write his check and place it in the pledge envelope.

I had my own pledge envelopes. I received \$1 as an allowance from my grandmother every Saturday. I would get my envelope and carefully write 10 cents on it, put in my money, and sealed it up with as much tape as possible. I’m quite sure the envelope and tape cost more than 10 cents. The lesson took hold. It has informed my theology of stewardship ever since. When the money comes in the first check written goes to the church.

Giving by Example

What example do you set for your children? Do you just give them change right before the offering? Do you just let them place your pledge envelope in the plate? Do you give every week? Have you made a pledge and told your kids where it goes? Next time, give them a dollar and then teach them about proportional giving. It may not pay the church’s light bill this year, but in 25 years, when they are on the vestry, they’ll be thankful for the example you set. ☩

The Rev. T. Stewart Lucas is the assistant to the rector of Memorial Church, Bolton Hill, where he works with children and youth and the Newcomers Ministry.

Spiritual Empowerment

FROM OUR NEW AWARENESS will flow creative healing action. Listening inwardly, we will sense important possibilities, beginning in our own backyards. Converting a portion of lawn space to a butterfly garden, for example, will provide habitat for birds and pathways for small animals. Using native plants saves on water and reduces need for pesticides. In the wider community of this Chesapeake Bay bioregion, there are programs like “Grasses for the Masses,” where volunteers plant submerged grasses to improve water quality for marine life.

We might also venture into the field of advocacy and lobby for resources to reduce polluting run-off. Simple energy-saving steps for churches include the use of compact fluorescent bulbs and buying the most efficient air conditioners. Be gentle with yourself and only undertake what you feel God is inviting for you. As we learn to listen in community, we will find ourselves empowered by the Spirit. Where the Holy calls, resources will appear.

Sabbath Promise

IN THE SCRIPTURES, the fulfillment of Creation is pictured as a wedding feast, where we taste the joys of the Kingdom, which is already taking shape in our midst. All the peoples of the Earth are invited to the feast and to feed on the wonders of Creation. It matters, especially in the rush of activism today, that we take time to be fully present to the divine in the outdoors, and to sense the promise in the unfolding Mystery.

The prophets tell us that, even beyond “heaven” a renewed creation awaits us, transfigured with glory. In caring for Creation, then, we are preparing our abiding home, “the new heavens and the new earth.” (Isa 66:22) The Sabbath points to this fulfillment and invites us to be quiet and enjoy. In holy rest we are deeply present to God and complete, and honor his Creation. ☩

The Rev. Pat Underwood was “converted” to environmentalism as a spiritual issue while serving as Episcopal chaplain at Yale University in the 80s. He has formed several environmental reflection/action groups including the bioregional “Dreamers of the Earth.” Currently he is a member of the Caring for Creation Committee at the Church of the Redeemer in Baltimore and is working ecumenically to involve churches in caring for the Chesapeake Bay.

Pat’s Recommended Reading

- *The Great Work* and other books by cultural historian Thomas Berry
- *Jesus the Wisdom of God: An Ecological Theology* by Denis Edwards
- The assorted works of cosmologist Brian Swim

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Triumphs and Challenges

Three clergy and one laity, all working on the front lines of stewardship, answer key questions that explore how different parishes approach stewardship.

What is your parish's theology or philosophy of stewardship?

The Rev. Richard Ginnever, rector of Christ Church, Columbia: "All things come of thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee." We share a good and strong foundation of stewardship teaching and modeling, although we must avoid the traps of "fund raising."

The Rev. Bruce McPherson, interim rector of St. John's Church, Ellicott City: This is a large congregation with a very complex approach to stewardship. Our campaign is segmented according to age and interest: (1) committed members who give because it is part of their understanding of faith, (2) older members who give to support their church and (3) younger members whose giving is consumption-driven and others who are supportive of specific program offerings.

Kathleen Terlizzese, CFRE, Stewardship Committee chair, All Hallows Parish, Davidsonville: All Hallows Parish is doing so well in its stewardship effort because it involves parishioners at varying levels of growth-as-stewards in its committee and campaign strategy. Parish leadership does an excellent job communicating how important it is to serve God, our community, our parish and others—generously giving of time, talent and treasure.

The Rev. Lee Ann Tolzman, rector of Church of the Messiah, Baltimore: The parish developed a stewardship statement several years ago. It says, in part, "We believe that the tithe is the Biblical standard of giving. We know that God loves us unconditionally and our time, talent, and treasure come from and belong to God. In addition, stewardship is a lifelong journey and the way we respond to the life God has given us."

What are the triumphs you and/or your parish have/has experienced?

RG: THERE ARE CERTAINLY some financial triumphs (stronger pledge base, greater gifts, balanced budget, built-in reserve funds, etc), but there are also the personal stories of thanksgiving, sacrifice, dedication, faith, growth and more.

BM: IT REMAINS to be seen.

KT: WE ARE VERY BLESSED to have a dedicated, caring Stewardship Committee that takes great care in creating a compelling, interesting and fun appeal campaign each year.

LAT: I THINK THE RECOGNITION that each person has a contribution of some kind to make to the life of the community is key in a small congregation. To find that there are ministries that we can do together and serve the community even though we are a much smaller group has been very rewarding, and we try to celebrate that as well.

We know that God loves us unconditionally and our time, talent, and treasure come from and belong to God.

What are the challenges?

RG: Stewardship is a life-long journey, not a budget quick fix or a problem solver. The tougher questions are: How will I/we use the gifts God has given us? What does that mean for the way we care for one another, our church, the world? The good news is that the church is perhaps the one place we can ask and address these questions. The challenge is to understand that we need to confront the questions in the first place.

BM: THE MAIN ISSUE AT ST. JOHN'S is giving up the idea that everyone has to tithe and dealing realistically with the composition of the church and the expectations of its members. St. John's is not so much a community of faith as it is a personal services organization which has a community of faith at its heart.

KT: WE ARE A RELATIVELY SMALL PARISH so it is very important that the majority of our members volunteer for committee(s) service. A challenge that we are working on is better succession planning so we can ensure that all committees maintain strong leadership and groom members for leadership positions when there is turnover.

(see Q & A, p. 14)

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Stewardship Resources

BY ANN LOAR BROOKS

Jesus calls us to be good stewards of our abundant resources and to be as generous with others as God has been with each of us. Caroline Black, currently Director of Christian Formation at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Frederick, wanted to share this message with the parish she was serving in 2001. Most important, she hoped that families would explore this issue together and would make joint decisions about the use of their time, talent and resources.

IN RESPONSE, Black created a 14-page booklet to educate families about the topic of stewardship. Portions of the booklet are directed toward parents, some toward older children, some younger and some for the whole family. The first 100 booklets were

snatched up within days. Although this guide is no longer available, there are many other books and learning guides designed to help individuals, families and parishes become good stewards of God's creation.

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Just a Piggy Bank by Gina and Mercer Mayer; Golden Books Publishing Company, 2001

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland Resource Center (resource@ang-md.org)

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (www.tens.org)

The Episcopal Book Resource Center (www.episcopalbookstore.org)

The Episcopal Church USA (www.episcopalchurch.org)

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Sabbath: A Key to the Stewardship of Time

THE REV. ALAN KIRK KUBICEK

Most of us think of the Stewardship of Time as being time spent in church or doing “church things.” In fact, we tend to view the church as a volunteer institution, when in fact there is nothing volunteer about it.

WE ARE CALLED BY GOD in Christ to the sacred order of the Baptized, commonly known as the laity. When we look at the job description of laypersons on page 855 in the *Book of Common Prayer*, we discover just how important we all are to the life of God’s kingdom: we are to represent Christ wherever we are, take our place in the life and governance of the church, and “according to the gifts given to us, carry on Christ’s work of reconciliation in the world.” Additionally, we are all called to work, pray and give for the spread of the kingdom of God (BCP 856). And it does in fact take time to do this.

But what if there is another kind of time that exists beyond the busyness of doing things, even Holy things? What if the Stewardship of Time calls us to recognize that there is God’s time?

Abraham Joshua Heschel in his book, *The Sabbath* (Shambhala; 1951, 1979), introduces us to this other realm of time: there is “a Realm of Time where the goal is not to have, but to be; not to own, but to give; not to control, but to share; not to subdue but to be in accord.”

I have come to believe that the Stewardship of Time has to do with recognizing, entering, honoring and living in this Realm of Time. And this realm of time is called Sabbath. Keeping Sabbath is a habit that calls for us to

... what if there is another kind of time that exists beyond the busyness of doing things, even Holy things?

withdraw from the *chronos* (clock and calendar) time of our workday world and enter into the eternal *kairos* time of God.

Our commitments to the world of the acquisition, accumulation and consumption of things can be thought of as a kind of addiction that can never promise us life. In the modern language of addictions, we need to withdraw from the world of our addictions, whatever they may be, to even hope to begin to be free from them.

This may be accomplished by taking time out once a week as the Bible traditionally envisions it. However, we may need to make room for Sabbath time on a daily basis to free us from our addiction to the culture of acquisition, accumulation and consumption.

This is where our monastic traditions have something to offer us: daily hours for prayer

throughout the day. When Thomas Cranmer and others put together our *Book of Common Prayer*, it was not so much to facilitate our weekly or daily corporate worship, but rather to provide the means by which we might all take time throughout the day to pray wherever we are: to stop doing and simply be with God. When we do this, when we withdraw from the busyness of our day-to-day existence, we can reconnect with that eternal *kairos* time with God and feel a rekindling of God’s Spirit within us. This Spirit can fill us in ways that more and more things and more and more productivity can never hope to fill us.

Time has independent, ultimate significance for our being the creatures God created us to be. The Stewardship of Time as embodied in the Holy Habit of Keeping Sabbath has the power to liberate us from the world and culture of Things and carry us deeper and deeper into eternal life lived with God in Christ. Such Stewardship of Time will enable us to see the abundance of God’s grace in our lives, transforming us into the generous, giving and loving creatures God calls us to be. ☩

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Seeing the Face of God in Each Other

BY CARRIE BROWN AND HARRY BRUNETT

What do racism and social justice have to do with stewardship?

We know stewardship means to “give something:” service, money, time, power. In his 2005 Convention address the Rt. Rev. John L. Rabb, bishop suffragan of Maryland, said, “Social justice is about being stewards.” As stewards of community we can examine racism from the perspective of the Gospel without labels, blame or guilt.

WITHOUT JUDGMENT or condescending posture, we can engage in structured experiences designed to enhance our ability to hear and to speak hard and painful thoughts. Blessedly, we also know that stewardship rewards the “giver” with knowledge, satisfaction, choice, power. Stewardship is a broadening, not lessening, of possibilities or resources.

In June, the Diocesan Commission on Anti-Racism hosted a two-day conference entitled *Seeing the Face of God: A Positive Vision of the Unity That Can Be Achieved Through Christ*. Led by the Rev. Jayne Oasin, social justice officer for the National Church Center, the conference focused on racism and transformation within the church. The Rt. Rev.

Robert W. Ihloff, bishop of Maryland, opened the conference. Representatives from eight dioceses set out on the path to become stewards of their communities.

Through worship and work sessions, participants discussed biblical and theological doctrine and Episcopal/Anglican foundations that name racism as a sin. Individual and corporate issues that foster participation in racist perceptions and behaviors were identified. Each diocese represented at the conference developed a vision of their future on a transformational continuum that could promote anti-racist initiatives, social justice, and unity through Christ.

Stewardship calls us to speak, to listen, and to act. The Commission on Anti-racism invites you—priests, vestries, and congregations—to schedule a *Seeing the Face of God in Each Other* seminar/workshop in your church.

The Diocese of Maryland is committed ---

- To the eradication of the sin of racism,
- To honor, appreciate, and celebrate diversity,
- To provide opportunities for honest dialogue on racism and social justice.

The Commission has developed a curriculum that combines the best resources available from the Diocese of Maryland, the National Church and other groups to facilitate the growth of anti-racist attitudes and behaviors.

Our goal is to offer four congregational training events by the end of April 2006, and educate parishes, regions, and other diocesan organizations about the resources available to them as they continue to live out their baptismal commitment to “respect the dignity of every human being.”

Seeing the face of God in each other: “Your face Lord, I will seek” (Psalm 27:11) is not an easy task. However it can be an enlightening and joyful journey—a journey that can enable us to be the stewards we were intended to be from the beginning of God’s Creation. ☩

For further information or to schedule a workshop, please contact the Commission on Anti-Racism, Ms. Carrie A. Brown and the Rev. Dr. Harry E. Brunett, co-chairs, at commissionantracism@yahoo.com or 711 Middletrail Court, Mount Airy, MD 21771-3335.

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LAT: HAVING SO FEW MEMBERS with such a big building to support. Trying not to cut the budget so far that there is no platform for growth. Trying to live from an attitude of abundance rather than scarcity, which involves remembering that the questions we have before us are: "What has God given us?" and "What are we called to do with it?" and not "Why isn't there enough?" and "What are we going to do about it?"

Advice to other parishes?

RG: MAKE SURE CANDIDATES interviewing for position of rector can clearly state their theology and approach to stewardship, and make sure the vestry clearly understands that approach before they issue a call. The entire issue of stewardship will be present throughout the relationship of clergy and vestry. How we deal with budget issues; how we approach personnel choices and decisions; how we preach the issues of life and how we care for one another—all of this and more is basic stewardship.

BM: DEAL WITH THE PARISH and its members as they are, not as we would like them to be.

KT: BE SENSITIVE to the fact that everyone is at a different place in their stewardship journey. Provide everyone with an opportunity to contribute their time, talent and treasure in some way and then gently invite them to grow by recognizing their efforts and acknowledging them as individuals. Also, establish strong lines of communication between your clergy and lay leaders.

LAT: NONE. ☒

EVERY STITCH A PRAYER

*if every stitch is a prayer
I must have prayed a thousand prayers
prayers for babies
prayers for brides
prayers for new mothers
and old mothers
prayers for patience
prayers for quiet
prayers for more time
and less work
if every stitch is a prayer*

BY MADELEINE BEARD



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[youth]

Time, Talent, and Mission

THE REV. WES WUBBENHORST / Youth Missioner for the Diocese of Maryland

The Youth Mission Office at the diocese is seeking to fully integrate youth into active mission situations.

THIS JUNE we completed an incredible eight-day mission to Central America where 18 teens spent one week working in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, at an Episcopal orphanage for boys, El Hogar de Amor y Esperanza (Home of Love and Hope).

They shared their energy, love, and skill in unbelievable ways. They worked hard on construction and painting projects, and interacted with over 120 boys and young men. They gave of their time, talent, and love in a way I have rarely seen.

Young people respond to challenges and need, and we are offering several opportunities this coming year.



Wes Wubbenhorst

MISSION HONDURAS—We shall return to Honduras again in 2006 in late June or early July to work at this same site. It is an incredible experience to work in this country and among such hope and love.

MISSION APPALACHIA—We shall be offering a week to work in West Virginia with Episcopal Appalachian Ministries. This will be an opportunity to help those in need as well as a time for internal growth as a person of faith.

URBAN MISSION—We shall be offering an urban experience here in Baltimore where the young people will have opportunities to work on projects and develop an understanding of the urban dynamics and what the faith community is doing and how to do more.

Time and talent are to be shared in community. There is no doubt in my mind that these opportunities show young people the power of their faith in

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action with a call for future service. These experiences help others but equally important they allow these young people the chance to mature and grow into their faith and the need to serve. ☒

Diocesan Youth Calendar / Fall 2005-2006

Mark these dates!

SEP 3-5

FAMILY CAMP; BISHOP CLAGGETT CENTER

Wes Wubbenhorst, diocesan youth missioner, will be leading the teens' activities for this new offering from the diocese and Claggett.

SEP 18

CLAGGETT DAY; BISHOP CLAGGETT CENTER

Another great celebration to be held at Claggett. They will be celebrating with an "EYE" experience and service. A day for the youth to help out and party with the diocese.

OCT 7-8

DIOCESAN LOCK-IN

A blast! Spend time with other youth of the diocese at a lock-in for grades 6-12 featuring activities, pizza and a midnight rock Eucharist.

DEC 16

YOUNG ADULTS WINTER SOLSTICE

A trip for the college crew to see one of the most fantastic programs and productions in New York City. An inspiring and unique evening.

JAN 7

JUNIOR HIGH NIGHTWATCH

The diocese will sponsor a Nightwatch for junior high teens. A wonderful program and weekend in New York City.

MAR 25

SENIOR HIGH NIGHTWATCH

The senior high students will get their chance to go to New York City and spend time at St. John the Divine.

JUNE 13-22

GENERAL CONVENTION

Maryland will be sending a delegation to General Convention in Columbus, Ohio, joining youth from throughout the Episcopal Church at this triennial event.

DIOCESAN MISSION TRIPS

INTERNATIONAL MISSION

An inspiring trip to El Hogar

de Amor y Esperanza, an Episcopal orphanage in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

APPALACHIAN MISSION

A week spent working with the Episcopal Appalachian Ministries in West Virginia.

URBAN MISSION

A time to be in the city doing God's work here in Baltimore.

The times and dates for these mission trips will be announced this fall. We hope to be able to offer our churches good mission opportunities with experienced missioners in diverse settings and at reasonable costs. ☒

For more information about these programs please contact the youth missioner's office.

The Rev. Wesley Wubbenhorst
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A TEEN PERSPECTIVE:

The Home of Love and Hope

BY LINDSEY REID MILLS, AGE 15

BWI, Continental ticket counter, June 22, 4:30 a.m.: a place completely incongruous with the one where we landed two plane rides later, the international airport in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

ONCE THROUGH CUSTOMS we collected our baggage, one suitcase with donations and the other with our personal supplies, and headed out into the hot Honduran sun. We were met by a school bus from El Hogar de Amor y Esperanza (The Home of Love and Hope). The trip through town to the orphanage was difficult; the poverty was apparent to us simply by looking out the window.

We were greeted at the orphanage by the smiling faces of the boys, teachers and staff. After months of meetings and preparation, it was amazing to actually be there. The next morning we took the bus to the Institute where the boys go to learn a trade (carpentry,

welding or electronics) after finishing seventh grade. The Institute recently moved to a new location, and we were helping paint new workshops and dig the foundation of the new dormitories.

At about 4:30 each afternoon we stopped working and spent time talking with the boys at the Institute. We compared our lives in a combination of Spanish and English that was usually only partially effective, but always one part funny and one part frustrating. However, when I look back, it's not important whether I was able to say correctly, "I like softball better than basketball" or not. What was important were the laughs and amusement we

shared when we were not able to speak perfectly in the other's language.

During these conversations one of the boys decided to teach my friend, Molly, who takes French, Spanish. The laughter and the pride by the end of the week, when Molly was able to form short sentences and greetings, were shared by everyone.

After dinner at the orphanage we played with the younger boys: marbles, tag, and basketball, a great favorite in Honduras. We brought Playdoh for the younger children who were thrilled to form everything from crosses to pizza with it. We often helped put the boys to bed. The delight they showed in each having someone tuck them in was both amazing and heartbreaking. For me the trip was often a combination of these two feelings, especially when I saw the obstacles even the youngest boys confronted each day and the strength with which all the boys faced them. ☒

Lindsey is 15 and attends the Church of the Good Shepherd, Ruxton. This was her first mission trip to Honduras.

Memorial Church Rite 13 Class Raises \$2,400 for Heifer Project

BY LUCY WALKER, AGE 12

This year, as our Rite 13 class from Memorial Church, Bolton Hill, began talking about stewardship, we also began talking about outreach. How could we raise money, learn about those in need, and give back to them all at the same time?

SO DURING CLASS ONE SUNDAY we went to the Internet and decided that we wanted to raise money for Heifer International (www.heifer.org). The Heifer Project has helped millions of impoverished families worldwide become more self-reliant through the gift of animals and training in their care.

Our class decided we could do several things to raise money. First of all, we had a bake sale during coffee hour on Easter Day and made more than \$500 from gourmet goodies donated by parishioners. We also sold new memorialepiscopeal.org bumper stickers, Bishops Blend Coffee, and mosaic crosses and key chains that we had made in class.

But that wasn't enough. So we said, "What next?" We realized that Mother's Day was coming up, so decided to capitalize on that idea. We scheduled a silent auction during our Adult Forum and coffee hour on

Mother's Day. We presented information and watched a video about Heifer, and then the bidding began. Auction items included themed gift baskets like a spa weekend, a summer fun basket, a movie basket, a reader's basket, and much more. We also auctioned off donated tickets to cultural events, handcrafted fleece blankets and even some of our own artwork. It was a huge success!

We ended up raising more than \$2,400 to donate to Heifer International. We bought one heifer, two water buffaloes, two llamas, two goats, two sheep, two pigs, some tree seedlings, a trio of rabbits, a hive of honeybees, a flock of chicks and a flock of geese! We are so excited to have made this contribution, and we hope to continue our efforts this fall. Visit www.heifer.org for more information. ☒



[bishop claggett center]

A Gift of Talent

BY THE REV. MARY PAT ASHBY

The invitation to be part of the staff and planning team for the 2005 Faith & Arts Retreat at the Bishop Claggett Center was one I could not refuse. Being a “fabric junkie,” the promise of an entire weekend to stitch and quilt and to help others learn to do something near and dear to me was just too good to pass up.

WHILE PLANNING THE RETREAT with Cindy Parks, another quilter, we decided that in addition to the participants working on their own projects, we would design something to leave behind at Claggett from this group of faithful artists. And thus, the Claggett Banner Project was born.

Rushing to my “fabric stash” for ideas, and using an old Claggett t-shirt for the cupola, I was pondering the design when I discovered an advertisement in the local newspaper with paper dolls holding hands — the kind that, when I was a child, my mother and grandmother used to cut from folded newspaper. Remembering that the Bishop Claggett Center is a special place where all God’s children, “red and yellow and black and white” are welcome, the remaining design idea took shape.

As work on the banner progressed during the Faith & Arts Retreat in June, each person—all 16 women and one man—did some part, making the project a true group effort. The banner will be unveiled at the annual Diocesan Celebration at Claggett Sept. 18.

You can get a preview of the banner design by looking at this year’s Claggett t-shirt. Although the colors are not all there, the image of many people with linked hands around the Claggett cupola seems to represent the best of what Claggett has been, is now, and will be for the next generations of people fortunate enough to be able to meet God in that special place. ☒

Mary Pat Ashby is rector of Grace Church, New Market.

Cultivating Patience

BY JOE KERNER

In a different life I had a garden every year. I loved to grow string beans and Donna would can or freeze them so we could enjoy them throughout the fall, winter and spring.

AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, gardening is an exercise in patience. You prepare the soil and plant the seeds and then the waiting begins. You hope that something is happening under the ground, but for the longest time there’s no visible evidence. It takes patience to resist the temptation to push aside a little soil to find out if germination is taking place. Instead, you wait patiently for days, maybe even a week or longer before the first sprouts appear on the surface of the soil.

The Claggett project is a little like gardening. We’ve spent four months preparing the soil and planting pipes, conduit, wires, footers and the like. And still the waiting continues. I have faith that we are moving forward because I hear the machines out there each morning and yet there’s nothing above the ground to see. So I reflect upon my experience as a gardener and watch carefully for the appearance of

the first wall rising up out of the ground. When it happens, you will certainly know by the cheering on the horizon to the west.

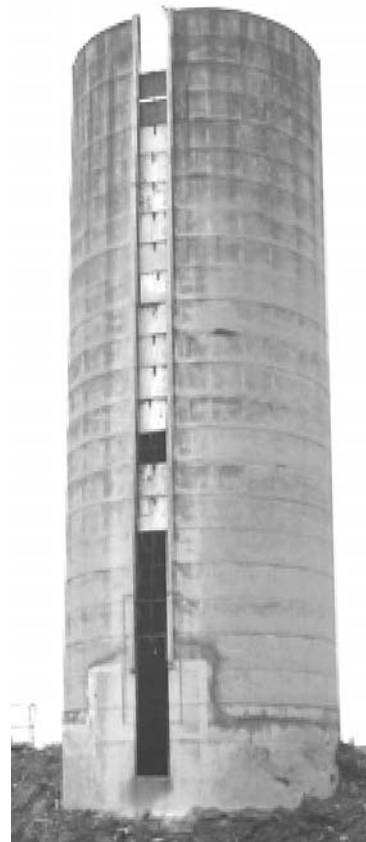
Please rest assured that Gabe’s Services, Inc., is making good progress in completing the site work. After a rocky start with a different subcontractor, we are back on track. And the work Gabe’s has left to do is not hindering the progress of the general contractor, Waynesboro Construction. Waynesboro has been busy laying out and pouring concrete foundations and removing the concrete grain chute from the silo. We are carefully monitoring Waynesboro’s project schedule, which indicates that concrete foundations will be complete by the end of July.

I can’t believe that I’m writing this, but please pray for the hot and dry weather that normally dominates our area in the summer

... these daily showers are beginning to make life difficult for our contractors. ☒

Joe Kerner is executive director at The Bishop Claggett Center.

Left: The grain chute at the Claggett project has been removed from the silo so that the tinted glass can be measured and ordered.



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Nurturing Passionate Generosity

By JASON HOFFMAN

With the theme “Nurturing Passionate Generosity,” The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) held its 2005 International Leadership Conference on Stewardship in June. The diocesan development staff joined clergy and lay leaders from several parishes in Maryland, and 68 dioceses across the United States in a weekend of learning, worship, and fellowship in Charlotte, N.C.

THE CONFERENCE OPENED with an inspiring keynote address by the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, the bishop of North Carolina and former rector of St. James’, Lafayette Square in Baltimore.

Conference attendees were introduced to the theology and practice of stewardship formation in sessions led by successful parish and national church leaders.

Stewardship is a process, not a program

THE REV. DR. GREG RICKEL, Rector of St. James’ Episcopal Church in Austin, a successful stewardship educator, reminded us that “stewardship is a process, not a program.” He described the reasons people give and the process that leads people

to change their giving habits in a positive way, saying “good stewardship centers upon the conversion of people, not the collection of more dollars.” He urged us to “create an environment where change can take place” by creating year-round opportunities for individuals to hear stewardship messages and witness to one another.

“I still don’t get this pledge thing.”

BUILDING STEWARDSHIP among the next generation of church members is a priority for many parishes, and several conference workshops touched on outreach to younger people. Terry Parsons, stewardship officer for the national church, reminded us that “those born in different decades do things differently” and offered suggestions on bridging the generational divide in stewardship education. She urged us to cross the generational divide and encourage older members to listen to and connect with younger members.

Gen Xers are ready to give generously of their time, talent, and treasure; we simply need to connect with them.

GENERATION X MEMBERS (those born between 1961 and 1981) are seeking a sense of community and tend to give more generously when they are personally involved in the organiza-

tion. They embrace technology and readily accept change. Many younger people use electronic forms of payment for their everyday expenses and rarely write checks. Parsons suggested that we connect with the next generation of church leaders by including them in the stewardship and budgeting process, creating innovative systems for pledging (Web-based pledge forms and e-mail reminders), and making use of new technology by offering flexible payment options (electronic transactions and direct debiting). Gen Xers are ready to give generously of their time, talent, and treasure; we simply need to connect with them.

Faith-raising, not fund-raising

TOM GOSSEN, Executive Director of TENS, helped us put it all together during his workshop sessions. He emphasized the role of the clergy and lay leadership in a successful parish stewardship program. He offered techniques on writing parish mission and vision statements as well as strategies to involve the vestry and other leaders in stewardship education and witnessing. He challenged us to expand our understanding of stewardship and take a holistic approach to annual giving and encouraged us to think of stewardship as “faith-raising rather than fund-raising.”

The conference presenters are all successful stewardship educators and parish and diocesan leaders. The strategies and tech-

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niques described during the workshops have been successfully implemented in churches throughout the country. The development staff is eager to share the resources and information we collected to assist the parishes of the diocese regardless of where they are on their stewardship journey. Please visit www.tens.org for resources and information on implementing these and other strategies. 

Jason Hoffman is the associate director of Development and Communications for the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland.

Equipping the Saints

BY KLARA TAMMANY / *Missioner for Christian Education and Formation*

Let me share two stories, neither about an Episcopal church. One is on the more conservative side of the theological and political spectrum; the other is more liberal. Both are evangelical.

THE FIRST is of a church where people are required to attend a three-year training program before they can teach Sunday school. There is a waiting list for that teacher-training program.

The second is of a church in Washington, D.C., for which to become a member, you must be an active participant in a Mission Group, attend two Servant Leadership School courses and write your spiritual autobiography. There are about 50 members (none are wealthy) and they have a budget of close to \$200,000. This is not a new age flash in the pan—they are deeply grounded in the Christian faith, and have been at this for about 25 years.

I have heard it said that often in the church, we do not portray a faith worth living for, let alone dying for. Why? Some say that given the culture and the demands on people today, folks just cannot commit to faith-based education or training programs. Yet, the two churches I described don't seem to have that problem. Maybe we just don't know what we are miss-

ing, and so don't miss it.

How can we change, and build a culture of learning, mission and ministry for all the baptized? My guess is that taking adult education and leadership training more seriously is crucial. We need to raise the bar of expectations, and find creative ways to re-engage in life long learning in faith. It is a case that Sara Covin Juengst makes in her book *Equipping the Saints*. She says that at some point we stopped "traditioning" people in the faith, and as a result now have people teaching and leading who are woefully unprepared. She feels this so strongly, that she believes the survival of our faith is at stake.



Klara Tammany

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I am not quite as pessimistic as Juengst. The Spirit can and does move in mysterious ways. But some pro-active work on our part certainly wouldn't hurt. The Christian Formation Council (CFC) has committed itself to the task of "equipping the saints" and urges you to do the same.

The CFC now has a Leadership Training Task Group that will be working this next year to find ways to provide more

How to Become Equipped

- Make sure teachers attend the fall Teacher Training on Sept. 17.
- Participate in the Pre-Advent and Pre-Lent events about "teaching and telling, preaching and praying" the stories of the upcoming season.
- Send a delegation to the East Coast Conference of Religious Education in D.C. Feb. 17-19.
- Bring a group from your church to the Lay School of Theology lecture series next May.
- Contact the Resource Center for formation and education resources.
- Consider confirmation an adult commitment and take confirmation preparation seriously, attending one of the Bishops' Teaching Days.
- Urge and support participation in annual continuing education by both clergy and laity.

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and better ways of "equipping the saints," especially with use of the Internet. We have begun collecting data with the goal of "developing a tool/process for identifying audiences and defining needs, and designing methods/media to meet those needs." If you have suggestions for this visioning group, please share them by contacting Dylan Breuer at dylan@sarahlaughed.net or 301-620-1810. ☞

CFC Plans New and Winning Programs

BY ANN LOAR BROOKS

Every month over a shared meal, the Christian Formation Council (CFC) of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland meets to develop, plan and support diocesan and parish-level education and spiritual formation programs. The CFC is made up of about a dozen clergy and Christian education directors from parishes throughout the diocese, our suffragan bishop, the missionaries for Christian education and youth, and the director of the diocesan Resource Center.

This council plans to introduce a number of new programs in 2005-2006 and to continue with a number of programs that were successful in the past. This group also contin-

ues to investigate ideas from the broader church community that can inform our worship and discipleship.

Programs that we hope to put in place or improve upon during the next year are:

- An on-line leadership training resource;
- Stewardship education:
 - Creating a catalog of stewardship materials, resources and quotes;
 - Producing a diocesan Bible study series on stewardship that uses illustrative narratives from the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament;
 - Spotlighting parishes with proven stewardship experiences and individuals who have noteworthy stewardship skills;
- A diocesan database that lists individuals who are able to serve as consultants in specific formation areas, e.g., retreat planning, storytelling, digital worship;
- An improved diocesan website for Christian Formation;

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- A means to provide regular communication to and among parishes via *Maryland Church News* and the *Parish Mailing*; and
- The second annual Lay School of Theology lecture series in May (the anticipated theme is "Anglicans in a Global Context"). Please visit <http://www.education.ang-md.org/> for more Christian Formation news. ☞

[around the diocese]

“Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones ...”

MT. 10:42

BY VAL HYMES

A little boy will see his daddy in a far-away prison because a church opened a hospitality house. A little girl who plays in the streets today will soon have a place to go after school because of two churches. Hungry children will have food and babies will have milk because other churches joined hands to help their families.

They are among the children whose suffering will be eased because the people of St. Margaret's, Annapolis, take seriously their Baptistal covenants, giving to vulnerable children and their families most of the earnings of a \$3 million bequest left them by long-time members Edwin and Zoë Hall.

Since receiving the bequest, the parish has given away nearly a million dollars, including \$145,000 to 18 recipients this year—many to children and their families in need or jeopardy. The June announcement marked the eighth year and a grand total of \$994,825 awarded.

Grants administrator Elizabeth “Izzy” Winn said that over the years, more than 200 members of St. Margaret's have contributed time and effort to the program. This year, the 12 committee members spent more than 2,000 hours considering the applications.

“This is not just a little group of people sitting around a table,” she said. “We send parishioners out to evaluate the applicants and they bring back to us their excitement about how we can better God's kingdom.” The grants run the gamut from local to global.

A troubled neighborhood in Baltimore could be turned around because the Episcopal Housing Corporation, Holy Nativity and St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church will build the Pimlico Road Arts and Community Center. It will house a Family Support Center, Head Start, after school, summer camp and adult programs.

“We want to show our support of joint Episcopal and Lutheran church projects,” said Winn.

Children of inmates and their mothers will have a free,

safe place to stay when they visit their fathers in a federal prison in Cumberland.

Emmanuel Parish, Cumberland, has been working on Magdalene Hospitality House since 2001, purchasing a house in 2003 and opening for its first guests in January. A crew from Memorial, Bolton Hill, helped rehabilitate it, and six other churches and the community are supporting the ministry. The grant will help bring it up to code and expand the number of guest rooms.

More parishes and groups are stepping out to solve family emergencies before they become crises. Christ Church Link Ministries in Columbia, an information referral service run by Christ Church volunteers, will become more proactive for the “hidden poor,” said Michael Clark, director.

Samaritan Community Crisis Intervention founded by Memorial, Bolton Hill, provides funds and counseling to families in crisis. The Interfaith Service Coalition in Western Maryland does the same for (see *Grants*, p. 22)

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PHOTO BY JOHN MARTIN

Recent guests at the Magdalene Hospitality House included these two families. Christian Roja, 6, left, and his sister, Variella, 8, right, came from Virginia to visit their father, and Roberta Street traveled with her grandson, Darien Street, 8, from Chicago to visit her son in the federal prison.

Day by Day, Moment by Moment

BY SHARON J. TILLMAN

Kristofer Lindh-Payne, recently named executive director of St. Mary's Outreach Center (SMOC), has his hands full. Working just 15 hours a week, Lindh-Payne serves as the building's landlord, overseeing the 83-year-old gothic church and adjoining offices and its five tenants, while directing and developing programs for the surrounding neighborhood.

“THE ONLY WAY to manage everything that goes on here is to take things day by day, or rather moment by moment,” says the 27-year-old Catonsville native.

With his extraordinary ability to take things in stride—on this particular morning he was dealing with air conditioner repairs while making plans for a community outing—Lindh-Payne is a natural at his new job.

Lindh-Payne describes his work experience as “scattered,” but a closer look reveals a pattern of social service and outreach inspired by a family of teachers, social workers, and a step-father with a funeral home.

He received his bachelor's degree in human development from St. Mary's College and his master's in pastoral and spiritual care from Loyola. (see *SMOC*, p. 22)

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PHOTO BY BOB NOLL

HOME OWNERS (left to right) Caroline Gallegos, Carlos Truilligo, and Rebecca Chavez light Habitat candles from Jackie Davis, a Habitat representative. The lighting of the candles is symbolic of joining the Habitat family. Rebecca is holding Messiah, Carlos and Caroline's son.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BLITZ BUILD

"Dream Builders" Travel to New Mexico

BY JOHN MCBETH

It all began in 2002 as an idea for a St. Mark's, Highland, senior youth group trip. That year, eight senior high teens and four adults traveled to Pendleton County, W.Va., to work on two homes under construction by Habitat for Humanity. The experience was so powerful that St. Mark's decided to make Habitat part of its annual outreach ministry.

By the summer of 2004, 60 missionaries from four parishes (St. Mark's, Highland; Ascension, Westminster; Trinity, Waterloo, and St. Peter's, Ellicott City) had returned to West Virginia.

For 2005, the leadership team decided to raise the bar, setting two "bold and audacious" goals: (1) travel farther away as a stepping stone to a future international trip, and (2) build an entire home in a week, called a "blitz" build.

After some research, the Habitat affiliate in Valencia County, N.M., located southwest of Albuquerque, was selected. As the number one rural habitat affiliate in the country, Habitat Valencia builds homes at the rate of 70 per year. The 1,090 square-foot homes have three bedrooms, two full baths and a single-car garage.

During an advance planning trip to New Mexico in May 2004, a commitment was made to Habitat to bring 50 missionaries from Maryland for the June 25-July 3 build. However, 81 people, including 51 teens, entire families, fathers and daughters, grandfathers and grandsons, committed to go. Habitat's

response to this news was "Praise the Lord. Let's build two houses!" And so, the Dream Builders were born.

To augment the \$400 per missionary cost to participate, all parishes introduced a "Stock Purchase Plan." For \$20, investors received a stock certificate and an invitation to a stockholders breakfast. Investors will get a first-hand report of the trip, including the screening of a documentary produced by one of the missionaries, a professional film maker. This, coupled with traditional fundraisers, covered the trip's expenses, with seed money for next year.

Blitz Building

During the week, there were a couple of long, hard days, but spirits remained high and the team was determined to finish as much as possible. On the first day alone, the team assembled the pre-fabricated walls, installed the trusses and laid plywood on the roof of each home.

By the end of the week, both homes were nearing completion. It was estimated that both families would move in within two weeks.

There was an incredible outpouring of support from the local community. Three local churches offered the use of their facilities and prepared meals. When a local A&W fast food restaurant learned we were from Habitat, they began distributing free food. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt by all.

On the final day, a worship service and home dedication was held at the site with the homeowners. One of the homeowners, a 22-year-old man, made a very emotional thank-

More Missions

In addition to the Dream Builders, members of St. James' Parish, Lothian, headed out of state and around the world.

- A TEAM OF 12 went again to Beards Fork, W. Va., July 4-9 to lead young people in work on one new home construction and the rehabilitation of four other homes with The Southern Appalachia Labor Schools.
- FROM AUG 6-13, the parish joined St. Margaret's, Annapolis, to go to the El Hogar orphanage and school in Honduras to help with the education of the boys. St. James' also is sponsoring Carlos Perez, 7.
- LATER IN AUGUST, the Rev. William H. C. Ticknor, St. James', Lothian, joined four other members of the Diocese of Maryland on the Diocese of Accra, Ghana, Cursillo #2 team. The five Marylanders are acting as consultants to the companion diocese. They are Ticknor; Debi Frock, Ascension, Westminster; Gail Morton, Pat and Jim Hall, St. Margaret's, Annapolis; and Bruce Neumann, St. John's, Hagerstown. —Val Hymes

you speech to the group. There wasn't a dry eye "in the house."

To view a slide show of the blitz build visit <http://www.stmarkshighland.ang-md.org/habitat.html>.

For more information on Habitat for Humanity or Dream Builders, contact John McBeth at 301-854-0371. McBeth is one of several adult leaders of the St. Mark's Habitat mission team and the primary spokesperson.



Christ Church, Rock Spring, Celebrates 200 Years. More than 30 members of Christ Church, all dressed in period costume, wave to the crowd during Bel Air's July 4 parade. The float, which took first prize in the equestrian category, was designed and built by parishioners as part of the church's year-long 200th anniversary celebration. The float was drawn by a team of Percheron horses and generated great visibility for the parish, noted The Rev. Fran LaBlanc, rector of Christ Church.

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Grace Church Wins 2005 UTO Grant

Grace Church, Brunswick, is a parish in need—in need of a new boiler, that is. Thanks to a \$12,278 grant from United Thank Offering (UTO), the boiler will be operational this fall.

BUT THE NEED to replace the boiler extends beyond heating the building; it is symbolic of the growth the area is experiencing as Brunswick's population swells with Washington, D.C. commuters.

"With new families moving to the area, we have the opportunity to attract new members," said Shirley Shores, junior warden. "The new boiler is part of an ambitious restoration effort that includes new carpets and protective covers for our historic stained glass windows. We want to make the church as beautiful as it was in 1922."

UTO is a spiritual and financial partner in the mission work of the Episcopal Church in the United States. It focuses on addressing compelling human needs and expanding mission and ministry. JoAnne Chapman, UTO coordinator, said this year UTO received 200 grant applications totaling \$8,232,482.77 and was able to grant full or partial funding to 131 requests totaling \$2,710,247.22. For more information on UTO visit <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/uto/> ☒



Epiphany Church, Odenton, invites talent from the congregation and the community to perform at its Saturday Sundown Coffee House. From left, Lincoln Minor, Donna Fischer, Hollis Lamb and Don Minor-Lamb, Fischer's twin brother, played and sang July 9. They were joined by a poet and a guitarist/ composer. Tours of the World War I Chapel museum follow the performances. — Val Hymes photo

(*Taboo, con't from p. 7*) liberating effect of being able to talk about money within the faith community.

Many clergy are wary of talking about money too often, especially in sermons. The Rev. Kirk Alan Kubicek, rector of St. Peter's, Ellicott City, is not one of them. He speaks frequently and openly about his own and his parish's stewardship journey (see *Networking: Newsletter of the Episcopal Network for Stewardship*, March and April, 1998). He is convinced that "openness about our giving leads to a healthier and more joyful community of God's people."

The Rt. Rev. William G. Burrill, sixth bishop of the Diocese of Rochester, offered a thought-provoking diocesan stewardship conference several years ago where he challenged participants to look at their calendars and their checkbooks. He said that these two books accurately reflect our or our family's values by where we spend our time and our money.

The budget of a congregation can accurately reflect a congregation's values, too. Budget-making can be a time to challenge a congregation to articulate its core values so that the budget reflects these values. A newcomer should be able to look at a parish's budget and see the congregation's mission and values reflected in it.

Jesus knew and talked about the power of money; we can do the same. ☒

Judith McFadden attends Memorial Church, Bolton Hill, where she has served on the Stewardship Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Newcomers' Ministry. She has been a Stewardship Consultant since 1995.

(*Grants, con't from p. 20*) clients from three states. The Rev. F. Allan Weatherholt Jr., rector of St. Thomas', Hancock, is president.

Some of the grants will spread a ministry to other faith communities. The Domestic Violence Interfaith Coalition of Maryland founded by the Rev. Wesley Wubbenhorst, and the ministry started and maintained by Episcopal churches in Baltimore to the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center at the Port of Baltimore both received funds.

Two churches, including historic St. Thomas', Hancock, received grants to make them more accessible.

St. Margaret's parish benefits from the challenge given it by the bequest, said Winn. "For some projects, we have to step out in faith. But it has taught us a lot about how to make an impact on the world."

The 1692 historic parish is now accepting inquiries for 2006 grants. Application deadlines are Nov. 30, 2005. For information visit www.st-margarets.org. ☒

Val Hymes is a member of St. James, Lothian

(*SMOC, con't from p. 20*)

Currently, Lindh-Payne is a candidate for seminary. Prior to joining SMOC, he worked for the Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation as an advocacy counselor and service coordinator.

As director of SMOC, Lindh-Payne says he has a clear goal "to create a community that reflects God's love through worship and service to those in need." To that end, a Worship Task Force has been formed to guide the rebirth of the worship community, while work continues with both the Hampden Drug Task Force and the Hampden Family Center, and programs for seniors and youth are in discussion. ☒



St. Mary's Outreach Center is located at 3900 Roland Ave. in Baltimore's Hampden neighborhood. St. Mary's Church was closed in 1999 and reopened as an ecumenical mission of the diocese in partnership with St. David's Church, Roland Park. The center's tenants are: Episcopal Housing Corporation, Union Memorial Hospital, St. David's Thrift Shop, Action in Maturity and Baltimore Shakespeare Festival. For information on the center's programs, offerings and available meeting space call 410-366-3106.

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FAITH & FAMILY WEEKEND

Fri 5 p.m.-Sun 1 p.m., Bishop Claggett Center, 3035 Buckeystown Pike, Buckeystown "Holy Household: Blueprint for Faith at Home." Features speaker Ann Kitch, faith activities for the family, age-group programs, "take home" faith activities, ropes course, pool and other recreation options. *Cost: \$90 adults; \$75 youth; \$350 Family Maximum. Financial assistance available.* For information or to register call 301-874-5147, e-mail info@bishopclaggett.org or visit www.claggett.ang-md.org.

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FOURTH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

8 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Thomas' Church, 1108 Providence Road, Towson Join in the Nearly New Sale and eat delicious food while you sell your treasures. North of I-695 exit 28. *Contact: Ann Homer or Marck Mulligan 410-828-7476 or the church office 410-821-5489*

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MENDING CREATION WORKSHOP

1-3:30 p.m., Parish of Middleham and St. Peter's, Lusby, Calvert County Sexual abuse prevention training for clergy, lay employees, and anyone who regularly supervises children. *To register or to schedule a workshop at your parish, please contact Wes Wubbenhorst at wwubbenhorst@ang-md.org or Evie Wagner at ewagner@ang-md.org or call the Diocesan Center 410-467-1399.*

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MENDING CREATION WORKSHOP

1-3:30 p.m., All Saints' Parish, 108 W. Church St., Frederick Sexual abuse prevention training for clergy, lay employees, and anyone who regularly supervises children. *Please call Krista Lotter at 301-733-2560 to register.*

FALL FESTIVAL AND DINNER

2-6 p.m., St. James' Parish Routes 2 and 258, 5757 Solomons Island Road, Lothian Crab cakes and ham dinner, children's carnival, country store, garden shop, homemade ice cream, baked goods and crafts. *Free admission;*

Dinners \$15 eat-in or carry-out. www.stjameslothian.com or 410-867-2838

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HERITAGE DAY

9 a.m., Immanuel Parish 1509 Glencoe Road, Glencoe Special sermon by Duncan McCulloch III, grandson of the church's first full time rector. Open house, Scottish piper and tour of old church. Located north of Cockeysville off York Road. *410-472-2828*

CELEBRATION PICNIC

1-5 p.m., Bishop Claggett Center, 3035 Buckeystown Pike, Buckeystown "Up, Up and Away" A day at Claggett with a picnic, a look at progress on the new facilities, entertainment, a portable climbing wall, swimming, and lots of kites, airplanes, balloons, clowns and activities. Youth-led worship EYE-style at 4:30 p.m. Registration required for buses only. *Contact 301-874-5147, info@bishopclaggett.org or www.claggett.ang-md.org*

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DIOCESAN COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT

7:30-9:15 p.m., Holy Comforter Church, 130 W. Seminary Ave., Lutherville Monthly meeting. All are welcome. *For more information, contact Paulette Hammond at 410-747-3811 or email phamm001@earthlink.net.*

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PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR

10 a.m.-3 p.m., Diocesan Center, 4 East University Parkway Baltimore John Moses, regional gift planning manager for the Episcopal Church Foundation, will present a program outlining what every parish needs to do to set up the structure and marketing necessary for a planned giving program. For clergy and lay leaders. *For questions or more information contact Ellen Chatard, director of development echatard@ang-md.org, 410-467-1399 ext. 1390.*

24-25

MUSIC MINISTRIES RETREAT

Fri 5 p.m.-Sat 4 p.m., Bishop Claggett Center, 3035 Buckeystown Pike, Buckeystown Retreat for choir directors and music leaders featuring speakers and workshops on children's choirs, three-part anthems and bell choirs. Designed by Diocesan Committee on Liturgy & Music. *Cost \$125 full retreat; \$90 commuter; \$75 Saturday only. Contact 301-874-5147,*

info@bishopclaggett.org or www.claggett.ang-md.org.

OCT

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SERVICE OF COVENANTING

11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Cathedral of the Incarnation 4 E. University Parkway, Baltimore

The Order of Urban Missioners, a Christian community of lay and ordained Christians from around Maryland who engage in or are discerning about urban ministry (salaried or unsalaried), and who commit annually to a rhythm of corporate and individual prayer. The Rt. Rev. Robert Ihloff will celebrate and preach. Please bring enough of one lunch item to share with several others. *If you plan to attend, or have questions, please contact The Rev. Victoria Sirota, VGRSirota@aol.com; 410-542-9554; or The Rev. Mary Davison, MaryHTDavison@aol.com; 410-685-1240.*

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200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

10:45 a.m. Christ Church, 2100 Rock

Spring Road, Forest Hill Bishop Ihloff will make his visitation and preside at commemorative services. A celebratory reception follows. *Come in period costume! 410-838-6606*

MENDING CREATION WORKSHOP

1 p.m.-3:30 p.m., St. James' Church, 32 Main St., Westernport *Please see Sept. 11 for details.*

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RUSSIAN CHORAL ENSEMBLE

7:30 p.m., St. John's Parish, 101 S. Prospect St., Hagerstown Lyra concert. *For more information 301-733-2560.*

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51ST ANNUAL FESTIVAL ON THE HILL

10 a.m.-5 p.m., Memorial Church, 1407 Bolton St., Baltimore Come celebrate 51 years of this festival. Food, drinks, arts, crafts, music, children's activities, book sale, flea market, live auction, raffle and more! Performers on the stage include St. James' Gospel Choir, Mambo Combo,

RIGHT: ST. ANNE'S MUSIC DIRECTOR J. ERNEST GREEN CONDUCTS THE ANNAPOLIS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA IN AN INTERACTIVE CONCERT AT ST. ANNE'S PARISH HOUSE.



PHOTO BY BUD JOHNSON

St. Anne's Concert Series Makes its Third Bow

St. Anne's, Annapolis, will once again open its doors for the St. Anne's Concert Series this fall, cosponsored by the church and the Annapolis Chorale. Among the many churches in the area, St. Anne's has some of the best acoustics, which make intimate performances such as those offered by the series an extraordinary experience. **FEATURED ARTISTS IN THE 2005-2006 SERIES** are the extremely popular **WASHINGTON SYMPHONIC BRASS**; members of the **KENNEDY CENTER'S NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**; and the **ANNAPOLIS CHORALE AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**. The program is varied with something for all musical tastes, from bold brass to the soaring sounds of Handel's "Messiah" to the quiet interplay of a string trio. **THE ANNAPOLIS CHORALE** and **ST. ANNE'S** share a commitment to enrich community life in Annapolis by presenting the finest in live music. **FOR TICKET INFORMATION OR MORE DETAILS ON THE SERIES, PLEASE CALL 410-263-1906.**

ST. ANNE'S CONCERT SERIES

Washington Symphonic Brass

STANDING OVATIONS greet these musicians known for taking orchestral works and refitting them for a brass ensemble. From big band to *Boheme*, the WSB is always a crowd pleaser.

- WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28, 7:30 P.M.
- WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22, 2006, 7:30 P.M.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 7:30 P.M.

Annapolis Chorale and Chamber Orchestra

NO CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS would be complete without "Messiah," and there is no better place to experience it than at St. Anne's illuminated by candlelight, as Handel himself might have heard it. A repeat performance for families follows on Sunday with a carol sing-along. The group follows up in the

spring with an innovative interactive orchestra concert at St. Anne's that puts the audience with the orchestra for an intimate look at playing the classics and what makes them so compelling.

- FRIDAY, DEC. 16, 8 P.M.
- SUNDAY, DEC. 18, 3 P.M.
- SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 7 P.M.

National Symphony Orchestra

THE CONCERT SERIES welcomes members of the Kennedy Center's National Symphony Orchestra for solo and small ensemble performances that shine in the acoustics of St. Anne's.

- SUNDAY, JAN. 29, 3 P.M.
- SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 3 P.M.

VILLAGE MUSIC SERIES

5 p.m., Saint John's in the Village, 3009 Greenmount Ave., Baltimore
Jason Widney, Baritone.
Admission free. For more information, call 410-467-4793.

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DIOCESAN COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT

7:30-9:15 p.m., Holy Comforter Church, 130 W. Seminary Ave., Lutherville
Monthly meeting. All are welcome. *For more information, contact Paulette Hammond at 410-747-3811 or email phamm001@earthlink.net.*

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HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE CONFERENCE

9 a.m.-3 p.m., Diocesan Center, 4 E. University Parkway, Baltimore
Second annual conference. *Visit the Web site, www.ang-md.org, for registration and further information.*

SERVICE OF COVENANTING

11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Church of the Holy Nativity, 4238 Pimlico Road, Baltimore
Please see Oct. 2 for details. The Order will continue to meet monthly through June 2006.

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200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

3 p.m., Christ Church, 2100 Rock Spring Road, Forest Hill
The choir of St. James' Church, Monkton, will perform. St. James' was the "mother church" of Christ Church; the concert commemorates that old connection. *410-838-6606*

Nov

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FULL CHORAL EUCHARIST

6:30 p.m., Saint John's in the Village, 3009 Greenmount Ave., Baltimore
All Saint's Day Eucharist followed by a visitors' social hour. *For more information, call 410-467-4793.*

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CHORAL REQUIEM

6:30 p.m., Saint John's in the Village, 3009 Greenmount Ave., Baltimore
Honoring All Souls' Day. *For more information, call 410-467-4793.*

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THIRD ANNUAL HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

9 a.m.-3 p.m., St. James' Church, 19200 York Road, Parkton
Shop among the 20 juried artisans. A tea room will be serving a special lunch and there will be plenty of baked goods to bring home. Something for everyone! *Admission \$1 and a can of food. For additional information call 410-357-4473*

MARYLAND GREEN GATHERING

9:30 a.m., St. John's Parish 101 S. Prospect St., Hagerstown
The Spirituality of St. Francis and Caring for Creation. A theological grounding and practical application of caring for creation. Speakers: The Rt. Rev. John L. Rabb, bishop suffragan of Maryland, and Paul Beares, master gardener. Sponsored by the Committee on Environment. Donations accepted. *RSVP Paulette Hammond: Phamm001@earthlink.net or 410-747-3811.*

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200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Christ Church, 2100 Rock Spring Road, Forest Hill
The conclusion of a year-long celebration with a service of Evensong dedicated to the founders of the parish. The Christ Church choir will sing the service, and the parish's "extended family" of musicians will be invited to participate as well. *410-838-6606*

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR ALL SAINTS'

5 p.m., St. John's Parish, 101 S. Prospect St., Hagerstown
St. John's Parish Choir, Mark King, conductor. *For more information 301-733-2560.*

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32ND ANNUAL MISTLETOE MART

Thu/Fri: 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Sat: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Church of the Ascension 23 N. Court St., Westminster
Shop 50 juried artisans and craftspeople featuring pottery, stained glass, paintings, giftware, wreaths, handcrafted textiles and more. Café, door prizes and country store. Handicapped accessible. *Admission: \$4 adults, \$1 children 12 and under. For information call 410-848-3251.*

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DIOCESAN COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT

7:30-9:15 p.m., Holy Comforter Church, 130 W. Seminary Ave. Lutherville
Monthly meeting. All are welcome. *For more information, contact Paulette Hammond at 410-747-3811 or email phamm001@earthlink.net.*

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QUIET DAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

10 a.m., Cathedral of the Incarnation, 4 E. University Parkway, Baltimore
The Rev. Canon January Hamill leads this retreat day, which ends with the Eucharist at 2:30 pm. The meditations will be held in the Peace Chapel. The labyrinth, gardens, and cathedral-diocesan house complex will be available. A free-will offering will be taken. Beverages and bagels will be provided and attendees are asked to bring a bag lunch. *Registration not required. For more information, call Adele Wakefield at 410-366-2627 or e-mail at adelewakefield@yahoo.com or call the Cathedral Office at 410-467-3750.*

STEWARDSHIP CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP RAAB

An opportunity to gather and discuss stewardship issues: best practices, stories from the trenches and the needs of congregations in the Diocese of Maryland. *Time and place to be announced. Please check the diocesan calendar on the Web site. www.ang-md.org*

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VILLAGE MUSIC SERIES

5 p.m., Saint John's in the Village, 3009 Greenmount Ave., Baltimore
Kaori Hongo, organ. *Recital free of charge. For more information, call 410-467-4793.*

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SUNDAY CHORAL EVENSONG

4 p.m., Saint John's in the Village, 3009 Greenmount Ave., Baltimore
Thomas Weelkes: *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis*, Sixth Service. Healey Willan: *I Looked and Beheld a White Cloud*. *For more information, call 410-467-4793.*

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THANKSGIVING DAY EUCHARIST

10 a.m., Saint John's in the Village, 3009 Greenmount Ave. Baltimore
Service will be sung by the Schola Cantorum. *For more information, call 410-467-4793.*

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ANNUAL MESSIAH SING-ALONG

4 p.m., St. James' Parish, Routes 2 and 258, Lothian
Sing the Christmas section of Handel's oratorio to herald Advent with chamber ensemble, organ, trumpet, soloists. *Free-will offering. Candlelight reception follows. Bring a snack and a score. Some scores to loan. Val: 410-224-2478; Trixie: 410-956-6157.*

DEC

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

12 noon-4 p.m., Church of the Holy Covenant, 5657 The Alameda, Baltimore
Vendors needed. *Contact: Annette Larkins 410-444-9493.*

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ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

10:15 a.m., St. John's Parish, 101 S. Prospect St., Hagerstown
Choirs of St. John's, Mark King, conductor. *For more information 301-733-2560.*

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WINTER JUBILEE

Thu 7 p.m.-Sat 11 a.m.
Bishop Claggett Center 3035 Buckeystown Pike, Buckeystown
Young people in grades 6-12 gather for lively worship, activities, and fun. *Contact 301-874-5147, info@bishop-claggett.org or www.claggett.ang-md.org*