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Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *(BCP, p. 388)*

[from the editor]

Why Bother?

I know I should be doing something about the environment, but I am not sure what. While working on this issue of *Maryland Church News* I learned about the theology behind environmental stewardship (guilt) and spoke with several people in green-collar jobs whose lives are devoted to the survival of the planet (more guilt).



Sharon Tillman

LIVING UP TO THE SAME STANDARDS as those who live and breathe environmental issues (Ed Begley Jr. comes to mind) can be daunting for the rest of us. How can the average person – all right, me with two school-age kids and a 35-mile one-way commute – make a difference? And why should I bother? With everyone from hard-core debunkers to dying-planet prophets filling the air waves, it can be hard to tell how much difference one person can make, if any at all.

I would love to put solar panels on my roof and live “off the grid,” but I live in the woods. A friend is going car-free for Lent, striving for a “greater awareness of how I use my car.” He told me that he came to this decision while driving around Baltimore. “I followed an MTA bus all the way down St. Paul Street, then spent 20 minutes looking for parking. I could have simply taken the bus.” I would love to go car-free, but I’d never get to work on time.

This issue of *Maryland Church News* is not about spreading environmental guilt; it is about God’s creation and our responsibility to maintain it, to strengthen it, to leave it in better shape than how we found it for generations to come. And there are some practical tips for what one person, a congregation of people or even the diocese can do to “green our diocese.”

Bishop Sutton lays out his vision for environmental initiatives and invites everyone to participate in Town Hall Meetings on the Environment this spring. By gathering voices and ideas from across the diocese, Bishop Sutton seeks to engage not just the wallets and hands of the called, but their hearts and minds as well.

Bishop Rabb speaks to the theology

of creation, reminding us that “God has created and called us to be stewards of all that is entrusted to us.” Bishop Rabb speaks not only of our commitment to the planet, but to one another as well, especially the needy and the suffering.

Throughout the *Greening Our Diocese* and *Around the Diocese* sections you will find articles on why people and parishes are called to environmental issues, what steps they are taking, and who you can contact to get involved or ramp up your or your church’s action plans. This issue is a keeper – you might not be in a position to do more than recycle paper and plastic right now, but there are plenty of ideas and resources for when you are ready and able.

The information doesn’t end with the last page of *MCN* either. Visit *MCN Online*, marylandchurchnews.org, for extended coverage and information on this quarter’s topic. Articles in the online issue cover eco-palms for Palm Sunday, a look into geothermal heating and cooling systems, a field trip to Baltimore County’s recycling center, a list of where to recycle televisions and other electronics, steps to take for a sustainable food system, the connection between the economy and ecology, and green building.

Regardless of what motivates you to take better care of your corner of the world, I hope you find something in this issue to sustain your journey and find realistic ways to incorporate greening our diocese into your life. Now I’ve got to get home and take out the recycling.

Peace,

Editor, *Maryland Church News*

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Building Upon a Sure Foundation *A History, a Vision of the Future*

BY WILLIAM LAMBERT

The Mission Strategy Group of the diocese, in cooperation with the Convention Planning Team, announces the theme of this year's Diocesan Convention as *Building Upon a Sure Foundation*. The choice of theme is intended to indicate to participants that we will spend a good portion of our time together honoring our heritage and beginning to look toward the horizon as the diocese embarks upon a vision and a goal-setting process for the next five to 10 years.

IN ADDITION, Bishop Eugene Taylor Sutton is pleased to announce that the Rev. Canon C.K. Robertson (Chuck), canon to the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, is the keynote speaker and facilitator of the discernment process. Robertson holds a doctorate in New Testament from Durham University, and is the author of many books and articles including the recently published *Transforming Stewardship* – one book in the series *Transformations – The Episcopal Church of the 21st Century*.

Robertson is currently working with members of the MSG, the Rev. Anne L. Weatherholt, who is gathering oral histories, the Rev. P. Kingsley Smith, diocesan historiographer, and Mary Klein, diocesan archivist, to compile information on the history and heritage of our diocese that will inform his work with us. At Convention, Robertson will lead sessions on the theme *Our Living History, Our Sacred Bundle*.

As a complement to looking at our

sure foundation and discovering what items might be in our “sacred bundle,” Bishop Sutton’s address will come toward the end of Convention as a way of honoring and thanking many people for their work and ministry in the past, and beginning to look ahead to the future. The process of envisioning our future together will not end at Diocesan Convention. The planning continues as the MSG, Robertson and our bishops will be engage in conversations throughout the diocese.

William Lambert is co-chair of the Diocesan Convention Planning Team and a member of St. James’ Church, Lafayette Square.



Rev. Canon C.K. Robertson

225th Diocesan Convention

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Pre-Convention Meetings

Come find out more about Convention at one of the following Pre-Convention Meetings, which will also contain a look at the upcoming General Convention. All meetings will be from 7-9 p.m.

- Monday, April 20
All Saints’ Parish, Frederick
- Tuesday, April 21
St. Margaret’s Church, Annapolis
- Wednesday, April 22
Emmanuel Church, Cumberland
- Thursday, April 23
St. George’s Church, Manchester
- Friday, April 24
Cathedral Church of the Incarnation, Baltimore

Youth at Diocesan Convention

We are looking for youth, both high school and college, to join us at Diocesan Convention the first weekend in May. We have a special project to launch this year’s convention, and we will be gathering the weekend before to prepare. We will then be present at convention to share our voice and presence and ensure the smooth operation of this annual business meeting of the diocese. Youth will stay overnight at Sherwood Church, Cockeysville.

To sign up, contact the Rev. Wes Wubbenhorst, youth missionary for the diocese, at 800-443-1399, 410-467-1399 or wwubbenhorst@ang-md.org.

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Environmental Initiatives a Priority

In Dostoyevsky's novel *The Brothers Karamazov*, the spiritual teacher Father Zosima speaks of the interconnectedness of all life:

All is like an ocean, all flows and connects; touch it in one place and it echoes at the other end of the world... Love all of God's creation, both the whole of it and every grain of sand. Love every leaf, every ray of God's light. Love animals, love plants, love each thing. If you love each thing, you will perceive the mystery of God in all things.



THAT SPIRITUAL WISDOM is what lifts Christians to care for all of God's creation. It is what moved St. Francis of Assisi to compose his great canticle celebrating "Brother Sun and Sister Moon" and a host of other creatures. It has compelled the world's greatest spiritual leaders from Christian mystics to Mahatma Gandhi to the Dalai Lama to Archbishop Desmond Tutu to believe in God's universal love that knows no bounds of race or faith or nation – or even of species.

Scientists now tell us that nature participates in a seamless web of connection; it is actually possible that the flap of a butterfly wing in Japan can set off a hurricane in the Caribbean. And the driving of a gas guzzler in Maryland can melt an iceberg in Greenland.

If you love God and your neighbor as yourself, and have committed yourself to the Christian faith and life, then you are an environmentalist. If that word carries too much social or political baggage for you, then call it something else: creation care, stewardship, leaving a legacy for your children, or simply following Jesus' command to "love others as I have loved you."

As many of you know, I have often been referred to as our "green bishop." That's true, in part, because I have tried to get people to notice more than my skin color as an African American, and focus more on what I stand for and do rather than on racial heritage. Whether or not you refer to me as black or green, it's important to me that you know this: I am committed to leading this diocese in becoming as spiritually alive, socially just, and environmentally conscious as we possibly can.

To that end, I am happy to announce the launch of a new Environmental Initiative Steering Committee.

The EIS Committee will be the successor to and expand the work of the former Committee on the Environment that Paulette Hammond has so faithfully and ably led since 1995, and whose work we will honor at this year's Diocesan Convention. The new initiative will:

- Develop environmental education tools for congregations and members
- Conduct environmental audits of parishes to help them become more ecologically sensitive
- Form a network of persons who commit themselves to engage in environmental issues
- Lead the entire diocese to commit to small and large projects that will heal the ecosystem
- Provide leadership for larger Episcopal and interfaith communities

You can learn more about the Environmental Initiative and the emerging diocesan environmental network by attending one of the three Town Hall Meetings on the Environment scheduled for this spring. (See Town Hall Meetings *for details*.) After these meetings, I will appoint the EIS Committee from those indicating an interest in serving in addition to becoming a member of the network. You can also check our diocesan Web site beginning in June for how you can join the network.

The new initiative will be headed by Kim Coble, who is the Maryland executive director of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and a member of St. Margaret's Church,

Annapolis. She has agreed to serve on a volunteer basis as the bishop's advisor on the environment. She will be assisted in this effort by another stalwart worker in the Maryland environmental movement, John J. Campagna, president of Baltimore Green Week and a member of The Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore. He will serve as the deputy advisor on the environment.

They will receive staff support from Shelley Klinefelter at the diocesan center, who I'm happy to report has agreed to be the staff liaison for environmental initiatives in addition to her other duties in service to the diocese. Shelley will work closely with the parishes to connect them to the larger initiative. (See *Grassroots to Green Bishop*, p. 9)

I am very grateful to Kim, John and Shelley for contributing their experience and enthusiasm for environmental health to the Diocese of Maryland, just as I am full of gratitude that the good work of Paulette Hammond and the Committee on the Environment will continue in a fresh way in the years to come.

The Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton

Town Hall Meetings on the Environment

- ▶ **March 25 @ 6:30 p.m.**
The Chesapeake Bay Foundation,
6 Herndon Avenue, Annapolis
- ▶ **April 4 @ 9:30 a.m.**
Bishop Claggett Center, 3035
Buckeystown Pike, Buckeystown
- ▶ **April 14 @ 7 p.m.**
Cathedral of the Incarnation,
4 E. University Parkway, Baltimore

This is an opportunity for the green bishop to meet the green people of the diocese – those who have a special interest in Christian stewardship of the planet.

All are welcome. Come with the least amount of carbon. Drive with others. Bike. Walk. Run. Contact: Kim Coble, kimcoble@comcast.net.

A Theology for Creation

At the conclusion of the Sixth Day of Creation “God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.” (*Gen 1:31a*) The earth, sky, waters, air and all species are all of God, and God has called them good, which means of greatest value.



A THEOLOGY OF CREATION STARTS with all creation being of God and belonging to God. Humankind is called to a stewardship of creation by God. The word used in Genesis 1:28 is *dominion*. This is not ownership as in possession, but caring trust of that which God has given to us. The theology of creation is best summarized as being caring stewards of that which belongs to God and is entrusted to us.

For theological reasons we cannot abuse or misuse the creation, for to do so is in violation of what God wants and what God demands. Care for the earth, the air, the waters and all species is not simply a new program for the church, but a command from God.

So when we speak of the “greening of the Diocese of Maryland” we are speaking of being responsible stewards of that which God has entrusted to us. In light of this trust I want to offer some ideas to ponder.

Whole of creation

The first is liturgical. Many know of my dislike of so-called “pet blessings.” My reasons are twofold. First, they do not speak to the whole of creation and of the more serious demands of the crisis of the environment. Second, they fall on the Feast of Francis of Assisi. His creation theology is anchored in care for those persons of God most forgotten and suffering.

However as rector of St. Anne’s church, Atlanta, we had a yearly Celebration of Creation during Rogation Tide, a designated time for celebrating creation usually in early June, depending on the date for Pentecost. I always had a small zoo brought in so people could see the variety to creatures God has entrusted to us and, yes, people brought their own animals and pets.

As a liturgical people we need to have in our worship a commitment to being the best stewards of creation. One year we went so far as to ask people to bring their own creations: art, gardening, textiles and other works to celebrate that we are called to create in God’s name. Furthering the stewardship of creation should be a part of the stewardship education and work. The liturgical work to honor creation and our stewardship needs to go on all year and be an active part of our lives in worship and prayer.

Reduce, reuse, recycle

The second idea is that we must have specific works of service

A theology of creation, a theology of stewardship and a theology for justice all flow from the same source. God has created and called us to be stewards of all that is entrusted to us.

in the care of creation.

This starts with us being good stewards in how we use resources: recycle, use energy wisely, are not wasteful, and preserve green space, adding to it when we take from it.

In addition we must work and advocate for clean air and water, and for a reduction in the carbon footprint we leave. This is not simply a matter of political action, but is in response to the command we have from God to be good stewards of God’s good creation.

Kiss the lepers

The third idea goes back to St. Francis. We cannot speak of a true theology of creation without seeing to it that we are good stewards of the human species. For me this means we must pay special attention to those who are suffering from sickness, neglect, degradation or poverty. A good steward must respond to her or his neighbor in need.

So let me say that we should keep our celebrations on Oct. 4 in commemoration of Francis. But let us do what the Franciscans do and “kiss the lepers.” This means we seek to embrace and serve those most in need. A good theology of creation must be to care for all God has created. This must include those most vulnerable and in greatest need.

The goodness of creation

A theology of creation, a theology of stewardship and a theology for justice all flow from the same source. God has created and called us to be stewards of all that is entrusted to us. It is not just about the care of the environment. It must also be about how we use resources, including money. And it must be how we care for the vulnerable; those God loves and those God calls us to give special care, attention and love.

A theology of creation starts with God, who brought all into being and calls us as trusting stewards. The earth is not ours, it is God’s. We do not possess, we are given. We are not entitled, but grateful. We do not destroy, we build up. We do not divide, we unite. We must witness in all we do to the fullness of what God says when God speaks of all creation and says it is good.

+John L. Rabb

The Rt. Rev. John L. Rabb

From Garden to Wilderness *A Year of Praying into Stewardship of Creation*

BY DEBRA DONNELLY-BARTON

Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.

Jer 6:16

THE ANCIENT PATH that leads from garden through wilderness and into the promised land of peace and rest has been set before us. We follow the ancients when we allow our own spiritual pilgrimage to take the route that is the good way.

At the Center for Spiritual Development at St. James' in Monkton, we have devoted our 2008-2009 program year to walking on the ancient path in a contemporary setting. The crossroads for us is the intersection between a well-trodden road and new ways of moving upon it. We combine scripture, beginning in Genesis, with modern technology to promote a romance between God's people and God's creation. This article will give an overview of our program year.

The stewardship of creation

It is not enough to simply talk about recycling, conservation or "greening" our everyday lives, while those are important steps. We must fall in love with the planet and its creatures, including humankind, in order to stay focused on loving care. And this is a tall order, isn't it? Who among us has not swatted a mosquito or spoken harshly to a colleague?

As we consider stewardship of creation, we move into prayer and pilgrimage. This restoration of love is a journey, and the one who is inviting us to travel is God.

The practice of pilgrimage comes in

all shapes and sizes. From finger labyrinths to pilgrimages across continents, the common thread is journey to the center of the soul. At the Center for Spiritual Development we offer pilgrimages that use the sacredness of earth as a setting, and the beauty of prayer as a pathway. The voice of the earth is heard in silence and in song, in gentle breezes and in thunder.

The labyrinth, the symbol of pilgrimage and conversion, is at the center of our Celtic heritage. The labyrinth at St. James' Parish, built by volunteers and sponsored by the Center for Spiritual Development, is a permanent reminder of our mission to pilgrimage and prayer in the heart of creation. Walking the labyrinth can still the mind long enough to hear, not just the birds or breeze, but the voice within. Call us to arrange an opportunity to be guided in its use by our director.

As we touch into the sacrifice of Christ we know that we have an advocate for the sacrifices we must make if we are to participate in the renewal of the world. Christ is not separate from the creation begun in the beginning by God. He is the full revelation of its reality and its potential.

And that is really what we are talking about here – longing and connection. There is a reason that the beauty of sunrise or evening sky touches us. There is a reason that we long to make a difference in the way we care for our environment,



The Stations of the Cross by Alex Hallmark are located along *The Pathway of Peace* that surrounds the church campus. The stations are accompanied by recorded meditations downloaded into mp3 format.

because God loved it first, and then revealed that love through Christ.

Join us in a lover's walk with God. Plant a garden or care for a potted plant. Listen to the music of the natural world and learn a new song. Read with us. Walk with us. Pilgrimage with us from garden through wilderness and into the heart of God.

The first step toward stewardship of creation is to fall in love with it.

2008-2009 program year

Last fall we started this program year in the garden, with *Pilgrimage into the Poetry of Creation*. Poetry and beauty call to the heart. Where the heart is engaged, there we will desire to put our treasure.

We also created a package of photographic images and mp3 downloads of *Pilgrimage into the Poetry of Creation*, with instructions for their use, which will be available to parishes for a fee. The fees we collect for such offerings not only cover the cost of producing them, but also enable the production of other programs.

We moved from the garden to the less tamed reaches of Celtic Christianity and its connection with the creation this winter. In an online course on Christ of the Celts, author Philip Newell joined us in exploring the way in which Christ is at

Center for Spiritual Development at St. James'

The center began offering programs and workshops across Maryland in 1996 with funding from a grant from the diocese. Programs, pilgrimages and retreats at parishes, diocesan events, provincial meetings and in seminary settings in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and Tennessee have been given. In 2007 the center received a major grant from a private foundation and came to an agreement with the vestry of St. James' Parish, Monkton, which has allowed it to be rooted in one place and to work from greater stability.

To join a pilgrimage, online class or learn more about the center contact Debra Donnelly-Barton, 410-771-4466, dbarton@saintjames.org, or visit saintjames.org/CSD/.

the center of healing the creation.

The class entitled *Theology and Spirit*, of which Newell's book was one of several, is on-going throughout the year and is available to parishes as a book study. (See Center for... for information on how to join this class.) We welcome new participants.

From Celtic edges, we move into a place that is both garden and wilderness. The Pathway of Peace that surrounds our playing fields is the pilgrimage for 14 Stations of the Cross made for us by Alex Hallmark, an artist featured in *Episcopal Life*. The stations are accompanied by recorded meditations downloaded into mp3 format. This program will also be available as a package of images and audio files, with a leader's guide, to enable other parishes to share the experience.

As we walk with Jesus on that last pilgrimage, we begin to have a sense of just how very crucial is our love of God and God's creation. This does not diminish our actions toward saving our planet or being conscientious of our effects on others throughout the world, it gives them purpose.

The final leg of our pilgrimage for this year is *Into the Wildness of God*, a pilgrimage to some wild places in Alaska this August.

Alaska is still quiet enough and wild enough to bring us out of ourselves and into the heart of God's creation. Wilderness, wilderness, and untamed spaces—all of these echo the wild places of the soul's longing.

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The Benefits of Buying Locally

BY KIM COBLE

I vividly remember the taste and texture of the crab I ate when I visited the crab-picking co-op on Smith Island. The crab had been harvested earlier that day and picked that evening by a Smith Island woman who worked at the co-op. It melted in my mouth. I had a similar experience when I took a bite of an apple picked directly from a tree on a Catoctin area fruit farm.

THERE IS JUST NOTHING like fresh, locally grown food. Buying food and products from local vendors is an example of something that is easy to do, is good for our environment and can help improve our health. It also allows us to connect with God's earth.

Here is one scenario... we go to the chain grocery store to get ingredients for dinner.

- We purchase the food that has traveled about 1,500 miles* on average and in doing so, has generated a tremendous amount of air pollutants including carbon dioxide (a green house gas), which also increases the energy costs when compared to a dinner made from locally grown ingredients, according to sustainabletable.org.
- The food is days to weeks old, has lost a fair amount of its nutritional value and most likely has some type of packaging.
- According to a 2005 Chesapeake Bay Foundation report, *Vital Signs: Assessing the State of Chesapeake Agriculture*, about 85 percent of the money used to purchase the food leaves the local economy. Only 15 percent goes to the local economy, leaving very little in the hands of the farmer who actually grows the food. This makes it harder and harder for farmers to make ends meet.
- This results in farmers selling their land, usually to developers. We end up with fewer family-owned local farms and it is harder to get food locally.

The end result of this scenario is a food system that is not economically or environmentally sustainable.

Here is the other scenario... we buy our ingredients at the local farmers market, use the products we have purchased

through our CSA (community supported agriculture), and we have bought our meat, poultry or fish from local farmers and watermen.

- They are remarkably fresh – maybe even hours old, with no packaging and minimal transportation costs.
- Their taste and nutritional value are at their peak.
- We directly pay the farmer, we ask them about their growing practices and maybe we even get their suggestions for recipes.
- All of the money is theirs, which they use locally.
- This helps to keep them profitable and operating and saves them from having to sell their land.

This food system scenario is sustainable both economically and environmentally.

The truth is the first scenario has become standard practice for many of us. But, it is the scenario that costs our society



PHOTO: JASON HOFFMAN

and our environment a tremendous amount when all factors are considered.

In 1952, American farmers received 47 cents for every dollar consumers spent on food. In 2000, the amount going to farmers dropped by 57 percent to 20 cents of every dollar. Additionally, the USDA determined that from 2001 to 2005, the average farm family in the U.S. only earned 9.5 percent of the household income from farming operations. Off-farm work accounted for approximately 90 percent of the average farm family's income.

(see *Buying Locally*, page 14)

[greening our diocese]

Garrett Churches Go Green, Track Carbon Footprints

BY KATHLEEN GIBBS

In response to increasing perception of our relationship with the earth, the Episcopal Church in Garrett County began in 2008 to address the concerns of the congregations of St. Matthew's and St. John's for increased attention to environmental information and awareness.

THE GREEN GATHERING COMMITTEE, a joint environmental effort of St. Matthew's Parish, Oakland, and St. John's Church, Deer Park, aims to expand appreciation of the natural world around us while also educating and informing its congregation's members about the ecological dangers facing the world today.

The committee is made up of members of both congregations and from all ages and walks of life. Meeting for the first time in February, 2008, this consensus-based group initiated a plan beginning on Earth Day 2008 to educate the congregations about environmental issues and to begin to "green" both their churches and their homes.

To this end, a process of evaluation was initiated to identify environmental and energy efficiency issues for both buildings, and to address those issues in as timely a manner as possible. In addition, the committee distributed carbon footprint forms to each member or family to assess their impact on the environment.

With the completion of these programs by Earth Day 2009, the stage will be set for Phase II, the implementation by both churches and members to begin to "green" their lives and worship (if they have not already begun to do so).

Some changes may be simple, like beginning to use compact fluorescent light bulbs in their homes or beginning an in-home recycling program. Others may take more time...or more money. But in all cases, one of the most important purposes of the committee is to act as a resource for both practical and spiritual information as we work for a closer understanding of the earth.

The GGC offers educational resources to the members of the congregations in the forms of movies, discussion and reading groups, and advice and resources for those interested in greening their homes and lives. The committee has also been in contact with the Regeneration Project and Interfaith Power & Light to begin exploring opening an Interfaith Power & Light campaign in Maryland. www.theregenerationproject.org

Part of the mission of the GGC is to extend a helping hand to other congregations in the diocese who may wish for guidance in beginning their own environmental journeys.

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Editor's Note: The Green Gathering Committee is not affiliated with the diocese's Green Gathering event.

An Environmental To-Do List

BY SCOTT HYMES

WHAT CAN YOU DO to help clean up our air and water and help save the Bay? Here are ideas from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

In Your Yard

Almost Everything You Put on Your Yard Eventually Reaches the Bay

- ✓ Don't over-fertilize your lawn – once in the fall – organic and phosphorous free
- ✓ Capture rainwater from your gutters
 - Rain barrels: reuse the water on your garden (dnr.state.md.us/ed/rainbarrel)
 - Cisterns: for greater water storage
- ✓ Rain gardens: beautiful, inexpensive and recharge your well (chesapeakeecologycenter.org/rainscaping)
- ✓ Preserve mature trees; plant new ones.
- ✓ Use Bay-friendly pesticides and weed-killers
- ✓ Don't let dirt leave your property; cover all disturbed soil
- ✓ Dispose of household chemicals and paint properly
- ✓ Pick up your pet's waste

Get to Know Your Neighborhood Stream or Creek

- ✓ Pick up trash and recycle it
- ✓ Look for life in the water: bugs are the best indicator of a stream's health
- ✓ Report polluters: it's your water too; no one should be allowed to harm it

In Your House

- ✓ Conserve water
- ✓ Install a nitrogen-reducing septic system: free with grant from Bay Restoration Fund
- ✓ Keep your septic system serviced; every two years is recommended
- ✓ Use phosphate-free dishwasher detergent
- ✓ Buy a front-loading washer: more capacity; saves up to 25 gallons of water per load
- ✓ Don't pour grease, medicines or cleaning solutions down the drain
- ✓ Conserve electricity: use fluorescent bulbs, insulate your home, buy only Energy Star appliances
- ✓ Recycle, recycle, recycle

In Your Car

- ✓ Dispose of oil properly
- ✓ Keep your car tuned for better mileage and lower emissions
- ✓ Make sure tires are properly inflated
- ✓ Combine trips and/or carpool
- ✓ Use public transportation

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Grassroots to Green Bishop

Yesterday's Green Path Points to Future

BY SHELLEY KLINEFELTER

This past fall the diocesan staff was cleaning out boxes of files that had been stored in the attic at the center for years. The owners of the files had long since retired or had moved on to other jobs. As I was going through one of the boxes, I came across a booklet, *Environmental Lifestyles: The Grassroots Coalition for Environmental and Economic Justice* by John and Iona Conner.

I T WAS OBVIOUS that the booklet had been put together manually using a typewriter, giving me a clue as to its date of origin. However, the information could easily have been from a current newspaper or church bulletin.

It is 2009 and we are still publishing the very same material as if it is new. Are we going in circles, saying the same things about changing the way we live or are we really doing something about it? As a society, we seem to be dredging up the same material decade after decade. In fact, this January the Diocesan Center was a downlink site for this year's Trinity Institute conference: *Radical Abundance: A Theology of Sustainability*.

As I am now the staff liaison for environmental initiatives for the diocese, I saved the booklet thinking I might find it useful at some point.

A look back

I asked our diocesan archivist Mary Klein to see if she could find any record about when the Committee on the Environment had started in the diocese. She arrived in my office with a folder chock full of papers. The materials in the folder were from 1989-90. In that folder was the *Environmental Lifestyles* booklet. In 1989 the words "carbon footprint" weren't used, but the information was the same as what we would use today, covering harsh household cleaners, pesticides and herbicides, organic food, composting, conserving energy and water, and recycling.

There was a letter with the booklet outlining *A Plan of Action for Environmental Protection by Churches*. This was the

Web Resources

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The Web sites of the Maryland watersheds promote activities like how to make rain barrels, and tips on cleaning up streams and planting trees. Find online courses about the Chesapeake Bay. Learn how to create a community vegetable garden at your church – fresh vegetables for everyone and kids learn about gardening.

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The Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light will go to any parish and do an energy audit. Receive a report on the best ways for your church to conserve energy and save money.

beginning of the environmental movement that continues in our diocese today.

In 1990 a report titled: *The Episcopal Church in Communion with Creation: Policy and Action Plan for the Environment and Sustainable Development* was issued. That same year Pat Claggett submitted a resolution "Parish Environmental Action" that was passed by General Convention.

Around 1992, the Committee for Social Ministries, Sue Chappell and various other people sparked a conversation about caring for the environment. Several parishioners in the diocese got an advocacy group started with Christopher Glennon as their chairperson. The group helped many of the parishes start their own environment committees.

The Bishop Claggett Center was also active, hosting various outdoor events for adults and children that promoted caring for the environment and taught children about nature. Around this time the Bishop Claggett Center had inquired about being in the Monocacy Watershed

Forestry Program.

In 1995 the Rt. Rev. Robert W. Ihloff became the 13th Bishop of Maryland and a restructuring of the diocesan committees took place. As a result, the Committee on the Environment was officially formed and Paulette Hammond was named as chairperson. She remained the COE chair until this March. Sue Chappell, Rod Ryan and several others were veterans of the committee as a well.

Among its many accomplishments, the COE submitted several Resolutions to Diocesan Convention, including Parish Environmental Stewardship Program – 1997, Fair Trade Triple Certified Coffee – 2004, Caring for God's Creation – 2006; promoted the use of paper cups instead of Styrofoam by parishes; supported legislation that enhanced the quality of the environment in Maryland, including Clean Car bills, and encouraging renewable energy.

The committee has also been a resource to parishes, performing surveys designed to help parishes become environmentally aware, set goals and take action.

Most notably, the committee created the Green Gathering, an annual event featuring speakers, workshops and worship centered around environmental themes. This year's event is planned for April 25 at the Cathedral of the Incarnation.

Going forward

The COE was recently thanked for its 14 years of service and is being recast under Bishop Sutton's environmental initiative strategy. (*For more on Bishop Sutton's initiatives see Environmental Initiatives a Priority, p.4*) Going forward, I will be working with parishes, helping to start a new environmental program or take an existing one to new heights.

Those who also devoted efforts for the environment were members of St. Anne's Church, Annapolis, the Commission on Social Ministries and numerous other hardworking parishioners and churches.

It was Bishop Sutton's keynote address at the 2008 Gardens and Grace Conference that inspired this part-time staff position. Bishop Sutton said that "more than being known as the first" (*see Green Bishop, page 14*)

[greening our diocese]

Food and Faith Program Growing, Organically

By SHARON TILLMAN AND LAURA MCGUIRE

Anxious about increasing food costs? Wish you could buy your food knowing that it was grown nearby? Love organic vegetables, but hate the expensive supermarket prices? Want to support local farming anyway?

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA) could be the answer.

Shareholders receive 24 weeks of farm-fresh organic vegetables from June 11–Nov.19 by becoming a member of the One Straw Farm CSA. Enjoy freshly harvested vegetables all summer long. Located in White Hall in northern Baltimore County, this farm is certified organic and is the largest vegetable farm in Maryland. The crops stay fresher and tastier as they are shipped fewer miles. Nutritious, organic food, grown sustainably, helps keep both the environment and our local economy intact. It also tastes better.

The produce is distributed to shareholders once a week at designated pickup sites. Eleven of the farm's 33 pickup sites are houses of worship; two are Episcopal churches. Farm owners Joan and Drew Norman recently welcomed St. Bartholomew's Church as one of its newest pickup sites, serving the diocese's Northwest Region. Church of the Messiah, located in the Northeast Region, was One Straw Farm's first pickup site and still serves the Hamilton neighborhood five years later.

"Once a week people cross the threshold of that church or synagogue to pick up the food that will sustain their family. This program keeps them coming back for 24 weeks and the site becomes a presence in the neighborhood, a familiar place where the edges begin to soften

and relationships are often fostered," said Joan Norman of the fringe benefits of CSAs.



Not only is the produce grown organically, but the Normans have also grown their family business organically. Established in 1983, One Straw Farm does not advertise. Joan reports that each pickup site has sought them out. "God called on me to help feed his people, but I didn't know how to get the food to them. Then Church of the Messiah called and the Food and Faith Program began to germinate. It's a simple plan; anyone can get involved."

Through its Food and Faith Program, One Straw Farm tithes one share for every 10 that sign up with a house of worship. The congregation decides how to use its extra shares. Some donate the food to a shelter or local fire station, while others allow shareholders to pick up extra produce.

A full share costs \$550 (\$485 before March 1). Everyone is welcome to join – one need not be a member of St. Bartholomew's, Messiah or one of the other congregations on the list. There is no field-work requirement with One Straw Farm.

To purchase a share, visit onestrawfarm.smallfarmcentral.com, register and choose a pickup site near you. For information about One Straw Farm, contact Joan Norman at 410-343-1828. To find a CSA in your neighborhood insert your zip code at localharvest.org.


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A Gorilla in Our Midst

Going Green: Awareness to Action

BY BETH SMITH

Last fall, visitors to St. Paul's School for Girls, Brooklandville, were startled to see a life-size photo of a gorilla sitting in the school's lobby. Large and gray, with gentle eyes, this image was promoting *Gorillas in the Mist*, the 1988 film about Dr. Dian Fossey and her commitment to the endangered mountain gorillas of Africa.

BEFORE THE MOVIE WAS SHOWN, Dr. Michael Cranfield talked to SPSG students about the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project, which he runs from the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. He explained to the girls how he and his staff protect this special species in its natural habitat.

Cranfield's visit and the movie are part of a unique program that was initiated at SPSG two years ago. Encouraged by Head of School Dr. Monica Gillespie, a group of faculty and staff launched *Girls to Women*, an extracurricular project to complement the school's curriculum and designed to bring together the school community – students, parents, faculty, staff, grandparents, alumnae, trustees and friends of the school.

Activities are used to stimulate conversation and interaction on various themes. Students are encouraged to attend events, but are not required to do so.

Last year, the theme was *A Dialogue on Identity, Culture and Opportunity*. Over 600 people, including students and teachers, attended one or more events. This school year, in keeping with the school's status as a State of Maryland-designated Green School, the theme is *Going Green: Awareness to Action*.

"Connecting important issues inside and outside of school is essential to SPSG's mission," says Gillespie. *Girls to Women* is designed to bring the SPSG community together on issues that touch all of our lives."

The planning for this "green" theme began last spring. Teachers, students and staff looked for ways to incorporate fun events with teachable moments regard-

ing the ecological balance between the planet and its inhabitants. The groups decided on movies, excursions and an end-of-the-year book discussion of E.O. Wilson's *The Creation: An Appeal to Save Life on Earth*.

September to February were busy months. First on the agenda was a Saturday trip to a Baltimore Farmers' Market to look for local organically grown produce. A few weeks later, a group visited One Straw Farm, White Hall, the largest organic vegetable farm in the state. (See *Food and Faith...*, p. 10)

Four movies, each dealing with an ecological theme, were shown between October and February.

- *Hoot*, Carl Hiassen's Newberry honor-winning tale about three school-age children who try to stop the destruction of the homes of tiny burrowing owls in South Florida.
- *Gorillas in the Mist*.
- *A Civil Action* pits middle-class families against two giant corporations accused of polluting the water supply in a small town. Upper schoolers read *A Civil Action* during the summer of 2008 and reviewed this true story in the fall.
- *The 11th Hour*, narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio, brought home to students and faculty the perilous state of the world's ecosystems. This graphically beautiful film was a true call to action.

On the lighter side, several students signed up to host a "green" table at the Fall Festival, held jointly by SPSG and St. Paul's School. The girls planned several eco-friendly activities for the festival goers.

"We are extremely pleased with the

success of our events so far this year," said teacher Susie Creamer, *Going Green: Awareness to Action* coordinator. "Our goal is to educate our community so that each of us can live responsibly and sustainably. [But] knowledge is nothing without taking action."



A life-size paper gorilla motivated students to see *Gorillas in the Mist*, a movie featured in the *Girls to Women* series, *Going Green: Awareness to Action*. The movie depicted the late Dr. Dian Fossey and her work with the endangered mountain gorillas.

Several events are scheduled for spring. A group will go to the Meyerhoff to hear anthropologist Dr. Jane Goodall speak about her work with chimps in Tanzania. Students in the Middle School will screen *Fly Away Home*, a movie that shows how a young girl and her family help pet geese find their way to winter nesting grounds. In late April, an excursion is planned to use canoes and kayaks to explore Wye Island of the Eastern Shore.

In addition, a special schoolwide Earth Day Symposium will be held April 22. While this is separate from the official *Girls to Women* program, the event is tied closely to this year's green theme and features a visit from Bishop Eugene T. Sutton.

"All of our students and faculty will join together with peers from local schools to explore environmental issues, participate in hands-on activities, and share original research," says Gillespie. "These conversations will build meaningful relationships among national and local experts, students and teachers who share a commitment to creating solutions."

As an official Green School, students and faculty have worked hard for several years on the fundamentals of creating and maintaining an ecologically sound campus. *Going Green: Awareness to Action* is another important effort to reinforce the importance of conserving and protecting the Earth.

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[lifelong christian formation]

Christian Formation Festival 2009 – Get a Spiritual Life!

BY THE REV. AMY RICHTER, MISSIONER FOR LIFELONG CHRISTIAN FORMATION

This year's Christian Formation Festival April 25 at St. James' Parish, Monkton, will offer experiences for spiritual growth and learning for all adults in our parishes.

THE REV. LOREE PENNER says of the festival's broadened offerings, "Our goal as the Christian Formation Council has been to make this year's Christian Formation Festival both energizing and educational for all who are interested in spiritual growth. If you are looking for inspiration, you will find it here. St. James' is pleased to host this opportunity for spiritual formation, networking and respite for everyone in our diocese." Penner serves as associate rector of St. James' and is co-chair of the Christian Formation Council, which plans the festival.

As in past years, we will offer workshops for training and nurture for those who lead Christian formation for children, youth and adults. These include ideas for how to tell Biblical stories in new ways and how to help youth develop healthy self-images, as well as an introduction to the important field of media literacy.

However, this year we are casting a broader net and offering opportunities for people in other areas of ministry in parishes as well. For example, we will have workshops especially for vestry members and other leaders in the parish.

There is a session for people trying to start parenting groups and for those

exploring spirituality in the midst of the busyness of raising children. Many workshops will give participants a chance to explore various kinds of spirituality and tools for spiritual growth, such as different kinds of prayer and spiritual disciplines, and the intersection between body, mind and spirit.



Amy Richter

The festival also gives participants an opportunity to hear both of our bishops give the keynote address: "Getting a Spiritual Life: What Our Bishops Want Us to Know about Answering God's Call in the Everyday." You can spend more time learning from our bishops in the workshops they are offering as well.

Child care will be offered for children through age 7. The cost of the festival is \$25 per adult and includes the keynote address, three workshops, lunch and childcare. Some scholarship assistance is available. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.; the festival runs from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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- Mending Creation Training
- Walking the Stations of the Cross
- Financial Fitness
- And a Child Shall Lead Them... Stewardship and Learning to Share
- Stepping Out of the Holy Huddle: Christian Formation and Communications



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PHOTO: VAL HYMES

Bishop Sutton attended the Governor's Prayer Breakfast in Annapolis with other religious leaders on Ash Wednesday, then marched with them to a rally on Lawyer's Mall at the State House. The legislature was considering the governor's bill to repeal the death penalty, which has taken the lives of five Marylanders since 1978. Five men are on death row. Standing in front of a statue of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Bishop Sutton called for non violent responses to crime rather than "state-sponsored killing and state-sponsored revenge." He urged the legislators to "follow their consciences" and said, "Jesus taught us to love even the unlovely and stop the cycle of violence. Stop the hate. Stop the killing. Simply stop."

Camp Amazing Grace: New Leadership

WILL J. PASS JOINS THE LEADERSHIP of Camp Amazing Grace, now in its fourth year, as administrative director of the



camp. He and the Rev. Patrick K. Arey, 2008 camp director, will lead this year's camp from June 28-July 3 at the Bishop Claggett Center. The 2009 theme for the camp for children of prisoners is, "Yes I Can."

Pass, 30, is staff accountant at the Diocese of Maryland. He and his wife, Holly, a teacher, live in Perry Hall.

"The Task Force and the children welcome Will and we want to thank all those who have given, whether through the Bishops' Appeal or separately," said Val Hymes, coordinator. "It is our goal to see every parish help by giving something toward scholarships for the special diocesan camps."

— Submitted by Val Hymes, Prison Ministry Task Force, valhymes@aol.com

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Convention 2009: May 1-2

Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn
If you can't dash off to the provincial event come join us at Convention. This is a wonderful time to experience the inner workings of the church as we make new policy and do the business of the church. We will have a lock-in at a local church and as always have a great time together.

Honduran Mission 2009

We have filled the 45 spaces, but have a waiting list. Please contact the youth missioner's office to add your name to the list.



Wes Wubbenhorst

Appalachian Mission 2009: July 19-26

Come and join this great group that drives down to Southwest Virginia to do work and mission with Episcopal Appalachian Ministries. This is a great way to share your love and gifts to a very depressed area. We do some major construction work helping out those who need it most. The Rev. Henry Sabetti, leader.

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(Buying Locally, continued from page 7)

It is extremely difficult for farmers to be profitable, putting a lot of pressure on them to sell their land. In fact, since 1950 farmland acreage in the bay states has declined by 45 percent. This emphasizes the point that our current food system is not sustainable.

We as consumers have enormous power in bringing about a more sustainable food system. The choices we make about the food we eat have a direct effect on other people and the land; it is one of the most important actions we can take. A sustainable food system looks beyond labels of organic versus conventional farming, or meat-eater versus vegetarian; it looks at the whole food system.

Sustainable food is grown in one's own "foodshed" by a local farmer or harvested by local watermen; grown with

minimal ecological disruption and processing, and grown under healthy working conditions.

Kim Coble is the bishop's advisor on the environment and a member of St. Margaret's Church, Annapolis. She is also the Maryland executive director of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. kimcoble@comcast.net

*Pirog, Rich, and Andrew Benjamin. *Checking the Food Odometer: Comparing Food Miles for Local Versus Conventional Produce Sales in Iowa Institutions*; Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, July 2003.

Tonight at dinner
say a prayer for the food chain
found on page 24.

(Green Bishop, continued from page 9) black bishop, he wants to be known as the Green Bishop."

I am passionate about the environment; joining a few local watersheds, cleaning streams and planting trees. However, I've always wanted to do more, but didn't know exactly how to get more involved.

After hearing Bishop Sutton speak at the conference, I suggested creating an environmental liaison position on the diocesan staff. He agreed and I now split my time on staff between environmental concerns and my duties as office manager. In order to take on the environmental work, I relinquished the office IT responsibilities to another staff member.

The churches in our diocese are at various stages of environmental programs. Some have well-established environment committees, others have implemented environmentally-friendly practices such as recycling or switching to programmable thermostats, and others are just getting started. I am available to help parishes at every stage, from the small steps to the big projects.

Currently, I am gathering resources and information, and developing ideas to upgrade the Web site. Plans for online resources include related links, practical tips for being "green," and a listing of environmental events from across the diocese in which anyone can get involved.

It is important that people are aware of not just the need for involvement, but also the possibilities, the actions that can make a difference. As individuals, parishes and a diocese we can all do our part to help reduce our impact on the Earth. (See ...To-Do List, p. 8 for ideas.)

Let us meet this challenge. Let us harness the power of our combined parishes to think big, to find out what can be done about the pollution we cause, and do it.

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Visit *MCN Online*, marylandchurchnews.org for *Four Steps to Sustainability*, easy actions we can take to support a sustainable food system.

[human resources]

A Legal Warning: It Could Happen to You

By JEFFREY P. AYRES, ESQ.

Whenever I am asked to identify the juiciest “hot topic” facing employers today, I quickly respond, “Sex harassment claims.” Such claims have hounded leaders across the entire spectrum of political philosophy, from conservatives like U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas to liberals like President Bill Clinton. No types of employers are immune to lawsuits for sex harassment. Fortune 50 companies, state and local governments, and — yes — even churches have been sued successfully in these types of cases.

AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE of a local religious organization being sued for sex harassment was reported very recently involving Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Gaithersburg. After years of expensive litigation, a Montgomery County jury awarded a female part-time music director \$50,000 against the church, and \$1.3 million against the church's interim pastor.


This past January, an appellate court overturned the jury verdict and ordered a new trial on the claims against the church and its pastor. In addition, the appellate court directed that the case could proceed against the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the synod's bishop.

Further appeals by all parties are expected. Unless the case is settled, years of expensive and time-consuming litigation are in the offing. Even though all defendants hotly deny any wrongdoing, the risk of a large jury verdict and further damage to reputations remains.


So what are some of the lessons to be learned from the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church litigation?

- Develop a written harassment policy. Request a sample from the diocese's Human Resources Department, swright@ang-md.org or 410-467-1399. Post the policy and give it to your employees and new hires.
- Follow the policy without exception, for everyone (including the rector).
- Periodically train your employees on your policy.
- Uniformly apply job-related criteria to all your employment decisions, and document those decisions.
- Make sure that your insurance coverages are adequate.
- Obtain competent legal advice, as necessary, from an experienced employment lawyer.

Jeff Ayers is vice chancellor and parliamentarian for the diocese. He has practiced employment law, advising churches and other employers for more than 30 years. Questions regarding this or other Human Resources issues should be directed to the Rev. Stuart Wright, director of Human Resources for the diocese, 410-467-1399 or swright@ang-md.org.



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The Garden of the Diocese

BY JOE KERNER, DIRECTOR, BISHOP CLAGGETT CENTER

Last September Claggett hosted the *Meet the Bishops* celebration. During the worship that afternoon, as Bishop Sutton reflected on the Biblical image of a tree, he referred to Claggett as the “Garden of the Diocese.” For many of those present this was a “WOW!” moment. The words “garden of the diocese” resonated with the Claggett board and staff and affirmed the *Greening of Claggett* initiative already underway.

AMONG THE VARIOUS DEFINITIONS for the word “garden” there is one that seems to best describe what Claggett should be: “a fertile and delightful spot.”

Gardeners know that seldom do we find a naturally fertile garden. More often than not we need to consistently work the soil, adding organic material for nourishment, sand for drainage, mulch to hold in the moisture and water to survive times of drought.

So what have we done and what must we do to make Claggett more fertile and delightful? From a building and grounds standpoint we have the *Greening of Claggett* initiative. Details can be found in *Speak for the Trees*.

We have engaged Paul Bears, a master gardener in the diocese, to lead “A Day in the Garden” on April 18 (see *Come to the Garden*). We have also received a very generous gift that will allow us to add the landscaped patio where the dining and meeting facilities join. As an experiment, we have added an outdoor room near Doll Cottage and have plans to add a vegetable and herb garden and a composting facility.

Inside we have switched to energy efficient light bulbs and automatic switches, and have replaced the inefficient oil-fired boiler in Buckingham Farmhouse with a high-efficiency forced-air natural gas unit. Next on our list is adding insulation to many of our older buildings and replacing the antiquated



Joe Kerner



The wraparound porch of Monocacy Hall offers views of the mountains and will soon be graced by creative landscaping.

HVAC system in Powell Hall. We are also a prime location for a few power generating windmills.

Figuratively, we hope that our many programs including the quarterly Ember Days and the Day of Prayer on March 14 are working the soil of our lives to make us fertile ground for the leading of the Holy Spirit.

In the second chapter of Genesis we find that the first thing God did after forming man from the dust of the earth was to plant a garden in which Adam and Eve would live. The garden in Eden had every kind of tree and was pleasant to the sight and good for food. Isn't this a beautiful image of what Claggett is and can be; a pleasant place of nourishment for all who visit?

Calendar of Events

Day of Prayer

March 14

Explore St. Dominic's *Nine Ways of Prayer* with the Rev. Tom Hudson, Western Maryland Mutual Ministry Team.

Day in the Garden

April 18

Plan and plant a garden with master planner Paul Beares, Cathedral of the Incarnation, and the Rev. Stewart Lucas, St. Margaret's Church, Annapolis.

Claggett Mysteries & Histories

May 9

Enjoy special activities, talks and tours of Claggett with archeologist Charles Hall, Diocesan archivist Mary Kline, and Claggett historian the Rev. William Fallowfield.

Ember Day

May 24

Reflect on meditations and make Anglican prayer beads with the Rev. Mary Pat Ashby, rector of Grace Church, New Market.

Young Adult Weekend

Seeking God's Vision

May 29-31

Gather with friends ages 19-24 for activities, discussions, and worship.

Adventure Weekend for Adults

June 20-21

Select a trip down the Potomac in a kayak or canoe, hike on the Appalachian Trail, or tour Harpers' Ferry. The Rev. Bo Chapman, rector of Emmanuel Church, Cumberland, is the chaplain for the weekend.

Registration forms and additional information:

bishopclaggett.org
dkerner@bishopclaggett.org
301-874-5147 Ext. 102

Consider Claggett for Your Next Event

If you have not already done so, contact us as soon as possible to schedule your church's next vestry retreat, youth retreat, summer picnic or other event. Limited space is available for 2009. We are already booking 2010 and will soon open the book for 2011. We would welcome the opportunity to host your group and would encourage you to contact us soon to reserve your desired dates.

Contact Betty Farley, business manager, Bishop Claggett Center, to reserve space, 301-874-5147 ext. 100, bfarley@bishopclaggett.org.

Come to the Garden

BY DONNA KERNER, PROGRAM
DIRECTOR, BISHOP CLAGGETT CENTER

ENRICH YOUR SOUL by participating in programs at the Bishop Claggett Center this spring.

Rosemary's Garden

Claggett will be serving fresh, home-grown produce in the dining hall this summer and the cooks will be flavoring dishes with herbs planted on the property. Rosemary, thyme, basil, oregano and other herbs will abound.



Donna Kerner

An area near the Old Farmhouse will be plowed, surrounded by a split rail fence, and turned into a vegetable garden. A unique donation supplied "seed" money to jump start this exciting new project as part of the Greening of Claggett, and the name was chosen by the donor.

Guests, volunteers, counselors and campers will have an opportunity to help till the soil, water the plants, weed the garden and pick vegetables for the kitchen. Come take a walk through "Rosemary's Garden."

Create a Garden

Paul Beares, master gardener and member of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore, will teach garden planning on April 18 at *Meet God in the Garden*. The Rev. Stewart Lucas from St. Margaret's Church, Annapolis, will serve as the chaplain. In addition to learning how to plan a vegetable or perennial garden from master gardeners, participants will landscape the area surrounding the wrap-around porch of Monocacy Hall and prepare a plan for landscaping other areas of the building.

Ember Days

This year participants at the seasonal Ember Days can elect to spend some of their quiet time working the earth. In addition, Claggett will designate days for individuals and groups to work in the gardens. Contact Donna Kerner at the Claggett Center if you have some time to get your hands dirty.

2009 Summer Camp Schedule

Campfires, crafts and lifelong friendships are just a few of the things that await your children at one of Claggett's summer camps. Help create the memories they will treasure.

		Grade Completed	
June 21-26	Middle High Week	6-8	\$350
June 28-30	Camp Sampler	K-4 with adult	\$225
June 28-July 1	Mini Camp	2-4	\$250
June 28-July 3	Youth Camp	3-6	\$350
July 12-17	Senior High Week	9-12	\$350
July 19-24	Mid Combo Week	4-8	\$350
July 26-31	Youth Adventure	4-6	\$395
Aug 2-7	Mid Adventure	7-9	\$395



Frederick attorney Stephen Slater, who was a camper, counselor and caretaker at Claggett, leads outdoor experiences at Adventure Camp.

Register at
bishopclaggett.org

Speak for the Trees . . .

...or at least let your checkbook do the talking. 2009 is the year for the Greening of Claggett. The goal is to have 200 trees planted in 200 days. To date, 103 trees have been sponsored. The remaining 97 trees need to be sponsored and planted by the end of May. The cost is only \$100 per tree. Churches, individuals, families, anyone can participate by sending a check to the Bishop Claggett Center for the *Greening of Claggett*. Sponsor a tree for \$100. Send check to BCC, P. O. Box 40, Buckeystown, MD 21717.

BISHOPS' CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

HOLE SPONSORSHIPS
DONATE DOOR PRIZES

COMING THIS SEPTEMBER

Gather your foursome now for the First Annual Bishops' Cup charity golf tournament in the diocese. Enjoy a day of fellowship, great golf, a 19th hole banquet, a raffle for great prizes and an opportunity to help an Episcopal social service institution. The site is still under investigation by the newly formed Bishops' Cup Committee.

For information contact Jim Knorr at tugknorr@aol.com.



PHOTO: JEANNIE AND VIC PELLICIER

On Jan. 3, more than 340 pieces of electronic waste were collected. Fifty-seven cars from the surrounding three counties arrived with old TVs, CPUs, monitors, VCRs and other electronics.

Beyond Turning Off the Lights

BY LIZ PETERSON

LAST SEPTEMBER, members of St. James' Church, Mt. Airy, formed an Environmental Stewardship Committee to look at how the parish uses the earth's resources, how to decrease the carbon footprints of the parish and its members, and how to be an example for the community.

To that end, paper plates and paper cups are no longer used for coffee hour and any parish meals. With an efficient dishwasher, cups and dishes can quickly be washed. An energy audit is currently underway to decrease energy costs and usage.

An anemometer has been installed on the roof to obtain wind-speed data as part of a feasibility study of a wind turbine and/or solar panels. The goal is to decrease the church's reliance on the electricity grid and demonstrate to the community ways to supplement energy needs using alternative methods.

Community action

On Jan. 3 and Feb. 14, community-wide electronic waste collection days were held. Subtractions, LLC, Laurel, helped the Environmental Stewardship Committee with the collections. Subtractions shreds the TVs and refurbishes, recycles and/or collects the metals and plastics from the old electronics.

Participants were very enthusiastic about the opportunity to dispose of their old electronic devices prior to the change to digital television and to know that the materials would be reused or recycled and not sit in the landfill.

An Earth Day celebration is planned for April.

Liz Peterson is the chair of the Environmental Stewardship Committee at St. James' Church, Mt. Airy. jplp5@yahoo.com



Suffragan Bishop John L. Rabb, president of the Episcopal Urban Caucus, presents Deacon Carl W. Rehling with a work of local art for his work in justice ministries and the Episcopal Network of Economic Justice at a Mobile, Ala. joint conference.

Committed Justice Leader Honored

THE REV. CARL W. REHLING of St. James' Parish, Lothian, was honored by the Episcopal Urban Caucus and the Episcopal Network of Economic Justice at their annual conferences held in tandem in Mobile, Ala. Feb. 4-7. He was presented with the Michael Bryant Award, an original work of local art, by Bishop John L. Rabb, president of the Episcopal Urban Caucus, and Dianne Aid, president of ENEJ.

Deacon Rehling, who chaired an ENEJ committee and served as Province 3 liaison, was honored for "outstanding work in expanding the visibility of ENEJ and for extending justice ministries in the church." He recently retired after serving the Diocese of Maryland as the bishops' liaison for justice and peace for 13 years.

— Val Hymes

F.O.C.U.S. Retreat Planned for March

Clergy spouses and partners are invited to take time for themselves for spiritual, creative and professional reflection at the spring F.O.C.U.S. retreat. Held Friday, March 20, 5 p.m. through Saturday, March 21, 4 p.m., at the Bishop Claggett Center, this retreat features breakout sessions led by Susan Saunders, a clinical social worker and facilitator, and Susan Hailman, a certified career coach.

F.O.C.U.S. (Families of Clergy United in Support,) a program of the Episcopal Church, aims to raise awareness of issues in clergy families so that dioceses and congregations can provide resources and support. Throughout the year, there will be opportunities for members of clergy families to participate in F.O.C.U.S. activities. Register for the spring retreat with Maizie Heil, Diocese of Maryland, 410-467-1399 or mheil@ang-md.org. — Sharon Tillman

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Impact on Earth “Biggest Threat”

BY VAL HYMES

BISHOP SUTTON DELIVERED the keynote speech for the Environmental Summit held in Annapolis Jan 26. It brought together legislators, activists and state officials to focus on the issues and challenges facing the governor, legislature, the Chesapeake Bay and the environment.

Tim Wheeler of the *Baltimore Sun* reported the following in his Jan. 26 Bay & Environment Blog:

“...the hit of the summit was its keynoter, the Right Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. Installed last year, he is the first African-American to hold that religious leadership position in the state, but he says he also wants to be seen as a “green” bishop.

“Ultimately, it’s not about the color of our skin. It’s about what we are about; it’s about what we do,” Bishop Sutton told the crowd.

“Environmental protection is a spiritual issue, he said, saying it’s impossible for Christians to follow the Golden Rule without caring about the environmental impact on others of their own consumption and wasteful habits. And he suggested that the widespread threats to humanity from drought, diseases and storms that might be caused by global warming overshadow even the more immediate fears about terrorism.

“The biggest terrorist issue we have today is environmental degradation,” Bishop Sutton said.”



CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION

The bishop, second from left, and Jack Pannell help Lee Marston, CBF Board of Trustee member, left, and Senior Naturalist John Page Williams, right, hoist the headsail of the skipjack during a sail on the Severn in a 1902 skipjack.

While he was in Annapolis, Bishop Sutton, the Rev. T. Stewart Lucas and Public Affairs Director Jack Pannell went out onto the Severn in the 1902 Skipjack Stanley Norman that was a dredging boat and now serves as an education craft for more than 3,000 teachers and students annually.



PHOTO: DON SCHROEDER

“It’s about what we do,” Bishop Sutton told the Environmental Summit Jan. 26, warning, “The biggest terrorist issue we have today is environmental degradation.”


Initiating Change

BY AMY WINDHAM

ST. MARGARET’S CHURCH, ANNAPOLIS, is launching an Environmental Missions Initiative with the goal of providing information and opportunities for parishioners to take a more active role in protecting our local environment. The initiative, now in its formative stage, will provide education about what we can do as consumers, support local projects, and pursue ways we can “green” our own facilities and practices.

One project that will be supported by the initiative is the creation of a water garden led by young parishioner Avery Wentworth as he completes his Eagle Scout Service project. Other activities will involve promoting the purchase of local food, an easy way to support the local environment and economy, as well as improve one’s health.

Amy Windham coordinates the new Environmental Missions Initiative at St. Margaret’s Church, Annapolis. amwindham@yahoo.com




Diocese of Maryland Night at Camden Yards

**\$6 Tickets
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Orioles vs. Detroit Tigers
Friday, May 29
7:05 p.m.

Purchase tickets through your parish or Episcopal school

Details at ang-md.org



Become an Agent for Change

BY FORD ROWAN

BISHOP EUGENE TAYLOR SUTTON will be the keynote speaker at a conference on *Becoming a Change Agent for Sacred Activism* at the Kanuga Conference Center near Hendersonville, N.C., April 16-19.

Sutton was invited to elaborate on his program of racial reconciliation, environmental sustainability, education for inner city youths, prison reform and addressing social ills.

His appearance is sponsored by the Washington National Cathedral's Committee of Seventy at the group's third annual meeting on social justice and peace advocacy. Other speakers will be Sr. Joan Chittister, David Korten and the Rev. Brian McClaren, who will call on participants to deepen our social activism on behalf of one another and our fragile planet. The meeting will be held in collaboration with the Institute for Servant Leadership.

The ministries of each of our speakers and Sutton's own concerns are deeply resonant. Chittister, a Benedictine monastic, has written on the ways in which her order's devotion to meditation and contemplation prepare one to engage in the struggle for a more just treatment of women throughout the world. She is a co-chair of the Global Peace Initiative of Women, an organization sponsored by the United Nations.

Korten's recent book, *The Great Turning: From Empire to Earth Community*, has received wide praise for its insights on transforming the world community through participatory sustainability of God's creation and a more viable peacefulness.

McClaren, a leader in the Emergent Church Movement, is the author of 10 books on contemporary Christianity that have received wide acclaim; his most recent is *Everything Must Change: Jesus, Global Crises and a Revolution of Hope*. He challenges us, "What difference would it make if we applied the message of Jesus — the good news of the Kingdom of God — to the world's greatest problems?"

At the conference we will not simply listen attentively to these distinguished

speakers. We will practice sacred listening in small groups as we reflect on what we have heard, what it means in our lives, what we hope it will come to mean for us as we go forward and how we can become "change agents" for our Lord in society.

All are welcome. To sign up for the conference at Kanuga, contact comm70@cathedral.org. For more information, call 202-537-6500. Register online at tickets.cathedral.org or call 877-537-2228. Web: nationalcathedral.org/learn/seventy.shtml.

Ford Rowan teaches at George Washington University and co-chairs the National Cathedral's Committee of Seventy. He volunteers in the Kairos Prison Ministry in Maryland and worships at St. Anne's Church, Annapolis.

Green Gathering

April 25 • 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Cathedral of the Incarnation
4 E. University Parkway, Baltimore

7th Annual. *Engaging the Powers: Faith vs. Politics*. Sponsored by the Committee on the Environment. Includes worship service, lunch.

Speakers: Kim Coble, Maryland executive director, Chesapeake Bay Foundation; the Rev. Fletcher Harper, executive director, GreenFaith, Inc.; and Chris Haw, co-author of *Jesus for President*.


Cost \$35. Register by April 15. For more information or to register, contact Paulette Hammond at 410-747-3811 or phamm001@earthlink.net or paulette.d.hammond@questdiagnostics.com.

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The congregation of St. John's Church, Mt. Washington, welcomed the Rev. Lori Babcock as its new priest-in-charge Feb. 15. Babcock comes to St. John's from Trinity Cathedral in Easton.

Clergy Movement

NEW MINISTRY

- The Rev. Dina van Klaveren: from associate rector, St. Margaret's Church, Annapolis, to priest-in-charge, St. Andrew's Church, Glenwood
- The Rev. Glenna Reed: to rector, St. Luke's Church, Baltimore, and vicar, Church of the Holy Nativity, Baltimore
- The Rev. Lori Babcock: to priest-in-charge, St. John's Church, Mt. Washington
- The Rev. Lori Lowe: to interim rector, St. Margaret's Church, Annapolis
- The Rev. William Bell: to chaplain, Johns Hopkins Hospital

LETTERS DIMISSORY

- The Rev. Alicia Alexis: to the Diocese of North Carolina
- The Rev. Charlotte E. Moore: from the Diocese of Virginia

RETIREMENTS

- The Rev. Lance Gifford: from St. John's Church, Mt. Washington
- The Rev. Paul Moser: from Emmanuel Church, Bel Air

ORDINATIONS TO THE PREISTHOOD

- The Rev. Laura Berger Brecht
- The Rev. Karen Crosby
- The Rev. Julia Anne Fritts
- The Rev. Marta Dove-Vila Johnson
- The Rev. Amanda Rue Knouse
- The Rev. Julia Marie Nelson
- The Rev. Charles James Williams

The Reverends Cynthia Tipton Mainolfi and Eric Neil Zile were married on January 10 at Holy Trinity Church, Essex.

—Compiled by Natalie Conway, deployment office, and Sharon Tillman

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Going Green for Lent Becoming Mindful of God's Creation

BY THE REV. DR. PHEBE L. MCPHERSON

The 2009 Spiritual Renewal Weekend, March 20-22, at Epiphany Church, 1419 Odenton Rd., Odenton, offers a full and varied weekend of activities for people of all faiths who want to learn and become more mindful and respectful of God's creation.

Events include:

1. A simple supper and book review on Friday, March 20, 6-8:30 p.m., during which Susan Hartsfield, author of *The Complete Guide to Energy Conservation for Smarties* (2008), will introduce the concepts and practices of everyday conservation. Copies of this book are available by request and also at the event.

2. A Meditation Workshop on Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Open to all, this workshop will focus this interspiritual experience with a Dharma talk, "A Path to Freedom from Consumerism," and practical demonstrations of various techniques of meditation led by the meditation master of the Epiphany Meditation Center, David Astor, a member of the Center for Pragmatic Buddhism. A ceremonial tea will be included in the event.

3. The Saturday Sundown Coffeehouse will be open on Saturday, 6-8 p.m., benefitting the Severn Riverkeeper program. The evening will feature the Jim Ballard Band and special guests performing jazz, blues and pop, including the banjo pickin' of Don Minor-Lamb and the prophetic, sweet-earth tunes of Pete Seeger. Donations will help the program promote, preserve and restore the environmental health of the Severn River and its surrounding watershed through advocacy and promotion of enforcement of environmental laws. Supper along with an assortment of coffees will be served. Admission is free.

4. Sunday worship on March 22 at the 10:30 a.m. This service will be a musical celebration of spring and a thanksgiving for the renewal of life. All are welcome.

Reservations are requested along with a donation of \$25 (\$20 in advance) to cover the cost of the weekend's events. Scholarships are available.

The Rev. Dr. Phebe L. McPherson is the rector of Epiphany Church, Odenton. www.epiphany-md.org

2009 Spiritual Renewal Weekend

March 20-22

Epiphany Church,
1419 Odenton Road, Odenton

RSVP: phebemcpherson@gmail.com

For more information:

the Rev. Dr. Phebe L. McPherson, 410-336-8383

Cost: \$25 (\$20 in advance) for the weekend

Web Calendar

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CHORAL EVENSONG

5 p.m.
St. John's Parish
101 South Prospect St.,
Hagerstown
Sung by the choir of St. John's,
led by Mark King, minister of
music. 301-733-2560 ext. 108;
stjohnshagerstown.org

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DAY OF PRAYER

8:30 a.m.- 4:15 p.m.
Bishop Claggett Center
3035 Buckeystown Pike,
Buckeystown
Praying with St. Dominic. Western
Maryland Mutual Ministry Team
gives insight into St. Dominic's
"Nine Ways of Prayer." The Rev.
Tom Hudson; cost: \$30 with lunch.
bishopclaggett.org

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CHORAL EVENSONG

4 p.m.
Immanuel Church
1509 Glencoe Road, Glencoe
Reception to follow in the historic
rectory. 410-472-2828

**TRADITIONAL CHORAL
EVENSONG**

4 p.m.
St. John's in the Village
3009 Greenmount Ave.,
Baltimore
Service music will include
William Byrd, *Second Service*,
and Christobal Morales,
Peccantem me quotidie, sung
by the choir of St. John's led by
Thomas Hetrick, organist/choir-
master. The Village Music Series
will follow at 5 p.m. featuring
Ensemble Gaudior, Alexandra
McCracken, director, performing
chamber music by Haydn. 410-
467-4793, stjohsinthevillage.org

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**INTEGRITY/BALTIMORE
MEETING**

7-9 p.m.
Cathedral of the Incarnation
4 E. University Parkway,
Baltimore
Eucharist in the Peace Chapel
with the Rev. Diane Tomlinson,
assistant rector, Emmanuel
Church, Baltimore, followed by
potluck supper with conversation
and fellowship. All are welcome.
maryh.miller@verizon.net

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MENDING CREATION TRAINING

Noon-2 p.m.
Church of St. Michael and All
Angels
2013 St. Paul St., Baltimore
Sexual abuse prevention training
for clergy, lay employees, and
anyone who regularly supervises
children. To register or to sched-
ule a workshop at your parish,
please contact the Rev.
Wes Wubbenhorst at
wwubbenhorst@ang-md.org
or 410-467-1399.

PRAY FOR PEACE

7:30 p.m.
Memorial Church
1407 Bolton Street, Baltimore
All are welcome at this Interfaith
service. The Rev. Charles
Cloughen, frcharles@verizon.net

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**MARCEL DUPRE STATIONS
OF THE CROSS**

7 p.m.
St. Peter's Church
3695 Rogers Ave., Ellicott City
Meditate on the Stations of the
Cross with the music of Marcel
Dupre and projected images and
prayers of Fr. Michael Quoist.
Nancy Stavely, music director, will
be the featured organist. The Sta-
tions of the Cross are walked
every Friday evening in Lent. 410-
465-2273, kkub@aol.com

MANHATTAN PIANO TRIO

7:30 p.m.
St. John's Parish
101 South Prospect St.,
Hagerstown
Milana Strezeva, piano; Dmitry
Lukin, violin; Dmitry Kouzov, cello.
Grand prize winner of the 2006
Plowman Chamber Music compe-
tition 301.733.2560 ext. 108
stjohnshagerstown.org

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MENDING CREATION TRAINING

12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
St. David's Church
4700 Roland Ave., Baltimore
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 the Rev.
Wes Wubbenhorst at
wwubbenhorst@ang-md.org
or 410-467-1399.

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**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
MEMORIAL SERVICE**

7 p.m.
St. Peter's Church
3695 Roger's Ave, Ellicott City
Annual memorial service honoring
Dr. King, now a martyr of the Epis-
copal Church. Music provided by
the Elington-Adderly African-
American Jazz Ensemble, Ken
Jennings director. Refreshments
follow. All are welcome. The Rev.
Kirk Kubicek at 410-465-2273 or
kkub@aol.com.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

11:45 a.m.
Atria Manresa
85 Manresa Rd., Annapolis
Way of the Cross ecumenical
service includes five Episcopal
churches. Wear comfortable
clothes and walking shoes. Early
arrival encouraged. Jim Knorr,
410-757-4549.

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Eucharist in the Peace Chapel
with the Rt. Rev. Eugene T. Sut-
ton, bishop of Maryland, followed
by potluck supper with conversa-
tion and fellowship. All are wel-
come. maryh.miller@verizon.net

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GARDEN DAY

9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Bishop Claggett Center
3035 Buckeystown Pike,
Buckeystown
Meet God in the Garden. Paul
Beares, master gardener, will
teach garden planning. Partici-
pants will create a garden by the
wraparound deck of Monocacy
Hall. Cost: \$30 with lunch.
bishopclaggett.org

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**HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE
SERVICE**

9 a.m.
St. Peter's Church
3695 Rogers Avenue,
Ellicott City
14th Annual Yom HaShoah-
Holocaust Remembrance Service.
Maurice Rosen, a Holocaust sur-
vivor, will be the guest speaker
following a service of specially
chosen readings and music to
reflect on the meaning of the
Holocaust for Christians today.

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PRAY FOR PEACE

7:30 p.m.
Johns Hopkins Interfaith
Center
E. University Parkway and
Charles St., Baltimore
All are welcome at this Interfaith
service. Hosted by the Baha'i
Faith Community. The Rev.
Charles Cloughen, Jr.,
frcharles@verizon.net.

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Chesapeake Bay Foundation; the
Rev. Fletcher Harper, executive
director, GreenFaith, Inc.; and
Chris Haw, co-author of *Jesus for
President*. Cost \$35. Register by
April 15. For more information or
to register, contact Paulette Ham-
mond at 410-747-3811 or
phamm001@earthlink.net or
paulette.d.hammond@questdiag-
nostics.com.

SPRING FLING DINNER DANCE

7-11 p.m.
St. Barnabas Church,
Sykesville
Freedom District Fire House,
Rt. 32 and Freedom Ave.,
Sykesville
Dance to the big band sound of
the Thom Roland Band; catering
by Liberator's Restaurant; door
prizes, raffles, silent auction,
money wheel; cash bar. Tickets:
\$35 per person; eight per table.
Contact Linda, 410-489-9718, or
the church office, 410-795-0767,
for tickets.

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**JENNY MCCONNACHIE,
MISSIONER**

9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
St Peter's Church
3695 Rogers Avenue,
Ellicott City
Jenny McConnachie created and
manages a medical clinic, nursery
school and AIDS awareness pro-
gram at Itipini, in Umtata, South
Africa, a squatters camp on the
old municipal dump, the recipient
of last year's diocesan-wide
Lenten program. This is a rare
opportunity to hear Jenny talk
about the people her ministry
continues to serve. 410-465-2273

MAY

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WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

4 p.m.
The Church of the Ascension
23 North Court St.,
Westminster
High Tea and presentation of
Women of the Bible. Nationally
acclaimed Christian actor Anita
Gutschick will dramatize the lives
of three different Biblical women.
Laugh with these women, cry
with them, and see yourself in
their stories. Admission: \$15.
410-848-3251

HARPSICHORD RECITAL

4 p.m.
St. John's Parish
101 South Prospect St.,
Hagerstown
Presented by Adam Rickards,
Senior at McGill University,
Montreal. 301.733.2560 ext. 108
stjohnshagerstown.org

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**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
SERVICE**

7 p.m.
St. Peter's Church
3695 Roger's Ave, Ellicott City
Music led by Greg Frazer, choir
director, and Tom Hesson, organ-
ist. Refreshments and fellowship
after the service. All are wel-
come. The Rev. Kirk Kubicek, 410-
465-2273, kkub@aol.com.

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CLAGGETT DAY

9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Bishop Claggett Center
3035 Buckeystown Pike,
Buckeystown
Claggett Mysteries & Histories.
Special tours and activities with
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Glasspool, canon to the bishops,
followed by potluck supper with
conversation and fellowship.
All are welcome.
maryh.miller@verizon.net

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SPRINGFEST – A COUNTRY FAIR

9 a.m.-3 p.m.
St. James' Church
19200 York Rd., Parkton
Children's games, activities and live entertainment; the SpringFest Grille; silent auction; plants; gently used books, CDs, video and computer games, household items and toys; baked goods. Vendors needed. 410-357-4473, stjamesparkton.org.

AFTERNOON TEA

Two seatings: Noon and 3 p.m.
St. Matthias' Church
6400 Belair Rd., Baltimore
Special guest beekeeper Pat Roberts, plus boutique, door prizes and raffle. \$12; 410-866-1469 for reservations.

SPRING DINNER & FESTIVAL

2-6 p.m.
St. James' Church
5757 Solomons Island Rd., Lothian
Country and honey-baked ham, crab cakes with all the fixings. Garden shop, bake shop, White Elephant table, crafts boutique, jewel box, children's activities, antique cars, homemade ice cream. \$18 advance tickets, \$20 at door, children 10 and under, \$10. Contact Wendy, stjamesdinner@aol.com, 443-624-3289.

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MASS OF HOPE CONCERT

3 p.m.
St. Philip's Church
730 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis
Mass performed in jazz style by the St. Philip's Choir and guest musicians. 410-266-9755, stphilip.ang-md.org

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PRAY FOR PEACE

7:30 p.m.
Cathedral of the Incarnation
4 East University Parkway, Baltimore
All are welcome at this Interfaith service. Charles Cloughen Jr. frcharles@verizon.net.

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EMBER DAY

9:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m.
Bishop Claggett Center
3035 Buckeystown Pike, Buckeystown
Seasons of the Spirit. Meditation
Leader: The Rev. Mary Pat Ashby,
Grace Church, New Market.
Cost: \$25 with lunch.
bishopclaggett.org

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DIOCESE OF MD NIGHT AT CAMDEN YARDS

7:05 p.m.
Oriole Park at Camden Yards
Join Episcopalians, friends and family from across the diocese for a night of Oriole's baseball, fun, fellowship and fireworks. Tickets just \$6. Purchase your tickets through your church or Episcopal school. All are welcome!

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YOUNG ADULT WEEKEND

Fri. 5 p.m.-Sun. 11 a.m.
Bishop Claggett Center
3035 Buckeystown Pike, Buckeystown
Young adults gather for discussion, worship, fellowship and fun. Cost \$125. bishopclaggett.org



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ADVENTURE WEEKEND FOR ADULTS

Sat 9 a.m.-Sun 1:30 p.m.
Bishop Claggett Center
3035 Buckeystown Pike, Buckeystown
Heartbeat of God's Rhythm.
Select kayaking or canoeing on the Potomac River, hiking the Appalachian Trail or touring Harper's Ferry. Cost \$125. bishopclaggett.org

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SUMMER JAZZ CONCERT

6:30 p.m.
St. Peter's Church
3695 Roger's Ave, Ellicott City
Music provided by the Elington-Adderly African-American Jazz Ensemble, Ken Jennings, director. Refreshments and fellowship after the service. All are welcome. The Rev. Kirk Kubicek, 410-465-2273, kkub@aol.com.

FEATURED EVENT

March-June

HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM

Church of St. Mary
5610 Dogwood Rd., Woodlawn

Join St. Mary's parish nurse the first Sunday of the month from March through June for health education and awareness. Free and open to the public. 410-944-4236

- March 1 – Sugar in the Morning: Living with diabetes
- April 5 – Journey to Jerusalem: Thinking ahead, end of life preparations
- May 3 – Sustaining One Another: Caring and sharing our journey
- June 7 – Summer Safety: Recognizing heat stroke, heat exhaustion

STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE

May 30

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THE THEOLOGY OF ABUNDANCE IN DIFFICULT TIMES

10 a.m.-3 p.m.
St. John's Church
9120 Frederick Rd., Ellicott City

Stewardship is not just about the annual drive for pledges to balance your church budget. The annual stewardship drive also stirs up our values about money and how we use our time, talent and resources for the greater good of our churches, our communities and indeed the world. In this year's conference, exciting workshops, speakers and panels will address how to build successful stewardship campaigns in these challenging economic times. Bishop Eugene Taylor Sutton will open the conference with a talk on "The Theology of Abundance." The Rev. Kirk Kubicek, a nationally sought-after speaker on stewardship, will give a lunch keynote address on the "Holy Habits." For more information, contact the Stewardship Conference chair Diane Davies at daviesd@comcast.net, 410-326-0370.

[a final thought]

A Prayer for the Food Chain

For the seed in the field and the hands that planted and tended it,

We give you thanks

For the growth and the harvest and the hands that carried the fruit to the warehouse,

We give you thanks

For the hands that plucked and cut, cooked and prepared, sorted and stirred,

We give you thanks

For the hands that packed and boxed, lifted and loaded, then unloaded and opened

We give you thanks

For the hands that prepared this feast, this meal of our fellowship,
and have served it to us today

We give you thanks

May it strengthen our hands to be instruments of your eternal harvest;

this we ask in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

— *By the Rev. Anne O. Weatherholt, rector of St. Mark's Church, Lappans, stmarks@myactv.net.*

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