



DIOCESAN DIGEST

for Central Pennsylvania

April 25, 2011

FROM THE DESK OF.....

BISHOP NATHAN BAXTER

Dear Sisters & Brothers;

I am taking a few days away from the office this week for rest and refreshment with my family after the busy-ness of Holy Week.

I would like to encourage each of us at this time to think and pray about our upcoming Annual Convention.

The Spring Convocation meetings will be held in May (see the list at the bottom of this page) in preparation for Convention. Delegates and Alternates should plan to attend these meetings, but all are welcome to attend to stay up to date on your Convocation, Diocesan matters and, of course, Convention.

We have some exciting things happening at Convention this year. For the first time, we are planning "gavel to gavel" live stream coverage on the diocesan website of the Convention business session on Friday, June 10th. Information on how to access the link will be available on the website as we draw closer to the day.

Dr. Jason Byassee, an expert on the ministry of small churches, will be our keynote speaker this year. Go to our website, at www.diocesecpa.org / Our Programs / Diocesan Convention, to hear a podcast interview with Professor Byassee about his book, *The Gifts of the Small Church*.

The Saturday of Convention (June 11th) will be Diocesan Children and Youth Day. Starting at 8:45 am, there will be workshops for young people, parents, and folks who work with children and youth. I am very excited about the special Eucharist that will be held in Rooke Chapel, with the liturgy written by our own diocesan youth. It will highlight the children and youth in leadership roles and in the choirs and music. The day will be topped with a picnic outside Rooke Chapel, with more music by our talented young people. Don't miss out on this grand celebration – even if you are not planning to attend the rest of the Convention weekend – I know you will be uplifted and blessed.

I hope you all had a blessed and joyful Easter Sunday and continue with joy this Eastertide. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Peace & Grace,

+Nathan

UPCOMING EVENTS...April – June

Apr 29-30 Bishop to Dioc. of W. NY for consecration of Rev. Dr. Bill Franklin as Bishop

May 1 Bishop visits St. John's, Carlisle

May 3 Lancaster & Southern Convocation 6pm dinner, 7pm meeting, St. John the Baptist, York

May 5 West Branch & N. Tier Convocation 6pm dinner, 7pm meeting, Trinity Pro Cathedral, Williamsport

May 8 Bishop visits St. Mary's, Waynesboro

May 10 Susquehanna & Altoona Convocation 6pm dinner, 7pm meeting, St. Mark's, Lewistown

May 12 7pm Harrisburg Convocation meeting, St. John, Carlisle

May 15 Bishop visits St. John's, Lancaster

May 18 7pm Celebration of New Ministry & Installation of The Rev. Duncan Johnston, Mt. Calvary, Camp Hill

May 19-21 Godly Play Training, Trinity, Williamsport (see p. 2)

May 22 Bishop visits St. Luke's, Mechanicsburg

May 29 Bishop visits Trinity, Renovo

May 30 Diocesan Office closed for Memorial Day

Jun 5 Bishop visits St. Paul's, Columbia

Jun 10-11 Diocesan Convention, Bucknell University, Lewisburg

Jun 11 9am-1pm Diocesan Children & Youth Day, Bucknell University, Lewisburg

Jun 13 Bishop's Open Golf Tournament, The Links at Gettysburg (see p. 2 for more details)

Jun 16 10am Council of Trustees meeting

Jun 19 Bishop visits St. James, Lancaster

Jun 19-24 Summer Youth Conference, Camp Mt. Luther

Jun 26 Bishop visits All Saints, Selinsgrove

Jun 27-Jul 1 Bishop at UBE Annual Conference

If you have an event of interest to the Diocese that you would like to have listed on the Diocesan website calendar, please contact the Diocese at officemailbox@diocesecpa.org or 888-236-5959

SPRING CONVOCATION MEETINGS

May 3 Lancaster & Southern

6pm dinner, 7pm meeting, St. John the Baptist, York

May 5 West Branch & N. Tier

6pm dinner, 7pm meeting, Trinity, Williamsport

May 10 Susquehanna & Altoona

6pm dinner, 7pm meeting, St. Mark's, Lewistown

May 12 Harrisburg,

7pm meeting (light refreshments to be served)
St. John's, Carlisle

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Rebecca Brooks, mother of The Rev. Kim Brooks, had a heart attack this week.

Thomas Kerr, father of The Rev. Lauri Kerr, has recently been diagnosed with advanced lung cancer.

The Rev. Jack Hoffer, Deacon, is recovering well from a second knee replacement surgery.

Sandi Imboden, as she continues with cancer treatments.

The Rev. Tom Gregg, father of The Rev. Rowena Gibbons and a retired Episcopal priest, who has brain cancer.

Maddie Letsche, Acolyte at St. Luke's, Altoona, who continues treatment and physical therapy for Image Negative Transverse Myelitis.

The Rev. Erica Wood, Retired Rector of St. Luke's, Mt. Joy, as she continues cancer treatment.

Bob Rose, who continues his cancer battle.

Discover GODLY PLAY From The Inside Out

There are a lot of things you can learn from a lecture, but Godly Play has to be learned from the inside out. This 3 session Training will enable that to happen.

Thursday, May 19th, 5:30pm - 9:00pm
 Friday May 20th, 8:30am - 5:30pm
 Saturday May 21st, 8:30am - 4:00pm
 Trinity Episcopal Church
 844 W. 4th Street
 Williamsport (570-322-0126)

Fee: \$295, due before May 8th
 (scholarships may be available)
 Contact Canon Robyn Szoke, Coordinator
 rszoke@diocesecpa.org or 888-236-5959
 Go to www.diocesecpa.org / Our Programs / Children & Youth to download a brochure

BISHOP'S OPEN

All golfers, regardless of ability, are invited to participate in the annual Bishop's Open on **Monday, June 13, 2011** at **The Links at Gettysburg** (The Links website is www.TheLinksatGettysburg.com if you would like more information about the club). The registration fee is \$80, which includes green, golf ball and cart fees, dinner and prizes. The meal cost for non-golfers is \$22.

A Registration Form for golfers and a Sponsor Sheet for individuals or organizations who would like to sponsor a tee box sign are posted on our website, www.diocesecpa.org. Completed forms and fees should be sent to John Stevenson c/o Prince of Peace Church P.O. Box 3005, Gettysburg, PA 17325.



For more information, contact tournament Co-Chairs: John M. Stevenson at jmstevenson@pa.net or Mark Wivell at mark.wivell@lmco.

CONVENTION REMINDER

ALL information needed for Convention is available on the diocesan website, www.diocesecpa.org / Our Programs / Convention. *All clergy & delegates are asked to review this information before the Spring Convocation meetings in May.*

CELEBRATE OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH

On **Saturday June 11th 8:45am-1:00pm**, **Diocesan Children & Youth Day** will be held at Bucknell University, Lewisburg. Whether or not you are attending Convention this year, please plan to join us in celebrating our young people.

There will be workshops for "children of any age", including:

- ◆ A special workshop for CPA teens
- ◆ Godly Play workshop in which children will participate
- ◆ VBS ideas~again children will participate
- ◆ Keeping safe on the Internet & use of social media
- ◆ Stop the Bullying - tools for the journey
- ◆ Small church and "Day Camp" - a new approach to youth ministry
- ◆ Special needs kids and families and the welcoming church
- ◆ Developing spirituality in the home for very busy parents

The young people wrote the liturgy for the Eucharist to be held in beautiful Rooke Chapel. We invite your teen choirs, children's choirs, praise bands and jazz bands to come and celebrate with us. We are looking for kids and young people to acolyte, read lessons and sing in the choir.

We will end the day with a picnic on the lawn, with music provided by our young musicians.

A flyer is available at www.diocesecpa.org / Our Programs / Children & Youth, which you can download to post on bulletin boards, or pass on.

If you have questions, or know young people who are interested in participating in the Eucharist, contact Cn. Robyn Szoke at rszoke@diocesecpa.org or 888-236-5959.

SACRED STITCHES

The summer Sacred Stitches gathering will be hosted by Bangor Church in lovely Churchtown (2099 Main St., Narvon) on **Saturday, June 18th, from 10am to 2pm**. As usual, bring a bag lunch.

There is a wonderful yarn shop (Old Peddler Wools) a few miles from the church, if anyone's interested in checking it out afterwards. We are hoping to see lots of knitters and sharing some new ideas. If you have any questions, please contact Jeannie Zeller at jeanniez@comcast.net.

