



DIOCESAN DIGEST

for Central Pennsylvania

June 20, 2011

FROM THE DESK OF..... BISHOP NATHAN BAXTER



Dear Sisters & Brothers;

First, I thank you all for sharing in so many ways with the business, worship and fellowship of our 141st



Diocesan Convention. I especially thank the Susquehanna Convocation for being our host, providing many volunteers to help with various preparatory tasks; those who helped with the liturgical and musical planning; and of course hospitality. Finally, our children and youth, and their Diocesan Commissions gave us one of the most memorable days of any convention. The workshops, the liturgy and the picnic made for a glorious Saturday and climax to our Convention.

I spent Pentecost at Stephen's Cathedral and then joined 48 golfers at the Annual Bishop's Open. Although recently revived, this is a tradition that goes back at least to the days of Bishop Stevenson. Prince of Peace Church, Gettysburg was our host this year, hosting the event at the Links at Gettysburg. John Stevenson and Mark Wivell co-chaired the event, which was the most successful of recent years. To date they have cleared almost \$2,500 for youth camp scholarships and the Bishop's discretionary fund.

It was a great "long weekend" for our diocese and I thank all who shared in any way to make a witness of Christian Community.

Peace & Grace,
+Nathan

UPCOMING EVENTS...

June-September

- Jun 19-24** X-Teen Summer Youth Conference, Camp Mt. Luther
- Jun 21** Bishop "sends off" youth to EYE
- Jun 22** Standing Committee Retreat at Camp Mt. Luther
- Jun 22** Bishop visits X-Teen at Camp Mt. Luther
- Jun 26** Bishop visits All Saints, Selinsgrove
- Jun 27-Jul 1** Bishop at UBE Annual Conference
- Jul 9** Commission on Ministry Retreat (location to be confirmed)
- Jul 10** Bishop visits St. James, Mansfield
- Jul 12-13** Bishop at Diocese of Buffalo
- Jul 17** Bishop visits St. James, Bedford
- Jul 21** Bishop preaching at Lykens Valley Camp Meeting
- Jul 24** Bishop visits St. Paul's, Bloomsburg
- Jul 30-31** Bishop visits St. John in the Wilderness, Eaglesmere
- Aug 7** Bishop visits Christ Church, Berwick
- Aug 14** Bishop visits St. Gabriel's, Coles Creek
- Aug 15-Sept 4** Bishop on vacation
- Sep 5** Diocesan Office closed for Labor Day
- Sep 10-11** Bishop visits Trinity Pro-Cathedral, Williamsport
- Sep 14-22** Bishop at House of Bishops, Quito, Ecuador
- Sep 25** Bishop visits St. Andrew's, York
- Sep 27** Installation & Celebration of New Ministry of The Rev. Stephen Swift as Missioner at St. Benedict's, New Freedom
- Sep 29** 10am Council of Trustees meeting

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



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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

The Rev. John Gale, retired priest, passed away on June 16th from liver cancer. Please pray for Father John's wife, Anne in the days ahead. His funeral will be held on Thursday June 23rd at 10:30 am at Trinity, Chambersburg.

The Rev. Deacon Alex Dyakiw, will be undergoing knee replacement surgery on June 24th.

The Rev. Deacon Barbara Hary, continues doctors' care for heart-related issues.

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

Sandi Imboden, continues cancer treatments.

The Rev. Tom Gregg, father of The Rev. Rowena Gibbons is in the late stages of brain cancer.

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

Bob Rose continues his cancer battle.

BISHOP'S OPEN

There were clear blue, sunny skies with a gentle northwest breeze, temperature in the 70s, and The Links at Gettysburg was in pristine condition on Monday, June 13, 2011.

Forty eight players (12 teams) from several parishes contended for the Bishop's Cup trophy in its annual tournament. Host team was Prince of Peace, Gettysburg, organized by John Stevenson and Mark Wivell.

For the second year in succession, Prince of Peace again won the trophy with a score of 63 and the honor of staging next year's tournament. The runner-up team was from St. James, Lancaster with a score of 66.

Great fellowship, banter, and good play were exhibited. The Bishop ventured out with club in hand to assist several teams in their putting and even, on one occasion, a blast from a bunker. Following golf, a delicious steak and chicken buffet was prepared for 60 guests.

Heartfelt thanks to all our sponsors (listed on the attachment). Without their support and the help of many people, the tournament would not have been the success it was. Net proceeds to date in the amount of \$2,390.06 were presented to the Bishop at Council of Trustees meeting on June 16th. Half of the monies will be directed to Children & Youth Scholarships with the remainder to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund to aid those in dire need in these troubled economic times.



Pocket Prayer Shawls

Knitters and crocheters don't forget to keep on making those pocket prayer shawls for sending to our service men and women. Several were blessed by Bp. Baxter at Convention and sent to Ft. Hood. You can contact Carolyn Patterson (cpatterson@diocesecpa.org) or Jeannie Zeller (jeanniez@comcast.net) about where to send them.



Attention:

All Women of the Episcopal Church!

Are you looking for new inspiration, new leadership and/or service opportunities? The Episcopal Church Women of Central PA gathers women from all corners of the Diocese for leadership, fellowship, spiritual growth and participation in the larger concerns of Women's ministries and outreach across our nation! Our Diocesan ECW Board is seeking to fill several roles in this work. Interested in learning more?? Roles to be filled are:

1. ECW Treasurer
2. United Thank Offering Coordinator
3. Church Periodical Club Chair
4. Convocation Chair of your area churches

For more information or to indicate your interest contact: Shirley Wagner, ECW Nominating Committee at (717) 653-6783 or shwa2052@comcast.net

Additionally, The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania has an opening for an "Emergency Relief & Development (ERD) Coordinator." This position coordinates the education and raises awareness of ERD within the Diocese about the work of our National Church's immediate response & relief efforts to those affected by natural disasters around the world (such as Haiti, Japan and Missouri). Very comprehensive training is available for this position. For more information or to indicate your interest in this position, please contact: Canon Ted Babcock at (888) 236-5959 or tbabcock@diocesecpa.org, or Amy Swiernik, Diocesan ECW President at amyecwcpa@comcast.net or (717) 285-2036.



Cape May Retreat

All women in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania are invited to enjoy a time of learning, reflecting, fellowship and celebrating our ministry as laywomen in the Body of Christ, the Church, in Cape May, NJ on September 16-18, 2011. The Rev. Cn. Kate Harrigan will present a program entitled, "**The Ministry of Presence**". Created in the image of God, we are God's Beloved Beings yet we live in a world where we are so busy "doing", that we sometimes forget God created us as "beings". The *Ministry of Presence* reminds us that we are indeed God's Beloved Beings and in order to Do the work God has given us to do, we must first Be who God created us to be. Our greatest gift to one another may simply be our 'Ministry of Presence'.

Lodging will be at the Marquis de Lafayette Hotel at 501 Beach Avenue – ocean front and completely handicap accessible. There will be group sessions, Eucharist on the beach and 8am service at The Church of the Advent Sunday. See registration form attached for accommodations and rates (the rate has not changed in three years!) Join in the relaxing, fellowship of other women.