



DIOCESAN DIGEST

for Central Pennsylvania

October 25, 2010

FROM THE DESK OF.....

BISHOP NATHAN BAXTER

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ;

This week I have the blessed task of celebrating some special new beginnings in our Diocese. Tuesday, October 26th, I will be in Potter County, in the very far northern end of our diocese for the Celebration of New Ministry and Installation of The Rev. Janis Yskamp as Rector of All Saints, Brookland and Christ Church, Coudersport. Janis is a priest who was "raised up" by the Northern Tier Convocation, did most of her training locally and, after a year studying at Virginia Theological Seminary, was ordained as a Priest at the 2010 Convention. She ministers now to two parishes who have come through some difficult days, with the illness and death of their previous Rector, the Rev. Leslie Doyle. This is a time of renewal, growth and new ministry for all of Potter County and we praise God for what he has done for them and pray his continuing blessing as their service for him reaches new heights in the Northern Tier.

On Sunday, October 31st at St. Stephen's Cathedral, we will celebrate the Ordination to the Diaconate of six of our sisters and brothers: Janet Brown, Loretta Collins, Charlie Cruikshank, John Harwood, Hank Morrow and Nancy Rementer. Five of these six have answered God's call to serve as Vocational Deacons in our diocese. John Harwood will be ordained as a Transitional Deacon, and will serve as a deacon for the near future as he prepares for priesthood.

My heart rejoices when I think of what this means for the future of our beloved church. Seven new ministries are to be started. Seven are being sent forth to serve God, our Diocese and the Church. Truly God loves us to bless us with these gifts.

Peace and Grace,

+Nathan

2010 STATE PASTORS' CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 8-10

Holiday Inn, Harrisburg East, 4751 Lindle Road
"Gifts of Gospeling and Generosity"

To register go to: www.pachurches.org
If you are attending the conference, don't forget to RSVP for the **Denominational Dinner**, Monday, November 8th at 6pm. Contact Linda Arguedas at 888-235-5959 or larguedas@diocesecpa.org

UPCOMING EVENTS...

October 2010 - January 2011

- Oct 26** 4pm Celebration of New Ministry and Installation of The Rev. Janis Yskamp, All Saints, Brookland & Christ Church, Coudersport
- Oct 28** 10-4 Council of Trustees retreat, Nativity, Newport
- Oct 29-30** Lay Employee Planning for Tomorrow Conference, Harrisburg Hilton
- Oct 31** Bishop visits St. Stephen's Cathedral, Harrisburg
- Oct 31** 4pm Ordination of Deacons, St. Stephen's Cathedral
- Nov 3** 7pm Southern Convocation Fall Meeting
- Nov 5-6** Bishop at Diocese of NW PA Centennial
- Nov 6** 10am-12noon Eucharistic Visitors Training, Prince of Peace, Gettysburg
- Nov 7** Bishop visits St. John the Baptist, York
- Nov 7** 4pm Concert for Haiti, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Hbg.
- Nov 9** 6pm Lancaster Convocation Fall meeting
- Nov 10** 7pm Harrisburg Convocation Fall meeting
- Nov 11-14** Bishop preaching at Diocese of No. CA Centennial
- Nov 12-14** Happening #4, Christian Retreat Center
- Nov 13** 9:30-2:30 ECW Annual Gathering, Christ Church, Williamsport (details on p. 2 and at www.diocesecpa.org)
- Nov 13** 10-2 Sacred Stitches, St. John's, Lancaster
- Nov 16** 7pm Altoona Convocation Fall meeting
- Nov 17** 6:30pm Susquehanna Convocation Fall meeting
- Nov 20** Bishop at Good Shepherd, Hawk Run Centennial
- Nov 21** Bishop visits Christ Church, Williamsport
- Nov 21** 3pm West Branch Convocation Fall meeting
- Nov 25-26** Diocesan Office closed for Thanksgiving
- Nov 28** Bishop visits St. Andrew's, York
- Nov 30** 7pm Northern Tier Convocation Fall meeting
- Dec 4** Concert #2 for Haiti [POSTPONED till Spring Date TBA]
- Dec 8** Celebration of New Ministry and Installation of The Rev. Paul Towers, St. Luke's, Altoona
- Dec 9** 10am Executive Comm. Of Council of Trustees
- Dec 9** 6:00pm Southern Convocation Christmas Dinner
- Dec 5** Bishop visits Prince of Peace, Gettysburg
- Dec 12** Bishop visits Nativity, Newport
- Dec 17** UTO 2011 Grant applications due at Diocese (see p.2)
- Dec 19** Bishop visits St. Paul's, Harrisburg
- Jan 2** Bishop visits St. John, Marietta
- Jan 9** Bishop visits All Saints, Hershey
- Jan 10** 5:30pm HIV/AIDS Commission mtg., Nativity, Newport
- Jan 11-12** Bishop to attend meeting of bishops of Pennsylvania dioceses at State College
- Jan 15** Council of Trustees meeting (budget presentations), All Saints, Selinsgrove (snow date Jan 22nd)
- Jan 16** Bishop visits St. Mark's, Lewistown
- Jan 17** Diocesan Office closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 23** Bishop visits St. Andrew's, Harrisburg
- Jan 30** Bishop visits St. James, Muncy & St. James, Exchange

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. Paul Williams, Deacon, who was laid to rest on Saturday October 23rd. Deacon Williams served for many years at St. Luke's, Mechanicsburg and St. Stephen's Cathedral.

Brian Amato, of St. Luke's, Altoona and a member of the Commission on Ministry, for continuing recovery from respiratory problems.

Margaret Gregg, mother of The Rev. Rowena Gibbons, who recently underwent surgery.

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, as she undergoes treatment for both thyroid cancer and Image Negative Transverse Myelitis.

Deacon Kerry Walters, who continues treatment for heart problems.

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

Bob Rose, who continues his cancer battle.

UTO 2011 GRANT APPLICATIONS

The United Thank Offering grant applications for 2011 are available. This year applications will be completed and submitted electronically. Instructions, application form, & information are available at:

http://www.episcopalchurch.org/110043_42235_ENG_HTM.htm. Please note, the process has changed significantly, so **please read instructions carefully!**

When completing the online application *do not hit submit!* A draft copy of your application, including supporting documents, must be emailed, faxed or mailed to arrive at the diocesan office by end of day, Friday, December 17, 2010.

NO APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO UTO WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE BISHOP

Contact Bonnie Chambers at (717) 838-4416 or bchambers242@comcast.net with any questions or for assistance with the application process.

FALL CONVOCATION MEETINGS SOUTHERN

Wed. Nov. 3rd 7:00 pm All Saints, Hanover

LANCASTER

Tues. Nov. 9th 6:00pm St. Paul's, Manheim

HARRISBURG

Wed. Nov. 10th 7:00 pm Mt. Calvary, Camp Hill

ALTOONA

Tues. Nov. 16th 7:00 pm St. Luke's, Altoona

SUSQUEHANNA

Wed. Nov. 17th 6:30pm Christ Church, Danville

WEST BRANCH

Sun. Nov. 21st 3:00pm Trinity, Williamsport

NORTHERN TIER

Tues. Nov. 30th 7:00pm St. Paul's, Wellsboro

If you have questions, please contact Linda Arguedas at 888-236-5959 or larguedas@diocesecpa.org

FESTIVAL OF CHORAL EVENSONG

For Holy Trinity School of Music, Haiti

Sunday November 7, 2010 4:00pm

St. Stephen's Cathedral

221 N. Front St., Harrisburg

Officiant: The Rt. Rev. Nathan Baxter

Preacher: The Rev. Donald Steele

In memory of The Rt. Rev. James Holly, first African American Bishop of Haiti. The traditional service of Evensong will be enhanced with an anthem by Dr. Robert Lau, solos by Hethkenley Tercy and pieces that reflect Haitian rhythms.

~Postponement Notice~

the second Evensong to support Haiti scheduled for Saturday, December 4th at St. Andrew's, State College

HAS BEEN POSTPONED

A new **Spring 2011** date will be announced soon.

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS TRAINING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2010

10:00AM - 12:00 NOON

PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH

20 West High Street, Gettysburg

For more information, contact:

The Ven. Molly Solbak

717-569-2124 knitnpray@aol.com



ECW Annual Gathering

"Reshaping Traditions"

November 13, 2010 9:30am-2:30pm

Christ Episcopal Church

REGISTRATION of \$10 DUE BY NOVEMBER 1ST

Go to www.diocesecpa.org for registration form

Make check payable to Diocese of Central PA ECW and send to Emily Gleckner, Christ Episcopal Church, 426 Mulberry Street, Williamsport PA 17701



Sacred Stitches

Nov. 13th 10:00 am - 2:00pm

St. John's Church, 321 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster

Bring a bag lunch. Drinks & snacks will be provided. Sacred Stitches meets occasionally around the Diocese to share ideas and patterns. Their knitting ministry reaches as far away as Rwanda and as close to home as newborn baby caps for our local hospitals. *All are welcome!*

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 29TH !

HAPPENING # 4

Senior High Youth retreat weekend

NOVEMBER 12-14, 2010

Go to www.diocesecpa.org, for a registration form and more information. For questions, contact Janelle at jed13@scasd.org or 814-574-9197 or Robyn Szoke at rszoke@diocesecpa.org or 717-236-5959