



# DIOCESAN DIGEST

## for Central Pennsylvania

November 7, 2011

### FROM THE DESK OF.....

#### BISHOP NATHAN BAXTER

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

A few years ago I was at St. Andrews, Tioga at a rather large community-wide dinner. While there I encountered a number of WWII vets. Discovering that I was a Viet Nam vet (I served as an Army combat medic) they began an extended conversation. As old warriors are wont to do, we told war stories (most of which were true--smiles). As the conversation became more intimate, we began remembering those who suffered great wounds and those comrades who had died. Here, the weight of memory pressed us into silence. Then one vet said, with very labored tones, "All gave some, some gave all".

Early in my ministry I was a voluntary chaplain to the Veterans Hospital in Hampton Virginia in the Spinal Cord Injury Unit. Those days poignantly remind me of how deep is the continuum of meaning in "all gave some". Veterans Day is a time to remember that there are those who are still giving, not because of their politics but of patriotism. While our young men and women join the Armed Forces for various reasons, they believe in the ideals of freedom and defense of country.

On November 10<sup>th</sup> (Eve of Veterans Day) some from your Diocese and the Diocese of Bethlehem will gather with vets at the Veterans Hospital in Lebanon, blessing and giving gifts of Pocket Prayer Shawls. These shawls have been lovingly made by members of both dioceses. It will be a small gesture, I know. Yet, when I was a soldier, alone on a base or deep in the jungle, the small gestures (a letter, photo, prayer card, small care package) had great value for my soul.

While I cannot personally be in attendance, I have asked Father Bill Alford, Rector of St. Andrew's Harrisburg, who is a Major in the Air Force Auxiliary and Viet Nam veteran, to represent me at the service. In my heart I will join my prayers with theirs to say "Thank you" and "I care". I hope you will too. And we will do so because we understand "All gave some and some gave all".

Peace & Grace,

+Nathan

### UPCOMING EVENTS...

#### November 2011-January 2012

- Nov 8** 3pm Partners in Mission, St. Andrew's, State College
- Nov 9** 6pm West Branch Convocation, All Saints, Williamsport
- Nov 10** Sacred Stitches members at Lebanon VA Hospital for Veterans Day Chapel service
- Nov 10** 7pm Northern Tier Convocation, St. Paul's, Wellsboro
- Nov 11-12** Bishop in Washington DC for Consecration of new Bishop of Washington
- Nov 13** Bishop visits Transfiguration, Blue Ridge Summit & Calvary Chapel, Beartown
- Nov 14-16** PCC PA State Pastors' Conference, Harrisburg
- Nov 15** 7pm Lancaster Convocation, Hope Church, Mt. Hope
- Nov 16** Bishop to visit Episcopal students at Lancaster Seminary
- Nov 17** 7pm Southern Convocation, St. Andrew's York
- Nov 20** Bishop visits Holy Trinity, Hollidaysburg & Trinity, Tyrone
- Nov 24-25** Diocesan office closed for Thanksgiving
- Nov 27** Bishop visits Christ Church, Danville
- Nov 30** 7pm Altoona Convocation, St. John's, Bellefonte
- Dec 1** *Deadline* to submit UTO Grant Applications to Diocese
- Dec 3** Bishop in Washington DC as Keynote Speaker at DC ECW Prayer Breakfast
- Dec 4** Bishop visits Prince of Peace, Gettysburg
- Dec 11** Bishop Visits Nativity, Newport
- Dec 18** Bishop visits St. Paul's, Harrisburg
- Dec 23 noon—Jan 2** *Diocesan Office Closed for Christmas*
- Jan 8** Bishop visits All Saints, Hershey
- Jan 15** Bishop visits St. Andrew's, Harrisburg
- Jan 22** Bishop visits St. Edwards, Lancaster
- Jan 22** 5pm LARC Vespers
- Jan 26** Commission on Ministry meeting (location tbd)
- Jan 29** Bishop visits Trinity, Chambersburg

*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](mailto:officemailbox@diocesecpa.org) or 888-236-5959*

### Fair Share Reminder

Just a reminder to all Rectors, Clergy-in-Charge and Senior Wardens: Please submit your Fair Share commitment on or before November 15. We need your help in getting all the information we need for an effective budgeting process. We look forward to hearing from you. If we can be of any help, please contact Fr. David Zwifka at 717 246-5959 ext. 109 or by e-mail at [dzwifka@diocesecpa.org](mailto:dzwifka@diocesecpa.org).

### Views From the Pews

Go to [www.diocesecpa.org](http://www.diocesecpa.org) and check out "Views from the Pews" (click on the picture of the pews on the left side of the screen) to hear more from Jeannie Zeller of Sacred Stitches about the Pocket Prayer Shawl project. While you are there, you can also see some other great reports on exciting projects around our diocese.

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### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**Susan Hinton** and her family: **Sara Oldberg**, Susan's mother, who has been in hospital in California with ongoing health problems; her brother, **Tom Oldberg**, who is his mother's main caregiver; and **Carol Anne Oldberg**, Susan's sister, who is undergoing treatment for lung cancer in Chicago. Susan has been doing a lot of travel to help with her sister's care.

**William Selvage**, father of Cn. Dan Selvage, who is at home following a hospital visit and dealing with serious heart and lung issues.

**Rayelenn Casey** as continues her recovery following a car accident.

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

**Thomas Kerr**, father of The Rev. Lauri Kerr, continues in care for lung cancer.

**The Rev. Tom Gregg**, father of The Rev. Rowena Gibbons continues in care for 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.



### X-TEEN CONFERENCE

**PRAY BOLDLY**

*A Weekend of Prayer and  
Activities for all Senior High Teens*

**November 18-20**

**6:00pm Friday—1:30 pm Sunday**

**Camp Mount Luther**

**Registration: \$125.00**

*(scholarships are available for those in need)*

**Deadline to Register: November 12, 2011**

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*Outdoor fun*

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What do our prayers mean? Why do we pray the way we do?

Understanding the prayers of the Eucharist

*Worship*

Great music! Saying our prayers. Labyrinth. Interactive drama

*Fellowship*

Building community as teens. Considering our mission as a

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**Bring your friends!**

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Or contact The Rev. Canon Robyn Szoke

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### ECW HONORS WOMEN OF DIOCESE OF CPA

At the ECW Annual Meeting on November 5th, the theme was "Honor and Remember." In keeping with this theme, parishes were asked to nominate a woman from their congregation to honor for significant contributions to their community. These women were recognized at a special luncheon at the Annual Meeting.

Below are the names and parishes of the women who were honored. A more detailed description of their contributions will be posted on the ECW page on our website.

Wilma Beller ~ St. Paul's, Wellsboro  
Phyllis Durost ~ St. Paul's, Lock Haven  
Jo Deeds ~ St. Luke's, Mechanicsburg  
Sue Martin ~ St. John's, Lancaster  
Betty Jane Victory ~ St. Gabriel's, Benton/Coles Creek  
Joan W. King ~ All Saints, Hershey  
Beverly Jane Cole Millett ~ All Saints, Hanover  
Lou-Rene Myers ~ St. Andrew's, York  
The Rev. Susan Q. Claytor ~ All Saints, Hershey  
Jennifer Railing ~ Prince of Peace, Gettysburg  
Beth Runkle ~ St. Paul's, Columbia  
Darlene Swartzbaugh ~ St. Paul's, Columbia  
Mary Jane Fenton ~ Trinity, Jersey Shore  
Viginia I. Lorenz Kensey ~ St. Mark's, Lewistown  
The Rev. Deacon Ann Brier Whitesel ~ St. John's, Carlisle  
Regina Lowe ~ St. John's, Marietta  
Nancy Tavella ~ St. Paul's, Manheim

Congratulations!

### EPISCOPAL HOME IS NUMBER ONE!

*(but we knew that!)*

We would like you to know that The Episcopal Home has been voted the #1 personal care home in Shippensburg. This is an annual contest held by the Shippensburg Sentinel newspaper. It is an honor to be voted #1 and we have many people to thank for their votes, including members of the Diocese.

*Juanita Mills, Outreach Coordinator, Episcopal Home*

### UTO Grant Applications

Applications for a 2012 UTO grant are now available at [www.episcopalchurch.org/uto](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/uto). Please note: **the Diocesan Office must receive a copy of your application by DECEMBER 1, 2011.** Not sure if your project would be eligible or if the affiliated organization can apply? Information is at the same website, or you may contact Bonnie Chambers, at [uto@diocesecpa.org](mailto:uto@diocesecpa.org) or 717- 838-4416.

*If you have news or announcements of diocesan interest to include in the Diocesan Digest,  
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