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Vision Statement: The Diocese of Northwest Texas is a community of mission outposts which invite in and welcome people who are seeking Jesus, train them to be his disciples, and send them into the world to do the work God has called them to do. **Mission Statement:** The Diocese of Northwest Texas will provide the energy, resources and support necessary to help all our communities become mission outposts and, where needed, to help plant new ones.

Dominican Mission Trip Benefit in Memory of the Rev. Marshall Mason

The Mission and Outreach Council of Holy Trinity Church, Midland, invites you to join them at a Fiesta Dinner, Thursday, August 4, 6-8 PM, at South-Tex Treaters, 13405 Hwy 191 in Midland, benefitting the Dominican Republic Mission Trip to build a church in memory of the late Marshall Mason. Please RSVP to 432.687.5537 by August 2 (\$25 per person).

Godly Play Introductory Workshop St. Stephen's, Lubbock July 23, 8AM - 3 PM

Godly Play is a method of Christian education and spiritual direction primarily for children ages 2-12. The goal of Godly Play is to teach children the art of using religious language - parable, sacred story, silence, and liturgical - to help them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. Workshop leader is Jennifer S. T. Wickham, an authorized Godly Play Teacher Trainer with a degree in Religious Studies from the University of Tulsa. She has been directly involved with Godly Play for eleven years, and is Chapel Coordinator and Middle School Sacred Studies teacher for St. George's Episcopal School in San Antonio. Because of a generous gift, the cost of this event is only \$25 per person which includes snacks and lunch. Contact Anna Marie Wanasek at 806.762.2893, amwanasekstpaul@nts-online.net.

United Thank Offering

Carolyn Goebel, Diocese of Northwest Texas United Thank Offering Representative, reports that \$8,168.85 was sent to the UTO from the 2004 Fall and 2005 Spring ingathering. For information on the United Thank Offering, contact Carolyn at 2325 61st Street, Lubbock, TX 79412, 806.795.2975, carolyngoebel@sbcglobal.net.

**ECW Conference
September 16-18 - BQCC**
Contact ministry@nwt.org or 806.763.1370x206

Train the Trainers Safeguarding God's Children August 6 at Emmanuel Church, San Angelo August 20 at St. Paul's Church, Lubbock August 27 at St. Andrew's, Amarillo

Safeguarding God's Children is the new Episcopal Church program designed to prevent sexual abuse of children and youth. Each congregation, with the approval of their rector, vicar or warden in charge, is invited to select a team of trainers to present the program in their own church. Training is from 9 AM to 3 PM. Choose the day and location most convenient for your church's team. Cost \$10, \$7 each for two or more. For more information or help selecting a training team, contact Canon Claire Cowden. 806.763.1370 or ministry@nwt.org.

Building up the Body of Christ: A Workshop for Pastoral-Sized Congregations

Bishop Ohl has invited the Rev. Canon Keith Brown to lead rectors and up to twelve lay-leaders from seven pastoral-sized congregations in the diocese in congregational development workshops focused specifically on what works for pastoral-sized congregations. The workshop, the first of three or four over the next academic year, will be held on Saturday, August 13, at St. Paul's, Lubbock. Canon Brown serves as Diocesan Management and Trends Consultant for the Church Pension Fund and has worked on-site with 23 of our 100 domestic dioceses. He is the author of *On the Road Again; Managing Evangelism and Stewardship for the Kingdom*.

Province VII Synod September 29-October 1, Dallas

The Province VII Synod, whose theme is "We Welcome You to Come and Grow With Us," will meet at the Dallas Park Cities Hilton. The Synod will feature The Episcopal Ad Campaign and Canon Robert Williams, Director of Communication at the Episcopal Church Center. The Synod will also feature an orientation workshop for General Convention Deputies at 2:30 on September 29. \$90. Contact Vycke McEwen at vycke@sbcglobal.net.

Start Up! Start Over!
Congregational Development Seminar
November 14-18, Santa Fe

The Rev. Charles Fulton, Director of Congregational Development and President of the Episcopal Church Building Fund, will lead a seminar staff of experienced practitioners of church growth who have started new churches and led congregational turn-arounds. Cost \$625 which includes tuition, housing and 10 meals. Contact episcopalchurch.org/congdev/ for registration form or call 800.3347.7626 ext 6003 or email buildchurch@ecbf.org.

St. Peter and the Vatican
October 15-January 8
San Antonio

Extraordinary Vatican exhibit at the Henry Gonzalez Convention Center. Tickets available at ticketmaster.com or 210.224.9600. VaticanSanAntonio.com.

Prayers and Thanksgivings:

Please continue to keep in your prayers for healing:

the Rev. Monte Jones, and the Rev. Donald Hungerford. **Deacon Ruth Jones** (Lubbock) is recuperating from carpal tunnel surgery. **Bishop Wallis and Sheila Ohl** have a new grandson, Tyler William Ohl, born to Trey and Kathy Ohl, July 14 by emergency c-section, 2 lbs, 7 oz. Tyler is doing well but will remain in the hospital. **The Rev. Jim Considine** reports his new grandson, born at 2 lb, 3 oz, is up to 5 lbs but situation still precarious. **The Rev. Charles Bowyer** (Lubbock) will be honored for 19 years of service by the Covenant Health System at a retirement reception on July 21, 2:30 P.M. at the Knipling Center in Lubbock. **The Rev. Celia Ellery** was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Ohl on June 18 at Good Shepherd, San Angelo. Celia is serving as Assistant Rector at Good Shepherd. **Amber Sturgess**, seminarian at CDSP from St. Stephen's, Lubbock, will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Ohl on September 7 in Oakland, CA.

Calendar

JULY

26-31 *National Episcopal Youth Event, Berea, KY

AUGUST

6 Train the Trainer, Emmanuel, San Angelo, 9-3
6 Permian Basin Deanery, Santa Maria, Midland
10 *Standing Committee, HEC, 10 AM
13 Building Up the Body of Christ, St. Paul's, Lubbock
16 *Trustees, HEC, 10 AM
20 Cursillo Secretariat, St. Christopher's, Lubbock, 10 AM
Safeguarding God's Children, Train the Trainers,
St. Paul's, Lubbock, 10 AM - 3 PM
21 *St. Stephen's, Lubbock, Visitation
23 *BQCC Board, HEC, 10 AM
24 *St. Andrew's School, Amarillo
27 *Executive Council, St. Stephen's, Lubbock, 10 AM
Safeguarding God's Children, Train the Trainers,
St. Andrew's, Amarillo, 10 AM - 3 PM
28 *St. Stephen's, Sweetwater, Visitation
30-31 *Clergy Small Group V, HEC

SEPTEMBER

5 HEC Closed - Labor Day
7 *Amber Sturgess Ordination to the Priesthood,
Oakland, CA
9 Commission on Ministry, HEC, 10 AM
10 *Fresh Start for Lay Leaders,
St. Paul's, Lubbock, 10 AM
11 *Holy Trinity, Midland, Visitation
16-18 ECW Conference, BQCC
17 *Executive Council, St. Christopher's, Lubbock, 10 AM
19-28 *House of Bishops, San Juan, Puerto Rico
29-30 *Province VII Synod, Dallas

Send comments, suggestions, notices, and information to Carolyn Hearn, Editor, newsletter@nwt.org or
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