

The Newsletter

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**St. Paul's-on-the-Plains, Lubbock
Calls the Rev. James P. Haney, V as new Rector**

St. Paul's, Lubbock, has called home the Rev. James P. Haney, V. Jim and his wife, Renee, have two children, Jimmy and Lisa. Jim and Renee both attended Lubbock schools and were high school sweethearts. Jim attended Texas Tech as a National Merit Scholar and received his BS in Chemistry in 1985. He is the son of the Rev. James P. Haney, IV, retired, of Northwest Texas, and is the nephew, grandson and great-grandson of Episcopal priests. Jim graduated from Seabury-Western Seminary with an MDiv. In 1995. After ordination he served Vernon, Quanah and Childress in this diocese and in 1997 was called to be the Rector of Good Shepherd, Wichita, Kansas, where he also served as camp chaplain, a two-time deputy to General Convention, on numerous committees and most recently on the Standing Committee and as Chair of the Examining Chaplains. Jim also served on the national Nominating Committee for the Presiding Bishop. His first Sunday at St. Paul's is August 17. Welcome home to Jim, Renee and their children.

**The Rev. Edson Way
Ordination to the Priesthood on June 28**

The Rev. Edson Way will serve as the Rector of St. Christopher's, Lubbock, following his ordination to the priesthood at 11 AM on Saturday, June 28. He is a 2008 graduate of the Seminary of the Southwest, MDiv, and holds a PhD in Physical Anthropology from the University of Toronto. He has held numerous administrative positions with museums in Wisconsin and New Mexico including State Cultural Affairs Officer, Executive Director of the New Mexico Museum of Space History, and Director of the Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian in Santa Fe. Edson and his wife, Jenny, married in 1969 in Lubbock. They have three grown children and three granddaughters. Jenny is from a West Texas ranching family and Edson's parents are Episcopalians in San Angelo. Edson enjoys riding his motorcycle and playing the harp. Welcome, Edson and Jenny.

**The Rev. Kevin Dellaria
to be Ordained July 11 in Victoria, Texas**

The Rev. Kevin Dellaria has accepted a call to serve as Associate Rector at Trinity Church, Victoria, in the Diocese of West Texas and will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop David Reed for Bishop Ohl on July 11 at 7 PM. Kevin received an MDiv from ETSS in May and is from Heavenly Rest, Abilene. Best wishes Kevin and family.

**The Rev. Lauren Kuratko
Accepts Call to Richmond, VA**

The Rev. Lauren Kuratko, Canterbury at Texas Tech Chaplain and Priest-in-Charge at St. Luke's, Levelland, will begin her new ministry at Grace and Holy Trinity Church in Richmond, Virginia, on July 20. Lauren has served in Northwest Texas since graduating from Virginia Seminary in 2005. She will serve as Rector for Youth, Young Adults and Pastoral Care. Lauren was married last year to the Rev. Ryan Kuratko who is serving as Interim Priest at St. Paul's, Lubbock, until the end of July when he will join Lauren in Richmond.

**The Rev. Mary Ann Garrett
to be Interim Priest at St. John's, Odessa**

The Rev. Mary Ann Garrett will begin serving as Interim Priest at St. John's, Odessa, in July following mission trips to Mexico and Honduras. Mary Ann is a graduate, MDiv, of Seabury-Western Seminary and holds an MA in Religious Studies from Incarnate Word, San Antonio, with additional work at Perkins School of Theology, SMU, in Dallas, and a BA in Spanish Literature from the University of Texas at Austin. She was ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Southeast Mexico and has served at Holy Trinity in Southeast Mexico since 2003, beginning as a lay person, and as a missionary to Oaxaca, organizing a preaching station. She also began a prison ministry at Santa Maria Ixcotel State Penitentiary in Oaxaca. Mary Ann has done mission work in Uruguay, Cuba, Mexico and Honduras. Mary Ann and her husband, Bill, live in Fredericksburg. Welcome, Mary Ann.

Episcopal Life Online

The award-winning monthly newspaper, *Episcopal Life*, is now available online at www.episcopalchurch.org/elife. The latest edition contains an excellent and interesting history of the Lambeth Conference which Bishop Ohl will attend in July. The conference of bishops from around the Anglican Communion meets every ten years at Lambeth Palace. *Episcopal Life* is an excellent source of information about the wider Episcopal Church, its people, its programs and its mission in the world. It contains the best of both *Episcopal News Service* and *Episcopal Life* and reports on activities of the 110 dioceses and 37 other provinces of the worldwide Anglican Communion. The site features Arts, Opinion, Multimedia and news in Spanish as well as Episcopal books and resources and This Week in History of the Episcopal Church.

Programs Office Update

Nancy Igo, Programs Manager for the diocese (nigo@nwtodiocese.org), is responsible for insurance and benefits, all Safeguarding programs, ministerial licenses, deployment, and overall care and upkeep of the Hulsey Center, lovingly termed House Steward. Several areas at Hulsey Center were identified this spring as "needy", and changes are underway. The restrooms are undergoing a mild "facelift" to repair and replace worn carpet and leaky faucets after 27 years of use, and our grounds are being spruced up as well.

Additionally, Nancy has been hard at work bringing several new programs to the Diocese. Praesidium and Church Pension Group have held training sessions for their new online version of Safeguarding God's Children, which we hope to make available in our Diocese sometime in the late summer or fall. The classroom version will still be utilized for initial training, however, the online version will be a great help for those requiring re-certification.

In addition to the online module, the Diocese will also be incorporating Safeguarding God's People, the new program for safeguarding against sexual harassment and exploitation in adults. Rev. Allan Conkling and Nancy Igo received training in early June. Implementation of the program will be planned for possibly mid- fall of 2008.

In early May Nancy attended the Fourth Annual Health Benefits Conference at Camp Allen, Texas, hosted by Church Pension Group Medical Trust. Nancy was updated on current trends in medical benefits, health trends, and returned to Lubbock anxious to implement some of the innovative concepts mentioned at the conference. With wellness and prevention being the primary focus, the participants were given methods to use in their daily lives, and to incorporate in their dioceses. Administrators from all over the United States worked with fitness expert, Peter K, and Dr. Anne Borik, creator of SignChiDo, a method of meditation incorporating sign language, music, and prayer with Tai Chi-type movements. Plans are in the works for Nancy to become a local facilitator of SignChiDo in order to make it available to interested parishes or individuals. Anyone interested in the programs presented at the conference may find information on the following web sites: www.peterkfitness.com and www.signchido.com.

UTO Grant Awarded to Enhance Organ Program at St. Andrew's, Amarillo

The Friends of Aeolian-Skinner opus 1024 (FASO) has received a United Thank Offering Grant in the amount of \$4,000 to provide funding for a multi-movement composition inspired by paintings and sculptures submitted by local artists. Dr. Craig Phillips will chose from among the submissions as inspirations for a composition which will be performed at St. Andrew's accompanied by local musicians. FASO's mission is to present professional performances of primarily classical music for the people of Amarillo and the surrounding Texas Panhandle, and came into being after St. Andrew's acquired from the University of Texas an extraordinary organ, designed and built by the great English organ makers, Aeolian Skinner. The organ is comparable to Aeolians at St. Thomas and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York and the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake.

Happy Camp/Promise Camps

Happy Camp and Promise Camps will be underway in July at the Quarterman Conference Center. This outreach to non-Episcopal children whose family cannot afford a summer camp and to children with a parent in prison touches the lives of many people in our diocese. It is not too late to contribute to this important ministry in the Diocese of Northwest Texas. Please send your contributions to 1802 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79401.

Diocesan Calendar

June

- 15 Visitation, St. Paul's, Lubbock
- 17 Budget Committee, HEC, 10 AM - 2 PM
- 18-20 House of Bishops, Salt Lake City
- 22-28 Primary Camp, BQCC (grades 2-4)
- 23-25 Standing Commission on Ministry Development, Atlanta
- 26 Kim Seidman Ordination, Alexandria, VA, 7 PM
- 28 Edson Way Ordination, St. Christopher's, Lubbock, 11 AM
- 29-7/5 Middle School Camp, BQCC (grades 5-8)

July

4-8/5 Lambeth Conference, England

7-15 Happy Camp, BQCC

August

13 Standing Committee, HEC, 10 AM

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