

The Newsletter

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St. Peter's, Amarillo Calls New Rector

The Rev. R. Christopher Heying, a New Mexico native raised in North Texas, graduated from the University of North Texas and worked in boarding schools and social services before attending Nashotah House Seminary in Wisconsin where he received his Master's of Divinity. He has served parishes in Texas, Tennessee, New York, and Virginia, where he has been the Rector of St. Stephen's in Forest, Virginia. He is humbled and excited by the great opportunities that exist for ministry and mission at Saint Peter's, and is especially anxious to share in worship and outreach. He is due to begin his ministry Oct. 1.

Chris has been married to his wife, Cindy, since 1990. They met while working together at an Episcopal boarding school in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Cindy grew up in South Louisiana and has her undergraduate in psychology from the University of Southwestern Louisiana and her master's in special education from Midwestern State in Wichita Falls. She has been serving students with multiple disabilities in Virginia, where she assists in transition services and life skills working jointly for the local school district and the community college.

Together they have three children: Mary Grace, 9, a rising fourth grader who loves art, swimming, and dance; John Luke, 6 and entering first grade, seldom still, loves gymnastics, Mario Karts, and swimming and diving; and Patrick who was 8 months.

Seasons of Friendship ECW Retreat for Women

Friday, October 3 - Sunday, October 5
Bishop Quarterman Conference Center, Amarillo

All women are welcome to attend and share in fellowship and worship in the wonderful place that our conference center provides for us. Our retreat leader will be Marjory Bankson, artist and author. The time together will focus on the biblical story of Ruth and Naomi in relationship to our friendships with each other and God.

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Fiftieth Annual Diocesan Convention to Observe Modified Schedule

The 50th Annual Diocesan Convention of the Diocese will observe a modified schedule this year. The Convention Eucharist, ordination of Art Goolsbee, and UTO Ingathering will begin at 5:30 PM on Friday, October 31, followed by a dinner dance at the Abilene Civic Center honoring Bishop and Mrs. Ohl as they prepare for retirement. Bishop Ohl will begin his "terminal sabbatical" on November 1 and officially retire December 31, 2008. The business session of Convention will commence at 8:30 AM on Saturday, November 1, and convene at 3 PM that afternoon. Registration packets will be mailed soon. Please report any changes in your delegation to Carolyn Hearn at diocese@nwtodiocese.org, 806.763.1370 x 1.

Twenty-Ninth Annual National Acolyte Festival October 11, 2008 Washington National Cathedral

Swing your thurible! Fly your streamers! Process through the Cathedral nave! Meet acolytes from across the nation! Washington National Cathedral will again host the National Acolyte Festival in October. Registration forms are available from the diocesan office or at www.nationalcathedral.org. Workshops will consist of Holy Smoke: The Work of the Thurifer, Dressing Up and Marching Around; Gargoyles of the Cathedral, Jubilation Streamers, The Work of the Verger, and A brief History of Everything Interesting to Know about Acolytes. Registration deadline is September 26, \$28 including medal and lunch.

Fall Youth Dates Go Now, You Are Forgiven: Finding God in Popular Music

Join other youth from the Diocese of Northwest Texas at the Bishop Quarterman Conference Center to listen to some of your favorite songs and explore everyday spirituality. Great games and making new friends along the way.

Senior High: October 17-19 Junior High: November 7-9
Contact Susanna Brosseau, susanna@emmanuel-sa.org
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*St. Peter's, Amarillo
to Honor the Rev. Larry Spannagel*

St. Peter's, Amarillo, will honor the Rev. Larry Spannagel on the occasion of his retirement on Sunday, August 31, following the 10:30 AM service. Fr. Larry came to Northwest Texas in August of 2000 from the Diocese of Spokane and has served as Rector of St. Peter's, Borger; Panhandle Regional Missioner; Interim Priest at St. Peter's, Amarillo; and as Co-Chair of the Mission Committee and on the Commission on Ministry. Fr. Larry plans to complete work on his airplane and retire to the Northwest or Alaska. A fond farewell. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Ordinations:

Patricia Russell, September 20, St. Paul's, Lubbock, 11 AM
Jean Scott, September 20, St. Paul's, Lubbock, 11 AM
Phil Corbett, October 18, FUMC, Brownfield, 11 AM
Art Goolsbee, October 31, Heavenly Rest, Abilene, 5:30 PM

Reminder - Convention Nominations Due August 28
Nominations for all diocesan offices are to be submitted to the Nominating Committee via the diocesan office no later than August 28. Nominating forms are available from the diocesan office or online at nwt.org. Nominations are being accepted for the following offices:

Standing Committee to 2009 - one clergy and one lay person
Standing Committee to 2011 - one clergy and one lay person
Trustee to 2009, 2012 and 2013 - one lay person
Ecclesiastical Trial Court to 2012 - one clergy and one lay
University of the South Trustees 2011 - one clergy and two lay

Prayers and Thanksgivings:

The Rev. Keith Adams reports that he is doing well, much better than his doctors expected, and send thanks for all your prayers.

Please continue to keep in your prayers: Kathleen Liggett, St. Nicholas', Midland; Dru Ferguson (non-parochial, Amarillo) recuperating from a tick-borne illness; Chub Wilson (retired, Amarillo) undergoing treatment for heart disease; David Considine, son of retired priest Jim Considine, Abilene, and Fr. Jim Considine who is recuperating from a fall.

Calendar:

NOTE: Clergy Conference has been canceled and a one-day Clergy Day with the Bishop is scheduled for Monday, September 15, at St. Paul's, Lubbock beginning at 10 AM.

August

27 Standing Committee, HEC, Lubbock, 10 AM

September

2 Budget Committee, HEC, Lubbock, 10 AM

5 Commission on Ministry,
HEC, Lubbock, 10 AM

6 Executive Council,
St. Stephen's, Lubbock, 10 AM

9 Trustees, HEC, 10 AM

10 Standing Committee, HEC, Lubbock, 10 AM

13 James Haney V Installation,
St. Paul's, Lubbock

**15 Clergy Day with Bishop Ohl,
St. Paul's, Lubbock, 10 AM**

16-19 *House of Bishops, Salt Lake, UT

20 Pat Russell and Jean Scott Ordinations,
St. Paul's, Lubbock, 11 AM

26 Province VII Synod, Oklahoma City, OK

October

3-5 ECW Conference, BQCC, Amarillo

12 Visitation, Good Shepherd, Brownfield

19 Visitation, All Saints, Colorado City

26 Visitation, San Miguel Archangel, Odessa

31 Standing Committee, Abilene, 3 PM

Annual Diocesan Convention

5:30 PM - Convention Eucharist, Art Goolsbee
Ordination to the Diaconate, UTO Ingathering,
Heavenly Rest, Abilene. Retirement Party for
Bishop and Mrs. Ohl, Abilene Civic Center

November

1 Annual Diocesan Convention, Abilene

8:30 AM - 3 PM, Abilene Civic Center

5-6 *Standing Commission on Ministry
Development, New York

7 Commission on Ministry, HEC, 10 AM

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