

The Newsletter

The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northwest Texas

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Fiftieth Annual Diocesan Convention October 31-November 1 Abilene, Texas

The 50th Annual Diocesan Convention of the Diocese will begin Friday evening, October 31 at 5:30 PM with the Convention Eucharist, ordination to the diaconate of Arthur Goolsbee, and UTO Ingathering at the Church of the Heavenly Rest in Abilene. A dinner and dance in celebration of the Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Wallis Ohl will follow at 7:30 PM at the Abilene Civic Center. Registration on Friday is from 3 to 5 PM at Heavenly Rest and on Saturday from 7:30 to 8:15 AM at the Civic Center. The business session of Convention will begin at 8:30 AM on Saturday, November 1, and adjourn at 3 PM that afternoon. Convention report packets have been mailed to each church. Please see that alternates serving as delegates receive their packets. Please report any changes in your delegation to Carolyn Hearn at diocese@nwtodiocese.org, 806.763.1370 x 1.

Carolyn Goebel ECW's 2009 Honored Woman

Carolyn Goebel of St. Paul's, Lubbock has been selected as the ECW's 2009 Honored Woman and will be honored for her dedication and service to the ministry of the church at the 2009 Triennial meeting of the ECWs in Anaheim.

Michael Young Appointed to Young Adult Service Corps

Michael Young, son of Terry and Bill Young of Heavenly Rest, Abilene, has been appointed as a Young Adult Service Corps Missionary of the Episcopal Church to the Asian Rural Institute in the Nippon Sei Ko Kai by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori. Michael's brother Robert serves in Saggoo, South Korea.

Visitors Weekend at ETSS

Considering seminary to prepare for lay or ordained ministry? Visitors weekend, a vocational discernment event, at the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest is November 7-8. Visit ssw.edu/news/view/fall-visitors-weekend or bkinney@ssw.edu, 512.472.4133 x 343.

Nominees for Fifth Bishop of Northwest Texas

A slate of five nominees has been presented by the Nominating/Transition Committee of the Diocese. The nominees are: the Rev. J. Scott Mayer, Rector of Heavenly Rest, Abilene, TX; the Rev. Ronald D. Pogue, Rector of Trinity Church, Galveston, TX; the Rev. J. Christopher Roberts, Rector, St. Martha's, Papillion, NE; the Rev. C. Christopher Thompson, Rector, Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach, VA; and the Rev. Stephen F. Zimmerman, Rector, The Chapel of St. Andrew, Boca Raton, FL. The nominees' responses to three committee questions and their resumes may be found at nwt.org. Walk-about to meet the nominees are being scheduled in each deanery the week of November 10. Details will be sent out later.

The election of the Fifth Bishop of Northwest Texas will take place on Saturday, November 22, at St. Paul's-on-the-Plains in Lubbock. Active clergy, senior and junior wardens and elected convention delegates only are eligible to vote in the election. *Ex-officio* members of convention (lay Standing Committee, Trustees and Executive Council members) do not vote in an electing convention unless they are an elected delegate from their congregation.

The consecration of the Fifth Bishop of Northwest Texas will take place on Saturday, March 21, 2009, at First United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

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
325.653.2446

Programs Office Update

Please take a look at an excellent article by Nancy Igo on "going green" in our churches which is attached to *The Newsletter*.

Prayers and Thanksgivings:

The Rev. Leslie Gregory is the new Assisting Priest at St. John's, Odessa, taking school chapel duties and serving at Seabury Centre.

Katie Couzzourt, daughter of **Jim and the Rev. Beverly Couzzourt**, (St. George's, Canyon) is serving as a Faith Formation Ministry Intern with Dr. Mark Waters at Heavenly Rest, Abilene while she is attending McMurray College.

The latest UTO Ingathering for the diocese is \$1,712. In the past three years the diocese has donated over \$70,000 to UTO.

Kathy Mayer's (CHR, Abilene) mother, Kitty Kistenmacher, died October 3 in El Paso. Kathy's address is 3648 S 20th, Abilene 79605, 325.690.9960. kmayer@abileneteachersfcu.org.

Lyle Rowley, husband of the Rev. Jennifer Rowley (CHR, Abilene) has begun home hospice care. Their address is 1318 Amarillo, Abilene 79602, 469.236.9210. jenrowley1@yahoo.com.

Chub Wilson (retired, Amarillo) continues to recover from heart surgery and is at home in Amarillo. 1524 S Alabama 79102, 806.353.1734, cawilson3@suddenlink.net.

Errata:

New e-mail for **the Rev. James Haney, V** - frjimstpauls@att.net.

New address for **the Rev. Jim Considine** who is doing well recuperating from a fall earlier in the year: Wesley Court, Room 407, 2617 Antilley Road, Abilene 79606.

Calendar:

October

17-19 Senior High Fall Fest, BQCC
18 Ordination to the Priesthood of Phil Corbett, First United Methodist Church, Brownfield
18 Visitation, All Saints, Colorado City, 5:30 PM
21 Bishop Ohl's birthday
26 Visitation, San Miguel Archangel, Odessa
31 Standing Committee, Abilene, 3 PM
31 Commission on Ministry, Abilene
31 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
2-12/31 Bishop Ohl on Sabbatical
8:30 AM - 3 PM, Abilene Civic Center
5-6 *Standing Commission on Ministry Development, New York
7 Commission on Ministry, HEC, 10 AM
7-8 Deacon Formation, Lubbock
7-9 Junior High Event, BQCC
10 Fresh Start, HEC, Lubbock
22 Election of Fifth Bishop of Northwest Texas, St. Paul's, Lubbock
28 HEC Closed

December

5-6 Deacon Formation, Lubbock
8 Fresh Start, HEC, Lubbock
14 Jared Cramer Ordination to the Priesthood, Alexandria, VA
20 Michael Caldwell Ordination to the Priesthood, St. Mark's, Abilene, 11 AM
24-1/2 HEC Closed
31 Bishop Ohl retires

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