

The Newsletter

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Diocesan Convention September 11-13, Amarillo “Walk in Love as Christ Loved Us”

Walk in Love as Christ Loved Us is the theme selected by Bishop Mayer for the 51st Annual Diocesan Convention. The convention will explore various means of spiritual practice throughout the convention. Art led by the Rev. Kelly Conkling, icons and icon writing led by Deacon Les Jackson; Taizé; Sign Chi Do le by Nancy Igo; and Centering Prayer led by Deacon Art Goolsbee will be demonstrated and explored as a part of the convention process. Elections for Standing Committee, Trustee, and Ecclesiastical Trial Court will be held, and reports on some of the ministries within the diocese will be given, specifically on Fresh Start, Happy Camp and Promise Camp, Health and Jubilee ministries, the Church Periodical Club and mission and ministry in the Dominican Republic. A report on General Convention will be presented and the Bishop Quarterman Conference Center Visioning Team will make report on its work to date. Adoption of the 2010 Apportionments and Budget will take place on Sunday. Registration begins Friday, September 11 at 4 PM at the Ambassador Hotel. Holy Eucharist and the Ordination to the Diaconate of Todd Baxley begins at 7 PM at St. Andrew's Church followed by a reception. The business session of convention begins Saturday, September 12 at 8:30 AM at the Amarillo Civic Center and a dinner dance at the Amarillo Club follows at 7 PM. The business session will continue Sunday, September 13 at 8:30 AM in the Nave of St. Andrew's Church followed by Holy Eucharist at 10 AM.

Episcopal Churchwomen's Fall Retreat Pray with a Purpose, Live with Passion September 18-20 Bishop Quarterman Conference Center

All women of the diocese are invited to attend the 2009 ECW Fall Retreat which will be lead by Debbie Williams, founder and president of Hill Country Ministries, Kerrville, Texas. For information on Debbie Williams log on to 222.hillcountryministries.org. For information on registering contact Beth Clark at bdoffer@gwdc.com. Registration deadline is September 1. \$100 for Ranch House and meals, \$85 for dorm and meals, those staying off site may register for the retreat and meals only.

Seminary of the Southwest Fall Online School for Spirituality and Mission

September 8 is the deadline to register for the Seminary of the Southwest fall online courses in Eastern religious traditions, the Dark Night of the Soul, or enhancing preaching. Detailed course descriptions and a link to register can be found at www.ssw.edu/curriculum/online. Tuition for each course is \$170 and the term begins on September 14 and concludes on October 30. CEU credits available.

Elizabeth Jarnagin will explore how elements of five Eastern religious traditions inform Western Christianity in "Facing East: How Western Christian Can Learn from Other Spiritualities." "Empowering Your Preaching: An Inquiry into 'Jazzing Up' Your Technique and Form" will be taught by the Rev. Micah Jackson. "When God Walks Away: Exploring and Enduring the Dark Night of the Soul" will be offered by Kay McKee.

Youth Events Calendar

Renee Haney, new diocesan Youth Events Coordinator, has announced the dates for upcoming youth events at the Conference Center. For additional information contact Renee at nwtxyouth@suddenlink.net, 806.445.3667.

Fall Festival (Middle School)	October 23-25, 2008
Fall Rally (High School)	November 13-15, 2008
Midwinter (High School)	January 29-31, 2009
Spring Fling (Middle School)	February 26-28, 2009

Celebration of New Ministry

The Rev. Philip Ray will be installed by Bishop Mayer as the new Rector of St. James', Dalhart, at a service on Sunday, August 30.

Phil's wife Sally took vows at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Savannah, Georgia, on August 14 into the novitiate of the Anglican Order of Preachers (Dominican) which includes members from around the world.

Clergy Update

The Rev. Layne Smith, new Rector at St. John's, Odessa, has arrived and his first Sunday was July 26. He and his wife Casey are at home at 2600 Santa Cruz Lane, Apt 87, Odessa 79763, revsmith@stjohnsodessa.org

The Rev. Mary Ann Garrett (interim St. John's, Odessa) has accepted a position as Associate Rector at St. James' Church, PO Box 126, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, 225.387.5141, lapadrecita@mac.com.

The Rev. Michael Caldwell and wife Dawn have moved to Fort Worth. Michael was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Ohl on August 8 at Trinity Church, Fort Worth where he will be serving as Curate, 3401 Bellaire, Fort Worth 76109, 817.926.4631, trinitycurate@sbcglobal.net.

Deacon Dana Wilson has transferred to the Diocese of Fort Worth where she will be assisting the ongoing ministries of the Episcopal Church in Parker County, 124 Oakmont Drive, Weatherford, TX 76088, 817.594.0552, dana9651@sbcglobal.net

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Are you interested in a summary of the actions of the 76th General Convention? Do you: Want to read the bishop's reflections on General Convention? Want to find a church or clergy address in the diocese? Want to see a picture of the clergy of the diocese? Want to see the Promise Camp and Lubbock Canterbury web sited? Want to know who the members of diocesan committee are and when they meet? Want to see the Constitution and Canons of the diocese or the national church? Want to find pertinent links to all things Episcopal? Want to read the bishop's charge to convention and his sermons at convention (following the convention). Want to read the minutes of convention? Want to check back issues of The Newsletter? Want to check on the Policy for Safeguarding God's Children? Want to see the diocesan Prayer Calendar? You can find all of this and more at our web site at www.nwt.org.

The Newsletter Deadline: September 10

Calendar

Aug

- 22 +Executive Council, St. Paul's, Lubbock, 10 AM
- 25 +Trustees, HEC, 10 AM
- 30 +Installation of the Rev. Philip Ray as Rector of St. James', Dalhart

Sept

- 1 Fresh Start, HEC, 10 AM - 2 PM
- 7 HEC Closed - Labor Day
- 11 *Standing Committee, 3 PM, Amarillo
Commission on Ministry, Amarillo
- 11-13 Annual Diocesan Convention, Amarillo
- 18-20 ECW Conference, BQCC, Amarillo
- 20 +St. Paul's, Dumas, Visitation
- 22 +Canterbury Evensong, St. Mary's, Big Spring
- 25-26 Deacon Formation, Lubbock
- 27 +Emmanuel, San Angelo, Visitation

Oct

- 4 +St. Mark's, Plainview, Visitation
+Canterbury, Lubbock, Visitation, 6 PM
- 9 +St. Christopher's, Lubbock, Icon Class, 6:30 PM
- 11 +St. Christopher's, Lubbock, Visitation
- 17-18 +Phyllis Tickle, St. Nicholas', Midland
- 18 +Holy Trinity, Midland, Visitation
- 20 +Trustees, HEC, 10 AM

Nov

- 1 +St Luke's, Levelland, Visitation
- 6-7 Deacon Formation, Lubbock
- 8 +St. Mark's, Coleman, Visitation
- 15 +St. Matthew's, Pampa, Visitation
- 22 +Good Shepherd, Brownfield, Visitation
- 27 HEC Closed, Thanksgiving Weekend

Dec

- 4-5 +Deacon Formation, Lubbock
- 13 +St. Barnabas', Odessa, Visitation
- 20 +St. Mark's, Abilene, Visitation
- 24-31 HEC Closed, Christmas Holiday

+indicates Bishop Mayer in attendance

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