

The Newsletter

The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Northwest Texas

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Beneath Our Masks, Being True to Oneself **Fall Festival - Middle School Weekend**

Retreat

October 23-25

Bishop Quarterman Conference Center

Beneath Our Masks, Being True to Oneself is the theme for the Fall Festival. The Rev. Bob Taliaferro, Rector of St. Peter's, Amarillo, will serve as Chaplain. The retreat will explore the masks that we wear that often get in the way of who we really are. Our own false masks and discovering ways to let our true self show will be examined. Psalm 139 will be the scripture text for the weekend. Please contact Renee Haney, Diocesan Youth Coordinator at 806.445.3667 cell, 806.368.0705 home, or youth@nwtodiocese.org. \$70 for late registration.

Let Your Light Shine

Fall Rally - High School Weekend Retreat **November 13-15**

Bishop Quarterman Conference Center

Let Your Light Shine, from Matthew 5:14, is the theme for the Fall Rally. The Rev. Jim Haney, Rector of St. Paul's, Lubbock, will serve as Chaplain. The retreat will explore through games, art and worship how we can let our light shine to the world for Christ. Please contact Renee Haney, at 806.445.3667 cell, 806.368.0705 home, or youth@nwtodiocese.org.

2010 Youth Events

February 12-14 - Midwinter (High School) - BQCC
February 19-21 - Happening #32 - Emmanuel, San Angelo
March 5-7 - Spring Fling (Middle School) - BQCC

Contact Diocesan Youth Coordinator, Renee Haney
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Celebration of New Ministry

The Rev. Layne Smith will be installed as the sixth Rector of St. John's, Odessa, on October 28, 7 PM. Fr. Smith served as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Social Work at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks before coming to St. John's. He is a native Texas with a Bachelor's degree in Government and Political Science from Austin College, a Master's in both Sociology and Social Work, and MDiv from Nashotah House. He and his wife, Casey, have been married for thirty-one years.

St. Mark's, Coleman **Centennial Celebration**

St. Mark's Church in Coleman will host its centennial celebration on Saturday, November 7 with an open house from 2:00 - 4:00 PM and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Bishop Mayer as celebrant on Sunday, November 8 at 11:00 AM. A luncheon will follow the service. The church kicked off a year-long celebration with a brisket dinner on June 7 which coincided with the June 5, 1909 consent by Bishop Alexander Charles Garrett, Missionary Bishop of Northern Texas, to the organization of the Mission of the Holy Spirit in Coleman. Bishop Garrett confirmed the first known Episcopalian in Coleman on May 18, 1887. The congregation took the name St. Mark's in 1950. St. Mark's has approximately fifty-five members at present with a Sunday attendance of twenty-five to forty and is served by a part-time priest, the Rev Russell Fisher (retired).

SAINTS for the Cure

This year the Diocese of Northwest Texas took a stand against breast cancer and for wellness by organizing a team for the annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure held in Lubbock on October 3. Parishioners and friends from the Lubbock area churches and All Saints School joined forces for the walk and raised over \$1700. 80% of the funds raised in the Race for the Cure will stay in the Lubbock area to aid in the fight against this far-reaching disease. In all 35 people, male and female, young and old, participated on the *SAINTS for the Cure* team, sporting bright pink t-shirts with the Episcopal shield and team name. Besides raising money and awareness, everyone had a lot of fun exercising and being a part of this community event. If you would like to be a part of the Race for the Cure next fall, please send your name and contact information to team captain Nancy Igo at nigo@nwtodiocese.org.

Room for You Campaign www.roomforyou.org

The three Lubbock Episcopal Churches, Bishop Mayer and Canterbury Campus Ministry, in a cooperative effort, have launched an evangelism campaign designed from the ground up to reach the marginally churching and unchurched in the 20-50 age demographic. The campaign is entirely electronic using the website www.roomforyou.org. Guests are greeted with a simple message and invited to view grass-roots videos from the Lubbock congregations. Links provide access to congregational web sites, the diocesan website, or to offer feedback via a designated Facebook page. Radio advertising was purchased to respond to key needs of most people - community, authenticity, safety, a family-friendly environment, and the chance to make a difference. The spot runs on air and on streaming video via the Internet. The stations have provided cost-effective advertising, including banners on their web pages directing visitors to our site. For more information contact the Rev. Phil Webster at chaplain@texastechcanterbury.org.

Prayers and Thanksgivings

Bishop Mayer will have surgery for a torn rotator cuff on Friday, October 30, and will return to the office as soon as he is able.

Your prayers are requested for **Fr. Barry Ferguson**, affiliated with St. Paul's, Lubbock, who runs a mission in downtown Lubbock. He is hospitalized with double pneumonia and is in acute respiratory distress. **The Rev. Bruce Green** (retired), St. Mark's, Plainview, will undergo surgery on October 27. **Nancy Igo**, diocesan Ministry Coordinator, will have foot surgery on October 23 and return to the office November 2.

The Rev. Jake Clemmens (retired Rector of St. Matthew's, Pampa, died October 1 in Ardmore, OK. His service was Tuesday, October 6 at St. Philip's Church in Ardmore with Bishop Robert Moody and Wallis Ohl officiating. Memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Church, 727 W Browning, Pampa TX 79065, or Ardmore Soup Kitchen, 2207 Ridgeway, Ardmore OK 73401.

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Calendar

October

28 +St. John's, Odessa, Celebration of New Ministry

November

3 Fresh Start, HEC, 10 AM

6-7 Deacon Formation, Lubbock

7 +St. Mark's, Coleman, Open House 2-4 PM

8 +St. Mark's, Coleman, Visitation and
Centennial Celebration

11 +St. Stephen's, Lubbock, Confirmations

15 +St. Matthew's, Pampa, Visitation

17-20 +CCAB, Chicago

22 +Good Shepherd, Brownfield, Visitation

27 HEC Closed, Thanksgiving Weekend

December

1 Fresh Start, HEC, 10 AM

4-5 +Deacon Formation, Lubbock

6 +All Saints', Colorado City, Visitation

13 +St. Barnabas', Odessa, Visitation

20 +St. Mark's, Abilene, Visitation

24-31 HEC Closed, Christmas Holiday

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6 +All Saints' School

8-9 Deacon Formation, Lubbock

12 Fresh Start, HEC, 10 AM

18 HEC Closed, Martin Luther King Day

24 +St. Thomas', Hereford, Visitation

29-31 Mid Winter (High School), BQCC

31 +St. Peter's, Borger, Visitation

February

2 Fresh Start, HEC, 10 AM

5-6 Deacon Formation, Lubbock

7 +All Saints', Perryton, Visitation

9 +Trustees, HEC, 10 AM

12-14 Spring Fling (Middle School), BQCC

17 Ash Wednesday

10-21 Happening #32, Emmanuel, San Angelo

22 Harvey Lecture, Seminary of the Southwest, Austin

28 St. George's, Canyon, Visitation

+indicates Bishop Mayer in attendance

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The Newsletter Deadline: November 10