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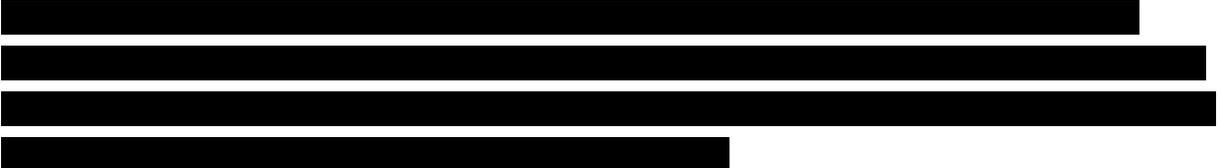
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ECW/EWM Newsletter, Summer 2011

Welcome to the second edition of this newsletter. We hope you enjoyed the first edition (Spring 2011) and will enjoy getting updates about the work women are doing around our diocese to the glory of God.

The ECW/EWM **Spring Luncheon** held at Christ Church Cathedral on 5 March 2011 was refreshing and uplifting to our souls and bodies. Forty-one women enjoyed meeting new and old friends; nourishing our bodies with a delightful and delicious "East Meets West" luncheon of curries prepared by Carl Michael is, Steward at the Cathedral; and learning how we can combine the practice of yoga and prayerful meditation to gain a blend of harmony, wholeness, and balance presented by our speakers Susanne McConville and the Reverend Hilary Cooke. Make plans to join us next spring for the luncheon and to prepare for the Triennial Meeting (TM) July 2012 at Indianapolis. A more complete report of this event can be found on our web site.

On **1 May 2011** Lisa Matucheski, Pam Sebura (DOK), and Charlene Watson joined the ladies on the Board of the National Episcopal Church Women (NECW) who were staying at the Benedictine Center in Indianapolis to visit the area in preparation for the TM next year. Lisa, Pam, and Charlene celebrated Eucharist with them. The Rev. Nancy Ferianni was our cleric. After the Eucharist we had a hearty lunch and followed it with a "Q and A" session. Janet Higbie joined the ladies several times to help them get around in the city and (it is rumored) help prepare for a 5K run/walk during the General Convention/Triennial Meeting. The theme for the TM 2012 is "Many Paths, One Journey," and you may want to visit the National ECW website to learn more about this event..

Province V (of which we are a part) held its Annual Gathering at Columbus, OH, on 13-15 May 2011. Ann Durkos, Lisa Matucheski, Carolyn Tungate, and Charlene Watson represented the Diocese of Indianapolis at this meeting. The title for the meeting was "Lifting Our Voices in Prayer, Love and Service" and our keynote speaker was The Rev. Barbara Crafton.

Charlene and Lisa attended the Presidents' Meeting immediately upon arrival and heard from the many dioceses in our Province as to what each is doing. It was an eye-opener for us!

At the General Session on Saturday morning we heard a report from Joanna Gesicki, President of Province V ECW. Valerie Hatcher, Province V Representative to the National ECW Board, talked about the visit of the Board of the NECW to the Indianapolis area to visit the sites and possibilities for the TM next year. There were two important messages she brought to our attention: (1) promote the Unified Gift of ECW: "Nets for Life." This project is organized through the auspices of Episcopal Relief and Development. Studies have shown how effective the mosquito nets are, and one net is large enough for 4-5 children to sleep under and be protected. (2) There will be a Community Gift given by the NECW to the host city which will be Indianapolis next year. The John P. Craine House will be the recipient of this Community Gift. When the TM convenes next year all the women representatives have the opportunity to bring a gift or a donation for Craine House to assist with the programs there. The theme for the TM 2012 is "Many Paths, One Journey."

The various groups which operate within ECW (UTO, CPC, DOK, and Health Ministries) gave their reports. The Rev. Irene Radcliffe, Chairperson for Social Justice to the NECW and member of the

Diocese of Southern Ohio ECW Board, spoke about "Women to Women" donations and issues. Each attendee to this gathering had been asked to bring nearly-new clothing and/or accessories to help deserving women enter the workforce and take charge of their lives – a project called "Dress for Success." Four different workshops occurred in the afternoon the weekend came to a close on Sunday after the Eucharist.

The next Province V Annual Meeting will be in South Bend, IN, on 27-29 April 2012 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel of South Bend. Consider joining us for a time of learning and growing. A more complete report of this event can be found on our web site.

Reports and Updates:

EWM is seen as a networking resource. The EWM Council includes women who represent the various women's organizations in the Diocese of Indianapolis, i.e., ECW (Episcopal Church Women), UTO (United Thanks Offering), CPC (Church Periodical Club), DOK (Daughters of the King), TEC (The Episcopal Community), Outreach, and so forth. Below are reports from some of the organizations. If you would like more information about any of the groups, please contact the person noted.

ECW – "Centered in congregations, the ECW empowers women to do Christ's ministry in the world" (2006-2009 Mission Statement). A representative is needed on the EWM Council at this time. Please contact [Lisa Matucheski](mailto:Lisa.Matucheski@sbglobal.net) (317-293-9324, jmatuche@sbglobal.net) or [Charlene Watson](mailto:Charlene.Watson@comcast.net) (765-474-9101, cel.watson@comcast.net) for more information.

UTO – The mission of the United Thank Offering is to expand the circle of thankful people. The coins you deposit in your UTO blue boxes as a thank offering for the many blessings in your life go toward grants distributed around the world. This year the national United Thank Offering committee meted out 59 grants. At this time Janet Higbie is serving as our interim coordinator. If you would like to learn more about this position, please contact Janet at jlhigbie@sbglobal.net.

CPC – The Church Periodical Club is a self-supporting organization affiliated with the Episcopal Church and dedicated to worldwide ministry of the printed word and the promotion of Christian Mission. Although Dorothy Jones has resigned as CPC Diocesan Coordinator, you and your children can still be collecting pennies (Miles of Pennies) to help provide the written word for children and adults. If you would like to learn more about this position, please contact Lisa Matucheski (jmatuche@sbglobal.net) or Charlene Watson (cel.watson@comcast.net).

DOK – Daughters of the King is "an international religious order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it and churches that are in the historic Episcopate." For more information contact Pam Seburra (plseblura@comcast.net).

TEC - The purpose of The Episcopal Community is to be an authentic Christian community of Episcopal women who share their spiritual journeys and are mutually encouraged by the other's faith and support. Members take lifetime vows as a response to God's call to live into the Baptismal Covenant more fully and deeply and to live intentionally that we may be more effective disciples in our personal lives, the church and the word.

On Saturday, May 14, 2011, the members of The Episcopal Community at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Indianapolis, Indiana were chartered as a circle, Marcia Cardwell and Rachel Hildebrandt were affirmed as new members and John Vernon Oaks received Beth Bittick Oak's cross as a symbol of living into the Baptismal Covenant with The Episcopal Community. The Rev. Jean Denton then celebrated Eucharist and was assisted during the services by The Rev. Alan Champ Mead, Interim Rector. Following the services Jean Denton led members of The Episcopal Community and Daughters of the King in

reflection time.

The Episcopal Community's Circle of Leadership gathered at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center in Fairhope, Alabama, from May 25-27, 2011. During the meeting the Rule of the Community and the Rule of Life were approved for members. Following the meeting Pat Horn led a spiritual retreat entitled "Encircled by Love." Horn is well-known as a writer, spiritual companion and retreat leader in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. Pat's website is www.stonecreekphotography.com. During the retreat the Rt. Rev. Philip M. Duncan, II, National Chaplain, celebrated a Eucharist Service which included a Service of Chartering of two new parish circles and Affirmation Service for new members.

Bev Ruebeck will welcome questions at 317-490-3212 or b.ruebeck@att.net. Please check the website theepiscopalcommunity.org for more information.

Again, remember: 23-25 September 2011 - ECW/EWM Fall Retreat at Waycross. The topic is "Benedictine Spirituality for the Frazzled" led by the Rev. Dr. Jane Tomaine. More information will be forthcoming, but do set this time aside for you and God.

Also, don't forget to check out our website: <http://ecw.indydio.org>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We joyfully announce the arrival of Quinn James and Sadie Inez, twin daughters of Jonathan and Leanna Reidy and granddaughters of Mike and Meegan Reidy, on Wednesday, May 11, 2011.

Treasures and Trivia

Our annual rummage sale will be held on Thursday and Friday August 11 & 12 from 8am to 6pm and on Saturday August 13 from 8am to noon. We are now accepting donations.

The sale will benefit the St. Martha and St. Andrew Guild with a percentage to be donated to The Hub Ministries.

I will be posting a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for volunteers.

Volunteers will be needed the entire week of the sale. Mon, Tue, Wed for set up, Thurs & Fri during the sale and on Saturday during the sale as well as for tear down. On Saturday I will be especially grateful to those volunteers who can provide manpower as well as vehicles to transport remaining goods to the Trinity Mission.

Please bring your donations to St Johns or contact James at 765.362.6583 and

arrangements will be made to pick up your items.

A receipt for tax purposes may be provided at your request.

Thank you
James

St. John's "Parish-Family" Retreat
Friday August 19 thru Sunday August 20

It's a new day at St. John's and with that comes new opportunities and new traditions. Waycross has always held a special place in our collective heart but with the expense, time, and distance it becomes more difficult each year to fill spots there. Thus, Fr. Todd and I have searched out and found a new location for our Parish-Family Retreat.

Just 15 miles to our southwest with 1/2 mile of Sugar Creek frontage and six miles of charted trails lies Camp Talitha, a former Girl Scout Camp now owned and operated by the Swift Family. Rustic Camp Talitha offers two air-conditioned group sleeping areas, a "nature-cooled" bunkhouse that sleeps 8 to 12, and a beautiful worship area with tall, majestic trees leading straight to Heaven. The "Octagon House" offers a kitchen and dining area that is fully equipped for storing necessary supplies and cooking in small groups. The "O.H." also offers sleeping space and toilets, showers as well as a deck for our traditional Happy Hour. The air-conditioned "O.H." would function as our main hang-out and meeting area.

McAllister House is the other air-conditioned building. M.H. has two sleeping areas with sleep mats, a game room, a kitchenette for morning coffee and midnight snacks, and toilets, shower areas. Those of us who want the "camp" experience but desire or need to sleep in our own beds, the short drive to Crawfordsville will get us in our comfy beds. There will be a pro rata charge for folks using the "Day Camp" option which will include use of the property and meals.

There are multiple fire-pits with circular seating spaced through-out the 150 acres of Camp Talitha. We will also find sports equipment like basketball goals, tetherball, and plenty of space to set up our own games. The coolest area available is a covered sand box for diggin' and buildin' in the shade. Tentative plans are in place for a Friday afternoon/evening arrival with a fire pit cookout and fun. Hope is that Steve and others will bring their instruments and play campfire songs. Saturday will bring opportunity for planned worship and study time. There will be free time with creek wading, hiking, outdoor games and an evening Agape Meal. Canoe rental is available just 1/2 mile west of Talitha and arrangements will be made for those who wish to participate in that activity during Saturday afternoon.

Sunday brings Eucharist Celebration in the ethereal outdoor chapel. Following Eucharist, there will be a lovely communal meal that will close our time together. Folks who want to take a hike or rent a canoe will certainly have that opportunity. Camp clean-up and shut-down will happen between 3 and 4 pm. The

Whitlock Hall bulletin board directly inside and on the right-hand wall will have information, photos, tentative schedules, wish lists, and most importantly sign-ups for overnight and day campers. The more who attend, the lower the individual cost will be, based on the cost of camp rental (\$600 for the entire camp) & food. Costs to canoe or tube will be paid directly to Clements Canoes.

I hope that EVERYONE will come and enjoy our church-family at some point during this weekend as the location is near and the cost low. If you have questions or concerns, or you want to be included for any or all parts of the weekend, call Elaine Pickering at 362-8163.

Server Schedule

Services	Lector	LEM	Crucifer / Acolytes	Greeters	Altar Guild	Offering Tally	Altar Flowers
7/3 8 am	Elaine Pickering	Randy Pickering	Cyndy Fields				
7/3 10:30	Sheila Evans	Steve Gillan & Marc Hudson	Robbie Little / Matthew Patterson & Sara Jessica Hemmerlein	Tom Twarek & Ellen Ball	Sheila Evans & Jane Gallagher	Ellen Ball & Nancy Bennett	Steve & CJ Charles
7/10 8 am	Judy Wynne	Adrienne Ashbaugh	Ben Green				
7/10 10:30	Randy Pickering	Randy & Elaine Pickering	Steve Charles / CJ Charles & Andrew Patterson	Larry & Nancy Bennett	Terry Lawrence & Jerilyn Yerkes	Susan Albrecht & John Culley	Carole Meyer
7/17 8 am	Mark Kussmaul	Meribeth Kussmaul	Teresa Anderson				
7/17 10:30	Ed Fain	Barbara Penney & Paul Ludwig	Mike Lohorn / Peggy Lohorn & Paul Moehling	Angie Daniels & Hope Jones	CJ Charles & Cyndy Fields	Barb Easterling & Ed Fain	Markeeta Stultz
7/24 8 am	Diane Ault	Randy Pickering	Joe Green				
7/24 10:30	Larry Baumgardner	Larry Baumgardner & Vern Easterling	Chas Cooksey / Robbie Little & ???	Chas Cooksey & Barbara Penney	Betty Culley & Meegan Reidy	Tom Twarek & Vern Easterling	Marc & Helen Hudson

*July 31st: Greeters- Alex & Ann Lebedeff
Offering Tally- Cindy & Jim Smith
8am- Lector & Lem- Jim Suren
8am- Acolyte- Steve Charles
10:30am- Lector- John Culley
10:30am- Lems- John & Betty Culley
10:30am- Crucifer- Paul Moehling
10:30am-Acolytes- Matthew Patterson & Erin Redmaster
Altar Guild Schedule For July 31st- Betty Culley & Meegan Reidy
Altar Flower Schedule For July 31st- Paul & Susie Moehling*

Ongoing Events

Wednesday 30-Minute Eucharist from 6pm-6:30pm
Thursday Choir Practice 7pm

The next Newsletter submissions are due by Tuesday evening, 6:00 p.m July 26th

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