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Bishop Martin Shaw

There's a BIG story missing here:

The Diocese of Delaware strengthened ties with our companion diocese of Argyle and the Isles this summer with Delawareans traveling to Scotland for mission trips and Bishop Martin Shaw visiting us here. Stayed tuned for our December issue which will feature this relationship.

Calling All Women!

All women are invited to the annual meeting of the Diocesan ECW on October 20, for a day of prayer, reflection, and service.

Where: Church of the Ascension, Claymont
When: October 20, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

What: Brief business meeting; assemble "Coming Home Kits" (see page C); workshop on prayer for all sorts of families; worship with Bishop Wright; plus breakfast & lunch

Cost: \$17.00

Registration Forms: Mailed to each church and available on the diocesan website

Child Care: Provided, if sufficient interest

Details: Beth FitzPatrick, 529-1766; Church of the Ascension, 798-6683

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A SUMMER OF SERVICE

The Diocese of Delaware reaches out to our neighbors next door and around the globe

by Jen Mason

This is not the story that I set out to write. I started with the idea that telling about the various summer mission trips around the diocese could make an interesting read. And then, as I talked to congregation after congregation, I was inspired by how small, medium, and large parishes alike found all sorts of ways to stretch a little further in their efforts to reach out to those in need over the summer.

It was Dottie Vuono from Christ Church, Milford and the youth at St. Thomas's, Newark who provided the initial inspiration that changed my focus. "As a smaller congregation," said Vuono, "we have to find ways to serve that are do-able for our parishioners." This summer Christ Church parishioners collected phone cards for soldiers overseas through a program with the

USO. Then I received a few paragraphs from St. Thomas's about how their youth found ways to serve right here at home, and I knew that there was more to this story.

So what you see below is a snapshot of the breadth and depth of work that our parishes have accomplished this summer in "extra" mission and outreach work. The list is impressive, but the individual stories are even more remarkable. And now that we have a creative and able website editor in Danny Schweers, we don't have to limit ourselves to these four pages in order to tell them all! So go to www.DioceseofDelaware.net, find the link to the *Communion* page, and prepare to join me in being inspired by what we can do together.

Note: If your parish's work is missing, let us know, and we'll post your stories on the website, too.

KENT COUNTY

Christ Church, Milford - collected phone cards for soldiers

St. Peter's, Smyrna - lemonade stand raised money for cancer patients; ecumenical VBS

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Welcoming Strangers

Seamen's Center of Wilmington Celebrates Sea Sunday



Joining with seafarer's centers and religious communities worldwide, the Seamen's Center of Wilmington will once again lead Delaware's Annual Sea Sunday on September 16. As part of the celebration, Delaware congregations are encouraged to pray for seafarers, their families, and those, like the dedicated volunteers and staff at the Seamen's Center, who minister to them. The public is also invited to be part of the Center's celebration that day from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., starting with an ecumenical service at the Port. Following the service, the Center hosts an open house with refreshments, and the staff

leads tours of the Port of Wilmington. (Important note: All those planning to attend must have photo identification to enter the Port.)

Why do we give thanks and pray for seafarers? Why do we even have a Seamen's Center? As our world continues to "flatten," the role of international trade is impossible to over-state—and, in turn, the 10,000+ seafarers who visit the ports of Delaware each year are a vital link in our global and local economies. They need our prayers because much of this work is done in dangerous, isolated, and often exploitative conditions, raising important social justice questions for

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TWO NEW RECTORS

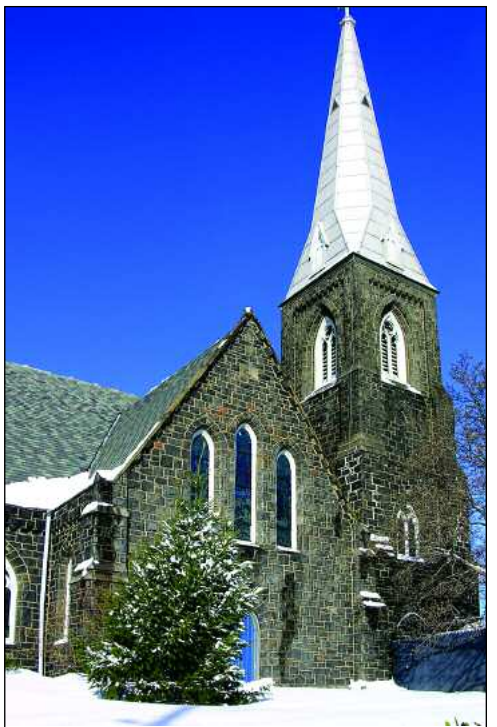


PHOTO BY THE REV. FRANK TOIA

Christ Church Christiana Hundred, Greenville, called their 15th rector: The Rev. Ruth Lawson Kirk. Ruth comes to Delaware from St. Peter's Church, Glenside, PA. Read more about her and the work of Christ Church at www.ChristChurchDE.org.



After serving as Associate Rector of Trinity Parish, Wilmington, the Rev. Brad Hinton has been called as rector of St. David's Episcopal Church, Wilmington. Visit St. David's website to learn more about the parish and Fr. Hinton: www.StDavidsDE.org.



The Bishop's *cathedra*, or seat, in Delaware is the Cathedral Church of Saint John in Wilmington, and for over 150 years it has been a cornerstone of the Brandywine Village community. Today the parish continues its legacy of providing diverse, nurturing ministries to the City of Wilmington and beyond.

You can read about the ministry of this parish in a wonderful story by the Very Rev. William Lane, Interim Dean, on the *Communion* page of our website: www.DioceseofDelaware.net/communion.html.

Photo by Charles Gibb

BISHOP'S CALENDAR

August

26 Sunday
Morning Visitation,
St. Paul's Church, Camden
27 Monday
Executive Committee
Meeting, Bishop's Office

September

3 Monday, Labor Day,
Bishop's Office Closed
5 Wednesday
Evening Visitation,
St. Andrew's School Chapel,
Middletown
6 Thursday
Trustees' Meeting,
Cathedral Church of
Saint John
8 Saturday
Ordination of the Bishop of
Northwestern Pennsylvania
9 Sunday
Morning Visitation,
All Saints' Church, Delmar
11 Wednesday -
13 Thursday
Church Pension Fund
Board, Chicago
16 Sunday
Morning Visitation,
St. Martha's Church,
Bethany Beach
17 Monday
Christian Council Meeting,
Cathedral Church of St. John
17 Monday
Bishop & Council Meeting,
Grace Church, Wilmington
18 Tuesday
Clergy Day, Christ Church,
Dover
18 Tuesday
Standing Committee,
St. Andrew's School,
Middletown
19 Wednesday -
26 Wednesday
Fall House of Bishops,
New Orleans
27 Thursday
Primeros Pasos, Ribbon
Cutting, Georgetown
30 Sunday
Morning Visitation, Calvary
Church, Hillcrest



See this month's ERD message from Wayne McKee on the *Communion* page of our website, and visit www.er-d.org for the latest news on what the Episcopal Church is doing to meet the Millennium Development Goals and to see how you can help.

Children, Changes, and Old Friends



by Wayne P. Wright,
Bishop of Delaware

This has been a busy summer, but a good one—for our diocese, for my family, and for me. I am an unabashed fan of summer. The warm weather doesn't phase me. Twilight evening walks offer a fleeting beauty unique to the season. The Delaware beaches, even when they are crowded, are wonderful.

Summer is a time for children. I only had to look out my office window to be reminded of this. The cathedral grounds are quiet on winter mornings; but, all summer long, neighborhood kids from the cathedral day camp played outside. At lunchtime I often ran into Episcopalians from other congregations who were dropping by to serve as volunteer reading mentors.

The cathedral is not alone. Whether they take the form of vacation Bible schools, day camps, or parents' morning out, many of our congregations now offer special summer ministries for children. Serving children is serving Christ. I am grateful that so many choose this important ministry.

There are few summer sights more beautiful than seeing the dining hall at Camp Arrowhead filled with kids. In fact the dining hall and the camp itself have been full for most sessions of the 2007 camping season. There is such a good spirit in the place. Much credit goes to Walt LaFontaine and the camp staff for the work that they do. This summer Walt celebrates his 25th anniversary as director of Camp Arrowhead. During these years thousands of young people and their families have been blessed by this ministry.

This has been a summer of transition for many of our clergy and congregations. Several of our senior clergy have retired after long ministries as parish priests. At the same time, several other diocesan priests received calls to significant new ministries. It is an honor when clergy trained and serving in Delaware accept new responsibilities. But, it does keep us busy.

Recruiting clergy and supporting congregations in the call process is my top priority as bishop. Partnership is a fundamental requirement for doing this work well. Over the last months I have spent much time with wardens, search committee chairs, and parish vestries. I continue to grow in my admiration and respect for their commitment to the Church and faith in Christ. Our diocesan deployment officer, Gary Rowe, and I have met and interviewed clergy interested in coming to Delaware. I have great respect for their faithfulness and gifts. Interim clergy, supply clergy, and search consultants play a unique role in supporting congregations and guiding the search process. We always want to be sure that the Diocese of Delaware is known as a good place to worship, work, and serve. I am grateful that this is happening.

Don't forget that Gary Rowe and I are always happy to receive recommendations of clergy you know and admire. Some of the most gifted clergy have come to our diocese because of your recommendations.

We are also training our own candidates for ordained ministry. Over the last nine years, 13 Delawareans have been ordained

to the priesthood. Some are serving here. Others have been called to ministries in other dioceses. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly, from the Cathedral Church of St. John, begins her second year at Virginia Seminary this month. Another recent graduate of the University of Delaware served as a ministry intern at Camp Arrowhead this summer.

In July I met individually with the eight candidates for our new diocesan deacons' training program. Deacons are ministers ordained to special vocations of Christian service and prayer. Our deacon candidates come from congregations across Delaware. The candidates will begin formal training this fall. They are a very impressive group. They come from many backgrounds and bring real gifts to this ministry. I very much enjoyed the time I spent with them.

In June my wife, Holly, and I traveled to Williamsburg, Virginia. I had been invited to preach at Bruton Parish Church as part of the 400th observance of the English settlement at Jamestown. I grew up in Williamsburg and was ordained there almost 30 years ago. It was good being with family and old friends.

That same week Bishop Martin Shaw and his wife, Elspeth, visited Delaware from our companion diocese of Argyll and The Isles. They were here to join St. Peter's Church, Lewes in the 300th anniversary celebration. The Shaw's visit reminded me again of how important our friendships with other Anglicans have been through the years. Many remember the powerful experience of Delaware's relationship with the Diocese of Pretoria, South Africa. Before that there were relationships with Haiti and the Dominican Republic. We are all aware that our communion has been the source of difficulties and disagreements in recent years. This same communion is also the source of many, many blessings.

With summer about to end, the busier fall season lies ahead. As always you are in my prayers. Whatever the season of the year may be, I feel blessed to serve with you.

Faithfully,

Welcoming Strangers

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us and a unique dependence on the kindness of strangers for them.

As such, the Seamen's Center of Wilmington's mission is simple: "To meet the needs of the seafarers who visit the Ports in the State of Delaware. The goal is to make their time in port a rewarding one by providing personal, practical, and spiritual assistance. A warm welcome is extended to ease the pain of loneliness and isolation and to offer a respite from the hazards of the sea."

According to Joan Lyons, Executive Director, "Volunteers are critical to our mission—we simply could not achieve it without their help." More than 50 volunteers from a variety of faith communities work at the Center, some for an hour or two each month and others committing five days a week. The folks who staff the desk and provide driving assistance to seafarers anchor the volunteer "crew," while many volunteers contribute their talents in gardening, computer and administrative

tasks, bike repair, fundraising, etc. "Whatever gifts and time people bring to us, we find a way to use them in this ministry," says Lyons, "It's amazing to see how even the smallest taste of kindness or 'normalcy' can have a profound effect on the seamen."

One of the Center's most faithful volunteers and advocates is Bill Corbishley (Grace Episcopal Church, Wilmington), who helped to found the Center in 1990. "Bill is one of those rare, tireless people who just seems to gain energy the more he does," says Lyons. "He's here five days a week, and I simply don't know what I'd do without him!"

For Bill, the rewards are obvious. "In most volunteer efforts you receive more than you give. Here at the Center I get to see nearly every day that my efforts bring smiles to strangers' faces. I've met thousands of men over the last 17 years and continue to correspond with many."

Read more about Bill Corbishley and his remarkable work at the Center and beyond in a profile on our website: www.DioceseofDelaware.net. And please consider volunteering: with the inevitable ebb and flow of the volunteer "crew," there's always room for new hands and new energy to help!

For volunteer opportunities, additional information, directions, or to RSVP for the celebration on Sea Sunday, please call Joan Lyons, Executive Director, at 575-1300.

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Children, Baptism, and Worship

A Workshop for Parents and Christian Educators at The Cathedral Church of Saint John

Parishes across the diocese are invited to come to the Cathedral Church of St. John on Saturday, October 20 (just before Children's Sabbath on Sunday the 21st—visit www.ChildrensDefense.org) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a workshop about how to engage young children in worship and how to help them begin to live into the covenant of Baptism. The workshop provides an opportunity to explore these "how's" in a way that can enrich the entire parish.

The day will be lead by The Rev. Canon Anne Kitch, Canon for Christian Formation at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, PA. Canon Kitch is a nationally-known educator and author and is in demand as lecturer and workshop leader for both parishes and dioceses.

For more information, call the church office at 654-6279 or visit their website at www.CathedralSaintJohn.org.



The Rev. Anne Kitch

Choir School Receives Challenge Grant for Scholarship Fund

The Cathedral Choir School of Delaware, winner of the prestigious *Coming Up Taller Award*, our nation's highest honor for after-school programs in the arts and humanities, has received a one-time challenge grant of up to \$20,000 from Norm and Suzy Veasey. Both Norm and Suzy serve on the Cathedral Choir School Board of Directors. "By offering this challenge grant, our hope is to encourage others to contribute new money to the Annual Campaign of the Choir School's Chorister Scholarship Fund," said Norm.

Every dollar given to the Annual Scholarship Fund before November 30, 2007, will be matched dollar for dollar through this Challenge. Please make your gift to the Scholarship Fund before the end of November so that every dollar of this Challenge can be awarded! Checks should be made payable to the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware Scholarship Fund, Ten Concord Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19802.

The School offers full scholarships in choral training, piano lessons, music theory, leadership training, academic mentoring, and professional performance opportunities. For details, please visit www.CathedralChoirSchoolDE.org.

Diocese Hosts First Administrative Assistants' Day for Parish Staff

by Melissa Jackewicz, Parish Administrator, The Episcopal Parish of All Saints' Church & St. George's Chapel

Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach was the perfect setting for Administrative Assistants' Day on May 12, where 24 parish administrative professionals from around the diocese enjoyed time away from their offices to learn, network, and enjoy a good time together.

The Rev. Max Wolf, Rector of All Saints' Church and St. George's Chapel, opened the program with a Celtic prayer that he wrote for parish staff; and he expressed, on behalf of all the rectors, appreciation for the tasks accomplished and the ministries served by all administrative assistants in the church. Mary Ann Brillhart, Cynde Bimbi, and Judith Gregory, who each presented a portion of the daylong program, organized the event which was hosted by the diocese. After presentations that offered information on the diocesan website and calendar, communication with the bishop's office, and human resource and benefits information, there was time for a few "getting to know you" games, a marvelous lunch, and free time to walk to the beach or socialize at Memorial House.

For many of the participants this day was a first-time meeting, allowing them to put a face with a voice or a name. The administrators, whose service-time ranged from two weeks to over 20 years, each left with a Parish/Rector Administrative Handbook (an invaluable resource), a variegated ivy plant, and a strong sense of communion.

On behalf of all who participated and enjoyed this day, thanks to Mary Ann, Cynde, and Judi for taking the time to plan and organize the event—we hope we can do it again! Our spirits were renewed, and it was just plain fun!

See pictures from the event on our website: www.DioceseofDelaware.net.

Parishes of the Diocese Invited to Help The Way Home

The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese are enlisting the support of all of the parishes in Delaware to support The Way Home mission. The Way Home serves prison inmates in Delaware. (Please visit www.TheWayHomeProgram.org for details.) The ECW is collecting items, such as phone cards, stamps, notepads, etc., to be used in "Coming Home Kits" that are given to men and women as they are released from prison. Each parish in the diocese will be sent an invitation to participate and a particular item to collect (to avoid having all the same items), and then the kits will be assembled at the ECW Annual Meeting on October 20. Check with your parish after September 10 to see how you can help.

Parishes in Transition

Pray for our parishes in transition:

- The Rev. Ruth Kirk is the new rector at Christ Church Christiana Hundred
- St. David's has called The Rev. Brad Hinton to be their new rector
- St. David's said goodbye to The Rev. Sheila McJilton who has been called as rector of St. Philip's, Laurel, MD
- St. Anne's bid farewell to Father Tony Pompa and has called The Rev. George Karney to be their interim
- Trinity is working on their parish profile
- Immanuel Highlands continues their search for a new rector
- Ray Nelson has begun his work as interim rector at St. Thomas's
- Sarah Brockmann is the Interim Assistant Priest and Episcopal Campus Minister at St. Thomas's
- Saints Andrew & Matthew, and St. Albans interviewed for interim rectors in August



Diocesan church musicians attended the 57th Annual Sewanee Church Music Conference, July 9 to 15. L to R: From St. Peter's, Lewes, Libby Bayley, Chorister, & George Bayley, Director of Music; Dr. Judith Hancock, conference organist; Dr. Gerre Hancock, conference choral director; The Rev. Dr. Dennis Maynard, conference theologian; and from St. Martha's, Bethany Beach, Kathleen Rhodes, Parish Musician, and Kristin Jones, Chorister. For more information, visit www.SewaneeConf.com.

Safe Church Training Sessions

There will be six training sessions offered on the following dates:

- Thursday & Friday, Sept. 6 & 7 (both evenings required), 6:00–9:00, St. Nicholas Church, Newark
- Saturday, September 8, 8:30–3:15, St. James Mill Creek, Wilmington
- Thursdays, September 13 & 20, (both evenings required), 6:00–9:00, St. Peter's, Lewes
- Saturday, September 29, 8:30–3:15, St. Peter's, Smyrna
- Thursday & Friday, October 11 & 12 (both evenings required), 6:00–9:00, Grace Church, Wilmington
- Saturday, October 13, 8:30–3:15, St. David's, Wilmington

Our *Safe Church Parish Manual* contains a wealth of information on this subject, including guidelines for who should attend these sessions and who is responsible that they attend. To see a copy, visit the Resources page of our website or call 656-5441.

CORRECTION: September services at Old Christ Church, Laurel, were not included in the last issue—sorry! Here's what is planned: Sunday, September 2, 9:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist; Sundays, September 9–30, 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer.

September

16 Sunday
3:00–6:00 p.m.
Sea Sunday, Seamen's Center, Wilmington.
Ecumenical service at the Port followed by an open house and Port tours at the Center. Photo ID required. Information: 575-1300

18 Tuesday
9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Diocesan Clergy Day at Christ Church, Dover.
Information: 656-5441

21 & 22, Friday & Saturday
3rd Annual Fall Craft Fair, Christ Church, Milford. Preview Party Friday, 6:00–8:30 p.m., \$5 at the door; Craft Fair on Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m., free admission. Information: 422-8466

23 Sunday
7:00 p.m.
Be Still and Know: An 80-minute Musical Retreat, St. Thomas's Episcopal Parish, Newark. Music from Messaien, Rheinberger, and Bach, with orig. improvisations from organist Marc F. Cheban and contemplative narration. Free-will offering for Emmaus House; childcare for kids under 15. Details: www.StThomasParish.org

October

14 Sunday
4:00 p.m.
Evensong, Immanuel on the Green, New Castle. Immanuel's Choir of Women and Men; Lee Dettra, organist and choirmaster. Information: 328-2413

20 Saturday
9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Children, Baptism, and Worship: A Workshop for Parents and Educators, The Cathedral Church of St. John, Wilmington. Information: 654-6279

20 Saturday
9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Annual Meeting of the Diocese of Delaware ECW, Church of the Ascension, Claymont. For details, see the sidebar on the front page (Page A).

and on...

March, 2008: **Mission Trip to New Orleans, organized by Immanuel Church Highlands, Wilmington.** Open to those over the age of 14. Information: www.Immanuel-Highlands.org or 658-7326

January 2009: **Diocese of Delaware in the Holy Land.** Clergy and laity invited to be part of this pilgrimage, based at Saint George's College in Jerusalem. Information: 654-6279

New and Notable on the Web

The *Communion* page of our website has many articles:

- The Very Rev. William Lane tells us how ministries at the Cathedral Church of Saint John thrive as the parish works through serious concerns.
- Wayne McKee talks about Episcopal Relief and Development's worldwide efforts to fight malaria.
- The ambitious program at Saint Anne's School continues to inspire us.
- The lay ministries of two Episcopalians are profiled: Vicki Anthos and Bill Corbishley. You are invited to serve beside them.
- A colorful gallery of photos shows this summer's many youthful activities at Camp Arrowhead.
- Also, St. Mark's, Millsboro, has a new, in-depth website, www.StMarksMillsboro.org, thanks to the inspired efforts of volunteer Michael Potter.

Join Now!

MATCH WITS YOUTH BOWL

An Episcopal youth tournament to debut at Parish Life Day

by Cynde Bimbi

This year's Parish Life Day, Saturday, November 17, will debut the first Match Wits Youth Bowl tournament in the Diocese of Delaware!

This tournament coincides perfectly with the start of a new program year for Christian Education. As the youth begin anew for 2007-08, they will be motivated to know that their learning can be put to the test in a fun and friendly competition while they represent their church at Parish Life Day. In addition to good-natured bragging rights, the winning team will go home with a traveling trophy to display in their parish hall.

So get a youth team (ages 13-17) together to compete in this Match Wits tournament moderated by The Rev. Jay Angerer. To give the kids a sense for what to prepare, clergy are submitting questions for the bowl that focus on our community worship, The Episcopal Church, and the Gospel of Matthew.

The registration deadline for Parish Life Day is November 2, and the cost is \$15 per person, with children 4-12 invited to attend free of charge. For more detailed information or to register, pick up a brochure in your church office or go to the diocesan website. For questions on the Bowl, please contact Cynde Bimbi 656-5443, ext. 106.



Camp Arrowhead completed another successful season this summer, as over 900 campers got a taste of the classic camp experience at the beautiful site on Rehoboth Bay. This year's theme was "God Rocks," with the chapel messages and campers' activities centered on ways that God is a solid foundation in their lives. Camp was blessed to have four resident guest chaplains this year: priests Fred Guyott, Nanese Hawthorne, and Jeff Ross and deacon Jim Robertson all enriched the camp for a session. The photo above is of Liz Gordon, the camp's senior naturalist, showing her Madagascar Boa to a group of fascinated campers. To see more photographs from this summer's activities at Camp Arrowhead, visit the *Communion* page of our website: www.DiooceseofDelaware.net.

Photo by Danny N. Schweers



The Class of 2007 graduated from St. Anne's School in June. To get the story and to read more about the exciting things happening at St. Anne's, go to the *Communion* page of the diocesan website, www.DiooceseofDelaware.net/communion.html.

REGISTER ON-LINE NOW!

www.DiooceseofDelaware.net
First 50 on-line registrants will receive a diocesan backpack/tote!

MATCH WITS YOUTH BOWL

A match wits team tournament for youth ages 13-17. Enter your team now!
Details at left.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

A free all-day program for ages 4-12 led by Britta Bimbi with Bible-study activities, crafts, cooking, and worship participation.
For details, visit www.DiooceseofDelaware.net or contact Cynde Bimbi at 656-5443, ext 106, or cyndebimbi@DiooceseofDelaware.net

WORKSHOPS

MORNING

Let's Get Physical with Christian Yoga, led by Natalie Austin

Praying in Color, led by author Sybil MacBeth

An Advent Bible Study, led by the Rev. Elizabeth Masterson

How to Increase Annual Stewardship, led by the Episcopal Church Foundation in New York

When The Sky (or a chunk of it) is Falling, (conflict resolution) led by the Rev. Mark Sullivan

Holy Listening: The Art of One-to-One Spiritual Direction, led by Phillip Stephens

Single, Divorced, Blended: The Church's Call to Support All Families, led by Tom & Donna Ledbetter of Brandywine Pastoral Institute (morning & afternoon session)

Developing a Hispanic Ministry: one parish's story, led by the Rev. Tom Hughes of Shrewsbury Parish in Kennedyville, MD

AFTERNOON

Match Wits Youth Bowl, moderated by the Rev. Jay Angerer

Praying in Color, led by author Sybil MacBeth

Electrify Your (Sunday) Offering, (automated debit transfer) led by Judith Gregory (from a business perspective) and the Rev. Jim Bimbi (from a church's pastoral/stewardship viewpoint)

Spirit Taking Form: Meditations with Clay, led by Carol Sexton, Art Director at Pendle Hill

Planned Giving, led by the Episcopal Church Foundation in New York

A Vibrant & Successful Sunday School Program, led by Sister Barbara Jean Brown

Making Connections: The Art of Group Spiritual Direction, led by Phillip Stephens

An Inclusive Church, led by Joyce Bembry

NEW CASTLE COUNTY

- Cathedral Church of St. John, Wilmington** – Cathedral Choir School Camp; Brandywine Village Summer Camp for neighborhood kids; school supply drive
- Christ Church, Greenville** – youth mission to Dominican Republic; school supply drive; helped with VBS at Grace Church
- Church of the Ascension, Claymont** – VBS
- Good Shepherd, Glasgow** – Operation Community Quench (gave water to folks in Glasgow park); helped send missionary to Zambia for AIDS relief; school supply drive for Sunday Breakfast Mission
- Grace Church, Wilmington** – VBS with volunteers from Christ Church, St. David's, and St. Albans; medical mission to Uganda for Good Samaritan Orphanage
- Immanuel Church, Highlands, Wilmington** – youth volunteered at the Seamen's Center; collected cleaning supplies for Friendship House's transitional housing clients; raised money to help pay for a used truck donated to the Diocese of Louisiana
- Immanuel on the Green, New Castle** – youth mission trip to work with the "Almost Heaven" Habitat for Humanity in Pendleton County, WV
- St. Albans, Wilmington** – helped with VBS at Grace Church
- St. Anne's Church, Middletown** – youth pilgrimage to England; VBS
- St. Barnabas, Wilmington** – youth part of Work Camp 2007 in Montgomery, WV; backpack project for needy students; food drive
- St. David's, Wilmington** – member served three weeks in Arusha, Tanzania at an orphanage for children whose parents died of AIDS; helped with VBS at Grace Church; St. David's Day School Camp; Christmas in July (kids made cookies for Emmanuel Dining Room shelter)
- St. James Mill Creek, Wilmington** – VBS; adopt-a-student program for school supply money
- St. Nicholas', Newark** – Outreach Fair fundraiser; ecumenical VBS
- St. Thomas's, Newark** – youth did Emmaus House Bowl-a-Thon and volunteered at the Food Bank of Delaware
- Sts. Andrew & Matthew, Wilmington** – Downtown Festival to benefit its neighbors
- Trinity Parish, Wilmington** – youth did the Week of Hope Group Work Camp in Pittsburgh, PA and helped in the Clothing Bank in Wilmington throughout the summer

SUSSEX COUNTY

- All Saints & St. George's, Rehoboth Beach** – part of ecumenical International Student Program, serving breakfast to nearly 200 students one day a week and opening parish hall to St. Peter's, Lewes to do the same
- St. John the Baptist, Milton** – food drive for Casa San Francisco; school supply drive
- St. Mark's, Millsboro** – July 4th community event on labyrinth
- St. Martha's, Bethany Beach** – ministered to international student workers in multiple ways; Camp Arrowhead scholarships for 15 kids from local, low income families; backpacks & school supplies for low-income housing project in Selbyville, with supplemental supplies collected for distribution during the year
- St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Bridgeville** – Brown Baggers (collect and assemble health bags and school bags for district); published a Bridgeville telephone book; sponsored 5 kids for Camp Arrowhead
- St. Paul's, Georgetown** – work trip to Appalachia; school supply drive for needy students in the district
- St. Peter's, Lewes** – youth mission trips to Puerto Rico and NYC; choir mission trip to Diocese of Argyle and the Isles; part of ecumenical International Student Program, serving breakfast to nearly 200 students one day a week at All Saints; ECW art show fundraiser; Sunday School created and sold artwork to raise money for their sponsor child
- St. Philip's, Laurel** – part of ecumenical school supply drive; Old Christ Church open