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Did you notice anything different on the cover? Go ahead and look again. Sometimes it’s the most obvious changes that go unnoticed.

YES! Maryland Church News has been renamed Maryland Episcopalian. It is still the journal of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, and still carries diocesan and church information, ministry news and the perspective of the bishop. It is still the same award-winning diocesan publication with a new name.

The development of the new website prompted the name change to one that reflects the broader media use (print, web, email, social media) of today’s communications. This not only affects the magazine, but also web presence and potentially e-newsletter branding.

The new name isn’t so new, though. It’s a nod to when the diocesan newspaper was called the Maryland Churchman. The archive of past issues of MCN will still be available online.

When you visit the new diocesan website, EpiscopalMaryland.org, you will see a blog roll for news, announcements and events. Where before we had Maryland Church News and MCN Online, now we will refer to everything by one name, Maryland Episcopalian. Other highlights of the new website include:

• Streamlined menus will make it easier to access resources for parishes and clergy
• Comprehensive site map on each page
• Expanded offerings and in-depth stories from Maryland Episcopalian
• A “What’s New” blog roll of special announcements and featured events
• A list of upcoming events on the homepage
• Find a church on a new map-based church locator
• Donate to the Bishops’ Appeal online
• Seek information using WikEpalian
• Links to Parish and Clergy eNews

After you’ve read this issue of Maryland Episcopalian, visit the new website and take a look around. I encourage you to visit often to stay up-to-

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date on the latest news, events and work of the Diocese of Maryland.

In this issue: Diocesan and Electing Convention news and information, the latest on the search for a bishop suffragan, an update on the 2013 golf tournament, several events happening this spring, youth, Claggett Center, evangelism, mission and ministry, and lots more in print and online.

Peace,

Sharon Tillman

Editor
Maryland Episcopalian

What If... Disaster planning and preparation

Superstorm Sandy was a near-miss, but destroyed areas along the East Coast in 2012, including parts of Maryland’s Eastern Shore. In Maryland alone there have been record-breaking snowfalls (2010), a rare derecho (2012), a tragic shooting at St. Peter’s Church, Ellicott City (2012), and three church fires (2013). Most recently St. Thomas’ Church, Towson, became the staging area for Baltimore County police during a nearby crisis.

The Diocesan Emergency Response Team of Maryland works to prepare churches and other ministries for the “what ifs” in life. Working in partnership with Episcopal Relief & Development, DERT/MD offers easy-to-use disaster planning forms and guides so churches can focus on recovering from a disaster without wondering what to do next.

To learn more about the benefits of disaster planning and disaster response opportunities please contact Sharon Tillman, diocesan disaster coordinator, to schedule a meeting, vestry presentation or adult forum class at 410-467-1399 or stillman@episcopalmaryland.org. Find DERT online at episcopalmaryland.org.

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An “Un” Common Experience.
What to Expect for Diocesan Convention This Year

By Canon Scott Slater

“We don’t always do what we always do.” This adage, borrowed from a parish I used to serve, will be important to keep in mind at our next Diocesan Convention on May 2-3. There are a number of things that will be different about convention this year.

For one thing, it will be in a new location. We tried the Maritime Institute last year, and while there were many pluses (the food!), the meeting space was just too restrictive. The Hunt Valley Inn, a frequent gathering spot in the past, is under new management and also undergoing a major renovation, so that is off the table. So this year we are trying the Turf Valley Resort just west of Ellicott City. It will enable us to sit at round tables as we often do, stay on site as need be (we again plan to provide free lodging for those traveling a distance), and even allow a round of golf before or after for those who can’t resist.

Secondly, and perhaps most importantly, we are electing a bishop suffragan! As such we will be electing our usual complement of others for various offices, including General Convention deputies for 2015, so there will be a lot of voting. The Convention Planning Team will be working closely with the Bishop Suffragan Transition Team, which needs to oversee the balloting for the new bishop.

We will have a guest preacher for the convention Eucharist, the Rt. Rev. Marianne Budde, bishop of Washington.

Due to the overshadowing of the regular convention business by the election, the Convention Planning Team is thinking through the best use of everyone’s time, during the convention as well as beforehand. As of this date, there are no plans for formal pre-convention meetings as we usually do.

Due to the walkabouts for the bishop suffragan nominees in early April, it is the feeling...
of the team that we can tackle most of the usual communication before convention through electronic means or by piggybacking with the walkabouts. For instance, preconvention journals will be available electronically as well as in print, with copies available at the walkabouts. What will be lost is the opportunity to formally meet various nominees running for other offices, as well as the possibility of discussing resolutions in advance of convention. The Convention Planning Team will continue to explore alternate means to address those issues.

Speaking of resolutions, this might be a good year to think about not putting forth resolutions that may be able to be deferred to another year or even brought directly to Diocesan Council (which conducts the business of convention between sessions). Imagine the possibility of electing a bishop suffragan, conducting all our regular business and still ending early! All things are possible...

Otherwise, all the other facets of convention remain the same: Eucharist, reports, exhibitors, bishop’s address, food, microphone protocol, youth collecting ballots and selling T-shirts, maybe even me chanting announcements again. You’ll have to be there to find out.

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Diocesan Convention Elections

- Bishop suffragan (1)
- Secretary (1)

- 2015 General Convention deputies (4 lay, 4 clergy, 4 lay alternates, 4 clergy alternates)

- Compensation and Benefits (1 lay, 1 clergy until 2017; and elect 1 clergy for an unexpired term until 2015.

  Continuing elected members and their regions:
  - Ms. Louise Izat (Patapsco Valley)
  - The Rev. Sarah Lamming (Ann Arundel)
  - Ms. Lynn Shuppel (North Central)

  Appointed:
  - The Rev. Ann Boyd (Washington Co.)
  - The Rev. Eric Zile (Northeast Baltimore)
  - The Rev. Annette Chappell (Harbor)
  - Ms. Anne Gross (Southern Maryland)

- Diocesan Council (2 lay, 1 clergy until 2017)

  Continuing elected at large:
  - The Rev. Ramelle McCall (Northeast Baltimore)
  - Ms. Laura Luca (Northwest Baltimore)
  - The Rev. Diane Fadley (Patapsco Valley)
  - Ms. Vicki Mattock (Ann Arundel)
  - Mr. David Boyce (Ann Arundel)
  - Mr. Mark Garcia (Harbor)

- Standing Committee (1 lay, 1 clergy until 2018)

  Continuing:
  - Ms. Alma Thompson Bell (Northwest Baltimore)
  - Ms. Sandi Criscimagna (Ann Arundel)
  - Mr. Paul Durham (Western Maryland)
  - The Rev. Glenna Huber (Northwest Baltimore)
  - The Rev. Gregg Morris (Patapsco Valley)
  - The Rev. Dina Van Klaveren (Patapsco Valley)

- Disciplinary Board (1 lay, 2 clergy until 2017)

  Continuing:
  - Ms. Jane Callaghan (North Central)
  - Ms. Anne Gross (Southern Maryland)
  - Mr. John Henderson (Harbor)
  - The Rev. Alistair So (Ann Arundel)
  - The Rev. Arianne Weeks (Towson/Roland Park)
  - The Rev. Joanna White (Southern Maryland)
A WEEK LATER, Mabeth Hudson of *Well for the Journey*, the ecumenical spiritual group that sponsored the pilgrimage, asked me what my thoughts were as I reflected on my time at the battlefield. I told her this:

“As a Christian and one who loves his country, like so many other Americans I am terribly conflicted. On the one hand, I am grateful that the Union Army prevailed over General Lee at Gettysburg, for had he won many more of my African American forbears would have been brutalized and dehumanized in the evil of slavery. I wish that the Confederates had been even more totally destroyed that day, and completely wiped out from the face of the earth. But on the other hand, I am horrified that I wanted even more of the enemy to go to their deaths on those killing fields. In my anger over racism and involuntary human bondage, I allowed myself to see only a violent solution to that problem. And I ask myself, ‘How committed am I to proclaiming a gospel of peace in a violent world?’”

We, as a culture, are addicted to violence. Every year, 15,000 Americans are victims of homicide, and several hundreds of thousands more suffer from intentional acts of violence that require medical attention. There is an enormous cost such a level of violence in our society, not only economically, but in terms of the emotional and psychological pain that devastated individuals and families must bear. Is there hope for the future in a world overwhelmed by an epidemic of violence?

Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.” *(Matthew 5:9)*

Part of our calling as disciples of Christ is to be always eager to wage peace and slow to resort to any form of violence. Many Christians believe that pacifism is the only acceptable stance for faithful followers of Jesus, and we all can admire a sustained commitment to nonviolent resistance in the face of evil. Martin Luther King Jr.’s firm commitment to nonviolence in the Civil Rights Movement saved this nation from sinking into a bloodbath during the most intense struggles to extend human dignity and freedom to every person whatever their race, color, class or creed.

Many other Christians, however, believe that there are times when the proper use of violence is justified when resisting a greater evil. Whatever your views on this question, we can all agree that the gospel demands that we do something to challenge the culture of violence that is so pervasive in our society. It is up to us, individually and collectively, to cultivate a culture of peace.

The time is now for the Episcopal Church to reclaim the gospel of peace. We have not been known as an “historic peace church,” and frankly I find that fact to be very troublesome. We are known to be very good at praying for those who serve and protect us both here and abroad — and that is a good thing — but why shouldn’t we also be known as a church that unabashedly wages peace, and that is committed
to seeking every way to reduce or end violence in our homes, our communities, and in our world?

Last spring I called together a diverse group of bishops, clergy and lay leaders, representing 19 dioceses, to come to Baltimore in an effort to plan a conference where Episcopalians from across the theological and political divide in our country could have a civil conversation about addressing gun violence. It was a very fruitful three days full of prayer, arguments, listening and finally, coming together. It became obvious to us that we wanted to call the whole Church to engage in a conversation about violence in all its forms, and how we as a Church could respond.

I call upon all members of the Diocese of Maryland to consider participating, either in person or by live feed, in the conference that we have planned. It is called “Reclaiming the Gospel of Peace: An Episcopal Gathering to Challenge the Epidemic of Violence,” April 9-11, 2014, in Oklahoma City, Okla. Online at epiok.org/reclaiming-the-gospel-info.html.

There will be workshops, panels, interactive learning, worship, and speakers – including me, and the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church – as well as a planned live greeting by the Most Rev. Justin Welby, archbishop of Canterbury and symbolic head of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We expect that the conference will be at full capacity so I encourage you to register as soon as possible. Registration information is at https://alliance.wufoo.com/forms/s1tc56ud1m636oj/.

Please pray for this gathering, and consider making it your personal pilgrimage to Oklahoma City – chosen because of its location in the heartland of America, and because it itself was the site of senseless violence in 1995 perpetrated by the terrorist bomber Timothy McVeigh. Bishop Edward Konieczny of Oklahoma and I have worked together along with 14 others from across the nation to plan this special gathering. Together, we in the Episcopal Church can discover anew how to proclaim by word and example the Gospel we have been commanded to live by the Prince of Peace.

The Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton
Bishop of Maryland
Finding Home Again for the First Time: ‘Discerning the Body’ in the Places We Serve

Soon after my ordination as bishop of Nebraska in September of 2003, I found myself traveling not only in metro areas such as Omaha and Lincoln, but more often in far-flung small towns scattered across the majestic rolling prairie of central and western Nebraska. Week after week I encountered small congregations in areas of dwindling population striving to hold on to their Episcopal heritage and identity. What struck me about each and every place was the resilient and hopeful spirit on the part of the members.

I began to feel a deep kinship with these faithful folk and soon I realized why. This Midwestern church landscape was one I knew well from my native Mississippi roots, complete with (much larger) farms and fields and grain elevators and pickup trucks. And the people who lived there were the same passionate, committed, “salt of the earth” souls who populated the churches of my youth.

Suddenly I felt completely “at home.” The geographical landscape was different, but the people were the same. The challenges, hopes and dreams of the Nebraska Episcopalians were virtually identical to those of the small town Methodists I had known for years back in Mississippi, where my father had served faithfully for three decades as a United Methodist pastor.

A similar awareness emerged for me when I arrived in Maryland in April of 2011. Though I experienced larger and more complex urban settings, I also took note of the lovely rolling hills of horse country, the vast bay and waterfront areas of the Chesapeake, and the ancient and breathtaking vistas of western Maryland. I couldn’t help but be reminded of the hills, forests and coastline of Mississippi, and the mountains of western North Carolina where I vacationed often in the past.

And, no surprise by now! The clergy, people and parishes of Maryland were also teeming with faithful folk living the Christian life in the Episcopal way. So, another wonderful place, and its people, now has become home.

I do not find it comforting or accurate to describe life as a series of divinely preordained events, as if we were moving on a fixed track with every step already determined. But I do give thanks for the grace of a God who frees and empowers us to weave the infinite number of experiences and learning that our lives afford us into a geodesic whole cloth of “gifted interconnectedness” that blesses us, and enables us to bless others. I think that is something like “the Body of Christ” of which we are both members and ministers.

I have found it here – and everywhere. And for the part that you dear ones in the Diocese of Maryland have played in that unfolding blossom of shared ministry and mission, I give you thanks, and God the praise. As I prepare to move and live and serve among the people of St. Columba’s Parish, I am confident that what I have learned from – and loved about – all of you will be an integral and sacred part of this new beginning. And once again, I know I will find myself at home.

The Rt. Rev. Joe Goodwin Burnett
Former Assistant Bishop of Maryland
Truth and Reconciliation Commission Plans ‘Trail of Souls’ Pilgrimage

By Pamela Charshee

For almost three years, the Research and Pilgrimage Working Group – a subcommittee of the Diocesan Truth and Reconciliation Commission – has been planning a commemorative pilgrimage to honor the history and legacy of slavery in the Diocese of Maryland.

The project is related to a resolution adopted at the 2006 Diocesan Convention that calls for the establishment of a task force to “specifically research and report on the historical role of the Episcopal Church in these systems of slavery and racism, so that we as a people of God can come to make a full, faithful and informed accounting of the legacy we inherit and better understand how we can work, both individually and collectively to ‘repair the breach ...’”

The TRC working group has invited parishes in the diocese to research the history of slavery as it relates to their individual histories. The purpose is to preserve and to remember the vital contributions that enslaved people have made to the development of the Episcopal Church, to reflect on how these contributions have enriched our diocese, and to consider how best to honor this often-forgotten legacy in our future Church. The pilgrimage, known as the Trail of Souls, will involve both an actual bus tour and a virtual online tour.

The Trail of Souls pilgrimage will commence with a bus tour Nov. 1, 2014. It is planned to coincide with and to honor the 150th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in Maryland, which occurred as a constitutional change.

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and Bishop Eugene Taylor Sutton will lead the Trail of Souls bus tour. Additional information about tickets for the Trail of Souls pilgrimage and other details about the tour will become available later in 2014 via trailofsouls.org. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission hopes the entire diocese will embrace our collective history.

Pam Charshee is a member of the Research and Pilgrimage Working Group. For information about the pilgrimage, please contact Canon Angela Shepherd, ashepherd@episcopalmaryland.org.

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Golfing for Kids

By Sharon Tillman

The 2013 Bishops’ Cup Charity Golf Tournament was by all accounts a success. Despite being held on Friday the 13th, the tournament proved lucky not only for the winning foursome from All Saints’ Church, Sunderland, but was especially charmed for the two 2013 beneficiaries.

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The 2013 winners of the Bishops’ Cup Charity Golf Tournament: (l to r) Jeff Pike, Lisa Pike, Vince Natale, George Little representing All Saints’ Church, Sunderland, and Bishop Sutton. The winning team receives the Bishops’ Cup to display for the year and a plaque is hung in the bishop’s office bearing the players’ names.

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MONEY RAISED FROM the 2013 tournament will help fund the work of the two overnight diocesan camps for children in need. Camp Amazing Grace and Rainbow Camp give children of incarcerated parents and those affected by HIV-AIDS respectively, a chance to “just be kids” for a week at summer camp. This work will now be made just a bit easier thanks to the generosity of the players, sponsors and donors of this event.

Each camp will receive $3,381.36 for its operating budget in 2014. The outing raised a total of $6,762.72 in excess of expenses. Seventeen teams golfed in the Sept. 13 tournament. There were 18 tournament sponsors, ranging from hole, beverage cart and lunch sponsors, to sponsors of the golf balls and hats each golfer received for playing. There was even a golfer sponsored to play. Our donors, sponsors and players all help the diocese offer an exceptional event that keeps golfers coming back, enabling us to help more ministries in the future.

Held in the fall each year since 2009, the Bishops’ Cup Charity Golf Tournament supports ministries of, for and with roots in the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. This event has grown into a regular offering of the diocese’s outreach efforts. All proceeds raised from the Bishops’ Cup tournament support a different ministry or outreach effort each year. Again, thank you for your generous donation.

To be considered as the beneficiary of 2014 Bishops’ Cup Charity Golf Tournament, please contact me at stillman@episcopalmaryland.org or 410-467-1399.
Inmates care for dying prisoners
Prison Ministry Task Force Boosts Ministries

By Val Hymes

A DYING MAN IN PRISON LIES in pain and discomfort. Another inmate comes to him, comforts him, changes his diaper, wipes his face with a wet cloth and offers him a drink of water. A hospice ministry is at work in a state prison.

A group of gang members in prison praise a new program called “Houses of Healing,” a self-help program teaching self dignity, behavioral change and respect for self and others.

Lifers and “longtermers” win an Innovator of the Year award for their Peace Initiative to slow gang violence on the streets and in the prisons.

The same group of men incorporate themselves as an inmate think tank called the Extra Legalese Group. They hold legal awareness seminars to help prisoners make their way through the courts and hear about the latest rulings while meeting with public defenders.

None of them are paid for their work but they have community support coalitions behind them.

A group of nonprofits works to convince the state to allow it to transform the abandoned Crownsville State Hospital into a “village of health, healing and hope” — services for the community, veterans, education and reentry programs.

All of these were and are supported by the Prison Ministry Task Force. It has helped them deal with bureaucracies and prison rules. Following its mission statement to advocate and educate, it has also helped to build and promote community and political support.

Camp Amazing Grace was started by the task force in 2006. It has also applauded and broadcast the diocesan anti-violence movement; the revitalization of Maryland CURE, and legislative victories like the Second Chance Act, Maryland’s Gun Safety law, repeal of the death penalty, and the current effort to stop the rush for long and mandatory sentences that was spotlighted recently when a judge spoke out and said 5,000 men and women in Maryland prisons do not belong there.

The nation’s prison population has grown about 800 percent since 1980, costing the taxpayers nearly $83 billion.

The Prison Ministry Task Force — created by convention in 1998 — cannot measure progress for this New Year in any dramatic way, but attitudes toward criminal justice (an oxymoron, some say) are slowly changing. Programs to help the men, women and children inside have grown with the support of enlightened wardens and leaders.

The PMTF, cochaired by the Rev. Mimi Mathews and the Rev. Phebe McPherson, has been following the Gospel teachings in Matthew 25:31-40, ... I was in prison and you came to me, Isaiah ... proclaim liberty to the captives, and Hebrews 13:3, Remember those in prison, as though you were in prison with them.

Working with families, victims and those who minister to others inside and outside prisons through preaching, writing, suggestion

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Bishop Search and Transition Update

A New Year, a New Bishop Suffragan for Maryland

By the Rev. Dina van Klaveren

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen. (BCP, 832-3)

I GIVE THANKS TO GOD for the many individuals who have dedicated themselves to the work of the search and transition involved in electing and consecrating a new bishop suffragan for the Diocese of Maryland. I am confident that God is using the many individuals and their gifts and experiences to accomplish this work, which I pray continues to promote the welfare of God’s people. I am also thankful to the parishes that are sharing their clergy and lay leaders in this effort, and for the prayers that support this work on every side.

On Dec. 11, we bade a fond farewell to Bishop Joe Goodwin Burnett, who has faithfully assisted Bishop Eugene Taylor Sutton in providing Episcopal leadership to our diocese for nearly three years. I am grateful to the Transition Team and diocesan staff members for organizing a lovely sendoff event for Bishop Burnett. Due to the need for continued Episcopal assistance between Bishop Burnett’s departure and the consecration of a new bishop suffragan in September, the Rt. Rev. Michael Creighton, bishop retired of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, has been invited to share in Episcopal duties.

As you may recall from the last issue of this publication, the Standing Committee appointed a Bishop Suffragan Search Committee comprised of 15 members from across the diocese under the leadership of co-chairs Faye Houston and the Rev. Dr. Chip Lee. The Search Committee is currently working diligently and faithfully to present a slate of nominees for the election of a new bishop suffragan in May. The Search Committee has accomplished the following tasks:

• Created a website, online profile and position description: bishopsearch.episcopalmaryland.org
• Received materials from 23 candidates by the Oct. 23 deadline, all self-nominated and submitted online
• Screened candidates and narrowed the field for Skype interviews
• Conducted Skype interviews with selected candidates to further narrow the field for in-person interviews
• Arranged a discernment event during which the Search Committee will interview candidates in-person.
Following the in-person interview stage, the Search Committee will prayerfully discern a slate of finalists to be presented to the Standing Committee in February. The Standing Committee will open the petition process according to the Constitution & Canons of the Episcopal Church and the diocese. A final slate of nominee names will then be announced by March 1, and information about the nominees will be available online.

During the first week of April, we will have the opportunity to meet and interact with the nominees for bishop suffragan in a walkabout format at various locations. It will be an especially valuable time for delegates to Diocesan Convention who have the responsibility of prayerful discernment and voting. The election of the new bishop suffragan will take place during Diocesan Convention in May.

Now that the Search Committee members are regularly gathered in prayer, discernment, and Skype interviews, the Transition Team has been appointed by the Standing Committee and has begun its work. The Transition Team is led by co-chairs Tom Simpson of the Church of the Holy Comforter, Lutherville, and the Rev. Caroline Stewart of Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore. Seventeen people from around the diocese were appointed to the Transition Team. Please visit MarylandEpiscopalian.org for a list of committee members.

During the Transition Team retreat Sunday, Nov. 3, the Standing Committee charged the newly formed team with the following duties:
• Farewell reception planning for Bishop Burnett
• Upon receiving names of candidates for final slate, contact candidates and make arrangements for walkabouts
• Plan and execute walkabouts April 2-5
• Plan and hold election in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Maryland at Diocesan Convention, May 2-3
• Communicate regularly with the president of Standing Committee, bishop diocesan, and diocesan staff about process, details and planning efforts
• Plan and execute meet and greet event(s)
• Offer hospitality to the bishop suffragan-elect around relocation needs
• Plan and execute Consecration/Installation, Sept. 6, Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore

Both the Search Committee and the Transition Team are benefitting from the knowledge and experience of the Rev. Thad Bennett, who serves as the consultant to the process. Bennett has facilitated retreats for the Search Committee and Transition Team as well as a Clergy Listening Day last fall that was critical in providing content for the profile, position description and ongoing process. I am very pleased at the robust turnout at that event and the high quality of input from the clergy of the diocese.

I invite you to continue your support of this work towards the election of a bishop suffragan. Your prayers for the candidates who have entered into discernment, for the Search Committee and Transition Team members and for the ongoing ministry of the diocese are desired and appreciated.

The Rev. Dina van Klaveren is the president of Standing Committee and is rector of St. Andrew’s Church, Glenwood.
Diocesan historiographer P. Kingsley Smith has written a colorful narrative of the dramatic challenges and changes to the diocese when it was led by the late Bishop David K. Leighton, who died Aug. 7 at 91. And he has documented the important roles and moral challenges of the diocese and its parishes during the wars of this country’s history in another column. Space does not allow full inclusion in print, but both are available online in full at MarylandEpiscopalian.org.

David Keller Leighton Sr. — a memoir and tribute

By the Rev. Kingsley Smith

David and I first met at the Virginia Seminary in 1953, when we both entered. I was 24 and he was 31; that meant he was eligible for ordination under the canon recently passed that let “those of riper years” become qualified in less than the usual three years for what was then called Bachelor of Divinity (later upgraded to Master of Theological Studies). I do not remember that we shared any classes.

He finished in 1955 and was ordained by Austin Pardue in Pittsburgh, having been sponsored by Calvary Church and its rector, Sam Shoemaker — who had Maryland roots and whose daughter Sally Robinson later served as the diocesan canon for social ministry.

We next met in 1959 when he became rector of the old Church of the Holy Nativity on Garrison Boulevard, then facing a radical shift in neighborhood, from all white to mixed race and, eventually, all black (it sold out and later reappeared as a chapel in Pimlico).

He became active in diocesan and civic ministries and, in 1964, was called by Bishop Doll to be his archdeacon. Besides the usual administrative and pastoral duties he became a kind of point man for Doll’s innovative and controversial efforts to have the diocese end its culture of segregation. He was the target of many attacks by those not willing to see the church change. About 1970 David offered to give up his salary if that made Doll’s efforts easier, but of course that did not happen.

I had been assistant rector at Trinity Church, Towson (which had the Church of the Holy Comforter, Lutherville, as a parish chapel). As a Naval reservist I was also chaplain of the Marine Corps Reserve battalion in Baltimore and was appointed by Doll to chair the newly revived Armed Forces Committee. On Ash Wednesday 1972, a month after he became diocesan, David took part in an interfaith rally at the Washington Monument in Baltimore that protested against the Viet Nam war. Some of the protestors burned their draft cards, though of course Leighton did not (he did not even have one, having long before served in the U.S. Army Air Corps). His son had gone to Canada to avoid being drafted. He and I had a spirited but private debate about our differences in both policy and action, but we learned from one another and remained good colleagues. I had become rector of Trinity parish in 1969 and served until 1995, and at my final service there I asked David to be celebrant.

As archdeacon he took a lively interest in Columbia, the “new town” built by the Rouse Corporation in Howard County, and was a leader in planning for its interfaith ministries. He was elected Coadjutor in 1968, leading on the first ballot and elected on the second. In 1972 Doll retired and Leighton became the 11th bishop of Maryland. The installation ceremony was at the Columbia Interfaith Center; the reception after was informal — not quite in a hippy-Woodstock style but in that direction. He said it was all right for us to call him “David,” thereby introducing a new style of episcopate; it had been unthinkable that anyone should address his predecessors as “Noble” or “Harry Lee”!

Thus began a transformational period in our diocese with many changes in both style and substance.

Kingsley Smith is the historiographer for the diocese.
Maryland goes to war, and war comes to the Church

The Rev. P. Kingsley Smith, diocesan historiographer

Maryland is at war, as America wages our costly struggle against terrorism. We continue to sustain casualties, especially in Afghanistan—killed and wounded in action; families separated, some many times over; veterans stressed by post-traumatic disorders. Yet for many of us it is not clear how we can alleviate these problems. Some are not sure there is anything we can do. There are a few who are not even aware there are problems.

What is the church to do?

We dare not glorify war, or act as if the “marching as to war” metaphor is to be taken literally, but neither can we claim to be “a peace church,” like the Mennonites or Quakers. Our Prayer Book has collects both for those in the Armed Forces and those who suffer for the sake of Conscience (p. 823, #25 and #26) and for Peace (p. 815, #4). We also remember the traditional teaching in the old Articles of Religion, (p. 826, #37) “It is lawful for Christian men...to serve in the wars.”

Thousands of Maryland communicants are veterans, including some clergy who were chaplains (though none are now on active duty). Our diocese is home to major military installations: Fort Meade (where a priest is now stationed), Aberdeen Proving Ground, Fort Dietrich and the Naval Academy, and is neighbor to a lot more; some of our parishes are embedded in ministries to them. Church bulletins often bid our prayers for those in the armed forces, many of them friends or relatives rather than members themselves, and often they are not identified by branch of service or duty station. Some have served in the Middle East, though, so far as the Bishop knows, none of our members have been killed in combat.

How has the Maryland church “gone to war” in the past?

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Churches and the Maryland Storm Water Remediation Fee

By Sharon Tillman

Last Year the State Legislature implemented the Maryland Storm Water Management Fee to comply with the Federal Clean Water Act. Each Maryland county in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed was then directed by legislation to collect the fee as it saw fit from households, businesses and, yes, churches.

The Diocese of Maryland has a very strong connection to environmental causes. Building on the diocese’s work on green issues under previous bishops, Bishop Sutton created a pilot program of churches involved in greening their campuses and developing programs. Since that beginning the diocese’s green efforts are now managed by the Maryland Episcopal Environmental Partners (MEEP).

In 2010 Bishop Sutton, on behalf of the diocese, was a signer of the Covenant for Creation, an interfaith commitment to the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, showing “a commitment to urgently promote and celebrate the values and behavior of caring for creation as an expression of sacred living.” It is with this same commitment to cleaning the waterways of Maryland that stormwater remediation is not only the responsibility of the households and businesses, but of houses of worship, too.

Through meetings with city Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Bishop Sutton was able to make the case for reduced fees and credits for the Episcopal Churches of Baltimore City.

“We are excited to collaborate with Blue Water Baltimore and their partners, and believe this will greatly aid our efforts to live the Creation Care ethic and develop sustainable stewardship within our congregations,” said Bishop Sutton, “Our focus is on ministering to the people in our community, and we believe that this ministry extends to creating a healthy environment in which our communities can thrive.”

Blue Water Baltimore, a nonprofit environmental organization, has partnered with the diocese to offer churches in Baltimore help in reducing the cost of compliance with the fee through its Water Audit Program and federal grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Blue Water has also partnered with the Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake and others in the religious community to “live the ‘Care for Creation’ ethic and foster citizen stewardship for our environment and local waterways.”

“People look to their house of worship for guidance in matters of ethics, conscience and service. Caring for the environment is a matter of faith. Religious institutions can take the lead by working together to reduce polluted runoff from their properties through such actions as planting rain gardens, installing rain barrels and using pervious paving surfaces,” said Halle Van der Gaag, executive director of Blue Water Baltimore.

A meeting was held this past fall with Baltimore City churches and a Baltimore City Department of Public Works and two Blue Water Baltimore representatives. Because the city was under a December deadline to apply for credits, this was the first area the diocese focused on to help churches reduce the cost of fees. Karen Stewart, diocesan chief operating officer, arranged the meeting and is a liaison for our churches to the city. Please contact her, kstewart@episcopalmaryland.org, with specific questions related to your church and fee.

While specifics of the city’s fees were discussed at length, a discussion about how to mitigate water runoff was a positive benefit. Whether your church or ministry is facing fees in the hundreds (quarterly) or thousands (annually) or not, there are steps that can be taken to help ease pollution running into the Chesapeake Bay.

• Install rain barrels. These are designed to catch rainwater for use around the property.
• Build a rain garden. This is a garden built specifically to direct water into, allowing it to be cleaned and filtered naturally.
• Use pervious paving systems for walkways and parking areas.
• Contact Blue Water Baltimore for a free water audit: bluewaterbaltimore.org

We are all stewards of God’s creation and it through our efforts as the Church that we set the example and take the lead on cleaning Maryland’s waterways.
Unexpected Discoveries

By Theresa M. Brion

January and pre-Lent February offer a sense of calm and peace for the Western Maryland Region. Church activities are few, because the short days and the uncertain weather make event planning difficult. Visitors to the region are mostly limited to winter sports enthusiasts. Thus, it is an ideal time for quiet reflection, planning and a bit of rejuvenation of spirit. It also is an ideal time for noticing the unexpected.

LITTLE OVER A YEAR ago, I bade farewell to a tree in my yard that was suffering from lack of room, sun and nurturing. It was a disappointing decision, but the story thankfully does not end there, for it actually provided an opportunity for a new discovery.

Hidden there was a rare treasure: a mature Harry Lauder’s Walking Stick shrub, with beautiful crooked branches to delight me year round, even amidst the starkness of winter. But the shrub’s starkness offered a new discovery as I took in the intricate corkscrew branches. It was a new discovery of something missed before. Now I make time to visit the tree periodically just to peer at its beautiful branches of old, reminding me of the wisdom of age and of the need for new discoveries and “letting go.”

I find my crooked shrub an apt symbol for ministry development. Its gnarled branches visually remind me of the importance of acknowledging and appreciating past experiences and mistakes. The gnars are visual evidence of a history, much like the wrinkles and grey hairs of our long-time church members who have witnessed their church’s progress over many years. They can share stories and insights invaluable to those with less experience and shorter memories.

Yet, I also must remind myself that the shrub grows very slowly, taking a long time to change directions. It adopts changes in direction ever so slowly; the gardener must be patient to see the newly grafted shrub reach a mature size, filled with character. The shrub is rather fragile, as its branches break off with the slightest of pressure. It is dependent on others for protection as it continues to grow, and its beauty is most appreciated when it is amidst other varieties of trees and shrubs.

We also must note that a garden’s beauty depends on a variety of plants, with each living being co-existing and supporting one another. Similarly, a thriving congregation has a variety of gifts and ministries. The mature shrub has as much value and beauty as the younger species and the reverse is equally true. And much like the Walking Stick branches reaching new directions at times, we and our churches must change course when we discover that what worked in the past no longer does. We must experiment with new directions and new paths.

Further, with the patient guidance of a skilled guide/gardener, God’s beauty will shine forth. The gnarled shrub will thrive alongside new and continuing life much like a church’s sage can appreciate and encourage the new ministries and ministers to bring their church into the future.

I would enjoy working with you to help you discern what you can plant, prune and nurture in your own church “garden” of ministries. Please let me know if you are interested in doing a bit of “discover gardening.”

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The Inn at Claggett: Construction Update

By Joe Kerner

HERMAN-STEWART CONSTRUCTION and Development, Inc., general contractor, officially started grading the site and installing the sediment and storm water control measures on Oct. 1. Our building permit was issued on Oct. 8, and the contractor was authorized to proceed with construction as of Oct. 13.

For the first two weeks, work was limited to pouring foundations, which might be like planting your garden. Once the seeds are in the ground you watch anxiously for the first signs of germination. Finally the tender shoots sprout and the garden begins to take on form. Likewise, once the footers are poured the masons can begin to lay block and the outline of the building becomes discernable. In early November, the plumbers began laying sewer pipe along with vent pipes that resemble the stems that will feed the structure of the building.

By the time you read this update, Herman Stewart will be well along with the outside walls of the building, which will be “panelized” off-site, trucked to Claggett and put into place much like the pieces of a puzzle. This approach will accelerate the work toward that important milestone when the building is under roof and closed in so that impact of the severe winter weather will not grind the project to a halt. When we achieve this milestone it will be an excellent indicator that the building will be completed on time in early August.

I can sense a groundswell of excitement from our donors and guest groups asking when they might reserve space at the inn. As soon as get the building closed in, then we can reliably predict the completion date. That is when we will begin to accept reservations for the fall of 2014.

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Experience the Claggett Center

By Donna Kerner

What a blessing for me to be at the Claggett Center for almost 18 years, seeing people experience God in unexpected places! I see groups praying, laughing, planning, singing, painting and engaging in a variety of activities together. Claggett campers kayak, perform skits, roast marshmallows, stomp in a river, make communion bread and wash friends’ feet. While writing this article, outside of my window I see high school sophomores experiencing “trust” as they are led around campus blindfolded.

Throughout the Years

Individuals of all ages share stories of their “Claggett” experience. An experience at Claggett may be different for each person, but common themes include encouragement, being accepted, lifelong friendships, unique worship, and having fun. Memories of zipping through the trees, receiving Eucharist at the outdoor altar, or sharing conversation around a good, hearty meal are lasting.

Claggett provides peace in a “place apart;” away from stress and obligations of everyday life. A 12-year-old camper put it this way: “Whenever I’m at Claggett all my troubles are left behind. At summer camp, I get away from the world and forget my worries, get close to nature and most importantly, get closer to God.”

Inspired for Ministries

Aldous Huxley said, “Experience is not what happens to you; it’s what you do with what happens to you.” I often wonder about the impact of being at Claggett on individuals, parishes, the diocese and the world. Occasionally God gives me a glimpse. For instance, I know that prayer shawl ministries multiplied all around the state after a workshop at a Women’s Weekend. I’ve also heard from clergy of youth returning home from summer camp inspired to serve as acolytes, enjoy worship, and more fully participate in the life of the church.

Cursillo weekends focus on how we can change our environments and take the light of Christ out into the world. Participants have gone on to serve as leaders in their parishes. One started DreamBuilders, a Habitat for Humanity ministry that travels the world building homes for the needy (dreambuildersmd.org). Another created Ghanian Mothers’ Hope, a nonprofit ministry to children and mothers in Ghana (gmhope.org). My husband Joe and I attended our Cursillo weekend in 1987 and the experience influenced us to take on new and exciting leadership roles in our parish church, St. Mark’s Church, Highland, and to eventually accept our call to ministry as Claggett Center directors.

Getting Ready

As a new year begins, Claggett is preparing to expand facilities and programs with the opening of the new Inn at Claggett in September. The Claggett staff is being equipped to provide hospitality to even more groups with the completion of the conference center. We have hired a new chef and two new interns; installed a computer reservation system; and met with marketing consultants, interior decorators and architects to create beautiful, comfortable and accessible spaces.

The Claggett-sponsored Women’s Weekend, which in 2012 attracted 120 women from 31 parishes, is planning for 2015 by booking a nationally recognized author with the hope of reaching perhaps 200 or more women. Look for this and other new programs as Claggett partners with Listening Hearts Ministries (listeninghearts.org) to bring discernment retreats for clergy and young adults. Or the new Claggett Conferences on Faith (for lay and clergy) scheduled for 2014-15, which will feature as speakers the Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, bishop of North Carolina, the Rt. Rev.

(see Claggett, continued on page 26)
Don’t Leave a Mess

BY THE REV. CHARLES CLOUGHEN JR.

You’ve received this issue of *Maryland Episcopalian* in the midst of a cold and bleak winter day. Winter is a time of hibernation for animals and for us humans a time of reflection and re-evaluation of our lives.

**INTER AND LENT** are a good time to revisit your medical directive, funeral plans and Last Will and Testament (estate plans).

Every person who is over the age of 18 reading this article needs to have a medical directive for their state of residence. These are free and available on the State of Maryland website. I can also send you a copy at your request. The forms can be completed in about 30 minutes, witnessed by two people who will not inherit your estate, and they are in force. Please share these with your family so they know your wishes when you are medically unable to make your own decisions. When you are in intensive care and unresponsive is not the time for your family to decide for you.

Also, now is a great time to make your funeral plans. I will be happy to send you a packet that includes questions like burial plans, Communion or Burial Office, Rite I or Rite II, casket or cremation, cemetery or church columbarium, inexpensive or expensive casket, favorite hymns, etc. Again, when you finish this please go over it with your family. There is a 100 percent mortality rate for those who are reading this article.

**Your Last Will and Testament**

Everyone who is reading this article has a will. The State of Maryland has a will for you, and if you choose not to have your own will, the State of Maryland will determine how your estate will be distributed. I have found Maryland’s will for you most likely would not be the will you would choose. One of the best investments you can make is to go to an attorney and have a will prepared that meets your and your family’s needs. Again I would be happy to send you a document for you to prepare before you go to your attorney.

Wills also have to be updated. A will written when your children are minors is very different from a will written when your children are grown. If you want to include others in your estate here are a few ideas for remembering loved ones and institutions in your estate plans:

- Include church and charities that you care about in your estate plans.
- When you do you are raising the church to family status.
- Remember the church, the Claggett Center, the diocese also as a share of your 401K, IRA, 403B or retirement account. This can be done by simply contacting the holder of the account and asking for a new beneficiary form.
- Make your church a beneficiary of an insurance policy.
- If you do include the church or other diocesan institution in your plans please inform your rector and become part of the diocese’s All Saints’ Legacy Society for those who have remembered a diocesan entity in their Will.

**The 2013 Bishops’ Annual Appeal**

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who have made gifts to the 2013 appeal. At this printing we have received 167 gifts from our clergy. Leaders lead! We have also received 429 gifts from our laity. To date that makes $147,300 from a total of 596 donors that will support the 17 ministries of our Bishops’ Appeal. Please make your gift to the 2014 appeal by sending in a check to the Bishops’ Appeal, Diocese of Maryland, 4 East University Parkway, Baltimore, MD 21218 or by going to our website, episcopalmaryland.org, clicking Bishops’ Appeal, and making a gift by credit card.

Let me end by saying again thank you, thank you, thank you.

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Our Church’s Response to Violence

By Canon Dan Webster

This April, as many as 250 Episcopalians are meeting in Oklahoma City to discuss what we can do about violence.

“RECLAIMING THE GOSPEL OF PEACE: An Episcopal gathering to challenge the epidemic of violence,” will be held April 9-11. It was the brainchild of Bishop Sutton. Last April he invited more than 50 leaders to Baltimore. They came from 18 dioceses to discuss the response to mass shootings last year and our own experience at St. Peter’s at Ellicott Mills where three people died, including the Rev. Dr. Mary-Marguerite Kohn and Brenda Brewington, parish administrator.

Out of that Baltimore meeting came a planning team for this April’s event. The gathering will focus on four main areas of how the Episcopal Church might respond: advocacy, education, liturgy, and pastoral care. Workshops were being planned during the fall. Also on the agenda is a visit to the site of the 1995 federal building bombing in Oklahoma City.

The event has gotten the attention of both the presiding bishop and the archbishop of Canterbury. The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori and Archbishop Justin Welby plans to be there. Marylanders helping plan this event, besides Bishop Sutton, include Mary Miller, representing the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, and the Rev. Ken Phelps, rector, All Saints’ Church, Sunderland.

While the catalyst may have been gun violence, planners wanted to address the growing culture of violence and how, as Christians, Episcopalians might respond. From road rage to cyber-bullying, domestic violence to death by suicide, our culture is increasingly experiencing violence in our neighborhoods, towns and cities.

We have many examples in the life of Jesus and his followers about how to influence a dominant culture. This gathering will be like many in the history of the church to discern how best to present the gospel in this time and place.

Everyone is invited. You can register online at episcopalchurch.org or episcopalmaryland.org. And you can follow it online at epiok.org/reclaiming-the-gospel-info.html. But it’s good to know that our church is doing this. It is something you can share with your friends when someone raises the topic of the epidemic of violence. Your church is, as we say in our baptismal covenant, “striving for justice and peace.”

So tell your friends, coworkers and neighbors. Your church is seeking answers and looking for meaningful ways to respond. You’ll be invited later to help implement in your parish the work that will be done in Oklahoma City.

Above all, pray for the work of those who will gather in person that the Holy Spirit inspire them and all the whole church.

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Beyond the Giving Season

BY THE REV. CANON ANGELA SHEPHERD

The Work of Christmas
When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back in their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.
– Howard Thurman

THERE IS A SEASON THAT DOES NOT have an official name so I will call it the giving season. It begins before Thanksgiving and concludes on Dec. 25. Many people, mindful of their own abundance, become sensitive to the needs of others who may not otherwise have a turkey for Thanksgiving, Christmas decorations, or toys for children. We want to be assured of everyone having a “Good Thanksgiving and Christmas.”

It is now January and have you stopped to wonder what the anonymous boy, age 7 is doing? Remember the one whose name was hanging on a giving tree? Or perhaps the girl you bought clothes for and a few toys who did have a name – Sally, age 10 needed a size 12 coat, gloves and a hat. How is she doing now? The local department of social services may have provided a list of families that needed all sorts of items and maybe you carefully took a list to the store and purchased what was needed. How is that family managing the daily details of life right now? As Howard Thurman suggests, the work of Christmas has begun.

While on sabbatical last year, I read Robert D. Lupton’s Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help (And How to Reverse It). That book became a perfect companion to ideas gleaned from an earlier doctor of ministry course that included Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). ABCD recognizes leaders already present in low income communities and empowers residents to use skills they already have.

While we are quick to identify our own gifts for ministry it is a bit unusual to think of those we reach out to help during the giving season as having any gifts from God at all. Self-worth is somehow measured by our own, for the most part, middle class standards and expectations projected onto others. In so doing we miss the gifts God has given each person, regardless of his/her socioeconomic status.

Lupton’s book is filled with examples of nonprofits, some of them churches, that have helped restore human dignity by breaking the cycle of dependency. The Oath for Compassionate Service (pg. 128) gives us plenty to ponder:

1) Never do for the poor what they have the capacity (or could have) the capacity to do for themselves,
2) Limit one-way giving to emergency situations,
3) Strive to empower the poor through employment, lending and investing, using grants sparingly to reinforce achievements,
4) Subordinate self-interests to the needs of those being served,
5) Listen closely to those you seek to help, especially to what is not being said – unspoken feelings may contain essential clues to effective service, and
6) Above all do no harm.

While I do not agree with all Lupton suggests, there is enough concrete information and proven success to warrant consideration. Interrupting and eliminating poverty is not an easy task. It requires a multifaceted approach that includes a willingness to expand our efforts by building relationships that are governed in love, respect, and a compassionate heart. Different does not translate to less than. Building beloved community in neighborhoods we previously only engaged during the giving season requires a commitment to really recognizing each person as a child of God and therefore all are equal. The work of Christmas is not bound to a season; the work of Christmas is now.

Check out Shepherd’s Pie: Ingredients for Mission at canonshepherd.episcopalmaryland.org/ for periodic commentary. Contact Canon Shepherd at ashepherd@episcopalmaryland.org or 800-443-1399.
Improving your Biblical Literacy

By Randi Hicks Rowe

Do you want to improve your biblical literacy but have never quite found a way to do so? Or perhaps you’ve read the Bible completely through before and would like to do so again. Beginning in Lent, the Diocesan Christian Formation and Evangelism ministries will be providing resources and recommendations to help improve biblical literacy.

WE RECOMMEND two different plans.

One is The Story, which focuses on the Upper Story, or big picture of the narrative of God unfolding throughout history. This plan provides selected Bible readings over a 31-week period organized in story form. It can provide an introduction to the Bible or can help those who already know some verses or Bible stories to place them in an overall context. The Story has a curriculum to accompany it developed by Zondervan, an evangelical publishing house. The diocese will be providing links to resources that will provide an Episcopal worldview. We also recommend that the readings be done in the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), which is an ecumenical translation and is most often used in Episcopal worship.

The second plan is a NRSV reading plan. Many excellent annotated versions of that translation exist, but one that is conducive to easily reading the Bible in one year is the Daily NRSV Bible. It is divided into 365 short readings that follow the traditional arrangement of the books of the Bible. The Daily Bible also includes prayers and excerpts from Christian spiritual classics to illuminate the readings.

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Registration is still open for the Diocesan Ministry Fair to be held March 1 at the Diocesan Center in Baltimore. Lisa Kimball, director of the Center for the Ministry of Teaching and Professor of Christian Formation and Congregational Leadership at Virginia Theological Seminary, will be the keynote speaker. Her topic will be the “Epic Adventure of Being Church,” which will discuss the mission of the Church as an epic adventure and why we are losing out to much less inspiring epic tales in our contemporary cultural contexts.

The Ministry Fair features a variety of workshops. Topics include vestry service, websites, confirmation, telling faith stories, church leadership, building beloved community, nurturing faith everyday, intergenerational faith formation, youth ministry and mission trips. Register as soon as possible on the diocesan website to secure a spot at the Diocesan Ministry Fair.

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Please contact Daniel McCarthy, EHC’s Executive Director at 410-366-6200 or dan@episcopalhousing.org to discuss potential development relationships.
Honduras 2014: Mission to Serve

By the Rev. Canon Wes Wubbenhorst

We are truly blessed to have four mission trips to Honduras and are looking forward to our returning missioners as well as those coming on board for the first time. Here are descriptions of the trips planned for the summer. See which one interests you and visit youth.episcopalmaryland.org to register. A refundable $100 deposit is required. Youth must be in high school to attend a diocesan mission trip.

Tegucigalpa – El Hogar
This is an incredible week being at the El Hogar Orphanage in the capital, Tegucigalpa. There are 120 children in residence and we spend the week living in the midst of this amazing home. There are some opportunities to learn more about the country and work of the Episcopal Church of Honduras.

Talanga
This is a mission to the Agricultural school located in Talanga, Honduras, about one hour outside Tegucigalpa. We participate in the life of the students (young men between the ages of 13-19) and work alongside them at the various duties of a farm. We work in the farm from 7–11:30 a.m. In the afternoons we work on a project while the young men are in class. In the evenings we have a variety of activities with the students. It is a great chance to meet and interact with the Hondurans and we also make visits to Talanga and have a home visit when possible. We stay in a volunteer house on campus.

Villanueva
This will be the fourth year working with the Church of the Epfania in Villanueva, and Amigos de Christo child care center. We have split time here. In the morning we pair up our team and have two youths in the classrooms of the bilingual school. They serve as teachers’ aides and assist the students with their English. In the afternoon we work on our project and go across the street and work with the child care center. At this site we stay in a hotel annex where we are the only occupants. We do have air conditioners and hot showers at this site.

Puerto Cortes and North Coast
This will be the third time working on the North Coast with St. John’s Church in Puerto Cortes. We have a project there as well as home visits. We hope to stay at the Episcopal Conference Center in Muchilena, which is bunk-bed style. We are also planning to return to a small mountaintop chapel in Barba Chelis. The conference center is on the Caribbean so there will be time for the beach there. There may also be other opportunities to start new missions there along the coast and initiate a new medical mission.

Dominican Republic
In our mission trip to the Dominican Republic titled “Growing by example” will have the opportunity to visit the community of the “Good Shepherd” or “Buen Pastor” in the town of San Pedro de Macoris, located in the eastern region of the country. It is a community with many needs where the Episcopal Church develops programs for nutrition, health and education. We will paint, clean up some areas of the school, but more importantly will share with brothers and sisters from another culture, language, nation, united in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There are many projects that need assistance but more important it is the relationships we form to transform the world. Come be a part of this exciting mission in the world.

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William Stump, a veteran Baltimore editor and journalist, and former editor of *Maryland Church News*, died of pneumonia Oct. 23 at Gilchrist Hospice Care in Towson.

“BORN IN ORANGE, N.J., and raised in Emmorton in Harford County, he was the son of Dr. William Stump, a ship’s physician, and Constance Poor, whose father was a founder of the Standard & Poor’s financial ratings. He was a 1942 graduate of St. James School in Hagerstown,” noted the *Baltimore Sun* in an obituary published Oct. 25, 2013.

Mr. Stump served during World War II as a volunteer for the American Field Service, driving an ambulance throughout the Middle East, Italy, France and Germany.

After working in New York City he came to work at the *Baltimore Sun* in 1949, writing for the *Sun Magazine*. An avid archer, he used target archery to strengthen a weak eye, Mr. Stump started *Eastern Bow Hunter* magazine and *Archery World*. In 1958 he resigned from the *Sun* and became editor of *Gardens Houses and People*, a monthly focused on Baltimore’s northern suburbs.

He was editor of *Baltimore Magazine* from 1964-1972 and was fired from the position after clashing with his Chamber of Commerce bosses for writing about Baltimore’s stark reality—the good and the bad. Mr. Stump built the foundation for the magazine to go from a Chamber of Commerce publication to independent magazine.

“The magazine is part of the media of Baltimore and as such should report facts and situations as they are,” he said in a 1972 *Sun* article about his editorial style. “What I have tried to do is to capture the real feel of Baltimore’s problems as well as its aspirations.”

The *News American*, a Hearst afternoon daily, hired Mr. Stump to manage the editorial page and write editorials from 1972 until the paper’s closing in 1986.

After the *News American* closed, Mr. Stump became editor of *Maryland Church News*, then a semi-monthly newspaper for the Diocese of Maryland.

“There are probably quite a few people who remember Bill. He was a really fine man and much admired,” said Fran Brown, facilities manager for the diocese.

Val Hymes, then a reporter for MCN, said, “The man was tough. He did not tolerate a minute of sloppy writing. I loved him. It turned out that my stepbrother, novelist Vance Bourjaily, served with him in the Field Service in WW II. They were both too young to enlist in the military.”

“Bill was close to [Bishop] David Leighton and much more than just editor of the Church News. He was very active at Sherwood [Church] in Cockeysville,” said the Rev. Kingsley Smith, diocesan historiographer.

The *Baltimore Sun* obituary can be viewed online at: http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/obituaries/bc-md-ob-william-stump-20131025,0,2984855.story

(Cont’d from pg. 19) Mary Douglas Glasspool, bishop suffragan of Los Angeles, and our own Bishop Eugene Taylor Sutton.

**Come to Claggett**

When can you come to Claggett? We are hoping many people in the diocese will come to Claggett this year and explore ways to bring groups for overnight experiences here. Filling the inn, cottages and dormitory is the best way to spread joy, peace and Christian community while providing income to assist in paying the debt created by constructing the inn. For information and program registration for 2014 programs visit claggettcenter.org.

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Tea with the Author

By Mary Klein

Mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon, March 9, to meet Dr. T. Felder Dorn, the author of Challenges on the Emmaus Road: Episcopal Bishops Confront Slavery, Civil War and Emancipation. Published by the University Of South Carolina Press, Challenges on the Emmaus Road delves into the way Episcopal bishops, both North and South, confronted and responded to the issues and events of their turbulent times. Dr. Dorn summarizes the debates both within the church and in society surrounding some of the most important issues of the era: evangelizing enslaved African Americans, supporting legal and social aspects of slavery, and the place of black people in the Episcopal Church.

Dr. Dorn will speak on the topic, answer questions and hold a book-signing beginning at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore, in the Peabody Room. Dr. Dorn began his academic career on the faculty of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., retired as dean emeritus from Kean University in Union, N.J., and is the author of three previous books. This important event is sponsored by the Archives of the Diocese of Maryland, where Dr. Dorn did research on our Civil War-era Bishop William Whittingham, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of the diocese. This event is free and open to the public.

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The Meaning of the Cross

It would be hard to describe Christianity and not mention the crucifixion. And yet the precise meaning of Jesus’ death and how it is saving remains a matter of debate. Some see Jesus’ death and resurrection as the very heart of the Christian faith. Others find it so objectionable that they would like an entirely reconstructed Christianity without the cross.

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The class is open to all and meets 9:30 a.m.-12 noon at the Diocesan Center. The cost is $40 per person. Register with Caroline Bomgardner, bishops’ executive secretary, cbomgardner@episcopalmaryland.org or 410-467-1399.

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India Pilgrimage

By the Rt. Rev. John L. Rabb

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH the Diocese of Cuttack (the Church of North India) three diocesan churches and a school will have a pilgrimage to India Oct. 15–24.

The schedule includes time in Cuttack at the hospitals, the Stewart Schools and the tribal villages of Dengambo and Chatrapur as well as sightseeing in India. Members of St. John’s Parish, Ellicott City; St. John’s Parish Day School; St. Andrew’s Church, Glenwood; and the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore, are going. St. John’s and the Cathedral each supported new churches in the tribal areas, and St. Andrew’s supported a new medical clinic.

Among the goals of the trip: a look at faculty exchanges with the Stewart Schools, continued work for their extensive health ministry, support of the Diocese of Cuttack’s commitment to gender justice, and support for churches in the tribal areas. St. Timothy’s School is also part of this work, holding its pilgrimage in 2011.

Lenten Retreat at St. Margaret’s Church

Bishop Sutton will present a day-long retreat March 8, the first Saturday of Lent, at St. Margaret’s Church, 1601 Pleasant Plains Rd., Annapolis. Resting in God: The Art of Being is cosponsored by Contemplative Outreach of Maryland and Washington.

“The deepest hunger of our lives is for communion with the living God. And yet in our daily busy lives, and with the constant demands upon our time, space for God and for the spiritual journey has become a hope, not a reality. How do we find rest for our souls, bread for the journey of life?” said Bishop Sutton of the retreat.

“In this Lenten Quiet Day you will reflect on the nature of prayer as relationship with God, and explore the levels of relationship that you can grow into. You will learn and practice centering prayer as a way of contemplation – being guided by the Spirit beyond thoughts, words and emotions. And you will rest in the interior silence which is the root of all prayer.”

Registration and coffee will be at 9 a.m.; the day ends at 3:30 p.m. For additional information or to register contact St. Margaret’s office, 410-974-0200, or email info@St-Margarets.org. The registration fee of $20, which includes lunch, may be brought to the retreat. St. Margaret’s needs to know of any dietary restrictions when registering. Please contact St. Margaret’s in advance so that there is an accurate count for lunch.
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Harford Family House 25th Anniversary

Calling all founders and supporters of (Holy) Harford Family House!

By Joyce Duffy

Were you involved in starting this critical ministry for homeless families with children? Have you supported (Holy) Harford Family House through financial donations, volunteering, supply drives or in any other capacity any time from 1989 through the present? Do you have any pictures to share or stories to tell from your work with HFH? If the answer to any of these questions is “yes,” then we want to hear from you!

(HOLY) HARFORD FAMILY HOUSE is getting ready to celebrate 25 years of helping homeless families with children transition from hopelessness and homelessness to hope and permanent, stable housing. We wouldn't be where we are today without the vision and dedication of the members of our local Episcopal churches who saw an unmet need and were called into action. You are the beginning of our story and we’d love to hear from you.

We are putting together information for our 25th anniversary and we need to call on you to help us honor Bill White and the many others who founded our mission. Please contact us at 410-273-6700 and share your story. You can also mail any photos, with a description, to us at: HFH 25th Anniversary, 53 East Bel Air Ave. Suite 3, Aberdeen, MD 21001 or by email at TellMyStory@harfordfamilyhouse.org.

Watch for information about our 25th anniversary event to be held in spring 2014.

Joyce Duffy is the executive director of Harford Family House.

(Inmates, cont’d from pg. 11) and example have been the goal. We also edit the Prison Ministry Network News on the weblog, PrisMinNet.org, administer the Facebook page, Prison Ministry in the Episcopal Church, and report issues on Twitter.

All of us can also participate in, or follow in April, either in person or by live feed, the conference called “Reclaiming the Gospel of Peace: An Episcopal Gathering to Challenge the Epidemic of Violence,” April 9-11, in Oklahoma City, Okla. — online at epiok.org/reclaiming-the-gospel-info.html. Bishop Sutton will be there with the presiding bishop and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Violence is crime and it ensnares whole families in a cycle called a “Cradle to Prison Pipeline” by the Children’s Defense Fund. http://www.childrensdefense.org/programs-campaigns/cradle-to-prison-pipeline/

The task force, the lifers trying to reach young men on the streets and the nonprofit volunteers pushing for the Community Services Center at Crownsville are working to break that pipeline and can use volunteer support. Look at www.crownsville.org and in the works, www.extralegalese.org Also, www.prisonministry.episcopalmaryland.org and www.PrisMinNet.org or contact valhymes@aol.com, 410-224-2478.
Tending the Garden

By Jim Truby

The environmental ministry of the Diocese of Maryland is launching @Greengrace on the diocesan website to inspire us to live our faith more fully.

@Greengrace has been developed to offer every Episcopalian a simple menu of eco-changes that will help reduce the carbon footprint we have on God’s creation.

The three areas – @faith, @church and @home – on the @Greengrace page are user-friendly and can be accessed from the home page of the diocesan website. Just pick a change under @faith, @church or @home to reduce your church or own personal carbon footprints. Each action is simple, the steps are clearly spelled out and the end results are big. Each month a new action will be featured on the @Greengrace web page.

@Greengrace was created by members of the Maryland Episcopal Environmental Partners (MEEP), a group that was formed by Bishop Sutton and is comprised of members of parishes within the diocese. These individuals believe that being good stewards of God’s creation is an expression of their faith and that improving air and water quality has an intrinsic value regardless of whether one sees rising sea levels and erratic weather patterns as a result of global warming.

MEEP welcomes new members and invites you to contact Jim Truby at jtruby@synthesisusa.com to learn more about the partnership and how you can participate.

We take our inspiration in several biblical passages including: The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden…to keep and till it. Genesis 2:15

Jim Truby, a member of St. John’s Parish, Ellicott City, is co-chair of MEEP.
2014 Episcopal Church Day at Camden Yards
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