

# VISION

NEWSLETTER OF THE  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF  
SAINTS ANDREW AND  
MATTHEW

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## Plan Now to Honor Canon Casson on his Retirement



As announced at both services a few weeks ago, and in a recent letter sent to the entire congregation, Canon Lloyd Casson's last service will be on Trinity Sunday, June 3. That will be his final opportunity to preach and celebrate the Eucharist with the congregation as Rector.

It is with great sadness that we begin to look forward to the time when his strong gifts and abilities will not be present to guide us on our journeys with Christ. But that road lies ahead.

Now it is important that we celebrate, with Shirley and him, the time that they have had with us – the great accomplishments – the impact he has had on our lives – the impact he has had on other organizations and the broader community.

A book of memories is being compiled. If you would like to be included, please send your message on an 8½ x 11 sized sheet of paper (unfolded) with your message, and mail it to SsAM to the attention of Memory Book. Please check our website, [www.ssam.org](http://www.ssam.org) for additional updates and information.

Pat Hampton has assembled a committee to plan and organize a number of opportunities to recognize and celebrate his long ministry. The planning process is currently in its initial stages. However, a key event will be held on Wednesday, May 30. Please mark that date on your calendar.

On that date, the retirement banquet for Canon Casson will be held at The Chase Center on the Riverfront.

The banquet offers an opportunity for Canon's family, congregations, friends, organizations, agencies and acquaintances to publicly celebrate his contributions to ministry throughout the whole church and the communities in which he has served.

Sunday, June 3 will be Canon's last Sunday at SsAM. Please plan to attend a glorious send-off for Shirley and him as they move into the new phase of their life and work.

## Upcoming Events

### **Holy Week and Easter, April 1–8**

with at least two services every day of the week. For the full schedule, please see pages 6–7 of this issue.

### **Diocesan Convention, St. Peter's, Smyrna, April 20-21.**

**Family Banquet and Fashion Show, Saturday, April 21, 3:00 p.m.** For details, see page 8.

**Regal Hills Nursing Home worship service, Sunday, 2:00 p.m., April 22.** For our Youth and Adults.

**Art Slam, Friday, April 27, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** A venue for artistic expression, visual art, spoken word, song and dance. New performers are encouraged to participate.

**Wilmington Garden Day, Saturday, May 5.** Tours will take place 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For details, see page 4.

**Bishop's Visit, Sunday, May 27, 10:30 a.m.**

**Retirement Banquet for Canon Lloyd Casson, Wednesday, May 30.** At Chase Center on the Riverfront.

**Canon Lloyd Casson's last Sunday as Rector of SsAM, June 3.**

**Worship and Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, June 10, 9:30 a.m.** There will be one service that day.

**Second Annual Downtown Festival, Saturday, June 30.**

**Annual Picnic, Sunday, July 22, 12:30 p.m.** At Fox Point State Park.



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I write this, I am in Boksburg, South Africa, just outside Johannesburg, as a delegate to an International Anglican Conference on Prophetic Witness, Social Development and HIV/AIDS, convened by Archbishop Tutu's successor, The Most Reverend Njongonkulu Ndungane, Archbishop of Capetown and Metropolitan of Southern Africa.

As part of the Episcopal Church's group of participants, I am here representing the Executive Council HIV/AIDS Committee. I am grateful for your sponsorship and that of the Diocese, as well as the moral support of AIDS Delaware. There are delegations from many of the Provinces of the Anglican Communion, spanning Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Australia, the Pacific Islands, Europe, and North, Central and South America. Entitled "Towards Effective Anglican Mission (TEAM)," the conference has been called as a deliberative and working session toward the renewal of the worldwide mission of the Anglican Communion.

Our focus is on reviewing and developing an Anglican Communion response to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in a context of prayer, bible study and theological reflection.

These eight goals were adopted by a majority of the member states of the United Nations in 2000, in which they pledged to cut global poverty in half, halt the spread of HIV/AIDS, provide universal primary education, empower women and promote gender equality, improve infant and maternal health, and create sustainable development, all by the target date of 2015!!

Last summer at General Convention, The Episcopal Church adopted a resolution making our engagement in the achieving of these goals the top priority for our mission of declaring Christ's Good News to a world sorely in need of that Good News. That resolution also called upon all of its members – individuals, parishes, dioceses, institutions – to make it our priority as well, through continual prayer, concrete action and financial resources. Most, if not all of the other Provinces of our Communion, have taken similar action.

I know that you recall last Fall's Season of Creation at SsAM, which was devoted entirely to our gaining some awareness of the MDGs, through special liturgies, readings, and sermons and forums led by well-informed guest speakers. At both services on a Sunday in October, we joined with people all over the world, who within the same twenty-four hour period, were (literally) Standing up Against Poverty, and committing to working for its elimination. In addition, earlier this year for about six weeks, information about the goals was inserted in the *Weekly Vision*. Hopefully, these have been only the beginning steps of SsAM's participation.

Here at the Conference, engaging the MDGs is being seen

as nothing less than a way for the renewal of the whole Church. Given the unprecedented tension and tearing of the fabric of our Anglican Communion over issues of sexuality and the personal agendas of some for domination and power, perhaps through the power of the Holy Spirit, this missionary objective will call us to repent, and once more as a Church – with all of our diversity – be reunited in bonds of affection, sharing together one baptism, one bread and cup, and one mission-making Christ known to the world.

Archbishop Ndungane, in his opening remarks, put it powerfully. Here are a few snippets:

"This is a momentous period in the life of our church. We are gathered together in the context of prayer and theology ... renewing the church's commitment and capabilities to respond to God's call to service in the 21st century. Bound together by bonds of affection that unite us and united against poverty, let us seize this moment, seize this opportunity by blowing fresh winds of change into the lungs of the Anglican Communion. . . . This is a time in the life of our communion when it would be good for us to step back and take stock of the fullness of our calling. I do not deny that we face deep and difficult issues in our internal life. I do not want to pretend they don't matter. We are rightly concerned with what it means to live faithfully and obedient to our Lord ... but this must not be at the expense of God's mission in God's world. . . . Too often the world around thinks we care for one thing and one thing only and that is sexuality. This week's meeting shows this is not the case. . . . As we live out the whole breadth of what it means to be God's people in God's world, we shall better understand how to tackle the differences and divisions among us. God's world is crying out to him, and we know our God hears and our God acts. We meet because the hour demands it and we know we serve the living God who says, "Today is the time for salvation!" We meet because God has called us and we know that those whom God calls, God directs, and God equips to carry out those directives. Let us carry on with joy for we know that God has a purpose for us."

I will close this letter with the Conference Collect. May it be your prayer as well.

*Most loving God, whose concern for the poor is unrelenting  
and whose compassion for the down trodden is limitless:  
Draw our concern into yours, our compassion into yours,  
that we might long and strive for justice.  
Grant us courage to accept our responsibility,  
wisdom to chart a sound course amid complexity,  
and perseverance to finish our work.  
So may we serve to the honor and glory of your Name  
and the well being of your people throughout the world.  
Amen.*

Peace,

# Report from the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

by Sandy Johnson

A lot of things happen because they are just meant to.

I recently was honored to be selected as one of 15 Anglican Communion delegates to the 51st Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) from February 23 – March 9.

During our 2006 Season of Creation, a sermon by the Rev. Margaret Rose, Director of Women's Ministries for the Episcopal Church, reached me in a powerful way. Her topic was on one of the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) – Goal 3 – elimination of all discrimination and violence against the girl child.

Her sermon was followed by a focus group where she described the work of our Anglican Communion in achieving this goal. For me, the dialogue was riveting, with great questions, candor and energy. My question was: How are we connecting these goals to our work in the Diocese of Delaware and in our parish? The sermon and question resonated so profoundly that I got on the Episcopal Church website the following night to learn more about the MDGs and Goal 3.

On this website was also an application for people who would be interested in being selected as a representative. I was driven to apply by what I can only call providential intervention. Two weeks later, I was appointed to the delegation. With the MDGs so closely aligned with my professional work, I concluded that what I learned would help me do my job in Delaware better.

So, I packed my bags and went.

## MDGs and the Beijing Platform for Action

The MDGs, adopted by the U.N. in 2000 are targeted for achievement by 2015. They are:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability



8. Develop a global partnership for development

The history of Goal 3 began with the 1995 Beijing, China Conference on Women, which resulted in the Beijing Platform for Action with twelve action items. Our SsAM member, Alice Sawyer, who represented the National YMCA, was among the thousands of women who traveled to China in 1995. The purpose of this U.N. meeting was to review the status of the MDGs and the Beijing Platform.

## The Passion—ACT NOW FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS!

The high-pitched, ready for action mantra is that we must free women and the girl child of oppressive unequal conditions. Among them are female trafficking, child marriages, genital mutilation and violence resulting from domestic conflict and war. The personal storytelling by girls and women who have experienced many of these conditions will remain with me forever. No country or region was without comment and work to be done. I learned much about the U.S. condition in some of these areas. The U.S. delegates were prompted to dismiss any historical “we are better or we can fix it colonial attitudes”. While circumstances may be different in the U.S., our country is not viewed as the pinnacle of achievement. The extent of female trafficking in the U.S. was particularly revealing for me.

## The Delegations

The majority of both Beijing and the 2007 UNCSW delegates represented hundreds of different Non-Government Organizations (aka NGOs) throughout the world. The Beijing Platform established twelve specific areas of concern for the advancement of women and the societies in which they live. As mentioned, for 2007, it is the elimination of all discrimination against women and violence against the girl child.



Anglican Delegates

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# Community Advocacy Committee News



Alice Smith reports that the Community Advocacy Committee has awarded the following grants from the AIM (Apostles in Mission) Fund, a special offering collected on the first and third Sundays of each month.

- \$1,000 to Limen House for the restoration of the women's residence. The Episcopal Church Women have also developed a mentoring and friendship relationship with the women.
- \$350 to the Seamen's Center at the Port of Wilmington. This money was collected in a special offering during Seamen's Sunday in September.
- \$200 to help support the Avondah dance program at the Baylor Women's Prison, as coordinated by Pacem in Terris. Our February "Souper" Bowl Sunday Was Super!

Fifteen of our members showed their excellent culinary skills with a wide variety of soups. We would like to recognize their contributions:

- Max Bell – Boston Market crab soup
- Shirley Bynoe – Butternut squash
- Leroy Burks – Turkey bean
- Jenna Christy – Carrot soup
- Gloria Conner-Bungy – Vegetable bean
- Retha Fisher – Turkey lima bean
- Carolyn Haon – Quinoa chowder
- Peter Huiner – Vegetable beef
- Karen Johnson – Pumpkin mushroom
- Susan Murphree – Taco soup
- Cynthia Oates – Navy bean and ham
- Carol Scott – Kielbasa soup
- Alice Smith – Chicken corn chowder
- Lu Soukup – Brunswick stew
- Dell Venarde – Black bean soup

Thanks to all who participated. We are now able to donate \$220 for the Friendship House Women's Day Center, which operates in the lower level of the church.

## Wilmington Garden Day Celebrates 60 Years with May 5 Tours

Wilmington Garden Day is fast approaching.

This annual house and garden tour is 60 years old and was the brainchild of Mrs. Charles Richards and the Women of St. Andrew's. Over the years, many members of our parish have headed committees and provided the manpower for this tour, which has traditionally provided funding for various children's organizations. The beneficiary of this year's tour will be St. Michael's School and Nursery.

The tour will take place on Saturday, May 5, from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. This year's general chairman is Mary Henderer of The Cathedral Church of Saint John. Several members of SsAM are actively involved, including Pat Hampton, Sandy Holt, Tracy Lea-Dorsey, Susan Murphree, Geoff Sawyer, and Alice Smith.

The committee can use your help in any of the following areas:

- to serve as a host or hostess at various garden sites during the day of the tour (contact Pat or Sandy);
- to deliver posters and informational brochures to various businesses in New Castle County;
- to sign up your business as a corporate sponsor for a minimal donation (contact Geoff);
- and, finally, to purchase tickets for the tour. Tickets are \$18 in advance or \$20 on the day of the tour.

For more information on any of these ways to help, contact Susan Murphree. More information about Garden Day can be found on the website: <http://www.gardenday.org>.



# Property and Maintenance Corner

The final two stained glass windows in the Nave will soon be removed for cleaning and restoration. These are the second and third windows on the 8th Street side of the church. Shenandoah Glass Company of Front Royal, Virginia has been contracted for this project. They were requested to initiate the work promptly after Easter Sunday and have scheduled the removal on April 10 and 11. Estimated cost is \$14,600 per window. It will take four to six weeks to complete the work and reinstall the windows.

Repair and renovation of the Acolyte Vesting Room has been completed with installation of a new robe storage rod and repainting of the walls and woodwork. This work will result in a much cleaner and neater place for the Acolyte robes. The room will also serve as the location for the choir music storage cupboards. Thanks to Dick Jones, James Thomas, Jim Ballard and Jim Linderman for accomplishing this upgrade. The next targeted repair and restoration effort has begun on the Alcoholics Anonymous Room in the basement. This room has been neglected for several decades and needs to be restored to a friendly and welcoming place for our AA visitors. Many improvements are needed and volunteer efforts will be greatly appreciated.

A recent professional evaluation of the church roof over the Sanctuary and Nave has determined that the roof material remains in good shape. The current shingles, which had a 20-year warranty, were installed in 1987 and will shortly be running out of the warranty period. However, they have been found to have at least five more years' useful life. This situation will be reevaluated in four or five years. When it becomes urgent to recover the roof it has been determined that another course of shingles can be installed over the present course.



## Birthdays

April 1  
Jim Linderman

April 4  
Leandria Hall

April 5  
Linda Julius

April 6  
Lionel Hampton

April 7  
Les Roberts

April 13  
Erwin Polk

April 14  
DeVere Patton  
Paulyne Webster

April 17  
Rod Welles

April 18  
Retha Fisher  
Cecil Gordon

April 19  
Herbert Harvey

April 20  
Nancy Ware  
Louise Spaulding

April 25  
Joy Anoje  
Michael Faulk

April 26  
Marion Gibbs

April 29  
Elizabeth Nicholls

May 1  
Sharon Leyhow

May 2  
Venera Casson  
Alice Smith  
Thomas Noyes  
Laura Ames

May 3  
LeAnn Brock

May 4  
Elliott Smith

May 6  
Tatalie Nwanekwu

May 10  
Tierra Wisher

May 13  
Judith Gregory  
Lisa Barkley

May 14  
Maria Ballard

May 15  
Alice Wilds

May 19  
Jeannette Johns

May 20  
Barbara Henry

May 22  
Betty Townsend  
Mellanda Scott  
Shaalih Brock

May 23  
David Feasel

May 25  
Christof Dorsey

May 26  
Matthew Shipp

May 28  
Julian Dorsey



# Holy Week and Easter Services

The purpose of Holy Week is to provide experiences which enable us to be present in the final events of Jesus' life.

Through processions, story and dramatic liturgy, in darkness and light, the past and the present are joined. We are there; then becomes now.

## **PALM SUNDAY - Sunday, April 1**

8:00 a.m. - Holy Communion and Homily

10:30 a.m. - Choral Eucharist and Sermon

Dramatic presentation of the Passion according to St. Mark; music by the Adult Choir and Choral Scholars. This service features a festive beginning with the blessing of palms and procession, re-enacting Jesus' triumphal and final entry into Jerusalem amidst happy cheers of the crowds; then shifts to a poignant, dramatic presentation of the Gospel account of the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus.

## **MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK - April 2**

12:15 p.m. - Holy Eucharist and Homily

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

The service of the Stations of the Cross adapts an ancient custom observed by Christian pilgrims in Jerusalem since the fourth century: the offering of prayer at a series of places in that city which are traditionally associated with the events of Jesus' sentencing to death, his agonizing walk while bearing his cross through the streets of Jerusalem, and his crucifixion, death and burial. As participants process around the church, they stop at each of the fourteen Stations of the Cross for scripture readings, prayers and meditation.

## **TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK - April 3**

12:15 p.m. - Noonday Prayer

7:00 p.m. - Guided Meditation

This quiet period of guided meditation begins our gradual descent into the depths of Holy Week, and into ourselves.

## **WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK - April 4**

12:15 p.m. - The Ministry of Healing and Holy Eucharist

7:00 p.m. - Tenebrae

Music by the Men of the Adult Choir with musical improvisation by Ana Hernandez and Ruth Cunningham.

Tenebrae is a Latin word, signifying "darkness," "shadows." The name is taken from the words in the Gospel describing the scene at Jesus' death: *Tenebrae factae sunt*. Darkness covered (the whole land when Jesus was crucified).

Throughout the service there is a progressive extinguishing of all lights in the church except one candle. Psalms, lessons and prayers form a prolonged experience of abandonment, judgment and death, with an obscure hint of resurrection symbolized by the remaining candle.

## **THURSDAY IN HOLY WEEK - April 5**

12:15 p.m. - Holy Eucharist and Homily

7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Washing of Feet, Holy Communion and Sermon, Stripping of the Altar

Music by the Choral Scholars

The name for this Thursday comes from the Latin *mandatum*, meaning "commandment," after the traditional reading at this service from the Gospel of John: "This is my commandment: that you love one another even as I have loved you." On this night, we re-enact Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet, as he did at his last supper with them; and following his mandate, we wash one another's feet. At that same supper, Jesus shared with his disciples the bread and wine as his Body and Blood, and commanded them: "Do this in remembrance of me." We commemorate this Institution of the Sacrament of the Eucharist with solemn simplicity. (The consecrated bread and wine from this service is reserved in a temporary shrine, before which worshipers may pray and meditate for a time during the hours following the service.) At the end of the service, all candles are extinguished, the altar is stripped bare and the church rendered austere, reminding us of Jesus' sudden arrest. The church remains bare and without candlelight all day Friday and Saturday, except for a large, crude wooden cross.

## **FRIDAY IN HOLY WEEK -GOOD FRIDAY - April 6**

12 noon - 3:00 p.m. - The Three Hours - Meditations and Sermons on the Seven Last Words of Christ, featuring

Dubois' *Seven Last Words*.

Music by the Adult Choir and members of community choirs and choruses.

The Three Hour service is a very recent descendant of the Passion Plays, such as in Oberammergau, Germany, and held on the day and time traditionally considered as the actual hours during which Jesus hung on the cross. During these hours we hear and reflect upon his final words spoken from the cross. In its shadow, he speaks to us through sermons, prayers, hymns, anthems and silence. At the end, the church bell tolls thirty-three times for each year of Jesus' life.

7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy - Veneration of the Cross

At the evening service, the ancient Good Friday Liturgy includes the Passion reading and solemn prayers for the whole world, and features the special rite in which each person present may express devotion to the cross by kissing, bowing, kneeling or lying prostrate before it. "We glory in your cross, O Lord, for by virtue of your cross, joy has come to the whole world." Communion is administered from the Reserved Sacrament from the Maundy Thursday Shrine.

## SATURDAY IN HOLY WEEK - April 7

12:00 p.m. - The Service for Noon Day  
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Rite of Reconciliation

The Service for Noon Day is a time of prayer and silent meditation as Christ rests in the tomb. At the Rite of Reconciliation (the Sacrament of Penance), opportunity is given for those who wish to make a personal and private confession.

7:00 p.m. - **THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**  
Music by the Choral Scholars

On Easter Eve, "this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life," we celebrate the most ancient of all of these services. Exiting slowly from darkness into the brilliant light of the resurrection, we experience anew the victory over the powers of darkness that is ours in the Light of Christ. In the early church, this was the traditional time for baptizing new Christians, symbolizing their passage from an old life of sin to new life in the Risen Christ. The service begins in darkness with the kindling of new fire and the lighting and procession of the Paschal Candle. Chanting of Psalms and readings from scripture in candlelight are followed by Holy Baptism or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows. Then, with sudden bursts of light, shouts of "Alleluia," hymns and anthems, the first Eucharist of Easter is celebrated.

## THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION EASTER DAY - April 8



8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist and Homily with Hymns  
10:30 a.m. - Festival Choral Eucharist and Sermon  
Music by the Adult Choir and Choral Scholars

With great solemnity, music and fanfare, the Church proclaims the Good News: "Alleluia, Christ is risen!" "The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!" Celebrating with joy the principal festival of our faith tradition, we acknowledge the very foundation of our existence. This festival begins the Fifty Days of Easter concluding with Pentecost. During this season, we reflect on the meaning and implications of this faith for our lives as individual Christians and as the Body of Christ in the Church and in the World.

# TENEBRAE: ANCIENT MEETS MODERN

Gregorian Chant with Improvisation  
Featuring the men of the choir  
with vocal and instrumental  
improvisations by  
guest artists Ana Hernandez  
and Ruth Cunningham,  
under the direction of  
David Christopher.

Wednesday, April 4, 7:00 p.m.

# THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Music and Meditations  
on Christ's Seven Last Words  
featuring the SsAM Adult Choir  
*performing*  
"The Seven Last Words"  
by Theodore Dubois.

The Rev. Canon Lloyd S. Casson  
The Rev. Rod Welles  
The Rev. Peter Huiner  
The Rev. Jeanne Linderman

Good Friday, April 6, 12 noon

# The Journey to Easter



We celebrated on Mardi Gras Sunday.



We prepared  
for the  
40 days  
on  
Shrove  
Tuesday.

We were nourished on Tuesdays by  
Taize and Lenten Lunches.



## Spotlight on Nikki Annan

President Nikki Annan. Naa-Okailey, better know as Nikki lives in Bear with her father and stepmother. Nikki's brother, Nii-Ayitey, a recent SsAM scholarship recipient, attends college in Washington, D.C. Nikki is 16, an eleventh grader and attends Padua Academy. Nikki's favorite subject is math. She also is a member of the track team.

Nikki describes herself as fun, friendly and cute. Her favorite TV program is Project Runway. She enjoys spending her time with friends, listening to her favorite song, "Save Me from Myself" and singer/performer Chris Brown.

Nikki returned to Delaware after living in Chicago for a few years. While in Chicago, she was confirmed and participated in the Journey to Adulthood program. Her experiences in the Episcopal Church while in Chicago prepared her to become the SsAM Soul President and Vestry 'youth' member.

Nikki can be seen around SsAM serving as an acolyte, usher and greeter.



## Youth and Family Banquet/Fashion Show

Rehearsal dates are Sunday, April 1 at 12:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 15 at 12:30 p.m. All rehearsals will be held in the SsAM auditorium. Please contact Linda Jackson if you wish to model.

The first Spring Family Banquet/ Fashion Show, sponsored by the SsAM Soul Youth Group, will take place on Saturday, April 21, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Be there to celebrate spring, enjoy a good meal and support our children and youth – from the youngest through high school – as they model the latest spring fashions – from sporty and casual to upscale dressy.

The event will take place in the SsAM Auditorium. For tickets, contact the church office 302-656-6628, or see any SsAM Soul youth member or complete the ticket order form below (adults \$10.00, children under 10 - \$5.00).

### Family Banquet/Fashion Show Ticket Order Form

Spring Family Banquet/Fashion Show  
Saturday, April 21, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Adults: \$10.00, Children under 10: \$5.00

Please send \_\_\_\_\_ tickets to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

My check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

## Diocesan Youth Ministry Proposed



On Saturday, January 27, SsAM Soul Youth Group president Nikki Annan, treasurer Alex Oates and youth director Linda Jackson traveled to Christ Church Dover to participate in a

discussion with others from the Diocese about the needs for a Diocesan youth ministry. Some suggestions were to hire a Diocesan Youth Coordinator, establish a centrally located Diocesan Youth Activities Center, establish a Diocesan Youth Council, plan monthly Diocesan youth activities. This information will be combined with information from the Diocesan Mission Study and material developed by the Diocesan Committee for Christian Formation to bring a proposal for Diocesan Youth Ministry before the 2007 Diocesan Convention.

## Volunteer Opportunities

The SsAM Soul Youth Group continues to work on volunteer service projects. Join us on Sunday, April 22 as we participate in the Regal Hills Nursing Home worship service. Please contact Mrs. Hastie, 234-4740, or Mrs. Jackson for more information.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV's) are responsible for visiting and taking the Sunday Eucharist to parishioners who are not able to attend regular services in the parish due to illness. Sunday, May 6, we will learn more about Eucharistic Visits from Pastoral Care Committee Chairperson Carolyn Haon.

# Ideas for Spring Break and More!

Spring is here! Of course this means time for Spring Break. Are you planning to take a trip for Spring Break? That's great! If not, don't worry. A lot of teens don't go on vacations during Spring Break. Whether you are going away or staying close to home, here are some things you can do to make the most out of your Spring Break time off:

1) Volunteer – giving back to others can have a big reward, and this is a wonderful time to do that. If you're not headed to any special destination for your break, why not contact someone to volunteer? Volunteer possibilities are endless.

2) Movie Marathon – got a list of movies that you are just dying to see? Have some friends over and watch them one after another. Whether you get together to watch Sci-Fi, thriller or comedy movies back to back, a movie marathon can be a fun time together.

3) Read a Book – this is a great time to catch up on your non-school reading. You have free time to explore your favorite authors' books. Pick one up at the library or the bookstore.

4) Try Something New – Got something that you wish you had time to try? For some, the "something new" can be an adventure. Take time this week to learn a new skill or activity.

5) Just "Veg" – many teens are busy people during the school year. Between school, school activities, homework, church, youth group activities, and more, a student's life can be non-stop. Take an hour or two during your Spring Break to actually take a break. Spend some time relaxing.

6) Family time – spend some quality time with your family. Many teens get so busy that they are lucky to eat a meal with their families. Find time to "hang out" with your family members.

7) Get Organized – when teens get really busy, things tend to get a little disorganized. Spend some time on your Spring Break cleaning up and putting things in order. Take those files on your computer and put them into easy-to-find folders.

Hang up your clothes and put things away. It may not sound like the most exciting activity, but you will be proud when you are done.

8) Pray – Spring Break means that you have more down time, so you can have more time to devote to prayer. Are there some burning items you wish you could focus on in your prayers? List those things and devote some significant time about them in prayer.

Our teen group is busy this spring. We're planning to host the 1st Spring Family Banquet Fashion Show, participate in the SsAM Youth Day activities, return to Camp Arrowhead for a Diocesan event. These are just a few activities planned for this season.

We welcome new members Sierra Dorsey and her friend Ashley.

We invite you to join us! If you are between the ages of 13 and 18, join our group and participate in our activities. We meet from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the Teen Suite.

## Time to Plan for Camp



Camp Arrowhead begins its 53rd summer camping season in June. The camp expects over 900 campers this year.

A brochure and summer camp information are now available online. Check the camp website, [www.camparrowhead.net](http://www.camparrowhead.net), or contact Mrs. Jackson, 762-2400, for more information.

## Youth Calendar of Events

### April

1	10:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday (attend service)
	12:30 p.m.	Fashion show rehearsal
8	10:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday (attend service)
15	10:30 a.m.	Youth confirmation class
	12:30 p.m.	Fashion show rehearsal
21	3:00 p.m.	Family Banquet/Fashion show
22	10:30 a.m.	Youth confirmation class
	2:00 p.m.	Regal Hills (volunteer project)
28	all day	Camp Arrowhead
29	10:30 a.m.	SsAM Youth Day

### May

6	12:30 p.m.	Teen meeting
13	10:30 a.m.	Mother's Day (attend service)
20	12:30 p.m.	Teen meeting
27	10:30 a.m.	Confirmation/Bishop's visitation

## Prayer

*For flowers that bloom about our feet,  
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet,  
For song of bird, and hum of bee,  
For all things fair we hear or see,  
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!  
For blue of stream and blue of sky,  
For pleasant shade of branches high,  
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,  
For beauty of the blooming trees,  
Oh Lord in heaven, we thank Thee!*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

# United Nations

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The Anglican delegation (some of whom are pictured on page 3) represented provinces all over the world – South Africa, Uganda, Kenya, Canada, Pakistan, India, Brazil, Australia, Solomon Islands, England, and more. Total delegates from the prior three years gave us about 35, of which about eight were in their early 20's. We were placed in partner groups, "Venture Circles," in an attempt to broaden our contacts beyond the NYC experience.

I intentionally spent most time with international delegates, whether Anglican or not, because I wanted to learn more about their world – culture, discrimination, politics, NGOs, energy and food. The Episcopal Center tried to prepare us, but each hour brought a new experience for me. By the way, our day started around 7:00 a.m. and ended about 8:00 p.m., but a couple went even later. The days began with a 25-minute worship service at the U.N. Church Center. Various ecumenical and interfaith groups directed the services.

## Politics and Work Ahead

The Anglican Communion is working to get Senator Joe Biden, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, to push for the U.S. ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. While the U.S. has signed the Convention, it is one of only four U.N. countries that have not ratified it. Ratification would require the U.S. to present a plan of action in achieving the Beijing Platform. I will be seeking SsAM signatures for that petition to Senator Biden.

My Delaware effort is to work on insuring that systems and laws are created and implemented in Delaware in furtherance of the Beijing Platform. I will be talking with SsAM members, the Bishop and working with the Delaware Agenda on Women and SURJ. I want to be able to report progress and results in furtherance of the goals when the Commission meets next year.

This experience was life changing. I now have additional tools and a global network of people to help with our work here in Delaware. This is such a wonderful alignment between my professional life and faith community that I consider it a very special blessing.

## Need a Ride to Church?

The church has a van ministry which will pick up anyone needing a ride to SsAM on Sundays. If you need a ride, give Joyce Matlock at call at 994-2320. Please call no later than Friday.

# Annual Parish Meeting Scheduled June 10

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Parish of the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew will be held on Sunday, June 10 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will occur within the context of the Sunday Parish Eucharist.

Please note: There will be no 8:00 a.m. service on that day, in order that all member of the congregation may participate in the meeting.

In addition to worship, the agenda will include:

- election by ballot of four new members to the Vestry;
- annual reports from the Vestry and various ministries and activities of the parish;
- general discussion by all present around the issues presented and critical concerns raised by the body and
- other action as may be required.

The meeting will begin with the Celebration of the Eucharist.

The meeting is open to all members and friends of the parish. However, those eligible to vote in the elections and on action before the meeting are those who meet the requirements set forth in Article 6 of the Parish By-Laws: qualified voters are persons who are

- baptized,
- at least 16 years of age, and
- have been an active and contributing member for at least the six months prior to the meeting.

## Scholarship Recipient Studies in Australia; 2007 Scholarship Applications Available

Sara Hengel was one of six scholarship recipients who received \$500 grants for college last September. Sara used her funds to study in Australia during the winter session at the University of Delaware, where she is a junior studying nursing.

We received the following message from Sara during her time in Australia: "Greetings from down under. Just writing to thank you for this wonderful opportunity. Your scholarship helped me get here. I'm having a fabulous time and enjoying the sun. Hope all is well in the U.S. and see you in church when I return! Thank you and God bless."

The Community Advocacy Committee is gearing up for the next scholarship application season. We encourage any SsAM member who is a current college student or has been accepted at a college for the 2007-2008 academic year to apply.

Application forms, which will require an essay, can be obtained by calling Alice Smith at 376-0200 or by emailing hcsvette@aol.com. The application deadline is July 1, 2007.

## Report on Stewardship and Finance

For many years SsAM has been able to meet the financial needs of the church by supplementing the funds received from pledges and offerings by drawing on endowments that were donated by caring and generous people in the past. In 2000 the Vestry decided that all of these endowments should be placed in the Diocesan Master Fund A for investment management purposes. This fund is financially managed by the elected Trustees of the Diocese with advice from a Diocesan Investment Committee. Gene Wilds, a member of the Investment Committee, has agreed to provide some background about our endowments and the Diocesan Master Fund A in this issue of Vision. Other aspects will be explored in future issues.

### 2007 Stewardship Standing

Pledges this year, 104 pledge units:  
\$250,846 pledged  
This time last year, 124 pledge units  
\$301,700 pledged

All who have not yet pledged  
are encouraged to do so.  
We are running behind last year.

## Report on SsAM Endowments and Master Fund

by Gene Wilds

One of the responsibilities of the Vestry is to manage SsAM's monetary assets in a manner that is consistent with our Mission and Vision. This responsibility includes ensuring appropriate investment of all of our endowed funds as well as providing monitoring and oversight of the use of proceeds from the investments.

Accordingly, the Vestry decided in 2000 to place all of our endowment funds in the Investment Fund of the Diocese of Delaware (IFDD) that is sometimes referred to as Master Fund A. This is an open-ended pooled fund, with participation limited to the Diocese of Delaware and its parishes. The Trustees of the Diocese are responsible for the fund. A Diocesan Investment Committee, on matters related to the fund, advises the Trustees.

Currently, four financial management companies have been given responsibility to manage portions of the fund. In addition, a financial consultant has been retained to advise the Diocesan Investment Committee. The Fund's Investment Performance is reviewed with the Investment Committee on a quarterly basis.

For the past five years the fund has performed well with an annualized rate of return of 8.6% compared to an annualized rate of return of a model comparable portfolio, of 7.7%.

Since the year 2000, SsAM has used funds from our endowment to support the operation of the church and also to partially fund the Lighting the Way capital campaign and other improvement projects. Over the past five years the use of funds from the endowment has been greater than the return from investments. As a result, the level of endowed funds has declined.

## Infant Baptism Schedule



Infant baptisms are scheduled to take place at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. and at the Bishop's Visit, Sunday, May 27, at 10:30 a.m.

Baptismal classes will be held on Saturday, April 7 at 11:00 a.m., and Saturday, May 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Call the church office for more information.

## Sunday Coffee Hour

I would like to thank the Sunday Coffee Hour Crew for all of their help over the past year: Valerie Alexander, Sharon Bryant, Diana Meyers, Bea Polk and Louise Lewis. Also thanks to the Sunday School youth volunteers who helped make this a special time for all of us.

Finally, I would like to thank the Committee Chairs who see that we have goodies on the fifth Sundays. We could not make this happen without the members of SSAM who contribute on Sundays.

Thanks again to all.  
*Linda Smith*

The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew

## \*Membership Classes for Adults- Spring 2007

MONDAY EVENINGS through May 14, 2007; 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

and Saturday morning, May 26, from 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

“EMBRACING LIFE IN FAITH”

discussions for inquirers on the history and traditions of the Christian Faith, scriptures, spirituality, and ethics for daily living

- April 2 Class VI (Monday in Holy Week; class follows Stations of the Cross)  
“On these shores:” The Episcopal Church in the United States of America and the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew.
- April 9 (Monday in Easter Week) NO CLASS
- April 16 Class VII  
“Divine Inspiration:” The Holy Scriptures
- April 23 Class VIII  
“The Body of Christ:” Holy Baptism, Holy Eucharist, the Book of Common Prayer
- April 30 Class IX  
“Servants of God, Ministers of the Church:” Laity, Bishops, Priests and Deacons
- May 7 Class X  
“Go forth into the world..” Christian Discipleship. Our place in the church and the world.
- May 14 Class XI  
“Go forth into the world..” Christian Discipleship. Our place in the church and the world. Part II
- May 21 NO CLASS
- May 26 (Saturday) Class XII  
“The Visitation of the Bishop:” Preparation for the service.

\*These classes are for anyone wishing to inquire about the Christian Faith, the Episcopal Church and the particular mission of the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew. *They are required for adults seeking baptism, confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation of baptismal vows*, to take place at the Bishop’s Visit, Sunday, May 27, 2007, 10:30 a.m. *Adults may choose to be baptized at the Easter Vigil on Easter Eve, Saturday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m.*



## Bishop’s Annual Visitation on May 27

Bishop Wayne Wright’s annual visit will take place on May 27. There will be confirmations, receptions and reaffirmation of baptismal vows at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Every member is encouraged to attend on this Sunday to show our spiritual and prayerful support of those becoming new members and to hear from our Bishop on this auspicious occasion.

# ECW Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper a Success!

ECW 's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was an unqualified success. 227 dinners were served, of which 88 were purchased as take-out orders. This year the take out line was streamlined to avoid long waiting times for those customers. Volunteers from the Young People's group helped to make that possible. We give hearty thanks to all who participated.

managed the dessert table with her customary aplomb.

ECW is allocating 10 percent of the profit from the evening to its Kitchen Fund.

Please plan to attend the ECW meeting on April 14. Our quarterly book discussion will be held following the business meeting. We will be examining *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd.



Special recognition goes to Gloria Conner Bungy who served as overall chair and to Lionel Hampton the principal chef. Sandy Holt contacted parishioners to donate desserts and thanks go to the many responders. The lovely servers in the auditorium were recruited and organized by Cynthia Oates. As Chair of the Take-out Service, Pat Hampton coordinated with the Youth volunteers and Dot Dorsey and LaVerne Cheatham streamlined the take-out orders. Serving at the pancake grills, Jayne Britt, Charles Bungy and Joe and Karen Johnson enjoyed a busy evening. Louise Lewis



# Upcoming Activities & Events

## *April*

- 1 Palm Sunday
- AIM Sunday
- 2-6 Holy Week
- 8 Easter
- 14 10:00 a.m. ECW meeting
- 15 AIM Sunday
- 20-21 Diocesan Convention, Smyrna
- 21 3:00 p.m. Family Banquet/Fashion Show
- 22 2:00 p.m. Regal Healthcare Center

## *May*

- 5 Wilmington Garden Day
- 6 AIM Sunday
- 12 10:00 a.m. ECW meeting
- 13 Mother's Day
- 20 UTO Ingathering
- AIM Sunday
- 27 10:30 a.m. Bishop's Annual Visit
- 2:00 p.m. Regal Healthcare Center

The Daily Parish Calendar can be seen on the SsAM website—[www.ssam.org](http://www.ssam.org).

## Save the Dates

**2nd Annual Downtown Festival  
Saturday, June 30.**

**Annual Parish Picnic July 22,  
Fox Point Park**



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