



THE GREEN SHEET

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL! – From a grateful Diocesan staff...hopeful that 2014 will be the best year ever...and grateful for your continued support!

CLERGY NEWS – congratulations to **The Rev. Anthony and Elizabeth MacWhinnie**, on the birth of their daughter, Ruby Corinne MacWhinnie, born January 3rd at 5 lbs. 6 oz. Mother and daughter are doing well and father is ecstatic!

CLERGY CONFERENCE – Clergy are reminded of the Spring 2014 Clergy Conference to be held **Sunday evening, March 9th – Tuesday morning, March 11th** (which is the first Sunday in Lent) at Beckwith. The speaker will be **Father William Menninger of St. Benedict's Monastery**

FRESH START – The next meeting will be **Thursday, March 20th at the Diocesan office**. The remaining dates for 2014 are as follows: **May 15th, August 21st, September 18th, October 16th and November 20th**. If you have any questions about this program, please call The Rev. Steve Bates at (850) 747-4000, or email him at fr.steve@holy-nativity.org.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION INFORMATION – The 43rd Diocesan Convention is scheduled for **Thursday, February 20 – 22, 2014** at St. Christopher's, Pensacola. **Deadlines for pledge reports, certificates of election and registration forms have passed. If, for whatever reason, your church has missed these deadlines please get them to the Diocesan office ASAP!!!**

CONVENTION HOTEL INFORMATION – As advised to all clergy and senior wardens in charge in the first packet, the convention hotels are in the Pensacola International Airport area, near St. Christopher's church, and **both provide free breakfast**. Participants are encouraged to use these facilities and need to sign up before January 20th for the Hyatt and January 31st for the Hampton Inn. The rates are \$100 (Code G-STCE) and \$109 (Code EPC) per night respectively.

RETIREES AND OTHERS - who wish to register for the Diocesan Convention, please call Kim Russell at the Diocesan office (850) 434-7337, or e-mail kim@diocgc.org, for a form.

SO THAT EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS - Those registering for the Convention (\$95 per person) will get a name tag, Convention packet information, Convention refreshments, and a ticket to the Friday evening Gala. Those registering for the Gala Friday evening **only** (\$60 per person), will get a ticket to that event **only** and **will not** be registered for the Convention and **will not** get a Convention name tag or other Convention materials, or refreshments!

CONVENTION EXHIBITORS – Exhibit space is filled to capacity! If you have reserved a spot and not paid your \$35, please get it in immediately in order to hold your position!

2013 PAROCHIAL REPORTS – has been shipped to every congregation in the diocese. If for some reason you did not get a parochial report, please contact the Diocesan office ASAP. Besides the parochial report, each individual packet will contain a card with the UEID and PIN that pertains to each particular church, as well as the updated cover letter and instruction sheet. The workbooks for help in filling out the report are available online, and will not be included in the packet. To download the workbooks, a PDF of the 2013 Parochial Report, and for other research, statistics and reports, please see the research page of the Episcopal Church website: www.episcopalchurch.org/page/our-congregations. Online filing will began January 2, 2014.

2014 UTO GRANT APPLICATIONS – are now available. The United Thank Offering Grants for 2014 – 2015 will focus on the Five Marks of Mission, seeking to address the current culture of violence by supporting a mission of peace. If your congregation has a program you would like to submit for consideration for a UTO Grant, please contact Mary Poss in the Diocesan office and let her know your program/need, so the Bishop can give his approval for submission. Applications should be completed by March 10, 2014 to be considered by the Diocesan Grant Review Committee. Interested applicants may review grant criteria and changes online at www.episcopalchurch.org/page/uto-grants. For additional information, contact the Diocesan UTO Coordinator, Elizabeth Welch at (334) 793-7888; elizawelch51@hotmail.com or Mary Poss in the Diocesan office at (850) 434-7337.

QUIET DAY RETREAT – is scheduled for Saturday, January 25th at 9:30 am to 1:00 pm at Nativity, Dothan. Led by Reverend John Coleman and entitled “Slavery or Freedom? – Forgiveness and the Daily Choice of the Way.” Join the Daughters of the King for a day of prayer, reflection, and silence to walk The Way of Jesus and explore, through a series of brief reflections, what it means to be forgiven and to forgive. For more information, call the Nativity, Dothan at 334-793-7616 or email Susan Henderson at shender1114@aol.com by January 23rd to register for this free event (childcare available).

MOTHER/DAUGHTER RETREAT – has been scheduled for February 7 - 9, 2014 at Beckwith Camp and Retreat Center. Interested mothers and daughters are encouraged to hold this date. For additional information, contact Eleanor Reeves at eleanor@beckwithal.com or call her at 251-928-7844.

FATHER/SON RETREAT – has been rescheduled for March 7 – 9, 2014 at Beckwith Camp and Retreat Center. Hosted by The Rev. Peter Wong, The Rev. Keith Talbert and his son John Talbert, this retreat will include fun on the challenge course, water activities, croquet, badminton, music, worship, and a low country boil. Children should be age 12 and older. More information will be forthcoming in a timely manner, but interested parties should mark their calendars and hold the date.

HAPPENING #52 – is scheduled for March 14 – 16, at Holy Cross, Pensacola. Happening is an enjoyable opportunity for spiritual growth for teens in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades presented by other teens. For more information and forms, please contact, The Happening Steering Committee at office@holycrosspensacola.org.

ALTAR GUILD SPRING DAY – is scheduled for March 29th at St. Mark’s, Troy. For additional information, contact Ceil Lacey at cwlacey@cox.net.

ADULTS THAT WORK WITH YOUTH – retreat is scheduled for April 3rd – 5th at Beckwith Camp and Retreat Center. Any adults who work with youth are invited to this important opportunity to engage in youth ministry. The keynote speaker and storyteller is Kathy Culmer, who will share the art of storytelling. Your retreat will include workshops, idea sharing, networking and training to better equip you for ministry with young people in your parish. Program begins Thursday evening with dinner and will end Saturday at 10 am. For more information contact the Diocesan Youth Coordinator, James Lawrence, at james@beckwithal.com.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATES – The Internal Revenue Service has issued the IRS Standard Mileage Rate for business travel for 2014. Effective January 1, 2014, the standard mileage reimbursement rate will be .56 for business use of an automobile. Note this is a one-half cent reduction from 2013 (it was .565!)

CHURCH AUDITS – All congregations are required by Canon to file a financial audit with the Bishop’s office by September 1st of the following year. Church audits for the year ending December 31, 2012 were due in the Bishop’s office on or before September 1, 2013. If you have any questions about audit requirements, or need an audit form approved by the Commission on Finance, please contact Vince Currie or Jennifer Barnard in the Diocesan office. **The following congregations have not submitted an audit for the year ending December 31, 2012, and should do so immediately:**

Atmore, Trinity
Bay Minette, Immanuel
Cantonment, St. Monica’s
Citronelle, St. Thomas’
Jackson, St. Peter’s

Magnolia Springs, St. Paul’s
Mobile, All Saints
Mobile, Good Shepherd
Mobile, St. Andrew’s
Mobile, St. Mark’s

Monroeville, St. John’s
Pensacola, Holy Cross
Robertsdale, St. John
Beckwith Camp
Wilmer Hall

PRISON MINISTRY CYCLE OF PRAYER – the Diocesan Commission on Prison Ministry has developed a Cycle of Prayer for prisons, prisoners, staff, and families of prisoners and staff, encouraging prayers for various institutions in the Diocese. **A copy of the complete Cycle of Prayer is available through the Diocesan office.** Follows are the prayers dates through January:

Jan 26-Feb 1, Santa Rosa Sheriff, Milton, FL
Feb 2-8, Walton County Jail, DeFuniak Springs, FL
Feb 9-15, Washington County Jail, Chipley, FL

Feb 16-22, Apalachee Correctional Instit., Sneads, FL
Feb 23-Mar 1, Bay Correctional & Juvenile Facilities, Panama City, FL

CONVENIENCE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS – The Diocesan office is equipped to handle regular and on-going contributions to programs in the Diocese (i.e. Bishop's Dollars, Duvall Cursillo Fund, Beckwith, Wilmer Hall, etc.). If anyone is interested in setting up an automatic, monthly ACH account, please contact Jennifer Barnard in the Diocesan office (850) 434-7337.

PLANNED GIVING – “The pursuit of happiness ends when you catch the spirit of philanthropy!”

(For information or assistance regarding Planned Giving, call Vince Currie at the Diocesan office or the Episcopal Church Foundation at (800) 697-2858.)

HEALTH TIP –

“Schedule your annual routine appointment . . . and keep the appointment!”

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Quiet Day Retreat | Jan 25 | Nativity, Dothan |
| Mother/Daughter Retreat | Feb 7 – 9 | Beckwith Camp & Retreat Center |
| 43 rd Diocesan Convention | Feb 20 - 22 | St. Christopher's, Pensacola |
| Father/Son Retreat | March 7 – 9 | Beckwith Camp & Retreat Center |
| Spring Clergy Conference | March 9 - 11 | Beckwith Camp & Retreat Center |
| HAPPENING #52 | March 14 - 16 | Holy Cross, Pensacola |
| Fresh Start | March 20 | Diocesan Office |
| Altar Guild Spring Day | March 29 | St. Mark's, Troy |
| Adults that Work with Youth Retreat | April 3 - 5 | Beckwith Camp & Retreat Center |
| 2014 Spring Day Away | April 5 | Church of the Advent, Lillian |

BISHOP DUNCAN'S CALENDAR

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| Visitation | Jan 22 | St. Peter's, Jackson |
| Standing Committee mtg | Jan 23 | Wilmer Hall |
| SCEIR mtg | Jan 25 – 30 | Salt Lake City, UT |
| Visitation | Feb 2 (9am) | St. Matthew's, Mobile |
| Visitation | Feb 2 (11am) | St. Michael's, Chickasaw |
| Visitation | Feb 2 (3pm) | St. Thomas, Citronelle |
| Visitation | Feb 9 | St. James, Eufaula |
| Cursillo 152 Team mtg | Feb 15 | Beckwith |
| Visitation | Feb 16 | Holy Nativity, Panama City |
| Diocesan Convention | Feb 20 – 22 | St. Christopher's, Pensacola |
| Visitation | Feb 23 | St. Thomas, Laguna Beach |
| Bishop's System Group mtg | Feb 24 – 27 | Bishop's Ranch |

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH: “Ninety Percent (90%) break their New Year's resolution before Valentine's Day!” (How are you doing with your New Year's Resolution?)

Committee: Treasurer's Report
January to December 2013

| Accounts | Current Month Activity | Year to Date Balance |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Revenues | | |
| Pledges | | |
| Andalusia, St. Mary's (109)-10 | \$0.00 | \$13,232.25 |
| Apalachicola, Trinity(142)-13.5 | \$1,533.33 | \$20,119.96 |
| Atmore, St. Anna's (79) - 12 | \$1,456.00 | \$4,001.00 |
| Atmore, Trinity (34) | \$0.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Bay Minette, Immanuel (40) - 8 | \$108.56 | \$2,273.68 |
| Bon Secour, St. Peter's(141)-10 | \$405.70 | \$5,228.67 |
| Brewton, St. Stephen's(161)-12 | \$7,156.14 | \$21,451.34 |
| Cantonment, St. Monica's(132)-6 | \$797.76 | \$4,654.14 |
| Chickasaw, St. Michael's(43) | \$566.10 | \$2,276.44 |
| Chipley, St. Matthew's (67)-13 | \$0.00 | \$4,745.00 |
| Citronelle, St. Thomas (4)-7 | \$0.00 | \$119.00 |
| Coden, St. Mary's (54) - 10 | \$0.00 | \$1,960.85 |
| Crestview, Epiphany (112) - 13 | \$791.49 | \$8,647.38 |
| Daphne, St. Paul's (767) - 10 | \$13,765.00 | \$65,924.00 |
| Dauphin Isld, St. Francis(52)-20 | \$3,364.00 | \$17,265.00 |
| DeFnk Spgs, St Agatha's(84)-21 | \$1,244.06 | \$9,996.86 |
| Destin, St. Andrew's (81) - 11 | \$1,664.62 | \$16,431.77 |
| Dothan, Nativity (465) | \$13,332.00 | \$39,996.00 |
| Enterprise, Epiphany (59)-20 | \$2,600.00 | \$16,900.00 |
| Eufaula, St. James' (201) | (\$166.67) | \$9,999.96 |
| Fairhope, St. James' (1157) | \$12,584.00 | \$75,504.00 |
| Foley, St. Paul's (449) | \$1,167.00 | \$14,004.00 |
| Ft. Wltn Bch, St. Simon's(447) | \$4,000.00 | \$40,000.00 |
| Greenville, St. Thomas(246)-10 | \$2,799.80 | \$13,356.77 |
| Gulf Breeze, St. Francis(290)-8 | \$2,994.00 | \$17,548.79 |
| Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit(366)-8 | \$1,060.56 | \$13,243.87 |
| Jackson, St. Peter's (33) | \$0.00 | \$745.00 |
| Laguna Beach, St. Thomas(117)-10 | \$1,397.75 | \$8,261.37 |
| Lillian, Advent (88) | \$1,666.67 | \$20,000.04 |
| Magnolia Spgs, St. Pauls(121) | \$1,261.22 | \$18,000.00 |
| Marianna, St. Luke's (140) - 6 | \$2,289.21 | \$8,891.00 |
| Milton, St. Mary's (152) - 5 | \$0.00 | \$1,673.70 |
| Mobile, All Saints' (421) | \$9,000.00 | \$20,000.00 |
| Mobile, Christ (582) | \$1,663.00 | \$20,000.00 |
| Mobile, Good Shepherd (180) | \$704.60 | \$704.60 |
| Mobile, Redeemer (191) - 4 | \$445.55 | \$6,399.66 |
| Mobile, St. Andrew's (36) - 8 | \$813.00 | \$4,079.00 |
| Mobile, St. John's (127) - 10 | \$3,021.79 | \$16,191.24 |
| Mobile, St. Luke's (517) - 7 | \$3,400.00 | \$30,000.00 |
| Mobile, St. Mark's (9) | \$120.00 | \$1,565.00 |
| Mobile, St. Matthew's (36) | \$800.00 | \$5,300.00 |
| Mobile, St. Paul's (1811) | \$21,000.00 | \$126,000.00 |
| Mobile, Trinity (462) | \$200.00 | \$10,200.00 |
| Monroeville, St. John's(107)-5 | \$1,175.98 | \$9,268.83 |
| Navarre, St. Augustine's(132)-10 | \$1,848.60 | \$10,767.85 |
| Niceville, St. Jude's (228) | \$2,758.10 | \$16,306.78 |
| Ozark, St. Michael's (69) | \$839.04 | \$3,632.56 |
| Pnma City, Holy Nativity (574) | \$6,250.00 | \$20,000.00 |
| Panama City, St. Andrews(243)-10 | \$300.00 | \$17,046.10 |
| Pnma City, St. Patrick's(58)-21 | \$1,120.35 | \$5,989.10 |
| Panama City Beach, Grace (105)1 | \$0.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| Pensacola, Christ (1336) | \$25,207.00 | \$91,028.00 |
| Pensacola, Holy Cross (281) | \$2,333.70 | \$28,000.00 |
| Pensacola, Holy Trinity(83) - 1 | \$100.00 | \$1,200.00 |
| Pcola, St. Christopher's(627)-10 | \$4,875.00 | \$58,500.00 |
| Pensacola, St. Cyprian's (47)-2 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Pensacola, St. John's (103)-10 | \$1,142.60 | \$7,583.40 |
| Pt St. Joe, St. James'(112) - 10 | \$0.00 | \$7,575.94 |
| Robdale, St. John the Evan | \$100.00 | \$400.00 |
| Santa Rosa, Christ King(262)-15 | \$4,363.41 | \$56,311.45 |
| Troy, St. Mark's (175) - 10 | \$2,333.34 | \$13,916.70 |
| Wewahitchka, St. John's(46)-21 | \$0.00 | \$10,832.80 |
| Total Pledges | \$175,753.36 | \$1,099,250.85 |
| Total Revenues | \$175,753.36 | \$1,099,250.85 |
| Net Total | \$175,753.36 | \$1,099,250.85 |