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SPOTLIGHT: TRISTAN TUCKER, YOUNG ADULT SERVICE CORPS

Tristan “Hobey” Tucker, a 24-year-old Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) member, is a lifelong member of Christ Church in Springfield, IL. He attended East Bay Episcopal Church Camp at Lake Bloomington from age eight to his graduation of High School. He also attended Happenings, New Beginnings, and other Christian youth events as a High School student and was actively involved in his church’s Sunday School program. All of these opportunities provided within the Diocese of Springfield have instilled in Tristan a strong Christian faith, along with a call to serve others. Jesus said to whom much has been given, much is required. Tristan is aware of the privilege he has had growing up in the Midwest within a Christian community. God has blessed Tristan with musical talent. Tristan attended Lawrence Conservatory of Music in Appleton, Wisconsin, where he received a Bachelor’s of Music degree in Instrumental Music Education, in January of 2015.

Tristan’s love of music and desire to share his gifts with the intention of spreading the gospel, as well as a bit of divine luck, led him to the Episcopal Church’s Young Adult Service Corps.

The Young Adult Service Corps is a program run by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. It is a one-year program that provides young people from ages 21 to 30 an opportunity for ministry abroad by applying their God-given talents through living in community with Anglicans around the world. The Young Adult Service Corps offers a variety of placements around the globe, such as Panama, Tanzania, England, and Japan. The program is an example of the modern

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With the murder of Father Jacques Hamel in France last month, followed almost immediately by the murder of seven Trappist monks in Algeria, the world perhaps is beginning to awaken to the danger associated with being a Christian in the 21st century. With murders, rapes, and kidnappings inflicted on innocent believers worldwide, why is it that

Christian missionaries nonetheless are rejoicing in the fruits of their work?

The answer to this question can be found by listening to the stories of those who themselves are engaged in ministry in troubled regions. That these stories are not found frequently in the mainstream media is not wholly due to editorial disinterest. Publicity brings with it the threat of crackdowns in the areas where successes have been achieved and

the inhibition of programs currently being seeded in other areas.

Recently, I was blessed to hear reports from one senior missionary whose job it is to train and provide pastoral care for field workers for an organization that spans the Middle East and parts of Asia. “Tim” (not his real name) agreed to provide information for this article only on the condition that I not mention his name or the

Mountain Provinces in the Northern region of the Island of Luzon.

Tristan first learned about the Young Adult Service Corps during a 2014 service trip abroad teaching music at the Summer Music Camp of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Cange, Haiti. While there, Tristan met a YASC member named Alan Yarborough from the Diocese of Western North Carolina. Alan was working to promote Haitian artists by operating a shop selling Haitian folk art to foreign aid workers and camp professors. After listening to Alan talk about the program and how it was an opportunity to work abroad in community development, rooted in Episcopal tradition, Tristan knew YASC was something he wanted to pursue.

This is a busy time for Tristan, as he is preparing to leave the USA for the Philippines on September 1, 2016. However, he is more than willing to answer any questions you might have about YASC and his year of service. You can reach Tristan at tristan.tucker27@gmail.com or by phone at (217) 801-4935. You can also learn more about YASC at episcopalchurch.org and keep up with Tristan’s YASC year by visiting his blog at tristaninphilippines.blogspot.com. There is a fundraising expectation for YASC participants from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and donations to support Tristan’s ministry can be made at episcopalchurch.thankyou4caring.org. Once there, you should select The Fund for Missionaries under Designation, and in the Comments section put “YASC Tristan.” You may also send donations directly to him at his parents’ home address: 17168 Vaneman Street, Petersburg, IL 62675.

Tristan invites all members of the Diocese of Springfield to take part in this exciting ministry, and he will be keeping the Diocese up to date as often as he can during his year of service. He needs your prayers and support as he travels so far from home.
names of his associates, nor the name of the organization through which they work. This anonymity is necessary not only to protect their work, but their very lives as well.

Tim tells of a knock on the door shortly after midnight one night. He and his family serve as missionaries in a border area “at the intersection of the flood of refugees and the ISIS fighters” pursuing them. Wrestling with fear, he opened the door to find a tall, young ISIS member asking to come inside. His thoughts flew to his wife and children still asleep in their bedrooms. He quickly understood that now was not the time to back away from the risks they had endured since their arrival several years previously.

“Is it too late for me?” the young man asked insistently. Turns out that despite his youth, “Ahmad” had already killed many people, both Christians and moderate Muslims, through July 2016. During this tenure, he faithfully ministered to the needs of the parishioners of Trinity Church, especially providing for the spiritual needs of the ill, the hospitalized, and the confined.

Deacon Langford has also been a stalwart and guiding force within the Episcopal Diocese of Springfield for many years, serving on many committees.

The Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church, on behalf of the parish and all of its parishioners, wishes to express its deep and abiding appreciation to Deacon Langford for his faithfulness, ministry, and guidance over the past twenty years. And they extend their heartfelt best wishes to him and his family for the future.

Calling:
On August 1, 2016, The Rev. Zachary D. Brooks began his ministry at Trinity Church. Deacon Zach was called by the Vestry last May to serve as Rector-Elect until his ordination to the Priesthood in December. Deacon Zach grew up in Lafayette, Indiana, and attended seminary at Boston College. He was ordained a deacon last June in Boston, Massachusetts.

In asking for prayer support, Tim asks Christians to remember that it is not the terrorists themselves who are our enemy. Our real battle is against the dark spiritual powers that currently hold the ISIS fighters captive with lies and hate. Pray that they all may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ. We we pray, also, for the brave missionaries risking all to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Please look for the display table at Synod for more information and for the “Arabic N” cards that express solidarity with those suffering persecution.

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Yellow Arabic letter “N” used as symbol for Christian persecution awareness

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COMINGS & GOINGS
AT TRINITY CHURCH,
JACKSONVILLE

Retirement:
The Reverend Dr. Thomas W. Langford served as Deacon of Trinity Church from June 1996

COLUMN
RESTORATION AT
ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL
CHURCH
Fr. Dick Swan

Many in our Diocese worry about the special needs of the older church
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structures that we have inherited from the faithful before us. In the Fall of 2015 a few ladies came to tell me that they had heard a “crash” in the nave. Upon investigating we found that the capital of the forward-most column in the nave had broken and that significant pieces of plaster had dropped into the pews below. Many in the Church had thought that the capitals were carved wood and were surprised to learn that they were actually sculpted plaster. Bp. Ed Salmon and his wife, Louise, who had recently had some renovation work done on their house in St. Louis, put us in touch with Mr. Helmut Feller. The attached pictures and narrative chronicle the craftsmanship required to restore a broken column capital to its original beauty.

Although we were able to repair most of the original pieces some parts had to be custom sculpted

The ornamental cap on the front most right pillar had major damage, a large piece had fallen and shattered into pieces

stain was used to match the color and finish of the original piece

UPDATE FROM BISHOP ALEJANDRO MESCO

Dear Daniel Bishop and all the priests and brothers and sisters of his diocese.Greetings to you all.

I hope all is well with everyone and their families, in their jobs and in everything they do for the glory of God. Doris and I remember you every morning and we hope our Lord pours out his blessings upon you at all times. THANK YOU for your prayers.

After the meeting of bishops in Argentina at the beginning of June: The Anglican Church of Peru will continue as a diocese; we will not be a province or a national church. What we are this: One diocese with four vicariate: one Diocesan Bishop, two Suffragan Bishops, and two Episcopal Vicars.

It is a very interesting stage, with great challenges, as we are working very hard to establish new communities, strengthen existing communities, train leaders, organize conferences to strengthen existing leaders, and many other things.

In Arequipa, Father P. Carlos Quispe has been installed as the new Episcopal. He has taken charge of all the activities and supervision of the clergy and communities.

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 pictured L to R: Brenda Martins, Bishop Daniel Martins, Bishop Alejandro Mesco, Fr. Mark Evans
I, for reasons of my family—especially for the health of my wife Doris—will remain in Arequipa. But I have been asked to establish new mission work in Cusco, where I will then be a Missionary Bishop. This will become a reality in the coming years, but I will visit Cusco to initiate contacts and look for possibilities of establishing a small Bible studies group.

At the moment, the Diocesan Bishop has given me the task of starting a project on ANGLICAN LITURGY AND SPIRITUALITY. About liturgy I have no experience—just what I’ve learned over the years in Arequipa, so I must attend a training course on the subject to have a firm understanding of Anglican Liturgy. If you know of any institution that can form me, please let me know. If you have an address of some Anglican or Episcopal website, please, as well, let me know.

Dear Bishop, I’m sorry that all this has happened. I had hoped to maintain ties with your diocese, and I do not know now how we might continue. I would like to hear your opinion on this issue, and I am ready to answer your questions. I hold you in my esteem forever.

That’s all for now. God bless you always.

Sincerely

Alejandro Mesco

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**MINISTRIES AND COMMITTEE NEWS**

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

The Commission on Ministry is charged with the responsibility of advising and assisting the Bishop of the Diocese in the determination of present and future opportunities for the ministry of all baptized persons and for the design and oversight of the ongoing process for the recruitment, discernment, formation, and assessment of individuals for the service of the Diocese.

During the current quarter, the Commission on Ministry has interviewed the following individual and recommended action by the Bishop and/or Standing Committee as follows:

- Mr. Shane Spellmeyer—recommended postulancy

Without re-interviewing, the Commission on Ministry approved the educational qualifications for ordination for the following person:

- Mr. Matthew Dallman

The Rev. David Wells was ordained as a priest on May 14, 2016.

- Mr. Richard Lewis was ordained as a deacon on May 31, 2016.

The Commission on Ministry did not meet in August.

- The Rev. John R. Henry, Chair

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- 2016-2017 Outreach: Rev. Sherry Black
- 2015-2016 Outreach: Liz Hinman

**Lenten Retreat:**
- Church Periodical Club: Carol McCrary
- United Thank Offering: Vacant (Jan Goossens is still accepting the Ingatherings)

**Outreach Project 2017:**
- Southern Illinois Healthcare Services

**Outreach Project 2016:**
- Magdalene House in St. Louis.
  The home houses eight women at a time who have been affected
by human trafficking.

**Outreach Project 2015:**
Hostel for Girls in Tabora. $14,285.09 was sent. The building is being built now. Fr. Halt has sent pictures of the construction to me, which I have shared with the board. I hope they can be put on the website.

**Planning Meeting:**
The Board met on July 18th at St. Thomas’, Salem.

**United Thank Offering Ingathering:**
The UTO Ingathering will be held at Diocesan Synod on October 21, 2016. The suggested date for a congregations’ Ingathering is October 2nd.

**Diocesan Synod:**
The ECW will have a display table with information about UTO, CPC, Lenten Retreat, and the Outreach Projects.

Jan Goossens, President

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**MINISTRIES AND COMMITTEE NEWS**

**Peru:** Bishop Martins received an update on the state of the Diocese of Peru from Bishop Alejandro Mesco. This was submitted to Lisa Cerezo for inclusion in the Current or to be posted to our website or Facebook page.

Tabora: No activity to date. Bishop Martins has tentative plans to visit Tabora in 2017 to attend their Synod.

**Goals**
Reestablish regular contact with Peru and determine how we can best work with them.

Explore the possibility of attendance at the conference of Peruvian delegates and companion dioceses to be held in May 2017 and coordinated by Amigos del Peru.

Confirm Tabora trip and begin making preliminary plans.

Sandy Moore, Chair

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**TRUSTEE REPORT**

Funds invested by the Diocesan Trustees experienced modest gains in the second quarter of calendar year 2016. The Endowment Fund gained 2.9% for the second quarter, and the managed portion of the Combined Fund gained 3.0% in the second quarter.

The Diocesan Endowment Fund is invested in a managed portfolio. The value of the Endowment Fund increased from $2,381,719 at the beginning of the second quarter of 2016 to a value of $2,422,704 on June 30, 2016. The investments gained $68,277, or 2.9%, for the quarter. Withdrawals of $27,291 were made during the quarter. The Endowment Fund had a balance of $2,403,916 at the beginning of 2016. The Endowment Fund’s investment gain has been $72,494, or 3.1%, for the first half of 2016.

Most of the Combined Fund is also invested in a managed portfolio, but a portion of the Combined Fund is also invested in a short-term mutual fund. The managed portion of the Combined Fund increased in value from $2,562,778 at the beginning of the second quarter of 2016 to a value of $2,608,558 on June 30, 2016, with gains of $77,660, or 3.0%, for the second quarter. There were $31,879 in withdrawals in the managed portion of the Combined Fund for the quarter. The managed portion of the Combined Fund had a balance of $2,574,420 at the beginning of 2016. The managed portion of the Combined Fund’s investment gains have been $83,824, or 3.3%, for the first half of 2016. The portion of the Combined Fund invested in short-term mutual funds increased in value from $252,100 at the beginning of the second quarter of 2016 to $255,384 on June 30, 2016. The Diocesan Treasurer uses the short-term mutual fund as a place to invest money on a short-term basis, and that amount will vary from time to time during the year, depending on cash flows, as revenues are received and expenses paid. Overall, the value of the Combined Fund increased from $2,814,908 at the beginning of the second quarter of 2016 to $2,863,973 on June 30, 2016.

The first half of 2016 has seen volatility in financial markets. This is widely attributed to the changes in the price of crude oil and uncertainty in the world’s economy. There has been considerable volatility in financial markets in recent years, and that is expected to continue through 2016. Fortunately, the investments of the Diocese have shown modest gains in the first half of 2016.

Donald Monty, Chairman
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DARROW DEANERY

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH AND
TRINITY CHAPEL:
The Episcopal Parish of Alton

At the time that our last report was being written, the EPA was busily preparing for a Celebration of New Ministry for our new Rector, the Rev. Cynthia A. Sever--“Mother Cindy”. Her installation as the 27th Rector of the Episcopal Parish of Alton was joyously celebrated on Saturday, May 21, 2016. It was a glorious, God-filled celebration, which was followed by a reception in Heneghan Hall. We welcome Mother Cindy and look forward as we grow together in love and service to Our Lord.

Our Sunday worship schedule has continued throughout the summer with 8:15 a.m. Eucharist at Trinity Chapel and 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul’s. The Holy Eucharist and Healing service on Wednesdays at noon has continued throughout the summer. Tuesday Eucharist and Bible study will begin again in September. Under the tutelage of Mother Cindy and Mother Jane Flaherty we will be exploring The Revelation of Jesus Christ to John.

On Sunday, June 10th we celebrated the Holy Eucharist at Glazebrook Park in Godfrey, followed by our potluck picnic.

The Education Commission has been busy through the summer. In June a “Pizza and Brainstorming Party” was attended by 20 people of all ages to brainstorm new ideas for Christian Education programs and activities for children, teens, adults, and intergenerational groups. The participants were encouraged to think “out of the box.” After Labor Day we will begin the metamorphosis of our education programs, as we implement ideas from our brainstorming party.

Also in June, the Education Commission organized a VBS Family Fun Night. The story of Goliath was told through Bible study, stories, music, a science experiment, and crafts. The next Family Fun Night is scheduled for September 22nd. Youth Church School has continued during the summer.

The Book club this summer read Girl from a Train. Because this reading involved reference to the Black Madonna, the group made a pilgrimage to the Black Madonna Shrine and Grottos in Eureka, MO.

Members of the choir and parish celebrated the 80th birthday of our organist/choir director, Ken Rueter, with a special cake during coffee hour in June. Although the choir has been on break over the summer, Ken has continued to enrich our Sunday worship with special music from soloists, duets, and extra instrumentalists.

Our ministries to Rosewood Care Center and Crisis Food Center have continued, as well as an ongoing collection of supplies for women and children at the Oasis Women’s Shelter.

The Guild of Grace has not met officially over the summer but has enjoyed relaxed get-togethers at different restaurants in the area. They soon will be planning for the Annual Chili Supper to be held Monday, October 31st.

The ECW continues its greeting card ministry to shut-ins and is planning a Quilt Show for next spring.

In June, the ECM hosted another one of their breakfast meetings at Trinity Chapel with a special guest speaker: Brant Walker, Mayor of Alton. Another breakfast get-together is scheduled for September 17th. The ECM annual mum sale will also take place in September, with proceeds going to Crisis Food Center and Oasis Women’s Shelter.

The EPA has just completed its fifth year supporting the SAK (Serving Area Kids) lunch program. The SAK program is designed to serve children with hunger issues over the summer. Through monetary donations and 312.75 hours of volunteer time from the EPA, SAK was able to serve 20,264 lunches this summer. Donations of new and gently-used children’s books helped to supply the approximately 2,000 books chosen by children at the lunch sites. It was a wonderful experience for us to support such a worthy cause.

On Saturday, August 20th, volunteers from the EPA joined with those from our neighboring churches and the Salvation Army for the 8th Annual Market Street Community Block
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Party and Health Fair. Activities and demonstrations of all kinds were offered, as well as music, free food, and backpacks filled with donated school supplies. Twenty-eight health service vendors supplied informational materials and services. Basic health and dental screenings were available at the Health Fair held in Heneghan Hall. This year’s attendance numbers are not yet available; however, in 2015, approximately 1,000 people enjoyed the Block Party and 400 people took advantage of the Health Fair.

As we move into autumn, we will commemorate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (10/4/2016) on Sunday, October 2nd with an expanded Blessing of the Animals in St. Paul’s garden. Certificates and St. Francis medals will be given to all creatures blessed. A reception will follow in Heneghan Hall with treats for all humans and their creature companions.

We also look forward to Bishop Martins’ homecoming on Sunday, October 16th, at which time we will celebrate a baptism, one first communion, the reception of five adults, and one adult confirmand.

The EPA has had a busy and exciting time this summer, and we look forward to continuing our mission “to live and show Christ in our midst.”

Diane Martin, Deanery Representative

ST. GEORGE’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Belleville, IL

Since our last Diocesan Council on May 20th, much has been happening both at St. George’s and with our involvement in the Deanery and Diocese.

Our Toddhall Board meets every month, and the relationship between this group and the Church – which oversees this ministry – has never been stronger. Many repairs and improvements have been made to the grounds and buildings. Parishioners had the opportunity to see firsthand how lovely Toddhall is (those who don’t go regularly to help) when we had our Parish Picnic there in June. The highlight was the Eucharist in St. Cecilia’s Chapel (with Music Director Nancy Ypma playing the outstanding organ), which is now totally accessible and a worship space that resembles a Nave and Sanctuary. The Sacrament is now reserved in a standalone Tabernacle with Sanctuary Lamp. This chapel was in use for Cursillo, and the Closing was rousing in the newly-arranged space.

Also, Eucharist was celebrated at the Chapel for the 80 or so participants of the Royal School of Church Music, with the teenagers singing beautifully. This service—with all these Episcopalians, Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists, Presbyterians, and a couple others—is a major high point of my year. This occurred on July 21st during the RSCM’s week at the retreat center.

Mother Cynthia Sever’s installation took place at St. Paul’s in Alton, with a good-sized congregation, including many from the Darrow Deanery. At Fr. Ian Wetmore’s suggestion, the Deanery clergy met for lunch and conversation to begin to get to know Mother Cynthia.

The Parish gathered for a Sunday School celebration between the Sunday Eucharists on May 22nd, as we thanked our enthusiastic director Mae Scott (whose husband Major Nathan Scott is now home from a yearlong appointment in Kansas City!) and all teachers, students, and parents. The Godly Play program continues to benefit our Church, with young families coming in part because of this ministry.

The Diocesan Canons and Constitution Committee has been meeting about every six weeks to review and recommend changes to the Diocesan Canons. While the Diocese is now one of the smallest in the Episcopal Church, the structure for the Diocese is huge and unwieldy. The Diocesan Council will be about one third its current size if these Canons are changed at Synod. I have had an ongoing reservation about the proposed changes for the Diocese. I agree with the Committee that we establish dates when we send our pledged income of 15% or more into the Diocese (at present St. George’s sends our entire amount in after the new year).

But the Canons reflect a corporate understanding of churches and
treasurers, and mandate we change out treasurers every few years. While this makes sense in a large business world, it may not to many of our churches that may have 8-20 active Sunday worshipers. And what will we do without Ruth Ann? I also suggested that, with this tsunami to take place and every church changing their treasurer in 2018, our key finance persons will need an informational day to go over the responsibilities of Senior Wardens and Treasurers. I brought up this obvious, glaring problem waiting for us in 2018, and various Committee members – mostly attorneys, a few clergy, and an economist – pooh poohed the idea! One older member of the Committee stated that the Diocese attempted to have such a meeting a "while" ago, and no one came. The year was around 1943. (I josh. But it was years ago.)

After completing my teaching on Sunday mornings on St. Mark’s Gospel, I decided not to hold a Rector’s Forum in the summer. This gave me the opportunity for four Sundays off for my vacation, and the energy to do an ever-increasing pastoral care load. Many of our parishioners are in their 80s and 90s, and now in the area hospitals – all over the place – or at care centers or rehabilitation centers. I now see 4-5 older parishioners two or three times every week in a hospital--more often if the situation is a crisis. I am amazed to see an additional 4-5 older folks at Sunday’s Eucharists, for whom I know it is a great effort to get to church. We take the Sacrament all over the Nave now at our 10:30 worship, and no, we will not force all of our older folks to sit together!

Next Sunday, August 28th, is our Rally Day and preparation for the fall schedule. In the Rector’s Forum, I am preparing to teach Basic Philosophy 101 as an introduction to Christian theology. I am also preparing three presentations for our Diocesan clergy on how various Popes, Bishops, priests, pastors, and lay folks have proposed to reform the Church. This will be, among other things, a primer on Anglican Ecclesiology, our Doctrine of the Church. The clergy are meeting at Todd Hall November 8th and 9th.

The Rev. Canon Dale Coleman, Rector

SAINT ANDREW’S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Edwardsville, IL

The clergy and people of St. Andrew’s are looking forward to welcoming the Diocese to Edwardsville for the 139th Synod, to be held October 21-22nd. The theme for the Synod will be “The Body of Christ Lives Here,” which is the principle around which we have centered our ministry over the past several years. The Synod Committee has planned a Synod that we hope will be rewarding and enjoyable for all who attend it. In particular, we will attempt to make that Friday and Saturday enjoyable for the Bishop, since he will be staying over for his annual visitation the next day, Sunday, October 23rd.

As we have done for the past several years, we started our summer worship in May with an outdoor Eucharist and parish picnic at the Edwardsville Township Park.

We are currently in the process of renovation and repair to most of the windows in the original Church building. The Church will be 100 years old in 2017, and many, if not most, of the windows appeared to date from the original construction. There were numerous functional and aesthetic issues with those windows. The parish contracted with the St. Louis firm of Emil Frei and Company, which has done an excellent job of repairing those windows that could be repaired, and replacing one that could not be repaired, at a reasonable price. We are contemplating a formal dedication in the spring of 2017.

On August 21st, we bid farewell to Shane Spellmeyer, a member of our congregation and recent graduate of SIU-Edwardsville, who has started his seminary studies at Nashotah House seminary. Shane was received as a postulant for Holy Orders by Bishop Martins earlier this year.

On August 5-6th, we had our most recent book sale, which raised about $3,000 for the Parish’s programs. We have held these sales on a quarterly basis for the past several years, and they have become very popular in the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon area, and even within the larger metro-east area. These sales have also developed into
a fairly reliable way of raising funds.

Our annual Rummage Sale will take place on August 27th. We have conducted this sale for about fifteen years, and it is consistently well-received and well-attended by the community.

On an ongoing basis, our weekly parish life includes Bible study, a prayer group, a book club, a yoga class, and a lunch group that meets for fellowship and general conviviality.

Kevin Babb, Senior Warden

ST. THOMAS’ EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Glen Carbon, IL

Fr. Tony Clavier meets with members of St. Thomas’ and St. Bartholomew’s on the first Wednesday of each month to answer our questions.

The Child Care Center and Preschool had its graduation ceremony on August 12th for twelve of our students that are going to kindergarten. The center had a good summer and is now transitioning to the school routine.

The new church roof was completed on August 18th.

St. Thomas’ will host the Darrow Deanery meeting on September 18th.

The joint picnic will be held on October 9th at Miner Park in Glen Carbon, starting with Eucharist.

Jan Goossens

DEANERY REPORTS

EASTERN DEANERY

CLERICUS

The clericus of the Eastern Deanery consists of the Revs. Ann Tofani, Brant Hazlett, Bill and Sylvia Howard, Ben Hankinson, Jim Fackler, and David Baumann. For over a year, it has been our custom to meet about quarterly at the home of David and Elizabeth Baumann in Salem on a Monday evening. After Evening Prayer, dinner is served and good fellowship and discussion take place. The evening closes with any sharing of matters of concern that anyone wishes to present, and the support and counsel of the others is given, followed by group prayer.

Currently, thanks to an idea presented by the Rev. Brant Hazlett, the clergy of the deanery have spent the last two meetings discussing the importance of ministry to youth and have brainstormed how best to exercise such ministry in the churches of the deanery. Sometime in the fall, we will spend a Saturday afternoon with those youth who are now active in our churches and encourage them to share with us what brings them to church and what they would most like to see. Hopefully, both the youth and the clergy will come up with practical ways to engage our youth more effectively and encourage other young people to come to Christ in His Church.

The Very Rev. Canon David M. Baumann, Dean

St. John’s
Albion, IL

During the summer months, our faithful lay worship ministers led Morning Prayer on one occasion while Fr. Bill was away. Otherwise, regular services were held with the full participation from the congregation.

We have both fun-filled and serious discussions during coffee hour on matters raised by the lessons and sermon, and we keep in touch with each other’s busy lives. “Ask the Priest” is a regular part of those discussions.

Fr. Bill continues his visitation of our one shut-in with offerings from the coffee table and, most importantly, with Communion from the Eucharist table.

Fr. Bill also attends the monthly meetings of the Edwards County Ministerial Alliance when possible, keeping the community more aware of St. John’s presence and keeping our congregation more connected to possible local opportunities to serve.

Much of our work on the fabric of the church preceded the gala wedding earlier in the year. Electrical changes have been made, but the heavier outside work will be delayed until the weather permits, including sidewalks and window caulking. The grounds continue to be well tended.

The congregation continues to operate in the black, despite continuing repairs necessary to
the oldest Episcopal Church building in the state still in use.

The Rev. Bill Howard, Vicar

St. John’s and St. Thomas’
Centralia and Salem, IL

St. John’s offered a cooking class for teenagers late this spring; three teens from the local community attended and enjoyed. On the Sundays in Eastertide, St. John’s hosted a public lecture series for the community in a boiled-down version of the confirmation class lectures. This was put together at the request of people at St. John’s after a similar but more comprehensive sermon series began on Sundays. Although we only had one person from the community who attended, and he only came to one class, the people of St. John’s themselves attended regularly.

St. John’s presented a Vacation Bible School during the first week of August, in which eleven children took part, seven of them from “off the street,” whose families responded to flyers that were posted throughout the city. The people of St. John’s, as always, put on a terrific program. After a hiatus for Lent and Eastertide, St. John’s offering of Solemn Evensong to the wider community will resume in September, with visiting clergy as guest preachers.

St. Thomas’ annual Rummage Sale was most successful, with over $1,100 raised for outreach.

Confirmation instruction will take place at both churches in the fall, with one person at St. John’s preparing for confirmation and three at St. Thomas’. The class at St. Thomas’ will be held at the priest’s home on Wednesday evenings. Members of St. Thomas’ who are already confirmed are urged to attend the classes for a refresher course.

One of the newer members of St. Thomas’ and a candidate for confirmation hosted “the Gathering,” a social event for all members of both churches. This welcome and thoughtfully-prepared event was well received and much enjoyed.

St. Thomas’ lost two members to death and one long-time member to moving out of state, and St. John’s lost its oldest member to death; she had been a member of St. John’s for about seventy years. Requiem liturgies for the departed were Easter-themed, and the Gospel was proclaimed to those who attended the services. St. Thomas’ welcomed its newly-baptized twelve-year-old as a skilled and eager acolyte, as well as a new couple who were married in May and have remained as active members.

The Very Rev. Canon David M. Baumann, Priest-in-Charge

St. Mary’s
Robinson, IL

The summer activities at St. Mary’s have pretty much been determined by two things: the heat and the rain. Mowing the grass has become a weekly occurrence, and a leak in our roof as a result of wind and rain has led to the decision that a new roof is a necessity. While we are dealing with those things, we also have decided to put down stair treads on the porch steps as a precautionary measure in anticipation of snow and ice this winter. In addition, we have plans to participate in a “Junk in the Trunk” event in September at the Hutson Cabins in Hutsonville. We will be promoting St. Mary’s, along with making some money, as we divest ourselves of unneeded and unused items in what we are referring to as our “Raising the Roof” sale.

We have several parishioners who are in a Supportive Living Facility and unable to come to church. They are visited weekly both by the vicar and also by a parishioner who makes sure that they have transportation to needed appointments. Our attendance is suffering, as many are on vacation or otherwise unable to attend Sunday worship for health reasons. We remain faithful, work diligently with what God has given us, and count our blessings.

Mother Ann Tofani, Vicar

Trinity
Mt. Vernon, IL

Trinity kicked off the summer with a cookout to celebrate our namesake on Trinity Sunday. Fr. Ben and two of our youth were in attendance at the second annual St. Michael’s Youth Conference. Two of our Cursillistas
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helped to serve at the Cursillo weekend this year. Fr. Ben served at Church Camp over the week of the Fourth. We welcomed the University of Illinois Extension Office into our facility once again this summer to hold a free cooking class for area youth.

We also saw new things happening at Trinity over the course of the summer as well. We welcomed a new family into the parish and have another individual joining us now. The Vestry began a mission and vision initiative in earnest. We put a new roof on the Parish Hall. The month of August has been devoted to training and refreshing skills in our liturgical ministries as we bolster the ranks of acolytes, lectors, intercessors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Eucharistic Visitors. Before school began, we blessed backpacks and students in preparation for the upcoming year.

As we look to the Fall, Trinity is relaunching its children’s Sunday school after a two-year hiatus. In September, we will be entering into a new initiative with one of our local hospitals to provide a service of Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist once a week on Tuesday mornings. We will have our annual parish picnic in mid-September to ring in the fall and the program year. And while it may be a little early, we are already looking at Advent and Lenten programs for the next liturgical year.

the Rev. Ben Hankinson, Rector

HALE DEANERY

Father James Muriuki reports from Cairo that it “has been a very busy summer at the Church of the Redeemer. We participated in a ground-breaking for a basketball court at Emerson Elementary School, the money for which was contributed by local pastors.

“We continue with our ministries in the community: visitation at the Daystar Nursing Home and Senior Citizens Happy Hour, where they meet each day for lunch.

“We are also excited that our church was well represented in the Diocese, both in the Youth Department and Cursillo. Two young people accompanied us to St Michael’s Youth Conference and four people attended the Cursillo weekend. The four came back full of fire, and they are on a mission for doing work for the Kingdom of God. We are entering the fall with renewed spirit to begin our regular Sunday school classes, midweek Bible study, and the catechism classes.”

At St. Andrew’s in Carbondale, a group of adult learners explored the rule of St. Benedict and the similarities between the vocations of artist and monk. Class members practiced lectio divina and chanting, wrote haiku and short stories, painted, sculpted, quilted, and took photographs, all as a means of discovering and nurturing both their “inner monk,” and their “inner artist.”

The parish’s Vacation Bible School was held at St. James in Marion, and utilized the resources from St. Andrew’s Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. To celebrate the feast day of St. James, a peach festival was held in the fellowship hall. The festival menu included peach shortcake and the Rector’s chilled peach soup, all of which generated good publicity and recipe requests.

With the help of Matthew Bearden, Kathy Miller, and Henry Kammerer, Michelle Greene completed the prototype for St. Andrew’s “Mats for the Homeless” project. Thereafter, Honors Program students from SIU gathered to fold and cut recycled plastic bags into strips, and then loop the strips into “plarn” (plastic yarn), which is then crocheted into soft, beautiful, and waterproof sleeping mats. The students plan to meet periodically for fellowship, service, and learning to crochet the mats. Additionally, students were welcomed at a festive Welcome Back Barbecue featuring

St. Andrew made by St. Andrew’s Senior Warden Michael Onken
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pulled pork and all the fixings.

St. Andrew’s Senior Warden Michael Onken created a beautiful icon of St. Andrew, which incorporates traditional imagery in a creative way. It will join the other paintings he has so generously created for display in the church. Lynn Stevenson has begun work on a script of a Tolkien short story for production in the church sometime in 2017.

All of Carbondale joined parishioners in grieving for Blanche Sloan, a dedicated member of St. Andrew’s, the community college administration, Rotary Club, and the theatre community. We also bid fond farewells to the Greene family, who have relocated to Huntsville to assume positions at the University of Alabama, and to Bonnie and Ken Lindquist, who are relocating to the Chicago suburbs to be near their children after twenty-three years of active membership at St. Andrew’s.

Father Tim Goodman reports from Harrisburg that St. Stephen’s Church “met their usual expectations: a smaller Sunday gathering, people on vacation, family activities, and so forth. Our Sunday school class increased by way of visitors and relatives’ children. We are planning for our fall chicken BBQ with proceeds given to local charities. I was able to take part in the last Cursillo weekend, at which we felt a strong presence of the Holy Spirit.”

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Mother Sherry Black reports from Herrin that it “has been a memorable quarter at St. Mark’s, starting by celebrating Bishop Martin’s annual visitation on May 3rd. Sadly, though, we lost a 9-year-old boy this past June—one of our own; his extended family are core members of St. Mark’s. His funeral service had over 150 people present, many of them children. Our Sunday School coordinator, Nancy Summers, was very attentive to our children who lost a friend and family member, and provided safe opportunities for them to express their grief. It was a difficult time for our little church. However, in July we baptized a baby girl, who is also part of that same extended family. Our children’s program has continued throughout the summer and our school supply giveaway to our church children starts soon.”

Cheri Prahl announced that the painting of the inside of the church will begin this coming October.

The Mattoon Jewish Community informed Trinity that they now have a rabbi and presented us with a full schedule of Shabbat services to be held at Trinity on Friday nights this semester.

We are also busy planning a series of organ recitals for 2017, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the church organ. Donations are being accepted to help offset the costs of the recitals, since organists from around the country will be performing in Mattoon for this special occasion.

Fr. Jeff Kozuszek, Priest in Charge

TRINITY
Mattoon, IL

In July, Trinity Episcopal Church continued its community outreach by handing out bottled water to the participants of Mattoon’s 4th of July Parade. The parade began at the footsteps of Trinity Episcopal Church.

In August, we had a successful Church Clean-Up Day where several church members came out to clean up the church property. Later in August, after receiving several inches of rain, both sump pumps failed and the church basement flooded with four inches of water. Cheri Prahl, Mission Warden, organized the clean-up and had both sump pumps replaced.

Mother Kate Jeffrey, Dean

EMMANUEL MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Champaign, IL

Summer in a university town is usually quiet, but the rhythm of life and ministry at Emmanuel continues. In June, three of our graduating high school seniors spoke in church, as is our custom, to share their thoughts about what this Eucharistic Community has meant to their formation as they move on to a new stage in their lives. The same day we honored
our graduating acolytes as well. In outreach, we partnered with the Phoenix Drop-in center to bring parishioners and homeless neighbors together packing the sack lunches that Emmanuel distributes every day to the hungry (some of whom were packing the lunches with us!). July brought a special focus on the Diocesan ECW outreach project for 2016; parishioners donated over $2,000 for Magdalene House in St. Louis. We also covered deliveries for two weeks of Meals on Wheels and continued our weekly “empty tomb” grocery deliveries to a hungry area family. We continue to work toward building more ministry opportunities in conjunction with empty tomb, with the next plan being a site tour of their facility to learn more about their needs.

In worship, we were blessed by the participation of our priest emeritus, Fr. Eugene Hall, who celebrated and preached on a number of Sundays and weekdays, as well as by volunteer musicians on many Sundays and the regular presence of a more numerous and diverse group of lay readers and intercessors. The summer also included the joys of a large parish wedding and a blessing of a civil marriage.

In neighborhood ministry, we again helped sponsor the Downtown Champaign Farmers’ Market, as well as offering a free charging station to Pokemon GO players (Emmanuel is a Pokestop). Late in summer we put on a second “Meat and Greet” Emmanuel Grillfest, in which parishioners hosted simultaneous home-based parties out in our geographical parish and attendees were placed in groups designed to help build new relationships.

We were also happy (and sad) to send our postulants Diane Mumma-Wakabayashi and Allen Wakabayashi off for residential training at Nashotah House as they answer a call to the priesthood. May God bless them richly in their time at the House, and may he raise up more and more parishioners who sense his calling to ministry of all kinds, especially to lay leadership in our parish and community.

The Very Rev. Beth Maynard, Rector

THE CHAPEL OF SAINT JOHN THE DIVINE
Champaign, IL

It has been a fruitful summer in the life of the Chapel of Saint John the Divine.

Canterbury Student Program
This summer, four persons who have been active participants in our Canterbury program made significant life transitions: Will Dickinson (MA, Library Science) and Julia Cater (MA, Library Science) have both graduated and moved to the east coast for positions, and Richard Bukenya (PhD, Nutrition and Food Science) will continue his dissertation research in Tanzania. Elizabeth Sloffer (PhD Nutrition and Food Science) is doing research for six months in Honduras for her dissertation. Matthew Cross and Ben Norton will be serving as peer ministers this semester, and continue to help build our outreach to the university community.

Quad Day, a student activity fair that includes hundreds of organizations and thousands of students, was held Sunday, August 21st. The parish helped support our efforts to connect with students, distributing more than 800 cookies (most of which were home baked) and inviting students to be part of the life of the Chapel and our Canterbury program. College students, children of the parish, and other parishioners were active participants on this process. Our student services and meal program began August 24th.

The Parish
Summers are often a quieter time in the life of the Chapel, with the academic year complete and many in the university community travelling. That hasn’t slowed down the Chapel’s vestry. The good work of considering how we might alter or replace our Canterbury House to more appropriately meet our ministry needs as a parish and chaplaincy continues, and our vestry is working on a ministry inventory. Over the next couple of months, we will be soliciting input from the parish to assist and further our discernment about how to best bring the good news of God in Christ at the corner of Wright and Armory to the heart of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus.

During the summer, four
parishioners participated in the Royal School of Church Music chiorister program held on the campus of East Carolina University in Charlotte, North Carolina. Our choral programs have resumed for the fall, and we will be holding a choral evensong remembering the fifteenth anniversary of 9/11 on Sunday, September 11, 2016.

The Chapel of Saint John the Divine is alive and well, and we invite all from the diocese to stop by any time you find yourself in the area.

The Reverend Sean Ferrell, Rector and Chaplain

HOLY TRINITY
Danville, IL
The Rev. Geoffrey E. L. Scanlon, Supply Priest

The following information reflects activities at the Church of the Holy Trinity:
• Father Geoffrey Scanlon, priest emeritus, continues to oversee parish sacramental life, and celebrates Sunday Mass once each month
• Father Scanlon administered the Sacrament of Baptism to one child and read the Funeral Liturgy for one life-long parishioner
• Father Dave Halt of Bloomington hears confessions and has celebrated a Saturday Vigil Mass for us once a month
• Father Halt assisted us in keeping the Feast of Corpus Christi on Saturday, May 28th with Procession and Blessing of the City
• Father Dave Wells has celebrated a weekday Mass on our Altar once a month since his ordination
• Richard Lewis was ordained Deacon by Bishop Martins on May 31st
• In September, a Day of Renewal will be kept before the Blessed Sacrament with individual Holy Hour, followed by devotions and sermon at the end of the day
• A joint service with local Roman Catholic parishes will honor Our Lady of Walsingham in October
• The outreach relationship with Downtown Neighborhood Association and The Vermilion County War Museum continues
• The Vestry is evaluating our food pantry and the manner in which we assist the needy with power and rent costs to make the process beneficial and equitable

NORTHERN DEANERY

TRINITY
Lincoln, IL

After a long hiatus--many years in fact--Sunday School for children is returning to Trinity. We are still in the rollout phase, but plans are coming together to provide Christian education for elementary-aged children. We do not have a lot of space, but crews of people have been hard at work to clean, sort through the rooms that will become our nursery for pre-school children and a classroom for the older kids. Later this fall, after we have honed the class with current members, we plan to invite the community at large to be a part of our education adventure.

Spring has been a time of many building issues. Our chapel A/C unit gave out, and after some missteps, we are now enjoying cool, refreshing air again. The discharge water pipe on one furnace leaked into the ceiling of our library for some time before it was noticed–by dumping a few gallons of water onto our library books. After cleanup and replacement, all is well. The largest project, and the one that took the longest to repair, was our roof. The flashing between the roof and the brick walls succumbed to age since the roof was replaced 30-odd years ago, but it is now ready for another few decades.

Trinity is again part of the Jobs for Life program, with members acting as mentors for students in the program. Graduation will be held at Trinity on September 22nd.

Fr. Mark Evans – Rector

TAZEWELL COUNTY: ST. PAUL’S AND ALL SAINTS’

The Parish of Tazewell County (Saint Paul’s, Pekin and All Saints’, Morton) called a full-time cleric, the Rev. Matthew C. Dallman, who started his ministry on July 1st. Along with his wife Hannah and their four daughters, he relocated from Chicago to the Rectory in Pekin. Deacon Dallman’s ordination to the Priesthood is scheduled for the Feast of Saint
Lucy (Dec 13th) at Saint Paul’s.

The two churches continue to seek God’s will as to what it means, and can mean, to maintain their distinctiveness and community heritage, yet also be a Parish. Both communities used the RenewalWorks program earlier in the year before the arrival of Deacon Dallman, and the Parish is exploring ways to apply the learnings gained through that program. This includes forming a Parish Council made up of members of both churches to continue to discern further the shape and character of our mission.

In addition to the ordination in December, the Parish is looking forward to the Lessons and Carols service that All Saints’ will host on December 18, an event the church has hosted before with great success.

The Rev. Matthew C. Dallman, Priest in Charge

St. Matthew’s
Bloomington, IL

It has been a challenging summer at St. Matthew’s as we continue to recover from the auto accident last year. We have discovered that our organ intake was fouled by the dust of the crash and requires a motor repair and a full cleaning of the pipes. We are hopeful that insurance continues to cover the majority of the expenses, but we estimate that the entire event will have cost us close to $5,000. In addition to this, we experienced some minor flooding during the last major storm system. This was due to a clogged sewer line, which is being repaired. We are very thankful for the men of St. Matthew’s, who helped do the major clean-up and mitigated the damage of the event.

We had several members participate in a mission to St. Vincent in July, where they delivered $5,000 to help rebuild the roof of a small Anglican church on the northern part of the island. Fr. Halt also served as an unintentional curate while on the island by preaching and celebrating at the weekday services and preaching at a funeral.

We are excited, as we begin the fall, to have our worship space back in order and for our launching of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd on Wednesday evenings in conjunction with our adult formation activities.

Attendance is trending up, and we have welcomed several new young families to St. Matthew’s over the past several months.

Fr. Halt has also continued to serve as a once-a-month supply priest for Holy Trinity, Danville during their transition. He will also begin his “residence” work at the Antiochian House of Studies on August 29th, with classes in Maximus the Confessor and the Theology of the Person. This is the initial coursework toward a PhD in Orthodox Studies.

We were blessed to be able to shepherd The Rev. Matthew Dallman through his ordination process, we are very happy that he is serving in Tazewell County, and we are looking forward to the ordination of Mr. Tim Leighton to the Diaconate in the next several months.

Fr. Dave Halt, Rector

NORTHWEST DEANERY

The Northwestern Deanery welcomed a new clergy member and said goodbye to a long-serving deacon, both at Jacksonville. The Rev. Zach Brooks is “rector elect” at Trinity, and The Rev. Dr. Thomas Langford retired after serving the parish for 20 years.

St. Paul’s
Carlinville, IL

This quarter we have completed a year of renovations at St. Paul’s in Carlinville. During the past twelve months we have totally replaced our kitchen, re-roofed the church, painted both inside and out, and upgraded our organ. The church looks great!

The church feels great! Our attendance remains up as compared with last year—34 were in attendance last Sunday. We have missed the choir this summer, but our worship has been enhanced by the contributions of individuals. We honored our students, teachers, and retired teachers as we began another school year. Our coffee hour following mass is a time of good fellowship. We are looking forward to our annual fish fry and the annual church picnic.
Our lone acolyte is thrilled (truth be told, ECSTATIC) to announce the presence of a second acolyte in our parish and looks forward to next year when a third will be ready for training.

Father John served once more as the Spiritual Director of the Midler Session at Church Camp. We look forward to welcoming our fellow deanery members to the Deanery Meeting on September 18th.

The Very Rev. John R. Henry, Rector

TRINITY
Jacksonville, IL

First, I’d like to introduce myself. I am Deacon Zach Brooks, and on August 1st I started as “rector elect” of Trinity Church. Trinity called me from the Diocese of Massachusetts, where I attended seminary at Boston College and discerned my call to the priesthood. I was ordained a deacon on June 4th at St. Paul’s Cathedral in Boston, and I plan to be ordained to the priesthood in early December. I will be installed as rector at my ordination service. During my formation, I served at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Mattapan, the Church of the Advent in Beacon Hill, and the Church of the Good Shepherd in Watertown.

On July 31st, Trinity Church said goodbye to its deacon, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Langford. He has served the parish since 1996 and was appointed the interim minister of the parish after Rector Kip Ashmore retired last January. Deacon Langford and his wife Elizabeth depart this week for a well-earned adventure in China.

Trinity Church has used this summer to initiate a major round of maintenance. The heating/cooling system (our current system is 50 years old) for the parish hall and offices will be replaced and expanded, with work set to commence soon. The new air handler will be sited on the north side of the church, with a fence to be constructed to blend in with the architecture of the church. The air conditioning for the sanctuary--parts of which predate the life of our new rector--is also slowly being replaced with completely new equipment. The windows of the parish hall will be resealed and painted, and cracked window panes will be replaced. The gutters will be cleaned and repaired, the brickwork in certain high-moisture areas will be re-mortared, and new copper flashing will be installed. The security of the church will be greatly improved by replacing long outdated and broken locks--one of the main doors is secured with an iron bar shoved behind the handles from the inside! This project will also bring the doors up to fire code, with unsafe interior key-locks being replaced with panic bars.

The Rev. Zach Brooks, Rector-Elect

ST. JOHN’S
Decatur, IL

On the first of June, members of St. John’s filled a table at the Decatur Community Prayer Breakfast. We had our annual outdoor Eucharist and Parish Picnic at Spitler Woods on Sunday June 5th. Members continue to volunteer at the Good Samaritan Inn on the second Tuesday of each month to help prepare and serve approximately 300 meals. On June 25th, we had our training of Ushers and Vestry on our new A.E.D. device. St. John’s Annual Blood Drive was organized by our Parish Nurse, Susan Currie, on June 28th. We collected 21 pints of blood at this drive.

Our bi-monthly Cursillo Ultreya was on Saturday, July 9th. On July 14th we celebrated the life of long time member, Elzora Channer. On July 23rd, Anni Watts and Brandon Pilger were united in Holy Matrimony. We began gathering the items needed for our annual Christmas Child event through Samaritan’s Purse.

One of our college students, Abbey Keith, is organizing a second annual set of four “Pie Sunday” events in order to raise money for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. We have the opportunity to bid on fresh baked pies in a silent auction at Coffee Hour. This month we have begun the search for a new organist, as Holly Farrow is leaving for a new position in Champaign in August. On August 20th we enjoyed our annual Mix & Mingle in the Parish Hall. School is starting up again, and our formal Christian Education Sunday School will begin after Labor Day.

The Rev. Richard A. Swan, Rector
## DIOCESAN CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER 2016
- **10** Hale Deanery Meeting, St. James’ Chapel, Marion (4 p.m.)
- **11** Northern Deanery Meeting, Trinity, Lincoln (2 p.m.)
- **18** Darrow Deanery Meeting, St. Thomas', Glen Carbon (2 p.m.)
- **18** Northeastern Deanery Meeting, Emmanuel Memorial, Champaign (4 p.m.)
- **25** Eastern Deanery Meeting, Trinity, Mt. Vernon (2 p.m.)

### OCTOBER 2016
- **16** Bishop w/ Episcopal Parish of Alton
- **21-22** 139th Synod, St. Andrew's, Edwardsville
- **23** Bishop w/ St. Andrew’s, Edwardsville
- **30** Bishop w/ St. Matthew’s, Bloomington

### NOVEMBER 2016
- **01** ALL SAINTS DAY
- **06** Bishop w/ St. Paul’s, Carlinville
- **08-09** Clergy Conference – Save the Date
- **10** Trustees Meeting, Diocesan Center, Springfield (10 a.m.)
- **13** Bishop w/ All Saints’, Morton
- **13** Bishop w/ St. Paul’s, Pekin
- **18** Diocesan Council, Diocesan Center, Springfield (10 a.m.)
- **20** Bishop w/ St. Michael’s, O’Fallon
- **27** ADVENT, Bishop w/ St. John's, Centralia and St. Thomas’, Salem

### DECEMBER 2016
- **04** Bishop w/ St. Luke’s, Springfield
- **11** Bishop w/ Trinity, Mattoon
- **18** Bishop w/ St. Barnabas’, Havana

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