Speaking Our Own Language

During my recent sabbatical, I spent eight weeks abroad—about two-thirds of it in Spain, with twelve days in Italy, and a couple of brief peeks into France. My Spanish got fairly decent for most practical purposes, which helped me a great deal with Italian. French will always be a bar too high for me; I can read a good bit but my mouth just can’t make those sounds! It was good for me to try to speak—and, to some extent, to think—in the language of the locals. Doing so adds texture and depth to the experience of being in those places.

But I don’t live in Spain or France or Italy, so, when I returned home, it was entirely appropriate that I allow my brain to cease dividing its linguistic attention and revert to my “mother tongue” of English. English is the language of home for me, the language which I both understand most deeply and express myself in most completely.

But … is it? In this life, and in this world, I am an American who speaks English. But, as the song says, “This world is not my home; I’m just apassin’ through.” As one who has been bought and paid for by the blood of Jesus Christ, “American” is only a temporary descriptor, not an identity. My identity is “Christian.” I am grateful to be an American, and consider it a blessing in my life, but it is not who I am. Who I am is a citizen of the Kingdom of God. As St Paul reminds me, my “citizenship is in Heaven” (Philippians 3:20).

With that in mind, then, what can I say about my “mother tongue?” I’m less clear on what it is than on what it’s not, and it’s not English! When I pass from this world to the next, English will cease to be of any interest to me. My job in this world,
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then—and the job of all in this world
who bear on their brow the seal of
him who died, marked as Christ’s on
forever—is to cooperate with God’s
grace in preparing me to live happily
in the next. Part of that work of
preparation is to learn the “language”
of the Kingdom of God. (I invite you
here not to take me merely literally,
but more than literally; I speak of
realities that can be understood only
dimly, so I resort to the techniques of
poetry—metaphor, image, allusion.)
The language of the Kingdom has
its own vocabulary and grammar
and syntax. There are “right” ways of
saying things and … “less right” ways
of saying things.

The way we speak, of course, is closely
tied to the way we think. Christians
appropriately learn to “think
christianly.” This is neither easy nor
automatic. We won’t do it without
wanting to and trying to. And it’s
particularly challenging when we
live in a secular societal environment
that is anxious and polarized, as
American society is. We’re trying to
catch our collective breath after an
election season that was already too
long and arduous, and which a great
many have also found bruising. The
tone of public rhetoric has ratcheted
up, establishing a disturbing “new
normal” in post-election discourse.
There are those among us who were
more anxious before the election
and there are those among us who
are more anxious as a result of the
election. Some were afraid before and
some are afraid now—and some have
just been afraid all along!

We do well in this hour to remember
where our true citizenship lies and
what our true mother tongue is. We
do well in this hour not to merely
sprinkle some holy water onto our
fiercely-held political opinions and
thereby call our views “Christian.”
It doesn’t come that cheaply. Our
identity in Christ is greater and
more enduring than our identity as
Americans, and it is time for us to
realize that. This is the time, if there
has ever been such a time, for us
to dive deeply into the vocabulary,
grand, and syntax of the Kingdom
and allow our Christian identity to set
the table for our political engagement.

This requires, of course, the
cultivation of specific habits and
practices. At the top of the list is
faithfully coming together at the
Eucharist every Lord’s Day “unless
for good cause prevented.” Following
closely on that
is the regular
study of sacred
scripture—
patiently and
humbly, and in
company with
other believers.
It is in scripture
and liturgy
that we most
efficiently learn
the language of
our citizenship.
Next comes a
robust daily
life of prayer,
followed
by regular
participation in
the community
of the church—
in fellowship,
study, and
service. When
we clothe
ourselves in these habits, we create a
space in which the Holy Spirit can
operate in our hearts, minds, and
wills, the circumstances that enable
us to think theologically, as citizens
of Heaven, and not just as part of
the political noise of the world that
surrounds us.

As disciples of Jesus, we are to be salt
and light in the world. We can only
fulfill that vocation by speaking our
own language, the language of our
true homeland, a language we are still
in the process of learning.

+Daniel
NEED ILLUSTRATIONS FOR YOUR BULLETINS?
Elizabeth Baumann

The rationale for printing bulletins with picture covers is simple: most people are visual learners, and our lessons and sermons otherwise lack a visual counterpart. I have spent many, many hours assembling a large portfolio of illustrations from many sources for the covers or interiors of our Sunday bulletins, and have been using them at St. John’s in Centralia for over two and a half years. I am willing to share the fruits of these labors with anyone who may be interested.

The Church has been using pictures to teach since simple line drawings were scratched on catacomb walls. Its teachings are found in icons, in illuminated manuscripts, in glorious Renaissance altarpieces and sculptures, and in Victorian Bible illustrations. It survives today as Christian artists around the world continue to re-imagine and create images of the events depicted in the Bible, as well as other Christian subjects. And through the internet, mostly the ever-helpful Google image search, and the ubiquity of quality printing, we have easy access to this two-thousand-year-old, worldwide treasure trove. It seems foolish not to use it.

When I choose images for our bulletins, I start by thinking about the whole liturgical year and ways that its parts can be unified. In Advent, I like to use pre-Renaissance images—illuminated manuscripts, when I can find good images that fit the Proper, are a favorite. Then at Christmas I look to the life-like Renaissance as...
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anything unified would become quickly monotonous, so I draw on everything. Familiar Bible stories—such as the feeding of the 5,000—can be given new life in our souls when we see them depicted in new ways, such as through the henna art of Kristen Glaze, or the super-modern painting of Chinese artist Hi Qi (I think they look like the pictures we made when I was a kid by coloring on sandpaper with pastels). Other times I look to very traditional images to remind us of our own traditions, of the faith handed down to us. It’s fun to look for Old Testament pictures done by Jewish artists: I feel that they give us richer context, and a better sense of our spiritual heritage. Once a year or so, when a lesson, or the collect for Proper 28, calls for it, I look for photographs of the Dead Sea Scrolls, or of the day’s lesson written in the original language, to give us an appreciation of the way God has shepherded his written revelations that they might be handed down to us.

Of course, some Propers are easier to accommodate than others. At Christmas, the hardest part is choosing between too many good choices. Advent, on the other hand, is notorious with me for being difficult: In years B and C, finding a picture of the judgement for the First Sunday in Advent is always a challenge; only slightly easier is finding images of John the Baptist for the two Sundays following; he’s always pictured practically naked, or so morose he could be an advertisement for Prozac. Many gospel lessons don’t lend themselves to pictures unless it’s endless pictures of Jesus talking to his disciples—and there are only a few good choices I’ve ever found. So sometimes I get creative. Knowing the bent of the sermon sometimes offers a fresh choice—such as one Sunday when a sermon on the Church inspired me to use a lovely Victorian painting illustrating Edmund Spenser’s allegory, The Faerie Queene, in which the church appears as a girl, Una, with a lion.

Other times I draw on the work of Japanese Christian artist and poet Tomihiro Hoshino—they’re lovely watercolors of flowers that invite us to see God at work in small, common things, even though they don’t really illustrate any of our lessons.

When I can find someone willing to do it, I love to get children to make art, which can be photographed and copied, to use on the bulletins. I’ve been lucky to have a dear friend who’s an artist with a whole tribe of children who want to draw and paint for me (when they have time). Oftentimes, children see things in the lessons everyone else misses. And it has the extra bonus of making small humans a more visible part of church life, something that’s a challenge for us in churches where children are few.

Eventually I may open a special Pinterest account where all the illustrations can be assembled in one place for general access. For now, though, the best way to connect is to contact me directly at elizabethashlie@gmail.com.

NEW CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY OF MARY

in the Episcopal Church is at somamerica.org. A new chapter has been formed in the Eastern deanery with nine members. The members come from St. Thomas’, Salem; St. John’s, Centralia; and Trinity, Mount Vernon. Anyone who may be interested is welcome to take part. The new chapter meets quarterly. The next meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, February 5, at 4:00 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to contact Father David Baumann at starbrow730@gmail.com.

THE BISHOP WHITE PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY

Rt. Rev. Daniel Martins

It is probably a rare thing to be told that your parish might be eligible for a gift—a gift that is actually useful and which is backed up by a promise that has been kept since 1833. It was in that year Bishop William White founded the Prayer Book Society which today bears his name. Through the years the Bishop White Prayer Book Society has made possible the provision of Prayer Books and Hymnals (and their supplements) to parishes and missions that could not afford them. Our website www.bishopwhiteprayerbooksociety.org has more information about the application process. Can we be of help to your parish?
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EMMANUEL’S ADVENT DIAPER DRIVE

Emmanuel Memorial in Champaign is continuing to build an outreach partnership with the local ministry Empty Tomb. After attending one of the orientation sessions, parishioner Wendy Bauer was inspired to launch an Advent ministry of collecting diapers for Empty Tomb families.

When possible, Empty Tomb provides 25 diapers per child no more than once every two weeks to needy parents who request them. As you might imagine, diapers go quickly and are always in demand. So, for the season of Advent, Emmanuel is collecting packages of disposable diapers to supply the shelves at empty tomb. There is even a manger in Emmanuel’s Great Hall to fill up, helping members call to mind the infant Jesus as they serve infants in local communities. It’s also possible to donate online at www.emmanuelmemorialepiscopal.org/diaper-drive.html.

NEW LITURGICAL BOOKS PUBLISHED

Father David Baumann has produced three books through a print-on-demand company. These books may be of interest to others. The first is The Expanded Daily Office. The product of over twenty-five years’ labor, this book provides a greatly expanded version of the Prayer Book office, with a choice of eight canticles for each day in Morning Prayer. The entire psalter is recited over a thirty-six-day cycle, with seasonal antiphons. The traditional Marian devotions in Evening Prayer, permitted by the Prayer Book but not provided, have been restored. A thorough introduction to the history of the Office as well as a useful introduction to the Bible is provided in the Introduction. The lectionary has been completely redone to ensure that the entire New Testament is read in one year, and most of the Old Testament is read over two years.

The second book is Made New in Christ, which is a confirmation curriculum of over 250 pages. The curriculum was developed through more than forty years of parish experience.

The third book is Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized, and Homebound, which is a greatly-expanded version of the Prayer Book services for the sick and dying. Put together by a priest with over forty years experience in such ministry, it includes the usual services for giving Communion from the reserved Sacrament, Holy Unction, thanksgiving for the birth of a child adapted for the hospital setting, emergency baptism, the Reconciliation of a Penitent, prayers at the time of death, and other services. It provides a wide variety of selections of Scripture (ESV translation) for a wide variety of real-life situations, a large number of prayers drawn from various sources, and a service for providing the last rites. Both clergy and lay ministers who are engaged in pastoral care will find this book helpful.

For more information or to order, please visit lulu.com and do a search by the book title.

“...and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”

Luke 2:7
MINISTRIES AND COMMITTEE NEWS

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN
Jan Goossens, President

2016-2017 Officers:
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Vice-President: Natalie Tate
Secretary: Laura Beggs
Treasurer: Chris DeWitt
Chaplain: Rev. Mollie Ward

Committee Chairs:
Communications: Liz Hinman
Website: Chris DeWitt
2016-2017 Outreach: Rev. Sherry Black
2015-2016 Outreach: Liz Hinman
Church Periodical Club: Carol McCrary
United Thank Offering: Vacant (Jan Goossens is still accepting the Ingatherings)

Lenten Retreat: Information on the 2017 Lenten Retreat is now available at episcopalspringfield.org/ecw. Please download the flyer and share with the women of your congregation.

Outreach Project 2017: Southern Illinois Healthcare Services: Details about this project are now available at episcopalspringfield.org/ecw. Please download the flyer and share with your congregation.

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

United Thank Offering Ingathering: The total Ingathering as of 11/16/16 is $7,930.74, with 20 churches participating. $10.00 was in the Blue Boxes at the Diocesan Synod.

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

Deanery Report: submitted by Natalie P. Tate

Hale Deanery Episcopal Church Women participated (or will participate) in the following activities this fall:

September: Dinner out at O’Charley’s
October: Lunch at Blue Sky Winery for a book swap
November: “A quiet day of prayer” with Father Tim Goodman (and Father Coleman came, too). It was very, very hard for all of the ladies to keep silent through lunch!!
December: We are having our ECW White Elephant on December 1st. We have had our popular ECW and Hale Deanery Christmas party (men are encouraged to come) for many years—it has been a big hit every year!

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
The Very Rev'd Ian Wetmore, President

At the conclusion of Synod, the committee met briefly and elected Fr. Ian Wetmore as president, to replace Fr. David Halt, and Fr. Richard Swan as secretary, to replace Fr. Wetmore. Since then, the only business we have dealt with was the consent to the election of Fr. Carl Wright as Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Services and Federal Ministries, and the consent to the Diocese of Haiti to elect a bishop coadjutor.

TREASURER’S REPORT
Rod Matthews, Treasurer

As October 31, 2016, the Diocese had a surplus of revenue over expenses (Net Ordinary Income) of $127,833.71.

Pledge Income is the primary source of revenue for the Diocese. Calendar year pledges received as of October 31, 2016 were $394,848.99 or ($43,651.01) under budget and offset by $153,023.01 of prior year pledge payments received in the current year. In early April and July, Statements of Giving were sent to the parishes so
the communities could compare their records to those of the Diocese. The feedback continues to be very positive. So far through October 20, 2016, 10 Eucharistic Communities have paid their 2016 pledges in full. 23 have paid at least 50%, ALL have paid more than 50%. THANK YOU!

Total revenue of $636,637.11 exceeded budget by +$55,542.11. This was driven primarily by unbudgeted Prior Year Pledge payments of $153,023.01.

Total budgeted expenses paid of $508,803.40 were under budgeted expenses of $611,281.60 or by $102,478.20. All Departments’ expenses except Youth Work are under budget through 10-31-2016. It should be noted that $14,603.00 was incurred for 5460 Workers Comp. The Diocese paid the workers comp premium for all participating parishes so the communities would benefit from a reduced premium this year. The new carrier’s premiums were less but the carrier was not willing to bill parishes individually. The insurance broker invoiced and collected the premiums from the parishes. The reimbursement to the Diocese for all but the Diocese’s share of the Workers Comp premium will be reflected in the November statements. The actual Workers Comp Insurance expense to the Diocese (approximately $1,200.00) will be close to budgeted by year-end.

Diocesan Staff (Sue Spring, Molly Henderson, and Archdeacon Shawn Denney) continue to provide valuable support and perform the everyday financial functions in an excellent fashion. For that, I am very appreciative.

TRUSTEES REPORT, THIRD QUARTER 2016
Donald Monty, Chairman

Funds invested by the Diocesan Trustees experienced modest gains in the third quarter of calendar year 2016. The Endowment Fund gained 1.4% for the third quarter, and the managed portion of the Combined Fund gained 1.5% in the third quarter.

The Diocesan Endowment Fund is invested in a managed portfolio. The value of the Endowment Fund increased from $2,422,704 at the beginning of the third quarter of 2016 to a value of $2,429,350 on September 30, 2016. The investments gained $34,292, or 1.4%, for the quarter. Withdrawals of $27,647 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 $106,786, or 4.5%, for the first three quarters 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 $2,608,558 at the beginning of the third quarter of 2016 to a value of $2,661,541 on September 30, 2016, with gains of $39,415, or 1.5%, for the third quarter. There were $26,433 in withdrawals and $40,000 in contributions 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 has been $123,237, or 4.9%, for the first three quarters of 2016. The portion of the Combined Fund invested in short-term mutual funds increased in value from $255,384 at the beginning of the third quarter of 2016 to $256,830 on September 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 flow, as revenues are received and expenses paid. Overall, the value of the Combined Fund increased from $2,863,973 at the beginning of the third quarter of 2016 to $2,918,401 on September 30, 2016.

The first three quarters of 2016 have 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 first three quarters of 2016 have shown modest gains in the investments of the Diocese.
DARROW DEANERY

St. Andrew’s, Edwardsville hosted the diocesan synod on October 21–22, and it went very well.

St. Thomas’s, Glen Carbon ECW held their first Wednesday evening Spaghetti Fest on October 19th, and it was a success.

St. Michael’s, O’Fallon mourned the sudden death of Fr. Gary Goldacker, which occurred on October 24. Bishop Daniel preached and celebrated the Requiem Mass on October 29. St. Michael’s is partnering with St. George’s, Belleville to form the grocery distribution team at the next Metro East Convoy of Hope event on July 22, 2017 in East St. Louis. A turnout of over 3,000 “guests of honor” at the 2015 event in O’Fallon indicates that there will be a much larger turnout in ESL. So far, over 120 churches, plus the municipal leadership of ESL and Washington Park, have signed on. Please pray for the grace, mercy, and love of God to abound throughout the Metro East during this event.

St. George’s, Belleville participated in the annual Belleville Chili Cookoff on October 7–8, The event grossed about $14,000, most of which is to benefit the Franklin Neighborhood Association, where the church is situated, and particularly the elementary school there.

The Very Rev’d Ian Wetmore, Dean

EASTERN DEANERY

St. John’s Albion, IL

During the fall, services and activities at St. John’s continue unabated.

We gathered together for a fall work day, principally on the grounds outside, including work on a sidewalk that needs to be replaced or eliminated. That work has commenced.

The Historiographers have made significant progress and have made substantial reports to our Bishop, as he reported to Synod.

Our long time Treasurer asked to be relieved of those duties due to increased responsibilities in her family. Fortunately, one of our members volunteered and is doing good work as our new Treasurer. St. John’s continues to operate in the black.

Fr. Bill resumed our bi-monthly Sunday School lessons featuring 1st Corinthians. Lively discussion is held during coffee hours, including discussion of the lessons and sermon, the lessons on Paul during Sunday School, and our own “What’s happening in our lives.”.

As ordinary time draws to a close, we prepare for the Advent season. We will gather together for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

We continue prayers for our shut-in who is visited regularly. One of our members has had a very successful surgery.

Outreach funds were expended during the fall for mission work and for the ECW project.

The congregation continues as a faithful, worshipping community.

The Rev. Bill Howard, Vicar

St. Mary’s Robinson, IL

St. Mary’s Eucharistic Community in Robinson has been moving ahead with work on an aging facility. We have replaced the roof and are now waiting for time to take some precautionary measures on the front steps before the wintry, icy conditions arrive. We hope to finish our study on discipleship before Advent begins, and we are looking forward to the Christmas season, which always brings many of our parishioners who have moved away home for the holidays. We had an All Saints’ service that was attended by 144,000 and two persons. Attendance has been down for the summer, as many have been on vacation. As always, we are a faithful community of worshippers who weekly celebrate and praise God for His many blessings.

The Rev. Ann Tofani, Vicar

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

St. Thomas’, Salem has been enjoying a lively confirmation class on Wednesday evenings with about eight people participating, two of whom are preparing to be confirmed. St. John’s has one candidate who has been preparing herself by reading
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and meeting regularly with a lay member of the church. St. Thomas’ is well-organized as it prepares for its customary outreach ministries to local needy persons at Thanksgiving and Christmas, while St. John’s has been active in ministry to a needy local citizen who has also been attending church regularly.

Interested members of both congregations have organized a new chapter of the national Society of Mary. The chapter has had two meetings, which were very much enjoyed. The chapter meets quarterly.

St. John’s put together a superb rummage sale, with most items donated coming from the estate of one of its long-time members who died during the summer. The women of St. John’s provided hours of work to carry items from the home of their late friend and prepare them for sale. The community responded with a good turnout, and the sale raised about $500 for outreach.

Deacon Sylvia Howard continues a faithful and fruitful ministry at St. John’s, and Father James Fackler is regular in his attendance at St. Thomas’.

Weekday Masses continue to be well attended, and Sunday gatherings are times of faithful worship.

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

HALE DEANERY

Mother Sherry Black from St. Mark’s, West Frankfort, relates, “It has been a delightful quarter at St. Mark’s! In late July and early August we collected school supplies for all the children in our extended family. On August 7th Father Jon Griffin supplied for Mother Sherry to take a few days away, and on that Sunday he blessed ‘a whole lot of school supplies and those who use them.’

“Father Robert Harmon supplied on October 2nd as Mother Sherry attended a conference in Chicago. In October and early November, in response to a challenge from our children, we collected snacks and personal items to send to Air Force personnel stationed at Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar. We sent nine fully-loaded “Boxes of Love” to the troops.”

Greetings and blessings come from Church of the Redeemer in Cairo through Ms. Dana Harris. She reports that a rice and beans ministry has begun. “Members prepared packages of rice, beans, bouillon, and a few words of spiritual encouragement to be distributed starting November 19 and continuing every third Saturday of the month.

“Len Harris participated in the Kairos prison ministry retreat in October. Father James Muriuki and Dana Harris attended Synod that same weekend at St. Andrews in Edwardsville. The music ministry is growing under the leadership of Mary Steele, with the formation of a choir that debuted the first week of November.”

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Father Tim Goodman reports that several “events stand out in my report for Saint Stephens, Harrisburg, this quarter. I believe the first would be a Baptism of our newest member, a baby girl, Hattie. We had a party for Hattie’s grandmother in October, on the occasion of her retirement. “Attendance has picked up, now that the weather has gotten colder and Fall has set in. We held an ECW quiet day this month. We read from a book by Max Lucado, Beyond Heaven’s Door. We were honored that Father Coleman drove all the way from Belleville to join us for the women’s quiet day. I attended a conference at Todd Hall led by our own clergy. I enjoyed the conference and the opportunity to meet some of the newest members of our clergy team.”

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Both St. Andrew’s, Carbondale and St. James, Marion combined their pet blessings into the Sunday liturgy to celebrate St. Francis’ Day. This resulted in at least one person (and her three dogs!) attending Mass for the first time since childhood. That evening, we watched “Brother Sun and Sister Moon,” a Zeffirelli film about the lives and work of St. Francis and Saint Clare. We celebrated an All Souls’ Day Mass at St. Andrew’s for the first time in many years. Wounded Warriors from Neurorestorative in Carbondale joined veterans within the parish in celebrating our Veterans’ Appreciation Mass. A special lunch and reception followed.
Colorful graphics now enhance our church publications, thanks to the generosity of the Brooks Davis family, who purchased and installed a color printer and supplies for the church. Sadly, Brooks died less than a month later, and devoted friends from as far away as Oklahoma came to pay their respects at the celebration of his life. Among many other charitable works, Brooks served as Senior Warden at the Episcopal Cathedral in Chicago for over twenty years.

Our collection of resources for our second Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium continues to grow. Our “fetuccia” (a 200-yard long line of ribbon consisting of symbolic colors that are gradually pulled out from a spool) was crafted by Tammy Keefer. We used it for the first time this month, and our children (and adults!) enjoyed a vivid experience of the magnificence of salvation history. As this report is submitted, we are looking forward to a festive breakfast and clean-up day at St. Andrew’s.

The Very Rev. Kathryn Jeffrey, Dean

DECEMBER 2016
04 Bishop w/ St. Luke’s, Springfield
11 Bishop w/ Trinity, Mattoon
18 Bishop w/ St. Barnabas’, Havana
25 CHRISTMAS DAY

JANUARY 2017
06 EPIPHANY
08 Bishop w/ Trinity, Jacksonville
15 Bishop w/ Christ Church, Springfield
22 Bishop w/ Trinity, Lincoln

FEBRUARY 2017
05 Bishop w/ St. Thomas’, Glen Carbon
12 Bishop w/ The Church of the Holy Trinity, Danville
16 Finance Department, Diocesan Center, Springfield (10 a.m.)
18 Diocesan Council, Diocesan Center, Springfield (10 a.m.)
19 Bishop w/ St. Thomas’, Salem
20-22 Clergy Pre-Lenten Retreat, King’s House, Belleville
26 Bishop w/ St. John’s, Decatur

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