

# Faithlines

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and for Women of the Episcopal Church  
Diocese of Arizona*

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ECW Theme:

"Share with God's people who are in need.  
Practice hospitality.  
Live in harmony with one another."

Romans 12: verses 13 & 16 NIV

## **President's Message**

Wow – 2011 went by fast and we're even now already into the 2nd month of 2012! Everything is set and ready to go for our 2012 Regional Spring Gatherings. On the last pages of this newsletter you'll find a brief outline of the 3 Gatherings plus a generic registration form. The official invitations will be mailed to each church (rector/vicar) 6 weeks prior to that area's event. Everyone though is welcome to attend whatever Gathering they choose or they can attend all 3. The larger the participation is, the more sharing and friendship we'll all be able to enjoy.

Since this is the start of a New Year, has your group reevaluated its programs? At my church of St. Andrew's, Nogales, this is just what we did. What an eye opener!!! The follow-

ing Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012, our rector The Rev. Lucie Thomas included the following remarks in her sermon based on that Sunday's Gospel "Mark 1:14-20. I asked if I could reprint part of it because I knew I couldn't express these thoughts and ideas as well as she did.

“I will make you fishers of men” actually calls them (disciples) to a new identity. They don't accept a job, no. They have taken the first step into a new identity. They become fishers of people. Having to go out and fish for people seems like a huge task. We Episcopalians really don't like to do that. But to become a “fisher of people” is to grow into a new identity, an identity of becoming more like Jesus himself, someone who is not afraid to interact with all kinds of people in this world, someone who speaks truth, challenging them to grow into the

people God intends them to be, now that is being a fisher of people. and that is what bring others to want to learn and share more of who we are.

Yes, this calls us to a deeper level of spirituality. The Episcopal Church Women's group certainly did that at their meeting earlier this week. They put everything they do down on a list and decided what was important to them to keep on doing and who would take charge of it, what they wanted to quit doing, and what they would put on hold for a year before deciding.

And they put spiritual growth, Bible study, retreats, and other means to grow in the faith high on their list of priorities. They didn't use these terms, but it seems to me they don't want to take on the big task of fishing for people, they want to become fishers of people, they want to become more like Jesus.

So let's take our example from Jesus, the disciples, and the Episcopal Church Women and let ourselves be called to a new life, a new identity, in our journey together. Amen."

I hope you have been inspired by this article to also try to think outside the box of "we've always done it that way" and become fishers of people. Peace,. Marilyn Hedges, President, Diocese of Arizona, ECW Board.

### Visit to Fort Defiance

On Saturday, January 21, 2012, I visited Good Shepherd Mission, Ft. Defiance, Arizona to conduct an altar guild

workshop for the Diocese of Navajoland.

There were approximately 20 participants from the Ft. Defiance-Window Rock area and as far away as Farmington, New Mexico. They included those interested in or currently performing altar guild service as well as acolytes.

The workshop was organized by The Reverend Chan Anaya, Good Shepherd's Vicar, and was divided into two sessions separated by a hearty lunch in the Parish Hall. The morning session included an introduction to the altar guild Ministry; setting up the altar and credence table; purpose and



care of the Communion vessels; the purpose, care and folding of linens. In the afternoon we discussed the meaning of the liturgical colors; history and care of vestments/hangings; the organization of an altar guild and sacrifices. A full day, to say the least!

The warmth, interest, and enthusiasm I experienced was simply



overwhelming.

Good Shepherd Mission has two Sunday services, 8:00 am and 10:15. Anyone in the Window Rock/Ft. Defiance area on a Sunday should visit the Mission where the hangings are of hand-woven Navajo design, the cross trimmed in silver and turquoise and the hospitality as beautiful as the surroundings.

Connie Castillo, Diocesan Altar Guild Directress

## **CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB NEWS AND NOTES:**

Church Periodical Club would like to hear from your parish. Please consider writing an article for the CPC Quarterly Newsletter. Deadline for the winter issue is February 15 and for the spring issue is May 15. E-mail your news to:

[cpc@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:cpc@episcopalchurch.org).

The deadline for National Book Fund grant applications is April 15. One granting session will take place in 2012 - either at the annual fall board meeting for CPC or at the triennial meeting in Indianapolis. The National Book Fund writes grants for seminary students, individuals, and churches who need religious materials, such as books, tapes, music and anything that could be used in a church educational program.

Miles of Pennies Fund grants are written year round as funds become available. One mile of pennies amounts to \$844.80. Final tally for the year 2011 has not yet been published as yet, but over \$5,901.20 had been received as of July 31, 2011. This fund is for children's (preschool to grade 12) books, tapes, and related materials. MOP also gives grants for the shipping costs of recycled children's books.

Please continue to remember these two funds of the Church Periodical Club in your prayers. Children and adults who would otherwise not have access to printed materials will benefit from your generosity.

To learn more about Church Periodical Club and how you can help, please visit [www.churchperiodicalclub.com](http://www.churchperiodicalclub.com) where you can read more about grants that have been written and how they benefit the recipients. Grant ap-

publications can be downloaded from the web site at [www.churchperiodical.com](http://www.churchperiodical.com) or you can request one from your diocesan representative.

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### **“HELPING HANDS” FOR CHILDREN IN CRISIS, CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, SUN CITY WEST**

Helping Hands meets the first three Mondays in each month throughout the year from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Paine Hall at Church of the Advent in Sun City West. Some volunteers come for the full three hours; others come for whatever time they can. In the middle of the three-hour period, there is a short meeting. It always begins with the lighting of four candles, followed by ten seconds of silence, to remember that *every ten seconds four children are mentally, physically or sexually abused in the United States*. Helping Hands has a roster of about 100 ladies, who make blankets and pillows for children in need. Some children will have been removed from their homes by Child Protective Services or by local police in violent and abusive situations involving one parent and sometimes both. They are able to take nothing with them that is theirs. Some children may be ill and

hospitalized or may even be children who are terminally ill. Some may be newborn babies whose parents have little to give their babies, and receiving blankets and knitted hats are provided for them. Some children and babies have been abandoned. Some of the

newborns are in intensive care units in hospitals; some may not survive and for those Angel Blankets are provided for burial.



Here is a list of the organizations which benefit from the work of Helping Hands:

- Airmen's Attic at Luke Air Force Base (Newborns on the base)
- Banner Del Webb Hospital (Receiving blankets and hats for newborns)
- Banner Estrella Hospital (Neonatal intensive care)
- Banner Thunderbird Hospital
- Maricopa county Morgue (Angel blankets)
- Phoenix Children's Hospital
- Salvation Army
- Shrine Hospital (Quilts for terminally-ill children)
- Bylas Indian Community located on the San Carlos Apache Reservation

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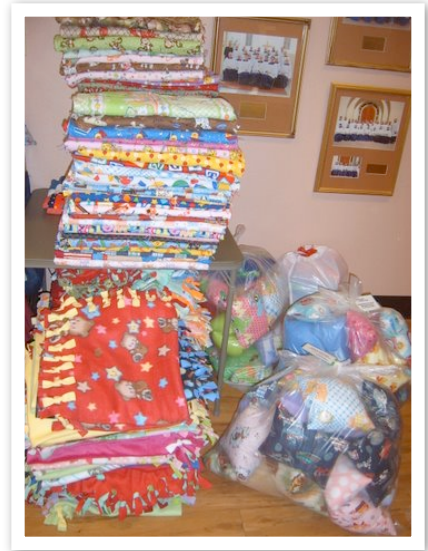
Blankets and pillows are being delivered to All Saints, Safford by the Immediate Past President for "Helping Hands) for the Bylas community. They went via St. Andrew's, Sedona to All Saints, Safford - Sibyl)



UMOM (Program for abused women and men who are given intensive counseling in healing their lives.) Helping Hands has been in existence for seven years. Most of Helping Hands ladies attend Church of the Advent in Sun City West. At least 20 do not attend the church. The group has recently reached a long-cherished goal of giving away 10,000 blankets and 10,000 pillows. The cost to Helping Hands, in terms of material, thread and batting, is ten dollars for each blanket and two dollars for each pillow. Once completed, each blanket is worth at least ten dollars and each pillow, at least four dollars. The value of the blankets given away, then, is \$100,000 and the pillows, \$40,000. The ladies make

other things such as hats, afghans, pillow cases and pillow case dresses, receiving blankets and other NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) items. They make and deliver about 400 angel blankets a year to the Maricopa County Morgue. Maricopa County is the second largest county in the country. Together these volunteers, working three Mondays a month for three hours, make 140 blankets and 140 pillows each month. In addition, they make the other items indicated above.

A small, dedicated group spends about 20 hours a week shopping and buying fabric and batting, always at 40% or 50% off, and also preparing the fabric for the Monday morning workers. Among these volunteers are those who deliver completed items to the various agencies listed. It's noteworthy that no Helping Hands money is spent on these trips for delivery, 40 miles round trip, or, in the case of the Morgue, 60 miles round trip, or for shopping trips. Nor is one penny of funds received by Helping Hands spent on paper, printing, napkins or food. All those items are donated by volunteers. Every dollar raised by



Helping Hands, therefore, is spent on product and fabric.

Helping Hands spends \$800 each month to keep the program running. The group depends on the proceeds from three well-attended fundraisers: the Fiesta Supper, the Ice Cream Social and the Spaghetti Supper. In addition, and vital to keeping the group going at its present rate, are donations from family and friends, donations of product and fabrics, and donations from the Advent ECW, the Advent's Men's Club and the Vestry of Advent. As the reader pictures the many hardworking ladies on those Monday mornings, it is important to say that there's always a pot of coffee on, lots of delicious homemade treats and wonderful fellowship to enjoy while we work making warm and reassuring things for precious children. Sharon Gullickson is the person to call for more information at 623-214-4828. Submitted by Nancy Bell, Church of the Advent.

## **SOUTHERN AREA**

### **St. Andrews of Tucson has a new Vicar**

November 20th, Rev. Kate Bradsen became the new Vicar of St. Andrews.

St. Andrews will hold their annual retreat at the Holy Trinity Monastery, located just outside St. David, AZ. I'm looking forward to shutting off my cell phone and enjoying the quiet comfortable life style and fellowship of mo-

nastic community. It is a special way to give meaning to the Lenten season. Rev. Anita Catron from Park City, Utah will lead the retreat weekend Mar 23rd - 25th. Rev. Catron has entitled the retreat "Ending Lent Peaceably". If you would like to attend the retreat or have questions, please call **St. Andrews, Tucson 520-622-8318**

### **St. Margaret Guild Of St. Philips in the Hills, Tucson**

On Thursday January the 26th The Rev. Cliff Blilman gave an interesting talk on "Christian Mysticism." We learned that mysticism is an important part of our Christian heritage. Yet, we will rarely hear a sermon about it. We all have the ability to deepen our relationship with God. Some will have profound moments with miracles and perhaps bright lights. Others will experience a peaceful knowing and inspiration. Rev. Cliff talked about his own wonderful moments, that filled him with awe. Contemplation is focusing outward, such as a candle or a beautiful flower in nature. Meditation is the quieting of the mind and realizing that God is with you. Rev Cliff recommended 20 minutes of silent mediation. St. Philips in the Hills, began its ministry in 1936. St. Margaret Guild was formed in 1939. They meet twice a month. They donated \$400.00 to Avive (abused children fund) also \$200.00 to an after school music program. Christian caring is an important part of this ministry.

-Kathleen Sullivan, ECW President

### **St. Michael and All Angel's ECW, Tucson**

St. Michael and All Angel's ECW meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Their knitters are busy making hats for the babies in the hospital nursery.

They have a group that sews colorful pillow cases for our military overseas.

Their quilters are making quilts for the VA Hospital. They are presently raffling off one of their lovely quilts. Hi!

### **St. Matthew's, Tucson**

St. Matthew's, Tucson filled 122

Christmas shoes boxes with gifts for our friends south of the border. They also are making prayer shawls to comfort patients in the hospital.

### **St. Alban's Tucson**

"Special Blessings"

From Thanksgiving to through Epiphany, ECW at St. Alban's, Tucson, buzzed with activity. Note cards were printed and sold to parishioners as Christmas gifts to help raise funds for new floor replacement in the nave. Baby diapers were collected and delivered to a shelter for families suffering from domestic violence and we shared fellowship at a lovely Christmas party. It was all successful and very rewarding.

However, the quiet part and the most meaningful part of Christmas for ECW, were the special gifts we gave to one another: Kindness, caring, a helping hand when needed...those were the priceless gifts we shared together as we welcomed the Savior into our hearts.

Submitted by Kathleen Roberts,  
Southern Area Representative

### **Central Area**

**All Saints of the Desert, Sun City**  
***Stitches from the Heart Ministry*** began in September 2010 and is an ongoing ministry. Its foundation is "love your neighbor as yourself." This ministry is performed by volunteers in their homes and was begun to serve members of the church (All Saints of the Desert, Sun City) who were in the hospital, in rehab, or were shut-ins. Volunteers began crocheting & knitting lap blankets and shawls for church members; however, they are now extending this ministry to include neighbors, friends and family members, particularly reaching out to people served by Benevilla (Good Home), a local service provider. The lap blankets and shawls have been very well received.

The volunteers make up their own patterns and designs using a wide variety of color combinations with materials provided by church members or the volunteers themselves. While Stitches from the Heart started in 2010, it grew out of a previous ministry "The Love Bear Ministry" which lasted for 10 years and focused on underprivileged and hospitalized disabled children.

The children were each given 18-inch tall handmade teddy bears which were dressed in a variety of outfits making each bear unique. Over 6000 bears were made and donated over the ten year period.

Truly these are "**ministries** from the heart."

Peace, Kerry Jo

### Church of the Advent, Sun City West

In February, we will have "Cupid's Fashion Review and Heartfelt Desert" on February 9th at 1:00 p.m. We will be modeling and selling gently used clothes of good quality.

On February 17th & 18th, we will have our annual rummage sale, Opening on 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Friday, and 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.



"With heart, mind and spirit uphold and bear the cross"

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For His Sake

### The Order of the Daughters of the King

On January 23 – Diocese Board met in Tucson at Christ the King. 2800 W Ina Rd., 85741 – 10 am – All Chapter Presidents or their alternates, and DALs were invited. Non-Board members were encouraged to attend.

On January 29 – St. Matthew's Chapter, St. Matthews, Chandler, added

three new members to their chapter, bringing their number to 34 wonderful ladies.

On February 12 – Admission of Ruth Chapter at Good Shepherd of the Hills, Cave Creek, 6502 E Cave Creek Rd., Cave Creek at both the 8 and 10 am services.

March 26 – Diocese Board Meeting will be with St. Matthews, Chandler  
May 5 – Spring Diocese-wide Daughters and Daughters-at-Large Gathering at All Saints of the Desert, Sun City (see article elsewhere in this Newsletter).

6/27- - 7/11, 2012 in Indianapolis - **Upcoming DoK Triennial** -Registration is \$385. More to be sent from the Diocese Board to all members soon through our second Quarterly newsletter and email to all Chapter Presidents and DALs.

Carrie DaCosta, President of The Order of the Daughters of the King.

Altar Guild "CARING AND SHARING" is the title of the Altar Guild program for the 2012 spring area meetings.

Topics to be covered are recruiting, training, retaining/supporting members of our Parish guilds, with small group discussion followed by a summary involving the whole group. Other topics may be covered as suggested.

The Altar Guild sessions will begin with a brief meeting at which we will remember our members who have



died during the past year, as well as information on diocesan altar guild activities and the 2012 National Altar Guild Association Triennial. There will be a resource table at each meeting with materials of interest to altar guilds. New this year: a list of products and procedures for an environmentally



"green" Sacristy; an excellent recipe for Altar bread.



Donations to the Bishop's Closet may be dropped off at each meeting. Also, a current Closet inventory will be sent out ahead of the meetings; any Parish needing something should contact me to arrange for delivery.

Central Area altar guilds will meet at St. Stephen's, Phoenix, on Saturday, March 17; Southern Area guilds at St. Raphael's, Benson, on Saturday, April 28; the Northern Area at The Church of Our Savior, Lakeside, on Saturday, May 12. Registration materials will go out approximately 6 weeks prior to each meeting. Contact me ([azaltarguild@cox.net](mailto:azaltarguild@cox.net) or 623-933-1570) if unsure of your Parish's area and, should the meeting for your Parish be inconvenient, feel free to attend one of the others.

Looking forward to our time together,

Connie Castillo (Diocesan Directress)

## Women's Ministries Spring 2012 Gatherings

Everyone is invited to attend one or all of the Women's Ministries 2012 Spring Area Gatherings. The workshops will be presented by the Altar Guild and the Episcopal Church Women. Connie Castillo, Diocesan Altar Guild Directress will be discussing "Caring and Sharing". Altar Guild members always gain new insights and knowledge from her presentations. The ECW Session will start with a short presentation on "Nets for Life" by either Rev. Myra Kingsley, Rev. Licia Affer, or Rev. Lucie Thomas. Come and find out what this is all about!!! We will then follow with an ECW Sharing Time broken into English and Spanish groups. This is always a fun and informative time when we find out what our fellow sis-

ters are doing and get to know them a little bit better.

Again this year we're trying to hold the Gatherings in areas that will show off the diversity of our state especially in this Centennial year of Statehood.

Central Gathering: Sat. March 17, 2012 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM St. Stephen's, 2310 N 56th St., Phoenix, AZ 85008

Concerts, Shopping, Museums, Art Galleries, nearby park, plus the Church is a "True Oasis in the Desert".

Registrar: Phyllis Wagner, 5418 E. Wonderview Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85018  
Phone: 602-840-8272 E-mail:

[main@ststephens.org](mailto:main@ststephens.org)

Southern Gathering: Sat. April 28, 2012 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM St. Raphael, 181 Union St., Benson, AZ 85602

Kartchner Caverns, Tombstone, Bisbee, Cochise Stronghold, San Pedro Riparian Area, Wineries

Registrar: Pat Fischer, 1720 S. Circle Bar Dr., Benson, AZ 85602

Phone: 520-586-8955 E-mail: [rnpranches@msn.com](mailto:rnpranches@msn.com)

Northern Gathering: Sat. May 12, 2012 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Church of Our Saviour, 5147 Show Low Lake Rd., Lakeside, AZ 85929  
Fishing, Boating, Hiking, Gambling

Registrar: Sharon Dalrymple, 5147 Show Low Lake Rd., Lakeside, AZ 85929  
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A registration form is enclosed in this newsletter that can be used for each

Gathering. Make as many copies as you need and mail to the appropriate registrar with your check made out to ECW Diocese of AZ. The cost is \$12.00 per person per Gathering and includes Continental Breakfast, Lunch, and Workshops. \*\*Payment must be received one week prior the event>\*\* Cost at the door is \$15.00. Every church will also receive this information for their particular area gathering along with a copy of the agenda, invitation, and registration form.

Hope to see you at one of the Gatherings, or two, or all three. Marilyn Hedges, Pres.

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