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Welcome to your new Dogwood Diary!

by: Sarah Churchman - schurchman78@gmail.com

First thing you'll notice is the new layout. I'm hoping everyone will enjoy the new layout and find it easy to read and navigate through. My hope as the new designer + editor of the DD is to make it more of YOUR publication. This is, of course, your place to learn about the ECW and share your own experiences and such with the rest of the ECW of the Atlanta Diocese.

Please feel free to send me anything you would like to contribute to the DD. Take a recent vacation or mission trip abroad? Have a fabulous new recipe? Photos are always encouraged too! Send your contribution to: **schurchman78@gmail.com** with "Dogwood Diary" in the subject. I will do my best to get everything in the following issue! Don't hesitate to email me with any questions.

Many Thanks!
Sarah Churchman

A Letter From the President

by: Jeanne Condry - j.condrey@yahoo.com

Spring is coming, it's almost here in No. Georgia. Our world is beautiful again, plants, flowers & trees are sprouting, budding and blooming. Spring puts a spring in my step, makes me want to sing, smile at everyone I meet, lifts my heart toward the heavens, making this a very happy time of the year.

Our Spring Retreat is only weeks away. A flurry of activity is going on at planning stage anticipating your arrival. I hope you are planning to attend. Camp Mikell is beautiful anytime of the year and especially so in early May. Bring your jeans, shorts, tee shirts and a sweater, the nights can be cool, and we will celebrate being an Episcopal Church Woman.

Peace,
Jeanne
Diocesan ECW President

Rector's Article

by: Rev. Mary R. H. Demmler, Rector at St. Matthias' Episcopal Church

Hymn 141

*Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun, which
is my sin, though it were done before?*

*Wilt thou forgive those sins through which
I run, and do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for
I have more.*

*Wilt thou forgive that sin, by which I won others to
sin, and made my sin their door?*

*Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year
or two, but wallowed in a score?*

*When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for
I have more.*

*I have a sin of fear that when I've spun my last
thread, I shall perish on the shore;*

*swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son shall
shine as he shines now, and heretofore.*

*And having done that, thou hast done, I fear no
more.*

-Words by John Donne (1573-1631)

John Donne was a poet, lawyer, satirist, and Anglican priest under first James I then briefly under Charles I of England. He was a reluctant priest, only taking Holy Orders at the urging of James I. His real passion was writing and his best known phrases are perhaps "for whom the bell tolls" and the statement that "no man is an island".

I find the poem above, which we sing together in Hymn 141 in our hymnal to be particularly compelling. He certainly understood the depth of God's love for us and our immense need for forgiveness. This poem feels to me like a child come to confess to a parent. The child first confesses to a minor infraction but, finding a willing listener, can't help but confess to more heinous crimes. It's as if the child says "I've been wrong" and expects to be punished severely. But, instead, the parent says "I know. It's ok. Don't do it again". But then the child says "Well, but I also....and I also...and what about....?!" And the parent patiently listens and doesn't punish. Then the child says "Well, if you don't think that

is bad, then wait to you hear this!". The child continues on and on until he is confessed-out, as it were. Then the parent says "I know. And you are forgiven. Don't do it again. And I love you." If you ever have sat for confession (The Reconciliation of a Penitent, BCP 447) or at least taken advantage of the silence before our corporate confession on Sunday mornings, you know that Donne grasps so well what confessions are like. We come before God thinking we want to ask for forgiveness for one thing, but fairly quickly more follows until it pours out of us like a waterfall. The first step of willingness to admit any wrong doing allows us to openly admit all wrong doing. It is a powerful first step that usually opens the flood gates.

And we need to undergo this catharsis. We need to get all of this "off our chests" and be honest about the depth of our sinfulness – not as a form of self-flagellation and "O-woe-is-me" self-indulgence. But rather, our confession is an offering to God and an important one. By laying our sins before God we are willing to bring our whole-selves before the Lord, not just the parts of which we are proud or the ones we like others to see the most. Instead, we kneel before God and say "This is me. This is the real me. And I'm not perfect and not the best that's out there. But I know you can make me whole, make me better. So here I am in my brokenness."

We also undertake confession in order to understand the depth of God's love for us. By allowing the flood waters to come and wash to shore all the sinful things we do, especially regularly and knowingly, we begin to see the vastness of our sinfulness, the scope of our need for forgiveness, and so can recognize just how patient and merciful is our God. And once we know ourselves to be forgiven of small things, we hunger to be forgiven for the large things we thought we had hidden so well. We find ourselves as Donne's child before God "But wait! There's more! I haven't told you the worst of it yet!".

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Rector's Article (cont.)

We Episcopalians do not take advantage of the sacrament of confession and absolution, Reconciliation, nearly often enough. In fact, in my years of ministry, only two people asked that I take their confession. I have heard more than that but those came within the structure of Vocare retreats with young adults when they are informed and encouraged to take advantage of the sacrament of reconciliation. For the Episcopalian sitting in the pew on an average Sunday morning, "confession" seems like a by-gone concept, a vestige of former days, former theologies. But the truth is reconciliation is an important part of our faith journey and can be important moments for deepening our relationship with God.

I encourage you to take advantage of the silence before our confession on Sunday mornings but more to one day take advantage of the sacrament of reconciliation. All it takes is a phone call to me and we'll schedule a time to be together.

Either way, may you know yourself to be truly loved and truly forgiven this Lenten season, regardless of how terrible you think your sins may be.

Holy Week Dates

Check with your local parish for service times.

Sunday

April 01: Palm Sunday

Wednesday

April 04: Holy Wednesday

The Tridumm

The Great Paschal Days

Thursday

April 05: Maundy Thursday

Friday

April 06: Good Friday

Saturday

April 07: Holy Saturday

Sunday

April 08: Easter Sunday

RECIPE: Miracle Pie

by: Lucy Perry

Why is it called Miracle Pie? Well, all the ingredients are indicated with bible verses! Make it a family project to look up the ingredients. All are found in the King James version of the bible.

1 Cup	Sugar - Jeremiah 6:20
1/4 Cup	Butter - Genesis 18:8
4	Eggs - Deuteronomy 22:6
1/2 Cup	Flour - 2 Kings 7:18
2 Cups	Milk - Hebrews 5:13
1 Cup	Coconut - Genesis 43:11
1/4 tsp	Salt - Matthew 5:13
1/2 tsp	Baking powder - Exodus 12:15
1 tsp	Vanilla extract



Put all ingredients into a blender and blend thoroughly. Pour into a 10" pie pan that has been greased and floured. Bake at 350°F. for 60 minutes or if using glass, 325°F. A crust will form on the bottom, pie filling is the center and a coconut topping above.

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2012 - 2013 Episcopal Church Women Agenda

JANUARY 2012

Monday, Jan. 09 - 10:30am Regular Meeting Cathedral, Room 239

FEBRUARY 2012

Monday, Feb. 13 - 10:30am Regular Meeting Cathedral, Room 239

MARCH 2012

Saturday, Mar. 10 - 8:30am Ministry Fair @ The Cathedral, Atrium
Monday, Mar. 12 - 10:30am Regular Meeting Cathedral, Room 239

APRIL 2012

Monday, Ap. 09, Easter Monday *CATHEDRAL CLOSED*
Monday, Apr. 16 - 10:30am Regular Meeting Cathedral, Room 23

MAY 2012

Friday, May 04 - Sunday, May 06 Spring Retreat, Camp Mikell, Toccoa, GA

JULY 2012

NO REGULAR MEETING

Saturday, Jun. 02 Election of new Bishop
Monday, Jun. 04 - Wednesday, Jun 06 Province IV Annual Meeting, Kanuga, Hendersonville, NC

JULY 2012

NO REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, Jul. 05 - Thursday, Jul. 12 Triennial, Indianapolis, IN

AUGUST 2012

NO REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2012

Monday, Sept. 10 - 10:30am Regular Meeting Cathedral, Room 239

OCTOBER 2012

Monday, Oct. 08 - 10:30am Regular Meeting Cathedral, Room 239
Saturday, Oct. 13 Ordination of new Bishop
DATE + PLACE TBA Annual Meeting

NOVEMBER 2012

Thursday, Nov. 01 - Saturday, Nov. 03 Annual Council, Cathedral

DECEMBER 2012

Monday, Dec. 10 - 11:30am Past President's Luncheon (location TBA)

JANUARY 2013

Friday, Jan. 11 - Sunday, Jan. 13 ECW Board Retreat, Carmel Retreat Center

2012 Episcopal Church Woman Budget

Approved at the 2011 Annual Meeting - October 15, 2011

The Board reserves the right to amend this budget if there is a short-fall in income.

REVENUE SOURCES

Pledges	\$ n/a
Bond Interest	\$1,000.00
Money Market Interest	\$ n/a with current int. rates not much
Crosses, etc.	\$ 300.00 (estimated)
TOTAL INCOME	\$ n/a

EXPENSES

Fixed

Province IV ECW Pledge	\$ 200.00
U.S.A. National ECW Pledge	\$ 200.00
National Cathedral Pledge	\$ 50.00
Church Periodical Club Pledge	\$ 50.00
Triennial Expense Fund (set aside)	\$2,500.00
Province IV Retreat – Kanuga (3 – Pres., VP, & elected Triennial Delegate)	\$ 900.00
Total Fixed Expenses	\$3,900.00

Board

President (discretionary & supplies)	\$ 50.00
Secretary (copies, cards, stamps, etc.)	\$ 25.00
Treasurer (copies, stamps, supplies)	\$ 75.00
Bank charges (checks, serv. charges, etc.)	\$ 175.00
UTO Coordinator (supplies, postage)	\$ 50.00
CPC Coordinator (supplies, postage)	\$ 50.00
Audit	\$ 100.00
Publications (2 issues – Dogwood Diary)	\$ 820.00
Total Board Expenses	\$1,395.00

Miscellaneous

Other (Annual Meeting, etc.)	\$ 200.00
Diocesan ECW Spring Retreat (at Camp Mikell)	\$1,000.00
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	\$1,200.00

Fixed Outreach

Prayer Partner	\$ 100.00
Undesignated (emergencies, special requests)	\$ 450.00
Total Fixed Outreach	\$ 550.00

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TOTAL EXPENSES **\$7,045.00**

We Can't Do Our Job With Out Your Help!

Taken from "The Directions"

The diocesan ECW Board is dependent almost entirely on the voluntary pledges of parish ECW's (and occasionally, individuals) to allow it to carry out its proclaimed purpose of furthering Christ's work in the community, the nation, and the world. Other income sources are from the sale of crosses and interest on designated account funds.

While the specific budget may change from year to year, the following areas are covered in each year's budget:

- Pledge to the national ECW Board, to support its work and the planning and costs of the Triennial Meeting.
- Pledges to the province ECW Board, to be used to cover the expenses of the provincial board members.
- Monies to be set aside annually, to send four delegates from the Diocese of Atlanta to the next Triennial.
- Registration fee for the president and the vice-president/president-elect to enable them to attend the Province IV Women's Conference each June at Kanuga (and to send all four Triennial delegates to this conference in Triennial years).
- Funds to reimburse diocesan board members for expenses incurred as part of their official duties (postage, office supplies, etc...).
- Costs of putting on the Annual Meeting and Spring Retreat.
- Expenses incurred in printing and mailing *The Dogwood Diary*.
- Annual gift to our diocesan Prayer Partner.
- Outreach to various organizations and programs as needed.

We are often asked what an individual parish's pledge should be to the diocese. Really, there is no set amount. What your group can give will be determined by the size of your group and your budget. Some groups give 10% of their budget, some an amount based on the number of women in their parish (example: 50 cents or \$1.00/woman).

We do ask that you prayerfully consider some financial commitment to the diocesan board. And in accordance with our by-laws, **all pledges must be received 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting (the fourth Saturday in October) in order for your parish ECW to have a vote at the meeting.**

Pledge checks should be made out to "ECW – Diocese of Atlanta", with an indication that the check is for the annual pledge. Checks should be sent to the ECW diocesan treasurer (see board roster for name and address).

United Thank Offering checks should be sent to: The Episcopal Center, 2744 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, GA 30305, Attn: Finance Office. In order for your church to receive credit, make the checks payable to "The Diocese of Atlanta", and designate on the check for "UTO".

Episcopal Church Women - Diocese of Atlanta

Annual Pledge + Contribution Form

For use by Parish Episcopal Church Women Please use this form for all contributions to the Diocesan ECW Board and NOT for the United Thank Offering or Church Periodical Club. Feel free to make as many copies of this form as you need.

Name of Donor/Organization

Phone Number

Email Address

Contribution to be designated as:

[] **Annual Pledge:** Amount _____

[] **Rosa Woodbury Scholarship Fund:** Amount _____
Awarded annually to a woman studying for the ministry or Christian service

[] **Alice Sylvia Child Scholarship Fund:** Amount _____
Funds scholarships to the Spring ECW Retreat at Camp Mikell

[] **Triennial Unified Gift:** Amount _____
Recipient chosen by National ECW Board for each Triennial Meeting

[] **Triennial Meeting Fund:** Amount _____
Pays expenses of 4 delegates representing Diocese of Atlanta to ECW Triennial Meeting

[] **Miscellaneous:** Please specify purpose _____
Amount _____

Please make checks payable to:
ECW, Diocese of Atlanta

Mail payments to:
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Questions or Concerns?

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2012 ECW Annual Spring Retreat @ Camp Mikell

Friday, May 04 - Sunday, May 06, 2012

This year's theme is "**Places of the Heart**" and our Retreat Leader is going to be **Reverend Deacon Kathy Holman**. Please come join the Diocese of Atlanta ECW at Camp Mikell just outside Toccoa, Georgia for a wonderful weekend of fellowship, fun and food!

The Registration Deadline is:
SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2012

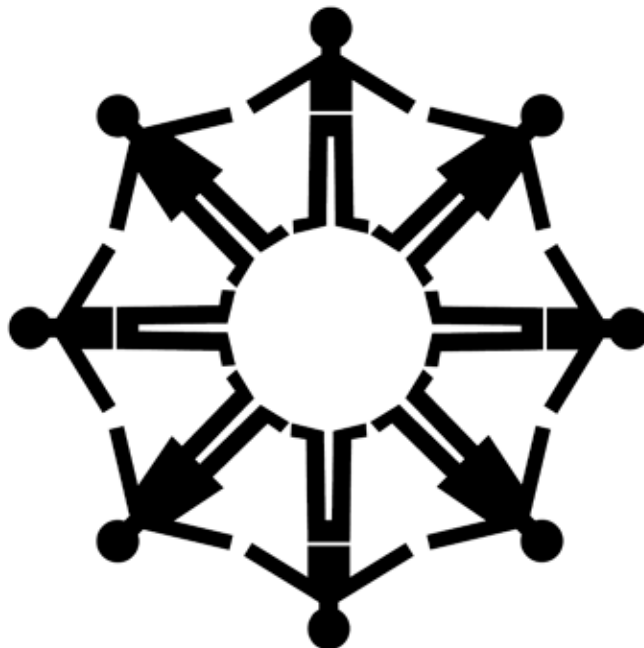
A \$25 late fee will apply to all registrations received after April 15, 2012

FYI:

- Friday is ECW Shirt Day for our afternoon "Sip N Share" - **Proudly sport your ECW shirt!**
- Day Rate includes sessions and lunch on Saturday ONLY.
- Full weekend Rates includes all meals - Friday dinner through Sunday lunch and two nights lodging. Bed linens, towels and toiletries are NOT furnished in dormitory accommodations. You must bring your own.
- Groups wishing to room together are encouraged to mail registrations together.
- Limited scholarship assistance is available. Contact Cathy Hutcheson for further information.
- For directions, please visit **www.campmikell.com**

Questions or Concerns?

Please contact Cathy Hutcheson **PH:** 770-451-0907 **EMAIL:** jchutcheson@juno.com.



2012 ECW Annual Spring Retreat @ Camp Mikell

Friday, May 04 - Sunday, May 06, 2012

Registration Form

Please only register one person per form. Feel free to make as many copies of this form as needed.

First + Last Name

Parish

Street Address

City + State

Zip Code

Primary Phone

Email Address

I WILL ATTEND:

Full Weekend

Rates: Dormitory (\$105) Cabin: (\$160) Retreat Village (\$170)

Lodging Preference:

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

Private room: (\$53.00) extra _____

Saturday ONLY (sessions and lunch - \$35.00)

Please list any special housing, dietary or medical needs:

Roommate or group preferences: _____

Yes, I will bring an hors d'oeuvre for the "Sip N Share" on Friday Afternoon.

Alsie Churchman will contact you by phone or e-mail.

Optional donation: \$_____ to Alice Sylvia Child Memorial Scholarship Fund.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please make checks payable to ECW, Diocese of Atlanta.

Please mail Registration to: Cathy Hutcheson, 4183 Ashwoody Trail, Atlanta, GA 30319.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS, Y'ALL!

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Find the registration form inside!

REGISTRATIONS DUE BY: APRIL 15, 2012