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PRAYER NEEDED

The Rev. Walter Barnes, who served St. Andrew's, Algonac for a number of years, has been hospitalized after suffering a stroke January 9th. Keep Walter, Marylen and their family in your prayers.

Norma Good, the wife of the Rev. John Good died January 11th. Remember John and their children. [details](#).

WRAP IT IN PRAYER

Charles Olsen at the Alban Institute [offers suggestions](#) on how to make prayer more than perfunctory "book ends" to church meetings.

PRAYERS FOR TIMES LIKE THESE

the Church of England [website offers prayers](#) for times such as these: for those who've lost their job (made redundant in English English), for those who still have a job but feel guilty or at risk, for those struggling to live within their means, for those burdened with debt, and much more. This portion of their website has had heavy traffic, lots and lots of hits.

OPEN THE ENVELOPE ALREADY

we know it's scary, but the Parochial Report Form has to be faced eventually. So open the envelope and start working on it. You will notice that the Parochial Report instructions, the Workbook, and Congregational Data Form can be found online at the [Diocesan website](#).

WORSHIP LEADERS

a new list of competencies and exam have been developed for those who would be Worship Leaders, i.e., folks who lead Morning/Evening Prayer services in the absence of a clergy person. Contact Barb (877-75206020) for details.

RADICAL ABUNDANCE

St. John's, Midland will be a high-speed downlink site for Trinity Institute's 2009 National Theological Conference — *Radical Abundance: A Theology of Sustainability*. it's January 21-23, 2009. RSVP by January 20th. [details](#).

opportunities for you and your congregation

1/21-23/09 — *Radical Abundance*
1/30-31/09 — *Formation workshop*
3/9-11/09 — *Spiritual Directors*
4/17-18/09 — *Diana Butler Bass*

the Cycle of Prayer

...for the first quarter of 09 [here](#).

news sources

Anglican Connections

[This month
archived](#)

Episcopal Life Online

Anglican World

AC News Service

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Do you have young people who are looking for a way to make a difference? [Mike Spencer](#) recommends the [Episcopal Service Corps](#), a national federation of young adult service programs. He worked on a program in Los Angeles (97-98). I bet he wouldn't mind offering some first-hand information.

IT WAS A MOMENTOUS YEAR

The Presiding Bishop [reflects on 2008 in the Episcopal Church](#). A [video](#) version.

PRESERVE THOSE HISTORIC SERMONS

The Library of Congress is collecting audio and video recordings of sermons preached between January 16 and 25 that comment on the significance of the inauguration of 2009. Any takers? [details](#)

Minutes and Notices

- Blue Water Convocation
- Flint River Convocation (unapproved) [Minutes](#) for 8-08
- Northern Convocation [Minutes](#) for August
- Saginaw Valley Convocation [Minutes](#) for 12-08

Old stuff... but it still might be useful.

THE ARCHBISHOPS NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

as we face a new year full of economic turmoil, the Archbishop of Canterbury [asks us](#) to consider where our real treasure lies. if you like you can watch the Lambeth Palace's YouTube version.

CURRICULUM CHARTS

Sharon Pearson, the person behind the *Living IN-Formation* newsletter, has developed a series of nifty charts that compare a wide variety of curriculum offerings. [For children and youth](#). [For adults](#). [For Confirmation preparation](#).

THE CHURCH'S ANNUAL REPORT

[The Report of Mission and Resources](#) tells the story of how The Episcopal Church lives out the Gospel and engages in God's mission in the world as we support church-wide ministries and programs.

ADDRESS FOR THE UNITED THANK OFFERING

the Diocese no longer collects the UTO offerings. instead send them directly to: United Thank Offering, DFMS, P.O. Box 12095, Newark NJ 07101 make checks payable to "United Thank Offering" and include the name of the Diocese on the check.

MAKING YOUR CHURCH SAFE

most of us are familiar with the two workshops offered by the Diocese called *Safeguarding God's Children* and *Safe Church*. *Safeguarding God's Children* is now available online. here's [a letter from the Bishop and instructions](#) on how to get started.

FORMING CHRISTIANS

the Diocese of Western Michigan is hosting a [two day workshop](#) on Christian education and formation featuring Ruth Ann Collins, associate program officer at the Episcopal Church Center, January 30-31, 2009.

FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

there will be a colloquium for spiritual directors on March 9-11 at the Dominican Center for Religious Development in Detroit titled God Is Into Groups: Thinking Systemically about Spiritual Direction. [Flyer](#)

CHRISTIANITY FOR THE REST OF US

Diana Butler Bass is coming to the Horizon Conference Center, Saginaw, on April 17-18, 2009. Bass, an Episcopalian, is an author, speaker and scholar specializing in American religion and culture.

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