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PRAYERS NEEDED

Bishop Todd thanks the Diocese for its prayers and well wishes following his recent mild heart attack. Gretchen Platt, deacon assigned to Holy Family, Midland, is recovering from surgery for breast cancer and would welcome your prayers.

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER REFRESHER?

Bishop Todd recommends [these online classes](#) from the Seminary of the Southwest.

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH FORMATION

Morehouse Education Resources, in collaboration with The Office of Lifelong Christian Formation of the Episcopal Church, is conducting a survey to determine the types of curricula that are being used in congregations with children, youth and adults. Here's [their survey](#). Results will be posted in July.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION GATHERING

The annual Diocesan gathering for those interested in [Christian Formation](#) will be on Saturday, August 22, 9:30 — 3:00 PM at St. Christopher's, Grand Blanc.

NOMINATIONS NEEDED

While it seems far off, nominations for Standing Committee, Trustees, Commission on Ministry, and Camp Chickagami Board are due to the [Secretary of Convention](#) by August 1. Be aware that some need to go through the convocation councils and that takes some lead time.

C.L.I.M.B.

It's all about stewardship education in the parish. This is the [annual Diocesan stewardship conference](#) on Saturday, August 29 at St. John's, Midland.

LIVE FROM GENERAL CONVENTION 2009

The Episcopal Church will have a [Media Hub](#) that will allow folks back home to keep up with the daily activities. It is scheduled to be active July 1.

opportunities for you and your congregation

6/28-7/5 — *Family Camp*

7/5-10 — *Junior Camp, CIT Camp*

7/8-17 — *General Convention*

7/12-18 — *Senior Camp*

7/13-19 — *Music Conference*

9/26 — *Magnetic Church*

the Cycle of Prayer

the second quarter [here](#).

the third quarter [here](#).

news sources

[Anglican Connections](#)

[This month
archived](#)

[Episcopal Life Online](#)

[Anglican World](#)

[AC News Service](#)

Old stuff, but it still might be useful.

GIVING TO CHURCHES IS UP

it's counterintuitive but an article in [National Catholic Reporter](#) says that while giving to charities over all was down,

giving to churches was up 5.5%.

IF WE KNEW THEN WHAT WE KNOW NOW

the author of the blog [Church Planting Central](#) asked church leaders if they knew twenty years ago what we know now, what would they have done differently. consensus: “Twenty years ago, we were actively pushing our young people out the doors of our churches and Dioceses. We didn’t mean to – it’s just that we wouldn’t make room for them...” there’s more...

HAVE YOU FOUND eMINISTRY NETWORK YET?

it’s a distance learning program for Episcopalians and others. [Two of this months offerings](#) focus on some of the resolutions coming to General Convention in July.

LET’S STOP APOLOGIZING FOR BEING WHO WE ARE

Ray Suarez, life-long Episcopalian and the reporter/host of the news on the News Hour on PBS, gave [this speech](#) recently. “To use the marketplace, and success in the marketplace as a test of righteousness is not such an unusual idea in 21st century America... but for people who call themselves Christians to do it is baffling...”

THEN THERE’S “FEEDING THE HUNGRY”

St. Paul’s, Saginaw offers a weekly hot meal program. they invite congregations to “take a Sunday”. [here are the details](#).

SAFE CHURCH / SAFEGUARDING GOD’S CHILDREN

face-to-face [workshops will be offered](#) in June and July.

HELP TO GIVE WITH YOUTH PROGRAMMING?

thanks to a grant from Breaking New Ground there will be some [trained youth workers](#) available this summer to help with VBS, day camps, etc.

THE BISHOP’S PORTRAIT

for those who would like to hang the bishop in the hall, here’s an [order form](#) for Bishop Todd’s formal portrait.

LOOKING FOR A VACATION AT A SECLUDED RESORT WITH A PRIVATE BEACH? — June 28 to July 5?

have we got [a place for you...](#) **Camp Chick** is hosting a [church camp experience](#) for the whole family (however yours is constituted). [here’s a flyer](#).

SUMMER CAMP — CHRISTIAN STYLE

three exciting youth camp programs are being offered in two one-week programs. There are great opportunities and fun for campers, counselors, and youth who would like to be trained as counselors. [Brochure](#).

HELP WANTED

camp counselors and **support staff** needed for the two weeks of Youth Camp this summer. [Application](#). thanks to a grant from *Breaking New Ground* Camp Chick is able hire several as **Core Staff** for 10 weeks this summer. [Details](#). [Application](#).

NEW SUPPLY LIST

[here’s](#) the latest list of clergy available for supply work. make a copy and mail all the old copies lying around in your files to your enemies to confuse them.

SEWANEE MUSIC CONFERENCE — July 13-19

[a conference](#) for organists, choir directors and clergy. at the University of the South in Tennessee. they have 2 full-time scholarships for first-time attendees. contact Janet. application deadline, May 1st.

MAKING YOUR CONGREGATION MAGNETIC — September 26

there will be a Magnetic Church Conference in Windsor, Ontario. it’s lessons in practical evangelism taught by Andrew Weeks. the Essex Deanery of the Diocese of Huron is inviting all interest parties to attend. for [more on Magnetic Church program](#). Registration: [Jane Graham](#).

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