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YOUR PRAYERS REQUESTED

William Maxwell, father of Elizabeth Chace (pastor of St. Francis, Grayling and St. Barts, Mio) died 8/11. Please remember the family in your prayers.

THE WEEKLY

we're trying something new. it's a weekly news summary intended to be copied and treated as a bulletin insert. It will have announcements and incorporate the insert produced by the National Office. this Sunday's is [here](#). give it a try.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION GATHERING — 8/22

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.

C.L.I.M.B. — August 29

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. [registration](#).

LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Education for Ministry (EFM) is a well-known and respected program of bible study, theological reflection, and formation. the group meeting in Owosso is looking for new members; accordingly, they are inviting interested parties to an information night, Sunday, August 30, 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Please contact Mike Spencer, 517-402-6645 or steds-day@gmail.com for more information.

YOU CAN JOIN THE DEBATE

There will be a live national call and audio web cast on health insurance reform featuring faith leaders from across the country. President Obama will be taking part. The program is Wednesday, August 19, at 5 PM eastern time and the deadline to register to ask a question is today (sign-up at <http://faithforhealth.org/join-the-call>). Once you RSVP at that site, you can submit a question. Just want to listen? Log on to <http://faithforhealth.org> at 5 PM on the 19th. This program is part of a broad effort by many denominations and religious organizations to make sure that the faith community has a strong voice in the outcome of the health reform debate. Episcopal Life has [more information](#).

opportunities for you and your congregation

- 8/22 — *Christian Formation Gathering*
- 8/28-30 — *Christians: Who Are We?*
- 8/29 — *Stewardship Conference*
- 9/19 — *Safeguarding workshops*
- 9/20 — *Safeguarding God's Children*
- 9/26 — *Magnetic Church*
- 10/6-8 — *A.M.E.N. Conference*
- 10/23 — *D.O.K. Assembly*
- 10/23-24 — *Diocesan Convention*
- 10/27-29 — *LARC Retreat*
- 11/7 — *Safeguarding God's Children*
- 12/5 — *Safeguarding God's Children*

the Cycle of Prayer

the third quarter [here](#).

the fourth quarter [here](#).

news sources

[Anglican Connections](#)

[This month archived](#)

[Episcopal Life Online](#)

[Anglican World](#)

[AC News Service](#)

— PRAY + LEARN + SERVE + GROW —

GOD AND DOG

[Just a little song](#) for those who love God and love their dog. Linked by more than spelling.

CAN YOU HELP?

St. Paul's, Flint is hosting a Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction to benefit Christ Enrichment Center. They are looking for donated items, services and or merchandise to auction. Call CEC for details at 810-239-9425. The dinner is October 25, noon to 4:00 PM.

Old stuff, but it still might be useful.

COPPAGE-GORDON SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY

["A Preaching Practicum"](#) is offered for those who seek to be licensed to preach in the Diocese. **registration deadline is August 20th.**

FINDING TIME / MAKING TIME

St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt (just north of Lansing) offers Sabbath Time Retreats; a chance to consider how you keep the Sabbath and be renewed. spiritual direction available. [Individually directed](#) or [organized for you](#).

A.M.E.N. CONFERENCE — October 6-8

that's the **All Michigan Episcopal Network** is holding its clergy conference October 6-8 on Mackinac Island. the President of the House of Deputies is our guest. [Registration and details](#).

DIOCESAN CONVENTION — OCTOBER 23-24

registrations are due by September 15th. there's a new form this year. each congregation is asked to return one form (with the names of delegates, alternates, and visitors) and a check for the appropriate combined registration fee. check out the [Diocesan webpage](#) which links to the registration form, hotel listings, tentative schedule, and more.

D.O.K. ASSEMBLY — October 23

the Daughters of the King of the Diocese will have their Fall Assembly on October 23, 10:00 AM at Grace, Port Huron. (they piggy-back with our Diocesan Convention)

MAKING THE CHURCH SAFE

there will be two **Safeguarding God's Children** held in our Diocese: November 7, 2009 - St. John's, Sandusky and December 5, 2009 - All Saints, Marysville. registration forms will be available closer to the date of each training. Cost is \$15 per person. if you have any questions please contact Molly Girard at 877-752-6020 or mollyg@eastmich.org

CHECK THIS OUT AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

The Episcopal Church has a [YouTube site](#) called TECTube. those of you with parish websites might want to link to it, especial to the 2 minute video called Kick Off of General Convention 2009. It presents a picture of a church that welcomes everyone.

TITHE COMMITMENT LETTERS DUE

the letters have gone out to the parishes and should be signed and return by September 1st. Remember, if this takes a vestry meeting, then August is your only chance.

THE BISHOP'S PORTRAIT

an [order form](#) for Bishop Todd's formal portrait.

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.

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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