THE GRAPEVINE

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN FALL 2019

From the President's Desk

Dear Episcopal Church Women (ECW):

Our summer is almost over, and I am looking forward to the cool days of fall. I hope you are having a wonderful and safe season and are eager to continue with our mission and vision for the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

On behalf of the ECW, I would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation for the donations from Rev. David Teschner, and the Rev. Terry D. Edwards, the Vestry and the Congregation of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Newport News, Virginia. These donations will be used toward our service ministry project: *Dare to be Different: Let Us Unmask the Mystery of Autism Spectrum Disorder*. The donations will be utilized to obtain persons to inform us, and to assist in the purchasing of needed materials. Our first series of the project will start on October 19, 2019 at our annual Fall Meeting, at Christ Episcopal Church, 9 Ridgecrest Drive, Danville, Virginia. Janet Hodgson, Co- President of Autism Society of Tidewater, Virginia, will serve as the keynote speaker. All are invited to attend. Please contact our Corresponding Secretary Tia Morings, via telephone 757-934-6180 or e-mail-morings1@gmail.com to register by October 7, 2019.

Please enjoy the remaining days of summer. Thank you for your continued support, diligent work and encouragement as we journey toward fulfilling our Mission and Vision. As the late Rev. Augustine Joseph stated, "It is important for us to remember that the God we worship and serve is the God who motivates, inspires us, encourages and triumphs."

Yours in Christ,

Laura L. Manigault

Diocesan ECW President
Diocese of Southern Virginia

Annual Fall Meeting, October 19
Janet Hodgson, Co-President,
Autism Society of Tidewater, Virginia

Our service ministry theme is **Dare to Be Different: Let Us Unmask the Mystery of Autism Spectrum Disorder.** Janet Hodgson, Co-President, Autism Society of Tidewater, Virginia, will kick off the first in a series of mini -workshops to help us become better informed about Autism Spectrum Disorder. *Find our more about Janet on page 2.*

Please contact our Corresponding Secretary Tia Morings, via telephone 757-934-6180 or e-mail-morings1@gmail.com to register by October 7, 2019.

ECW Annual Fall Meeting
October 19, 2019
Christ Church, Danville, VA
9 a.m. Registration
9:30 a.m. Business Meeting
11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Lunch following Eucharist
1 p.m. Keynote Speaker

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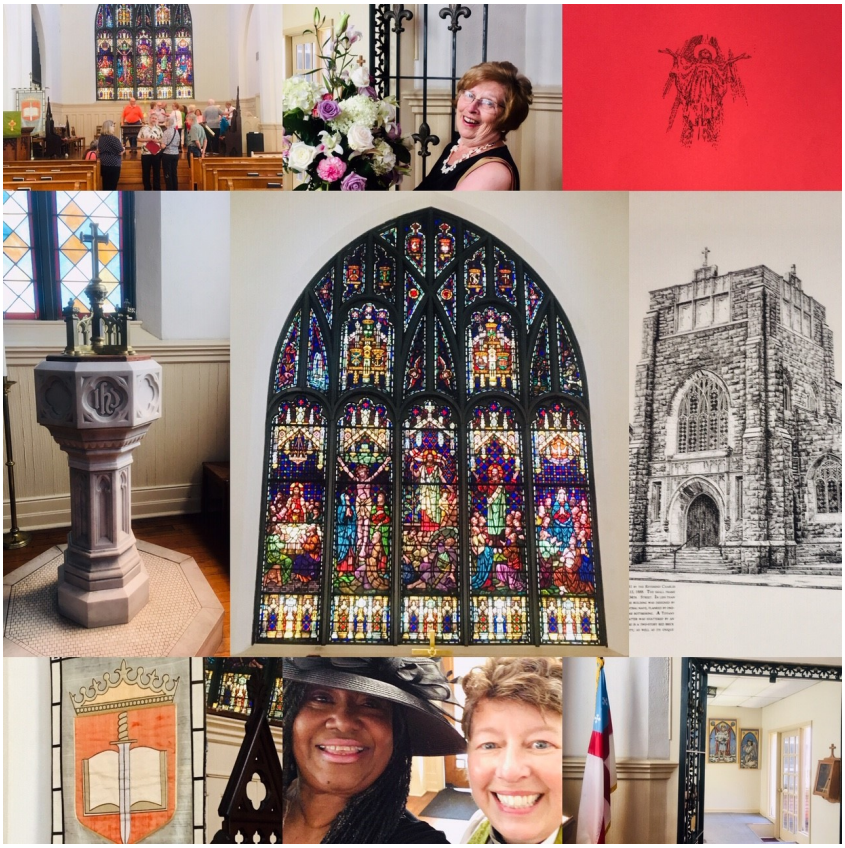
For a copy of the Yearbook and Directory, email or call Ann Turner, Diocesan Communication Officer, aturner@diosova.org, 757-213-3388.

Annual Fall Meeting Keynote Speaker

Janet Hodgson, Co-President
Autism Society, Tidewater Virginia

I am honored to serve as the Co-President of the Autism Society of America Tidewater affiliate. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Memphis. I have previously served on our Board of Directors from 1996 to 2007. With a desire to link adults with Autism to as many community supports and resource options as well as create opportunities and resources, I have decided to once again serve on the Board of Directors. I am a sleep deprived Mom of two children, Zander and Maddie, and I have two bonus sons, Sam and Tom. I recently married PJ Hodgson who actively volunteers with me. Zander is on the autism spectrum, nonverbal, limited signs and other medical diagnosis. Our family and the Z team are attempting to navigate the adult autism community that is unfortunately not ready to meet the needs of these individuals. Watching someone you care so much for, struggle daily to find their niche in our community is such a helpless feeling, especially when that person tries to reach out in their own way to make conversations and connections. Sadly, the world isn't very kind to those they don't understand, and opportunities for adults like Zander are just not readily available yet. I am looking forward to being a part of a growing chapter that continues to work hard to make a difference in the lives of individuals and families affected by autism. Together we can do so much more than on our own.



Requiem: The Last Church Service of Saint Paul'sEpiscopal Church, Newport News, VA (1883-2019)

By Renee Escoffery Torres, PhD
Parliamentarian, Episcopal Church Women
Diocese Of Southern Virginia

I had never been to a "last service" before of an Episcopal church, or of any church. I am well aware of the fears and apprehensions surrounding dwindling numbers among our parishes, but this was decidedly different. This was beyond all of the apprehension, the fear and foreboding— this was "Amen--" the grief, the sadness, the bittersweet nostalgia and remembrance associated with the actual closing of a church. This was the very last service of an historic parish.

Six days later, the Bishop would come and Deconsecrate the church. I knew that for some compelling reason, however, I had to attend this morning—the urgency woke me at 4 AM, and I donned all black in the summer's heat, including one of my best church hats, which seemed to suit the somber mood. The 136-year-old Parish, established by St. John's Episcopal Church in Hampton for the citizens of Warwick County, was destined to be no more.

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It was, indeed, one of the most moving, spiritual and thought-provoking experiences I had ever had an opportunity to witness. The last "true" parishioners, roughly 17 to 20 people, made their way to the altar to be seated there. They were comprised of Senior and Junior Wardens, members of the Vestry, and those who had been there through thick, and thin, through the transformation of downtown Newport News to almost nothing but Shipyard and Shipbuilding. Others of us sat among the wooden pews, some of us from other denominations, those who had also worked in community with St Paul's once thriving solace and shelter program.

We all gazed at the glorious stained-glass window over the altar, designed, signed and delivered by CW Tiffany in 1934, as an "act of faith by Episcopal church women" during the Great Depression. As a current member of the Executive Board for the ECW of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, there was an exigency to represent those stalwart women who had come before me. It was also important as a "Cradle Episcopalian," spiritually raised and cultivated in two Black parishes in that same Diocese, to attend this historic last service, as Saint Paul's Mission, which was established by this church in 1897, would later become Saint Augustine's Episcopal Church, the black Episcopal parish in Newport News. Archbishop James Solomon Russell himself indicated that Saint Paul's Mission held much promise for the future of its community, and in Historic East End, the Parish persists unto this day, it too, being over 120 years old.

Located one block over from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic church on 33rd St, Saint Paul's is an absolutely beautiful edifice. The priest in charge, the Rev. Jennifer Kimball, had been there for six weeks only. For the service itself, in honor of parishioners who had worshipped at St. Paul's for 136 years, we used the 1892 Book of Common Prayer, and sang hymns well over 100 years old, including a spiritual, which I was not taught as a girl at St. Stephens, Petersburg. The Hymnal from which we sang that song, was not a part of the Episcopal church until years after I was confirmed, but the song was included at the special request of one of the parishioners.

My granddaughter marks the sixth generation of Episcopal women in my family, so I knew the other 100-year hymns we sang, and knew the Doxology by heart, as well as most of the other prayers used. There was no Psalm read after the first lesson, no jovial, life-affirming Peace given among the congregants; most of the service took direction from the priest, with periodic responses from the congregants.

The ornate and descriptive language came rushing back to me in a flood; these were the words I studied and held in my heart before my own Confirmation, over 50 years ago. "Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid." I was also blessed that morning to recite my absolute favorite, the 1892 General Confession:
".... We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us…"

The words returned effortlessly, by rote, and I journeyed sweetly to the church of my childhood. Mother Jennifer spoke hopefully of the congregation's willingness to "cross the road" like the Good Samaritan, to continue their spiritual journeys to join a different church, a different congregation, offering the same gifts they offered willingly to Saint Paul's. It was a simple yet profoundly crafted message. The dedicated liturgical organist went over all of the hymns, playing the melody first, so we could follow. His Postlude was spectacular, beautifully executed with pipes swelling throughout the sanctuary. Yet some sat motionless, tears burning their faces, like the stone icons which adorned the walls—transfixed in disbelief, in sadness, in resolute stillness.

The last service of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Newport News was hauntingly and tragically beautiful, bittersweet and terrifying at the same time. But in the tranquility and finality of those last minutes in that sanctuary, it was overwhelmingly apparent that God was omnipresent, everywhere in that very room, fully in control, and always with us, no matter the circumstance. So glad I was there...an honor and blessing, indeed.

Province III News

Nancy Sands Appointed to Province III Nominating Committee

Greetings My ECW Sisters,

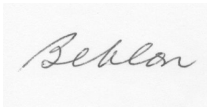
I hope this message finds you well. It's hard to believe but before you know it, it will be time for our 101st Annual Meeting in 2020.

It's been a while since I've communicated with you. Our executive committee met by conference call on June 17, 2019 and again on July 15th. We will not meet in August.

I'm pleased to announce that a Nominating Committee has been appointed. The members of the committee are Dottie Arthur, Beth Fitzpatrick, Anna Lou Flynn, Deanne Samuels, Nancy Sands and Eileen Sullivan. Please prayerfully consider accepting a nomination for one of the positions that will be filled our next annual meeting. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee is also at work preparing the changes recommended at our 2019 Annual meeting.

Your 2020 Province III ECW Annual Meeting Planning Team is already working to ensure that our meeting will be one well worth your participation. The Planning Team is composed of the Host Dioceses of Maryland (Dottie Arthur), Southwest Virginia (Dena Lee), and West Virginia (Becki Krzywdik). The Date and Location have been set for April 17-18, 2020 at the Claggettt Conference Center in Maryland. More information will be forthcoming in the near future. Your help in sharing your thoughts and comments related to our 2019 Annual Meeting will be helpful as the team plans for 2020. You will receive an evaluation form within the next few weeks. Please complete and return it by the deadline.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Blessings,
Beblon G. Parks, President
Province III ECW

WOMEN-TO-WOMEN Carries on with PIRD

Women-to-Women in our Diocese is a group of Episcopalians from several parishes in southside (but we'd like to expand!) We support rape victims in eastern Congo and in recent years have worked through an indigenous NGO founded by Mme Espérance Kugonza, someone I've known since 1990. With her degree in economics, she worked in the American Embassy in the DRCongo and now is working as the finance director for the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. She visits Bunia, DRC, frequently to supplement her continued oversight of the project via telephone and internet.

This year we intend to continue supporting up to 16 young women through PIRD (Program for Rehabilitation and Development in Ituri). Those who began their vocational training or regular schooling last year wish to continue. The sum we ask, $250 per woman, supports her expenses and is a church donation for individuals as it is given through our ECW. We hope that parish ECW groups will consider supporting one or more young women. Please consider inviting us to make a presentation to your ECW or to your parish.

I have heard recently from Bishop Sabiti of Kamango whose diocese is in Nord-Kivu Province and this morning from the retired Archbishop Isingoma who lives in Bunia, Ituri Province. Both report the on-going horrors of uncontrolled militias and the spread of Ebola. The Archbishop asks that we contact our government officials about the spread of these problems. I would add UN officials, too. Please do, and please pray!

In Him,
Susan Broaddus

The Episcopal Church Women and Woman-to-Woman have a speakers' bureau ready to talk with your parish or convocation. There are power points and a movie.
Call Susan Broaddus 757-623-0205, for more information.

Art by Kathy Klein

WOMEN-TO-WOMEN FOR CONGO

SUPPORT THE PROGRAM FOR REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT (PIRD)

Help Survivors of Gender-Based Violence

PIRD, based in Ituri in the Democratic Republic of Congo, assists women and children who are victims of gender-based violence.

Women like **19-year-old Gigi**, whose home was attacked at night by armed men. They looted her home and raped her and her older sister, who was 7 months pregnant. Gigi is severely withdrawn and requires psycho-social counseling.

Women like **16-year-old Jane,** who was raped while traveling on summer vacation. She needs aid to continue schooling.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

$255 pays for schooling and supplies for one child

$250 provides a simple sewing machine and training for a tailor

$220 buys training and uniform for a hairdressing student

$170 pays for intensive counseling

$130 sets up a tailoring business

PIRD also needs $1,000 for sewing machines

ANY AMOUNT HELPS

PLEASE DONATE TO:
Episcopal Church Women
Write PIRD in memo line

MAIL TO:
Susan Broaddus
1323 Lafayette Blvd., #1
Norfolk, VA 23509

Visit **Women to Women for Congo** on Facebook

Help Fund 2019 Outreach - Dues, Due Nov.1

Each fall the ECW Diocesan Board asks Episcopal Church Women diocesan wide to help fund outreach in the diocese, nation and world. Each parish is requested to contribute annual dues of $3 per person. Two of those dollars ($2) fund the ECW Diocesan Budget. See this year's budget below. At year end, recipients world-wide receive donations allotted by percentages based on the amount of money received. The remaining dollar ($1) helps fund the administrative fund.

The board also asks for voluntary contributions to help fund the Church Periodical Club and Miles of Pennies; the Elise Holladay Scholarships for high school graduates to further their education; the Book of Remembrance, gifts in memory of loved ones also fund the Elise Holladay Scholarships; God Bless the Children, Jackson-Feild Homes and Boys Home graduation gifts; and With These Hands, Holy Cross Anglican School, Belize Feeding Program.

All contributions are due November 1. Please mail one check payable to: ECW Treasurer with the Parish Annual Contribution Report 2019 on the adjacent page to Nancy Smith, ECW Diocesan Treasurer.

The Parish Contribution Report for the ECW President 2019 on the adjacent page is due September 30. Please send the report to Laura L. Manigault, ECW Diocesan President.

ECW Diocesan Budget 2019

When you pay your dues $2 goes to help fund our Diocesan Budget. Here is who will receive a donation from your contribution to the ECW Diocesan Budget.

Many thanks!

Diocese

15% Chanco on the James — The Spiritual Heart of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. A retreat center for youth and adults and one of the longest running summer camp programs in Virginia.

15% Department of College Ministries This commission helps guide ministry initiatives for college-age persons in Southern Virginia, manages the Bishop Vaché Scholarship Fund and provides peer support for the campus chaplains and Canterbury Club programs of the diocese.

7% Boys Home of Virginia - Provides positive role models and a supportive quality of life. Showing each boy that each day is a step toward their success.

16% President's Project Dare to Be Different: Let Us Unmask the Mystery of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Objective; to become better informed about ASD, while serving those families directly and indirectly impacted.

12 % Dos Santos—This food pantry program serves the Latino/Hispanic immigrant and migrant farm worker population on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Diocese Continued

12% Mission of the Holy Spirit -This program offers spiritual, educational, and psychosocial services to at-risk, inner-city children, adolescents, and their families in Norfolk, VA.

Nation

7% Washington National Cathedral Preservation Fund- Supports Cathedral ministries, programs, and all the work of restoration and renewal that takes place at the Cathedral.

World

10% Episcopal Relief & Development—The international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church.

6% Women-to-Women - A ministry linked with efforts being made by the national Episcopal Church to help the Anglican Church of the Province of the Democratic Republic of Congo rehabilitate women who are victims of the war-related violence in their country.

Parish Annual Contribution Report, 2019

Please provide the amount of your parish ECW Requested and Voluntary Contribution. Total all contributions and send one check payable to **ECW Treasurer. Mail by November 1 to:**
Nancy Smith, 509 Holgate Crescent, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, nsmithwtr@aol.com , 757-486-4705.

Parish:
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Convocation: _____

City/Town: _____

Amount of Check: _____

Please use this form for all contributions **EXCEPT United Thank Offering**. If you have questions about United Thank Offering contributions call United Thank Offering Coordinator: Ronda Toll, 757-223-7281, rtoll@cox.net.

REQUESTED CONTRIBUTIONS

Diocesan Dues - $3.00* per member TOTAL: $ _____
**Dues are based on $2.00 for the Diocesan Budget and $1.00 for the Administrative Fund.*
All Episcopal women in your church are members of the Episcopal Church Women.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Church Periodical Club:
Adults: $ _____

Miles of Pennies: Children: $ _____

Elise Holladay Scholarship Fund: $_____

Book of Remembrance: $ _____

God Bless the Children $_____
(Jackson-Feild Homes and Boys Home of Virginia graduates' gifts)

"**With These Hands" Endowment Funds,**
Holy Cross Anglican School Belize: $_____

Book of Remembrance: $ _____
Please send all other outreach contributions directly to the recipients.

Name of person completing form:

_____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Parish Contribution Report to ECW Diocesan President, 2019

Please send in this report by September 30 to the ECW Diocesan President listing your ECW Parish contributions for the year. The President will include your Parish Information in the report for Province III. and the National ECW Boards.

Send report to:
Laura L. Manigault,
232 West Gilbert Street
Apt. 143
Hampton, VA 23669

Questions?
Call the Laura L. Manigault, ECW President, 757-503-9146 or Nancy Smith ECW Treasurer—757-486-4705.

Parish Name _____

Convocation and Number
_____

Name of the person sending the report:
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Phone _____

E-mail _____

Contributions: *(You may consider your budget as your list of your contributions.)*

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Who's Who in ECW?

We need your help to keep contact information up to date in the ECW Yearbook and Directory.We also want to honor our sisters in memoriam. Please complete and mail the **ECW Parish Information Report 2020, due November 1**, and the **ECW Convocation Report 2020**, **due November 15,** to Odessa Maxwell, Vice President, 11008 Sapony Church Road, McKenney, VA 23872.

ECW Convocation Report 2020

Please complete and mail by November 15 to Odessa Maxwell, Vice President, 11008 Sapony Church Road, Mckenney, VA 23872. Phone: 443-866-1345 Email: Odessa.maxwell@gmail.com

Convocation Name & Number: _____
Convocation Chair _____
Address_____
City/Zip Code_____
Phone _____E-mail_____
Vice Chair _____
Address_____
City/Zip Code_____
Phone _____E-mail_____
Secretary _____
Address_____
City/Zip Code_____
Phone Number_____E-mail_____
Treasurer _____
(Serves on the Finance Committee**)**
Address_____
City/Zip Code_____
Phone _____E-mail_____

Appointments to the ECW Standing Committees 2020

Treasurer serves on the Finance Committee.

Legislative
Name _____
Address_____
City/Zip Code_____
Phone _____E-mail_____

Nominating
Name _____
Address_____
City/Zip Code_____
Phone _____E-mail_____

2020 ECW CONVOCATION MEETINGS

SPRING:
Date_____
Parish _____
City_____

FALL:
Date_____
Parish _____
City_____

ECW Parish Information Report for 2020

ECW President or Parish Contact, please complete and mail to Odessa Maxwell, Vice President. 11008 Sapony Church Road, McKenney, VA 23872. Phone: 443-866-1345 Email: Odessa.maxwell@gmail.com.

Convocation Name & Number: _____

Parish:_____

Rector: _____

Senior Warden Name (if no Rector):
_____

911 Physical Address: _____

City/Zip Code: _____

Phone _____Email _____

Mailing Address if different from above:
_____

City/Zip Code: _____

E-mail : _____

Number of ECW Members: _____

All Episcopal women of your church are members of the ECW.

Name of President or ECW Contact (*Circle One*):
_____

Address: _____

City/Zip Code: _____

Phone :_____

E-mail: _____

IN MEMORIAM 2019

Please list alphabetically the women in your parish who have died in 2019 and include those who have died in November and December 2108.

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Person submitting form:
_____

E-mail: _____
Phone: _____

In Memoriam

Chappie Thrift, Mrs. Kavanaugh Y. Thrift, ECW President, Diocese of Southern Virginia, 1973 to 1975 passed away peacefully on July 11, 2019. A member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Norfolk, VA for 60 years, Chappie also served as the Province III ECW President in the 1970s.

September 28 Diocesan ECW Fall Board Meeting
Emmanuel Episcopal
The Reverend Rhonda Wheeler
179 E. Mercury Boulevard
Hampton, VA 23669
(757) 723-8144

October In Gathering:
United Thank Offering, UTO

October 19 Diocesan ECW Fall Annual Meeting
Christ Episcopal Church
9 Ridgecrest Drive
Danville, VA 24543
(434) 836-2060

Our ECW President, Laura L. Manigault, has a new address.

Please be sure to change your records.

Laura L. Manigault,
232 West Gilbert
Street, Apt. 143
Hampton, VA 23669

Diocesan ECW News

The Grapevine is a quarterly newsletter available for individuals and churches to receive ECW news via the Diocesan Weekly Enews and on the Diocesan Website. Go to diosova.org. The ECW page is listed under Ministries. We appreciate your help sharing the news. If you have news you would like included in *The Grapevine*, please contact Vicky Koch at vickykch@gmail.com.

The deadline for *The Grapevine* Winter issue is November 18.

To Receive the Weekly Enews

Weekly Enews—Sign up online at diosova.org and click on News and Publications for the latest news from around our diocese in weekly newsletters.

Diocesan Enews distributed on Wednesday, includes ECW news. Send the news by Tuesday to Ann Turner, aturner@diosova.org.

Parish Enews is distributed on Tuesday .

National Episcopal Church Women

Signup at ecwnational.org for online news about ECW in the *ECW COMMUNIQUE MAGAZINE* and stay connected with our monthly electronic newsletter, *Branches.*

We discuss women's issues and highlight the work of women around the world. Every month we highlight news and happening within the extended Episcopal community. Our stories focus on the accomplishments of women and girls doing God's work; as well as a chance to learn more about the members who make up the ECW board and staff.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter please contact Karen Patterson, ECW President, *president@ecwnational.org.*

Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson