

***Episcopal Church Women (ECW)
of the
Diocese of Southern Virginia***



“THE GRAPEVINE”
March 2024



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Notes from the President's Desk

Happy, Blessed, and Prosperous New Year to all. As we enter this new year, may we forever be thankful for the many blessings stored upon us this past year. May we continue to be the feet and hands of all God's creations.

I sincerely appreciate your undying support, commitment, and faith in me as the Diocesan Episcopal Church Woman (ECW) President in this challenging world of homelessness, oppression, hunger, self-centeredness, poverty, and greed. With God's help, I hope we can help to eliminate some of these tribulations.

Please remain positive in your endeavors because we have the unconditional love of Jesus Christ who promises never to leave us no matter what the circumstances we encounter. With the Spirit of God within us, we shall overcome!

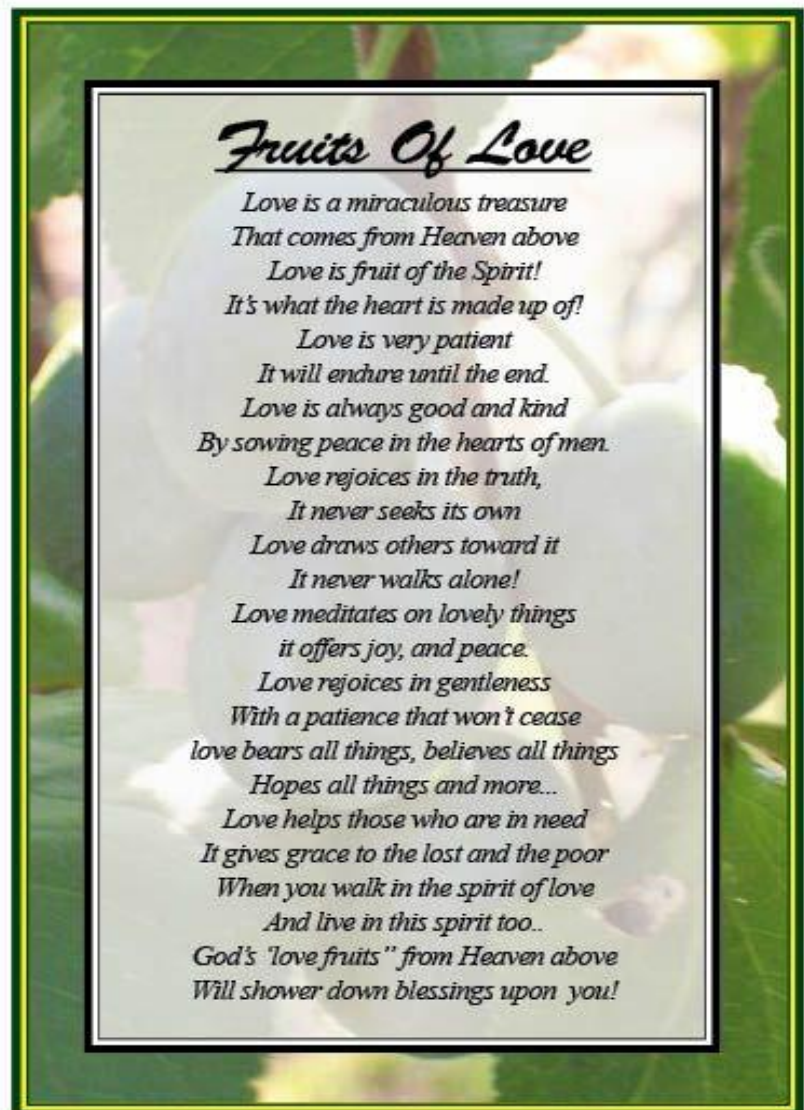
Once again, I would like to share with you a poem I think is appropriate: *Fruits of Love* -author unknown.

I hope you had a very Happy Valentine's Day. Please continue to share love and pray that this year will be a great one to remember.

Blessings to all.

Your Sister in Christ,

Laura L. Manigault



Let's Talk About Money

Dues and Parish Voluntary Contributions

Many thanks to everyone who paid their 2023 dues and made voluntary contributions. See the list below. Our dues are due by December 31, 2023 but we wait until January/February 2024 to make contributions to our 2023 Diocesan Budget recipients to be sure we have received all the dues. At our Fall Annual Meeting 2023 we voted to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to increase the dues from \$3 per person to \$5. We also decided to increase our donation to the Diocesan Budget to \$4 of the \$5 and give the remaining \$1 to the Administrative Fund. In 2023, fourteen parishes and one individual paid dues. We collected \$1,161.00. So we have contributed \$928.80 to the Diocesan Budget recipients and \$232.20 to the Administrative Fund.

Dues and Voluntary Contributions 2023

Convocation I - Eastern Shore

- Women of Emmanuel, Jenkins Bridge

Convocation II – Virginia Beach

- St. Aidan's, Virginia Beach
- St. Francis, Virginia Beach
- Eastern Shore Chapel, Virginia Beach

Convocation III – Norfolk

- Helen Sharpe-Williams

Convocation IV - Four

- St. Mark's, Suffolk

Convocation V-Jamestown

- St. Cyprian's, Hampton
- St. Augustine's, Newport News

Convocation VI - Petersburg

- Christ and Grace, Petersburg
- Good Shepherd, McKenney

Convocation VII – South Richmond

- Christ, Amelia

Convocation VIII – Farmville

- St. Anne's, Appomattox
- St. Mark's, Bracey
- Trinity, South Hill
- St. James, Warfield

2023 ECW Diocesan Budget Diocese

	<u>\$928.80</u>
14% Chanco on the James	\$130.03
14% College Ministries	\$130.03
20% Dos Santos	\$185.76
20% Mission of the Holy Spirit	\$185.76
10% Graceinside	\$ 92.88
Nation	
10% National Cathedral	\$ 92.88
World	
<u>12% Episcopal R&D</u>	<u>\$ 111.46</u>
	<u>\$928.80</u>

Voluntary Contributions

Elisa Holladay Scholarships	\$ 165.00
Book of Remembrances	\$ 60.00
Funds Elisa Holladay Scholarships	
God Bless the Children	\$ 450.00
Funds Boys Home of Virginia And Jackson Feild Homes Graduate Gifts	
<u>With These Hands, Belize</u>	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
Funds Holy Cross Anglican School Feeding Program	
Total	\$ 695.00

Trust Fund Contributions

We also made 2023 Trust Fund contributions to recipients in February 2024 based on the Southern Virginia Diocesan Foundation 5% spending policy.

Recipients

Jackson-Feild Home

\$ 4,666.25

Funded by Louisa Taylor Letcher Memorial Fund G

Our Little Roses Foreign Mission Society

\$ 5,912.08

Funded by Louisa Taylor Letcher Memorial Fund F

Holy Cross Anglican School Belize

\$ 908.39

Funded by the Belize Holy Cross Anglican School Fund And Parish Contributions

Administrative Fund

Funded by the Harriet Taylor Memorial Fund

\$ 4,000.00

Questions? Ask Nancy Smith, ECW Treasurer, Diocese of Southern Virginia,

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Save These **DATES**

REVISED JANUARY 22, 2024

2024 ECW DIOCESAN CALENDAR

February 10	Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia Annual Council
February 19	News Articles Due for Grapevine
March 14	Diocesan ECW Spring Executive Board Meeting (Virtual)
March 18	Grapevine Will Be Submitted For Publication
April 20	Autism Acceptance Month Observance (Virtual)
April 29	News Articles Due for Grapevine
April	INGATHERING: UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)
May 18	Diocesan ECW Spring General Meeting St. Paul's Episcopal Church 201 St. Paul's Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23510 Louisa Taylor Letcher Commemoration
May 27	Newsletter Will Be Submitted For Publication
May	INGATHERING: CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB (CPC)
June 22-28	ECW Triennial (Louisville, Kentucky)
July 29	News Articles Due for Grapevine
August 26	Grapevine Will Be Submitted For Publication
September 19	Diocesan ECW Fall Executive Board Meeting (Virtual)
October 19	Diocesan ECW Fall Annual Meeting All Saints' Episcopal Church 203 Franklin Street, South Hill, VA 23970
October	INGATHERING: UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)
November 4	News Articles Due for Grapevine
December 2	Grapevine Will Be Submitted For Publication



Laura L. Manigault is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Zoom Meeting

Time: Mar 14, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83355468928?pwd=dm1PVXpxYndUd1YxUE5XRGdxQjJkQT09>

Meeting ID: 833 5546 8928

Passcode: 945919

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kouawZwvH>



Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Autism Acceptance Month

Program

Theme: *Let's Get Involved-Work and Fun*

Date-April 20, 2024

Time- 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM

Zoom Link: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81614549251?pwd=b2d1Y3JTYzBheDdnT2JpYk1mN2V5UT09>

Meeting ID: 816 1454 9251

Passcode: 981466

Presenters:

Mr. Tyler Williamson, CEO of FACT (Families of Autistic Children in Tidewater)

Ms. Sarah Weiss, CWIP (Waiver Operations Supervisor) of Eggleston Services

Please contact Mrs. Laura L. Manigault, Diocesan ECW President via telephone- at 757-765-0083 or via email- at akumlovj.bfrh87@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Hello, My Sisters in Christ:

This notification comes as an official call for nominations for officers of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) for the Diocese of Southern Virginia, for the 2025-2027 term of office.

The criteria for selection, as well as roles and responsibilities for each position, can be found in the most current copy of the ECW Handbook.

If you are interested in nominating an Episcopal Church woman in your parish, please check with her prior to submitting her name. Self nominations are welcome!

The five positions are as follows:

ECW, President
ECW, Vice President
ECW, Treasurer
ECW Secretary
ECW Historian/Archivist

For additional information pertaining to this call for nominations, please contact Mrs. Nancy, Sands. Chair, ECW Nominating Committee at 434-203-1508 or email at beachpeach7@hotmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration to provide service and support for this very special ministry.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nancy, Sands
ECW Nominating Committee Chairman

FEBRUARY 5, 2024

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December Happenings at Jackson-Feild

December at Jackson-Feild was a full month of fun-filled activities and events for the children at Jackson-Feild Behavioral Health Services. A talent show kicked off the month with residents exhibiting their talent to the delight of their peers.

A variety of clubs met multiple times including the book, creative arts, and drama clubs.

Several contests were held in which residents decorated their room doors, create an ugly Christmas t-shirts and held a trivia contest.

The STEP team held several practices and the student government met once.

Events included hot cocoa and s'mores, Christmas movies, pajama day, game day and creating holiday crafts.

A special Christmas dance was held that was a big hit with the residents.

Students in the Gwaltney School presented a special Christmas program to the delight of fellow residents and staff.

All in all, the children and staff had a memorable month filled with activities and opportunities.





The Episcopal Church Women of All Saints' Episcopal Church, South Hill, Virginia are proud to announce the founding of The School of Religious Literacy. This graduate school will award a professional doctorate, the Doctor of Religious Literacy (D.R.L.).

The purpose of this new degree program is to educate leaders in all professions, especially education, law, medicine, business and ministry, to better understand the impact of religion in their professions, in their communities and the world.

Professionals who are interested in taking on this rigorous course of study are asked to contact The School at the following address: thestudium2023@gmail.com.

ADMINISTRATION

The Rev. Dr. Terrence A. Walker
President

Dr. Angela M. Parker
Provost and Registrar

Mr. Charles L. Farrar, S.Th. (Cantuar)
Comptroller

The School of Religious Literacy is a religious institution exempt from state regulation and oversight in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Planting a Lenten Garden

Here's what you need to plant in your garden:

Three rows of Squash:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash criticism
3. Squash indifference

Seven rows of Peas:

1. Prayer
2. Penance
3. Perseverance
4. Politeness
5. Preparedness
6. Purity
7. Patience

Seven Heads of Lettuce:

1. Let us be unselfish and loyal
2. Let us be charitable
3. Let us search the scriptures
4. Let us not be weary in well doing
5. Let us be obedient
6. Let us be truthful
7. Let us love one another

No garden is complete without Turnips:

1. Turn up for daily Mass and weekly Eucharistic Adoration
2. Turn up for prayer and Bible study
3. Turn up with a smile, even when things are difficult
4. Turn up with determination to do your best in God's service

Conclude with Thyme:

thyme with God, thyme for fun, thyme for rest,

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There will be much fruit in the garden because you reap what you sow!



Message from the Communication Chair – Dr. Angela M. Parker

“THE GRAPEVINE”



The next issue of “The Grapevine” will go out May 15, 2024. **All submissions must be ready for print and submitted in a WORD document.** All submissions are due on or before April 15, 2024. Please email your submissions to: ecwcommunication@gmail.com

News Articles Due

April 15, 2024

July 29, 2024

November 4, 2024

Newsletter Will Be Published

May 15, 2024

August 26, 2024

December 2, 2024

