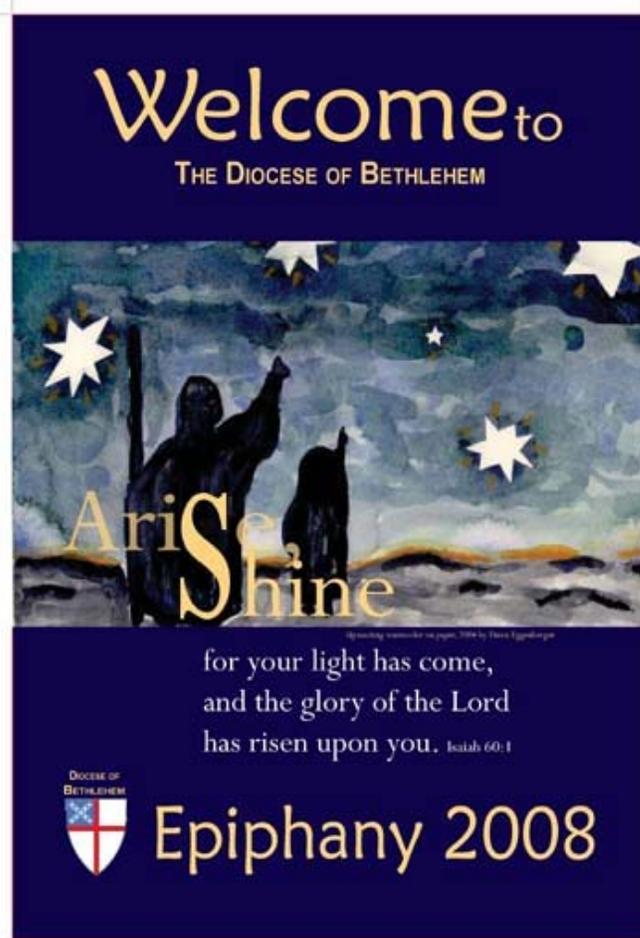


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Mission Trip 2008 to Kajo Keji

Jo Trepagnier, Earl Trygar and Char Horst are with our sisters and brothers in Kajo Keji in southernmost Sudan. They left Bethlehem on Monday, December 31. Return date is January 12. Pray for them, for the people of the Diocese of Kajo Keji and for the success of our New Hope campaign for southern Sudan and the poor among us. [Visit the newSpin blog](#) to download a story and photo taken at departure as well as some information about all the mission trips to Africa made by representatives of the Diocese of Bethlehem.

Pray for Father Henry Pease

Please pray for Father Henry Pease, retired rector of St. Paul's, Montrose (1972-98), who for some eight years has served also as priest-in-charge at St. George's, Nanticoke. Father Pease is undergoing chemo and radiation therapy for cancer of the esophagus. Notes and cards may be addressed to: The Rev. Henry J. Pease, 17 Lake Shore Dr., Tunkhannock, PA, 18657. Henry has held many leadership

positions within our diocesan community, including president of the Standing Committee. Many remember Henry's courageous trip to Ecuador in 2000 to rescue three grandsons, then ages 3, 5 and 8. He took them into his home, where he had been living alone, and has cared for them there over the past seven years. [An April 2002 Diocesan Life story](#) about that may be downloaded from the newSpin blog.

Gay Men's Reading Group

Grace Church, Allentown, will host a "Gay Men's Reading Group" off-site on four Wednesday in January, beginning January 9. Dinner with open conversation about the experience of growing up and living as a gay man in a predominantly straight society. The venue will be chosen in light of the size of the group. The featured book will be *The Velvet Rage Overcoming the Pain of*

Growing Up Gay in a Straight Man's World by gay psychologist Alan Downs. To join or for more information: Father Patrick Malloy, rector, Grace Church, Allentown: email or 610-435-0782. More [here](#).

Celebrating the Eucharist – An Invitation

Grace Church, Allentown, will celebrate the publication of Grace rector Patrick Malloy's new book, *Celebrating the Eucharist* (Church Publishing) with a special celebration of the Eucharist at Grace on Sunday, January 20, at 4:00 p.m. Barbara Crafton will preach. Clay Morris, liturgical officer of the office of liturgy and music of the Episcopal Church, and Frank Tedeschi, executive editor of Church Publishing will be in attendance. Eucharist will be followed by a reception including hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and dinner. You are invited. (Please RSVP by Jan. 10 to Robert House, parish administrator, by [email](#) or at 610-435-0782.) Download the story and the invitation [here](#).

Original Christian clip art

EpiscopalChurch.org and the [Episcopal Church & Visual Arts \(ECVA\)](#) have produced more than three dozen original pieces of Christian "clip art" for your use, symbols for use in Episcopal print and internet publications. Find them [here](#).

A treasury of excellent help

Web page creation, site development

(1) [The basics of developing a web site for your church or diocese](#) by the Society of Archbishop Justus. [Communication tips](#), [Common mistakes: Read and avoid!](#) [Creating a parish web page](#), [Creating a diocesan web page](#). (2) [A Church Voice](#), Focused on helping people who work with church web sites and newsletters'. (3) [Hosea](#) A UK-based site, 'promoting good church website design, with free design tips and resources for church webmasters'. Includes church sites (not just Anglican) the webmaster considers worthy of award.

The Food Bank at St. Stephen's, Whitehall

[From the senior warden] Many thanks to all of you who volunteered to help with Food Bank activities this month. Some of you spent a Sunday afternoon sorting and packaging already wrapped gifts for families. For those who were without gifts, volunteers wrapped gifts that were just purchased. Over 100 children received a gift thanks to the generosity of many. Others volunteered each Monday evening to help hand out the gifts and to hand out turkey dinners and monthly food allotments to our families. Some volunteers have found they have developed friendships as a result of their service. God bless each of you for reaching out to those in need.

The Craft Show at St. Stephen's, Whitehall

[From the senior warden] Our 24th annual Craft Show was a success again this year. We made a profit of about \$10,000. This does not count the Junior Youth candy money sales or the Cub Scout bake sale money. This would not have been possible without the help of each and every one of you. Some of you made donations of food, uncooked turkeys, or money. Many of you performed a variety of tasks. What I think is most important about the craft show is the demonstration of all of us working together as a church family. Along with all the preparation and participation we had a great deal of fellowship and good times getting to know one another.

Episcopal Church Women

President Jane Nurse and her husband, Peter, have moved to Cincinnati. Dorothy Shaw, who had been vice president, will now serve as president. The Diocesan ECW Board meeting will take place May 13, Kirby House, at 5:00 p.m. The ECW Annual Meeting will take place May 14, also

at Kirby House. Bishop Paul will preside and preach at Eucharist. Jo Trepagnier will make a presentation on the mission trip she, Father Earl Trygar and Char Horst made to Kajo Keji.

Parish Histories

I've compiled on the newSpin blog a list of [parishes that have something of their history published online](#). The link, in some instances, is to a history page on the parish website; in other instances, the link is to the most recently published parish profile containing the history of the parish. If you do not find a link to the history of your parish below, please let me know where I might find it.

Bishop's column

[Bishop Paul] The reason, it seems, people cannot converse rationally about certain subjects is that they aren't being rational at all. A team led by Dr. Drew Westen at Emory University has demonstrated scientifically what most of us who work in professions involving values have long suspected. People do not approach key issues intellectually, but rather vote and act from their emotions ... [Download [Bishop Paul's January column for daily newspapers.](#)]

Bishop's sermon at the institution of Laura Howell

Download the sermon [here](#).

Events calendar

Jan. 9: Gay men's reading group hosted by Grace, Allentown. See above and [here](#).

Jan. 12: Bishop's School new semester begins. More info [here](#).

Jan. 17: Diocesan Council

Jan. 20: Celebrate with Grace, 4:00 p.m. in Allentown. See above and [here](#).

Jan. 21-23: [Trinity Institute](#), view it online or participate via telecast at [Kirkridge](#) and at [Zion Lutheran Church](#), Old Zionsville.

Jan. 25-26: Bishop's Day with Youth, in NYC, Deadline to register is Dec. 15. More info [here](#).

Feb. 2: Ordination of deacons, Cathedral, Bethlehem, 11:00 a.m. Rodney Conn, Bernice Reichard and Hillary Dowling Raining.

Feb. 17-19: Clergy retreat, Mary Immaculate Center, Northampton

March 1: Diocesan Training for Ministry Conference. St. Stephen's, Wilkes-Barre. See below. More info below.

March 7: [God and Human Flourishing](#), Miroslav Volf, 9:30 to 2:30, at Moravian Seminary.

March 13: Chrism Mass, Cathedral, 11:00 a.m.

April 10: [Unbinding the Gospel: Real-Life Evangelism](#), Martha Grace Reese, 9:30 to 2:30, at Moravian Seminary.

May 4: St. Matthew Society Sunday. Bishop's Appreciation Reception.

May 13: Clergy Day

June 8: Clergy and spouse/guest dinner at St. Mary's Center, Scranton.

Parish Newsletters

Download parish newsletters [here](#).

Diocesan Life. January

Download it [here](#). Find the Calendar and the Cycles of Prayer on page A7.

Diocesan Training for Ministry Conference

March 1, at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre. *Morning:* Vestry, Stewardship, Planned Giving/St. Matthew Society, Celebrating the Eucharist/Pat Malloy, Lay Eucharistic Visitors 1.

Afternoon: Stewardship, Role of Treasurer, EYE, Parish Communication, Lay Eucharistic Visitors 2. A brochure will be sent to parishes later this month. Registration deadline is February 15.

Adult Forums at St. Anne's, Trexlertown

St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Trexlertown, extends an invitation to all who are interested to a series of adult forum programs featuring guest speakers. The programs are held at 9:05 a.m. in the parish hall of St. Anne's, at 6667 Lower Macungie Road (opposite Church Lane), near the Trexler Mall. **On January 13**, Andre Kone, a Fulbright scholar at Lehigh University, will speak on *Living as a Christian in a Muslim Community*. Mr. Kone grew up in Mali, where his family lived in a large village where they were the only Christians. **On January 27 and February 3**, Dr. Virginia Wiles, Dean of the New Brunswick Seminary, will address the issue of how to trust God through the changes in our lives. Using the title, *Why Can't Things Stay the Same?!* Dr. Wiles states that life is all about change—and yet we all, to one degree or another, resist it. She will discuss how to learn from the Scriptures about how to trust God when everything around us is changing. For further information, contact the church office at 610-398-3321 or visit <http://stannesepiscopal.org>.

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Be attentive. Be intelligent. Be reasonable. Be responsible.
Be in Love. And, if necessary, change. --Bernard Lonergan