



St. Anne,
Grandmother of Our
Savior

2009 Calendar
Handbook

Episcopal Church Women
Diocese of Alabama

Alabama ECW Mission Statement

To empower, motivate, and nurture the women of the Diocese of Alabama in utilizing their gifts and talents to serve Christ in this world.

ECW Mission Statement

We are Episcopal Church Women committed to one another and called to be witnesses of Christ. Our challenge is to provide a safe place where every woman is free to become the person Christ created her to be. We are called. We are different. We are one body.

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2009 Calendar Handbook Theme

The name of the mother of the Virgin Mary is not found in the Holy Bible, but according to tradition and legend, her name was Anne, which in Hebrew means "Grace". So, how did her name become so commonly known? It is found in The Infancy Gospel of James as well as in many other writings. In fact the details of her life given in the James Gospel show why she is so honored among women. Before the birth of the Virgin Mary, both Anne and her husband, Joachim, were visited by angels who prepared them for her birth.

St. Anne was known as an intelligent, caring person. Even as a young child she was a healer, and remained so her whole life and after her death. Other than the Virgin Mary, St. Anne is the saint most prayed to in intercessory prayers. Frequently prayers, especially those spoken by women, are started by, "St. Anne, Grandmother of Our Savior, pray for us."

St. Anne is the patron saint of numerous churches, places such as the provinces of Brittany and Quebec and is the Patron Saint of Homemakers, Single Women, Birth, Sickness, Mothers, etc. Because of the many festivals and events dedicated to her, some of the material about her is wonderful folk lore. This includes prayers such as "I beg you, holy mother Anne, send me a good and loving man."

Hopefully those who use this calendar/handbook will find it educational as well as uplifting. Perhaps it will bring back memories of our own grandmothers, as well as memories of being, or hoping to be, a grandmother.

There is a large amount of information about St. Anne in libraries and on the internet. Those of us who have worked on this calendar feel like we have gotten a "Ph.D. in St. Anne". It's been fun and very informative.

Gethryn S. Giles, Calendar Editor

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St. Anne, Grandmother of our Savior by Frances Parkinson Keyes

The Infancy Gospel of James

The Story of Mary of Nazareth Who Lived with Her Son for Thirty Years

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GRANDPARENT LOVE

Saint Anne was Jesus' grandmother. We do not know her name from Holy Scripture. It is holy legend. She was Mary's mother, the tradition tells us, and we know little more. What matters most about Anne is that Jesus had a grandmother (two in fact, though the legends speak only of Mary's mother).

What do you suppose Jesus called her? "Gran", "Granny," "Grandmother," "Grandma," "Ahmama" (as I called one of mine), "Grand-monny" (as our son calls one of his)? It is pleasant to imagine Jesus calling his grandmother by such a term of endearment. He was "like his brothers and sisters in every respect," says Hebrews.

Now strict constructionists might object and say 'we do not even know if he knew his grandmother'. This is literally true I suppose; but literal truth can be terribly dry and lacking in humanity at times.

I am convinced that Jesus knew his grandmother and sat on her lap and at her feet. You can clearly tell from the things he said when he grew up – things that one might learn best from a grandparent.

"Give us each day our daily bread." (Luke 11:3). Sounds like he had smelled that bread in a grandmother's kitchen, and knew what to ask for.

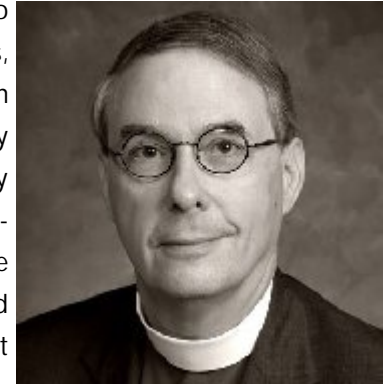
"Her sins, which were many, have been forgiven...the one to whom little is forgiven loves little" (Luke 7:47). Who is more forgiving than a grandmother? As the saying goes, 'what happens at grandmother's house stays at grandmother's house.' I'll bet Jesus knew about that. Of all loves, perhaps grandparent love has the least strings attached to it.

"Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31). I do not doubt that this "golden rule" came from Jesus himself; but it sounds like something the gist of which he might well have learned at his granny's knee. My grandmothers often gave me such wise advice, especially about how to treat other people. Only later did I discover how challenging it really is.

"Woe to you Pharisees" (Luke 11:42). Grandmothers generally are the most down to earth of relatives. They are old enough to be beyond much pretence and experienced enough to recognize self-righteousness and hypocrisy a mile away. When the priggish Pharisees came after him Jesus had had enough

warning from Grandma to know what he was dealing with!

"Do not be afraid" (too many texts to cite). I don't know about your Grandparents, but mine often told me such things as this. In the darkness of my bedroom in the old family house...in the midst of a thunderstorm...on my way to summer camp for the first time. Grandmothers have a way of pushing us out there and teaching us to TRUST. Jesus learned this from his heavenly Father, but I suspect Anne may have helped some.



"Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out" (Luke 12:33). I used to watch my great-grandmother do crochet every time we visited her. Her handwork is still used by our family and remains an enduring symbol of creativity and generosity for me. One day, her work will wear out, but God's love remains. Where else would Jesus have gotten the idea for this metaphor but from a granny?

Finally, "let anyone who is thirsty come to me" (John 7:37). I never remember being at my grandparent's house without something to drink – coke (in the old small bottles), iced tea, lemonade, grape juice. The message was 'a person should never be thirsty.' When Jesus spoke of himself as the only way to quench our deep spiritual thirst, he surely must have had his physical thirst generously quenched by someone on this side of eternity. I'm betting on Anne.

So you see, legend or not, I believe in St. Anne. Because I believe in grandmothers and thank God for them – and for those who reach out in grandparent love to the children of others.

In their lap and at their knee we, like Jesus, can learn much of what we need to know for life.

Thank God for Saint Anne and for all our grandparents. Pray that in our loving we might be more like them.

Your servant in Christ,

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The Diocese of Alabama

Annual ECW Diocesan Events

Women's Weekend		Fall Conference
Montgomery*	2009	Tennessee Valley
Mountain	2010	Cheaha
Black Belt	2011	Montgomery
East Alabama	2012	Mountain
Birmingham	2013	Black Belt
Tennessee Valley	2014	East Alabama
Cheaha	2015	Birmingham
Montgomery	2016	Tennessee Valley

* In September 2007 the diocesan board approved the appointment of a Women's Weekend Coordinator to the board for a one-year trial period of reorganization. In June 2008 an email vote by the board approved the continuation of this method for another year. The coordinator will gather a diocesanwide committee of women to host Women's Weekend 2009.

It is through sermons, Bible study groups and other small group participation that we are blessed to receive, but it is through ECW that we are privileged to give.



EACH CONVOCATION:

- Elects a coordinator to serve a term on the ECW Diocesan Board.
- Elects other officers for affairs of the convocation.
- Plans convocation meetings, special projects, etc.
- Meets twice a year for worship, study, and fellowship.
- Hosts Annual Fall Conference and Women's Weekend once every seven years. The Events Coordinator listed on page 4 will assist with planning.

FALL CONFERENCE is an annual event featuring a speaker, sharing time for parishes, fellowship and dinner, a business meeting and time for prayer and relaxation. Each parish sends two delegates for the business meeting. Information and registration forms are available from your parish ECW president, your convocation coordinator or from www.alabamaecw.org. Fall Conference is open to all people of the diocese. Clergy are encouraged to attend all or part of the conference.

WOMEN'S WEEKEND is designed to include and accommodate the working women of the diocese. A speaker is invited to lead the women in spiritual enrichment. There is also time for prayer, relaxation, and physical activity. Registration information is available from your parish ECW president, your convocation coordinator or from www.alabamaecw.org. Women's Weekend is open to all women of the diocese.

Convocation dues are payable on the following basis:

- Birmingham: Sept. 1 to Sylvia P. McClain, 5781 Princess Blvd., Birmingham 35215
- Black Belt: Jan. 1 to Kitty Rugg, 1405 Erwin St. Greensboro 36744
- Cheaha: Jan 1 to Katherine Tooker, 1125 Old Choccolocco Rd. Anniston 36207
- East Alabama: Sept. 1 to Sue Haygood, 907 Janet Dr, Auburn 36830
- Montgomery: Jan. 1 to Nancy Boston, 8360 Wexford Trace, Montgomery 36117
- Mountain: Jan. 1 to Brenda Mayhall, 418 Briarwood Dr., Albertville 35950
- Tennessee Valley, Jan 1 to Claudia Glasgow, 114 Fenwick Place, Harvest, AL 35749

Convocations by Parishes

BIRMINGHAM

Alabaster	2002	.....	Holy Spirit
Bessemer	1887	.....	Trinity
Birmingham	1872	.....	Cath Church of the Advent
	1928	.....	All Saints'
	1953	.....	Ascension
	1889	.....	Grace
	2003	.....	Iglesia de la Gracia
	1961	.....	St. Alban's
	1904	.....	St. Andrew's
	1935	.....	St. John's for the Deaf
	1949	.....	St. Luke's
	1891	.....	St. Mark's
	1887	.....	St. Mary's on-the-Highlands
	1955	.....	St. Michael's
	1973	.....	St. Stephen's
	1991	.....	St. Thomas
Chelsea		.....	St. Catherine's in Chelsea
Fairfield	1929	.....	Christ
Hoover	1995	.....	Holy Apostles
Jasper	1922	.....	St. Mary's
Leeds	1980	.....	Epiphany
Montevallo	1860	.....	St. Andrew's
Indian Spr Vill	1980	.....	St. Francis of Assisi
Trussville	1942	.....	Holy Cross

BLACK BELT

Aliceville	1995	.....	All Saints
Boligee	1852	.....	St. Mark's
Demopolis	1834	.....	Trinity
Eutaw	1845	.....	St. Stephen's
Faunsdale	1844	.....	St. Michael's
Uniontown	1837	.....	Holy Cross
Fayette	1969	.....	St. Michael's
Forkland	1834	.....	St. John's in-the-Prairies
Gainesville	1879	.....	St. Alban's
Greensboro	1830	.....	St. Paul's
Livingston	1836	.....	St. James
Marion	1838	.....	St. Wilfrid's
Selma	1838	.....	St. Paul's
Tuscaloosa	1951	.....	Canterbury

BLACK BELT (cont'd)

	1828	.....	Christ
	1961	.....	St. Matthias'

CHEAHA

Alpine	1917	.....	Trinity
Anniston	1881	.....	Grace
	1887	.....	St. Michael and All Angels
Childersburg	1949	.....	St. Mary's
Heflin	1980	.....	Messiah
Jacksonville	1844	.....	St. Luke's
Pell City	1975	.....	St. Simon Peter
Sylacauga	1896	.....	St. Andrew's
Talladega	1850	.....	St. Peter's

EAST ALABAMA

Alexander City	1946	.....	St. James
Auburn	1848	.....	Holy Trinity
	1957	.....	St. Dunstan's
Opelika	1858	.....	Emmanuel
Roanoke	1955	.....	St. Barnabas
Seale	1951	.....	St. Matthew's in-the-Pines
Smith Station	1955	.....	St. Stephen's
Tuskegee	1912	.....	St. Andrew's

MONTGOMERY

Carlowville	1838	.....	St. Paul's
Clanton	1995	.....	Trinity
Lowndesboro	1856	.....	St. Paul's
Millbrook	1953	.....	St. Michael and All Angels
Montgomery	1957	.....	All Saints'
	1909	.....	Ascension
	1900	.....	Good Shepherd
	1864	.....	Holy Comforter
	1834	.....	St. John's
Mount Meigs	1893	.....	Grace
Prattville	1859	.....	St. Mark's
Tallassee	2008	.....	Epiphany
Wetumpka	1947	.....	Trinity

MOUNTAIN

Albertville	1978	.....	Christ
Fort Payne	1955	.....	St. Philip's
Gadsden	1888	.....	Holy Comforter
Guntersville	1905	.....	Epiphany
Mentone	1972	.....	St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain
Oneonta	2002	.....	Calvary
Rainbow City	1971	.....	Resurrection
Scottsboro	1879	.....	St. Luke's

TENNESSEE VALLEY

Athens	1867	.....	St. Timothy's
Cullman	1949	.....	Grace
Decatur	1995	.....	Good Shepherd
	1890	.....	St. John's
Florence	1962	.....	St. Bartholomew's
	1836	.....	Trinity
Hartselle	1985	.....	St. Barnabas
Huntsville	1955	.....	Holy Cross-
			St. Christopher's
	1843	.....	Nativity
	2000	.....	St. Columba in the Cove
	1963	.....	St. Stephen's
	1958	.....	St. Thomas
Madison	1991	.....	St. Matthew's
Sheffield	1887	.....	Grace



Annual Diocesan Contribution

Your Annual Contribution to the Diocesan ECW is payable in January. Each year, your parish should reconsider the amount they can contribute by their ABILITY and WILLINGNESS to give. The more money given results in more good works the Diocesan ECW can do in the diocese, the nation, and the world. Your contribution provides for Administration; Education, Information and Inspiration; and the Corporate Gift. Annual gifts are also given to the ECW College Scholarship Fund and the Church Periodical Club. If you do not pay in January, please notify the ECW Treasurer of the amount and expected date of payment.

The Corporate Gift allows the Diocesan ECW to make a significant contribution to a need larger than most parishes can accomplish alone. The Corporate Gift is determined by the Board after consultation with the Bishop. Past recipients include: St. John's for the Deaf, St. Dunstan's, Kairos Ministry, the Diocesan quilt, the Diocesan Banner, the Bishop Stough Scholarship Fund for Camp McDowell, the Sawyerville Project, and a Celtic cross for Carpenter House in memory of Bishop Stough. The 2008 Corporate Gift was given toward the ECW Pledge to the ACTS2 Campaign.

Please make your checks payable to Episcopal Church Women, mark "Proportionate Giving" in the lower left hand corner, and mail your checks to: Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Alabama, 521 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203-2611.

Your alms collected at Fall Conference are distributed as voted on at the end of the conference. The alms collected at the 2007 Fall Conference were designated for supplies for a medical mission trip to Haiti in February.

Your ECW may also elect to give to the ECW College Scholarship, the Women at the Well Scholarship, UTO, CPC, Wilmer Hall or other important local, diocesan, national or international organizations or missions.

The percentage of your contribution provides for the following:

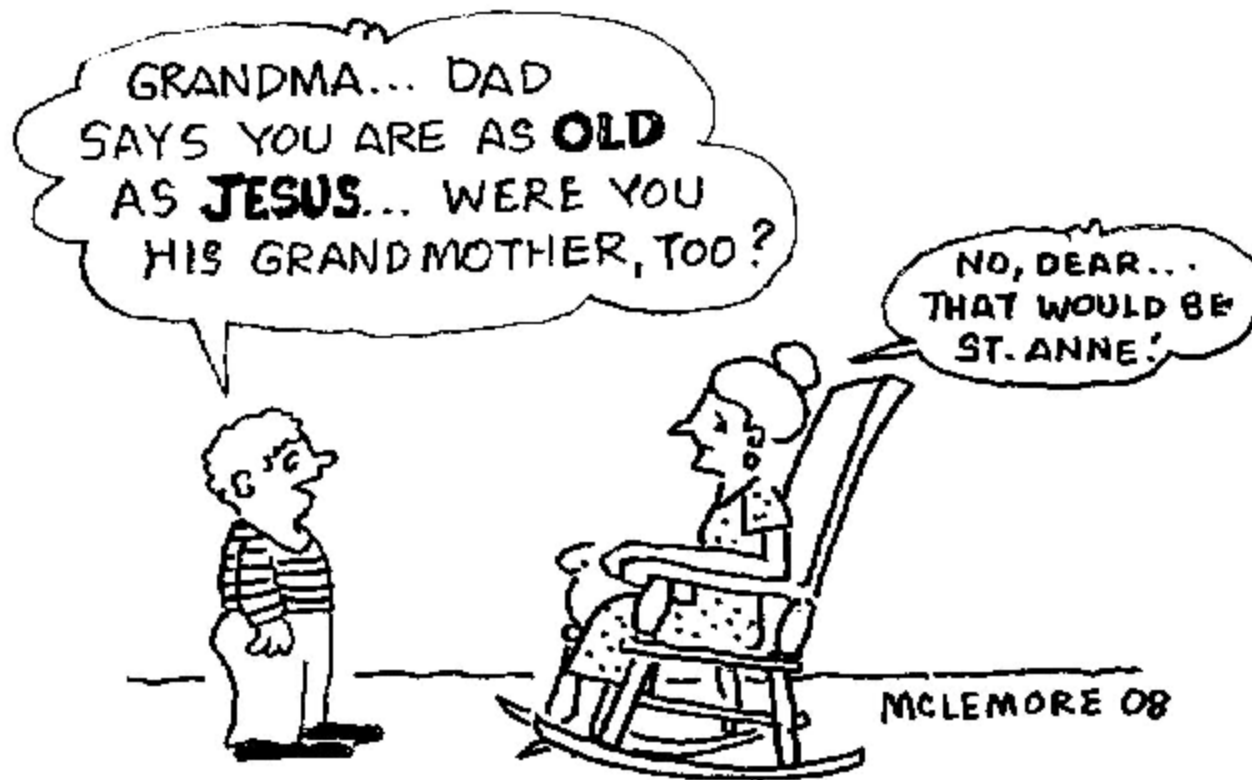
- 20% Administration
- 40% Education, Information and Inspiration
- 40% Corporate Gift



St. Anne with the child Jesus. Convent entrance, Malaga.

This is one of the few representations of St. Anne alone with the Child.

-Photograph in St. Anne, Grandmother of Our Savior, by Frances Parkinson Keys, p. 94.



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Memorial Roll

Names of church women who died after September 1 of the previous year should be sent to the ECW Diocesan Treasurer, page 4, between September 1 and 15. Please print or type name in capital letters (given name, maiden name and husband's name). Gifts accompanying the name(s) will be added to the ECW College Scholarship Fund and should be sent to ECW, Diocese of Alabama, 521 North 20th Street, Birmingham, AL 35203. Please make checks payable to the Episcopal Church Women and mark "Memorial Roll" in lower left corner. The Book of Remembrance will be on display at the Annual Fall ECW Conference and names will be read during the closing Eucharist.

Memorial Gifts

Parish and individual gifts to the ECW College Scholarship Fund will be acknowledged according to the information furnished, as on the sample card below. Some parishes send a designated amount each year in memory of their departed parishioners.

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In memory / honor of _____	
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EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1. The organization shall be called Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Alabama.

ARTICLE 2. The purpose of the organization shall be to unite the women of the Diocese in allegiance to their Lord, Jesus Christ, and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, through a program of worship, study, gifts and service, which shall deepen and strengthen their own spiritual lives, and lead them into Christian service in the parish, the community, the diocese and the world.

ARTICLE 3. All parishes may affiliate with the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Alabama, by first obtaining the consent of the rector in charge, securing a contact person and notifying the diocesan President of their intention to work with the organization.

ARTICLE 4. Diocesan officers shall be President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and United Thank Offering Coordinator.

ARTICLE 5. These officers shall be elected by the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Alabama, in conference assembled to serve a term of two years and shall be ineligible to serve two consecutive terms in the same office.

ARTICLE 6. The President shall preside at all Annual, Called and Board meetings, and notify members of board meetings. She shall have general supervision of the work throughout the Diocese. She shall serve as a delegate to Triennial.

ARTICLE 7. The Secretary shall write and distribute the minutes of Annual, Called and Board meetings.

ARTICLE 8. The Diocesan Finance Officer shall receive and disburse all monies from the branches. The Treasurer shall oversee all monies through communication with the Diocesan Finance Officer, and in compliance with current accounting standards, and shall make a complete report of all income and disbursements at each Board Meeting and at the Annual Conference. The books (financial records) of the ECW shall be examined annually by the Audit Committee. The Treasurer shall enter names in the Book of Remembrance and make them available for the Memorial Roll.

ARTICLE 9. The President-Elect shall preside in the absence of the President, shall assist the President in every way possible, and succeed to the Presidency in the event of a vacancy in that office. She shall prepare and publish the Calendar Handbook.

ARTICLE 9A. The United Thank Offering Coordinator shall provide information regarding ordering of supplies. She will be the contact person for the use of the Alms Basin.

ARTICLE 10. The Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Alabama, shall be divided into seven Convocations. Each convocation shall select a coordinator to serve on the Board. Her term of office shall be for two years; she may succeed herself, provided that she has first made a good-faith effort to secure a successor, but that effort has been unsuccessful. Coordinators shall take office in January following their election with the responsibility to integrate the planning and work of the women of their Convocation with the program of the Episcopal Church Women.

ARTICLE 11. Upon taking office, The President shall appoint a Nomination Committee. The duties of this committee shall be as follows:

A. To secure nominees for any vacancies that may occur among the offices, except that of President, in which case the President-Elect assumes the Presidency. The President shall make temporary appointment for a vacancy in the pending election at the next Annual Conference.

B. To secure a slate of officers for election at the Annual Conference one year before the expiration of the President's term of office said officers-elect to take office one year after election.

C. To secure nominees and alternates for Triennial delegates to be elected at the Annual Conference before Triennial. The number of delegates will be in accordance with current directives from the National ECW Board.

ARTICLE 12. The Diocesan Board shall be comprised of the Bishops, the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and United Thank Offering Coordinator elected by the women of the Diocese, plus seven Convocation Coordinators elected by their respective Convocations. The Executive Committee will consist of elected officers. The President may appoint additional members, not exceeding five, for Standing Committees with prior approval of the Board. Appointments may be made for special committees by the president, with approval of the Board.

ARTICLE 13. The Annual Conference of the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Alabama, shall be held on a date to be decided by the Diocesan Board.

ARTICLE 14. At Annual Conferences, each branch shall be entitled to have two voting delegates, selected by the branches.

ARTICLE 15. One-third of the total number of branches shall constitute a quorum for the Annual Conference. Two-thirds of the total number of members shall constitute a quorum for the Diocesan Board.

ARTICLE 16. Any articles of this Constitution may be changed by a two-thirds vote of the branches present at any Annual Conference, provided written notice of such change be given to all branches 90 days prior to said meeting, or due notice of the desired change shall be given at one meeting and acted upon the following year.

BY-LAWS

1. The President shall be responsible for all trust funds of the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Alabama. These funds will be administered by a Trust Advisory Committee, appointed by the President. This committee shall consist of the Bishop, President, Treasurer, chairperson and one additional member.

2. The President shall prepare the Annual Report which is given at the Diocesan Convention.

3. The branches may make contributions to the general work of the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Alabama, according to the plan of proportional giving by the Diocesan Board, as outlined in the Calendar Workbook.

4. The Convocations shall entertain the Annual Conference in the following order: Birmingham, Tennessee Valley, Cheaha, Montgomery, Mountain, Black Belt and East Alabama, and shall host the Annual Women's Weekend the following Spring in the same order beginning with the Tennessee Valley.*

5. Whenever financial support is requested to fund a proposed project, written or email notice and explanation will be sent to the parishes, with instructions to respond with votes within 90 days of receipt of notice. Email responses are preferred but not necessary. The Corresponding Secretary will send such notice via email to all parish ECW presidents for whom she has email addresses; for all other parish presidents, notice will be sent via US Postal Service. Notice will specify the calendar date certain on which voting will close. Each parish is entitled to two delegate votes; delegates' names must be included with votes.

(Amended at the Fall Conference of the Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Alabama , October 11, 2007)

*Rotation of Women's Weekend suspended for two years (2008 and 2009) in favor of a "committee of the whole". See page 6.

January

Saint Anne, Intercessor



Second to Saint Mary, intercessory prayers are more frequently addressed to Saint Anne than to any other saint. She is the patron saint of women as well as the patron saint of many of woman's roles: homemakers, mothers, single women, etc.

"St. Anne, Grandmother of our Savior, pray for us," begins the litany of St. Anne, and of all the saints in the calendar of the Church, none, except the Blessed Virgin, holds so exalted and unique a position as St. Anne, mother of Mary. Countless altars, shrines and churches are dedicated to her throughout the world—in the United States alone there are 400 Catholic churches dedicated to St. Anne. She is the patron saint of the provinces of Quebec and of Brittany.....Nor is the reverence in which St. Anne is held confined to the Catholic faith—many historic Episcopal churches, particularly the famous one in Annapolis, are dedicated to St. Anne, and in many of these cases the silver communion services were presented by Queen Anne of England.

-taken from the jacket cover - St. Anne, Grandmother of our Savior, Frances Parkinson Keyes

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
At the beginning of the 19th century Anne was the most popular girls' name in central Europe, surpassing even that of Mary. "All Annes are beautiful." Parents wanted to assure this benefit by calling their daughter Anne or adding Anne to a first name—Joanne, Mary Ann, Marian, Ann Marie, Elizabeth Ann.				1 New Year's Day The Holy Name	2 Annual Diocesan ECW contribution payable, page 8	3
4	5	6 The Epiphany	7	8 [Harriet Bedell]	9 Julia Chester E mery	10 William Laud

<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> Aelred of Rievaulx	<i>13</i> The Baptism of our Lord	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> Antony of Egypt
<i>18</i> The Confession of St. Peter	<i>19</i> Wulfstan of Worcester	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> Agneta of Rome	<i>22</i> Vincent of Saragossa	<i>23</i> Phillips Brooks	<i>24</i> Ordination of Florence Li Tim-Oi
<i>25</i> The Conversion of St. Paul	<i>26</i> Timothy and Titus	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> Thomas Aquinas	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>

Notes: Review Parish Checklist, page 11, or available online at www.alabamaecw.org

February

Saint Anne, Patron of Single Women



I beg you, holy mother Anne, Send me a good and loving man.

All over Europe inspired young women turn to St. Anne for help in finding a husband. After all, since she had had three husbands herself, should she not be able and willing to provide at least one bridegroom for those who trustingly appeal to her?

A hundred years ago there still remained the custom in many parts of Europe of celebrating Saint Anne's Day as a festival "of all Anna," meaning all beautiful girls. Dressed in their finery the bevy would parade through the streets with their escorts, bands would serenade them in parks and squares, balls would be held (both Johann Strausses composed "Anne Polkas" for this festival). Saint Anne's Eve was the day of receptions for debutantes at court and in private homes. Public amusements, including fireworks, entertained the crowds. The warm summer night was alive with laughter, beauty, music and lights. And all of it was still connected in the hearts and minds of the participants with a tribute to Saint Anne, whose feast day shed its radiance upon this enchanting celebration.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Brigid of Kildare	2 The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ	3	4 Cornelius the Centurian	5 The Martyrs of Japan	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 UTO Face to Face, Absalom Jones	14 Camp McDowell Valentine's Day Cyril and Methodius

15 UTO Face to Face Camp McDowell Thomas Bray	16	17	18	19	20 178th Convention of the Diocese of Alabama St. Stephens, Birmingham	21
22 Chair of St. Peter	23 Polycarp of Smyrna	24	25 Ash Wednesday St. Matthias	26	27 George Herbert	28 [Anna Julia Hayward Cooper]

Even today celebrations are held every year on St. Anne's Day, July 26. These are primarily in Europe and Canada, but can also be found in the United States in such places as New Orleans. A recent book of fiction refers to a well in England. Single women dress in their best and go there to pray "for a man."

Some places take advantage of St. Anne's Day to stress her role as a grandmother. "Have you a grandmother? Here's an idea for Tuesday," said one announcement. "If your grandmother is still around figure out a nice surprise and then spring it on her this coming Tuesday., St. Anne's Day, the feast of St. Anne, the grandmother of our Blessed Lord." St. Anne, Grandmother of our Savior, Frances Parkinson Keyes, pp. 146-147

Notes:

March

Saint Anne, Healer

Flower Mosaic,
St. Ann's Well,
Buxton



St. Ann's Well in Buxton, England has long been known to have curative powers. For many years there was a blessing of the well held during the summer, usually in late June.

The preparation for this annual blessing takes a unique form. St. Ann's Well is surrounded by a wooden frame filled with damp clay; and on this clay is mounted a covering of flowers and flower petals, so skillfully arranged as to form a picture with a Biblical setting. These arrangements are called "flower mosaics," and the knowledge of how to "dress" a well with a flower mosaic is considered a craft, for it requires great skill, and has been handed down from father to son throughout many generations. The Buxton Well Dressing Festival... is attended by great numbers of people. To this ceremony come both the greatest and the humblest of the land. The present Queen of England, shortly before her accession to the throne, graced it with her presence.

St. Anne, Grandmother of our Savior, Frances Parkinson Keyes, pp.117-121

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes-	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 John and Charles Wesley	4	5	6	7 Perpetua and Her Companions
8 Day Light Savings Time Begins	9	10	11	12 Gregory the Great	13 Cursillo #166, Camp McDowell (James Theodore Holly)	14

15 Cursillo #166	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 St. Joseph	<p>"O God, our heavenly Father, accept our thanks for those who first found these healing waters; and grant Thy blessing to all who come to drink thereof; that, being healed of their pains and infirmities, they may show forth Thy praise, not only with their lips, but in their lives, by giving up themselves to Thy service, and walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all their days....." <u>St. Anne, Grandmother of our Savior</u>, F. P. Keyes, p. 121</p>			

Notes:

April

Saint Anne, Teacher



Many references are made to Anne sitting in her garden under the laurel tree reading. There is a tradition in iconography that shows Anne and Mary with a book, as a mother teaches a daughter to read—affirming both learning and teaching as women's work.

In The Story of Mary of Nazareth, Who Lived with Her Son for Thirty Years, Mary writes:

“One of my great joys was teaching Jesus to read, as my mother had taught me to read at her knee. And I taught him how to pray, especially my prayer ‘Let your will be done’, which had sustained me through my pregnancy, and ‘May your reign come’, which was special to me because Jesus was the king who would bring in the reign of God. We prayed for our daily food, remembering our days in Egypt when we lived hand to mouth. And in memory of Herod's assassination attempt we prayed to be delivered from evil, as we had been in the past.he began from a very early age to pray to God as his father.”

Six New Gospels, The Story of Mary of Nazareth, Who Lived with Her Son for Thirty Years, p. 34-36

All of these petitions come from the prayer known as the ‘Our Father’, or the ‘Lord's Prayer’, which is given in Matthew 6:9-13.

By reflecting ...we gain fresh insights on what the prayer may have meant to Jesus and how it could have come from his childhood....

Footnotes by Margaret Hobblewaite from Six New Gospels

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.			1 The Annunciation	2 James Lloyd Breck	3 Richard of Chichester	4
5 Palm Sunday	6	7	8 William Augustus Muhlenberg	9 Detrich Bonhoeffer	10 Good Friday William Law	11 George Augustus Selwyn

12 E aster	13	14	15	16 Cursillo # 167, Camp McDowell	17	18
19 Cursillo #167 Alphege of Canterbury	20	21 Anselm of Canterbury	22	23	24	25 St. Mark
26	27	28	29 Catherine of S iena	30 Deadline College Scholarship	In Jesus' day, "A part from the role of the woman in the home in giving her children some basic religious instruction, a woman had no educational functions except in very rare cases." <u>Women in the Ministry of Jesus</u> , BenWitherington III, Cambridge Univ. Press p. 6	

Notes:

Checklist for Parish Presidents

****IMPORTANT**** When new ECW officers in your parish are elected, please promptly notify your Convocation Coordinator, see page 5, of these names, positions, and contact information and terms of office. Also send the same information to the Diocesan ECW Corresponding Secretary listed on page 4. Send Diocesan UTO and CPC Coordinators (page 4) the name and contact information for your parish UTO and CPC Coordinators.

Calendar Handbooks are distributed at Fall Convocation meetings and at Fall Conference. Two calendars are given to each parish. Additional calendars may be ordered at cost from the President-Elect, no later than August 1 for the next year; see page 4.

Parish ECW leaders have responsibilities at the parish, convocation, and diocesan level. Keep yourself and your parish informed of Convocation and Diocesan deadlines, events and activities by staying in communication with your Convocation Coordinator, reading and distributing your Diocesan ECW Calendar Handbook, and visiting the website for announcements/What's New. There are events throughout the year for Parish ECW leaders and other members to attend. Please work within your parish ECW to find the appropriate leaders and/or members to designate to attend. Please inform the women of your parish of these events and encourage attendance of as many of your members as possible.

Every seven years, your convocation will host a Fall Conference and a Women's Weekend. Please ask your Convocation Coordinator how your parish ECW can help. The schedule for these events is listed on page 6 of the Calendar Handbook.

If your parish is among those attending a function at the Cathedral (such as sponsoring a seminarian for ordination), your participation is expected and is deeply appreciated. Contact the Bishop's Guild Chairman at The Cathedral Church of the Advent, pages 5 and 38, or the Birmingham Convocation Coordinator, page 5.

The timetable below is provided as a convenience for parish officers. For specific dates, please consult the website and/or your Convocation Coordinator.

Anytime	Post notices of items for sale (cookbooks, tea towels, etc.) on the 'Marketplace' section of www.alabamaecw.org . Send notices of events to Publicity Coordinator; details on page 42.
January	Attend the organizational convocation meeting for parish presidents arranged by your Convocation Coordinator. Parish Annual Diocesan Contributions to ECW Diocese of Alabama are payable. See page 8.
Spring	Attend the spring meeting of your convocation. Convocation Coordinator will have exact date.
April 30	ECW College Scholarship Application Deadline
First Sunday in May	CPC Sunday (Church Periodical Club); see page 40. Arrange in advance with your rector.
Weekend after Mother's Day	Attend Women's Weekend
May 15 UTO	Spring Ingathering deadline for sending collection to the diocese; see page 38. Arrange date in advance with your rector.
July 31	Deadline to send information to President-Elect for next year's Calendar Handbook and for ordering extra Calendar Handbooks.
September 15	Memorial Roll listing due; see page 10
Second week in October	Attend the annual Fall Diocesan ECW Conference. Pick up Diocesan ECW Calendar Handbooks; read and distribute to your parish ECW leaders. Each parish sends two voting delegates and as many visitors as wish to go.
September	Send names of parish college students to appropriate chaplains in the diocese. Contact information is at www.alabamaecw.org .
Fall	Attend the fall meeting of your convocation. Convocation Coordinator will have exact date. Get new Calendar Handbooks.
November 15	UTO Fall Ingathering deadline for sending collection to the diocese; see page 38. Arrange date with your rector for a Sunday prior to this deadline.
December 31st	UTO Grant Application Deadline; send to Carpenter House, page 38.

May

Saint Anne, Patron of Mothers



There was very little on which Anne's thoughts dwelt that required an effort of charity on her part. Her pleasant childhood – her happy marriage – her triumphant maternity – the great gift of her Grandson – as she sat under the laurel tree with folded hands, looking back on these, she could indeed feel that goodness and mercy had followed her all the days of her life. And she did. Nor could she doubt that she would dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

St. Anne, Grandmother of our Savior, Frances Parkinson Keyes, pp. 93, 94

It cannot be by accident that we have come to think of St. Anne as a great educator, no less than a devoted wife, a dedicated mother, and a privileged grandmother.

St. Anne, Grandmother of our Savior, Frances Parkinson Keyes, p. 69

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>In 1905 American Passionist Priests in Scranton, Pennsylvania, dedicated the foundation of their monastery to St. Anne. The monastery was built over a coal mine and in 1911 the priests had to leave their monastery after it "shook, cracked and split" due to a severe mine subsidence. The priests' confidence in being able to return to the monastery was expressed in these words: "<i>St. Anne will take care of her own.</i>"</p> <p>"Devotion to St. Anne," www.themass.org/novena/life</p>					<p>1</p> <p>Ascension Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>St. Philip and St. James</p>
<p>3</p> <p>CPC Sunday</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Dame Julian of Norwich</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Gregory of Nazianus</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>The First Book of Common Prayer</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>UTO Ingathering</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Camp McDowell Women's Weekend</p>

<i>17</i> Women's Weekend Camp McDowell	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> Dunstan of Canterbury	<i>20</i> Alcuin of T ours	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>24</i> Jackson Kemper	<i>25</i> Memorial Day	<i>26</i> Augustine of Canterbury	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>31</i> The Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary	<p>Receive me, good mother. Cover me with the mantle of your love. Look kindly on me. By your powerful intercession, may I obtain from God grace and mercy. Obtain for me remission for sin and release from the punishment my offenses have deserved. Pray that I may receive grace to lead a devout life on earth and that I may obtain the everlasting reward of heaven.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prayer to S t. Anne</p>					

Notes:

June

Saint Anne, Divinely Wise



The Christian symbol for Saint Anne is a book. Frequently she is shown holding one in her hand. (See pictures on page 45). Other Christian symbol references will show her with a lily.

God, of your goodness, give me yourself, for you are enough for me. I can ask for nothing less that is completely to your honor, and if I do ask anything less, I shall always be in want. Only in you I have all.

-Revelations of Divine Love, page 89

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Let your will be done in me. I will serve you in whatever way you want. I thanked God for choosing someone as ordinary as me.... The Story of Mary , p23	1	2 Province IV E CW Conference, Kanuga Blandina and Her Companions	3 The Martyrs of Uganda	4	5 Boniface of Mainz	6
7	8	9 Columba of Iona	10 Ephrem of Edeessa	11 St. Barnabas	12 Cursillo #168, Camp McDowell Enmegabowh	13

14 Cursillo #168 Father's Day Basil The Great	15	16 Joseph Butler	17	18 Benard Mizeki	19	20
21	22	23	24 Nativity of St. John The Baptist	25	26	27
28 Irenaeus of Lyons	29	30 St. Peter and St. Paul	Anne, Divinely Wise, you carried in your womb the Mother of God, the Immaculate One who gave life to Life; wherefore you now have been carried up joyfully to the inheritance of heaven, to the abode of those who rejoice in glory. O Ever-blessed One, you seek the forgiveness of sins for those who honor you with fervor.- Troparion, Tone 4			

Notes:

July

Saint Anne, Feast Day



Celebrations for St. Anne's feast day are held all over the world. In the United States the one at St. Anne's Church in New Orleans is renowned. Following one in Scranton, Pennsylvania many years ago a dispatch said "an estimated 150,000 persons visited the grounds of St. Ann's Passionist Monastery.

"Many were on hand early in the morning to hear one of the 50 Masses offered between four and eight o'clock. Many other pilgrims attended novena services throughout the day offered in various languages.

"The transit strike which has tied up all public transportation in Scranton for more than 120 days had little effect on the novena. Attendance was greater than ever before. This may have been due to a 'share-the-ride' plan devised by the Passionist Fathers. Two thousand stickers which read 'Going to St. Ann's Novena' were distributed to persons owning cars prior to the opening of the novena.

"Bishop Jerome D. Hannan of Scranton told a crowd of 75,000 that stayed for the evening service at an outdoor altar that a spirit of friendship for the saints had brought the multitudes to the great novena to honor St. Ann.

"As in years past, a group of pilgrims made the 10-mile journey from Pittston, PA, to St. Ann's Monastery on foot. Many joined the line of march from communities the pilgrims passed on their way. Reciting the rosary as they went, they arrived in time for the 5:30 a.m. Mass."

St. Anne, Grandmother of our Savior, Frances Parkinson Keyes, pp 143-144

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Who, in the multitude of thy saints, hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us; and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away. Book of Common Prayer, page 347			1 Canada Day (Canada)	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Benedict of Nursia

12	13	14	15	16	17 William White	18
19 Macrina	20	21	22 St. Mary Magdalene	23	24 Thomas a Kempis	25 St. James
26 St. Anne	27	28	29 Mary and Martha of Bethany	30 William Wilberforce	31 Deadline to order extra calendars for 2010 Ignatius of Loyola	St. Anne, Grandmother of our Savior; St. Anne, Root of Jesse; St. Anne, Fruitful Vine;...pray for us.

Notes: July 31st is the deadline to order extra 2010 calendars and to submit calendar information.

August

Saint Anne, Patron of Fertility

Joachim
and Anne at
the golden gate



St. Anne's patronage of fertility was extended also to the soil. Thus she became a patron of rain. It is a popular saying in Italy that "rain is Saint Anne's gift"; in Germany, July rain was called "Saint Anne's dowry."

In many stories about St. Anne she is found in her garden, tending to her flowers. One afternoon she sat on a bench and prayed unto the Lord: "O God of my fathers, bless me and regard my prayer as thou didst bless the womb of Sarah, and gave her a son Isaac.....I cannot be compared to these waters, for even the waters are fruitful before thee....." Then an angel of the Lord stood by her and said, "Anna, the Lord hath heard thy prayer; thou shalt conceive and bring forth, and thy progeny shall be spoken of in all the world." And Anne went to meet Joachim by the golden gate.

St. Anne, Grandmother of Our Savior, Frances Parkinson Keyes, pp 52-53

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>The angel of the Lord stood by him with a prodigious light. "Be not afraid, Joachim, nor troubled at the sight of me, for I am an angel of the Lord sent by him to you, that I might inform you, that your prayers are heard..... That those who were barren have brought forth to their great surprise ; therefore Anna your wife shall bring you a daughter, and you shall call her name Mary. . Grandmother of Our Savior. F. P. Keyes, p.47</i>						<i>1</i> Joseph of Aramathea
<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	The Transfiguration of our Lord	John Mason Neale	<i>8</i> Dominic
<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	Clare of Assisi	Florence Nightingale	Jeremy Taylor	Jonathan Myrick Daniels	<i>15</i> St. Mary the Virgin

16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		William Porcher DuBose		Benard of Clairvaux		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		St. Bartholomew		Thomas Gallaudet With Henry Winter Syle	Augustine of Hippo	
30	31	<p>And so her pregnancy came to term, and in the ninth month Anna gave birth. And she said to the midwife, "Is it a boy or a girl?" And her midwife said, "A girl." And Anna said, "I have been greatly honored this day." then the midwife put the child to bed...And she....gave her the name Mary. <i>The Infancy Gospel of James, Ch.5, w.5-8, 10.</i></p>				

Notes:

September

Saint Anne, Grandmother

St. Anne
Anonymous
Windsor Castle



The Spaniards have an old saying to the effect that if there is one person among them who has more power than a mother it is a grandmother

St. Anne, Grandmother of Our Savior, Frances Parkinson Keyes, p. 21

After the death of her husband, Joachim, "Anne went back to her home, facing years of widowhood which would have been very lonely for her, if she had not been a grandmother", writes Frances Parkinson Keyes in her book, St. Anne, Grandmother of Our Savior. She continues, "I like to think that the boy Jesus turned naturally to His grandmother's house, for I know how glad she would have been to have Him there with her — especially if she felt, as she must have done by then, that the times she could have Him with her were necessarily numbered, and that everyone of these were doubly precious to her on that account."

St. Anne, Grandmother of Our Savior, Frances Parkinson Keyes, p. 90

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Grandmothers have an art of their own..... Grandmothers are so necessary to children they ought never to die. <u>St. Anne, Grandmother of Our Savior</u>, Frances Parkinson Keyes, p.147</i>		1 David Pendleton Oakerhater	2 The Martyrs of New Guinea	3	4 Paul Jones	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9 Constance and her Companions	10 Alexander Crummell	11	12 John Henry Hobart

13 Cyprian of Carthage	14	15 Memorial Roll Deadline page 10 Holy Cross Day	16 Ninian of Galloway	17 Hildegard of Bingen	18 Cursillo #169, Camp McDowell Edward Bouverie Pusey	19 Theodore of Tarsus
20 Cursillo #169 John Coleridge and His Companions	21	22 St. Matthew	23	24	25 Sergius of Moscow	26 Lancelot Andrews
27	28	29 St. Michael and all Angels	30	I make my Christmas preparations now adays largely in my own capacity as a grandmother; and I believe that no one—not even a little child to who the Christmas celebration is still his most thrilling experience—has greater cause for rejoicing on this day of days than the mature woman to whom the revelation of the Nativity seems more wonderful every year. <u>St. Anne, Grandmother of Our Savior</u> , p. 19		

Notes: Register for Fall Conference

October

Saint Anne, Parent



The Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary


We have little historical information concerning the parents of Mary, although we have a wealth of legend and tradition. Anne has long been honored in the naming of countless churches, hospitals, guilds, and various charitable institutions. Her feast is universally celebrated and she is the patroness of Brittany.

Joachim, husband of Anne and father of Mary, has received less attention. We know nothing about him, save his name, and even that is controversial.

Perhaps..(St. Anne's Day, July 26) ..is an appropriate time to reflect on the importance of parenthood. What kind of influence are we having on our children? Do our lives reflect the best in the care and training we received from our parents? All we really know about Anne and Joachim is an inference from the kind of daughter they reared.

O Almighty God, who has called us to faith in you, and has compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses: Grant that we, encouraged by the good examples of your Saints, and especially of your servants Anne and Joachim, may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at length, through your mercy, we with them attain to your eternal joy; through him who is the author and finisher of our faith, your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Calendar of Saints, Character Sketches of the Saints, by David L Veal, Forward Movement Publications, 1972

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Katerina Katsarka Whitley has the program for the Fall Conference. She is an author and speaker and has been a communication adjunct at Appalachian State University since 2001. She says "Jesus expects us to be the light of the world. For me writing is a response to the Light."			1 Remigius of Rheims	2	3
4 Francis of Assisi	5	6 William Tyndale	7	8 Fall Conference, Tennessee Valley Convocation	9 Robert Grosseteste	10 [Vida Dutton Scudder]

11 Philip, Deaco and E vangelist	12	13	14 Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky	15 Teresa of Avila	16 Cursillo #170, Camp McDowell Hugh Latimer, Nicho- las Ridley and Thomas Cranmer	17 Ignatious of Antioch
18 Cursillo #170 Watercolor workshop—Camp McDowell, St. Luke	19 Henry Martyn	20 For more information contact Tora Johnson, 256-238-2172, events@alabamaecw.org	21	22	23 St. James of Jerusalem	24
25	26	27	28 St. Simon and St. Jude	29	30	31 All Hallows Eve

Notes: UT O grant applications are available online or from UT O Coordinator, see page 38.

November

Saint Anne, Patron of Women



We are told that "Anne continued to oversee the household, to work in her garden, to sew and spin. Flowers flourished under her care, and her garments, though simple in cut, were of many colored fabrics, skillfully draped and becomingly worn. At need, she went out into the city to do her marketing and other necessary errands, and she was faithful in her attendance at the temple and on the poor. She had a great gift of nursing the sick of both body and mind, and those in pain and distress frequently called on her for help and were never denied. She showed a special skill in her care for women, and more than once helped a midwife at the time of a difficult birth or officiated in place of one who failed to arrive. All of this she did not only as part of her duty, but gladly, welcoming it as a way in which she could serve her fellow creatures and, through them, her God. No one ever felt that her help was given grudgingly...it was in her own home that she was happiest."

St. Anne, Grandmother of Our Savior, Frances Parkinson Keyes, pp. 43,44

St. Anne was lovely, she was learned, she was discreet, and reverent., p. 37

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All Saints Day Day Light Savings Time Ends	2	3 Richard Hooker	4	5	6 William Temple	7 Willibrord of Utrecht
8	9	10 Leo the Great	11 Veteran's Day Martin of Tours	12 Charles Simeon	13	14 Consecration of Samuel Seabury

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UTO Fall Ingathering						
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			James Otis Sargent Huntington	Thanksgiving		Kamehameha and Emma
29	30	<p>Good St. Anne, do not allow my soul, a masterpiece of God's creative power, to be lost forever. Free my heart of pride, vanity, and self-love. May I know myself as I really am and learn meekness and simplicity of heart.</p> <p>From <u>The Daily Prayers to St. Anne</u></p>				

Notes:

December

Saint Anne, Birth of Christ



Gabriel's visit marked a great moment in St. Anne's life, as well as Mary's. I believe that her reactions were not unlike her daughter's; first must have come incredulity, then wonderment, then submission. The incredulity would have been fleeting; who could know better than Anne, from her own experience, that with God all things are possible? She would have continued to marvel somewhat longer, but there would have been no unbelief in her wonderment. And the submission would have been shot through with gladness, for with it would have come the sure conviction that the promised child, conceived by the Holy Ghost, would be the long expected Messiah, that Mary would be His mother and she and her husband His grandparents.

St. Anne, Grandmother of our Savior, Frances Parkinson Keyes, p. 85

Mary gave the world a Savior. St. Anne gave the world Mary, her daughter. St. Anne, as it were, closed the Old Testament and brought to the world the beginning of a new order.

Roger Baudier

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>...the most seemingly solitary Christmas need never be lonely for any human being to whom the Child of Bethlehem has become a 'living bright reality.'</p> <p><u>St. Anne, Grandmother of our Savior</u>, Frances Parkinson Keyes, p. 20</p>		<p><i>1</i></p> <p>St. Andrew</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>Channing Moore Williams</p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>John of Damascus</p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>Clement of Alexandria</p>
<p><i>6</i></p> <p>Nicholas of Myra</p>	<p><i>7</i></p>	<p><i>8</i></p>	<p><i>9</i></p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p>	<p><i>12</i></p>

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<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	St. Thomas	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Christmas E ve	<i>25</i> T he Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	<i>26</i> St. Stephen
<i>27</i> St. John	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> Holy Innocents	<i>30</i> [Frances Joseph- Gaudet]	<i>31</i> New Years' E ve	If there was no room for them in the Inn, why didn't they go to grandma's?	

Notes:

United Thank Offering

The mission of the United Thank Offering is to expand the circle of thankful people. To achieve this mission, we encourage daily prayers, offerings, and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings.

The United Thank Offering was begun in 1889 by two far-sighted, mission-minded women, Julia Emery and Ida Soule, when the General Convention of the Episcopal Church looked to them to begin the Women's Auxiliary as part of the Board of Missions. They began the offering to show the connection between giving thanks and giving money, united praying, and sharing. UTO's simple purpose has remained constant: offerings are given in thankfulness for the everyday blessing of life. Individuals in each parish take part spiritually by offering prayers of thanksgiving and by actively dropping coins in the "Little Blue Box." These coins are gathered twice a year at each church and then united with others from all over the country. During the United Thank Offering Ingathering Ceremony and Eucharist at the 2006 General Convention of the Episcopal Church held in Columbus, Ohio, June 2006, the Diocese of Alabama gave a symbolic check representing the \$128,573.61 contributed by thankful givers during the 2003-2006 period.

Each year every diocese is asked to send grant applications to the national UTO Committee for consideration. Grants are awarded both for domestic and world-wide projects and agencies. These are to support projects that address compelling human needs and/or expand mission and ministry. This outward expression of thankfulness takes action around the world in places where there is urgent need.

In 2008, the Diocese of Alabama was awarded two UTO grants totaling \$28,500. The Shoals Family Success Center, Florence, was the recipient of a grant of \$23,000 to increase the coping skills of participants and to enable them to improve their lives. Bakers on Wheels Inc., Moody, was awarded \$5,500 for equipment to expand their Basket Ministry. This program serves the homeless, friendless, sick, hungry and disabled in two counties.



Reminders for Parish UTO Coordinators

Arrange dates with your Rector for two UTO Ingathering Sundays: Spring, before May 15th and Fall, before November 15th. Publicize the meaning of UTO several weeks before these dates. As soon after the Ingathering as possible, please mail a parish check (no cash or personal checks) payable to Episcopal Church Women and marked UTO to: ECW, Diocese of Alabama, 521 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203-2611. Any other UTO donations received at any time should be sent in promptly; checks should not be held in your account. The interest earned on all offerings increases the amount that can be granted. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CHECKS TO NY OR NJ.

Grant applications are usually available by October and may be obtained from The Rev. Rob Morpeth at Carpenter House, page 5. Completed grant applications should be in the Diocesan office by December 31 for approval by Bishop Parsley. Copies also need to be mailed to the Diocesan UTO Coordinator, Barbara Carpenter, 111 Silver Creek Drive, Madison, AL 35758. A Short Form Application for a UTO Grant to assist with formation of a request, before the actual grant forms are available, is online or from Barbara Carpenter.

Supplies for parish needs should be ordered from the national UTO office at Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017, 1-800-903-5544; or place order online at www.episcopalparishservices.org. Inquiries may be made between 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. or by e-mail at ebr@episcopalchurch.org.

A beautiful UTO Alms Basin, made of silver and gold gathered from women of the Diocese of Alabama many years ago, is used at the Annual Fall Conference. It may be borrowed by any parish for an Ingathering or for a parish ECW meeting by contacting Eva Beard, 205-226-3510, at the Cathedral Church of the Advent.

The UTO Memorial and Gift Trust Fund is separate and apart from UTO Ingathering donations. Earnings from this fund assure income for administration and granting costs for the UTO committee, defrays the cost of UTO materials, especially the free materials including unlimited Blue Boxes, and supplements Blue Box offerings that are given as grants. The names of those who are honored or memorialized through this fund are permanently recorded in a book that is kept at the Episcopal Church Center in New York and is displayed at each Triennial Meeting. Contributions to the Memorial and Gift Trust Fund should be marked #852 and mailed to Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, UTO, Box 12095, Newark, NJ 07101. A Memorial and Gift Trust Fund brochure/envelope may be used for this gift.

Diocese of Alabama Scholarships

College Scholarships

Over the last decade or more, the Diocese of Alabama ECW has awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships to students in the Diocese of Alabama.

The ECW College Scholarship Program was born perhaps just prior to 1900 with a request from Bishop Richard Hooker Wilmer to John Ward Noble, the builder of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Anniston, Ala., to enable daughters of diocesan clergymen to attend the Noble Institute.

Since that time other funds have been established in recognition of people who have taken to heart the education of young people in our diocese; several of those funds include restrictions in addition to the policies of the ECW Board and Scholarship Committee. In recent years these named funds have been augmented significantly by the ECW General Scholarship Fund, which is derived from the diocesan and parish ECW budgets, memorials, alms and other gifts. Each year several scholarships are awarded by name, in honor of the donors whose dedication and vision continue to inspire us. In addition to Bishop Wilmer, those names include Edith Buell Wilson, Isla Hall Hilderbrand, Elizabeth Blair Pannell, Sarah Sterret Porter, Bishop Onell Soto and St. John's Church, Ensley.

All scholarships are based on need (40%), church involvement and activities (40%), and merit (20%). Applicants should be able to document information regarding their family's financial status (Form 1040). An application for a scholarship may be made every year a student is in college; however, an award to any one person is limited to a maximum of two years. Granted funds are mailed directly to the registrar's office of the college of the recipient's choice.

Seminarians are helped with CPC funds and are ineligible for ECW scholarships.

All applications and church involvement forms must be complete and postmarked by April 30th. All applicants must be a communicant of the Diocese of Alabama. The awards will be announced in June. Each application must be accompanied by a transcript, a photograph and a church involvement survey completed by the applicant's parish priest (or senior warden, if there is a vacancy). Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. If applying for a second scholarship, an evaluation by college chaplain is acceptable. Scholarship applications and Church Involvement Surveys may be requested from the Scholarship Chairman, Nancy Thompson, or downloaded on www.alabamaecw.org.

Scholarship Chair:

Nancy Thompson, 3816 Forest Glen Dr., Birmingham, AL 35213 205-879-3938,
scholarships@alabamaecw.org

Contributions to the Diocese of Alabama ECW College Scholarship Fund may be sent at any time to ECW, Diocese of Alabama, 521 N. 20th St., Birmingham, AL 35203-2611; please note on your check ECW Scholarship Fund.

In 2008, scholarships which total \$13,500 were awarded to 15 applicants.

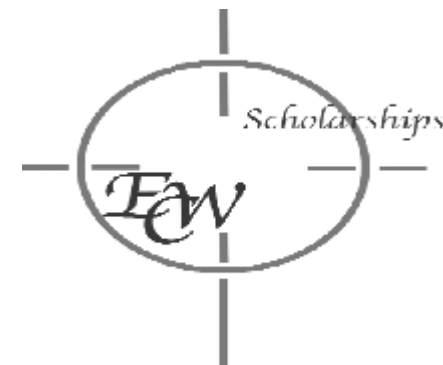
O God, you have given us a full measure, a generous helping poured into our hands, more than we can hold. Inspire us, we pray, to emulate your generous spirit.
Amen.

Women at the Well Scholarships

Beginning in 2008 women (both lay and clergy) are eligible to apply for a Women at the Well scholarship in order to receive help with spiritual refreshment. Each recipient can receive no more than \$400.

Contact The Rev. Deacon Katy Smith, 1220 Greensboro Road, Birmingham, AL 35208, 205-328-7820, smithdoc20@hotmail.com.

*A mighty God, whose loving hand hath given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor thee with our substance, and, remember the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen. Book of Common Prayer, p. 827*



Episcopal Ministries & Resources

THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB is dedicated solely to providing free printed material to those in need. CPC was founded in 1888 by Mary Ann Fargo, wife of a member of the Wells Fargo Express firm. On a trip to the Dakotas with her husband, she learned of the great need on the frontiers for Bibles and other spiritual literature. Mrs. Fargo and friends in her church in New York sent their bundles of books and periodicals westward to missionaries and pioneers via stagecoach. From this small beginning a great network of CPC has spread throughout the American Church.

The First Sunday in May is designated as CPC Sunday. Special prayers, a sermon on the ministry of the printed word and a special collection for CPC may be given on this Sunday. The funds collected are divided, at the discretion of the Diocesan board, between the diocese and the national church for distribution as needed. Hospitals, retirement homes, prison and juvenile facilities need books, magazines, Braille Bibles and other materials. Also our seminarians need textbooks. The money given buys printed material which, along with prayers, helps to "open the hearts" of many through preaching, teaching and healing. After CPC Sunday please mail a parish check to the ECW, Diocese of Alabama, 521 North 20th Street, Birmingham, AL 35203 marked "CPC/ECW." CPC handouts and ordering forms as well as a resource film, are available by contacting the CPC Coordinator listed on page 4.

In 2008 \$2215.27 was collected for CPC.



CURSILLO is an ongoing Christian renewal movement highlighted by a weekend experience at Camp McDowell, sponsored by the diocese five times each year. Contact your Rector or visit the Cursillo website at <http://www.alabamacursillo.org/calendar.htm>.

EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017. Applications for grants are awarded twice a year with deadline to the diocese February 15. Contact Judy Quick, the Diocesan Coordinator for ERD at jgquick@bellsouth.net, 205-669-6862.

HAPPENING is for young people. For more information contact Elaine Tindill-Rohr at elainehappening@gmail.com.

KAIROS is an ecumenical ministry to prison inmates; contact Wilson Webb at 2612 Scenic Highway, Gadsden, AL 35904; 256-478-0966; ybic@bellsouth.net.

KAIROS OUTSIDE is a Cursillo-styled weekend retreat for women with incarcerated loved ones, designed to show Christian support during this difficult time in their lives. For more information contact Inez Thompson, 256-730-7545 (home), 256-694-9861 (cell), inez.thompson@intergraph.com.

AID TO INMATE MOTHERS is a prison mission project directed toward mothers in prison, concerning visitation of their children. 207 Montgomery Street, Montgomery, AL 36014, (334) 262-2245.

THE BISHOP'S GUILD, formed in 1982 by the ECW of the Cathedral Church of the Advent, includes the Birmingham ECW Convocation. Its primary function is to coordinate receptions held in conjunction with the ordination of priests and other diocesan events held at the Cathedral. Some funds are provided by the ECW of the Cathedral, supplemented by donations from other parishes directly involved. If your parish is among those attending a function at the Cathedral, your participation is expected and is deeply appreciated. Contact the Bishop's Guild Chairman at The Cathedral Church of the Advent, page 5 or the Birmingham Convocation Coordinator, page 5.

CAMP McDOWELL is the Camp and Conference Center for the Diocese of Alabama. Located in Winston County, just off AL 195, between Jasper and Double Springs, it boasts beautiful woodlands, well-marked hiking trails and Clear Creek for canoeing. Contact information on page 5.

Triennial

Every third year, ECW representatives from all the dioceses in the Church meet at a national meeting known as Triennial. This meets simultaneously with General Convention. The next meeting will be held in the summer of 2009 in Anaheim, CA. What is now considered the first Triennial took place in 1874 when some 66 women from five dioceses met for one afternoon in New York City. They became the Women's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Episcopal church. The auxiliary concept remained for many years. It was applauded in an 1892 report from the Board of Missions to the General Convention as "the true idea of essential relations of the sexes." Not until 1958 was the "auxiliary" concept finally shed and the Episcopal Church Women was born.

Throughout the past 40 plus Triennials, Episcopal women have expressed their concern in many areas. As the Triennial Meetings do not have canonical status and are thus unable to make decisions binding upon the whole church, the women have felt free to be the innovators, the educators, the reconcilers and the missionaries. They also feel at liberty to express themselves in various ways and to influence the actions of the General Convention by their presence and their concern. The Triennial is often called "the heart of the convention."

At Triennial, UTO Grants are made, leadership training is given and the women attending learn first hand what is happening in the national church. Study guides, program ideas, inspirational and educational materials of all kinds are brought from Triennial back to the dioceses where they are available to convocations and parishes wishing to use them.

National ECW contacts may be found on the websites listed on page 5.

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in the Triennial and the General Convention for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, page 818

Other Resources

THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING is an Order for laywomen of the Episcopal Church. Every member pledges herself to a lifelong rule of prayer, service and personal evangelism, dedicated to the extension of Christ's kingdom and to strengthening the spiritual life of her parish. Contact information is listed on page 4. Motto: "For His sake...I am but one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do. What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do. Lord, what will You have me do?"

WILMER HALL Episcopal Children's Home, 3811 Old Shell Road, Mobile, AL 36608, (251) 342-4931; www.wilmerhall.org. It was founded in 1864 to help children orphaned by the Civil War. Today it includes The Murray School, foster care and transitional living.

OUR COMPANION DIOCESE. The Diocese of Haiti, and the Diocese of Alabama officially entered into a companion relationship in January of 2006, the goal of which is to support each other in ministry. We will focus on the six churches in the Croix des Bouquets parish for partnership in areas of education, healthcare, and potentially soil conservation. For more information contact Companion Diocese co-chairs Anne Kimzey (334) 834-2553, hanahanford@yahoo.com, or The Rev. Deacon David Drachlis, (256) 881-9302.

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH, Sewanee, Tenn., 37375, (931) 598-1000, Fax (931) 598-1145. Contact Sewanee or your Rector for information on education and ministry.

WOMEN OF VISION is a national ECW Leadership training course, with presenters available in the diocese to come to your parish. Contact Cecil P. Williamson, 1904 Marengo Drive, Demopolis, AL 36732, (223) 289-0577 (day), (334) 289-4952 (night), cpw@westal.net.

KANUGA CONFERENCE CENTER is located in the Blue Ridge Mountains on 1200 wooded acres. Conferences are scheduled during the year and a Guest Period is mid-July to August. P.O. Box 250, Hendersonville, NC 28793, (828) 692-9136, (828) 696-3589 fax; www.kanuga.org.

Publicity

All parishes are encouraged to send information (including photographs) to the Publicity Chair for any ECW event/activity .

- The preferred method to send information to the Publicity Chair is electronically in the body of an e-mail or in a word processing document attached to an e-mail. It also may be sent on a CD or a floppy disk.

Digital photographs in .jpg format are preferred. If not sent electronically, information may be submitted by postal mail.

- For “The Apostle” Diocesan Newsletter, electronic submissions: Any information to be submitted to “The Apostle” must be received by the Publicity Chair by the first of the month preceding the month in which it will appear. Any and all upcoming ECW events can be listed as “dates to remember” or “mark your calendar” in “The Apostle.” Information submitted by fax or postal mail must be received at least 2 weeks before the first of the month preceding the month in which it will appear in “The Apostle.”

- For www.alabamaecw.org Diocese of Alabama ECW website: Information to be posted on the ECW website, can be sent at any time to the Publicity Chair. Please allow at least a week for this to be posted.

- The Publicity Chair, Fiona Watts, can be reached at:
publicity@alabamaecw.org or
 2940 Clydebank Circle
 Birmingham, AL 35242
 205-991-2884(H) / 205-913-6334(C)

Post items for sale at Marketplace at www.alabamaecw.org

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, page 827

Publications

EPISCOPAL LIFE, 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017
<http://www.episcopal-life.org>

LIVING CHURCH, 407 E. Michigan Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202
<http://www.livingchurch.org/>

FORWARD DAY BY DAY, 412 Sycamore, Cincinnati, OH 45202
<http://www.forwardmovement.org/>

ANGLICAN DIGEST, 805 CR 102, Eureka Springs, AR 72632
<http://anglicandigest.org>

CATHEDRAL AGE, quarterly magazine, Washington National Cathedral, Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, NW, Washington, DC 20016-5098, (202) 364-6616, www.nationalcathedral.org. Catalog is available from the Museum Store, which has a wide-ranging selection of books and gifts, and slide presentations on a number of historical, educational and inspirational subjects relating to the National Cathedral from needlepoint to church Christmas decorations. (800) 319-7073. National Cathedral Association representative from Alabama is Bettye Benjamin, (334) 278-3381, bettyeb@htcnet.net.

COMMUNIQUE, The Quarterly Magazine for ECW. To subscribe send check for \$10, payable to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, to Patricia Ann Tourangeau, 4443 Doe Path Lane, Lafayette, IN 47905 (765) 449-1313, PattyT67@comcast.net.

EPISCOPAL MEDIA CENTER, <http://www.episcopalmedia.org>. Cassettes and study guides are available for purchase on a rich variety of subjects. Catalog is available upon request. 3379 Peachtree Road, NW, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 233-5419.

ECW WEBSITE, www.alabamaecw.org, includes a webpage, Marketplace, for posting information on parish projects such as cookbooks, tea towels, CDs, etc., that are available for purchase on an ongoing basis. The website includes sections for calendar, events, photo gallery, etc. Please visit the website and use it often.

Organization of the Episcopal Church

EPISCOPAL CHURCH CENTER, see page 5

CONSTITUENCY: 118 dioceses

GENERAL CONVENTION is held every three years to decide the general program for the Church. This legislative body is composed of two houses: HOUSE OF BISHOPS and HOUSE OF DEPUTIES. The membership of the House of Bishops consists of all bishops in The Episcopal Church (active or retired). The membership of the House of Deputies consists of four clergy and four lay deputies elected by each diocese and jurisdiction.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL carries out church policy between conventions; this 41-member body meets quarterly.

TRIENNIAL is the meeting of the ECW, held concurrently with General Convention. See page 41.

GEOGRAPHICAL DIVISIONS

A PROVINCE is a number of dioceses in general proximity. There are nine provinces in the Episcopal Church. The Diocese of Alabama is in Province IV, which also includes the dioceses of Kentucky, Lexington, Tennessee, West Tennessee, East Tennessee, Western North Carolina, North Carolina, East Carolina, Upper South Carolina, South Carolina, Atlanta, Georgia, Mississippi, Central Gulf Coast, Louisiana, Florida, Central Florida, Southwest Florida and Southeast Florida. Contact information on page 5.

A DIOCESE is a number of congregations within a geographical area, under the jurisdiction of a Bishop.

A CONVOCATION is a number of parishes in a general geographic area, meeting and working together. The Diocese of Alabama has seven convocations. See pages 5, 6 and 7.

A PARISH is a community of people who worship and work together. A parish is generally self-supporting.

National Organization of the ECW

The purpose of this organization shall be to assist the women of the Episcopal Church to carry on Christ's work in the reconciliation in the world and to take their place in the life, governance and worship of the Church.

Who we are: Women of all ages, ethnic origins, socioeconomic backgrounds in the Episcopal Church USA, who choose to participate: homemaker, working mother, career woman, ordained, single, married, widowed, divorced. ECW provides a framework for joint ventures with the many sister organizations within the Episcopal Church USA.

- National Association Diocesan Altar Guilds
- United Thank Offering, see page 38
- Episcopal Women's Caucus
- Girls Friendly Society
- Episcopal Society Ministry to Aging
- Commission on Black Ministries
- Women in Seminaries
- Fellowship of Church Secretaries
- Black Women's Task Force
- Church Periodical Club, see page 40
- Daughters of the King, see page 41
- Episcopal Women's History Project
- Religious Orders
- Asian Ministries
- National Committee on Indian Work
- Women in Deaconate
- Council for Women's Ministries
- Women in Integrity

In addition, ECW works with female members of the Episcopal Communicators Network, Executive Council and Overseas Development Office.



About our logo: The Cross represents Christ and our service to Him in the world. The Circle stands for our hope for wholeness in our lives. The out-flowing lines from the center depict the many works of the Episcopal Church Women, going out into the world. The intertwined lines represent our lives centered in Christ.

Prayers

ECW PRAYER

Almighty God, bless we pray, our work in mission and ministry in the world and make us so thankful for the precious gift to your beloved Son, that we may pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make known throughout the world the redeeming love of our Savior. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT ANNE

Glorious Saint Anne, filled with compassion for those who invoke thee, and with love for those who suffer, heavily laden with the weight of my trouble, I cast myself at thy feet and humbly beg of thee to take the present affair which I recommend under thy special protection.

Vouchsafe to recommend it to thy Daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and lay it before the throne of Jesus, so that He may bring it to a happy issue. Cease not to intercede for me until my request is granted. Above all, obtain for me the grace of one day beholding my God face to face, and with Thee and Mary and all the Saints, praising and blessing Him to all eternity. Amen.

THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB PRAYER

Bless, O Lord, the Church Periodical Club that it may be an instrument for the spread of your word throughout the world. Grant to its officers wisdom and patience, to its members perseverance and the spirit of sharing that asks no return. Bring many more to take part in its work of service. Bless our gifts and those who receive them to the enrichment of individual lives that we may all be servants of the risen Lord. Amen.

UNITED THANK OFFERING PRAYER

O God, who art the hope of all peoples everywhere, we thank Thee for the outpourings of love and generosity which have enabled us to respond to some of the world's needs in places far and near; guide us as we face changing times and new frontiers; keep our hearts thankful and our vision clear as we seek to fulfill our ministry as members of the body of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

May God be within us to refresh us; around us to protect us; before us to guide us; above us to hold us up; Who lives and reigns, One God, world without end. Amen.

Hymn to Saint Anne

Spotless Anna! Juda's glory!
Through the Church, from East to West,
Ev'ry tongue proclaims thy praises,
Holy Mary's Mother blest.

Saintly kings and priestly sires
Blended in thy sacred line;
Thou in virtue, all before thee
Didst excell by grace divine.

Linked in bonds of purest wedlock,
Thine it was for us to bear,
By the favor of high Heaven,
Our eternal Virgin Star.

From thy stem in beauty budded
Ancient Jesse's mystic rod;
Earth from thee received the Mother
Of th'almighty Son of God.

All the human race benighted
In the depths of darkness lay,
When in Anne it saw the dawning
Of the long expected day.

Honor, glory, virtue, merit,
Be to Thee, O Virgin's Son!
With the Father and the Spirit,
While eternal ages run.

-Edward Caswall,

From The Dominican Hymn book,
Published by Burns and Oates,
London, 1881.



St. Anne, Durer



Virgin and Child with St. Anne, Benson

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