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Saint Mary Magdalene

Mary of Magdala near Capernum was one of several women who followed Jesus and ministered to him in Galilee. The Gospels tell us that Mary was healed by Jesus, followed him, and was one of those who stood near his cross at Calvary. Mary's life was radically changed by Jesus' healing. Her ministry of service and steadfast companionship, even as a witness to the crucifixion, has, throughout the centuries, been an example of the faithful ministry of women to Christ. All four Gospels name Mary as one of the women who went to the tomb to mourn and care for Jesus' body. Jesus' tender response to her grief - meeting her in the garden, revealing himself to her by calling her name - makes her the first witness to the risen Lord. She is given the command, "Go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." (John 20:17) As the first messenger of the resurrection, she tells the disciples, "I have seen the Lord." (John 20:18)

Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and mind, and called her to be a witness to the resurrection: Mercifully grant that by your grace we may be healed from all our infirmities and know you in the power of his unending life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen

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Calendar of Events

If you would like to see your event listed here, please email Clelia. If you would like to see your event listed in the [diocesan calendar](#), please email Barbara.

SAVE THE DATES

Jul 26, CHURCH PICNIC AT WHITAKER PARK following the 9:30 AM service, St. Stephen's, Reno.

Aug 3, DEADLINE FOR DESERT SPIRIT ARTICLES. If you have something you would like published please email your submission to hallie.murphy@sbcglobal.net

Aug 16, ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, Pahrump, 10:30 AM. Bishop Dan will lead the congregation in this joyous celebration. Reception with lunch will follow the service. **Please join us!!!**


Sep 3, CHRISTIAN BASICS: An Outline of the Faith (found in the Book of Common Prayer) offered by the Frensdorff School beginning Sep 13 at St. Peter's Church in Carson City. This class is open to anyone seeking educational formation into baptismal discipleship. The class will meet twice monthly on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 - 4:00 PM. The first semester (Sep - Dec) will follow the theme "A Community of Revelation." The second semester (Feb - May) will continue with the theme "A Community of Reconciliation." The class facilitator will be Chuck McCray. Please contact frensdorff.school@gmail.com for more information.



Sep 5-6, THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAM; Animal Stories for the Soul, presented by William Miller, Christ Church, Las Vegas. Saturday 5:00 PM - Sermon; Sunday 8:00 AM - Sermon; 9:15 AM - Lecture: *A Conversation with Dog*; 10:30 AM - Sermon. Book signing to follow. For information call 702-735-7655

Oct 3, SPIRITUAL THEOLOGY OF THE EUCHARIST AND ITS PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS: A Roving Workshop by Bishop Dan, St. Paul's Church, Elko. No Charge. [For Additional Information](#)

Oct 22 - 25, DIOCESAN CONVENTION: I Love To Tell The Story; Keynote Speaker: Fr. Jake aka Fr. Terry Martin. Harvey's Resort & Casino, Lake Tahoe Area. [For Reservations](#)

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Bishop Dan's Pastoral Letter To All Episcopal Churches In Nevada



"In the Diocese of Nevada, we are exceptional at knowing where we stand and letting our neighbor do likewise. But not everyone is so mature. There will be dissension in other dioceses and internationally. While this convention was by a county mile the most harmonious Episcopal gathering in recent memory, we usually have some post-convention uproar. So I ask you to hold the entire Anglican Communion in prayer as we come to terms with the aftermath of General Convention. Please pray for one another and for the success of our new mission and ministry ventures for the sake of the gospel of Jesus here in Nevada."

"May God bless you richly and keep you in holy peace."

Bishop Dan Edwards

These are the concluding remarks of Bishop Dan's *Pastoral Letter To Be Read To All Episcopal Churches In Nevada At Sunday Worship* issued on Saturday, July 18, 2009, directly following the conclusion on the 2009 General Convention. Bishop Dan kept us all informed, throughout the ten-day convention, of the proceedings and significant events. To read and learn more about the convention, please go to Bishop Dan's Blog at <http://www.bishopdansblog.blogspot.com>



Desert Angels Health Tip of the Week

Emergency First Aid and CPR information are just a touch away if you own an Apple iPod or iPhone. The American Heart Association has developed a Pocket First Aid and CPR application that users can download to review first aid and CPR procedures at any time, and in any place. Information provided by the program is extensive ranging from what to do in an emergency; how emergencies affect responders; how to respond to heart attacks, strokes, choking, burns, bites, and broken ones, etc. Many subjects are accompanied by brief video clips, pictures, and diagrams. There is also a section for you to enter extensive medical and contact information about yourself. To download this program onto your device, go to the iTunes store and search "Applications" for "First Aid and CPR." Cost is \$3.99

News Briefs



Bishop Dan's Blog - "Why are readers from Hong Kong, Canada, California, and Virginia commenting on Bishop Dan's blog? Check it out. <http://www.bishopdansblog.blogspot.com>

Food Drive at Christ Church, Las Vegas. Please remember when you go to the grocery store to pick up a couple of items for the Food Pantry at Christ Church, or the Christ Church Homeless Youth Shelter. Homeless youth cannot get food from the Adult Food Pantry. The teens need foods that are eat-and-go items. Place the teen food donations in the cart on the organ side of the church. Both teens and adult need bottled water. Thank you.

I am an Episcopalian - [Ministry Is What It's All About](#)

Episcopal Recovery Ministries in Nevada is in formation and will have its first meeting at Diocesan Convention in October. If you would like to participate in this ministry, or have questions, please contact Kathie Knutson Meier at knutenote@cox.net (702-684-6444 or 253-250-9531), or have a look at the home page <http://www.episcopalrecoveryministries.org>

Diocesan Convention, Harvey's, South Lake Tahoe - Thursday, Oct. 22 - Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009.

Theme: I Love to Tell the Story. Keynote Speaker: Fr. Jake, aka Fr. Terry Martin. When you book your room online there is NO FEE. [Online Booking](#)



A Bus Trip to Lake Tahoe for the Diocesan Convention in October will be sponsored by St. Matthew's, Las Vegas. For information, or to make a reservation, contact Thelma Northrup at (702)-889-3929; or email stmatts@embarqmail.com

Resolution Committee Formed - The Resolution Committee for the Diocesan Convention 2009 has formed. The members are: Rev. Victoria Daniel Riley, Chair; Rev. Helen McPeak; Fred Lee; and Margaret Bouzek. All resolutions must be submitted to Rev. Riley not less than 90 days prior to the first day of the convention. Please submit resolutions via email to vriley@nevadajustice.org, or by U.S. mail to Rev. Victoria Daniel Riley, 2769 Wellington North, Carson City, NV 89703.

Desert Angels - A Parish Nursing Program of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. This is a new ministry whose mission is to bring health and healing to the parish communities of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. The group will have a booth and planning meeting at the October convention. If you are interested in learning more, or joining us, please contact Clelia Garrity at 775-253-5579.



The Following Groups will meet during Convention on Saturday, Oct 24 from 1:30 - 3:30 PM: Episcopal Recovery Ministries; Episcopal Church Women; Desert Angels: Health Care Ministries; Parish Treasurers; Mission Support Team; Ministry Development Commission; Green Team: Environmental Ministries; Faith & Visual Arts Ministries.

Bishop Dan encourages those interested in these ministries to attend even if they are not otherwise involved in Convention.

Strategic Planning Committee maps the future for the Episcopal Church

A newly formed Strategic Planning Committee is at work soliciting opinions from throughout The Episcopal Church. Among the areas addressed are: evangelism; multi cultural issues; worship; music and liturgy; youth and young adults; mission; leadership; advocacy; and social justice. **To access the survey:** http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Wu5175KPqOhmGku87xaL6a_3D_3D

The Bishop Wes Frensdorff School of Christian Formation: A new Education Venture of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada. The school's mission is *To bring together all Nevada Episcopalians for Christian formation, empowering each other to live deeply into our Baptismal Covenant in our relationships, service in daily life, and witness to the world.* To learn more [Contact](#).

The Beauty of God's Holiness: A Liturgical Art Exhibit at General Convention, Presented by the National Altar Guild. [For Further Information](#)

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The Episcopal Diocese of Nevada embraces 6,000 members from communities throughout Nevada and Bullhead City, Arizona in 34 congregations and 2 new faith communities. Our electronic newsletter service and print journal, The Desert Spirit, are provided to parishes and members free of charge.

Persons interested in the ministry of communications may contact [Barbara, Hallie](#), or [Karl](#) to get involved.

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