

## Channing Moore Williams



Bishop Williams, a farmer's son, was born in Richmond, Virginia in 1829. He attended William and Mary College and Virginia Theological Seminary. Ordained deacon in 1855, he offered himself for work in China where he was ordained priest in 1857. Two years later he was sent to Nagasaki, Japan. His first convert was baptized in 1866, the year he was chosen bishop for both China and Japan.

Relieved of his responsibility in China in 1874, Williams made his base at Yedo (now Tokyo), where he founded a divinity school, later to become St. Paul's University. He also helped to bring together the English and American missions to form the Holy Catholic Church of Japan. After resigning in 1889, Williams lived in Kyoto, and continued to work in the opening of new missions until his return to America in 1908. He died in Richmond, Virginia in 1910.

*Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant Channing Moore Williams, whom you called to preach the Gospel to the people of China and Japan. Raise up in this and every land evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, that your Church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*

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# Calendar of Events

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## SAVE THE DATES

**Sep - May, 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](mailto:frensdorff.school@gmail.com) for more information.

**Dec 5, ANTI-RACISM TRAINING, Christ Church, Las Vegas; 9:00 AM - 12 Noon.** Attendance satisfies the Diocesan anti-racism training requirement for 2010. Please have your parish contact Barbara Lewis at 702-737-9190.

**Dec 5, THE NAKED NOW: Learning To See Like the Mystics presented by Fr. Richard Rohr, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM,** St. Joseph, Husband of Mary Church, 7260 W. Sahara Ave, Las Vegas. The Cost is \$50 (\$30 for students and the unemployed). For information, or to register call 702-243-4040.

**Dec. 5, LIZETTE'S TOUCH JEWELRY in the Parish Center, 1:00 - 4:00 PM,** Grace in the Desert, Las Vegas.

**Dec 7, ROSE ARMITAGE OF HOLY SPIRIT, Bullhead City, AZ will celebrate her 100th birthday.** She is still active and in the pew on Sunday morning. Fr. Starkes encourages people to send cards and messages to Rose at: Rose Armitage, Sunridge Village, 839 Landon Dr., Bullhead City, AZ 86429.

**Dec 12, ADVENT RETREAT, St. Paul's, Elko; 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.** Lunch will be provided. To RSVP, email [kalbrethsen@yahoo.com](mailto:kalbrethsen@yahoo.com), or call 775-738-3264.

**Dec 12, DAY OF ART FOR KIDS, Grace in the Desert, Las Vegas.** For information call 702-838-7444

**Dec 13, MYRON HEATON CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT, 4:00 PM, Grace in the Desert.** For information call 702-838-7444

**Dec 18-19, DAWN, DAY AND DUSK: SETTING A MODERN CLOCK BY ANCIENT HOURS: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE CHRISTIAN PRACTICE OF CONTEMPLATION, A LAKE TAHOE RETREAT,** an offering of the the Office of Young Adult Ministries of the Episcopal Church, USA; the Frensdorff School of Christian Formation; and St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Carson City. 5:00 PM Friday 12/18 - 6:00 PM Saturday 12/19. Registration deadline 12/04/2009. Cost \$40.00- all meals included. To register contact [frensdorff.school@gmail.com](mailto:frensdorff.school@gmail.com)

**Dec 20, CEREMONY OF LESSONS AND CAROLS, 10:30 AM,** All Saints', Las Vegas

**Dec 24, CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 10:30 PM,** All Saints', Las Vegas

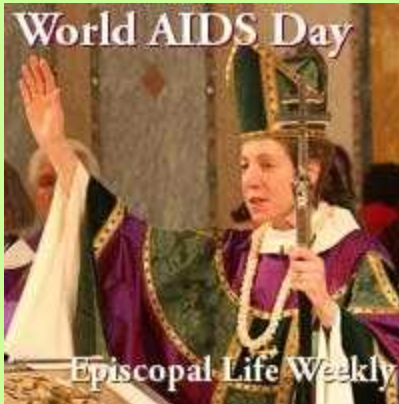
**Jan 10, BAPTISM OF THE LORD - EPIPHANY CHORAL EVENSONG WITH RECITAL: BEDE PARRY, ORGANIST, 5:30 PM,** All Saints', Las Vegas

**Feb 14, ORGAN RECITAL - HANS U. HIELSCHER, International Recitalist, 7:30 P.M.,** All Saint's, Las Vegas.

**Feb 17, ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY WITH SPECIAL MUSIC BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 7:00 PM,** All Saints', Las Vegas

**Mar 28, PALM SUNDAY - CONCERT BY ALL SAINTS' CHOIR, 5:30 PM,** All Saints', Las Vegas

# World AIDS Day



"December 1 each year is World AIDS Day, an occasion both to remember the 25 million beloved children who have lost their lives to the pandemic over the past three decades, and to rededicate ourselves to building a future without AIDS. This year, new challenges both at home and abroad remind us again of the costly work that remains in the world's fight to eradicate AIDS.

The Episcopal Church has shown distinguished leadership on this issue through the years and, despite current challenges, I fervently hope that our combined witness and advocacy will grow. I urge all Episcopalians to join our Church's advocacy efforts by becoming members of the Episcopal Public Policy Network ( [www.episcopalchurch.eppen](http://www.episcopalchurch.eppen)), and I commend the work of the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition ( [www.neac.org](http://www.neac.org)), which, for several decades has helped to keep this issue visible within the Episcopal Church.

Let our prayer in this holy season be that the God who dwells among us, suffers and dies, yet rises again, will unite the will of all peoples to work toward finally conquering HIV/AIDS."

Katharine Jefferts Schori  
Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church



## Desert Angels Health Tip of the Week

Holiday Nutrition Tip

Recognize Your Body's "Stop Eating" Signals

During the holiday season, we all know how easy it is to over-indulge. It's almost a time-honored tradition! Just as you would think about when to start eating, tune in to when you should stop eating. You should feel satisfied but not completely full. Try pausing after half your food is gone. And watch portion sizes -- keep them small if you need visual cues so you know when to quit.

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## ADVENT 1

### In the Midst of Our Dark World

"I keep expecting loud and impressive events to convince me and others of God's saving power...Our temptation is to be distracted by them...When I have no eyes for the small signs of God's presence - the smile of a baby, the carefree play of children, the words of encouragement and gestures of love offered by friends - I will always remain tempted to despair.

The small child of Bethlehem, the unknown man of Nazareth, the rejected preacher, the naked man on the cross, *he* asks for my full attention. The work of our salvation takes place in the midst of a world that continues to shout, scream, and overwhelm us with its claims and promises. *Henri J. M. Nouwen, Gracias! A Latin Journal*

*Advent Action Today I will look for one small sign that God is present in my daily life. I will give thanks for that presence. If he is absent, I will resolve to find out why.*

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## NEWS BRIEFS

**St. Timothy's, Henderson offers a Grief Support Group**, both groups meet on the second and fourth Mondays and Thursdays of the month at the church. The groups are facilitated by hospice chaplains; meeting times are: Mondays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 6:30 PM. The groups offer support for those who have experienced any sort of loss. 43 W. Pacific Ave. in Henderson.

**Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Fallon offers a Bereavement Support "drop-in" group** the 2nd Monday of every month from 6:00 - 7:00 PM at the vicarage.

**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 253-250-953, or 702-684-6444. The national website is <http://episcopalrecovery.org>

**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 go to the new Frensdorff School of Christian Formation website: <http://frensdorffschool.webs.com/> You may contact them at: [frensdorff.school@gmail.com](mailto:frensdorff.school@gmail.com)

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