



Columba, Abbot of Iona

Columba was born in Ireland in 521, and early in life showed scholarly and clerical ability. He entered the monastic life, and almost immediately set forth on missionary travels. Even before ordination to the presbyterate in 551, he had founded monasteries at Derry and Durrow. Twelve years after his ordination, Columba and a dozen companions set out for northern Britain, where the Picts were generally ignorant of Christianity. Columba was kindly received, allowed to preach, convert, and baptize. He was also given possession of the island of Iona, where according to legend, his tiny boat had washed ashore. He founded the celebrated monastery which became the center of conversion for the Picts. From Iona, his disciples went out to found other monasteries, which in turn, became centers of missionary activity. Columba made long journeys through the Highlands, as far as Aberdeen. He often returned to Ireland to attend synods, and thus established Iona as a link between Irish and Pictish Christians. Columba died peacefully while working on a copy of the Psalter. He had put down his pen, rested a few hours, and at Matins was found dead before the Altar, a smile on his face.

O God, by the preaching of your blessed servant Columba you caused the light of the Gospel to shine in Scotland: Grant, we pray, that having his life and labors in remembrance, we may show our thankfulness to you by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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SAVE THE DATES

Jun 10-12, EPISCOPAL VILLAGE MISSION EVENT (EpV) - WEST, Portland, OR. At this event you will learn more about the many opportunities for engaging God's mission in today's post-modern and post-Christian culture in North America. Discover ancient and new ways to engage emerging and fresh expressions of church and mission in your parish and diocese. Take part in EpV as a new missional network and community of support within the TEC. For information, or to register <http://epvwest.eventbrite.com/>

Jun 12, ORDERS OF MINISTRY: SHAPING THE CHURCH FOR LIFE, Roving Workshop presented by Bishop Dan Edwards, 9:00 AM - Noon, St. Paul's, Sparks. The workshop will look at the roles of laity, priests, deacons, and bishops. Who is responsible for what? What is special in the spirit of each order? What's up to the vestry and warden? What's up to the priest? What's up to the deacon? What is a rector, a priest in charge, an assistant? How can we best share the ministries so that we all grow and God is glorified?

Jun 12, LAY LITURGICAL LEADERSHIP: a Worship Workshop led by Chuck McCray, Canon for Adult Formation, 1:00 - 5:00 PM, Christ Church, Las Vegas. A program for all persons interested in the liturgical ministries of *Worship Leader* or *Eucharistic Visitor*. All are invited to the *Holy Eucharist in Jazz* celebrated at 5:00 PM. To preregister email: frensdorff.school@gmail.com

Jun 14-18, PREACHING CLASS, St. Paul's, Sparks 6:30-9:00 PM each night, presented by the Rev. Jim Beebe. Anyone interested should contact Linda Smith at 775-626-9169, or lsmith2007@sbcglobal.net

Jun 15, BREAD FOR THE WORLD LOBBY DAY, Bread for the World members and churches will travel to the nation's capitol and meet with members of Congress. This is a powerful way for church members to make the connection between their Christian faith and citizenship. For more information visit www.bread.org/lobbyday

Jun 15, EPIPHANY BOOK CLUB, Henderson, will meet at 6:30 to discuss *March*, the 2006 Pulitzer Prize winner by Geraldine Brooks, a fictional account during the Civil War to the father of Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*.

Jun17-19, 24th ANNUAL WESTBERG PARISH NURSE SYMPOSIUM; Thriving in a Changing World. Embassy Suites & St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles MO. [For information, or to register](#)

Jun 26, HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN'S GARAGE/YARD SALE, 507 Churchill St., Fallon.

Jul 11-18, A BENEDICTINE EXPERIENCE, Bishop's Ranch, Healdsburg, CA. A time to nurture and strengthen our daily lives through prayer and spiritual companionship. For detailed information, or to register, please contact The Friends of St. Benedict at 202-363-8061, or saintbenedict@prospect-tech.com

Jul 24, GALILEE BENEFIT CONCERT, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Incline Village, 3:00 PM. Music will be performed by pianist Andrew Campbell and violinist Katie McLin. All proceeds go to Galilee Episcopal Camp and Conference Center. Admission Fee \$20. For tickets, please contact Galilee at 775-749-5546, or visit

the St. Patrick's Church Office.

Aug 10, MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE DIOCESE OF NEVADA offered by the Episcopal Divinity School. An eight-week online course that focuses on identifying ways to empower people to effectively engage in the world through the ministry of the baptized. No fee. To enroll contact frensdorff.school@gmail.com

Aug 14, GALILEE 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, 2:00 - 8:00 PM. Barbecue Dinner at 6:00 PM. We will celebrate this important anniversary with an afternoon of barbecue, as well as singing, kayaking, guided hikes, and a worship service. No registration is necessary for those coming for the day. For those interested in staying the night, the cost is \$40/person, which includes a brunch on August 15th. To make reservations, please call 775-749-5546.

Aug 31, APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR ARTISTS TO REPRESENT THEIR PARISH AT THE 2010 DIOCESE OF NEVADA CONVENTION IN OCTOBER. Add inspirational art to the Diocese of Nevada. Create and share your works of visual art at the 2010 convention. For information, or to submit a piece of artwork, contact Meg Tarble at megtarble@hotmail.com 4500 Pisa Dr. Reno, NV 89509; 775-827-2516.

Sep 3-6, SOLO FLIGHT AT 20: VISIONING THE FUTURE FOR SINGLE ADULTS IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Richmond, VA. As Solo Flight gathers for its 20th consecutive year, the coordinators are discerning the future and looking to conduct visioning sessions centering on being single in The Episcopal Church. For further information and registration: <http://www.soloflightministry.net>

Sep 8, PASTORAL CARE EDUCATION: AN ONLINE INTRODUCTION TO THE FUNDAMENTALS OF PASTORAL CARE offered by the Frensdorff School of Christian Education. The two-semester class will offer a complete overview of the basic disciplines of pastoral care. It will be taught via Adobe Connect by Jodi Lediard, Maryellen Waltz, Clelia Garrity, Jan Olandese, and Bishop Dan Edwards. The class is strongly recommended for persons currently in vocational discernment for Holy Orders, or for those persons who have been ordained but unable to attend formal Clinical Pastoral Education. Registration for the class is limited. Contact frensdorff.school@gmail.com

Sep 18, SERVANT-LEADERSHIP, a model of leadership that is based on shared power, shared decision-making, building trust, collaboration, and mutual accountability. Servant-Leadership training seeks to draw on the gifts, strengths, and abilities of each person in the congregation. **Trinity Church, Reno, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.** Workshop space is limited. To enroll contact frensdorff.school@gmail.com

Sep 19, SERVANT-LEADERSHIP, a model of leadership that is based on shared power, shared decision-making, building trust, collaboration, and mutual accountability. Servant-Leadership training seeks to draw on the gifts, strengths, and abilities of each person in the congregation. **Christ Church, Las Vegas, 1:00 - 5:00 PM.** Workshop space is limited. To enroll contact frensdorff.school@gmail.com

Oct 8-10, 1ST ANNUAL DIOCESAN WOMEN'S RETREAT sponsored by St. Peter's Church, Carson City. The diocesan-wide retreat for Women of Faith will be held at Galilee Episcopal Camp and Conference Center. Co-leaders are Rev. Helen McPeak of Epiphany, Henderson and Rev. Stefani Schatz, Rector of Trinity, Reno. All women of the diocese are welcome and encouraged to bring friends. The cost for the weekend is \$145 - \$160. This includes all meals. To register call 775-749-5546, or send a \$50 non-refundable check to Galilee, PO Box 236, Glenbrook, NV 89413.

Oct. 30, ORDERS OF MINISTRY: SHAPING THE CHURCH FOR LIFE, Roving Workshop presented by Bishop Dan Edwards, 9:00 AM - Noon, St. Bartholomew's, Ely. The workshop will look at the roles of laity, priests, deacons, and bishops. Who is responsible for what? What is special in the spirit of each order? What's up to the vestry and warden? What's up to the priest? What's up to the deacon? What is a rector, a priest in charge, an assistant? How can we best share the ministries so that we all grow and God is glorified?

Oct. 22-24, DIOCESAN CONVENTION, Santa Fe Casino Hotel, N. Rancho Drive, Las Vegas. Delegates and guests are asked to register in advance. Travelers should call the Santa Fe Casino Hotel at 702-658-4900 to make room reservations. Please mention that you are attending the Episcopal Church Convention to get the group discount rate. Icebreaker Thursday night, Oct. 21, 7-9 PM. Todos Los Santos will host our fellowship gathering at All Saints' Church, Las Vegas. Please continue to check our website for forms, information, etc.

Ponderings & Prayers



Prayer for the Gulf of Mexico

We pray today for the preservation of our natural environment, especially the Gulf of Mexico and the lands and waters it touches: Guide those who labor to contain the oil that endangers the creatures of sea and land;

Strengthen those who work to protect them; Have mercy on those whose livelihoods will suffer; Forgive us for our carelessness in using the resources of nature, and give us wisdom and reverence so to manage them in the future, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through

Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Desert Angels Health Tip of the Week

What Does Health Care Ministry Look Like?

It looks a lot like this:



A parishoner who is mostly alone all week long gets to talk to other parishoners for 20 minutes before the service. After this, he feels better, and is better able to participate in the service and receive the Spirit.

Prayer blankets and shawls are made and donated by someone who can no longer get out for services and feels alone and useless.

Coffee hour has been moved to where everyone can congregate, despite any physical handicaps or frailities.

A parishoner talks to a designated nurse in the parish about a physical symptom. The nurse, encourages the parishoner to make an appointment with their doctor, and helps with arrangements for transportation.

These are just a few examples of how health ministry contributes to the life of a congregation. For more information about how you can make your congregation healthier contact www.episcopalhealthministries.org

NEWS BRIEFS

Summer Camp at Camp Galilee 2010: Camp Galilee is excited to offer another faith-filled summer program in 2010. Hiking, art projects, team building, singing, camping under the stars, kayaking, and inspiring worship services are among the many activities that will be offered this summer on the beautiful shores of Lake Tahoe. For information, or to register, contact <http://galileetahoe.org/>

St. Thomas, Las Vegas will offer continuing education classes beginning June 19 at 10:00 AM. We will be studying Deuteronomy, followed by History of the Episcopal Church (a video class)

All Saints' Parish Youth has Bible Study and Fellowship, Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:30 PM

RAPT in PRAYER, a prayer shawl ministry that meets at St. Peter's, Carson City in the library the first Saturday and the first Thursday of each month. Patterns and yarn are available; all knitters need to bring is needles. June meetings are on the 3rd and 12th. All are welcome - we can teach knitting, as well.

The first Wednesday of every month:

Naomi and Ruth Circle - Healing through Friendship and Prayer: A support group for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, 5:45 - 6:45 PM, Trinity Episcopal Library, 200 Island St. Reno. We will be reading and discussing the book "*Enduring Grace: Living Portraits of Seven Women Mystics*", by Carol Lee Flinders.

Epiphany, Henderson Loss and Grieving Support Group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

Mondays at 7:00 PM - Contemplative Prayer, Epiphany, Henderson.

Epiphany Adult Sunday School meets every Sunday at 9:15 AM in the Fellowship Room.

Saturdays at 8:00 AM Epiphany's Men's Group Breakfast: Rae's Restaurant, Alternating weeks.

An Informal, Contemporary Eucharist at 5:30 PM every fourth Saturday of the month at St. Christopher's, Boulder City.

Special Youth Breakfast and Bible Lesson the first Sunday of every month at 9:00 AM, St. Christopher's, Boulder City.

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.

and

Two 8 week Bereavement Support sessions are also offered in the Fall (September 30th - November 18th) on Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the Vicarage.

and

A "drop-in" Bereavement Group meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at CARES Cottage in Yerington (306 Surprise Street) from 1:00 - 2:00 PM

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

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