

Faith Alive!

An Extraordinary Faith Building Experience For The Entire Church Family

OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2009

Faith Alive! 431 Richmond Pl. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106

Faith Alive Board Meets

Ministry Continues to Grow Small Groups, Energize Youth Ministry, Empower Stewardship and Outreach, Raise Up New Leaders

Driving into the spacious and welcoming Christ the King Spiritual Life Center, past grazing goats and a few cows shepherded by the Sisters of St. Mary, members of the Board of Faith Alive worshipped and dined and contemplated in fellowship with the Saints.

As this Christ-proclaiming ministry enters its 40th year, blessings abound. Reports of past Weekends are Spirit-filled, as reported in Newsletters published since 1970.

And challenges continue as we seek to serve churches large and small, provide diversity on witnessing teams, and avoid the distractions of church politics and “murmurs.”

As recruiting is underway to provide team for 3,800-member Cathedral Church of the Advent in Birmingham, AL, in late January, a Board committee will be considering how to better serve the very small mission church, particularly those

From Richardson, TX

Our Faith Alive Weekend was a joyous coming together of our parish communion. Christ was powerfully present in our small groups, in our homes, and in worship.

The Weekend rekindled a desire for more authentic Christian community and fellowship.

Excellent! The sharing was heartfelt: “real-life” experiences that related directly to parishioners’ lives.

*The Rev. William Cavanaugh, Rector
Church of the Epiphany
Jerry Steege, Coordinator*

far from major airports and causing all team members to invest in substantial travel costs.

A greater effort is being made to obtain birth dates of team members, thus assisting Coordinators as they seek diversity. Creative new measures are being examined to attract young adults into leadership positions.

A further prayer concern was for Office Manager Beverly Maxwell, bravely battling cancer. She and others in leadership unable to attend the Board meeting were the special intentions of a powerful healing service led by our keynote speaker, internationally recognized Rev. Nigel Mumford.

Welcomed by Bishop William Love, Diocese of Albany, and Canon Matthew Baker, Executive Director of Christ the King, the meeting of the Board was refreshing, energizing, healing, and highly productive. Faith Alive Vice Chairman Tom Gizara was our host.

From Charlottesville, VA

The way the leader shared his stories really made the Faith Stories weekend. Funny, not over anyone’s head. Many were deeply touched and are still talking about something said during the retreat. The small-group time has stimulated new sharing groups.

People really felt the presence of God and the warmth and love of their fellow parishioners in this setting.

*Linda Broadbent, Retreat Chair
Church of Our Saviour
Tom Riley, Leader*

Bev Maxwell : Heaven Sent

Trusted friend and counsel to the family of Faith Alive, and far beyond, beloved Beverly Maxwell was promoted on September 21.



Office Manager for most of her nine years with Faith Alive, Beverly had been battling cancer for many months. She and her husband, Fr. Bob Maxwell, often told powerful stories of faith in ICU treatment rooms to fellow patients whose hope and faith was waning. She will be missed.

The Faith Alive Board met just weeks before her death. Its first resolution passed unanimously.

Board’s First Resolution

Be it resolved that, as its first action as a National Board on August 7, 2009, we celebrate the ongoing ministry of Office Manager Beverly Maxwell as counsel and empowered evangelist/ pastor, through the ministry of Faith Alive and through the doors opened by God’s grace to her and her husband, Fr. Bob Maxwell;

And be it further resolved that we mark this meeting, at this Holy Place and Healing Center, as a focus of prayer for her healing inwardly and outwardly, for peace for her and her beloved family; for continued discernment and power in her

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Call To Prayer



Churches, Coordinators and Teams depend on your prayer covering! Drop a note of encouragement to the Rector or Coordinator. Please continue your prayers for 2 or 3 weeks following the Weekend.

OCTOBER 16-18, 2009

Christ Episcopal Church

127 Barnum Ave.,
Port Jefferson, NY 11777
The Rev. Robert Brandt, Rector
Vince & Barbara Czepukaitis, Coordinators

OCTOBER 23-25, 2009

St. John's Episcopal Church

322 S. Franklin St., P.O. Box 323
Holbrook, MA 02343
The Rev. Robert Outman-Conant, Rector
Mal & Regina Gurney, Coordinators

St. John's Episcopal Church

139 Main St., P.O. Box 15
Massena, NY 13662
The Rev. Joel Grigg, Rector
Tom Gizara, Coordinator

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

600 Morgan Rd., Eden, NC 27288
The Rev. Michael Zumpf, Rector
Phil Workman, Coordinator

NOVEMBER 6-8, 2009

Grace Episcopal Church

15 W. Center St., P.O. Box 56
Mohawk, NY 13407
The Rev. William Wheeler, Vicar
Tom Gizara, Coordinator

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

885 High Mountain St.
Henderson, NV 89015
The Rev. C. Michael Annis, Rector
Hal Foss, Coordinator

NOVEMBER 13-15, 2009

St. Peter's by the Lake

4809 S. Colony
The Colony, TX 75056
The Rev. Philip Mayer, Rector
Tom & Sue Kay, Coordinators

JANUARY 8-10, 2010

St. John the Apostle

P.O. Box 972, Pottsville, PA 17854
The Rev. Ally Perry, Rector
Tom & Sue Kay, Coordinators

JANUARY 29-31, 2010

Cathedral Church of the Advent

2017 Sixth Ave. N.
Birmingham, AL 35203
The Very Rev. Frank Limehouse, Dean
Tom Riley, Coordinator

JANUARY 29-31, 2010 cont.

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church

2425 Colorado Ave.
Boulder, CO 80302
The Rev. Mary Kate Schroeder, Rector
Tom & Sue Kay, Coordinators

FEBRUARY 19-21, 2010

St. John's Episcopal Church

50 E. Fisher Freeway, Detroit, MI 48201
The Rev. Steven Kelly, SSC, Rector
Jerry Steege, Coordinator

APRIL 16-18, 2010

Grace Episcopal Church

E4357 451st. Ave.
Menomonie, WI 54751
The Rev. Dale Klitzke, Rector
Ron Holmes, Coordinator

Registered

Grace Episcopal, Weslaco, TX;
St. Peter's, Sheboygan Falls, WI.

Faith Stories Retreats

(Led by Tom Riley)

October 16-18, 2009

Christ Church Anglican
Jacksonville, FL

November 6-8, 2009

St. Matthew's Episcopal
Sterling, VA

November 13-15, 2009

St. Raphael's Episcopal Church
Fort Myers Beach, FL

November 20-22, 2009

St. John's Episcopal
Charlotte, NC

December 11-13, 2009

St. Andrew's Episcopal
Buffalo, NY

February 26-28, 2010

St. Mark's Episcopal
St. Alban's, WV

March 12-14, 2010

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Grangeville, ID

Executive Committee Cancelled

The Executive Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for January 8-10 in San Antonio has been cancelled, advises Chairman Jerry Steege.

Any communications will be handled by phone or email.

First Resolution

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holy call; and for all needs met, in mind, body and spirit.

These resolutions are hereby approved unanimously with acclamation for God's grace and power, with appreciation for Beverly Maxwell's years of service, and with both individual and corporate love from the national leadership of Faith Alive.

Board Elections

Five new to leadership were elected to the Board of Directors, in addition to two officers of the ministry.

The Rev. Pamela Easterday, Melbourne, FL; Larry Boothby, Port Washington, WI; Ken Lawrence, Cincinnati, OH; Tom Kay, Mesquite, TX; and Bill Horn, Wickenburg, AZ, were elected to four-year terms.

Chuck Howe, Secretary, of Coronado, CA, and Howie Tischler, Treasurer, of Albuquerque, NM, returned as voting members of the Board.

Leaving the Board, with thanks from all in leadership, were Tony Walter, Hal Foss, Lee Davis, Rodgers Fox, and Julia Faye James. Tom Gizara also completed his term as a voting member of the Board, but remains as a member of the Executive Committee and Vice Chair.

The Rev. Pam Easterday is co-rector with her husband of Holy Trinity Church in Melbourne which hosted a Faith Stories Retreat in September, 2007, and a full Faith Alive Weekend last February.

Larry Boothby, an experienced Youth Coordinator, is a member of St. Boniface, Mequon, WI. Ken Lawrence, a member of Trinity Church in Hamilton, OH, is active in both Faith Alive's children's and youth ministries, in addition to other leadership roles. He was General Chair of his church's Faith Alive in 2008.

Tom Kay, Diocesan Representative in Dallas, is an active Faith Alive Coordinator and served as General Chair of Christ Church - Mesquite in 2007. Bill Horn, an officer of a non-profit and member of St. Alban's in Wickenburg, is a past Diocesan Representative and served as General Chair of his church's Weekend when living in Texas.

Officers, Executive Committee

Officers and members of Executive Committee reelected were:

Jerry Steege, Chair; Tom Gizara, Vice Chair; Tom Riley, President; Chuck Howe, Secretary; Howie Tischler, Treasurer; the Rt. Rev. David Bena, Chaplain; Ted Poitras, Chair of Finance Committee; Alan Prater, legal counsel; Bill Schroll, Internet/Music counsel; and former Board Chairs Vince Czepukaitis, Tom LaNoue, Hap Maguire, and Phil Workman.

Added to the Executive Committee to provide counsel regarding Anglican churches was former Board member Rick Crossley of Fallbrook, CA.