

# Faith Alive!

## An Extraordinary Faith Building Experience For The Entire Church Family

JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 2010

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

### 40 Years of Ministry! Anniversary Party Not to be Missed! We Return to Kanuga for Milestone Conference, June 4-6.

Forty years of testimonies, the sharing of stories of lay Faith Alive evangelists serving churches throughout the United States and beyond!

Beautiful and bountiful Kanuga Conference Center near Asheville, NC, will be the site of this Faith Alive Conference, a place and a venue so popular for much of the Faith Alive fellowship.

This June 4-6 weekend of personal spiritual renewal will be lifted high in extraordinary music, embraced by prayer, and affirmed by the inspirational teaching of Bishop Bill Frey.

For the past several years Faith Alive has moved its annual conference to varied sites around the country to draw in all members of this national fellowship. Now we return to Kanuga, nestled in the foothills of the Great Smokey Mountains..

Expect to return to an oasis of spiritual refreshment with fellow travelers, to laugh at adventures and misadventures in ministry, to pray deeply with long-time trusted friends, to sing and worship as one united Body in Christ.

More information will be coming as the Conference approaches.

But for now, mark your calendars for this 40-year milestone.

### From Mohawk, NY

The Weekend was well-planned and executed. Witnessing was varied yet powerful. The music was one of the highlights.

Follow up has begun, with one new Bible study already meeting.

*The Rev. William Wheeler, Vicar  
Grace Episcopal Church  
Tom Gizara, Coordinator*



**KANUGA MEMORIES.** *Founder & President Fred Gore (left, below photo of another founding father, Elmore Hudgens, with Howie Tischler and York, PA,-based Office Manager Bobbie Gibbs.) Other meetings of Board also pictured. Top right (l-r): Remembering Bev Maxwell, leaning forward, with Tischler, Tom LaNoue, Loy Waters, Jerry Steege and Alan Prater. Right center: Leadership taking a break on Kanuga porch. Far right is Steve Brightwell, Exec. Dir., Church Army. Pictured below, traditional worship at lakeside.*

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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.

**JANUARY 8-10, 2010**

**St. John the Apostle**

P.O. Box 972, Pottsboro, TX 75076  
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

**St. Aidan's Episcopal Church**

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

**Grace Episcopal Church**

701 S. Missouri Ave.  
Weslaco, TX 78596  
The Rev. Richard Speer, Rector  
Bill & Nan Fritsch, Coordinators  
Bill Wright, Associate Coordinator

**APRIL 16-18, 2010**

**Grace Episcopal Church**

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

**APRIL 23-25, 2010**

**St Peter's Episcopal Church**

104 Elm St.  
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085  
Sam Nsengiyumva, Rector  
Hal Foss, Coordinator

**MAY 21-23, 2010**

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**

651 Broadway Ave.  
Gilroy, CA 95020  
The Rev. Terry Burley, Rector  
Hap Maguire, Coordinator

**OCTOBER 29-31, 2010**

**Church Of the Messiah**

296 Glen St.  
Glens Falls, NY 12801  
The Rev. Scott Harding, Rector  
John Hyde, Coordinator

## Registered Weekends

St. John's, Detroit, MI; St. Peter's by the Lake, The Colony, TX and Trinity Church, Potsdam, NY.

## Time For Your Congregation To Hold Another Weekend?

No one knows better than you how the Holy Spirit moves on a Faith Alive Weekend to build up small-group ministry, affirm youth programs, enrich worship, raise up new leaders, and draw those on the periphery into community.

Begin this new decade with a Faith Alive Weekend in your church. Contact the National Office. We have an Information Packet ready to send!

## Faith Stories Retreats

*(Led by Tom Riley)*

**February 19-21, 2010**

Hope Episcopal Church  
Melbourne, FL

**March 3-5, 2010**

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

**March 12-14, 2010**

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
Grangeville, ID

**April 16-18, 2010**

St. Sebastian's by the Sea  
Melbourne Beach, FL

**April 23-25, 2010**

St. John's Episcopal Church  
Melbourne, FL

## Faith Stories – Sterling, VA

What a wonderful ministry, full of rich and life-giving experiences. Everyone continues to talk about what a great time they had! Thank you!

*The Rev. Anne MacNabb*

*St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*

## Faith Stories – Charlotte, NC

God's grace was shining throughout our retreat. Be sure that I will happily recommend Faith Alive and the Faith Stories Retreat to colleagues.

*The Rev. Amy Huacani,*

*St. John's Episcopal Church*

*(In transition)*

## From Port Jefferson, NY

This was a real spiritual shot in the arm. The team was superb. It is a joy to watch the Lord at work in His people!

The testimonies of the team were short, focused, to the point and well-spoken. Each was varied and yet all fit together as pieces of a puzzle. Wonderful!

*The Rev. Robert Brandt, Rector*

*Christ Church Episcopal*

*Vince Czepukaitis, Coordinator*

## From Rochester, NY

The Faith Alive was a Spirit-filled one, lifting the congregation up tremendously. It was a Christ-awakening moment for us. Thank you, Jesus!

The team's presentations were from the heart and were Christ-filled.

*The Rev. Charles Roberts, Pastor*

*John Knox Presbyterian Church*

*Tom Riley, Coordinator*

## From Eden, NC

This was an excellent team and the greatest weekend experience I have ever been involved in. Everyone at St. Luke's was touched at some level.

I would encourage any church to try Faith Alive.

*The Rev. Michael Zumpf, Rector*

*St. Luke's Episcopal Church*

*Phil Workman, Coordinator*

## From Holbrook, MA

A deeply moving spiritual experience. The Sunday worship was one of the best ever.

God was spoken to us and we are now considering a new ministry of pastoral care in our parish. The testimonies gave us much to think about.

*The Rev. Robert Outman-Conant, Rector*

*St. John's Episcopal Church*

*Mal & Regina Gurney, Coordinators*

## Committee Studies Small Congregations

For many years Faith Alive has provided a supplement to the Weekend Planning Guide with specific guidance to small churches holding a lay renewal weekend. More recently the Faith Stories Retreat has been tailored for congregations of 50 or less, in addition to churches in transition.

A Board committee of the Rev. Bruce Geary, Curt Ellingson and Frank Kirk is now developing a strategy for Faith Alive and Weekend Coordinators to better serve the smaller church.

Size of team, to give a broad range of testimony while easing the burden on the committee seeking housing, is one issue under study.

Others are combining parish committees, lessening preparation duties, and identifying potential team members available to travel extended distances to small towns.

In recent years Faith Alive has become an increasing resource of value to smaller congregations. In each case, whether it be the Faith Alive Weekend for adults, youth and children, or the no-cost low-maintenance Faith Stories Retreat for adults, the feedback from clergy and laity has been of high praise.

## From Shelton, CT

By Sunday's recommitment service the whole parish could sense the power of God's presence, and responded with great openness and faithfulness.

Parishioners who have been hesitant to pray out loud and to speak openly about their faith were encouraged and found themselves experiencing God in new ways.

*The Rev. Janet Waggoner, Rector*

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

*Tom Gizara, Coordinator*

## From Henderson, NV

Our parish grew a lot as the result of our Faith Alive. Excellent pacing. Discussion questions prompted good sharing.

Follow-up materials were very helpful, creating lots of excitement. Three small groups have started as a result of the Faith Alive, and a youth group has formed.

*The Rev. C. Michael Annis, Rector*

*St. Timothy's Episcopal Church*

*Hal Foss, Coordinator*

## Birmingham Cathedral

Faith Alive Team members from 22 states, numbering 150, will minister at Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham, AL, on January 29-31.

At the same time, Faith Alive Weekends will be held at St. Aidan's, Boulder, CO; and Grace Church, Westlaco, TX

## In Memorium

**Bob Anderson**

Board Member, Weekend Coordinator

**Chuck Moody**

Past Board Member, Diocesan Rep.,  
Weekend Coordinator