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News of the Women of the ARKansas EPISCOPAL Diocese

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO BE NOVEMBER 7—8, 2014?

We can easily answer this headline for you. You will want to be in Pine Bluff for Fall Gathering.

Trinity Episcopal will be your host for this event. Did you know Trinity is the oldest Episcopal church building in Arkansas? You will want to be there November 7 for Father Van Windsor's tour of this historic church, which is on the National Register. You will also be able to board a rubber-tired trolley and tour historic sites in Pine Bluff. Friday evening activities begin with Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. at Trinity. We will then have a wine reception and silent auction and at 7:00 p.m. depart for dinner at the Pine Bluff Country Club.

Do you really want to miss all of this and also miss the opportunity to visit with your friends from across the state?

The next day, Saturday, November 8, we get down to the business of being Episcopal Church Women. We begin the morning with a business meeting and then have three wonderful workshops from which you can choose. Details of the workshops are on the next page.

The ladies of Trinity will treat us to a wonderful lunch at noon and then workshops will continue for another hour. We conclude our special time together with Holy Eucharist and installation of newly elected officers. Bishop

Benfield will be joining us and I know you will not want to miss visiting with him.

Heard enough? Make your plans or CHANGE your plans and join us November 7—8, 2014, for ECW Fall Gathering. Registration and brochure can be found on our website.

Please let VP Sandy Smith know as soon as possible if you are interested in housing. Many of our sweet ladies in Pine Bluff have offered their homes. Sandy's contact information is on the brochure.

SEE YOU THERE!

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Arkansas ECW Officers

**Beckie Duer, Communications
Chairperson**

**Grace Henderson, UTO
Chairperson**

**Wanda Dunwoody, Interim
CPC Chairperson**

**The Reverend Marti Dalby,
Chaplain**

**Sandra Powers, Foundation
Board Chairperson**

A complete listing of officers can be found at www.arkansasecw.org.

WHO ARE WE?

We are Episcopal Church Women of all ages, ethnic origins and socioeconomic backgrounds who hold a variety of views. However, the common denominator of our members is love of God and the wish to do His work.

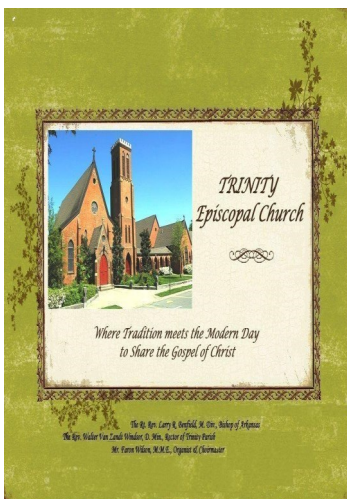
FIVE REASON TO ATTEND

Five reasons why it is important to attend Fall Gathering:

1. Episcopal Women from across the state coming together for spiritual enrichment and fellowship.
2. You will not want to miss the three workshops being offered.
3. Annual election of officers.

4. Touring the Delta town of Pine Bluff and the oldest church building in the Diocese of Arkansas.
5. Everyone has worked hard for YOU to be able to enjoy yourself!

Again, download brochure and registration at arkansasecw.org



ECW FALL GATHERING WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

LECTIO/IMAGIO DIVINA

Jeannie McCabe

This workshop will offer tools for using Sacred Text and Sacred Images as a practice for opening oneself to the inspiration and guidance of the Divine. Participants will receive information and be given information regarding the practice and provided an opportunity to experience it first hand. Jeannie McCabe is a "cradle" Episcopalian whose lifelong journey has been exploring paths and methods for navigating the inner landscape. She is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Ft. Smith where she is also employed as the Youth Ministries and

Small Group Ministries Coordinator.

NOT FOR DUMMIES DOODLING

Grace Henderson

Settle down with mellow music, colorful (permanent) felt-tipped pens and a sketchbook. Give yourself a gift of half an hour and doodle away a problem, send a prayer to God or "color" your innermost thoughts. Your results will be a private and silent look inside your heart. This workshop might open a new way for you to say "yes" to your inner self and "thank you, Lord" to the One who knows us better than we know ourselves. Grace is a well known artist who lives in Marvell, Arkansas. She is a member of St. John's in Helena and is

on the Arkansas ECW Diocesan Board and the National UTO Board. If you have felt-tipped pens, please bring them. There will be sketch paper and extra pens available.

PASSIONATE PRAYER

Kaki Roberts and Peggy Cromwell

We Anglicans are people who show our love of God through art. Poetry exhibits just one such way we display our passion for our God. This workshop will review Anglican Poetry from the 1500s to the present. Kaki Roberts lives in Little Rock and is a member of St. Michael's Church. She is an EFM mentor and is a past president of Arkansas ECW. Peggy Cromwell lives in Maumelle and is a member of St. Nicholas Church. She is currently enrolled in the Iona program leading to ordination as a deacon.

Nominations Open for Arkansas' Distinguished Woman

ECW Distinguished Woman recognition is given every three years at the ECW Triennial. Please consider nominating an Episcopal woman you know whose life in the secular community reflects her Christian values. To make a nomination, write a letter or brief summary describing your candidate and mail to

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Arkansas' Distinguished Woman will be voted on by Fall Gathering attendees.

Our current Arkansas Distinguished Woman is Juddie Wachtel. Juddie shares Christ's love through her various ministries at Holy Trinity, Hot Spring Village, and her service as a member of the Arkansas ECW Board.

Go to www.arkansasecw.org

download the
brochure for your registration
and make plans to join us
for
Fall Gathering 2014

Cost:

\$20 for Pine Bluff tour on
Friday

\$25 for Friday evening meal

\$25 for Saturday's session

SECOND ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

Bring a check or plenty of cash to bid on our silent auction items. The Silent Auction will be held during our cocktail reception Friday evening.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO BE HELD SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

We will elect Arkansas ECW members to serve in the following board positions:

- Central Convocation Chairperson
- Southeast Convocation Chairperson
- United Thank Offering Chairperson
- Church Periodical Club Chairperson