



# THE GREEN SHEET

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**CLERGY NEWS** - Welcome to **The Rev. Mark Fitzhugh (Cheri Smith)** who is coming from the Diocese of Connecticut to be rector of St. Simon's, Fort Walton Beach effective August 1<sup>st</sup>. Welcome to **The Rev. Matthew Venuti (Minerva)**, a recent graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary and recently ordained deacon in the Diocese of Massachusetts, who is coming to be the Curate (once ordained priest) at Nativity, Dothan, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**2010 CLERGY CONFERENCE** - Clergy, please continue to hold the dates for 2010 clergy conference: **September 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>**. Look for more information and registration forms for this meeting.

**JONATHAN MYRICK DANIELS PILGRIMAGE** - The annual Jonathan Myrick Daniels Pilgrimage and Procession will be **Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 11:00 a.m. in Hayneville, AL, near Montgomery. Daniels was an Episcopal seminarian when he was killed in 1965 while working in the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama. He has been placed on the Episcopal Church's Calendar of Saints and Martyrs. This event has become increasingly popular and attracts pilgrims nationally and internationally. It is hoped there will be good representation from the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. This event is jointly sponsored by the Diocese of Alabama and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. See you in the town square!

**FRESH START** - The next Fresh Start meeting is **August 19<sup>th</sup>** followed by the following dates: **September 16<sup>th</sup>, October 21<sup>st</sup>, and November 18<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions about this program, please call Salem Saloom, (251) 867-6464, or e-mail him at sawbonz@saloom.net.

**CHURCH AUDITS** - All congregations are required by Canon to file a financial audit with the Bishop's office by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year. **Church audits for the year ending December 31, 2009 are due in the Bishop's office on or before September 1, 2010.** If you have any questions about audit requirements, or need an audit form approved by the Commission on Finance, please contact Vince Currie or Jennifer Barnard at the Diocesan office.

**PLANNED GIVING WEBINAR** - The Episcopal Church Foundation is continuing its service to the Diocese and the wider church with a free webinar offered for planned giving leaders. Learn the basics of planned giving, how it differs from annual stewardship and capital campaigns, how parishes can build endowments from life income gifts, and a plan of action. All lay and clergy leadership are welcome to participate. The webinar will be held on **September 8<sup>th</sup>** and **October 6<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Eastern Time (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Central Daytime Time). To participate you need a computer (PC or Mac) with an internet connection and a phone or a headset. Call Jim Murphy at the Episcopal Church Foundation, (800) 697-2858 for materials and instructions.

**ECW FALL CONFERENCE** - Women are reminded to hold the dates **October 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>** for the annual ECW Fall Conference. This year the conference will be at our own Beckwith Camp and Conference Center! The Rt. Rev. Charles F. Duvall, second bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast will be the guest speaker. More information will be coming to all congregations.

**CURSILLO 2010** - The next Cursillo is #143 - **November 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**SMALL CHURCH CONFERENCE** - The Commission on Diocesan Missions is planning the annual Small Church Conference for **Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** at St. Patrick's, Panama City, Florida. The main topic for the conference will be "The Small Church and the Diocesan Five Year Plan". Melinda Henderson, who is the Plan Facilitator will be one of the presenters. Dr. Henderson will present information on the Five Year Plan and how the small congregations in the Diocese can work with the Plan. Small church members are especially encouraged to attend and enjoy the fellowship of others from small congregations to gather information, share your celebrations and concerns. More information and registration forms will be available soon.

**TALLAHASSEE CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE** - Musicians in the Diocese should hold the date **January 27 - 29, 2011** for the annual Tallahassee Church Music Conference at Florida State University. Clergy are also welcome to this conference which helps promote mutual understanding in the practice and theology of church music. Co-sponsored by Florida State University College of Music and Department of Religion, and American Guild of Organists, the 2011 conference will also benefit from partnerships with the Leadership Program for Musicians, and the Church Music Institute. For more information about the conference, including faculty bios, schedules, etc, visit the conference website: [www.churchmusicconference.org](http://www.churchmusicconference.org).

**PLANNED GIVING QUOTE** - **“A bequest for the church in your will can help meet the needs of the church, and your estate may receive a deduction for tax purposes.”**

**HEALTH TIP** - **“At least once a day, take a break to breath, reflect, relax and regroup!”**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE PUBLICIZED IN THE *GREEN SHEET* SHOULD BE SENT TO CARMEN KIMMONS BY THE FIRST OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO THE *GREEN SHEET* PUBLICATION!**

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**COMING EVENTS**

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| 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> grade Beckwith Summer Camp | Jul 15 - 21     | Beckwith        |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grade Beckwith Summer Camp | Jul 24 - Jul 30 | Beckwith        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Beckwith Summer Camp | Aug 2 - 6       | Beckwith        |
| Jonathan Myrick Daniels Pilgrimage                           | Aug 14          | Hayneville, AL  |
| Fresh Start  | Aug 19          | Diocesan office |

**BISHOP DUNCAN'S CALENDAR**

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| Visitation | July 11      | St. Patrick's, Panama City        |
| Visitation | July 17 - 18 | St. John's, Mobile                |
| Visitation | July 24 - 25 | St. John, Wewahitchka             |
| Visitation | Aug 1        | St. Michael's, Ozark              |
| Vacation   | Aug 2 - 31   | Vacation - traveling & Austin, TX |

**QUOTE FOR VACATION TIME:** **“Remember, all those geeky people in Bermuda shorts walking around Disney World include you!”**