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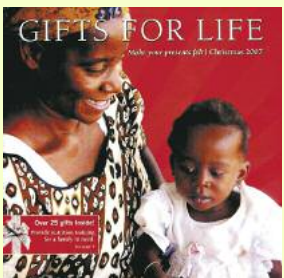
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## Clergy News

The Rev. Christopher C. Moore is now assisting the Deployment Office with a focus on Kent and Sussex counties. Chris is the Assistant at All Saints' Episcopal Church and St. George's Chapel. His varied career has included serving as Deployment Officer in the Diocese of New Jersey.



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Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

—Philippians 4:8

by Jen Mason, editor

In this season when we spend so much energy thinking about gifts, it seems appropriate that our friends at Episcopal Life would choose to focus on the gift of companion relationships. As part of this focus, the editor of Episcopal Life Online asked a handful of us from around the country to contribute articles about our twinings, and the editor has given permission for me to share our story directly with you. You can see them all at [www.EpiscopalChurch.org/eLife](http://www.EpiscopalChurch.org/eLife). Please also visit the Communion page of our website at [www.DioceseofDelaware.net](http://www.DioceseofDelaware.net) to read Donna Beecher's wonderful, first-hand tale of the choir mission trip last summer.

## Good Friends in Time

A story of how the Dioceses of Delaware and Argyll & The Isles are building a relationship

Starting in the 1950s, the Diocese of Delaware had a series of active, rewarding companion relationships with three African and three Caribbean dioceses. These connections culminated with the extraordinary experience of being twinned with the Diocese of Pretoria, South Africa, through the demise of apartheid and the historic elections and inspiring reconciliation process that followed in its wake. Parishes were successfully joined, diocesan representatives eagerly exchanged, and mission trips readily organized, as sharing such an intense experience gave the dioceses something intimate and tangible with which to form their bond and build their connection. The people even chose to extend their relationship to correspond to the tenure of the Delaware's bishop, Cabell Tennis, who helped to forge it.

So when it came time to choose a new companion diocese, Delaware intentionally decided to move out of what had become a very comfortable zone. Parishes expressed a particular interest in forming a relationship with a diocese that was relatively easily reached, so that parishioners could travel back and forth with a virtually unlimited opportunity for exchange.

Scotland's Argyll & The Isles met that criteria and was enthusiastically pursued after Bishops Wayne Wright and Douglas Cameron struck up a friendship at the 1998 Lambeth Conference. The bishops hoped that their dioceses would, in turn, find the same basis for an enduring connection.

And while there were some wonderful opportunities for exchange (such as an early mission trip by a group of Delaware clergy and laity to Scotland and a few parishes that formed warm, active companion relationships with others) it became apparent that having this kind of friendship was different for the Delawareans—and maybe a little difficult to get their minds and hearts around. As Sister Barbara Jean Brown, who served on

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The Diocese of Argyll & The Isles is a land of islands, ocean inlets, rocky shores, and abiding faith.



## Beloved St. Anne's Head of School to Step Down in June

by Lisa Strong Chase, Director of Marketing and Development, St. Anne's Episcopal School

After nine years of masterfully and lovingly building, leading, and guiding St. Anne's Episcopal School in Middletown, G. Harvey Zendt recently announced he's stepping down as Head of School at the end of the school year in June 2008 to pursue work in the environmental and international world peace movements.

"The fire in my belly' has always been my guiding light," Zendt said. "Whether it was coaching wrestling, running service projects, surfing, or working with children, my passion has driven me. For the past nine years, I have been driven to make St. Anne's the best school in the country. That drive is still alive and well, but it is competing with my desire to give my commitment to the environmental and world peace movements."

Zendt said that the relationships he has formed with students, parents, teachers, and board members have been the source of growth and happiness in many different ways; but that over the last year, his concerns about the environment and the international political situation have begun to lead him in a direction that requires more of his time and energy.

This isn't the first time that Zendt has listened to and followed his passion. A world-class surfer, he took two years off in the mid-1970s to surf the best oceans worldwide. Inspired by his father who traveled around the world during a year-long trip in 1935, Zendt said that he wanted "to take one thing that he enjoyed

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## Episcopal Youth Event July 8-13, 2008

Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas

For Youth who have completed grades 9, 10, 11, & 12

Theme: Sown in the Heart of Christ

Are you ready and willing to fall on good soil?

The Episcopal Youth Event (EYE), coordinated by the Ministries with Young People Cluster of the Episcopal Church, is held every three years for high school students. The event serves as a celebration to inspire deeper faith in Jesus Christ and a renewed commitment to mission and ministry. It is attended by some 1500 young people, adult sponsors, bishops, staff, and resource people from all around the Episcopal Church.

EYE is packed with fun and excitement! It is an opportunity to meet other youth from all over the world and experience the church on a global level. The event community gathers regularly as a large group for worship, program, music, and media. Participants also meet daily in an ongoing small group. A variety of other activities, such as carnivals, forums, workshops, games, sports events, and free time, round out the schedule. Learn more at [www.EYE2008.org](http://www.EYE2008.org).

Each diocese is allocated 15 participant slots, 12 for youth and three for adults. More participants may be added after the initial registration. A delegation from Delaware will be put together representing the economic, cultural, and racial diversity of our diocese.

Applications are available for download on our website ([www.DioceseofDelaware.net](http://www.DioceseofDelaware.net)) or from your church or the diocesan office. The deadline for all applications is February 1, 2008, and financial aid is available through the diocese. Please send applications and two mandatory letters of recommendation to the Rev. Jeffrey A. Ross, St. Peter's Church P.O. Box 464, Lewes, DE 19958 or e-mail [StPetersLewesRector@verizon.net](mailto:StPetersLewesRector@verizon.net).



**BISHOP'S  
CALENDAR  
December**

- 2 Sunday:** Morning Visitation, St. Nicholas' Church, Newark
- 5 Tuesday:** Bishop's Day in Georgetown
- 9 Sunday:** Morning Visitation, Christ Church, Milford
- 10 Monday:** Bishop & Council Meeting, St. Thomas's Parish, Newark
- 13 Thursday:** Trustees' Meeting, Cathedral Church of St. John
- 16 Sunday:** Morning Visitation, St. John the Baptist Church, Milton
- 18 Tuesday:** Standing Committee, St. Andrew's School, Middletown
- 19 Wednesday:** Bishop's Group, Baltimore
- 24 Monday:** Christmas Service, Delaware Correctional Center, Smyrna
- 24 Monday:** Christmas Eve Service, Cathedral Church of St. John
- 25 Tuesday:** Christmas Holiday, Bishop's Office Closed
- 31 Monday:** New Year's Eve Holiday, Bishop's Office Closed

**Parents  
Day Out**

**St. Thomas's youth will be hosting a Parents Day Out on December 8 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.**

For a small fee, we'll mind your offspring AND provide crafts, snacks, games, and a program about the REAL Christmas. Please contact the Rev. Sarah Brockmann, imabiah@yahoo.com or 443 553-0349.

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by Wayne P. Wright,  
Bishop of Delaware

**E**ven as I get older, I continue to learn new things. Some of them really amaze me. It happened again last month. Many of you know that our son, Parker, is now a senior in high school. This is still hard for my wife Holly and me to believe. Parker was just a third grader when we moved to Delaware, and now he is thinking about college.



Applying to college today is quite a project. It seemed a lot easier when I was in high school. Our school had a college counselor, but it was only a part-time position. He was also the vice-principal and a history teacher. I only met with him once, but I remember the meeting well. "You can go to Virginia Tech if you want to be an engineer. Go to the University of Virginia if you are thinking about liberal arts." He handed me a packet of forms and I left. I filled them out and put them in the mail. A few weeks later I was accepted. It was about that simple.

Like many contemporary high school students, Parker began thinking about college admissions over a year ago. First came preliminary meetings with his college counselor. Then last spring, we began visiting college campuses. For me these trips have been fascinating.

Our time together in the car has been great. Both our schedules have become busier over the last few years. We don't spend as much time together as we did when he was younger. During our long drives we have talked about sports, politics, and reminisced about the past. This has been good. And, I have enjoyed the campus tours much more than I thought I would.

Schools play a central and powerful role in our lives and in our communities. I know how I have been influenced and blessed by the teachers and schools I attended. I continue to be impressed by the administrators and teachers who dedicate their lives to the ministry of teaching and learning. Both Holly and I are committed to support local schools with our volunteer time and resources.

In some ways the college tours have been pretty predictable. The campus guides invariably tell us that the food in the cafeteria is "great." The dorm rooms are always "wonderful." But, in a deeper sense, they also reveal a lot about the spirit and values of the colleges they represent. There are a lot of great schools out there. We are impressed.

With the campus visits mostly complete, applications are next. This step has changed radically. What used to be intimidating stacks of forms and manila envelopes are mostly gone. Almost everything is done online.

Today there is a common electronic application that most colleges and universities now accept. Completing this application still requires much diligence and care, but it only has to be done once. And it leads step-by-step to a very dramatic, modern moment.

The application's many pages require much attention and careful review, and all this work points toward the bottom of the final electronic page. Highlighted in blue there is a "Submit" button. With the click of mouse the "Submit" button sends your application instantaneously to waiting college admissions officers. It is a remarkable life moment. Backed by much hard work and real thought, the "Submit" button points toward the excitement of open-ended future possibilities.

But, while the "Submit" button sends the application in an instant, hearing back from colleges doesn't happen very quickly. The next weeks will be a season of patient waiting for us. Ironic that this should be happening as Advent begins.

The ancient Roman emperors had many things at their command, but they did not have a "Submit" button. The Scriptures tell us that "In those days a decree when out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed..." We do not know exactly how or how long it took for Caesar's decree to reverberate from Rome to far-away, little Nazareth. We can only imagine messengers on foot and ancient sailing ships bearing handwritten, parchment scrolls across great distances.

Ultimately, the news does come to Nazareth, and it arrives at a bad time. Careful preparations will need to be made for the uncertainties that lie ahead. The "Submit" button has been pushed. Mary and Joseph now must make a life-changing journey to Bethlehem.

Finally, they come to the inn. Inside there are lights, sounds, smells, appetites, and weariness, but Mary and Joseph stand outside waiting. Such is life. The anxieties and uncertainties of our waiting seem to fill every room; but at the door someone stands. God is offering us something new. Something can be born. Something will be born. God waits patiently for us. God will not go away. "Behold," God says, "I make all things new."

*Wayne*

**Head of School  
Steps Down**

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doing—surfing—and to see how good he could become at it, while visiting many fascinating cultures along the way."

As a result, Zendt has taken his students surfing since 1975. One of the highlights of the St. Anne's eighth grade year is an overnight trip to the Zendt beach house, where he teaches 30+ 8th graders how to surf. Inspired by his trip, Zendt also earned his masters at the University of Pennsylvania with a concentration in international relations. Since then he has taught a world cultures course in four different schools to various ages. At St. Anne's, keeping a global perspective incorporated into the program was an important professional goal for him.

Another inspiration taken from his father is Zendt's avid gardening and his love of the environment. Zendt has planned, planted, and harvested a garden at all of the schools he's led, having it be a part of the school's life, with the students helping out with harvesting, weeding, etc. The vegetables grown at St. Anne's are donated to Neighborhood House in Middletown, and St. Anne's is noted for being a "green school" under Zendt's leadership.

"Today, St. Anne's stands as an exciting and dynamic school with bright, energetic, and creative children and a loyal and dedicated faculty, staff, and parent body," said Caroline duPont Prickett, chairman of the board of trustees at St. Anne's Episcopal School. "The Board of Trustees thanks Harvey for his vision, his creativity, his dedication and most importantly, for his love for the humanity of our school."

An educator since he earned his undergraduate degree at Trinity College in Hartford, CT, in 1972, Zendt earned his masters at the University of Pennsylvania with a concentration in international relations. Prior to co-founding St. Anne's Episcopal School with Tad Roach, Headmaster of St. Andrew's School in Middletown, Zendt was Assistant Headmaster and Dean of Students at St. Andrews. Zendt has been head of lower and middle schools in Oregon and in Pennsylvania. In addition to leading schools, Zendt has taught a world cultures course in four different schools to various ages. As a Quaker he is known for his kindness and compassion for others—always seeing the good in all human beings.

A Headmaster search committee has been formed, and the committee has selected Educators' Collaborative as its search consultant. Over the next few months, search consultants Jim Bonney and Kathy Betz and the search committee will work to identify promising candidates to succeed Zendt as St. Anne's Head of School.

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## The Delaware Episcopal Peace Fellowship

by Debra Goebel, St. Paul's, Georgetown

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Georgetown is a small but enthusiastic congregation. Our rector, the Rev. Earl Beshears, and some of our members felt very strongly that God was calling us to make a special commitment to peace. When we looked for a chapter of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF) in our area, we were surprised to find there was none.

We agreed it was important to give our congregation a vehicle to voice their concerns for peace and to be supportive in every way to those who wish to work for this cause. Therefore, we decided to take on the mission of founding a chapter of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship to represent Episcopalians on the Delmarva Peninsula.

In order to determine the level of interest within the congregations, we scheduled an organizational meeting. We hoped that at least five people would attend, enough to form a chapter of the EPF. We were pleasantly surprised when a dozen people gathered around the table to talk about peace! Not only did members of St. Paul's attend, but also people from other churches as far away as Maryland. We determined that we had enough commitments to form a Delmarva Peninsula chapter of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship! We went on to explore issues that concerned us and how we might address them, and we found direction for the coming months.

The Interfaith Fast for Peace on October 8, just two days after our first meeting, was the perfect opportunity to make our first efforts toward peacemaking. We fasted as we were able, prayed for peace, and reflected on how God calls us all to be peacemakers. In the evening we met together to break our fast in fellowship. After the meal, we gathered for Evening Prayer.

The Episcopal Peace Fellowship of the Delmarva Peninsula is working on other exciting events. On Saturday, December 8, we are hosting a "Reflections on Peace Retreat." This will be a day of prayer, highlighted by meditations on peace presented by faith leaders. We will learn, reflect, and pray about peace. This quiet day will be held at St. Paul's Church in Georgetown. All are welcome!

For more information about this event, or to find out more about the Episcopal Peace Fellowship of the Delmarva Peninsula, please contact the Rev. Earl Beshears (856-2894, frbeshears@ce.net) or Debra Goebel (gbwcopper@aol.com).

*A day of prayer, reflection, and action*

## ECW Annual Meeting

by Genia Thomas, The Church of the Ascension, Claymont



Women from all around the Diocese of Delaware met at The Church of the Ascension on October 20 for the annual meeting of the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women (ECW). After registration and a continental breakfast, there was a business meeting during which we heard of all the wonderful work being done in the name of the women of the diocese to accomplish Christ's mission in Delaware. Women from each church represented next told of the work being done in their own parishes.

We then put together "Coming Home Kits," using items donated by the parishes, for the Way Home Program which serves men and women being released from

Delaware prisons. In addition to the practical items needed as the prisoners transition to life in society, we enclosed prayers written by the women for the inmates. The group also decided that next year's project will benefit the Seamen's Center in Wilmington.

Worship closed our day, with Bishop Wright preaching and celebrating and a collection for United Thank Offering taken up. A special thanks is due to the women of Ascension who, by donating wonderful food and drink for our breakfast and lunch, made more funds available to aid mission projects sponsored by the ECW of Delaware. Thank you to all of the women of Delaware who made for such a wonderful, productive day together.

## The Episcopal Church Wants You... and Some Others Whom You Know!

The Joint Standing Nominating Committee of General Convention is seeking applications from persons willing to be nominated for five elections that will take place at General Convention 2009, to be held in Anaheim, California, July 8-17.

Applications must be received on or before February 1, 2008, and the elections include:

- Court for the Trial of a Bishop
- Board Members of The Church Pension Fund
- Members of Executive Council
- Members of the General Board of Examining Chaplains
- Trustees of General Theological Seminary

To learn more about what is expected for each assignment and how to apply visit the committee's website at [tinyurl.com/2dv9fr](http://tinyurl.com/2dv9fr). Application forms are available there as well. For details, contact Louie Crew, [lcrew@andromeda.rutgers.edu](mailto:lcrew@andromeda.rutgers.edu), Secretary of the Committee, or the Rev. Ed Godden, [egodden@comcast.net](mailto:egodden@comcast.net), Chair.

And remember that our own Diocesan Nominating Committee is still looking for several candidates for our 2008 Convention. Contact Rufus Miller, Secretary of Convention, at 302 656-5441 or [rufusmiller@DioceseofDelaware.net](mailto:rufusmiller@DioceseofDelaware.net) for details or visit our website at [www.DioceseofDelaware.net](http://www.DioceseofDelaware.net).

## St. David's Member Joins Franciscan Cap Corps



Jon Royal, son of Dennis and Lynn Royal and member of St. David's, Wilmington, has been commissioned as a Cap Corps volunteer. Cap Corps is a Franciscan volunteer program geared to college age students and graduates who wish to emulate the example of St. Francis of Assisi and serve the poor and disenfranchised. It is run through the Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order, headquartered in

Detroit and part of Capuchin worldwide ministries, which date back to the early 1500s.

Jon graduated from Marian College in Indianapolis, majoring in Sociology and Political Science with a minor in Peace and Justice Studies. "This is a unique opportunity for me to live in community and work for Peace and Justice through faith teachings," Jon explains. "Cap Corps allows me to live Christ's calling, living and

working in solidarity with the poor and marginalized."

Jon's assignment with Cap Corps is with the Faith Community for Worker Justice in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he will be organizing clergy and lay people to work on labor issues that alleviate poverty and empower low wage workers.

Pray for Jon and learn more about Cap Corps and the Capuchin Order at the Province of St. Joseph's website: [www.TheCapuchins.org](http://www.TheCapuchins.org).

To see the latest events, go to our website's News page: [www.DioceseofDelaware.net](http://www.DioceseofDelaware.net).

## December

1 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. **Annual Christmas Bazaar, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church.** Details: 994-6607.

2 Sunday, 5:00 p.m. **Advent Service of Lessons and Carols, Oxford Presbyterian Church,** 6 Pine Street, Oxford PA. Cathedral Choir School of Delaware; Darryl Roland, Artistic Director. Details: 654-6279 or 610 932-9640.

2 Sunday, 5:00 p.m. **Advent Choral Evensong, Christ Church Christiana Hundred, Greenville.** Details: 655-3379.

8 Saturday, 9:00 a.m.–Noon **Reflections on Peace Retreat, St. Paul's, Georgetown.** Peace retreat, concluding with Noonday Prayer and a brownbag lunch. Details: the Rev. Earl Beshears (856-2894, [frbeshears@ce.net](mailto:frbeshears@ce.net)).

8 Saturday, 1:00–5:00 p.m. **Parent's Day Out. St. Thomas's, Newark.** Hosted by St. Thomas's youth. Details: Sarah Brockmann, [imabiah@yahoo.com](mailto:imabiah@yahoo.com) or 443 553-0349.

9 Sunday, 4:00 p.m. **Advent Lessons and Carols, Immanuel on the Green, New Castle.** Immanuel's Choir of Women and Men; Lee Dettra, organist and choirmaster. Information 328-2413.

9 & 16 Sundays, 2:00–4:00 p.m. **Annual Nativity Display, Church of the Ascension, Wilmington.** Nativities from all over the world—and cookies, too! Details: 798-6683.

11 Sunday, 3:00 p.m. **Messiah Concert, Christ Church, Greenville.** Details: 655-3379.

16 Sunday, 3:00 p.m. **Candlelight Advent Lessons & Carols, Old Christ Church, Laurel.** Details: St. Phillip's office, 875-3644.

## January

13 Sunday, 4:00 p.m. **Evensong, Immanuel on the Green, New Castle.** Choir of St. Andrew's School, Middletown; Gary Harney, organist and choirmaster. Details: 328-2413.

18–20 Friday–Sunday **Senior High Wintercamp. Lake Champion, Glen Stey, NY.** Information: the Rev. Sarah Brockmann, [imabiah@yahoo.com](mailto:imabiah@yahoo.com) or 443 553-0349.

20 Sunday, 4:00 p.m. **Choral Evensong Commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr., Cathedral Church of Saint John, Wilmington.** Cathedral Choir School of Delaware; Darryl Roland, Artistic Director. Details: 654-6279.

# St. Barnabas Parishioners Adopt the Chrismon Tradition

by Catherine Kaser, St. Barnabas, Wilmington

What began as an offering to God at a Lutheran Church in Virginia fifty years ago has been brought to life—more than 200 times—in the sanctuary of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Wilmington. In 1957, Frances Kipps Spencer of Danville, Virginia, set out to create ornaments that would be appropriate for her church's Christmas tree. She gave them the moniker of Chrismons—a combination of the words Christ and Monograms—and decreed that they were never to be bought, sold, or put into kit form. Instead, she preferred that they stand as

symbolic reminders of the name, life, and saving acts of Jesus Christ.

St. Barnabas parishioner Lynda Harris began workshops in early 2006 to teach others about the tradition of making Chrismons to beautify her church's sanctuary at Christmas. She first learned about them at the church she attended in Kinston, North Carolina, after she was first married and learned to make a few of the patterns. Years later, while attending church with her daughter at St. David's, she was reintroduced to them and learned to make additional designs.

Primarily used as tree ornaments, all Chrismons are made in combinations of white and gold to symbolize the purity and majesty of the Son of God. Crafters use wired strands of white pearls and gold beads, styrofoam, sequins, gold mesh, and similar materials to construct symbols of both Christmas and Christianity. These include many different styles of crosses, stars, and flowers, each with a unique meaning. Other symbols are fish, angels, doves, butterflies, bells, wreaths, crowns, candles, and representations of parables and other biblical passages. Some come together relatively quickly, while others are so detailed that they may take many hours to create.

Lynda and 17 other parishioners met weekly last year to plan and create the Chrismons. The team made



The Chrismons team at St. Barnabas, Wilmington.



Chrismons are never sold.

more than two hundred ornaments that decorated two large, lighted Christmas trees on either side of the altar. They enhanced the appearance of the sanctuary and expressed the joy of Christmas for those who helped to make them and for all who got this visual treat throughout the Christmas season.

Those who joined Lynda in creating this gift to the church include:

Susan Bebow, Ceeanne Brosi, Sandra Brown, Gail Calhoun, Barbara Connell, Anne Dixon, Susan Fentzloff, Babs Gioso, Laura Gracie, Betty Hoffman, Cecelia Jones, Doris Jones, Sarah Jane Page, Emily Pinder, Pat Venti, Virginia Wingate and Joan Yulduzian. Special thanks also go to Craig Brosi and Andy Harriss for their help in setting up the trees and performing additional support work.

## Delaware Athlete Makes Splash at World Games

by Joan Huber, Immanuel Church, Highlands, Wilmington

On September 28, four Special Olympic athletes from Delaware departed Philadelphia on their way to Shanghai, China, where they joined other Special Olympians for the 2007 World Games. Among the four athletes was Ruth Engler, a member of Immanuel Church, Highlands.

Their first stop-over was Los Angeles, for a big send off party at the Airport Hilton. After brief stops in Anchorage and Singapore, they arrived in Shanghai and joined the opening ceremonies on October 3.

Ruth is a swimmer, and in the games she won gold medals in both the 100 and 50 free swim and a bronze in the 4x50 relay.

During her visit, Ruth was particularly impressed by her trip to a Shanghai Buddhist temple and by what she learned about how Buddhists pray. She also got to visit a home where



Ruth Engler, front, loves to swim.

Olympians were shown how to make homemade dumplings.

The World Games concluded October 13, and Ruth is already looking forward to the 2010 Nationals in Nebraska and the 2011 World Games in Athens, Greece!

See more pictures and read about the team at [www.SpecialOlympicsTeamUSA.org](http://www.SpecialOlympicsTeamUSA.org).

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Delaware's companion diocesan committee put it, "People find it easy to respond to others' needs—like helping them recover from a natural disaster or helping them build homes; but we don't always know how to just be friends and enjoy each other. You can't just say, 'Oh, wow! Let's go be friends!' and expect that people are going to know what to do with that."

What's interesting is that, with time, the people of Delaware and Scotland are beginning to figure that out. And beyond the enduring friendship of the bishops, which is still realized as Bishop Cameron and his wife come to lead the annual retreat of Delaware's clergy spouses each year, the light that's leading the way to each others' hearts is music.

It started with a few Delaware parishes supporting Argyll's music ministries by sharing hymnals and choir robes. Then George and Libby Bayley, a couple of church musicians from St. Peter's Church in Lewes, Delaware, who were particularly committed to finding a way to kindle a connection between the two dioceses, began getting busy. George twice exchanged organ benches with Alastair Chisolm, Director of Music at Cathedral of the Isles. And when Bishop Martin Shaw, Bishop Cameron's successor, came over and met with the companion relations committee, the Bayleys asked what Delawareans could do to further the relationship. Bishop Shaw replied, "Bring your choir, and go to the more remote parts of the diocese." They organized a choir mission trip, taking 36 musicians and friends from Lewes and beyond for a tour of Argyll & The Isles. They also commissioned Bishop Shaw to write an anthem for a 300th



Delaware musicians and their friends visited Argyll & The Isles in Scotland.

anniversary celebration in their parish and to come and participate in the festivities by performing a vocal concert in the sea-side town.

The folks who went on the Bayley's trip returned with ebullience for the people of Argyll & The Isles and the value of the diocesan connection. Since then several other parishes and individuals on both sides of the Atlantic have been making plans to visit and to gain invaluable insights into our common life as Christians and Anglicans. Bishop Shaw and his wife Elspeth have also extended an invitation to Bishop Wright and his wife Holly to join them in Scotland before the Lambeth Conference this summer, repeatedly affirming their support for their American friends during this challenging time in the Anglican Communion.

In the end, when the traditional duration for the companion relationship came and went, somehow the Spirit was wise enough not to remind the people of the two dioceses that it was time to move on. God may still have a few things for them to learn and to gain from each other.