



# VOICES OF WOMEN

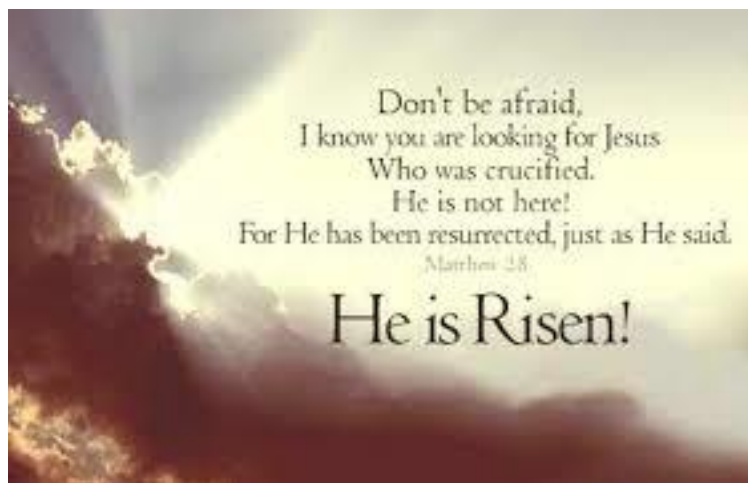
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EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE OF LONG ISLAND  
*Spring 2018*

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Episcopal Church Women & Friends,



As Christians, on Ash Wednesday we received our crosses on our foreheads and started our observation of Lent. We know that Easter will be celebrated after 40 days of prayers, fasting and good deeds. The eyes of the Lord are in every place, so we will love our neighbors as ourselves.

Anglicans/Episcopalians love to sing our seasonal hymns. One of my favorites for Lent is "Lord, who through-out these Forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.

Abide with us that so this life of suffering over past  
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last."

Lord we know that we do not always do what you expect of us; however, we know you will always be there to help us whenever we call on you.

In Psalm 62 we find these words.

Also to you, O Lord belongs mercy for you render to each one according to his work.

*A Happy, Blessed Easter to All.*

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### **Forgive Me When I Whine** By Red Foley

Today upon a bus, I saw  
 A lovely maid with golden hair;  
 I envied her - she seemed so gay -  
 And oh, I wished I were so fair.  
 When suddenly she rose to leave,  
 I saw her hobble down the aisle,  
 She had one foot and wore a crutch,  
 But as she passed, a smile.  
 Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;  
 I have two feet - the world is mine.

And when I stopped to buy some sweets,  
 The lad who served me had such charm;  
 He seemed to radiate good cheer,  
 His manner was so kind and warm.  
 I said, "It's nice to deal with you,  
 Such courtesy I seldom find."  
 He turned and said, "Oh, thank you, sir!"  
 And I saw that he was blind.  
 Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;  
 I have two eyes - the world is mine.

Then, when walking down the street,  
 I saw a child with eyes of blue.  
 He stood and watched the others play;  
 It seemed he knew not what to do,  
 I stopped a moment, then I said:  
 "Why don't you join the others, dear?"  
 He looked ahead without a word,  
 And then I knew; He could not hear.  
 Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;  
 I have two ears - the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go,  
 With eyes to see the sunset's glow,  
 With ears to hear what I should know:  
 I'm blessed indeed, The world is mine;  
 Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.

*Rev. Marjorie Boyden-Edmonds*  
 Chaplain



## ECW OF QUEENS

*In moments of weakness and distress it is good to tread closely in God's footsteps.*

*~A. Solzhenitsyn*

Congratulations to our own Rosalyn Brown, who was one of the honorees on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, Lynbrook. Rosalyn was one of four honored during their Women's Day Mid-Lenten Luncheon.

Reminder - to host your parish Spring United Thank Offering (UTO) – collection!

Website: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/united-thank-offering>

Order Supplies from the UTO Distribution Center in Navajoland:

<https://shimaofnavajoland.com/collections/United-Thank-Offering/> Telephone: 928.729.5540.

The QUEENS ECW is still recruiting for a UTO Coordinator. Please contact President Sharon Tucker.

The Diocese of Long Island ECW 2018 Scholarship Application is available and due by Monday, April 30 2018.

### ECW - SAVE THE DATES

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Women's Day / St. Alban the Martyr / 7.30 am and 10.00 am  
Canon Pat Mitchell – Guest

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** -- Auction and Luncheon / Tickets Available May 1, 2018 / St Alban the Martyr

**July 20 – 21<sup>st</sup>** -- Trip To Washington DC & African American Museum / St. John's, Springfield Gardens

**July 21<sup>st</sup>** -- Sight & Sound – JESUS / St. David's Episcopal Church, Cambria Heights – Contact Vernese Smith 718 217-9466 for more information

**Sept 15<sup>th</sup>** -- Sight 'n Sound - JESUS / Shopping / Lunch / St. Alban the Martyr / TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE – email: [sctucker61@gmail.com](mailto:sctucker61@gmail.com) / 516 526 4153

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*ECW OF SUFFOLK*

**Past Events**

- St Boniface hosted its annual Valentine's Day Tea in February. Over 75 attendees enjoyed a selection of teas and refreshments. Music was provided by DJ Lionel.
- St Boniface hosted its Annual St Patrick's Day dinner on March 10th.
- St. Thomas Farmingdale hosted its Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 10th.

**Upcoming**

St Boniface (Lindenhurst) is hosting its annual Palm Cross Luncheon on the Thursday before Palm Sunday. In addition to preparing the palms for Sunday mass, palm crosses and loops are being provided to New Hour for distribution to women incarcerated in the Yaphank and Riverhead Correctional Facilities. Younger persons incarcerated in the facilities will receive an Easter basket which includes an adult biblical coloring book and Easter candy. This is an annual event.

St Boniface will be providing Easter Dinner to the families of incarcerated women and those recently released in cooperation with New Hour for Women and Children.

*Debbie Richberg  
President*

**Bible Sweethearts**

*Match Game*

**Connect the men on the left to their sweethearts on the right**

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|---------------|-------|--------------|
| 1. ADAM       | ----- | A. SARAH     |
| 2. JOSEPH     | ----- | B. NAOMI     |
| 3. SAMPSON    | ----- | C. REBECKAH  |
| 4. ABRAHAM    | ----- | D. RACHEL    |
| 5. ZACHARIAS  | ----- | E. JEZEBEL   |
| 6. BOAZ       | ----- | F. SAPPHIRA  |
| 7. URIAH      | ----- | G. DRUSILLA  |
| 8. NABAL      | ----- | H. EVE       |
| 9. JACOB      | ----- | I. MARY      |
| 10. AHAB      | ----- | J. DELILAH   |
| 11. FELIX     | ----- | K. ABIGAIL   |
| 12. HEBER     | ----- | L BATHSHEBA  |
| 13. ISAAC     | ----- | M. RAHAB     |
| 14. ANANIAS   | ----- | N. RUTH      |
| 15. ELIMELECH | ----- | O. JAEL      |
|               |       | P. ELISABETH |

*Barbara Taylor, Finance Chair*



## UTO NEWS

### UTO Crosses Now Available

At the last General Convention, many of you asked if UTO was going to create another cross for purchase. The UTO Board and staff wanted to make a cross that would be meaningful, reminding us of our deep roots and our wide reach through the grant process. After much discernment and much help along the way, we are pleased to announce that a new UTO cross is available for purchase at

<https://shima-of-navajoland.myshopify.com/collections/united-thank-offering>

We have new and exciting UTO material available. Visit us at

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/uto/new-uto-materials-available>

One of the things the UTO Board has been working on is a simple prayer that can be said when making an offering in the *Blue Box*. The idea behind the prayer was to create something that was memorable and easy enough for children to recite. The prayer will be featured on updated Blue Boxes (being printed now) and on materials at General Convention. In the meantime, here's the new prayer!

*Almighty God, I give you praise  
for blessing me in many ways.  
Create in me a grateful heart  
and with this gift, a blessing start. Amen.*

Special thanks to all who gave so generously to the **United Thank Offering** during 2017. The 2017 UTO offering from the parishes in the Diocese of Long Island totaled **\$22,268.15**. May God continue to bless you as you "*expand the circle of thankful people*" through your prayers of thanksgiving and your coins in the *Blue Box*.

*Verrese Smith*

Province II Representative to  
The UTO National Board



## Save the date

**The 2018 General Convention of the Episcopal Church** will be held in the Live Music Capital of the World, **Austin, Texas**

The **Triennial Meeting**, will take place at the same time  
**July 3-13, 2018** at the **Austin Convention Center**

### The Diocesan ECW Quiet Day

The Episcopal Church Women had their Lenten Quiet Day at Mercer School of Theology on Saturday, February 17, 2018. The theme was "*The Joy of Scripture*".

Our facilitators were The Rev. Kevin L. Morris - Rector of The Church of the Ascension and Dean of the Southwest Nassau Deanery and The Rev. Keith Voets - Rector of St. Alban the Martyr in St. Albans, Queens. Over 90 participants attended the gathering. The topics and events of the day included meals, group meditation, fellowship, and what we, as Episcopalians, can learn from the Jewish culture.



**Above:** One of the sessions in the chapel led by Rev. Kevin Morris



### ALTAR GUILD

As members of the Altar Guild Ministry, we are now entering the holiest week of our Christian year. And, as many of you know, it is also the busiest. May God give each of you energy, patience and a heart filled with love as we prepare the sanctuary for worship each day. As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, on Easter, may we shout with joy, "**He is Risen, Alleluia**"

The Diocesan Altar Guild has two dates coming up for you to mark on your calendar.

**April 21** is a chartered bus trip to Trinity Church, Wall Street. After a tour of the church, with stops of special interest for altar guild members, we will have Noon Day prayers. Lunch will be on your own with free time to visit St. Paul's Chapel, the historic cemeteries at both Trinity Church and St Paul's Chapel, the Freedom Towers, and many other places of interest in this historic downtown area. Please check your Altar Guild bulletin Board for further information about this trip

**May 19** is our Annual Meeting and Book of Remembrance Service at All Saints' Church, Bayside. We will also have election of Officers. Fr. Byrne, Rector of All Saint's Church, will be our Guest Speaker. He has promised a lively and interesting talk: "Catch the Spirit: Exploring Pentecost". **The Seedling**, our DAG Newsletter will have full details about May 19, our Annual Meeting and Book of Remembrance Service.

If you have questions about our upcoming events, please contact:

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516-921-0580

**The Diocesan Altar Guild Bus trip**

**Saturday - April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Chartered Bus will leave from:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Stop** – 8:00am LIE Exit 63: Park & Ride
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Stop** – 8:30am LIE Exit 49: Park & Ride
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Stop** -- 9:15 am - Cathedral House, Garden City

**Tickets - \$25.00** – Transportation and Tour  
**\$5:00** -- For those meeting at Trinity Church Tour

Church Tour will begin at 10:30 A.M. followed by Noon Day Prayers

Lunch on your own

There will be free time to visit St. Paul’s Chapel, the Freedom Towers, the Oculus and more.

Our Tour Bus will **depart @ 3:00 P.M.** from: St. Paul’s Chapel, 209 Broadway,

For more information, call Jane Ames – 516 921-0580

**-----Reservations: \$25.00 Bus Transportation and Tour \$ 5.00 Tour**

**Name.....**

**Phone#..... Email.....**

**Please make checks payable to: Altar Guild, Diocese of LI**

**Mail to: Sally Bergmeyer  
 33-70 165<sup>th</sup> Street,  
 Flushing, NY 11358**

If more than one person will be included on this Reservation, please list each name on the back.

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*Match Game*

**ANSWERS**

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*Diocesan Quiet Day in the chapel at Mercer*



**Above:** The opening service with everyone in the chapel

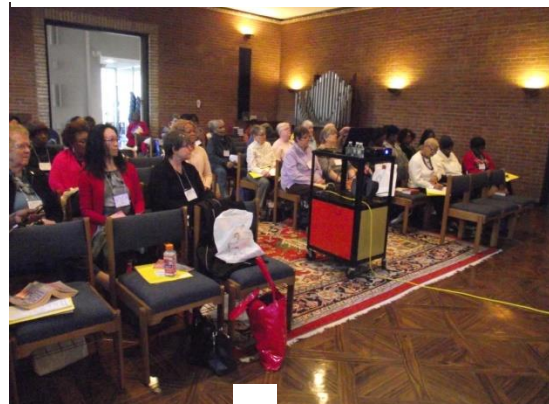
**Below:** Our own Deacon Marjorie Boyden-Edmonds addressing the group



**Below:** attendees attentively watching excerpts of the Jewish culture



**Above:** Bishop Provenzano preparing to address the group at lunch time, before going bowling with the children



**Above:** Canon Charles Egleston addressing the group in the library



**Above:** One session in the library led by Rev. Keith Voets





This newsletter will be published once every quarter for distribution in the months of April, July, October, and January. We welcome any questions regarding the role of the Episcopal Church Women in the Church. In order to research and answer your questions in a timely manner, questions must be received by the **15th day** of the month after publications. We will certainly do our best to address all questions received. You may also send us suggestions on things you would like to see or comments on the helpfulness of this newsletter.

We certainly hope you have enjoyed reading the newsletter, and may God bless you as you continue your ministry in the world.

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