

Diocese of the Central States News

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News from St. Jude's Anglican Mission, Richmond, VA

Fr. W. Scott Thompson, Vicar

December of 2012 held an important weekend for St. Jude's Anglican Mission in Richmond, Virginia. It was also a very busy weekend for Bishop Morse. The Bishop and Marianne arrived in Richmond on Friday evening, December 7. The next day, the Bishop ordained Deacon Scott Thompson to the Presbyterate (photo at right), celebrated Holy Communion, and attended the subsequent reception. The following day, Sunday, December 9, Bishop Morse confirmed four young ladies at St. Jude's, again celebrated Holy Communion, and again attended a reception (photos, next page). That evening the Bishop and Marianne got some well-deserved "kick back" time at the Thompson residence before boarding their return flight on Monday.

St. Jude's Anglican was conceived in the summer of 2010. Dcn. Thompson and his wife, Mary Jane, were longtime residents of the Fairfax, Virginia area and were serving there at Holy Trinity under Fr. Charles Camlin. Mary Jane heard from some friends in the Richmond area of a core group that would like to start a church. The Thompsons, with the blessings of Bp. Morse and Fr. Camlin, visited with the group, and in September 2010, services began in the home of one of the founding families. Today, St. Jude's has over 40 regular worshipers, and holds services at a local Anglo-Catholic church.

For the first year and a half, the Thompsons traveled to Richmond on weekends for ministry and worship services. They rented a small residence there for a stronger presence in the area. Then, in the spring of 2012, the Thompsons sold their home in Fairfax and moved to Richmond permanently. Dcn. Thompson graduated from Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlottesville, NC, in October of 2011. For most of the next year he worked through the written Presbyters examination, then withstood oral examination in September of 2012.

St. Jude's, a church plant of Holy Trinity, has grown and thrived under the blessings and guidance of Fr. Camlin, a long-time friend and mentor of Fr. Thompson. With the Bishop's confirmation of four last December, a total of eleven have been confirmed at St. Jude's since beginning. St. Jude's will have the distinct honor of hosting the Diocesan Synod in October this year. Fr. Thompson says: "It has been a very busy time, and one of much change for all of us at St. Jude's. But God has poured out His grace, and we are all both amazed and thankful."

See ya'll in Richmond in October.

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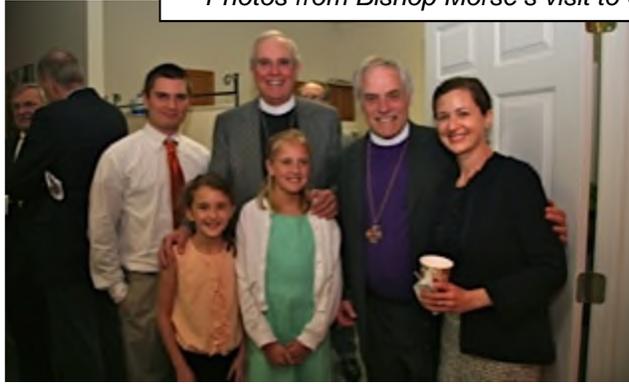


Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parish	Date
St. Jude's, Richmond, VA	3/03/13
Christ our Hope, Dayton, OH	3/10/13
Epiphany Mission, Cleveland, OH	3/17/13
St. Timothy, Lynchburg, VA	3/24/13
St. John's of Mt Laurel, Birmingham, AL	3/31/13
All Saints Mission, Lynchburg, VA	4/07/13
Covenant, Roanoke, VA	4/14/13
St. Andrew's, Appomattox, VA	4/21/13
St. Andrew's, Asheboro, NC	4/28/13
Christ Our Hope, Westpoint, TN	5/05/13
Trinity, Mason, OH	5/12/13
All Saints, Raleigh, NC	5/19/13



Photos from Bishop Morse's visit to St. Jude's Anglican. Story on page 1.



News from Christ Our Hope Anglican Church, Dayton, OH

By Dss. Candy Jacques

On behalf of The Rt. Rev. Daniel Morse, The Rt. Rev. George Fincke made an episcopal visit to Christ our Hope Anglican Church in Dayton, on February 2-3, 2013. In addition to confirming four adults and four young people at the parish, Bp. Fincke accompanied Fr. Chris Herman to Livingston Care Center on Sunday afternoon to celebrate Holy Communion and Confirmation with the residents there. Six adults were confirmed (as shown in the picture below).

The ministry at Livingston Care Center is a joint ministry of Christ the King and Christ our Hope Anglican Churches in Dayton, with Fr. Chris providing the oversight. Each week there is a Morning Prayer service at 10:00 a.m. and a Holy Communion service at 2:30 p.m. Ten to twelve lay people are involved, along with Fr. Chris, in a ministry that has been ongoing for over 20 years.

Fr. Chris says, "The wider church has essentially abandoned these folks who are among the lost, the lonely, the loveless and the least, but we have found great joy in ministering to them. The residents are our friends and many of them see me as their 'chaplain'. I have been blessed to be called to anoint the sick, to offer The Litany for the Dying and Commendatory Prayer, Memorial Services, and a monthly Bible Study in addition to our regular Sunday services. We have parish members who are faithful in visiting and serving in various ways. Each year, our children present a Christmas play to which all the residents look forward eagerly. It's a wonderful God-given opportunity to extend Christ's love to those who might not have another opportunity without this ministry."



There and Back Again: Youth Group Trip to See *The Hobbit*

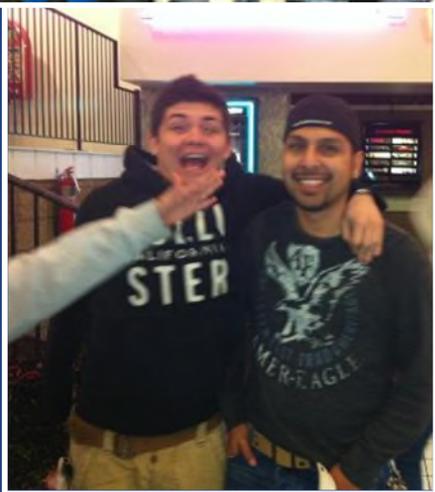
News from Trinity Anglican Church, Evansville, IN

Trinity Anglican Church sponsored a youth trip (with a few adults from the parish tagging along) to see *The Hobbit* movie in January that was well attended. After watching the movie, everyone went back to the rectory and ate pizza and participated in a brief discussion led by Father David about *The Hobbit*.

Fr. David explained about the friendships between J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, and G.K. Chesterton, as well as their connections through their Christian

faith and academia. Fr. David also touched on the many overarching Biblical themes found in the book on which the movie was based, such as God's unexpected intervention, bravery, endurance, tried patience, kindness, and the dependence on God weaved through our lives. The struggle of good vs. evil and how that theme was detailed in *The Hobbit* were also discussed in detail.

Everyone involved had a great time and learned a few things along the way.



Visit the parish website: <http://www.tacrec.org>

Update on The Colvins

Matt and Sora Colvin are settling in well in their new surroundings in Davao City, having secured a rental house and furnishings. They are also getting accustomed to an unfamiliar culture: learning the Cebuano language, adjusting to different food options, and even venturing into the difficulties of driving in a foreign land.

Matt began teaching at Faith Academy on January 7, and Sora is busy at the clinic. She was privileged to be on duty during the birth of the 20,000th baby to be delivered there! The picture at right was taken shortly after the happy event.



Keep up with news from the Colvins at <http://receivewithmeekness.wordpress.com>

News from Christ the King Church, Dayton, OH

By Amanda McGill, Parish Administrator

As we have moved from Epiphany into the Lenten Season, Christ the King has continued to work to faithfully sustain our current ministries.

For Sunday School, Fr. Wayne McNamara is leading a study through the book *The Celtic Way of Evangelism: How Christianity Can Reach the West*. . . Again. Then, on Sunday nights, members meet for our “Philosophy, and Faith” night. Jon McGill is leading an in-depth study through the book of Ephesians. We are discussing the way that the Apostle Paul’s vision of the world should shape our imaginations and desires.

On February 7th through 9th, members of Christ the King and Christ our Hope Anglican met for the Neighborhood Transformation Seminar led by Stan Rowland. Stan was one of the founders of the Community Health Evangelism movement at Campus Crusade. He taught practical ways to involve churches in neighborhood ministry.

Dominion Academy Staff and Refugee Ministry leaders are working together to write a grant to develop our back lot into a green space and playground. This would be a playground for both free and structured play—promoting healthful activity for the refugee children of the neighborhood, as well as all school and church children. We pray that this can be a blessing to our neighborhood and church.

Two baby girls have been born to two families in our parish, one at the end of December and one in February. The Women of the Church held an afternoon tea to celebrate in January and will be holding another one in March. We are also meeting for a February brunch with a Lenten focus.

Several members of our parish are working and being trained to incorporate “Godly Play” into our children’s ministry. Godly Play is a Montessori-based way to teach children Scripture and liturgy in a way that appreciates all levels of our embodiment.

For Lent, we had our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner with Christ Our Hope Anglican Church, followed by two services on Ash Wednesday. We observed the Lenten Ember Days and will continue having “meager meals” before evening prayer on Wednesdays. For Holy Week, we will, as in years past, have a Communion service every day leading up to Easter Sunday.

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