

Proclaim!



*What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light;
and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the rooftops.
Matthew 10:27*

Episcopal Church Women of Delaware September, 2020 Newsletter

Proclaim! is the occasional newsletter of the ECW - Delaware. Send any news, suggestions, projects, etc. to gr8art@outlook.com, for publication in a future edition. Names may be added to the mailing list in the same way. Please share the newsletter in your parish and beyond. This shortened newsletter will focus on three topics: the Annual Meeting on October 10th, the outreach project for 2020, and the United Thank Offering - (UTO).

No matter how we travel, we are on the same journey.

Walking With God

ECW 2020 Annual Business Meeting and Worship

The ECW of Delaware will hold its 2020 Annual Business Meeting and Worship by Zoom this year because of the Pandemic. It will be held on Saturday, October 10th, from 10 AM to Noon. The theme for this year's meeting is *Walking With God*. The keynote talk and worship service will be led by The Rev. Maryann Younger, curate at St. David's, Wilmington. The business meeting will include the election of the President and Vice-President. We will hear from a representative of The Way Home, our outreach target for this year. We hope that The Rev. Dr. Marta Illueca will speak to us about her UTO grant.

Everyone is invited to attend; there is no charge. We do ask that you sign up in advance. Simply send your name, parish, and email address to: gr8art@outlook.com. Register by October 1, so the master list will be complete. Everyone who registers will receive the Zoom code and meeting documents by email a few days before the meeting: agenda, minutes of previous meetings, treasurer's report, other reports and the worship bulletin. Let your friends and fellow parishioners know about the meeting!

The Way Home – Outreach Target for 2020

This organization assists people who have been incarcerated make a successful re-entry into society. In the past, case workers would meet with the inmates while they were still in prison, establish a working relationship and begin the process of transition. With the COVID Pandemic the case workers are no longer permitted to enter the prison to work with the inmates. Counseling in the prison is very limited. The Way Home staff is frustrated and stressed by the current situation. We can help!

1. The case workers have told us that they need gift cards to pass to the clients. The cards are used to purchase food and other necessities. We will purchase the gift cards and deliver them if you send your check to:
ECW-Delaware
3719 Philadelphia Pike
Claymont, DE 19703
2. You can purchase the gift cards, Walmart and Wawa preferred, and send them yourself to: The Way Home, P.O. Box 1103, Georgetown, DE 19947 Phone – 302-856-9870
3. Another item that the facility could use is tote bags. The clients often have no way to carry their clothes and toiletries, and many must carry their things in garbage bags. Any sturdy tote bag with handles will work. We often get these bags at conventions or as an advertisement. Even reusable heavy grocery tote bags will work. If you or your parish collect some of these bags, please contact The Way Home to arrange to deliver them.

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The United Thank Offering (UTO)

The UTO is focusing this year 's grants on recovery efforts for the pandemic. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been very difficult to determine a way to hold our annual UTO campaigns and ingatherings. This article is, in part, from the ECW magazine *Communique*. Here are several options that you as an individual or your parish can follow. Remember that no matter how you choose to support the UTO it is important that our diocese and your parish are identified in your check or written form if donating on line or by text. Remember, the UTO is a prayer and thankfulness charity. So stay safe, stay well and stay grateful!

Ways to give to the UTO:

1. Encourage your parishioners to send a check to your parish office. The office can then send the money to our ECW treasurer. If the office at your parish is not collecting for the UTO this year, you can send your personal check to our treasurer made out to: **ECW Delaware**. Be sure to indicate your Parish name and UTO on the memo line of the check, like this - UTO-Ascension. Mail it to:

Chrissie Lockwood,
3719 Philadelphia Pike
Claymont, DE 19703

2. Text to give: INGATHER41444

3. Give online at: unitedthankoffering.org/give

4. Mail a check directly to UTO's bank. Make the check out to UTO. Put Ingathering, your parish name and Delaware on the memo line. It should look like this – Ingathering- Ascension-Delaware

Mail the check to:

United Thank Offering
DFMS – Protestant Episcopal Church
PO Box 958983
St. Louis, MO 63195 – 8983

Intentional Love

Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world.

All things break. And all things can be mended.

Not with time, as they say, but with intention.

So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally.

The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.

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