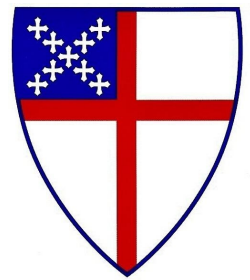


# CHRONICLE OF GOOD NEWS



## Affiliated Parishes of Northeast Texas

### APNET

#### APNET CHURCHES

St. Dunstan—Mineola  
Bishop Fraser Lawton

St. Francis—Winnsboro

St. Mark's—Mt. Pleasant  
Vicar Cynthia Moore  
Mother Ethel Cannon

Iglesia De San Marcos—Mt.  
Pleasant  
Father Alfredo Williams  
Deacon Susana Williams

St. Philip's—Sulphur Springs  
Vicar Cynthia Moore  
Mother Ethel Channon

St. William Laud—Pittsburg



*"Joy in Service"*

*"This is the day the Lord has  
made. Let us rejoice and be  
glad in it!"*

## LATER IN LIFE:

### and All That Stuff APNET Workshop

There was a great turnout for this workshop. Legal aspects were shared by Attorney, Kyle Waggoner, Funeral options by Paul Beaty from Beaty Funeral Homes, and Personal testimonies by Pam Duncan from St. Dunstan, Dee Wood from St. Mark, Bonita Howell and Mary Lu French both from St. Dunstan. Britany Meyers who is a licensed clinical social worker from St. Philip, shared information concerning elder care and Bishop Lawton shared options for an Episcopal funeral from the Book of Common Prayer. Lastly there was a Question-and-Answer session including Mother Cynthia Moore, Mother Ethel Channon, Canon David Petrash, Bishop Lawton and Britany Meyers.



Later in Life Workshop

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Reporter: Nancy Pool

**Great Speakers giving good advice on Later Life Issues and  
Great Cooks feeding those in attendance!!**



**Good Sisters of the ECW**



**Attorney Kyle Waggoner**



**Paul Beaty**



**Britany Meyers**



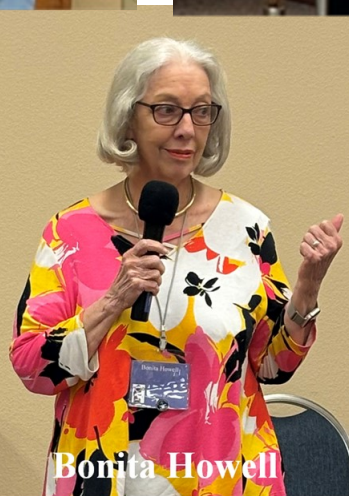
**Rev. Canon Dr. David Petrash**



**Pam Duncan**



**Dee Woods**



**Bonita Howell**



**Mary Lu French**

More wisdom about aging and keeping our spiritual lives active along with the opportunity to ask questions!!



***Let us never forget that we are never forgotten!***

**Isaiah 46:4**

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

# APNET BIBLE STUDY

## September 9, 2024

### At St. Francis, Winnsboro

APNET rural churches: St. Francis, St. Dunstan, St. Mark, St. Philip and San Marcos, were represented at our September APNET Bible Study followed by Mass lead by Mother Ethel. This month's Bible Study taken from the book, "They Walked with God" written by Max Lucado was well received.

Deacon Susana Williams from San Marcos in Mt. Pleasant welcomed everyone. Praise music was provided by Kay McEntire from St. Francis. Afterwards, Mother Ethel read the recommended scripture reading John 20:2-8 from the Bible followed by Mother Cynthia reading the chapter from Max Lucado's book on the apostle John. Instead of breaking up into smaller groups for discussions as we usually do, it was decided to have one large group discussion which was lead by Jay Miller from St. Francis. The group participation was invigorating and deeply touching. Snacks were provided and offered before the mass lead by Mother Ethel.

It's funny. At the end of each one of these Bible studies, and I've attended them all, I always leave thinking that was the best one of all. What does that tell you? It tells you they are all wonderful. Come and see for yourself at our next one.

Nancy Pool, Reporter



# Singing and leading the study of John with snacks at the end of the Bible Study



# Attending Mass after the Bible Study



# Upcoming Events Planned at the APNET Council Meeting—8/10/2024

From APNET Council Meeting Minutes by Nancy Pool

Spreading the word about APNET—On November 2nd Bishop Lawton, Mother Cynthia and diocesan staff will meet with churches from Athens, Kemp, Canton and Kaufman who are interested in forming a group such as APNET. It will be at St. James on the Lake in Kemp. Bishop Lawton encourages any of us interested in sharing our experience with APNET to go with them.

Conference with Jane Jones - It was discussed and agreed that Jane Jones should be brought back for a healing prayer retreat, tentatively next Spring. Pam Duncan and Susana Williams volunteered to help with this event.

Youth Event - There are plans in the making by the youth at St. Dunstan's for an APNET Youth Event for junior and senior high youth (13 and up), sometime in November or later. They will probably meet at St. Francis in Winnsboro since it is centrally located. Tentative plans are to play miniature golf, eat and have prayer together so the youth from all our churches have a chance to get to know one another better. We will need volunteers to help with the planning and food. If the golf outing isn't possible, there is a large field right across from St Francis in Winnsboro to be able to do some other games. St. Dunstan's youth will be responsible for picking the date and making the plans. Bishop Lawton will fill us in as the plans progress, please let Bishop Lawton know if you are willing to volunteer to help with this event.

Christmas Lessons and Carols - The Lessons and Carols service has been set for 3:00 p.m., Saturday, December 28, at William Laud in Pittsburg, TX.

How to plan and lead Morning Prayer - Bishop Lawton and Mother Cynthia will be holding a workshop based on How To Conduct a Morning Prayer Service. This workshop will include a walk through the way the liturgy is put together, where to find the scriptures, how to set it up, how to decide what must be in there, what is flexible as well as where the canticles go, the readings and all those kinds of things. The date to be announced.

# Upcoming Events for the Diocese of Dallas

## Coadjutor Election—What happens next! By Nancy Pool

Hopefully most of you were able to attend in person or online at one of the hearing sessions that occurred over the past month. One of these sessions was held at St. Phillips in Sulphur Springs and was well attended with many pertinent questions asked. After the hearing sessions, the committee will put out a profile of what we need. This profile will be made from the survey that was sent to all members, the hearing sessions and the direction of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for the committee as they perform this most important task.

Nominations will open around October 8 and close October 31. Then the screening process begins with all the background checks. The walkabouts start next Spring where all the candidates will go to various places in the diocese so you can meet them. The committee is canonically required to present 3 to 7 names so there will be at least three in consideration. The election will be May 3, 2025. The assumed time table is five months after that so October 2025 will be the date of the consecration of the new Bishop who serves along side Bishop Sumner until his retirement. Bishop Sumner's retirement date has not been determined.

Please continue to pray for all of these steps as this will be the future Bishop for the Diocese of Dallas.

## November Diocesan Convention

The Diocese of Dallas Diocesan Convention will be held November 9, at Parish Episcopal School, 4101 Sigma Road in Dallas. *The convention will include a vote on the proposed budget for the Diocese as well as any changes to the Constitution and Canons.* Some may say “what does this really have to do with the rural churches?” In regards to the APNET churches it is very important in that the budget includes our grant from the Diocese that helps us pay for the APNET expenses. We have been blessed to have received this grant of \$40,000 for several years. However, it is not a given for the future. Bishop Lawton feels that we will be fine for this coming year although the amount may be reduced some. Also, we are part of the whole of the Diocese and should be mindful of everything that affects it. Please pray for all who are voting and attending and the decisions they will be helping to make. 8

## St. William Laud

**St. William Laud—Pittsburg By: Mike McCurry**

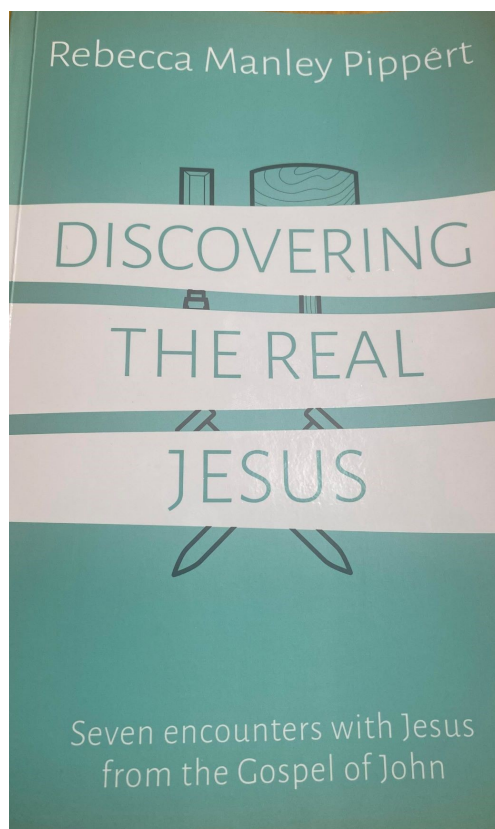
### Happenings at St William Laud

Things have been relatively quiet since the departure of Fr. Gary Hill. Last I talked to him he had had his last radiation treatment and is feeling OK. He said that he has been given the go ahead to do some supply priest duties. So we expect to see him every so often here at St. William Laud. Also some good news. Fr. Alfredo will be officiating Mass every last Sunday of the month for which we are very grateful.

We continue to pray we will soon have a more permanent situation at our lovely and loving church. Peace from Pittsburg.!



**St. Francis—Winnsboro—by: Jay Miller**



St. Francis has begun a 13-week seeker Bible study on Tuesday nights starting at 5:30. Over the first three weeks, we have had an average attendance of 6 people for our Bible study. Four people in attendance are in their 30s. Kay McEntire leads the studies and we usually have a meal preceding the class. Each lesson is from the Gospel of John.

# NEWS AND GOINGS ON AROUND APNET

## St. Mark/San Marcos

### St. Mark/San Marcos

Submitted by: Diana Woods



### Schedule of Services

**Holy Eucharist (*English*)**

**11am Sunday**

**Adult Bible Study (*English*)**

**9:30am Sunday**

**Santa Missa (*Espanol*)**

**1pm Domingos**

**Morning Prayer Mon-Fri on FB/Youtube**

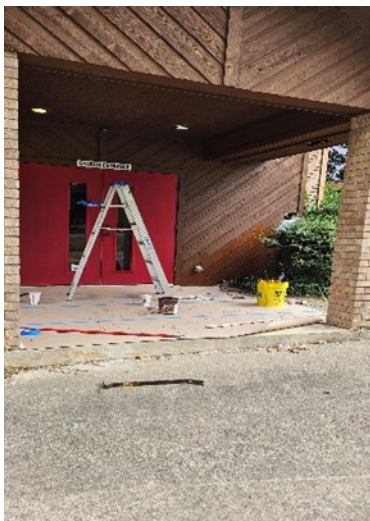
**Evening Prayer/Compline (*Espanol, FBLive*)**

**9pm Noches de Semana**

**The food Giveaway by San Marcos continues the first Thursday of each month.**

**Our adult Bible Study has now turned to an in-depth study of the Letter of the Apostle James.**

**We have also received a grant from the Episcopal Foundation of Dallas to replace and renovate the windows and paint the exterior of the church. Work is now taking place.**



# NEWS AND GOINGS ON AROUND APNET

## St. Mark Continued...

**We are grateful for the new US flag that was donated anonymously for the nave. Pictured here is Junior Warden William Bush, preparing it for display. William is a veteran, having served in the Marine Corps for six years before retiring from the Army. He served 15 years in total. Thank you for your service in the defense of our freedoms.**



**We also had the pleasure of hosting the APNET council meeting held on August 10. We are looking forward to the activities we enjoy as the associated parishes: the workshop in Mineola on Aging, Bible Study and Eucharist in Winnsboro, and the rest. Thank you to all who attended.**

### Save the Date

**St. Mark's will have a booth at the 49<sup>th</sup> Countryfest in Mt. Vernon on October 12 from 9-3. We will be selling owl boxes and bluebird houses in the continuing effort to fund landscaping for the church. In addition, Mtr. Channon will be on hand to bless animals as the date falls within the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. Come by to see us as you enjoy a day out for a harvest festival.**

# NEWS AND GOINGS ON AROUND APNET

## St. Dunstan

**St. Dunstan—Mineola**

**By: Veronica Lawton**

### **Weekly Opportunities:**

**Sunday Worship—10:00 AM in person and on FB**

**Monday Morning Prayer via Zoom at 11AM**

**Wednesday Rector's Bible study, in person and via zoom at 11AM**

**Wednesday at 1:30PM - Intercessory Prayer, locations vary, contact office**

**Wednesday at 5PM, Women's Bible Study**

**Wednesdays (1<sup>st</sup> is a children and youth service and 3<sup>rd</sup> is youth group )  
5:00 to 7:00PM**

**Saturdays (2nd & 4th) 8 AM, Men's Bible Study**

### **Upcoming events:**

#### **ECW Stew Luncheon and Gift Basket Sale**

**ECW is holding their annual Stew Luncheon and Gift Basket sale on Friday, November 8th from 11AM -2PM. Tickets are \$10 each and will be available beginning next Sunday. The stew is either beef or chicken stew served with cornbread and dessert. Meals are served in house or to go. Gift baskets will be individually priced with a few held for silent auction. Last year was a blast. All the baskets sold within an hour. It was great fun.**

#### **New ALPHA Course to Begin**

**St. Dunstan will be starting an ALPHA course in January. Please help them spread the word to anyone that might be interested in participating.**

## **St. Dunstan—Mineola continued.....**

### **New DOK OFFICERS are COMMISSIONED**

On Sunday September 15th the new officers of the Daughters Of the King organization were commissioned with laying on of hands during the service. President is Mitzi Pearce, Vice President is Patti Corbett and Secretary/Treasurer is Diana Devault.



### **St Dunstan Confirmation of Candidates for Church Membership**

On Sunday, September 22nd, six new members were confirmed with one received. These new members had participated in a Confirmation Class over several weeks. Congratulations to the five new Episcopalians of St. Dunstan and two of St. Philip's.



### St. Philip's—Sulphur Springs by Nancy Pool

#### ONGOING SERVICES at St. Philip's in Sulphur Springs, TX

## HAPPENINGS AT ST. PHILIP'S

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR ST. PHILIP'S

DAILY Morning Prayer, Monday thru Friday – “THE RANCH VICAR” on YouTube and Facebook

WEEKLY – Sunday Eucharist at 11:00 am

WEEKLY – Tuesday Eucharist in the Chapel at 1:00 pm

WEEKLY – Tuesday Bible Study on the book “Psalm 91” in the Parish Hall following Eucharist.

WEEKLY – Wednesday at 5:30 – Study of the minor prophets followed by Compline.

MONTHLY – 10/22 – Vestry, 2:30, following Bible Study, all are invited to attend.

### SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICES

09/27 – Service with Bishop Lawton, 11:00 a.m., blessing of the columbarium and confirmation service.

10/02 – Intercessory Prayer Group at St. Philip's chapel at 1:30 p.m.



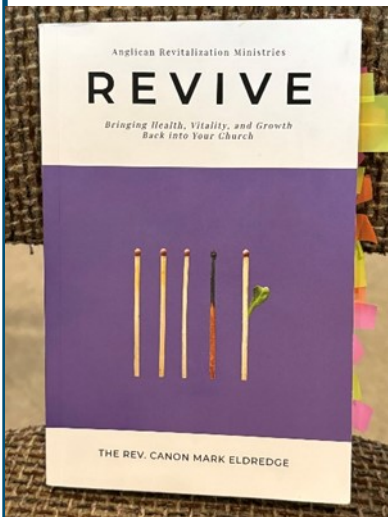
Among other birthday blessings, we gave thanks for our good and faithful servant, Nelli “Mimi” Gudger on her 92nd Birthday.

# NEWS AND GOINGS ON AROUND APNET Continued.....

## St. Philip's—Sulphur Springs Continued.....



Excuse our dust! The next few weeks in October will be very exciting for us as our beloved church gets a much needed facelift. While this transformation is taking place, our full Sunday services including mass and music will be held in the Parish Hall. The company that has been hired will be working 12 hour days, 7 days a week and are expecting to be finished within two maybe three weeks. It will be well worth the wait.



Bishop Lawton is encouraging each APNET church to have a study on the book, "Revive, Bring Health, Vitality, and Growth Back into Your Church" written by Rev. Canon Mark Eldredge. It talks about how to deal with things going on in our Parishes. He and Mother Cynthia have read it and feel it could be tremendously helpful to any of the congregations in our life. It is about a five-week study that could be shared during Advent. We would read a section, then meet together and go through the study questions.



We have received our new columbarium which has been placed in the Memorial Garden. It holds 40 niches and we are proud to say enough of them have already been sold to pay for it. This is a beautiful addition to our Memorial Garden. We will have a special blessing by Bishop Lawton on Sunday, September 29.

# OUR NEXT APNET GATHERINGS

**APNET Council Meeting  
Saturday, October 25, 2024  
St. Dunstan, Mineola  
10:00 AM**

**All are welcome to attend, not just the designated Reps.**

**Meeting with other Rural Churches  
Interested in APNET  
November 2, 2024 2:00—5:00 PM  
St. James on the Lake  
1-707 CR 4022, Kemp, TX 75143**

**All APNET members that would like to attend and tell their experience  
with APNET are invited! Contact Bishop Fraser.**

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

**Saturday, December 28th, 2024  
3:00 PM  
St. William Laud, Pittsburg  
Reception to Follow**

# THINGS TO REMEMBER

## Stewardship/2025 Budget Time

Remember to prayerfully consider your financial, time and talents participation in the support of your church and its mission.

## Bishop Coadjutor News

The election of our Bishop Coadjutor, God willing, will take place on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. The Coadjutor Profile will be published in late September and nominations will be received from Oct. 1 to Oct. 21.

What is a Bishop Coadjutor? It is an assistant bishop with the right of succession upon the resignation (in the case of our diocese, retirement) of the diocesan bishop. Before a bishop coadjutor is elected, the diocesan bishop must consent to such an election and state the duties which will be assigned to the bishop coadjutor when duly ordained and consecrated.[\[1\]](#)

Please keep the committee in charge in your prayers for discernment.

## DIOCESE OF DALLAS

### 2024 Diocesan Convention

November 9, 2024

*Parish Episcopal School, 4101 Sigma Road*

*Dallas, TX*

See the complete schedule on the DOD Website.

# APNET Intercessory Prayer Group Schedule

## Oct., Nov. & December 2024

Month	St. Dunstan	St. Philip's	St. Francis	St. Mark's/ Marcos	St. William Laud
October 2024	30	2	9	16	23
NOV 2024		6	13	20	27
DEC 2024	4	11	18		

## Upcoming Newsletter Articles for October/November

- Coadjutor News
- Report on meeting with other rural churches
- Diocesan Convention Report

If you have a great idea for an article you would like to see, please contact me and we will get it in! [sharonlynnbrooks@gmail.com](mailto:sharonlynnbrooks@gmail.com)

*A great big THANK YOU to all the reporters and especially Nancy Pool for helping me with the articles since I have not been able to attend the events. You are all wonderful!!*

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