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St. Anne's in Lee's Summit launches it's garden



Following Sunday morning worship April 18, St. Anne's in Lee's Summit asked for God's blessing on its new vegetable garden. "This garden will allow us to use some of the land that God has given our parish to help others," said the Rev. Cindy Howard, St. Anne's rector.

According to Howard, many parishioners contributed to the planning and planting of the garden, and produce will be shared with the clients of Hillcrest Transitional Housing and Lee's Summit Social Services. The garden, dubbed the "Garden of Eatin'," is a community partner of Kansas City Community Gardens

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Renovations at St. Mary's in Kansas City



A Web site has been launched that details the day-to-day renovation work at St. Mary's in Kansas City. Currently, the church's parish hall is in its second week of renovation. For a link to the web site [click here](#).

Episcopal Relief & Development's continued role in Haiti



Episcopal Relief & Development's contribution to Haiti's reconstruction has not diminished three months after a major earthquake, writes Dave and Alice Williams, diocesan ERD coordinators.

There are more than 30,000 survivors living in 60 settlements connected with the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti. ERD has helped in numerous ways, from food drops to supplying tents to constructing permanent latrines in camps. For a PDF of the article, please [click here](#).

Jr. High Retreat



This year's Junior High Retreat is planned for April 30th to May 2nd at St. Francis Lodge in Atchison. Activities will include a rope course, cookout, games and crafts. But the retreat's bigger purpose? The understanding that we are all connected in our faith. For more information, including a flyer and permission form, please [click here](#).

Appreciative Inquiry



The Clergy Leadership Institute will present "**Appreciative Inquiry for Vestries and Church Leaders**" 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 1 at St. Andrew's, 6401 Wornall Terr. in

Kansas City. The presenter will be Dr. Rob Voyle, a leader in the use of appreciative inquiry in coaching and church settings. The program is \$25 per person with a cap of \$100 per parish. For more information about the event, please [click here](#).

Stanley Hauerwas in Kansas City



Renowned theologian and ethicist Stanley Hauerwas will be in the Kansas City area for a lecture at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 20th, at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, 6630 Nall Ave. in Mission, Kansas. He will speak on **"Practicing Pentecost: Learning the Language of Peace."** Hauerwas is professor of theological ethics at the Duke Divinity School and was named "America's Best Theologian" by Time magazine in 2001. The event is free and open to the public. For a flyer of the event, please [click here](#).

Men's Spirituality Retreat



The House of Grace, a spirituality and retreat center, will host "The Men's Spirituality Retreat" 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 22. House of Grace is located at 16808 Holmes Road in the Village of Loch Lloyd in Kansas City.

The retreat is open to men only, allowing them to reflect on today's emerging masculine spirituality. The guest speaker at the event will be Mark Williams, a staff member at Souljourner's Ecumenical Formation Program for Spiritual Directors. The cost to attend is \$50, which includes lunch. For a flyer of the event, please [click here](#).

Episcopal Church Women



**The Episcopal
Church Women**

The second annual celebration breakfasts for the diocese's Episcopal Church Women will be held 9:30 a.m. to noon June 12 in Kansas City and June 26 in Springfield.

The complimentary breakfasts will include musical entertainment, sharing and a lot of fun. Alexandra Connors will be present at both breakfasts. Connors, who is profiled in the upcoming edition of Spirit magazine, was one of 10 young-adult delegates from the Episcopal Church who attended the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in March. Last year, 200 women in the diocese attended the breakfasts. For an event flyer and registration information, please [click here](#).

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