

... from one who serves among us

(Note: Jean Scott submitted the following report 'for the record' just after our Annual Parish Meeting in January. It is offered here in gratitude for her ministry with us.)

Priest in Residence Report

The Rev. Jean Pearson Scott

The year 2009 is a memorable one for me. St. Stephen's was the site of my ordination to the priesthood on March 27, 2009. The service was the first service of ordination conducted by Bishop Mayer. Along with Bishop Mayer, the service would not have been possible without the assistance of many parishioners who offered their talents through song, music, flowers, scripture reading, and serving as acolytes, ushers, and Altar Guild. Afterwards there was a beautiful and delicious reception. I remember with gratitude all those who made the service meaningful through their assistance and by being present with me to worship and celebrate God's calling to love and serve.

Through the year I have officiated and celebrated the eucharist at St. Stephen's, St. Paul's-on-the-Plains, St. Benedict's Mission in Lubbock, and St. Mark's in Plainview. Many Sundays at St. Stephen's I have served as the deacon and assisted the supply priests as needed. Through the year I made hospital visits at Covenant Hospital and UMC Health System. On July 4 I travelled to Shamrock, Texas to attend the 100th anniversary of St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church. Also, I attended the consecration service of Bishop Mayer, Good Friday Services at St. Paul's-on-the-Plains, the ordination to the priesthood of Pat Russell, ordination of a deacon, Todd Baxley, and the diocesan convention in Amarillo.

In June I attended a preaching conference in Montreat, North Carolina. This was the third time that I had attended, and as before, I came away with new insights about the ministry of proclamation. I enjoyed worship, fellowship with other clergy, and the scenic beauty. Brief visits this year to Ghost Ranch, New Mexico and the Monastery of Christ in the Desert have been spiritually uplifting.

As the year comes to a close, I rejoice and give thanks for the opportunity to share ministry with the St. Stephen's community.

Jean+

Newsletter deadline is the **10th** of each month for entries in the next issue.

Vestry will convene April 19 at 5:30 PM for their next meeting.

Stuff 'n' Fold to prepare the next newsletter for mailing is the last Thursday of each month – April 29 for the May issue – at 10:30 AM.

Two events coming next month . . .

SPRING FLING, May 8th, 6 PM !!

Mark your calendars! Save the date! And clear the way to the Edwards' Casa Alegre! Watch the Sunday announcements for more information about the FLING, about ticket sales, and for directions to Casa Alegre.

PENTECOST SUNDAY PICNIC, May 23rd, at noon !!

WEAR RED to church that day; stay for hot dogs and hamburgers, and enjoy games for children, youth, adults (including one-leg sack hop!).

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community : www.lubbockeyc.org) schedule for middle and high school youth of **all** Lubbock parishes includes the following:

Mar 28 - regular meeting, 4-5 PM, at St. Paul's (16th St & Av X)

Apr 4 - no meeting (Enjoy Easter Day with your family!)

Apr 11 - regular meeting, 4 - 5:30 PM, at St. Stephen's

Apr 18 - regular meeting, 4 - 5:30 PM, at St. Paul's (16th St & Ave X)

Apr 25 - regular meeting, 4 - 5:30 PM, at St. Paul's (16th St & Ave X)

May 2 - End-of-year EYC party!



A few faces from the Men's Group ANNUAL FISH FRY



Is that filet of sole?



The key to having a successful fish Fry?

Preparedness!