



Dear People of Ware,

I am writing to lay out some plans for the fall. I have had this in mind for some time but computer issues have slowed up progress. I am in Pennsylvania this week attending a Transition Training Session, which the Diocese of Virginia required and that I agreed to do in order to be licensed in this diocese.

September 6, On the Friday after Labor Day, I have invited the acolytes to join me for pizza and a movie, *The Ultimate Gift* with James Garner. Between food and entertainment, I will brief the young people on their duties as acolytes serving on the altar at Ware!

Beginning on September 15, we will have Coffee Quarter from 9:30 until 9:45 - a time for the 8:30 folks and the 10:30 folks to get re-acquainted. An Adult Forum will begin at 9:45, ending in time for the 10:30 service. It is my hope and my prayer that you will be making this a part of your Sunday Sabbath time with God and with the parish!

September 8, The Sunday after Labor Day, we will be treated with the musical selection that Rhiannon sang at the National Cathedral this summer! We will have a reception after the 10:30 service in her honor as we show our pride in the young people in the parish.

On September 15, the 8:30 service will meet in the chapel where we will dedicate a lovely little statue of Mary and the Christ Child that is being donated by Mary Galloway. We will rededicate the valuable painting that has recently been restored and re-hung.

During August, I told you that in the words of South Pacific, I would be *getting to know you, getting to know all about you!* On September 22 and 29, I invite you to get to know me! I have an extensive "resume" that has been available in the Narthex for several weeks. I hope you will read it ahead of time so that we can make these forums a dialogue! You may ask me anything except how much I weigh! You might want to know about my family - my claim to fame is that my mother was Miss Virginia in the Miss America Pageant in 1942....my grandmother belonged to the same Baptist Church in Bowling Green, Virginia for all of her 96 Years...my only sibling, a younger brother, died from the same brain cancer as Ted Kennedy and John McCain. My replacement home is named *Pauw Haus* - ask me why!

On October 6 and 13, I invite you to join together to do some grief work as a parish. I have a degree in counseling from William and Mary and I serve on the board for Bon Secours Bereavement Center in Newport News where I lead groups for people who have lost a loved one to suicide. When we lose someone, no matter who or how, there is a process of grief work that needs to be done before moving on. Losing a rector suddenly, with little notice or preparation, is a loss to the community and it, too, requires a time to get in touch with loss, anger, disappointment, frustration.....I have done this at the two previous interim parishes and it has been well received, well participated in and deemed to be both helpful and essential.

On October 20, I will invite you to ask: Everything You Wanted to Know About the Prayer Book but Were Afraid to Ask! I find often there are some surprises even in the most faithful "cradle Episcopalians".

On October 27, we will race through the history of the Episcopal Church: What Was Henry VIII Thinking?

I hope that gets us off to a good start. I am very serious about adult education. I think when we stop learning, we might just as well stop living! Education does not end with the last day of school....or college...or training! I have been told that my strongest gift is teaching.....that will be for you to decide!!

I invite you to think about some things you might like to learn about in November. I am thinking about some conversations about the outreach ministries in the area. Or.....whatever you might want. In December, we will have some Advent Meditations, Musings, and Messages!

I look forward to seeing you in church...AND BETWEEN SERVICES!

On another note, I plan to start a mid-week service on Wednesdays - a Bible Study at 10:30 followed by a noon service - sometimes Holy Eucharist, sometimes Morning Prayer (since a member of this parish told me she HATED Eucharist).

Faithfully,

Kathie Price+