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# Episcopal Church Women

*Diocese of Chicago*

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**Fall 2023**

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## Connections

*Dear Lord Jesus, bring your family together in your love until all the world is one family.  
Amen*

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## **The Hunger Paradox - Online Fall Speaker Series**

**October 04**

### **Hunger – A Continuing Paradox?**

By Diane Edwards, a member of St. Charles Episcopal Church

**October 11**

### **Springboard Kitchen: Helping People Reach Next Stage Culinary Dreams**

By Rev. Jonathan Thomas, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Peoria

**October 18**

### **Sustainable Gardening**

By Leah Beck and Sue Styer, Kane County Master Gardeners

The series was very informative and showcased both the scope of the problem of hunger and food insecurity, as well as some efforts to deal with it. All the sessions were recorded, so if anyone wants to view any of them, please request the link at [president@ecwchicago.org](mailto:president@ecwchicago.org).

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## **ECW-Chicago 2024 Calendar**

The ECW-Chicago Board discussed possible 2024 events and have decided for now that we will only plan our **Annual Meeting**, currently scheduled for **April 20th** at a venue yet to be determined. The main reason for limited programming is that the Triennial, which will be held in Louisville, Kentucky the last week of June, will consume much of our budget and energy, so at this point, we will focus on our

one required meeting.

A major requirement of the Annual Meeting is to elect a President. While I do plan to run for another term, we are open to any other candidate who feels called to lead us. The job requirements are as follows per the bylaws:

All officers and board members must be communicants in good standing and resident in the Diocese of Chicago.

- A. A nominee for the office of ECW-Chicago President shall have served a previous term of at least six months as a member of the Board and shall have relevant management experience in business or another non-profit organization.

Here is a bit more detail about duties from our Policies and Procedures:

**President:**

- Sets meeting agendas, calls and facilitates all meetings of the Board;
- Appoints members and ex officio members of the Board of Directors with concurrence of the other officers;
- Creates and appoints committees to execute the programs and projects of the ECW-Chicago
- Represents Women's Ministries within the Diocese of Chicago, Province V and ECW Triennial.
- Serves as an ex officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee;
- Serves as a delegate to the Province V Annual Meeting and the Triennial Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women with expenses reimbursed by ECW-Chicago;\

- Furnishes any information requested by the ECW Province V, or the National Board of the Episcopal Church Women;
- Serves as ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees for the Episcopal Charities and Community Services.
- Is an authorized check signatory.
- Qualification: One year's previous experience on an ECW diocesan board.

It should be noted that one of the first official duties of the newly elected President will be to lead the ECW-Chicago delegation to the Triennial being held in Louisville, Kentucky in June 2024.

Those who are interested should fill in and submit this [nomination form](#) by January 1, 2024 to [secretary@ecwchicago.org](mailto:secretary@ecwchicago.org).

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## 2024 Triennial

ECW Triennial will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, in conjunction with the General Convention for the last week in June, 2024. Planning is underway by the NECW Board now, but part of the program is expected to be celebration of **Distinguished Women** of each diocese, and we will participate in the Chicago Diocese.

We have received nine nominations of honored women from around the Diocese:

Grace-Sterling: Mother Peg Williams

St. Bride's-Oregon: Joanne Pennock

Emmanuel-LaGrange: Stacy Jackson

St. Simons-Arlington Heights: Jo Gantzer

St. James the Less-Northfield: Colleen Schipfer

St. Edmund's-Chicago: Joan Collins

St. Luke's-Dixon: Linda Brantley

St. Nicholas-Elk Grove Village: Pat Kalicki

Grace-Galena: Lynn Giles

We applaud you all for the impact you have had on your parishes and we are inspired by the stories of your ministries.

The Board will have the difficult decision to make in January of which of these women to elect as our Distinguished Woman of the Diocese of

Chicago, but we will enjoy reading about all your accomplishments.

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Please let us know your thoughts, questions, fondest dreams for ECW at your parish and your diocese, or even at the province or national level (yes, those levels exist, too).

**By the way, you don't have to join the ECW Board to get involved with events. Email me if you want to help at [president@ecwchicago.org](mailto:president@ecwchicago.org).**

## From Our Sister Ministries:

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**Wanda Norris, UTO  
Coordinator, Chicago  
Diocese  
Linda Toberman, UTO  
Advisor**

In October Wanda Norris, Chicago UTO Coordinator, attended in-gathering at St. Edmunds Church and accepted donations totaling \$31.50. At the Women's Day ECW Celebration on another Sunday in October, an in gathering from the St Thomas Choir amounted to \$63 in UTO donation boxes. Wanda sent funds and thank you notes to St Louis.

On November 18th during the 185th convention, Wanda, Deacon Trilby and Father Barasic displayed a United Thank Offering donation table and collected \$103.00 in donations. Wanda, our new UTO Coordinator was introduced to the Diocese of Chicago by carrying the UTO cross during the Eucharist procession along with her youth representative who carried the UTO basket with our Diocesan fiscal year (June 2022-June 2023) donations. From 19 churches and 8 individuals, the Total was \$9,210.84. Wanda also had the youth put UTO Brochures (printed by Jane our President for distribution) on the tables at convention. Thanks to all who helped UTO be present and seen at the convention.



Upcoming – UTO Grant screening committee meeting will meet Jan 4th, 2024 10am via zoom

*Please note: the UTO office will be closed from December 18<sup>th</sup> at noon until January 2, and we will not be responding to e mails or phone calls during that time to allow our staff and Board time with their families and local congregations.*

### **2023 UTO Christmas Cards and a Free Printable Note for Santa**

Our third annual Christmas card is now available to order. 100% of your cost for the Christmas Cards goes to the 2023 Ingathering so you



can feel good about giving these cards in place of a gift. If you are looking to help little ones in your life embrace gratitude and create a realistic Christmas list, we've got a free [fill in the blanks letter to Santa](#) that asks your child to reflect on the blessings of their past year before asking for items within specific categories. Feel free to share!

### **[UTO Challenge Grant for the Diocese of Jerusalem continues through 12-15](#)**

**The United Thank Offering will match up to \$100,000 of donations given through Dec. 15 to help sustain outreach ministries in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, which operates [across several countries or territories](#) and includes churches, schools, medical facilities, and other ministries. “United Thank Offering has supported the diocese with over \$1 million in grants since 1973, thanks to the generosity of Episcopalians everywhere,” said UTO Board President Sherri Dietrich. “We know people want to help those projects continue their work through and after the current heartbreaking conflict; this challenge grant will allow us all to make a powerful contribution to those impacted by this conflict.” To find out more or to donate [click here](#).**

### **[End of Year Deadlines for Giving to UTO](#)**

In order to ensure that your thank offerings get counted in 2023, please send all UTO donations no later than December 15<sup>th</sup> to:  
The United Thank Offering DFMS - Protestant Episcopal Church  
PO Box 958983  
St. Louis, MO 63195-8983

If you are sending your check on or after December 15<sup>th</sup>, we strongly recommend that you send it overnight to the bank using this address:  
DFMS-Protestant Episcopal Church US  
#958983 SL-MO-R1LB 3180  
Rider Trail S  
Earth City, MO 63045

Thank you for your support of UTO!

**Julia Chester Emery Feast Day – Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7pm Eastern time**

Register

here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUtdumtqzoiHdIepZh3sdLop-oCPjt6Wc1b>

January 9 is the feast day of Julia Chester Emery, founder of the United Thank Offering, and this year we are celebrating the life and ministry of Miss Julia with Kristen Wheeler of Ministry of the Saints: Modern Iconography. She'll join us to share more about her process of creating the Julia Chester Emery icon, the symbols found in it, and about her research into Miss Julia. Kristen is also hard at work on the UTO History Brochure that we will release at General Convention in 2024, so this is a great time to come and learn, share, and celebrate the life of Saint Julia Chester Emery, without whom UTO would not exist.

**2024 Lenten Materials Now Available**

Our theme for our 2024 Lenten materials is “40 Days of Grateful Presence” and they are a call to giving thanks for the many things in our lives we take for granted. Our hope is that during the 40 days of Lent we can all use gratitude to help us be more present in our daily lives. Find out more about the resources available for Lent [here](#).

**2024 Grant Application Process Updates**

We are approaching the deadline for applying for a 2024 grant! **Applications are due no later than January 19, 2024.** However, there are many important deadlines that precede the final deadline, including the deadlines for different kind of application review. You can see all of the **grant deadlines** [on our website](#).

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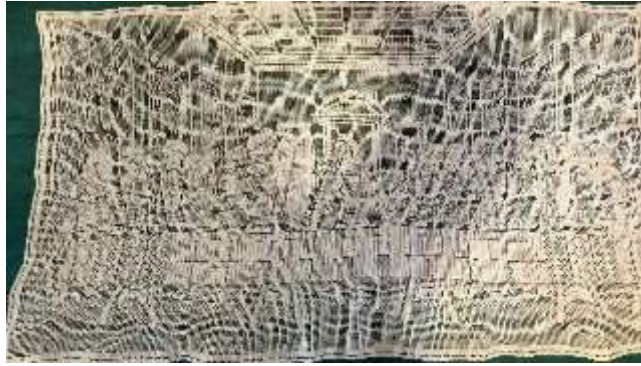
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Grant applications for adult written materials are now being accepted until March 1, 2024. Connect for more information: <https://churchperiodical.com/national-book-fund-history/> Contact Maryfran Crist at [Maryfrancrist64@gmail.com](mailto:Maryfrancrist64@gmail.com) Note adult applications are accepted only once a year. These are known as National Books Fund (NBF).

Watch for the link to our Quilt and Fibers Raffle which will begin January 2 through Feb 14, 2024.





Left to right and down:

- 1, Hand-quilted Mennonite Queen quilt with cross stitch panels
2. Knitted Aran afghan 58x72 created by Jane Schenck All Saints-Western Springs, Diocese of Chicago.
3. Crocheted "Last Supper" found when reorganizing sacristy at Christ Church Streator IL. Hand crocheted by Mrs. Wright 1910-1920.
4. Bright star hand quilted queen size quilt from our Lutheran sisters.
5. Grandma's Flower Garden hand stitched quilt 74 x 84 of vintage

materials.

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