



Episcopal Campus Ministry 2017-18 News

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ECM Weekly Meeting

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

A Word from the Chaplain

The students of the Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM), although very busy maintaining good grades, participating in sororities, making presentations in France and running a food pantry, are committed to caring for and providing service to St. Thomas's, the University of Delaware and the community at large.

The chaplains and student officers of the Lutherans, Presbyterians and ECM meet monthly to plan and execute group activities. This fall, we gathered for our 8th annual Hay-Ride and Barn-fire at Milburn Orchards. Cookie Wednesday was held in the Perkins Student Center from 12:00 to 2:00 where we distributed cookies to students.

St. Thomas's youth group and ECM spent a fun Sunday afternoon picking apples, eating cider donuts and drinking apple cider. ECM made pies from the apples we picked which they happily shared at Coffee Hour after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Prior to Thanksgiving, our Advisory Committee made a delicious meal for the students, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated.

This Spring, we have several activities planned that will involve other communities at the university as we address two critical issues in our society, social justice and hunger. In February, during Black History month, we will screen the film, *A Dream Deferred*. We have organized a panel and group discussion of the film. We are fortunate to have as panelist The Reverend Canon Lloyd Casson and Dr. Matt Shipp who were both very active in the community when the National Guard was stationed in Wilmington due to civil unrest.

In March 2018, we will go to Camp Arrowhead for our Mission Trip to paint and clean.

The students participate in Evening Prayer, which includes Eucharist on the last Wednesday of the month. The Reverend Ann Urinoski was with us for November and December and The Reverend Stephen Setzer will serve in February and March.

We are very appreciative to the University of Delaware for their continued support of Blue Hen Bounty, and a special thank you to our parishioners for their support of the program by providing food.



ECM is grateful to our Advisory Committee, Jerry Schultz, Nancy Rich, Joy Lynam, Annmarie Wenz, Barbara Eldred, Bruce Finnie co-facilitator Sally Price, and our faculty advisor, Marilyn Prime.

God's Shalom,

The Reverend Deacon Cecily Sawyer Harmon+

ECM Student Reflection - Colleen Murray



During this semester, we went on some awesome trips. We had the opportunity to go to Milburn Orchards twice. The first time was right around Halloween. We went apple picking with the St. Thomas's Youth Group. It was a great opportunity to get to know the high school students in the church while enjoying some delicious

apples and apple cider.

Later in the semester, we went on a hayride. Episcopal Campus Ministry joined the church for this event. We shared hot dogs, chips, and smore's around a nice bonfire while singing songs. It was a great way to enjoy a warm fall night. I look forward to more opportunities like this throughout the upcoming semester.

Colleen Murray, ECM President
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Class of 2019

ECM Student Reflection - Max Holdsworth

This Fall semester has been a crazy transition for me. Over the summer, I applied to present at the Seventh International Conference on Health, Wellness & Society, to which I was accepted. I traveled to Denver with the hopes

and apprehensions of what was to come. At the conference, I was responsible for presenting and co-chairing discussions. It was a push for me and I had to leave my comfort zone. I knew that I had been successful when, after three weeks after my return, I was emailed by a professor I had met there from the Sorbonne Nouvelle. One thing led to another, as they say, and she asked me to write for two journal publications regarding the American health care system, and comparing it to the National Health Service (NHS) of the UK, which is her field. How could I turn these down? She said that her school was organizing a workshop on the NHS, as it crawls along to its 70th anniversary. This meant, to my fortune, that I had been invited to speak at the Sorbonne Nouvelle in Paris! My mom slightly lamented that I would be gone for Thanksgiving, but I hope she's forgiven me by now. My time in Paris was outstanding. I was greeted by welcoming European academics excited to learn from my insights (and I from theirs). The trip was unforgettable or perhaps too forgettable because I can hardly believe I had such an opportunity.



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ECM 2017-18 Officers

President - Colleen Murray
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“Blue Hen Bounty”

“Blue Hen Bounty” is a Food Pantry that ECM hosts for UD students who are food insecure and cannot provide ample nutrition for themselves. Food insecure students may come to ECM’s food closet every Wednesday from 4-5 p.m. at St. Thomas’s Parish.



ECM has collected many donated food products including garden fresh vegetables that are shared with students in

need, who only need to show their student UD ID for verification as a UD student. Then, ECM students will share whatever amount of food fulfills their need. Please help spread the word!

Worship With Us!

Every Wednesday, we start with Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. About 6:00 p.m., we enjoy dinner prepared by parishioners who often stay and join us!

Depending on activities and agendas, we meet before or during dinner. We share our “God moments” and this is an important, intimate time where we get to know each other and give thanks or ask for help.

If you know college-age students who are interested, invite them to join us!

ECM Awarded Program Grant from the Episcopal Church

ECM has been awarded a special program grant from the Episcopal Church. See the July 6, 2016 announcement from the Episcopal Church.

“These grants help the Episcopal Church live into an expanding understanding of what it means to be in ministry with young adults on and off college campuses,” said the Rev. Shannon Kelly, Episcopal Church Missioner of Young Adult and Campus Ministries. This article is available at <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/133000-awarded-campus-ministry-grants>

The Rt. Rev. Wayne P. Wright, (now retired) Episcopal Bishop of Delaware, shared this good news in his July 20 weekly message saying: “The grant will support an ecumenical feeding program on the University of Newark’s campus. Under the leadership of Deacon Cecily Sawyer Harmon, members of our campus ministry identified the existing need. They developed a plan to address it in partnership with the Lutheran campus ministry. The grant will make this new outreach ministry possible. It is also an important recognition of the good work being done by our ECM.”

February 17, 2016 from The Rt. Rev. Wayne P. Wright, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Delaware: “Campus ministry has traditionally been a strength for the Episcopal Church and for our diocese. The University of Delaware is the largest education institution in our state. It is good to see that St. Thomas’s and our diocese are present to serve the university community.”

Fall 2017 Activities

- Mon., Aug. 28, 2017 from 11 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., ECM will be hosting a Welcome Table at Perkins Student Center with LCM and PCM.
- Wed., Aug 30, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. – Student Activities Night at UD
- Wed., Sep. 6, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. – first ECM meeting for Fall 2017 term.
- Sun., Sep. 24, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. – 175th Anniversary service and lunch
- Sat., Oct. 28, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. – Bonfire and Hayride.

Spring 2018 Activities

- Mission trip: Monday, March 26 to Thursday, March 29, 2018. We will be going to Camp Arrowhead in Lewes, Delaware, and will spend our time painting two areas and helping to clean out a storage area.
- In collaboration with the Lutheran and Presbyterian Chaplaincies, for Black History month we will screen the film

“A Dream Deferred.” This film is about the National Guard that was deployed to Wilmington Delaware during the civil unrest in 1968.

- On April 18th, we will pack 40,000 pounds of food to be distributed to a community in need. This activity is in collaboration with the Lutherans and Presbyterians and will include other university organizations.

About St. Thomas’s Parish

St. Thomas's is a diverse community of young and old, different races, languages, and nationalities, cradle Episcopalians and those new to our tradition. We are conservative and liberal, single and married and partnered, socially active, spiritually reflective, deeply committed to being the Gospel in our community, our diocese, and our world. Our parish strives to be a safe and inclusive community of worship that welcomes everyone as a child of God, and values everyone's ministry in the Church and the world.

Our mission statement: Nourished at Christ's table and stepping forward in faith, we are instruments of God's love, serving our parish family, the University of Delaware, our community, and God's creation.

This year we celebrate our 175th anniversary.