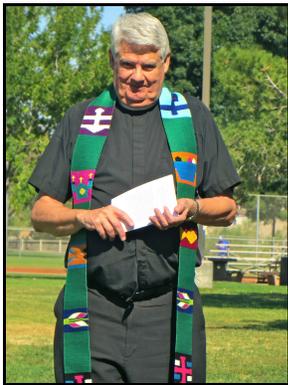


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MASS IN THE GRASS & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



On a beautiful day, October 7th, at Pecos Legacy Park, Father Annis presided over the annual fall Mass in the Grass and Blessing of the Animals. Both people and pets were in good form. Following the service, Mark Woolworth did his usual excellent job on the grill and everyone enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixin's.



**A
COMMUNITY
SEEKING TO
KNOW CHRIST
AND TO
MAKE CHRIST
KNOWN.**

ADVENT STUDY AT EPIPHANY

“Tracks in the Straw: Tales Spun from the Manger”

Tuesdays

November 27 – December 18

7:00 -8:30 pm



Please come join
Carol Thoreson
and Shawn Woolworth
who will be leading our
Advent study.

This dynamic duo will
bring this book to life.

Let us show our support and
join them for the
four weeks of Advent



A New Addition to the Epiphany Family ABBY BURTON

On July 29th our newest member arrived over 9 weeks early to Leslie and Rob Burton. Her name is Abrielle Leia (Abby) weighing in at just a little over 3 1/2 pounds.

Like all the Burtons, Abby received tons of love and prayers, and now she weighs over 7 pounds! Way to go Abby. Her proud brothers Bobby and Thomas (holding Abby) and her sister Scarlett are thrilled that Abby is finally home. Look at those smiles.



God has his loving
arms around his
most precious
bundle –
Abby Burton



42nd Diocesan Convention Delegates



Judy Koehn, Denise Stams, Carol Shaffer, Gina Kistle, Ginny Guzman-Walsh, Betty-Jeanne Cousins

DIOCESAN ECW PRESIDENT

Ginny Guzman-Walsh was elected the **first Diocesan Episcopal Church Women (ECW) President** at the Convention this year. For several years Bishop Edwards has wanted a Diocesan ECW. Now after lots of planning it has come full circle.

The process began last June in Tonopah when women gathered to talk about starting a Diocesan ECW. Bylaws were discussed, and then at this Convention the women voted to elect Ginny to be the very first Diocesan President.



One of the primary functions of Episcopal Church Women is to do fundraising events. Who better than our own Ginny Guzman-Walsh to show them how this is done – and done well.

**Congratulations
Ginny!**

42nd Diocesan Convention at Grace in the Desert By Delegate Betty-Jeanne Cousins

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The Rev. Robert Honeychurch, Interim at All Saints by the Sea in California, gave the keynote address on "Asset Mapping".

Fr. Honeychurch began, "God has a plan for Nevada" and "God is leading us and God will NOT abandon us." This hit home to me since at Epiphany we are going through a tough transition and each of us should remember – **God will not abandon us.**

There were several table assignments during the convention, conversations among people from all over the diocese seated at randomly assigned tables. One of the assignments was on the topic of asset mapping. This was an extremely interesting exercise. The 8 – 10 people at each table put one word or thought on sticky notes; each would say their word or phrase out loud and then place it on the table – roughly 50-75 notes were placed on each table. The assignment was to then take 3-4 of these notes that were non-related and make a plan out of them. We at Epiphany have many assets and we need to slow down, look around and see them. Wonderful ideas came from doing this exercise - speak to your delegates about their experience.

An example of words and phrases might be, "Nevadans for the Common Good – Gold – Interfaith."

The plan might be, "Nevadans for the Common Good working with interfaith groups soliciting the mining industry for financial support for the goals of this group".

Among the business items:

1. A resolution was passed for a companion relationship with the Diocese of Machakos (Anglican Church of Kenya). This is just a proposal. They would have to accept by a similar resolution at a future convention of their own.
2. The new unified board canon defining the make up and role of the Standing Committee was cleaned up, and the complex 2-year process of transitioning into a pattern of staggered elections so that each Mission District will elect a member to Standing Committee each year was passed. The main thing accomplished by this year's amendment is to empower Mission Districts to elect the Standing Committee. This is the first time Mission Districts have had actual governance authority.
3. Jim Koehn, Diocesan Treasurer stated, "we have a balanced budget this year without using any of the cash reserves." This of course got lots of cheers. Jim is vacating his position as Treasurer to become Chair of Strategic Plan Task Force for the Diocese.
4. Tom Walsh heads up the Diocesan Evangelism team. Ginny Guzman-Walsh is the first ever Diocesan Episcopal Church Women's President – see article in newsletter.

Epiphany, although small in number, is giving time and talent for the spread of God's work. Congratulations to all.