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The Episcopal Church at Work: A Newsletter from the Office of Development / Aug 2023

THE SUMMER OF LOVE





9 Days in Maryland – the Summer of (It’s All About) Love!

Two back-to-back joy-filled and reviving gatherings of Episcopalians in Maryland this summer proved that Charm City is charming indeed.

The Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) returned to the University of Maryland after a six-year pause due to the pandemic. Over 800 young Episcopalians from all over the world traveled to College Park for five days to worship, make new friends, and learn more about how the Jesus Movement can be advanced in our world.

Two days later in Baltimore, another 600 Episcopalians gathered to walk the Way of Love, taking part in the “It’s All About Love” festival for three full days of exploration and revival. Creation care, racial reconciliation,

and evangelism centered the conversations and conference offerings. New friendships were crafted, and spirits were revived.

At both events, the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry preached! With his trademark smile and energetic preaching style, he got both the young people and the slightly older people clapping, cheering, and singing “Amen.”

Go Deeper

- The Presiding bishop preaches at Episcopal Youth Event
- The Presiding bishop preaches at “It’s All About Love”

Doing this work:

- The Rev. Shannon Kelly, director of Faith Formation and officer for Young Adult and Campus Ministries

- Canon Myra Garnes, officer for Youth Ministries
- The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, canon to the presiding bishop for Evangelism, Reconciliation, and Creation Care
- Jerusalem Greer, manager for Evangelism and Discipleship

The Year Ahead

Aug 26 United Thank Offering annual training day on Zoom (and in person in Columbia for Spanish speakers). For more information about this training, click here.

Sept. 19-26 House of Bishops, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Oct. 14 Episcopal Diocese of New York Global Mission Fair

Nov. 30 Dec. 12 – COP28 – United Nations Climate Change Conference



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Ways to Give: BLESS Appeal

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Feast Days

15 September Catherine of Genoa,
Mystic and Nurse, 1510

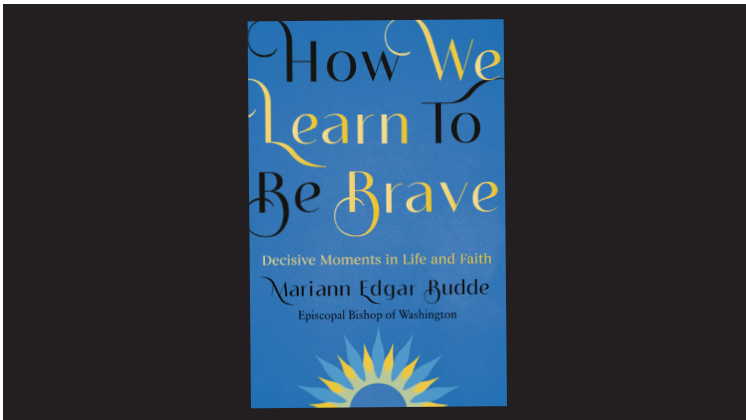
19 September Theodore of Tarsus,
Archbishop of Canterbury, 690

29 September Saint Michaels and All Angels



Prayer/Meditation

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness.



Featured Podcast

**The Way of Love -
Learning to be Brave with Mariann Budde**

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde is bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. Bishop Budde and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry delve into her newest book, "How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith."



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